

Minutes of Council Meeting June 24, 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

Council Members Present (Electronic): None

Council Members Absent:

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 Graeme Ivory, Director of Recreation Patrick Foley, Engineering Officer Amy Dean, Environmental Engineering Officer

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 227-24 Moved by Dan Lynch Seconded by Tom Burnette **Be It Resolved That** the agenda for the Regular Meeting of Council dated Monday, June 24, 2024 be adopted.

Resolution Carried

5. Disclosures of Pecuniary Interest

None

6. Question Period

None

7. Adoption of Minutes of Previous Meeting(s)

Resolution Number 228-24 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 – June 10, 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) Asset Management Plan Policy Update – Engineering Officer

Resolution Number 229-24 Moved by Lynn Cloutier Seconded by Billy Denault

That Staff Report No. 24-06-24-01 regarding the Strategic Asset Management Policy and 2024 Asset Management Planning activities be received as information.

Resolution Carried

b) Request for Award – REC 2024-03 (Development of Fairview and Marshall's Bay Meadows Parks) – Engineering Officer & Director of Recreation

Resolution Number 230-24 Moved by Dan Lynch Seconded by Tom Burnette **That** Council enact by-laws to:

a) Award the Contract for Development of Fairview and Marshall's Bay Meadows Parks Tender No. REC-2024-03 to Strathmar Trenching Limited, for a total of

- \$597,188.95 (plus HST);b) Authorize an additional \$29,859.44 (plus HST) to be spent on a new slide feature in the Fairview Park;
- c) Authorize the General Manager, Operations to authorize additional contingency expenses up to 10% of the total Contract value;

- d) Award contract administration services to Jp2g Consultants Inc. for a total of \$37,060.00 (plus HST); and
- e) Authorize the CAO to execute the agreements and related documents with Strathmar Trenching Limited and Jp2g Consultants Inc. to implement the defined scope of work.

Resolution Carried

c) Ontario Regulation 507/18, Energy Conservation and Demand Management Plan – Environmental Engineering Officer

Resolution Number 231-24 Moved by Lynn Cloutier Seconded by Billy Denault **That** Council provide endorsement of the Energy Conservation and Demand Management Plan prepared as part of Ontario Regulation 507/18 reporting requirements.

Further That Council direct staff to make the Energy Conservation and Demand Management Plan a public document, by placing the document on the Town's website and in printed copy at Town Hall.

Resolution Carried

d) FoodCycler Pilot Program Results – Environmental Engineering Officer

Resolution Number 232-24 Moved by Dan Lynch Seconded by Billy Denault **That** Council direct staff to work with Food Cycle Science to implement a secondary pilot program for food waste recycling units for 100 residences in the Town of Arnprior and purchase accessories for resale to the public on a cost recovery basis, with an additional net impact of \$11,200 to be funded from the Waste Management Reserve Fund.

Resolution Amended

Resolution Number 233-24 Moved by Lynn Cloutier Seconded by Chris Couper That Council amend Resolution Number 232-24 to adjust the number of units to 200 at a net impact of \$21,200 to be funded from the Waste Management Reserve Fund.

Resolution Carried

Resolution Number 234-24 Moved by Lynn Cloutier Seconded by Billy Denault

That Council direct staff to work with Food Cycle Science to implement a secondary pilot program for food waste recycling units for 200 residences in the Town of Amprior and purchase accessories for resale to the public on a cost recovery basis, with an additional net impact of \$21,200 to be funded from the Waste Management Reserve Fund.

Resolution Carried as Amended

e) Bi-Annual Financial Update

Resolution Number 235-24 Moved by Tom Burnette Seconded by Dan Lynch That Council receive report number 24-06-24-05 as information.

Resolution Carried

13. Committee Reports and Minutes

a) Mayor's Report

Mayor Lisa McGee reported the following:

- Oliver Jacob and I had a meeting with Maggie Harper at the Arnprior Regional Health (ARH) Auxiliary to plan for the event that took place for their volunteers.
 - The luncheon for the volunteers took place last week, and I had the pleasure of bringing greetings from Council and participating as the guest speaker at this event.
- Cadets Ceremonial Review I had the privilege of being the reviewing officer a couple weeks ago. I also attended the Cadets Family BBQ two weekends ago.
- A very neat event that I was able to be a part of was put on by Syd Gravel of the Peer and Trauma Support Systems Team (PATSS). Two members of our Firefighter team, Cory Nicholas and Wes Schnob were also present at this event. Members from the OPP, Ottawa Police Services, and Paramedics. They each support their teams when it comes to PTSD or any trauma related issues.
- Police Services Board had a quick meeting recently. The meetings are now scheduled to resume in August.
- The 'Valley Has Heart' Golf Tournament took place this past Friday. I was able to assist with this event.
- I had the opportunity to attend the Legion Park Official Grand Opening, with other members of staff, Committee, and Council, as well as MPP, John Yakabuski.
- Leah Levesque, CEO of Arnprior Regional Health, has now retired. I had the pleasure of spending some time with her to wish her well in her retirement.
- I attended the Arnprior Regional Health Annual General Meeting last week. Their new Board Chair is now Oliver Jacob. Congratulations to Oliver in this new role with the Arnprior Hospital Board.
- Jail and Bail Event took place this past weekend. Everyone has the opportunity to see Graeme Ivory, Director of Recreation get his hair cut off, as well as Lucas Power shave off his mustache. In my case, my crime was that I use my feet to propel a tricycle. This was a great event that raised money for a good cause.
- Two Friday's ago, Debbie Gibeault had a Retirement Celebration at the Nick Smith Centre. Debbie worked for the Town of Arnprior for over 35 years. Debbie started working the pool at the Nick Smith Centre on January 2, 1990. Her career spanned over four decades, almost five, which is a remarkable feat in and of itself. We cannot begin to count the number of children she taught the life skill of swimming; the number of older adults that she helped keep physically, socially and mentally active

through aquatics classes; the number of parents that she supported as they navigated parenthood, while introducing their child to the water for the first time; and the number of young lifeguards that she helped guide and develop. The impact that Debbie had on this community and staff is immeasurable. Debbie has been highly valued, professional and respected member of team Arnprior and a wonderful ambassador for Recreation in Arnprior and the region our pool serves.

We wish Debbie nothing but the best in her retirement and thank her for her many years of service and contributions to Arnprior. I had the pleasure of presenting Debbie with a beautiful chain and certificate, on behalf of Council, at the celebration two weeks ago.

b) County Councillor's Report

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

- In the Forestry Department, work continues at the Beachburg Tract in the natural white pine area that was harvested in 2022/23, with a possible chemical site preparation treatment later this summer and 45,000 trees already growing to be planted in 2025. Since this is a track is well used by the public, outreach has already begun for upcoming activities in 2025 dealing with trail closures. A public information tour will be hosted on July 31, 2024 at 4:30 p.m.
- County Councillor Lynch provided an overview of the Subdivision Applications provided to the County of Renfrew, in the Town of Arnprior. This information can be found on the <u>County of Renfrew website</u>.
- In collaboration with partners MRC Pontiac and SADC Pontiac –the <u>Tap &</u> <u>Cork</u> website has been revamped with a fresh look. It's up and running that aims to support and promote the variety of craft alcohol producers on both sides of the Ottawa River, including beer, wine, cider, and spirits. Of note, local Cold Bear Brewery is on the route.
- Vendor applications for the 2024 Taste of the Valley event series opened on May 17, 2024. To date, more than 100 applications have been received compared to 66 submitted during the same application period in 2023. Dates and locations for the 2024 event series include:
 - August 10 Railway Station Park, Barry's Bay
 - September 7 Township of Killaloe, Hagarty and Richards Municipal Office, Killaloe Parking Lot
 - September 28 Civic Centre, Petawawa
 - October 19 Cobden Fairgrounds
 - December 14 Renfrew Armouries
- Intake for the 2024 Summer Company program closed on May 17, 2024 with a total of 15 applications received which were reviewed and seven individuals who demonstrated exceptional potential and readiness for entrepreneurial success were selected. They are:
 - Cayden McKinnon (Renfrew): car detailing service

- Haley Vanderzwaag (Westmeath): care box subscription
- Is Ameen O'Brien Jilani (Barry's Bay): lawn game rentals
- Katie White (McNab/Braeside): animal balloon business
- Ki Myra (Pembroke): clay art
- Kyle Radford (Eganville): barbeque cleaning business
- Scarlytte Merrill (Deep River): mobile babysitting service
- Warden Emon's report on the Ontario Winter games:
 - We were extremely grateful to the assistance provided by the Town of Arnprior, Town of Petawawa and Town of Renfrew who donated their facilities and staff time to make the 2023 Ontario Winter Games such a success. We received constant positive feedback about the excellent facilities which generated a lot of supportive and enthusiastic comments about your venues. My personal thanks to them as Games Chair and proud member of our community.
 - Melissa Bishop announced to our community that we will have a Legacy Fund of \$375,000 to benefit our community.
 - The County partnered with the Ottawa Valley Community Foundation to disperse the funds – The Foundation will recruit Board Members with experiences across our larger community. Our whole Renfrew County Community will be eligible for funds. The applications will be accepted early in 2025. Criteria will be further expanded and the points below are simply early criteria and guidelines.
 - Granting areas:
 - Youth Sport Grant (up to age 21) \$20,000 / annually for youth who demonstrate a financial need in order to compete in their chosen sport. Grants of up to \$1,000 / request may be used for the following (to be fine tuned). Example: Equipment costs, travel costs, coaching, registration, facility rentals.
 - NOTE: Qualified recipient must apply through a trustee organization (school, service club, municipality, sports club etc.) who has charitable / donation status.
 - Sports Clubs \$20,000 / annually. Four grants per year of \$5K to help sports teams, clubs, organizations with a specific need. Example: Team travel to a major tournament or qualifier, equipment / supplies (example, balls, nets for existing or new start up clubs, or equipment to host a new sport like Sledge hockey, or equipment that can be used to introduce youth to a new sport), coaching fees, other.
 - Major Sports Infrastructure \$40,000 annually. Two grants per year of up to \$20,000 each. Specifically for new builds or infrastructure improvements in existing sports facilities that will improve accessibility, ensure more people can participate,

improve the quality of the facility or provide a new option for sport. Example: Putting in ramps / accessible bathrooms / entrance doors in a sports facility, buying equipment for grooming cross-country ski trails, updating a pool changing room, etc.

c) Committee Reports and Minutes

- i. Accessibility and Age Friendly Advisory Committee Minutes May 1st, 2024
- ii. Culture and Diversity Advisory Committee Minutes May 6th, 2024
- iii. Environmental Advisory Committee Minutes May 21st, 2024

Resolution Number 236-24

Moved by Billy Denault

Seconded by Lynn Cloutier

That Council receive the Advisory Committee Minutes listed under Item Number 13 (c) (i-iii) as information.

Resolution Carried

Councillor Chris Couper provided the following reports:

- Culture and Diversity Advisory Committee Meeting- June 3, 2024
 - Cultural Night Market Update, where a draft logo was presented for Committee approval. The motion was approved by the Committee to accept the draft logo, and the final design will soon be unveiled.
 - The Committee approved a Resolution of Support, be brought forward for Council consideration, regarding Eradication of Islamophobia and Antisemitism. There were concerns of the Committee with the ambiguity of the original Request from the Town of Shelburne. However, the Committee supported the motion coming forward for Council consideration, with a more fulsome definition of Antisemitism and Islamophobia, as well as other forms of discrimination. This resolution is on tonight's Agenda for consideration.
 - The Manager of Culture and Curator provided a presentation on Cultural Planning. The key takeaways for me were that culture should be considered in Municipal Planning, while asking the question "how can we live together?" We should explore the notion that we can use Art and Culture to bring people together. Also, planning overall should be for users and not uses. The Manager of Culture and Curator also went through the various activities the Museum is undertaking, including the Speaker Series, the recent Fiber Art installation, and Storytelling activities at Islandview Retirement Home, among many other things taking place.
 - An overview of upcoming exhibits, as well as present exhibits, was provided. You may have noticed the World War I Exhibits created by Amprior District High School (ADHS) Students that have been installed at five different locations around Town. This is a result of hard work put forth by ADHS Grade 10 students. The panels found around Town highlight the stories of individuals who were World War I Veterans from Amprior and the Ottawa Valley. These

displays can be found at the Cenotaph, the Legion, ADHS, the entrance to the Waterfront Trail by the Library and the Museum. Kudos to those students who took the lead on this program, it has made a huge impact on our community.

- Museum Summer Camp registration is now open, for ages 4-12 years of age, with limited spaces remaining. Sessions run Monday-Friday from 8:30 am 4:30 pm. Sessions are around \$200/ week/ child. There is a wonderful 8 weeks of various themed programming taking place over the summer at the Museum. Themes such as Music Makers, Cardboard Mania, Unveil Your Inner Artist, Culinary Quest, Discovery Lab, Wilderness Warriors and Valley Wood Productions. A full list can be found for these camps and all summer programs at Arnprior.ca under Summer Registration.
- Arnprior Public Library Board Meeting June 19, 2024
 - CEO Chief Librarian, Karen Deluca provided an update on the outstanding Financial Audit, noting that a site visit took place with KPMG Auditors.
 - A new training budget allotment for library staff training is required. This will cost the Library between \$5,800 - \$6,300 for two years of training. The Library is going to seek opportunities for partnerships to offset training costs.
 - Board accepted a motion to give some autonomy to the CEO, to let the CEO use reserves of up to \$25,000 to temporarily allow for cash flow advance, when there is a gap between municipal funds. This means when the money is received from the municipalities, it is then returned to the reserves.
 - Summer hours have been decided, being 9:30 am 6:00 pm Monday Friday and 10:00 am – 2:00 pm on Saturdays. This is going to allow for easier camp drop offs in the morning.
 - More than 100 youngsters have already signed up with the Summer Reading Club Program. Kids will start collecting wooden coins for every 5 books they sign out, beginning on July 2nd. Kids can then redeem these coins for coupons and prizes all summer long for places like, Dairy Queen, Flavour Container, Mallard's Milk Bar, and Super Lucky Dollar Store. Sign up for the Reading Club also allows you to register for the free programming all summer long, beginning the first week of July. Registration opens every Monday for the next week of programs. The Library thanks the Scharf Family Bequest, Arnprior Rotarians and Arnprior Optimist Club for their contributions towards summer programming, bringing this cost down to nothing, removes a barrier for a lot of families. These programs are amazing and very well received.

14. Correspondence & Petitions

a) Correspondence Package – I-24-JUN-12

Resolution Number 237-24 Moved by Billy Denault Seconded by Lynn Cloutier **That** the Correspondence Package Number I-24-JUN-12 be received as information and filed accordingly. County Councillor Lynch noted the following items:

- Page 20 The Ontario government is helping more seniors stay fit, healthy and active in their community by investing up to \$15 million to support all current Seniors Active Living Centres (SALC) programs across the province that connect seniors with resources and activities. Please pass this information along to our SALC.
- Page 22 Attention Seniors, On August 1, 2024, the annual income eligibility thresholds for the Ontario Seniors Dental Care Program and the Seniors Co-Payment Program will be increased. Single Ontarians aged 65 and over from \$22,200 to \$25,000, and from \$37,100 to \$41,500 for couples.
- Page 49 The Enabling Change Program provides grants of between \$5,000 and \$150,000 to municipalities and not-for-profit organizations, industry organizations and professional associations, to educate stakeholders about accessibility, help support compliance with accessibility requirements and promote cultural awareness about the value and benefits of accessibility. Deadline: June 27, 2024
 - In response to County Councillor Lynch the CAO noted that we have not applied for this grant, as we do not currently have a project that fits the criteria.
- Page 49 Are you unemployed, looking full time work, have a clean criminal record, and love to travel Ontario, then there is a job opening for you. You have until 11:59 pm on July 31, 2024 to apply for a Province of Ontario Justice of the Peace.

b) Correspondence Package – A-24-JUN-08

Resolution Number 238-24 Moved by Tom Burnette Seconded by Dan Lynch That the Correspondence Package Number A-24-JUN-08 be received and the recommendations outlined be brought forward for Council's consideration.

Resolution Carried

15. By-laws & Resolutions

a) By-laws

Resolution Number 239-24 Moved by Chris Couper Seconded by Lynn Cloutier That the following by-law be and is hereby enacted and passed:

i. By-law No. 7500-24 – Award Tender No. REC-2024-03 (Fairview and Marshall's Bay Meadows Park)

Resolution Carried

b) Resolutions

i. Resolution of Support – Eradication of Islamophobia and Antisemitism

Resolution Number 240-24 Moved by Dan Lynch Seconded by Chris Couper **That** Council of the Corporation of the Town of Arnprior receive the correspondence from the Town of Shelburne; and

Whereas Canada has seen dramatic increases in hate-motivated incidents and hate crimes against Asian, Black, Indigenous, Jewish, Muslim and 2SLGBTQ+ Canadians; and

Whereas the Anti-Asian racism, Anti-Black racism, Anti-Indigenous racism, Antisemitism, Islamophobia and Anti-2SLGBTQ+ discrimination, among others, are real forms of discrimination that affects our residents in many ways both in acts of hate as well as through systemic barriers; and

Whereas the Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM) passed a resolution expressing that hate speech has no place in an inclusive society and resolved that FCM work with all levels of government in addressing the root causes of hate speech; and

Whereas the Town of Arnprior condemns hate and racism in all its forms and is actively engaged in taking action to address discrimination in our community alongside the Town's Culture and Diversity Advisory Committee; and

Whereas the Town of Arnprior is proud of the diverse community of individuals who choose to call Arnprior home and celebrates the rich diversity of Arnprior and beyond through community programs and events like the annual Cultural Night Market; and

Therefore Be It Resolved That the Council of the Town of Arnprior encourages all levels of government to eradicate all forms of racism, including Islamophobia and Antisemitism; and

Further That a copy of this resolution be sent to Justin Trudeau, Prime Minister of Canada; Pascale St-Onge, Minister of Canadian Heritage; Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario; Michael Ford, Minister of Citizenship and Multiculturalism; Cheryl Gallant, MP for Renfrew-Nipissing-Pembroke; and John Yakabuski, MPP for Renfrew-Nipissing-Pembroke.

Resolution Carried

ii. Resolution of Support – City of Pembroke – Request for Provincial Funding of a Mental Health, Addiction, and Residential Drug Treatment Rehabilitation Facility Serving the County of Renfrew

Resolution Number 241-24 Moved by Lynn Cloutier Seconded by Billy Denault **That** Council of the Corporation of the Town of Arnprior receive the correspondence from the City of Pembroke and County of Renfrew as information; and

Whereas the well-being of our community members is of paramount importance and addressing mental health and substance use disorder is crucial for the overall health and safety of all our residents; and

Whereas the County of Renfrew, like many other regions, faces significant challenges related to mental health and addiction, with individuals and families grappling with the devastating impact of these conditions; and

Whereas timely access to specialized treatment and residential rehabilitation services and transitional housing is essential for those struggling with mental health issues and substance use disorders; and

Whereas we need to address the urgent need for additional treatment beds, especially for adults requiring intensive supports, and to improve access to mental health and addiction care in rural, Northern, and Indigenous communities; and

Whereas the number of drug-related deaths in the County of Renfrew, as a whole, is on the rise underscoring the critical importance of accessible treatment options for those at risk of negative impacts including overdose and death; and

Whereas the establishment of a mental health, drug addiction treatment and residential rehabilitation facility serving the County of Renfrew would provide the following benefits:

- 1. Local Accessibility: Residents would have access to specialized services without the burden of traveling long distances, ensuring timely intervention and continuity of care.
- 2. Holistic Approach: The facility could offer integrated care, addressing both mental health and substance use disorders concurrently, thereby improving outcomes for clients.
- 3. Community Support: By providing a safe and supportive environment, the facility would contribute to reducing stigma and fostering community understanding of mental health and addiction.

4. Collaboration with Existing Services: The facility could collaborate with existing community organizations, healthcare and social service providers, and law enforcement agencies to create a comprehensive network of support (i.e. County of Renfrew MESA program);

Now Therefore Be It Resolved That the Council of the Town of Amprior supports the City of Pembroke and County of Renfrew in their calls to:

- A. Urgently request that the Province of Ontario allocate funding specifically for the establishment of a mental health, addiction, and residential drug treatment rehabilitation facility serving the County of Renfrew;
- B. Advocate for a facility that offers evidence-based, trauma-informed care, addressing both addiction and concurrent mental health issues;
- C. Commit to working collaboratively with neighbouring municipalities, all community stakeholders, and provincial authorities to ensure the successful implementation of this vital facility;

Further That the Town of Arnprior Council encourages all residents to support this resolution and join the collective effort to enhance mental health and addiction services in our region;

Further That this resolution be sent to the Honourable Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario; Sylvia Jones, Deputy Premier and Minister of Health; Michael Tibollo, Associate Minister of Mental Health and Addictions; Robin Martin, Parliamentary Assistant to the Minister of Health; John Yakabuski, Member of Provincial Parliament for Renfrew-Nipissing-Pembroke; and the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO).

Resolution Carried

16. Announcements

Councillor Couper made the following announcement:

• Registration in schools is seeing a decline. This is likely not due to a decline the students, however to a decline in parents registering their children early enough. It is important to register your child for school as soon as possible, and not partake in late registration. As late registration does not allow the School Board sufficient time to plan and staff schools appropriately.

The CAO made the following announcement:

 A summer student in the Recreation Department deserves recognition for his efforts out in the field. Eric Crawford, while working outside, provided first aid to a resident requiring assistance. Thanks to him for taking the time to see his surroundings and assist a resident in need, by providing quick action and appropriate response for the circumstances. We are very proud of Eric and want to recognize him and thank him for going above and beyond.

17. Media Questions

None

18. Closed Session

Resolution Number 242-24 (8:14 pm) Moved by Tom Burnette Seconded by Lynn Cloutier **That** Council move into Closed Session regarding one (1) matter 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 and Section 239 (2) (f) concerning advice that is subject to solicitor-client privilege, including communications necessary for that purpose (Airport).

Resolution Carried

Resolution Number 243-24 (8:29 pm) Moved by Dan Lynch Seconded by Tom Burnette That Council resume to Open Session.

Resolution Carried

Resolution Number 244-24 Moved by Lynn Cloutier Seconded by Billy Denault That Council directs staff to proceed as directed in Closed Session.

Resolution Carried

19. Confirmatory By-Law

Resolution Number 245-24 Moved by Dan Lynch Seconded by Chris Couper That By-law No. 7501-24 being a By-law to confirm the proceedings of the Regular Meeting of Council held on June 24, 2024 and it is hereby enacted and passed.

Resolution Carried

20. Adjournment

Resolution Number 246-24 Moved by Lynn Cloutier Seconded by Billy Denault That this meeting of Council be adjourned at 8:30 pm.

Signatures

Lisa McGee, Mayor

Resolution Carried

Kaila Zamoiski, Tow/n Clerk