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**Minutes of Council Meeting
February 10th, 2025 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

Council Members Present (Electronic):

None

Council Members Absent:

Councillor Billy Denault

Town Staff Present:

Jennifer Morawiec, General Manager,
Client Services / Treasurer
Kaila Zamojski, Town Clerk
Graeme Ivory, Director of Recreation
Lucas Power, Program & Events
Supervisor
Alix Jolicoeur, Manager of Community
Services / Planner
Kaitlyn Wendland, Client Services
Coordinator

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 034-25
Moved by Chris Couper
Seconded by Tom Burnette

Be It Resolved That the agenda for the Regular Meeting of Council dated Monday, February 10th, 2025 be adopted.

Resolution Carried

5. Disclosures of Pecuniary Interest

None

6. Question Period

None

7. Adoption of Minutes of Previous Meeting(s)

Resolution Number 035-25

Moved by Dan Lynch

Seconded by Lynn Cloutier

That the minutes of the Regular Meeting of Council listed under Item 7 (a) (Regular Meeting of Council – January 27th, 2025) and Item 7 (b) (Special Meeting of Council – February 3rd, 2025) on the Agenda be adopted.

Resolution Carried

8. Awards/Delegations/Presentations

a) Presentations

i. Arnprior Fire Department Retirements (Dwayne Lalonde and Mark L'Abbe)

Mayor McGree noted the following:

This evening Council would like to recognize the retirement of two (2) volunteer members of our Fire Department, both of whom have had a lengthy career serving and protecting our community through their contributions and service.

Mark L'Abbe Joined the Arnprior Fire Department on Nov 2, 1988, while also working as the Town's Chief Building Official. Mark quickly made many friends and developed a passion for the fire service, leading him to a career change to a full-time position with the City of Gloucester and later after amalgamation the City of Ottawa. Mark was promoted to Captain in the year 2000 and has held that position until his retirement, providing leadership and knowledge to others through training. Mark also became involved with the Ontario Fire College. It should also be noted that during Marks time as a volunteer member of the Arnprior Fire Department he put in countless hours organizing the departments once well attended and successful Charity Hockey Tournament raising money for Muscular Dystrophy and served as a member of the Executive of the Arnprior Fire Departments Fundraising Committee. We thank Mark for his 36 years of service to the Arnprior Fire Department and our Community and wish him a healthy and happy retirement.

Dwayne Lalonde joined the Arnprior Fire Department on Jan 7, 2004. There may have been some influence or encouragement from some neighbours living on their own street growing up, who were volunteer firefighters themselves, to consider joining the department. Dwayne's knowledge of building construction and hard work ethics helped him to flourish into a great asset to the department. He too soon developed a passion for the fire service and sought to pursue a career as a firefighter in a full-time capacity. Dwayne was the first member of our department to complete the Ontario Firefighter Standards modules and certification program as a volunteer firefighter. His efforts towards this accomplishment led Dwayne to be successful in being hired full-time with the City of Ottawa. Dwayne was promoted to the position of Captain in 2014 and has proven to be a strong leader in that role. Through his experiences Dwayne's development of knowledge and skills in firefighting have been an asset to the Arnprior Fire Department at both instances of fire emergencies that he has attended and in training of other members of the department. We thank Dwayne for his 20 years of service to the Arnprior Fire Department and our Community and wish him well in his future.

Mayor McGee, Members of Council and the Fire Chief presented both Mark L'Abbe and Dwayne Lalonde with a token of appreciation from the Town of Arnprior for their many years of service to our community.

ii. Exemplary Fire Service Awards (David Wiggins and Graeme Wyatt)

Mayor McGee further noted, this evening, Council also has the pleasure of recognizing two (2) other members of our Fire Department who are being recognized by the Governor General of Canada, Her Excellency the Right Honorable Mary Simon for the Fire Services Exemplary Service Medal.

The Fire Services Exemplary Service Medal, created on August 29, 1985, honors members of a recognized Canadian fire service who have completed 20 years of service, ten years of which have been served in the performance of duties involving potential risks. Exemplary service is characterized by good conduct, industry, and efficiency.

Firefighter David Wiggins and Captain Graeme Wyatt both began their service with the Arnprior Fire Department in 2002 and continue to actively serve their community. Congratulations to both David and Graeme for this recognition and thank you for your continued service to our community.

Mayor McGee, Members of Council, and the Fire Chief presented the Fire Services Exemplary Service Medals to David Wiggins, who was in attendance, and passed on their congratulations and gratitude to the Chief to relay to Graeme Wyatt who was unable to be in attendance this evening.

iii. Program and Events Winter/Spring Update

The Recreation Program supervisor provided a presentation to Council, as included in the package, and responded to questions.

9. Public Meetings

None

10. Matter Tabled/ Deferred/ Unfinished Business

None

11. Notice of Motion(s)

None

12. Staff Reports

a) Private Streets – Recommended Official Plan Amendment No. 10 & Implementing Zoning By-law Amendments – Manager of Community Services/Planner

Resolution Number 036-25

Moved by Chris Couper

Seconded by Chris Toner

That Council passes a By-law to adopt town-initiated OPA No. 10 to amend the Official Plan policies to permit private streets and to set policies for their use and directs staff to forward said by-law to the County of Renfrew for approval; and

Further That Council passes a By-law to amend Comprehensive Zoning By-law 6875-18, as amended, to implement the policy changes outlined in OPA No. 10, which will not be in full force and effect until the County of Renfrew approval of OPA No. 10 is received; and

Further That Council has considered all written and oral submissions received on these amendments, the effect of which has helped Council make an informed decision.

Resolution Deferred

Discussion ensued among Members of Council resulting in the Resolution Number 036-25 being deferred:

Resolution No. 037-25

Moved by Lynn Cloutier

Seconded by Dan Lynch

That Council defer Resolution Number 036-25 - Item No. 12 (a) Private Streets – Recommended Official Plan Amendment No. 10 & Implementing Zoning By-law - Amendments, pending staff's further consultation with development community.

Resolution Carried

b) Zoning By-law Amendment 1/25 – Manager of Community Services/Planner

Resolution Number 038-25

Moved by Chris Toner

Seconded by Dan Lynch

That Council receives an application for an amendment to Zoning By-law 6875-18 for land legally described as Plan 231 Lots 247 to 262; Part of Lots 246 & 263, and part of Lot 3; Concession C, shown as Part 1 49R-8580, Arnprior Ontario, to:

- permit a parking area in the front yard along Fourth Avenue;
- permit an increase in the maximum height within 75 m of Fourth Avenue from 14 m (4-storey) to 14.3 m (4- storey);
- permit an increase in the maximum height permitted without a wind study from 14 m (4-storeys) to 14.3 m (4-storeys);
- permit an accessory building or structure closer to the front lot line than the main building; and
- permit an increase in the maximum number of accessory buildings and structures in a residential zone from 3 to 7 to allow for covered parking with solar panels and covered bicycle parking to allow development of a 4-storey 203-unit apartment building with accessory buildings.

Further That pursuant to Section 34(12) of the Planning Act, Council holds a public meeting on March 10th, 2025, regarding the proposed amendment, to allow for public review and comment.

Resolution Carried

Mayor McGee vacated her seat at the Council table at 8:03 pm and resumed her seat at 8:04 pm.

c) Arnprior Municipal Marina – Transient Docking – Director of Recreation

Resolution Number 039-25

Moved by Chris Couper

Seconded by Lynn Cloutier

That Council direct staff to eliminate user fees for daily transient docking and provide four slips on Pier 6 for this purpose.

Resolution Carried

The General Manager, Client Services/Treasurer noted that Schedule K of the User Fees and Charges By-law, included on the Agenda this evening, will need to be voted on “as amended”, to remove the user fees currently included, for daily transient docking at the Marina.

d) Proclamation for Rare Disease Day (February 28, 2025) – Town Clerk

Resolution Number 040-25
Moved by Chris Couper
Seconded by Lynn Cloutier

That Council proclaim February 28th, 2025 as Rare Disease Day in the Town of Arnprior.

Resolution Carried

The Town Clerk read the proclamation:

Whereas Rare Disease Day was established in 2008 and is coordinated by EURORDIS and 65+ national alliance patient organization partners; and

Whereas Rare Disease Day is the globally coordinated movement on rare diseases, working towards equity in social opportunity, healthcare, and access to diagnosis and therapies for people living with a rare disease; and

Whereas Rare Disease Day has played a critical part in building an international rare disease community that is multi-disease, global, and diverse, but united in purpose; and

Whereas there are more than 6,000 known rare diseases, including over two hundred rare cancer types; and

Whereas up to 5.9% of the population has a rare disease with 79% of these diseases being classified as genetic disorders; and

Whereas Rare Disease Day takes place on the 28th of February each year and is recognized globally; and

Whereas the colours of Rare Disease Day are blue, green, pink, and purple and various monuments around the world are lit up in these colours on the last day of February each year to show support for individuals living with rare diseases.

Now Therefore Council of the Town of Arnprior, does hereby proclaim February 28th, 2025 as Rare Disease Day in the Town of Arnprior and note that the Arnprior and District Museum's clock tower will be lit up with the colours of blue, green, pink and purple to show our support.

e) Proclamation for Wear Red Canada Day (February 13, 2025) – Town Clerk

Resolution Number 041-25
Moved by Dan Lynch
Seconded by Tom Burnette

That Council proclaim February 13th, 2025 as Wear Red Canada Day in the Town of Arnprior.

Resolution Carried

The Town Clerk read the proclamation:

Whereas heart disease is the number one killer of women worldwide and the leading cause of premature death for Canadian women, a fact unknown to many women and their healthcare providers; and

Whereas globally, cardiovascular diseases affect one out of three women, yet women everywhere are under-studied, under-diagnosed, under-treated, and under-aware when it comes to their cardiovascular health; and

Whereas the Canadian Women's Heart Health Alliance is an organization of volunteer health professionals and patients working hard to improve women's heart health; and

Whereas Wear Red Canada Day is celebrated annually to raise awareness for all Canadians, but especially Canadian women, to be mindful, curious, and proactive in the management of their heart health and wellness; and

Whereas we want to see better prevention, diagnosis, care, and fewer women dying prematurely from heart disease;

Now Therefore Council of the Town of Arnprior does hereby proclaim February 13, 2025 as “Wear Red Canada Day” in the Town of Arnprior and encourage all local residents to wear red to recognize heart disease and its impacts on our communities, and to commit to increase their own personal awareness of heart health.

13. Committee Reports and Minutes

a) Mayor’s Report

Mayor Lisa McGee made the following announcements:

- Committee of Adjustment meeting which Councillor Couper and Mayor McGee attended. Staff led a wonderful presentation for the community and it was followed by comments by the applicant and a question period from those in attendance who shared their observations and comments.
- Received many calls regarding by-law tickets from the Nick Smith Centre. Encourages anyone attending the Nick Smith Centre to give themselves plenty of time to either wait for a space or to find parking on the nearby

streets. Good news is that we are becoming so busy and so popular, but it means people will need to plan accordingly.

- Phone meeting with Cavanagh Communities following the Committee of Adjustment meeting, who emphasized that they were there, and they heard of community concerns. This was a quick touch base but want to be transparent about the discussion.
- President Cup Challenge Curling Bonspiel will be hosted by the Arnprior Curling Club March 7th to March 9th. This is an annual event rotating between Almonte, Arnprior, Richmond and Carp.
- Exciting news to share, that the details cannot be shared yet, but get excited for the week of April 30th to May 5th. We will share details as soon as we can. Fantastic opportunity for residents and businesses to highlight the Town and the things that make the community special.

b) County Councillor's Report

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

- Last Thursday the County of Renfrew held its 2025 Budget Workshop and passed a 5.56% County Levy.
- The 2025\2026 Taste of the Valley Schedule has been created.
 - 2025
 - July 26, 2025 - Eganville Arena, Township of Bonnechere Valley
 - August 23, 2025 - Alice & Fraser Recreation Centre, Township of Laurentian Valley
 - September 20, 2025 - Calabogie Community Hall & Rink, Township of Greater Madawaska
 - October 18, 2025 - Cobden Fairgrounds, Township of Whitewater Region
 - December 13, 2025 (Holiday edition) - Germania Club, City of Pembroke
 - 2026
 - August 8, 2026 - Barry's Bay Railway Station, Township of Madawaska Valley
 - August 22, 2026 - Douglas Recreation Complex, Township of Admaston/Bromley
 - September 19, 2026 - Civic Centre, Town of Petawawa
 - October 17, 2026 - Cobden Fairgrounds, Township of Whitewater Region
 - December 12, 2026 (Holiday edition) - Renfrew Armouries, Town of Renfrew
- Next County Council meeting is this Wednesday, February 12, 2025.

c) Committee Reports and Minutes

Councillor Chris Toner reported on the following:

- Seniors Active Living Centre (SALC) Advisory Meeting from February 3rd, 2025:
 - SALC is continuing to see momentum and full participation despite the absence of the program coordinator who has taken a leave. Volunteers, ARH staff and Erica, the program assistant, have stepped in to deliver all scheduled programming and events.
 - January has been a busy month at the centre, approx. 650 swipes into the centre (although this number is higher as some participants forget to swipe in).
 - Winter workshops included Heart Health clinic for women and an MTO workshop on road safety and being aware of other road users. Another MTO workshop on winter driving has been scheduled for October 2025.
 - Live Music Fridays is going strong and moving forward a light lunch will be provided sponsored by Island View Retirement Residence.
 - Chartwell Quail Creek have also sponsored \$300 worth of chair yoga classes. This covers the fee for five participants during the 8-week session. Members will be entered into a draw for the five free spots.
 - Functional Fitness continues to be very popular. Members are wanting a second weekly session added, which is challenging as the centre schedule is full. The advisory group have brainstormed on accommodating the request, including keeping the centre open later or at different venues.
 - Upcoming workshops and special meetings include; drop in socials, budget friendly cooking, HEAR Canada clinic, managing medications, one on one tech classes (with potential funding from Rotary club).
 - March and April calendars are completely full. Working on collaborating with Renfrew on spring and summer bus trips.
 - Funding application has been submitted. Ontario is also planning to double the number of SALC across the province.

14. Correspondence & Petitions

a) Correspondence Package No. I-25-FEB-03

Resolution Number 042-25

Moved by Chris Couper

Seconded by Dan Lynch

That Correspondence Package Number I-25-FEB-03 be received as information and filed accordingly.

Resolution Carried

County Councillor Dan Lynch noted the following items

- Page 22: Want to be a carpenter? The Ontario government is investing nearly \$27 million to train an additional 2,600 carpenters through two funding streams to help train more skilled carpentry workers across the province. In addition, the other good news the training facility is in Ottawa.
- Page 29: Ontario has begun flowing up to 75.5 million to municipalities to help them wind down encampments in public spaces by creating more emergency shelter spaces and affordable housing units. Of note, only the County of Renfrew is receiving \$216,000 of this 75.5 million.
- Page 32: The Ontario government is investing \$1.8 billion to connect two million more people to a publicly funded family doctor or primary care team within four years, which will achieve the government's goal of connecting everyone in the province to a family doctor or primary care team.
- Page 90: Nice to get the occasional letter of thanks. Thank you, Arnprior Special Olympics who are celebrating their 25 Anniversary.

15. By-laws & Resolutions

a) By-laws

Resolution Number 043-25
Moved by Chris Couper
Seconded by Tom Burnette

That the following by-law be and is hereby enacted and passed:

- i. By-Law No. 7558-25 – Adopt 2025 Operating and Capital Budget Estimates

Resolution Carried

Resolution Number 044-25
Moved by Chris Toner
Seconded by Lynn Cloutier

That the following by-law be and is hereby enacted and passed:

- ii. By-Law No. 7559-25 – Adopt 2024 Works-In-Progress (WIP)
- iv. By-Law No. 7561-25 – Adopt Water and Wastewater Rates Study
- v. By-Law No. 7562-25 – Appointment of Council Member to Committee of Adjustment (County Councillor Lynch)
- vi. By-Law No. 7563-25 – Appointment of Council Member to Arnprior & Area Physician Recruitment Committee (Councillor Cloutier)

Resolution Carried

Resolution Number 045-25
Moved by Dan Lynch
Seconded by Lynn Cloutier

That the following by-law be and is hereby enacted and passed:

- iii. By-Law No. 7560-25 – Adopt 2025 User Fees and Charges By-Law
Resolution Carried as Amended

vii. **Resolutions**

i. **2026-2045 Long-Range Capital Forecast**

Resolution Number 046-25
Moved by Dan Lynch
Seconded by Lynn Cloutier

Whereas the Long-Range Capital Forecast is a snapshot in time of known future budget pressures, relies on master plan and asset management data, is subject to various changing factors and is set on a twenty-year timeframe to align with the nature and longevity of municipal infrastructure; and

Whereas the 20 Year Long Range Capital Forecast (2026-2045) was presented to Council on January 13, 2025 and further discussed on February 3, 2025;

Therefore Be It Resolved That Council approve the 20 Year Long Range Capital Forecast (2026-2045) as a financial planning tool, to be used to inform the annual budget process, as well as other financial planning processes and documents; and

Further That staff continue to update the Long-Range Capital Forecast as part of the annual budget process.

Resolution Carried

ii. **Seniors Active Living Centre (SALC) – In-Kind Contribution**

Resolution Number 047-25
Moved by Lynn Cloutier
Seconded by Chris Toner

Whereas Council of the Town of Arnprior, at their budget meeting of December 4, 2024 received a request for \$7,500 of in-kind support from the Seniors Active Living Centre (SALC) for 2025; and

Therefore Be It Resolved That the Council of the Corporation of the Town of Arnprior authorize \$7,500 of in-kind support for services including staff time and facility use of the Nick Smith Centre.

Resolution Carried

16. Announcements

Councillor Chris Couper made the following announcement:

- I would like to take a minute to congratulate the Arnprior McNab Ringette Association Devils for their wonderful performance over the past month. We can look forward to many new banners going up at the arena. They have had many medal winning performances in tournaments in the last month across Ontario. The girls played with heart, and I was very proud to watch them play. Ringette is alive in Arnprior, and our teams are making us proud.

17. Media Questions

None

18. Closed Session

Resolution Number 048-25 (9:01PM)

Moved by Chris Couper

Seconded by Tom Burnette

That Council move into Closed Session to discuss one (1) matters pursuant to Section 239 (2) (b) to discuss a personal matter about an identifiable individual, including Municipal or Local Board Employees (Striking Committee – Council Remuneration).

Resolution Carried

Resolution Number 049-25 (9:13 PM)

Moved by Dan Lynch

Seconded by Chris Couper

That Council resume to Open Session.

Resolution Carried

Resolution Number 050-25

Moved by Lynn Cloutier

Seconded by Tom Burnette

That Council direct staff to proceed as directed in closed session.

Resolution Carried

19. Confirmatory By-Law

Resolution Number 051-25

Moved by Dan Lynch

Seconded by Tom Burnette

That By-law No. 7564-25, being a By-law to confirm the proceedings of the Regular Meeting of Council held on February 10th, 2025, be and is hereby enacted and passed.

Resolution Carried

20. Adjournment

Resolution Number 052-25
Moved by Lynn Cloutier
Seconded by Chris Couper

That this meeting of Council be adjourned at 9:13 PM.

Resolution Carried

Signatures



Lisa McGee, Mayor



Kaila Zamojski, Town Clerk