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**Minutes of Council Meeting
August 26, 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

Town Staff Present:

Robin Paquette, CAO
Jennifer Morawiec, General Manager Client Services/Treasurer
John Steckly, General Manager Operations
Graeme Ivory, Director of Recreation
Kaila Zamojski, Town Clerk
Oliver Jacob, Deputy Clerk

Council Members Present (Electronic):

None

Council Members Absent:

Councillor Billy Denault

Also Present:

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, except Councillor Billy Denault.

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 269-24

Moved by Lynn Cloutier

Seconded by Chris Toner

Be It Resolved That the agenda for the Regular Meeting of Council dated Monday, August 26, 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 270-24

Moved by Tom Burnette

Seconded by Dan Lynch

That the minutes of the Regular and Special Meetings of Council listed under Item 7 (a) and (b) on the Agenda be adopted (Regular Meeting of Council – July 8, 2024 & Special Meeting of Council - July 22, 2024).

Resolution Carried

8. Awards/Delegations/Presentations

Delegations:

a) Senior Women Living Together, Kathryn Carruthers

Kathryn Carruthers, Board Chair of Senior Women Living Together, provided an overview of the presentation, provided in the Council Package, and responded to questions.

9. Public Meetings

None

10. Matter Tabled/ Deferred/ Unfinished Business

None

11. Notice of Motions

None

12. Staff Reports

**a) Request for Encroachment – Mulvihill Insurance (80 John Street North) –
Manager of Community Services/ Planner**

Resolution Number 271-24

Moved by Lynn Cloutier

Seconded by Tom Burnette

That Council adopts a by-law to permit the following encroachment at 80 John Street North, as requested in the application dated August 7, 2024, with the condition included below:

- a) A maximum of 0.92 m into the municipal road allowance for a 2.5 m wide awning sign over the main entrance, provided the lowest part of the encroaching sign is minimum of 2.44 m above the existing sidewalk.

Resolution Carried

b) Municipal Grant Request – 2360 Royal Canadian Army Cadet Corps – Director of Recreation

Resolution Number 272-24

Moved by Dan Lynch

Seconded by Chris Couper

That Council waive 50% of the user fees and charges for the 2360 Royal Canadian Army Cadets municipal grant request for the use of the Nick Smith Centre Community Hall on Thursday evenings (from 6:00 p.m. to 9:30 p.m.) on thirty-four (34) dates and

for two (2) weekend rentals (Saturday or Sunday) for the period of September 5, 2024 – June 19, 2025 (value \$2,886.25); and

Further That the 2360 Royal Canadian Army Cadets be advised that it is mandatory to carry sufficient liability insurance and have the Town of Arnprior added as an additional insured.

Resolution Amended

Resolution Number 273-24

Moved by Dan Lynch

Seconded by Lisa McGee

That Council amend Resolution 272-24 by replacing the wording in paragraph one (1) to change the percentage of support from 50% to 100%.

Resolution Carried

Resolution Number 274-24

Moved by Dan Lynch

Seconded by Lisa McGee

That Council waive 100% of the user fees and charges for the 2360 Royal Canadian Army Cadets municipal grant request for the use of the Nick Smith Centre Community Hall on Thursday evenings (from 6:00 p.m. to 9:30 p.m.) on thirty-four (34) dates and for two (2) weekend rentals (Saturday or Sunday) for the period of September 5, 2024 – June 19, 2025 (value \$2,886.25); and

Further That the 2360 Royal Canadian Army Cadets be advised that it is mandatory to carry sufficient liability insurance and have the Town of Arnprior added as an additional insured.

Resolution Carried as Amended

c) Statue at Malloch Road Cemetery – Deputy Clerk and General Manager, Operations

Resolution Number 275-24

Moved by Lynn Cloutier

Seconded by Chris Toner

That Council authorize the temporary removal of the Malloch Road Cemetery statue for offsite repairs and the relocation of the statue onto a new base; and

Further That the repairs and relocation be funded from the Cemetery operating budget at a projected cost of \$13,488.29 less estimated contributions of \$5,000.00 from local Catholic organizations.

Resolution Carried

d) Updates to Traffic and Parking By-law – Town Clerk and General Manager, Operations

Resolution Number 276-24

Moved by Chris Couper

Seconded by Lynn Cloutier

That Council receive this report regarding updates to the Traffic and Parking By-law; and

Further That Council direct staff to bring forward a final updated Traffic and Parking Bylaw for approval at a future meeting, following any feedback from Members of Council; and

Further That Staff be authorized to seek approval, following revised by-law adoption, from the Ontario Court of Justice for the fines set for this by-law in accordance with the provisions of the Provincial Offences Act.

Resolution Carried

e) Proclamation for Terry Fox Day (September 15th, 2024) – Deputy Clerk

Resolution Number 277-24

Moved by Lynn Cloutier

Seconded by Tom Burnette

That Council proclaim September 15th, 2024 as Terry Fox Day in the Town of Arnprior.

Resolution Carried

The Deputy Clerk read the proclamation:

Whereas the Terry Fox Run is inspired by a dream as big as our country, which began in 1980 with Terry Fox and his Marathon of Hope. The run is now entirely volunteer driven, and grounded in traditions with events held annually around the world to foster research in the fight against cancer; and

Whereas it has become a tradition in Canada to gather friends and family to participate in a volunteer fundraiser to raise public awareness and financial support for cancer research; and

Whereas we recognize the importance of cancer research as part of the aims and objectives of the Terry Fox Run on behalf of the people of Canada, of the Province of Ontario, and of the Town of Arnprior; and

Whereas Terry once said, “Anything is possible if you try.” He was an innovator, attempting to run across Canada on one leg on a humanitarian mission we had never seen before; and

Whereas our local residents have taken the initiative to organize a Terry Fox Run for the past 41 years, since 1982; and

Whereas a Flag Raising Ceremony for Terry Fox Day will be held on Monday, September 9th, 2024, prior to the event to raise further awareness for the Terry Fox Run being held at Robert Simpson Park on Sunday, September 15th, 2024.

Therefore Be It Resolved That I, Lisa McGee, Mayor, do hereby proclaim September 15th, 2024, as “**Terry Fox Day**” in the Town of Arnprior and call upon all residents to participate in the Terry Fox Run to raise funds for cancer research.

13. Committee Reports and Minutes

a) Mayor’s Report

Mayor McGee reported the following:

- Alongside CAO Robin Paquette and Director of Recreation Graeme Ivory, Mayor McGee participated in successful two (2) delegation meetings at the 2024 Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO) Conference in Ottawa, ON.
 - At a delegation to the Minister of Culture, Tourism and Sport, the team advocated for grant funding for the upcoming Nick Smith Centre Arena Slab Replacement Project under the new Community Sport and Recreation Infrastructure Fund.
 - At a delegation to the Minister of Infrastructure, the team advocated for increased funding for the 400mm Watermain River Crossing Project which has received funding under the Investing in Canada Infrastructure Program (ICIP) – Green Stream.
- Mayor McGee attended a reception at the 2024 AMO Conference alongside Councillor Billy Denault and they had conversations with other municipal politicians and community leaders from across the province regarding several issues of significance to the Arnprior community.
- Mayor McGee congratulated Robin Jones, Mayor of Westport, who was elected as the new AMO President and noted that her speech highlighted the pressing need for a social and economic prosperity review and for continued collaboration across the municipal sector to meet the evolving needs of Ontarians from across the province.
- Mayor McGee met with Sarah Cooper, Chief Executive Officer with Habitat for Humanity (Greater Ottawa area), to discuss opportunities to work together to develop affordable housing and home ownership solutions across the region.
- Mayor McGee shared an excerpt from an email communication from a resident to highlight the professionalism and dedication of the General Manager, Client

Services / Treasurer, Jennifer Morawiec, and her team, particularly with regard to the financial management of the municipality.

- Mayor McGee thanked Town staff and volunteers for their contributions to the full line-up of summer events, especially the hugely successful Cultural Night Market event which took place in Downtown Arnprior on Saturday, August 24th, 2024.

b) County Councillor's Report

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

- New member of Council representing Horton Township, Ms. Dana Proctor was sworn in and has replaced Mayor Dave Bennett due to his medical circumstances.
- Delegations at County Council included:
 - Tahseen Alie, Fund and Volunteer Coordinator, East Region Autism made a presentation on Autism and received a cheque for \$2500.00 from Warden Golf Tournament.
 - Ottawa Valley Tourist Association (OVTA) Committee Stefani Van Wijk, Chair, OVTA Board of Directors Meghan James, Vice Chair, OVTA Board of Directors OVTA made a presentation on how valuable OVTA is local businesses and encourage them to join at no cost. OVTA was also presented a cheque for \$2500.00 from Warden Golf Tournament.
- Two new Corporate Policies:
 - Criminal Record Check for Prospective Employees to be updated to align the requirements for vulnerable sector Criminal Record Checks with the Ontario Provincial Police's requirements;
 - Bereavement Leave – Staff to examine the Bereavement Policy to include divorces\separated spouses.
- Two items on the Agenda were deferred:
 - Municipal Services Corporation/Communal Servicing;
 - Regional Incentives Program that deals with staff undertaking an Official Plan Amendment, to enable policies that would allow the County to provide grants/loans to local Community Improvement Plan (CIP) initiatives.
- County only has one member (Mayor Jennifer Murphy) on 2024\2025 ROMA board.
- The Renfrew County Housing Corporation Board of Directors approved an increase to rent in the amount of \$10.00 per month above the annual rent increase guideline of 2.5% for all units within all Renfrew County Housing Corporation that are below the Household Income Limits (HILs) rent rates for 2025.
- ROMA 2025 has included Municipal Fire Departments in their workplan due to the mounting legislation around apparatus and received support for Bonnechere Valley's Resolution to Exempt Emergency Vehicles from Emission Standards.

14. Correspondence & Petitions

a) Correspondence Package – I-24-AUG-14

Resolution Number 278-24

Moved by Lynn Cloutier

Seconded by Chris Couper

That the Correspondence Package Number I-24-AUG-14 be received as information and filed accordingly.

Resolution Carried

County Councillor Lynch noted the following items:

- Page 13 - We wish our local MPP, John Yakabuski, to his new appointment as Parliamentary Assistant to the Minister of Energy and Electrification.
- Page 23 - Ontario has a Housing-Enabling Water Systems Fund which will see the province invest \$970 million in 54 projects across 60 municipalities to help municipalities develop, repair, rehabilitate and expand drinking water, wastewater and stormwater infrastructure. I couldn't find Arnprior in the 60 municipalities.
 - In response to County Councillor Lynch, the CAO noted that as of tonight the Town is able to announce that we have applied for this grant for the Daniel and Albert Street Watermain project and were successful. A report to Council will be forthcoming in the near future with further details.
- Page 33 – Good news for parents. Ontario is taking the next step in lowering childcare fees for families as part of the Canada-wide Early Learning and Child Care (CWELCC) system. Starting in January 2025, parent fees will be capped at \$22 per day for children under the age of six in CWELCC programs.
- Page 37 – The Ontario government is launching a call for proposals for new community-based projects that support survivors of gender-based violence. It is investing \$100 million over the next three years in its four-year, cross government action plan to combat gender-based violence through: Education and awareness; early intervention and prevention; community planning and service integration; and economic security and financial independence
- Page 51 – The Ontario government is now accepting applications for the new Community Sport and Recreation Infrastructure Fund. The province is investing \$200 million through the fund to help communities revitalize existing community sport and recreation infrastructure and build new facilities. The Ontario government is hosting an information webinar on August 27, 2024.
 - In response to County Councillor Lynch, the CAO noted that we will have a staff member attend this webinar.
- Page 77 – The Municipal Information & Data Analysis System (MIDAS) - recently enhanced - is a web-based tool that provides access to the Financial Information Returns (FIRs) data to all Ontario municipalities.
 - In response to County Councillor Lynch, the General Manager, Client Services/Treasurer noted that this is the updated site for municipal FIR data.

- Page 79 – The AMO Knowledge Exchange on Community and Supportive Housing Symposium, October 1 - 2, will convene for networking, knowledge sharing, and collaboration on how we can work together to advance community and supportive housing solutions in communities across Ontario which is being held in Toronto.
 - In response to County Councillor Lynch, the CAO noted that we will look at having someone attend this Symposium.
- Page 83 – The Design of Public Spaces Standards Development Committee seek feedback on initial recommendations on proposed changes to the Accessible Built Environment Standards and the Ontario Building Code.
 - In response to County Councillor Lynch, the CAO noted that the Chief Building Official’s association is responding to this, and he is also looking at this more thoroughly now, and if required, he will also provide further comment.
- Page 89 – Enbridge Gas Inc. has applied to dispose of the balances of certain deferral and variance accounts. If approved Residential customers will see a whopping one-time billing credit of \$5.12, effective January 1, 2025.
- Page 105 – Nice to see a “Thank You” card from Abigail Daniels who was a recipient of a Town Bursary who will be attending University of Victoria.

Councillor Chris Couper noted the following item:

- Page 92 – The MacNamara Field Naturalists’ Club (MFNC) will be hosting its 40th anniversary celebration on Saturday, September 7th, 2024 starting at 6:00 PM at the St. John Chrysostom Catholic Parish Hall. Tickets are available until September 1st, 2024 on the [MFNC website](#) and at White Pine Books.

b) Correspondence Package – A-24-AUG-10

Resolution Number 279-24
 Moved by Dan Lynch
 Seconded by Chris Toner

That the Correspondence Package Number A-24-AUG-10 be received and the recommendations outlined be brought forward for Council’s consideration.

Resolution Carried

15. By-laws & Resolutions

a) By-laws

Resolution Number 280-24
 Moved by Lynn Cloutier
 Seconded by Dan Lynch

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

- i. By-law No. 7511-24 – Encroachment Agreement – Mulvihill Insurance (80

- John Street North)
- ii. By-law No. 7512-24 – Release of Easement – Arnprior Curling Club Lands
 - iii. By-law No. 7513-24 – Salary Grid Revisions
 - iv. By-law No. 7514-24 – Adopt Marshall’s Bay Meadows Phase 4B Subdivision Agreement

Resolution Carried

b) Resolutions

i. **Resolution of Support – Association of Municipalities of Ontario and Ontario Medical Association – Physician Shortage in Rural Ontario**

Resolution Number 281-24

Moved by Tom Burnette

Seconded by Chris Couper

That Council of the Corporation of the Town of Arnprior receive the correspondence from the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO) and Ontario Medical Association (OMA) as information; and

Whereas the state of health care in Ontario is in crisis, with 2.3 million Ontarians lacking access to a family doctor, emergency room closures across the province, patients being de-rostered and 40% of family doctors considering retirement over the next five years; and

Whereas it has becoming increasingly challenging to attract and retain an adequate healthcare workforce throughout the health sector across Ontario; and

Whereas Ontario municipal governments play an integral role in the health care system through responsibilities in public health, long-term care, paramedicine, and other investments.

Whereas the percentage of family physicians practicing comprehensive family medicine has declined from 77 in 2008 to 65 percent in 2022; and

Whereas per capita health-care spending in Ontario is the lowest of all provinces in Canada, and

Whereas a robust workforce developed through a provincial, sector-wide health human resources strategy would significantly improve access to health services across the province;

Now Therefore Be It Resolved That the Council of Corporation of the Town of Arnprior urge the Government of Canada and the Government of Ontario to recognize the family physician and primary health care professional shortage in the Town of Arnprior, County of Renfrew and across Ontario, and take

action to fund health care appropriately, ensuring that every Ontarian has access to high quality and accessible primary care services in their own communities.

Further That this resolution be forwarded to the Honourable Justin Trudeau, Prime Minister of Canada, the Honourable Mark Holland, Federal Minister of Health; the Honourable Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario; the Honourable Sylvia Jones, Deputy Premier and Minister of Health; Cheryl Gallant, MP for Renfrew-Nipissing-Pembroke; John Yakabuski, MPP for Renfrew-Nipissing-Pembroke; Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO) and Ontario Medical Association (OMA).

Resolution Carried

ii. **Municipal Grant Application – Terry Fox Foundation – 2024 Terry Fox Run**

Resolution Number 282-24
Moved by Lynn Cloutier
Seconded by Chris Toner

That Council of the Corporation of the Town of Arnprior receive the correspondence from the Terry Fox Foundation as information; and

Whereas the Terry Fox Foundation is an eligible organization under the Municipal Grants Policy and raises funds that are used to support programs aimed at ending cancer through research; and

Whereas the Terry Fox Foundation will be hosting the 2024 Terry Fox Run at Robert Simpson Park on Sunday, September 15th, 2024 starting at 9:00 AM; and

Therefore Be It Resolved That Council approve the request for in-kind support through the waiving of rental fees for the Robert Simpson Park Gazebo (\$525.00) for the 2024 Terry Fox Run event taking place on September 15th, 2024;

Further That the Terry Fox Foundation be advised that it is mandatory to carry sufficient liability insurance and have the Town of Arnprior added as an additional insured for the event.

Resolution Carried

16. Announcements

County Councillor Dan Lynch made the following announcements:

- After 63 years of business in the Town of Arnprior, Star Set Jewelers will be closing its doors at the end of September 2024. Their Pembroke location will continue to serve the local community.
- On Saturday, September 14th, 2024, the Arnprior McNab/Braeside Men's Shed will be holding its grand opening at their new location on River Road in Braeside, ON.
- Congratulations to Chicken Palace on opening their second location on Madawaska Boulevard.
- For cyclists, the Tour de Poutine will be held on Saturday, September 21st, 2024 between 10:30 AM and 12:00 PM starting at Red Pine Bay in the Township of McNab/Braeside.
- There will be a temporary closure of the Daniel Street South / Arthur Street entrance into the Canadian Tire Gas Bar and A&W restaurant due to construction on the site.
- County Councillor Lynch also thanked Town staff for their hard work on the Cultural Night Market, particularly the teams from the Clerk's Office, Museum, Public Works and Recreation branches.
 - At his request, Mayor Lisa McGee recognized the Avila Family who participated in the Cultural Night Market as a main stage act as the Echoes Group. She also shared how she had originally met the family when they first came to Arnprior a couple of years ago and how incredible it was to see them on the stage sharing their culture with the Arnprior community.

Councillor Chris Couper made the following announcements:

- Councillor Couper praised the Cultural Night Market and highlighted the value of community for newcomers to the local area.

17. Media Questions

Rick Stow from the Oldies 107.7 radio station asked questions regarding the Jesus statue at the Malloch Road Cemetery and staff provided responses noting that the cemetery has been non-denominational since the Town assumed its ownership in 1972 and that the Town is not aware of any legal covenants requiring the municipality to adhere to Canon Law for its maintenance.

18. Closed Session

None

19. Confirmatory By-Law

Resolution Number 283-24

Moved by Chris Couper

Seconded by Dan Lynch

That By-law No. 7515-24 being a By-law to confirm the proceedings of the Regular Meeting of Council held on August 26, 2024 be and it is hereby enacted and passed.

Resolution Carried

20. Adjournment

Resolution Number 284-24

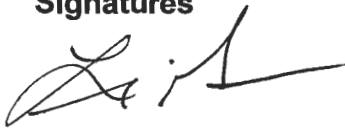
Moved by Lynn Cloutier

Seconded by Tom Burnette

That this meeting of Council be adjourned at 8:30 pm.

Resolution Carried

Signatures



Lisa McGee, Mayor



Kaila Zamojski, Town Clerk