



ARNPRIOR

Minutes of Council Meeting

July 8, 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:

None

Town Staff Present:

Robin Paquette, CAO
Jennifer Morawiec, General Manager Client Services/Treasurer
John Steckly, General Manager Operations
Graeme Ivory, Director of Recreation
Patrick Foley, Engineering Officer
Ryan Wall, Engineering Officer
Emily Stovel, Manager of Culture/Curator
Lucas Power, Program and Events Supervisor
Kaila Zamojski, Town Clerk
Oliver Jacob, Deputy Clerk

Also Present:

Isabelle Lalonde, Stantec Consultant

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 247-24

Moved by Chris Couper

Seconded by Dan Lynch

Be It Resolved That the amended agenda for the Regular Meeting of Council dated Monday, July 8, 2024 be adopted to include an additional closed session item pursuant to Section 239 (2)(b) and (f) of the Municipal Act, 2001, to discuss personal matter about an identifiable individual, including municipal or local board employees and concerning

advice that is subject to solicitor-client privilege, including communications necessary for that purpose (Airport).

Resolution Carried

5. Disclosures of Pecuniary Interest

None

6. Question Period

None

7. Adoption of Minutes of Previous Meeting(s)

Resolution Number 248-24

Moved by Billy Denault

Seconded by Lynn Cloutier

That the minutes of the Regular Meeting of Council listed under Item 7 (a) on the Agenda be adopted (Regular Meeting of Council – June 24, 2024).

Resolution Carried

8. Awards/Delegations/Presentations

Delegations:

a) Arnprior Rotary Club – Peace Pole Installation Request

President Peters of the Arnprior Rotary Club provided an overview of their organizational pillars and history, noting a main pillar of their organization being to promote peace. President Peters also provided an overview of the correspondence provided to Council surrounding the installation of a Peace Pole in the Town of Arnprior, as included in the Agenda Package.

Following the presentation, discussion ensued among Members of Council resulting in the following motion:

Resolution Number 249-24

Moved by Lynn Cloutier

Seconded by Chris Toner

That Council approve of the installation of a Peace Pole in the Town of Arnprior;
and

Further That Council authorize the CAO to work with the Arnprior Rotary Club to finalize the installation of a Peace Pole, in a feasible location, prior to International Peace Day on September 21, 2024.

Resolution Carried

b) Arnprior Public Library – Outdoor Programming Space and Resource Enhancements

The Arnprior Public Library Board Chair and Chief Librarian provided a presentation to Council surrounding proposed features on the Arnprior Public Library property for outdoor programming and resource enhancements, as included in the Agenda Package. Following the presentation, discussion ensued among Members of Council resulting in the following motion:

Resolution Number 250-24
Moved by Dan Lynch
Seconded by Tom Burnette

That Council approve in concept of the outdoor programming space and installations as presented by the Arnprior Public Library; and

Further That Council authorize the CAO to work with the Arnprior Public Library to finalize and execute the design and installation of the Arnprior Public Library outdoor programming space and installation features; and

Further That the Arnprior Public Library be responsible for the costs associated with the outdoor programming space and resource enhancement feature projects.

Resolution Carried

Presentations:

a) Cultural Night Market Update – Manager of Culture / Curator and Deputy Clerk

The Manager of Culture / Curator and Deputy Clerk provided an overview presentation on the 2024 Cultural Night Market and responded to questions.

b) Recreation and Parks Master Plan – Director of Recreation and Stantec Consulting

The Director of Recreation and Stantec Consultant provided an overview presentation of the Draft Recreation and Parks Master Plan and responded to questions.

Staff noted that the Draft Recreation and Parks Master Plan has been provided to Council for their review over the summer months and it will be brought back in the fall for finalization.

9. Public Meetings

None

10. Matter Tabled/ Deferred/ Unfinished Business
None

11. Notice of Motions
None

12. Staff Reports

- a) **Request for Award of PW-2024-08 (Road Resurfacing and Patching – Engineering Officer**
Resolution Number 251-24
Moved by Dan Lynch
Seconded by Chris Couper

That Council award Tender PW-2024-08 to D-Squared Construction Ltd. for \$178,891.20 (Incl HST); and

Further That Council authorize the General Manager, Operations to negotiate with DSquare Constructions Ltd. up to an amount of the budgetary surplus of \$88,902.93 to complete additional road and sidewalk patches; and

Further 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 D-Squared Construction Ltd.

Resolution Carried

- b) **Request for Award of REC-2024-02 (Robert Simpson Park Revitalization Design Services) – Engineering Officer and Director of Recreation**
Resolution Number 252-24
Moved by Lynn Cloutier
Seconded by Billy Denault

That Council award RFP No. REC-2024-02 Robert Simpson Park Revitalization Design Services to Stantec Consulting for a total of \$595,015.00 (plus HST); and

Further That Council authorize the General Manager, Operations to spend an additional contingency value of \$60,549.00.

Further That Council authorize the budgetary overage of \$205,457.57 to be funded 85% from Capital Expenditure Reserve Fund and 15% from Development Charges Reserve Fund.

Further That Council enact a bylaw authorizing the CAO to execute the agreements, and related documents with Stantec Consulting to complete the scope of work specified.

Resolution Carried

c) Museum Fire Protection Update –Engineering Officer

Resolution Number 253-24

Moved by Dan Lynch

Seconded by Tom Burnette

That Council direct staff to:

- a) Discontinue the Museum Sprinkler Retrofit project; and
- b) Bring forward revised construction values for both the fire alarm and fire escape projects for consideration in the 2025 budget process.

Resolution Carried

d) Proclamation for Drowning Prevention Week (July 15th to 21st, 2024) – Deputy Clerk

Resolution Number 254-24

Moved by Lynn Cloutier

Seconded by Tom Burnette

That Council proclaim July 21st to 27th, 2024 as National Drowning Prevention Week in the Town of Arnprior.

Resolution Carried

The Deputy Clerk read the proclamation:

Whereas in the Town of Arnprior, we are fortunate to have wonderful waterfront parks and beach and an indoor pool providing countless recreational opportunities for residents and visitors; and

Whereas drowning is a social equity issue that disproportionately affects children and adolescents in rural areas, with many countries around the world reporting drowning as the leading cause of childhood mortality and drowning being among the 10 leading causes of death globally for 5- to 14-year-olds; and

Whereas the mission of Lifesaving Society Canada is to prevent drowning throughout Canada and approximately 500 Canadians die in preventable water-related incidents each year;

Whereas most drownings are preventable in a Water Smart community, and only through Water Smart education and a healthy respect for the potential danger that any body of water may present, can we genuinely enjoy the beauty and recreation opportunities offered by these bodies of water; and

Whereas the Town of Arnprior encourages families to supervise children who are in and around the water, to refrain from drinking alcoholic beverages while participating in aquatic activities, and to always wear a lifejacket when boating; and

Whereas Lifesaving Society Canada has declared July 21st to 27th, 2024 as National Drowning Prevention Week to focus on the drowning problem and the hundreds of lives that could be saved this year;

Therefore Be It Resolved That I, Lisa McGee, Mayor, do hereby proclaim July 21st to 27th, 2024 as “National Drowning Prevention Week” in the Town of Arnprior and encourages all residents and visitors to practice good water safety while enjoying our local waterways and aquatic amenities.

13. Committee Reports and Minutes

a) Mayor’s Report

None

b) County Councillor’s Report

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

- At its last meeting, County Council received delegations from the following organizations/individuals:
 - Lori Huber, Partner with KPMG, reviewed the 2023 Audited Financial Statements for the County of Renfrew and highlighted no significant concerns to County Council.
 - Chairperson Keenan Stone and Jennifer Doelman made a presentation on behalf of the Renfrew County Agriculture Economic Development Committee. The Committee provides guidance and feedback on the state of the agriculture sector and to recommend and assist with possible initiatives in support of agricultural economic and business development. In particular, information was shared with regard to the lack of food processing facilities within the region.
 - Saad El Kassab, Lead Consultant with Ainsworth, provided an update on the County of Renfrew’s Climate Action Plan noting that facility audits have been completed for all County buildings and the consultants will report back on opportunities for improvement.
- MPP John Yakabuski was honoured by the County of Renfrew for his more than 20 years of dedicated service representing Renfrew-Nipissing-Pembroke in the Ontario Legislature.
- The next Taste of the Valley event will take place on August 10th, 2024 at Railway Station Park in Barry’s Bay, ON.
- As part of the Eastern Ontario Regional Network (EORN) project with Rogers Communications, an update was provided, noting that there were 312 upgrades, 309 site upgrades, and 100 new cell towers completed across Eastern Ontario.
- Local Ottawa Valley companies that have been recognized as “Bicycle Friendly” include our own Ottawa Valley Coffee located on Elgin Street West.

- The County of Renfrew has proclaimed September 26th, 2024 as Renfrew County Municipal Day and more information will be shared in the near future on this event.

14. Correspondence & Petitions

a) Correspondence Package – I-24-JUN-13

Resolution Number 255-24

Moved by Billy Denault

Seconded by Lynn Cloutier

That the Correspondence Package Number I-24-JUN-13 be received as information and filed accordingly.

Resolution Carried

County Councillor Lynch noted the following items:

- Page 6 – The Government of Ontario investing more than \$10 million to build five new state-of-the-art training facilities and train thousands of firefighters for in-demand careers in fire and rescue services. However, none of the new facilities are being built within the local region.
- Page 12 – The Government of Ontario has commenced automatic licence plate renewal for drivers in good standing (if the vehicle owner has valid insurance and no outstanding fines or tolls). It will be done automatically ninety (90 days before your licence plate's expiry date.
- Page 22 – The Government of Ontario is expanding and refurbishing clean electricity generation with plans to support Ontario Power Generation (OPG) to refurbish eight hydroelectric generating stations in Eastern Ontario, including the Arnprior Generation Station.
- Page 62 – The Government of Canada's EnAbling Accessibility Fund aims to make communities and workplaces across Canada more accessible for persons with disabilities. The fund offers up to \$125,000 for projects that are up to two (2) years in duration. Not-for-profit organizations, for-profit organizations, Indigenous organizations, municipal and territorial governments are eligible to apply by July 23rd, 2024.
 - The CAO advised that Town staff are currently investigating potential projects that would be eligible under the EnAbling Accessibility Fund intake, including the accessibility improvements at the Nick Smith Centre and/or one of our park revitalization upgrades. Applications will be submitted based on their likelihood of success under the fund's eligibility criteria.

Councillor Couper noted the following items:

- Page 37 – The Government of Ontario is making electric vehicle (EV) chargers more accessible through the EV ChargeON Program with an investment of \$91

million to support the installation of fifteen (15) new EV chargers in underserved and remote areas across the province. Locally, installations are available at the Dwyer Hill carpool lot in Ashton, ON and at Algonquin Provincial Park.

b) Correspondence Package – A-24-JUN-09

Resolution Number 256-24

Moved by Tom Burnette

Seconded by Lynn Cloutier

That the Correspondence Package Number A-24-JUN-09 be received and the recommendations outlined be brought forward for Council's consideration.

Resolution Carried

15. By-laws & Resolutions

a) By-laws

Resolution Number 257-24

Moved by Billy Denault

Seconded by Lynn Cloutier

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

- i. By-law No. 7502-24 – Award RFP No. REC-2024-02 (Robert Simpson Park Revitalization)
- ii. By-law No. 7503-24 – Award Tender No. PW-2024-08 (Road Resurfacing and Patching)
- iii. By-law No. 7504-24 – Appointment By-law for Deputy Division Registrar, Deputy Issuer of Marriage Licences and Marriage Officiant (K. Wendland)
- iv. By-law No. 7505-24 – Funding Agreement for the Canada Community Building Fund (CCBF)

Resolution Carried

b) Resolutions

- i. **Resolution of Support – Calling for Investment in Municipal Infrastructure for Eastern Ontario's Small and Rural Communities**

Resolution Number 258-24

Moved by Tom Burnette

Seconded by Lynn Cloutier

That Council of the Corporation of the Town of Arnprior receive the correspondence from the Eastern Ontario Wardens' Caucus (EOWC) as information; and

Whereas Eastern Ontario's small rural municipalities face insurmountable challenges to fund both new growth-related infrastructure and ongoing maintenance of their capital assets including local roads and bridges, clean water, wastewater, waste facilities, and municipally owned buildings including recreational facilities and libraries; and

Whereas the Federation of Canadian Municipalities has calculated that Municipal Governments across Canada are responsible for approximately 60 percent of public infrastructure that supports our economy and quality of life, but only receive 10 cents of every tax dollar; and

Whereas the Eastern Ontario Wardens' Caucus (EOWC) region's capital infrastructure deficit has increased by 58 percent since 2011 and is now at \$6 billion, and growing; and

Whereas in 2018, the Ontario Government mandated all Ontario municipalities to develop and fully fund capital asset management plans by July 2025; and

Whereas the EOWC has released a regional Municipal Infrastructure Policy Paper showing key infrastructure data, opportunities and challenges in small rural municipalities across Eastern Ontario; and

Whereas Eastern Ontario is a growing economy that can grow more with sustainable, innovative infrastructure partnership and investment from the Federal and Ontario Governments; and

Whereas the infrastructure deficit for small rural municipalities cannot be adequately addressed through property tax revenue, restricted municipal borrowing capacity, and municipalities limited ability to generate revenue; and

Whereas small rural taxpayers cannot afford dramatic increases to pay for the current and future infrastructure.

Therefore Be It Resolved That the Council of the Town of Arnprior joins the Eastern Ontario Wardens' Caucus, the Association of Municipalities of Ontario, and the Federation of Canadian Municipalities in calling on the Government of Canada and Government of Ontario to immediately and sustainably partner with Municipal Governments by investing in both the new and ongoing maintenance and repairs of municipal infrastructure in Eastern Ontario's small rural municipalities; and

Further That the Federal and Provincial Governments immediately review data and work together to implement solutions based on the EOWC's

Municipal Infrastructure Policy Paper in partnership with small rural municipalities; and

Further That this resolution be forwarded to the Honourable Justin Trudeau, Prime Minister of Canada, the Honourable Sean Fraser, Minister of Housing, Infrastructure and Communities of Canada; the Honourable Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario; the Honourable Kinga Surma, Ontario Minister of Infrastructure; the Honourable Paul Calandra, Ontario Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing; the Honourable Lisa Thompson, Ontario Minister of Rural Affairs; the Honourable Peter Bethlenfalvy, Ontario Minister of Finance; the Honourable Prabmeet Sakaria, Ontario Minister of Transportation; the Honourable Vic Fedeli, Ontario Minister of Economic Development, Job Creation and Trade; Cheryl Gallant, MP for Renfrew-Nipissing-Pembroke; John Yakabuski, MPP for Renfrew-Nipissing-Pembroke; Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM); Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO); Canada Mortgage and Housing Corporation (CMHC); Rural Ontario Municipal Association (ROMA); and the Eastern Ontario Wardens' Caucus (EOWC).

Resolution Carried

16. Announcements

County Councillor Dan Lynch made the following announcements:

- Arnprior's cricket team, the Ottawa Valley Strikers, will be hosting their uniform launch event on Tuesday, July 9th, 2024 at 5:30 PM at the Galilee Centre and Members of Council are welcome to attend.

17. Media Questions

None

18. Closed Session

Resolution Number 259-24 (8:38 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, as amended, to discuss personal matter about an identifiable individual, including municipal or local board employees (Commemorative Naming; Staffing); and
- One (1) matter pursuant to Section 239 (2) (c) of the Municipal Act, 2001, as amended, to discuss a proposed or pending acquisition or disposition of land by the municipality or local board (Property Acquisition); and
- 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 260-24 (9:31 PM)
Moved by Dan Lynch
Seconded by Chris Couper

That Council resume to Open Session.

Resolution Carried

Resolution Number 261-24
Moved by Lynn Cloutier
Seconded by Billy Denault

That Council direct staff to proceed as directed in Closed Session regarding the commemorative naming applications for streets and parks as well as staffing updates.

Resolution Carried

19. Confirmatory By-Law
Resolution Number 262-24
Moved by Tom Burnette
Seconded by Chris Toner

That By-law No. 7506-24 being a By-law to confirm the proceedings of the Regular Meeting of Council held on July 8, 2024 and it is hereby enacted and passed.

Resolution Carried

20. Adjournment
Resolution Number 263-24
Moved by Lynn Cloutier
Seconded by Dan Lynch

That this meeting of Council be adjourned at 9:32 PM.

Resolution Carried

Signatures



Lisa McGee, Mayor



Kaila Zamojski, Town Clerk

