



**Minutes of Special Council Meeting
February 3, 2025 - 5:00 PM
105 Elgin Street West, Arnprior, ON**

Council and Staff Attendance

Council Members Present (In Person):

Mayor Lisa McGee
County Councillor Dan Lynch
Councillor Lynn Grinstead
Councillor Tom Burnette
Councillor Chris Toner
Councillor Chris Couper

Council Members Present (Electronic):

Council Members Absent:

Councillor Billy Denault

Town Staff Present:

Robin Paquette, CAO
Jennifer Morawiec, General Manager, Client Services / Treasurer
Kaila Zamojski, Town Clerk
Graeme Ivory, Director of Recreation
John Steckly, GM, Operations
Rick Desarmia, Fire Chief
Lauren Vincent, Manager of Finance
Kaitlyn Wendland, Client Services Coordinator
Taylor Giffen, Operations Supervisor
Patrick Foley, Engineering Officer, Facilities & Assets
Lucas Power, Program & Events Coordinator

1. Call to Order

Mayor Lisa McGee called the Special Council Meeting to order at 5:00 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 034-24

Moved by Chris Couper

Seconded by Tom Burnette

Be It Resolved That the agenda, for the Special Meeting of Council dated Monday, February 3, 2025 be adopted.

Resolution Carried

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5. Disclosures of Pecuniary Interest

None

6. Awards/Delegations/Presentations

a) Presentations

- i) 2025 Draft Operating Budget
- ii) 2025 Draft Capital Budget
- iii) Supporting Documents
- iv) 2026-2045 Long Range Capital Forecast (LRCF)

The General Manager Client Services, Treasurer provided a Budget Recap, attached as Appendix A and forming part of these minutes, highlighting key areas of the 2025 Draft Operating Budget, the 2025 Draft Capital Budget, Supporting Documents and the Long Range Capital Forecast (LRCF). Budget Memos dated December 9, 2024 and January 29, 2025, as well as public comments received, are attached as Appendix B and forming part of these minutes.

Discussion on the 2025 municipal tax rate increase ensued with the following motion being brought forward for consideration:

Resolution Number 035-24

Moved by Tom Burnette

Seconded by Chris Couper

That Council direct staff to prepare the 2025 Budget by-laws for consideration of adoption at the February 10, 2025 Regular Meeting of Council, including a municipal tax rate increase of 3.25%.

At the request of Mayor McGee, a recorded vote was taken:

Councillor Tom Burnette	Yes
Councillor Lynn Cloutier	No
Councillor Chris Couper	Yes
County Councillor Dan Lynch	No
Councillor Chris Toner	Yes
Mayor Lisa McGee	Yes

Resolution Carried

Mayor McGee and Members of Council thanked staff for their hard work on the 2025 Draft Budget, noting the quality of the budget document and efficiency of the process.

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17. Confirmatory By-Law

Resolution Number 036-24

Moved by Dan Lynch

Seconded by Tom Burnette

That By-law No. 7556-25 being a By-law to confirm the proceedings of the Special Meeting of Council held on February 3, 2025 be and it is hereby enacted and passed.

Resolution Carried

18. Adjournment

Resolution Number 037-24

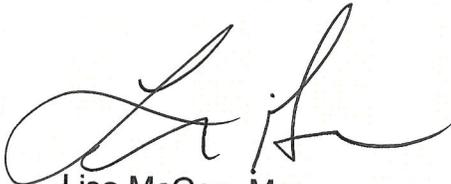
Moved by Lynn Cloutier

Seconded by Chris Couper

That this meeting of Council be adjourned at 6:32 p.m.

Resolution Carried

Signatures



Lisa McGee, Mayor



Kaila Zamojski, Town Clerk