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Minutes of Council Meeting

June 10, 2024 6:30 PM

Town Hall, Council Chambers – 105 Elgin St. W. Arnprior, ON.

Council and Staff Attendance

Council Members Present (In-Person):

Mayor Lisa McGee
County Councillor Dan Lynch
Councillor Lynn Cloutier
Councillor Tom Burnette
Councillor Chris Toner
Councillor Chris Couper
Councillor Billy Denault

Town Staff Present:

Robin Paquette, CAO
Jennifer Morawiec, General Manager Client Services/Treasurer
Kaila Zamojski, Town Clerk
Oliver Jacob, Deputy Clerk
John Steckly, General Manager Operations
Ryan Wall, Engineering Officer

Council Members Present (Electronic):

None

Council Members Absent:

1. Call to Order

Mayor Lisa McGee called the Regular Council Meeting to order at 6:30 PM and welcomed those present.

2. Roll Call

The roll was called, with all Members of Council being present.

3. Land Acknowledgement Statement

Mayor Lisa McGee asked everyone to take a moment to acknowledge and show respect for the Indigenous Peoples as traditional stewards of the land we operate on, by stating:

“I would like to begin by acknowledging that the land on which we work, and gather is the traditional unceded territory of the Anishinaabe People. This Algonquin Nation have lived on this land for thousands of years, long before the arrival of the European settlers, and we are grateful to have the opportunity to be present in this territory.”

4. Adoption of Agenda

Resolution Number 213-24
Moved by Chris Couper
Seconded by Dan Lynch

Be It Resolved That the agenda for the Regular Meeting of Council dated Monday, June 10, 2024 be adopted.

Resolution Carried

5. Disclosures of Pecuniary Interest

Councillor Tom Burnette declared the following pecuniary interest:

“I, Councillor Tom Burnette, have a pecuniary interest in Item No. 18(b) as I have been nominated.”

6. Question Period

None

7. Adoption of Minutes of Previous Meeting(s)

Resolution Number 214-24

Moved by Lynn Cloutier

Seconded by Billy Denault

That the minutes of the Regular Meeting of Council listed under Item 7 (a) on the Agenda be adopted (Regular Meeting of Council – May 27, 2024).

Resolution Carried

8. Awards/Delegations/Presentations

None

9. Public Meetings

None

10. Matter Tabled/ Deferred/ Unfinished Business

None

11. Notice of Motions

None

12. Staff Reports

a) Sign By-law Variance (83 Douglas Brown Way) - CAO

Resolution Number 215-24

Moved by Lynn Cloutier

Seconded by Chris Toner

That Council approves the request for a variance from the provisions of By-law Number 5209-04 (Sign and Merchandise Display By-law), with respect to maximum sign area at 83 Douglas Brown Way.

Resolution Lost

b) Awarding of PW-2024-09 McNab Street Sidewalk Tender – Engineering Officer

Resolution Number 216-24

Moved by Dan Lynch

Seconded by Chris Couper

That Council award Tender PW-2024-09 to Bonnechere Excavating Inc. for \$1,220,270.39 (Incl HST); and

That upon the CAO's approval of the final form of the foregoing documents, Council authorize the CAO to enter into a contract agreement with Bonnechere Excavating Inc.; and

That Council award the contract for contract administration and inspection services for

PW-2024-09 McNab Street Sidewalk to JP2G Consultants Inc per the fee proposal dated June 4, 2024, in the amount of \$62,686.75 (Incl HST); and

That Council authorize the budgetary overage of \$205,342.64 to be funded 10% from Capital Expenditure Reserve Fund and 90% from Development Charges Reserve Fund.

That upon the CAO's approval of the final form of the foregoing documents, Council authorize the CAO to enter into a contract agreement with JP2G Consultants Inc.

Resolution Carried

c) Annual Statement of Development Charges – 2023 – General Manager, Client Services/Treasurer

Resolution Number 217-24

Moved by Lynn Cloutier

Seconded by Billy Denault

That Council receive report number 24-06-10-03 as information; and

That this Annual Statement of Development Charges be made available to the public on the Town of Arnprior website or upon request; and

Further That Council authorize the transfer of development charge funds of \$270,000 for the Library Expansion Project to the Capital Expenditure Reserve Fund to cover the allocated growth portion of the capital project.

Resolution Carried

13. Committee Reports and Minutes

a) Mayor's Report

Mayor Lisa McGee reported the following:

- Last week was the meeting of Police Services Board. This board is still in the foundation stages. We welcomed our two new community members, one of whom is from Arnprior. Both members will be strong contributors and we are looking forward to working with them.
- Previously I had a meeting with staff to discuss an upcoming visit from Carmen Goold, the Regional Advisor for our area from the Ministry of Tourism, Culture and Sport, to ensure that Carmen and her colleague will have the best outcomes for their upcoming visit.
 - The following week I had the opportunity to meet with Carmen and her colleague to discuss some of the exciting initiatives happening in Arnprior. The two of them offer a wealth of information and support for many grant applications. They spent the day getting familiar with some of our improvements along Madawaska River. They also met at the Library, Museum, as well as the Nick Smith Centre, where we discussed the

exciting plans for the arena re-vamp. We had wonderful discussions and we are lucky to have them as support for our grant processes.

- Last week we raised the Pride Flag at Town Hall, to celebrate Pride Month.
- I also attended a Grade 10 Class visit, with Councillor Couper and the Deputy Clerk, CAO, Engineering Officer, and Marketing and Economic Development Officer. There were some great questions and dialogue from students.
- I had the opportunity to join a large Scouting Group, who were playing a round of bowling at the newly revamped Steelheads and Strikes. It was a lot of fun watching a group of 8- and 9-year-olds playing with their entire heart.
- I recently had the pleasure of attending the Arnprior School of Dance Recital. It was wonderful watching the dancers from the area perform for their families and friends. Costumes and entertainment were magnificent. Congratulations to Miss Monica and her team for an incredible event and a great season.
- Last week our Engineering Officer and I met with a couple of women who represent families at the Grove Nursing Home. They were inquiring about grant opportunities and support to help fund their garden needs. We were able to have a nice conversation, and re-direct them to Ben Gardiner from the Arnprior Regional Health (ARH) Foundation. We may hear more from them through the ARH Foundation for this initiative in the future.
- I had the opportunity this past weekend bring greetings from Council to the Lions Club “BAIT” Event – this acronym stands for Blind Anglers International Tournament. This is an annual event, and it is in its 34th year. This is the first year it took place in Arnprior. This event brings together blind and vision impaired participants and matches them alongside professional anglers. They spend the entire weekend enjoying themselves, with a full day on the water, capped off by a celebratory dinner. I learned of the significance for the Lion’s Club support for the Blind and Vision Impaired, being because one of the founding members of the Lions Club many years ago, and first guest speaker was none other than Helen Keller. This has cemented their relationship and support as an organization for the vision impaired community ever since.
- Priorpalooza was a wonderful event where I had the opportunity to provide greetings, enjoy the festivities and participate in some friendly games with other Members of Council, including a game of Simon Says as well as a tricycle race between Councillor Denault and myself.
- Exciting announcements that has been shared today by the 2023 Ontario Winter Games Chair, our County Warden Peter Emon:
 - Melissa Bishop is informing the community this evening that we have a legacy fund of \$375,000 to benefit the community.
 - The Foundation will now be known as the Ottawa Valley Community Foundation. The Foundation will recruit Board Members with experience across the larger community. Our whole Renfrew County Community will be eligible for funds.
 - Applications will be accepted in early 2025. Criteria will be further expanded in the future. The following points outline the early ideas and granting areas:
 - Youth Sport Grant – for youth up to age 21. There will be \$20,000 allocated annually for youth who demonstrate a financial need to

compete in sport, with grants of up to \$1,000 per request. This can be used for equipment costs, travel costs, coaching and facility rentals.

- Sports Clubs Grant - for sports clubs there will be \$20,000 allocated annually, for four (4) grants per year of \$5000 each. This can be used for sports clubs specific needs, for example team travel to a tournament, equipment, supplies, coaching fees and other things.
- Major Sports Infrastructure Grant - \$40,000 annually, with two (2) grants of \$20,000 each. This will be specifically for new builds or infrastructure improvements in existing sports facilities to improve accessibility and ensure more people can participate and improve the quality of the facility or provide a new option for sport.

b) County Councillor's Report

County Councillor Lynch reported the following from the County of Renfrew:

- I would like, in follow-up, to thank the local municipalities that contributed to exciting funding opportunity announcement that Mayor McGee outlined.
- For those who use River Road, the County will be rehabilitating it from Moore Street to Dochart Street commencing first week of July. The road will be reduced to one lane.
- CNL advised that the effluent from the Sanitary Sewage Treatment Plant (SSTF) at Chalk River Laboratories has now passed three consecutive effluent tests, results which indicate that the facility is now back to full compliance with all environmental regulations.
- Monday, May 27 was the County of Renfrew Day at Queen's Park. Our delegates formally met with Ministers Michael Parsa, Paul Calandra, Rob Flack, Lisa Thompson, Kinga Surma, Prabmeet Sakaria, Laura Smith and Michael Tibollo.
- The Mesa Gathering was held on May 22 with more than 140 attendees from various agencies that have been affected by the recent surge of people experiencing homelessness, mental health issues and substance abuse. Mesa highlights the collaborative approach to compassionate care and building a healthier, more resilient community.
- Delegations at County Council on 29 May included:
 - Jade Nauman, Regional Director, United Way Eastern Ontario – Renfrew County, attended and received cheque for nearly \$1,250, which was raised through staff jean days and payroll deductions.
 - Kathryn Carruthers, Board Chair, Senior Women Living Together, presentation was about the non-profit organization which helps senior women (aged 55+) find compatible housemates and then creates successful shared living arrangements in rental housing.

c) Committee Reports and Minutes

None

14. Correspondence & Petitions

a) Correspondence Package – I-24-JUN-11

Resolution Number 218-24

Moved by Lynn Cloutier

Seconded by Billy Denault

That the Correspondence Package Number I-24-JUN-11 be received as information and filed accordingly.

Resolution Carried

County Councillor Lynch noted the following items:

- Page 20 - For residents who have moved to Arnprior from out of Province. Good news. The Ontario government is making it easier and more convenient for you to exchange out-of-province and international driver's licences. Appointments can now be made online at 15 Drive Test locations across the province.
- Page 33 - For students who will be graduating in a couple of years the Ontario government is in the process of modernizing the Ontario Secondary School Diploma (OSSD) requirements for by launching consultations with parents, job creators, educators and stakeholders on what skills students need to be better prepared for life beyond the classroom through the reintroduction of modernized home economics education.
- Page 72 – Registration is now open to for a webinar on June 14 with Conservation Ontario and AMO. The webinar explores recent updates to Conservation Authorities' roles in the land use planning and development process, and important considerations for municipal elected officials.
 - In response to County Councillor Lynch, the CAO noted as the Town is not subject to a Conservation Authority, we do not plan on attending this webinar.

15. By-laws & Resolutions

a) By-laws

Resolution Number 219-24

Moved by Tom Burnette

Seconded by Dan Lynch

That the following by-laws be and are hereby enacted and passed:

- i. By-law No. 7497-24 – Award Tender No. PW-2024-09 (McNab Street Sidewalk)
- ii. By-law No. 7498-24 – Renfrew Police Services OPP Detachment Board (Member Appointments)

Resolution Carried

16. Announcements

Councillor Couper made the following announcements:

- Arnprior now has a Cricket Team. This new team was started by one of the new Culture and Diversity Advisory Committee (CDAC) Members. I learned through

this individual that back in history Arnprior used to have a Cricket Team, which they were able to find information about through the Archives. They are going to be actively engaged with the Archives to find out more information. The new teams name is the Ottawa Valley Strikers. You can find them on Instagram, as they have now been active for the last couple weeks. For now the team is just hosting friendly recreational matches, and they are looking to grow their team. They are currently playing at one of the Ball Diamonds on McLean Avenue. If anyone is interested in participating on this team, look them up.

- Thank you to the Arnprior Fire Department for lending support to McNab/ Braeside this past week for the fire that occurred at the corner of Moore Street and Division Street.
- The Lions Club is hosting their Jail and Bail Event on June 22nd from 10am – 5pm in the Giant Tiger Parking Lot. This is a great fundraising event. This year both Graeme Ivory, Director of Recreation and Lucas Power, Program and Events Coordinator will be participating. Graeme has agreed to shave off his hair and Lucas has agreed to shave off his mustache, if they raise \$2,000.

County Councillor Dan Lynch made the following announcements:

- Arnprior Noodle House is closing this weekend.
- There is a new food truck on Daniel Street South called Smash 'N' Dash SmashBurgers, is now open Wednesday – Sunday.
- Priorpalooza was a great event. Thank you and great work by all of our staff. There was a great turn out of people on a beautiful day.
- This Thursday evening at the Nick Smith Centre the local Cadets will be having their Graduation Ceremony.

Councillor Billy Denault made the following announcements:

- Excellent job by all on the Priorpalooza Event. It was a great day, I would like to acknowledge all staff, including Graeme and Lucas and their team. I also want to acknowledge the golf cart drivers as being a front line on these events and express my gratitude for the great work they do all day. Also I want to note that I received many positive comments from residents and new residents who attended the festivities.

17. Media Questions

None

18. Closed Session

Resolution Number 220-24 (7:21 pm)

Moved by Lynn Cloutier

Seconded by Billy Denault

That Council move into Closed Session regarding:

- Two (2) matters pursuant to Section 239 (2) (b) of the Municipal Act, 2001 to discuss personal matter about an identifiable individual, including municipal or local board employees (Secondary School Bursaries / Town Award), and

- Two (2) matters pursuant to Section 239 (2) (f) concerning advice that is subject to solicitor-client privilege, including communications necessary for that purpose (Airport / Arnprior Waste Disposal Site).

Resolution Carried

Resolution Number 221-24 (9:34 pm)

Moved by Dan Lynch

Seconded by Lynn Cloutier

That Council resume to Open Session.

Resolution Carried

Resolution Number 222-24

Moved by Lynn Cloutier

Seconded by Billy Denault

That Council direct staff to proceed as directed in Closed Session regarding the Arnprior Waste Disposal Site and Airport.

Resolution Carried

Resolution Number 223-24

Moved by Dan Lynch

Seconded by Billy Denault

That Council direct staff to facilitate the awarding of the four (4) 2024 Secondary School Bursaries, as directed in Closed Session.

Resolution Carried

Councillor Tom Burnette vacated his seat at the Council Table at 9:34 pm.

Resolution Number 224-24

Moved by Chris Couper

Seconded by Dan Lynch

That Council direct staff to facilitate the awarding of the 2024 Town Award to Councillor Tom Burnette.

Resolution Carried

Councillor Tom Burnette resumed his seat at the Council table at 9:35 pm.

19. Confirmatory By-Law

Resolution Number 225-24

Moved by Tom Burnette

Seconded by Dan Lynch

That By-law No. 7499-24 being a By-law to confirm the proceedings of the Regular Meeting of Council held on June 10, 2024 and it is hereby enacted and passed.

Resolution Carried

20. Adjournment

Resolution Number 226-24

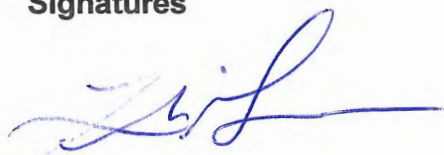
Moved by Lynn Cloutier

Seconded by Chris Toner

That this meeting of Council be adjourned at 9:35 pm.

Resolution Carried

Signatures

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Lisa McGee, Mayor

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Kaila Zamojski', with a large, stylized initial 'K' and 'Z'.

Kaila Zamojski, Town Clerk