



## ARNPRIOR

### Minutes of Council Meeting February 24<sup>th</sup>, 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 Chris Toner  
Councillor Chris Couper

##### Council Members Present (Electronic):

Councillor Tom Burnette (6:30 – 7:51pm)

##### Council Members Absent:

Councillor Billy Denault  
Councillor Lynn Cloutier

##### Town Staff Present:

Robin Paquette, CAO  
Jennifer Morawiec, General Manager,  
Client Services / Treasurer  
Kaila Zamojski, Town Clerk  
Graeme Ivory, Director of Recreation  
Alix Jolicoeur, Manager of Community  
Services / Planner  
Kelley Jaros, A/Marketing & Economic  
Development Officer  
John Steckly, General Manager, Operations  
Patrick Foley, Engineering Officer  
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 and Councillor Lynn Cloutier.

#### 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 053-25  
Moved by Chris Couper  
Seconded by Dan Lynch

**Be It Resolved That** the agenda for the Regular Meeting of Council dated Monday, February 24<sup>th</sup>, 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 054-25  
Moved by Chris Couper  
Seconded by Chris Toner

**That** the minutes of the Regular Meeting of Council listed under Item 7 (a) (Regular Meeting of Council – February 10<sup>th</sup>, 2025) on the Agenda be adopted.

Resolution Carried

**8. Awards/Delegations/Presentations**

None

**9. Public Meetings**

None

**10. Matter Tabled/ Deferred/ Unfinished Business**

Discussion ensued among Members of Council, with Councillor Couper requesting to rescind and expunge from the minutes a resolution that was passed in error at the January 27<sup>th</sup>, 2025, Regular Meeting of Council, resulting in the following motion:

Resolution Number 055-25  
Moved by Chris Couper  
Seconded by Dan Lynch

**That** Resolution No. 023-25, relating to the request for deferral of staff report No. 25-01-27-05 be rescinded and expunged from the minutes of January 27<sup>th</sup>, 2025.

Resolution Carried

**11. Notice of Motion(s)**

None

## 12. Staff Reports

### a) **Business Retention and Expansion Study – Manager of Community Services/Planner & A/Marketing & Economic Development Officer**

Resolution Number 056-25  
Moved by Dan Lynch  
Seconded by Chris Toner

**That** Council receive the Business Retention and Expansion Study (BR&E) as information and use the Study as a long-range planning tool to guide and inform future decisions of Council and implementation by staff.

Resolution Carried

### b) **Updates to the Licencing By-Law (Market Vendors) – A/Marketing & Economic Development Officer & Town Clerk**

Resolution Number 057-25  
Moved by Chris Couper  
Seconded by Dan Lynch

**That** Council receive Report No. 25-02-24-02 as information; and

**Further That** Council direct staff to bring forward an amending by-law at the March 10th, 2025 Regular Meeting of Council to revise Schedule VI (Market Vendor) of Licencing By-Law No. 6769-17 to reflect the proposed changes as outlined in this staff report.

Resolution Carried

### c) **Procurement of Backhoe**

Resolution Number 058-25  
Moved by Tom Burnette  
Seconded by Chris Toner

**That** Council enact by-laws to:

- a) Award the Purchase of One Case 580SNWT with accessories to J.R. Brisson Limited, for a total of \$177,800.40 (plus HST); and
- b) Authorize the CAO to execute the agreements, and related documents with J.R. Brisson Equipment (Terapro Construction), to supply and deliver the equipment.

Resolution Carried

**d) User Group and Public Space Use – Nick Smith Centre Arena Revitalization Project – Director of Recreation**

Resolution Number 059-25  
Moved by Dan Lynch  
Seconded Chris Toner

**That** Council receive report 25-02-24-04 as information.

Resolution Carried

Discussion ensued among Members of Council, resulting in the following motion:

Resolution Number 060-25  
Moved by Dan Lynch  
Seconded by Chris Couper

**That** Council direct staff to bring back a draft lease agreement regarding leasing of a meeting space to the Arnprior Packers by June 2025.

Resolution Carried

**e) Annual Statement of Council Remuneration – General Manager, Client Services/Treasurer**

Resolution Number 061-25  
Moved by Chris Couper  
Seconded by Dan Lynch

**That** Council receives as information the attached 2024 Statement of Remuneration and Expenses paid to Council and Local Boards.

Resolution Carried

**13. Committee Reports and Minutes**

**a) Mayor's Report**

Mayor Lisa McGee reported the following:

- Police Services Board Meeting – discussion surrounded future meeting locations. Never landed on a decision but the location will likely rotate through municipalities that could accommodate a police services board meeting. Meetings could continue to be hosted at the Renfrew Detachment, however one of the factors is that they would like to start recording the meetings for public viewing and that limits the options for location as well. Discussion ensued about the Budget Resolutions. Chair Rob Tripp was reelected.

- The Mayor had a brief meeting with Pierre Dufresne from Cavanagh Communities which provided an opportunity to catch up and hear his ideas. She was impressed by the commitments that they are making to respect the community and the lands that they hope to build homes on. She clarified that we do not yet have an application or plan for consideration.
- The Mayor joined dozens of residents for bitter sweet event at Bee Savvy to celebrate their contributions to the downtown as they get ready to close their doors. Every part of their business was built with blood, sweat and tears and this will leave a giant gap in the downtown area. The Mayor is grateful that they will still be present at Canada's Oldest Bowling Alley and wishes them the best.

#### **b) County Councillor's Report**

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

- Of note, the County took a \$8,850,000 debenture at 3.5% for the reconstruction of Foymount Road.
- Next County meeting is this Wednesday, 26 February 2025.

#### **c) Committee Reports and Minutes**

None

### **14. Correspondence & Petitions**

#### **a) Correspondence Package No. I-25-FEB-04**

Resolution Number 062-25

Moved by Tom Burnette

Seconded by Chris Couper

**That** Correspondence Package Number I-25-FEB-04 be received as information and filed accordingly.

Resolution Carried

County Councillor Dan Lynch noted the following items:

- Page 6 – AMO is delivering a 4-part webinar series to help municipalities meet O. Reg. 588/17 asset management plan requirements. Register for part one on Proposed Levels of Service is being held on March 6.
  - The CAO noted that the Engineering Officer, Facilities and Assets, will be attending. The Town of Arnprior is also making good progress on the AMP update and will remain compliant.
- Page 7 – To commemorate World War II's 80<sup>th</sup> anniversary, the Canadian Fallen Heroes Foundation (CFHF) is offering to help municipalities wishing to honour their fallen soldiers. Ontario's contact is at 99-1568 Merivale Road Suite 633, Ottawa, ON K2G 5Y7, 1-778-459-2224.

- The CAO noted that the Town will investigate this opportunity.
- Page 7 – The Aquatic Sports Council of Ontario released a report making the case for provincial recreational facility funding.
  - The Director of Recreation noted that there is no program at this time. This is an effort to continue to lobby government agencies to create further support for aquatic recreation. Could be potential for rural communities but largely focused on bigger urban centres.

**b) Correspondence Package No. A-25-FEB-03**

Resolution Number 063-25  
 Moved by Chris Couper  
 Seconded by Chris Toner

**That** Correspondence Package Number A-25-FEB-03 be received and the recommendations be brought forward for Council consideration.

Resolution Carried

**15. By-laws & Resolutions**

**a) By-laws**

Resolution Number 064-25  
 Moved by Dan Lynch  
 Seconded by Chris Couper

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

- i. By-Law No. 7565-25 – Procurement of backhoe from J.R. Brisson Equipment (Terapro Construction) (LAS Buying Program)

Resolution Carried

**b) Resolutions**

**i. Women's Sexual Assault Centre Renfrew County – May Sexual Assault Awareness Month**

Resolution Number 065-25  
 Moved by Chris Couper  
 Seconded by Dan Lynch

**That** the Council of the Corporation of the Town of Arnprior receive the correspondence from the Women's Sexual Assault Centre of Renfrew County; and

**Whereas** the Women's Sexual Assault Centre of Renfrew County is continuing to work on a Status of Women Canada Project, creating a rural model for female survivors of sexual abuse/assault with the hope of sharing this model across Canada; and

**Whereas** one of the components of the completed model will be a yearly campaign entitled “We Stand with Survivors”, with this year being the 7th annual event; and

**Therefore Be It Resolved That** Council agrees to hang the “We Stand with Survivors” banner for the month of May 2025 in the municipality; and

**Further That** Council direct the CAO to work with Town staff to find the most suitable location to hang this banner; and

**Further That** this resolution be forwarded to the Status Project Coordinator of the Women’s Sexual Assault Center Renfrew County.

Resolution Carried

ii. **Resolution of Support (Town of Hanover) – United States of America Imposition of Tariffs on Canada**

Resolution Number 066-25  
Moved by Chris Couper  
Seconded by Chris Toner

**That** the Council of the Town of Arnprior receives the correspondence from the Town of Hanover; and

**Whereas** United States President Donald Trump, issued executive orders to impose tariffs on imports from Canada; and

**Whereas** these tariffs will have a significant detrimental impact on the economic stability in both countries; and

**Whereas** federal and provincial leaders are encouraging Canadians to buy Canadian; and

**Whereas** municipalities have significant purchasing power through capital and infrastructure programs; and

**Whereas** according to data from the Association of Municipalities of Ontario, Ontario municipalities are expected to spend \$250 to \$290 billion on infrastructure in the next 10 years; and

**Whereas** municipalities have traditionally been prevented by trade agreements and legislation from giving preference to the purchase of Canadian products and services; and

**Whereas** municipalities can assist in the effort to combat tariffs and support businesses in the procurement for capital and infrastructure programs;

**Therefore Be It Resolved That** the Council of the Town of Arnprior endorses the federal and provincial call to action to buy Canadian where and when possible; and

**That** the federal and provincial governments work with municipalities on measures to protect Canadian consumers and businesses; and

**That** Council of the Town of Arnprior calls on the Federal and Provincial government to remove any impediments to municipalities preferring to engage Canadian companies for capital projects and supplies when appropriate and feasible; and

**That** this resolution be forwarded to the Prime Minister Justin Trudeau, Premier Doug Ford, the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO), the Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM), and the Town of Hanover.

Resolution Carried

**iii. Resolution of Support (County of Renfrew) – Canada Post & the Industrial Inquiry Commission**

Resolution Number 067-25  
Moved by Dan Lynch  
Seconded by Chris Toner

**That** the Council of the Town of Arnprior receive the correspondence from the County of Renfrew; and

**Whereas** the Canada Industrial Relations Board, as instructed by the Federal Minister of Labour, Steven MacKinnon, ordered the end to the postal strike and the resumption of mail service at Canada Post on December 17, 2024, under Section 107 of the *Canada Labour Code*; and

**Whereas** the Federal Minister of Labour, Steven MacKinnon created an *Industrial Inquiry Commission* under Section 108 of *Canada Labour Code*, led by William Kaplan, that will work with the Canadian Union of Postal Workers (CUPW) and Canada Post to examine the future of the public post office, including possible changes to the *Canadian Postal Service Charter*; and

**Whereas** Canada Post is, first and foremost, a public service; and

**Whereas** the *Commission* has been tasked with reviewing the obstacles to negotiated collective agreements between CUPW and Canada Post, the financial situation of Canada Post, Canada Post's expressed need to diversify and/or alter its delivery models in the face of current business demands, the viability of the business as it is currently configured, CUPW's negotiated commitments to job security, full-time employment, and the need to protect the health and safety of workers; and

**Whereas** the *Commission* only has until May 15, 2025, to submit its final report to the government and make recommendations about the future structure of Canada Post; and

**Whereas** while there is room for written input, the *Commission* process is not widely publicized, nor equivalent to a full and thorough public service review of Canada Post's mandate allowing for all stakeholder input, as has been undertaken by previous governments; and

**Whereas** it will be crucial for the *Commission* to hear out views on key issues, including maintaining Canada Post as a public service, the importance of maintaining the moratorium on post office closures, improving the *Canadian Postal Service Charter*, home mail delivery, parcel delivery, keeping daily delivery, adding postal banking, greening Canada Post, EV charging stations, food delivery, improving delivery to rural, remote and Indigenous communities, and developing services to assist people with disabilities and help older Canadians to remain in their homes for as long as possible – and at the same time, helping ensure Canada Post's financial self-sustainability; and

**Therefore Be It Resolved That** the Town of Arnprior support the County of Renfrew in their written submission to the *Commission*; and

**Therefore Be It Resolved That** the Town of Arnprior will share this support resolution with the County of Renfrew, Federal Minister of Labour, Steven MacKinnon, and the Federal Minister of Public Services and Procurement Canada, Jean-Yves Duclos, who is responsible for Canada Post, to demand that no changes be made to the *Canada Post Corporation Act*, Canada Post's mandate or the *Canadian Postal Service Charter* without a full, thorough, public review of Canada Post, including public hearings, with all key stakeholders, in every region of Canada.

Resolution Carried

## 16. Announcements

Councillor Couper thanked residents for using the Service Requests page through the Town Website. With the increase in concerns about garbage and recycling, Councillor Couper noted that even though garbage and recycling are collected by the same contractor, they are two separate entities since recycling is no longer overseen by the municipality. He encouraged residents to reach out if their garbage is not collected, either through the web form or by phone to continue to provide the Town with data. Staff continue to work very hard behind the scenes to get things back up and running as soon as possible.

County Councillor Lynch highlighted two upcoming webinars. First one on Tuesday from the County for the Transportation Master Plan and the second one on Wednesday for the Town's Transportation Master Plan.

County Councillor Lynch also noted that Bee Savvy's last day will be Saturday and then the doors are closed.

Councillor Toner also attended the event at Bee Savvy and wanted to thank Bee Savvy for their contributions to the downtown business area. They have been really good at partnering with other people and had a lot of really cool downtown initiatives that benefited everyone. He wished them luck at the bowling alley and hopes they can continue doing all their good work.

Councillor Toner also noted he will share a written update about the ROMA conference he attended with Council members shortly.

The CAO noted that the outdoor rinks will be suffering with the warm weather this week. No outdoor rinks will be available this week. We will have to wait and see if they will reopen again.

The CAO also highlighted that Council was at the ground breaking a few weeks ago to destroy the ice for the last time on Glenn Arthur Arena and indicated that we have cameras set up to video tape the whole project and we will be sharing videos through the project. The video from the first week of construction was played for Council.

The Engineering Officer, Facilities and Assets, noted that the rink boards and scoreboard are posted for open auction online.

#### **17. Media Questions**

None

#### **18. Closed Session**

Resolution Number 068-25 (7:51 PM)

Moved by Chris Couper

Seconded by Chris Toner

**That** Council move into Closed Session to discuss one (1) matter pursuant to Section 239 (2) (b) and (f) of the Municipal Act, 2001, as amended, to discuss a personal matter about an identifiable individual, including Municipal or Local Board Employees and advice that is subject to solicitor-client privilege, including communications necessary for that purpose (Staff Matter).

Resolution Carried

Councillor Burnette left the meeting at 7:51 pm and did not return.

Resolution Number 069-25 (8:01 PM)  
Moved by Chris Couper  
Seconded by Dan Lynch

**That** Council resume to Open Session.

Resolution Carried

**19. Confirmatory By-Law**

Resolution Number 070-25  
Moved by Chris Couper  
Seconded by Chris Toner

**That** By-law No. 7566-25, being a By-law to confirm the proceedings of the Regular Meeting of Council held on February 24<sup>th</sup>, 2025, be and is hereby enacted and passed.

Resolution Carried

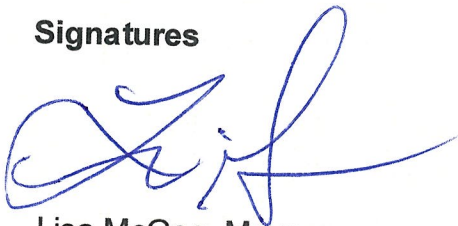
**20. Adjournment**

Resolution Number 071-25  
Moved by Dan Lynch  
Seconded by Chris Couper

**That** this meeting of Council be adjourned at 8:01 PM.

Resolution Carried

**Signatures**



Lisa McGee, Mayor



Kaila Zamojski, Town Clerk

