



ARNPRIOR

Minutes of Council Meeting

March 4th, 2025 5:00 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 Chris Toner
Councillor Chris Couper

Town Staff Present:

Robin Paquette, CAO
Kaila Zamojski, Town Clerk
Kaitlyn Wendland, Client Services
Coordinator

Council Members Present (Electronic):

Councillor Tom Burnette

Council Members Absent:

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.

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 078-25
Moved by Lynn Cloutier
Seconded by Chris Toner

Be It Resolved That the agenda for the Special Meeting of Council dated Tuesday, March 4th, 2025, be adopted.

Resolution Carried

5. Disclosures of Pecuniary Interest

None

6. Staff Reports

Mayor McGee and Council congratulated Billy Denault on his recent appointment as the new MPP from Renfrew-Nipissing-Pembroke, and wished him all the best in this new position.

a) Declaration of Vacant Council Seat and Options to Fill Councillor Seat for the balance of the 2022-2026 Term of Council, CAO and Town Clerk

Resolution Number 079-25
Moved by Dan Lynch
Seconded by Chris Couper

That Council receive staff report entitled "Declaration of Vacant Council Seat and Options to Fill Councillor Seat for the balance of the 2022-2026 Term of Council" for information; and

That pursuant to Section 262(1) of the Municipal Act, 2001, Council of the Town of Arnprior does hereby declare to be vacant one (1) Councillor Seat following the resignation Councillor Billy Denault.

Resolution Carried

Discussion ensued among Members of Council resulting in the need to move into Closed Session, to discuss identifiable individuals.

7. Closed Session

Resolution Number 080-25 (5:14 PM)
Moved by Chris Couper
Seconded by Dan Lynch

That Council move into Closed Session to discuss one (1) matter pursuant to Section 239 (2) (b) of the Municipal Act, 2001, as amended, to discuss a personal matter about an identifiable individual, including Municipal or Local Board Employees (Fill vacant Councillor seat).

Resolution Carried

Resolution Number 081-25 (5:29 PM)
Moved by Dan Lynch
Seconded by Chris Couper

That Council resume to Open Session.

Resolution Carried

Resolution Number 082-25
Moved by Chris Couper
Seconded by Tom Burnette

That Council directs staff to proceed with Option 2C to fill the vacant Councillor Seat, by direct appointment of an eligible individual without an application process and without referencing the most recent election results.

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

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

Resolution Carried

Resolution Number 083-25
Moved by Chris Couper
Seconded by Tom Burnette

That Council direct staff to proceed with filling the current vacant Councillor seat with the appointment of Ted Strike.

Resolution Carried

8. Confirmatory By-Law

Resolution Number 084-25
Moved by Chris Couper
Seconded by Dan Lynch

That By-law No. 7568-25, being a By-law to confirm the proceedings of the Special Meeting of Council held on March 4th, 2025, be and is hereby enacted and passed.

Resolution Carried

9. Adjournment

Resolution Number 085-25
Moved by Lynn Cloutier
Seconded by Tom Burnette

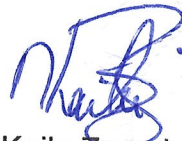
That this meeting of Council be adjourned at 5:31PM.

Resolution Carried

Signatures

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Lisa McGee, Mayor

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Kaila Zamojski', written in a cursive style.

Kaila Zamojski, Town Clerk