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**Town of Arnprior
Accessibility and Age Friendly Advisory Committee Meeting
Date: Wednesday, April 2nd, 2025
Time: 6:30 PM
Location: Town Hall – 105 Elgin St. W., Arnprior, ON K7S 1C9**

- 1. Call to Order**
- 2. Roll Call**
- 3. Land Acknowledgement**
- 4. Adoption of Agenda**
- 5. Disclosures of Pecuniary Interest**
- 6. Adoption of Previous Minutes**
 - a) **Committee Minutes – March 5th, 2025** (Page 1- 4)
- 7. Presentations / Delegations**
- 8. Matters Tabled / Deferred / Unfinished Business**
- 9. Staff Reports (by Department)**
- 10. New Business**
 - a) **Accessible Businesses Discussion**, Kelley Jaros, A\Marketing & Economic Development Officer
 - b) **National AccessAbility Week Plans Discussion**, Kaitlyn Wendland, Client Services Coordinator, Kelley Jaros, A\Marketing & Economic Development Officer
 - c) Roundtable Discussion
- 11. Adjournment**

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Minutes of the Accessibility and Age Friendly Advisory Committee Meeting

March 5th, 2025

6:30 PM

Council Chambers, Town Hall

Committee and Staff Attendance

Committee Members Present (In-Person):

Lynn Cloutier, Vice Chair
Amanda Deschamps, Committee Member
Sarah Tait, Committee Member

Committee Members Present (Electronic):

Tom Burnette, Councillor
Dave Furgoch, Committee Member

Committee Members Absent:

Tina MacLaren, Chair
Amanda Harris, Committee Member

Town Staff Present:

Kaila Zamojski, Town Clerk
Kaitlyn Wendland, Client Services
Coordinator
Graeme Ivory, Director of Recreation

1. Call to Order

Lynn Cloutier, Vice Chair, called the meeting to order at 6:30 PM and welcomed those present.

2. Roll Call

The roll was called, with all Members of the Committee being present except Tina MacLaren and Amanda Harris.

3. Land Acknowledgment

Lynn Cloutier 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 001-25
Moved by Sarah Tait
Seconded by Tom Burnette

Be It Resolved That the agenda for the Accessibility and Age Friendly Advisory Committee Meeting dated Wednesday, March 5th, 2025 be adopted.

Resolution Carried

5. Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest

None

6. Adoption of Minutes of Previous Meeting(s)

Resolution Number 002-25
Moved by Sarah Tait
Seconded by Tom Burnette

Be It Resolved That the minutes for the November 6th, 2024 Accessibility and Age Friendly Advisory Committee meeting be adopted.

Resolution Carried

7. Presentations/ Delegations

a) Age Friendly Community Plan Focus Group Session, Consultant, J.L. Richards

Ellory Vincent and Tim Chadder from J.L. Richards provided the Committee with an overview of the Age Friendly Community Plan Renewal process that is underway. Committee Members participated in a Focus Group session to provide input and feedback for the Age Friendly Community Plan Renewal. The following is a summary of the comments received:

- Benefits of living in Arnprior are:
 - community support; knowing more people and having their support; more opportunities; acceptance of disability and accessibility needs; safety; easy to get involved and meet people.
- Challenges of living in Arnprior are:
 - kids get bored; lack of transportation services; and lack of options for medical needs.
- What does an Age-Friendly Community look like to you?
 - Extra network of companion and support services; shared living arrangement options; accessibility of services and programs for all ages; entertainment options; ways to get around Town.
- What improvements could be made to make the Town more friendly?

- Improved sidewalks; educational program options; transportation options; walk in clinic; more programming; and respite care.
- What are the main physical landmarks?
 - Robert Simpson Park, Museum/clock tower, hospital, the mall, library, Nick Smith Centre.
- Is there a population of seniors that fall through the cracks?
 - Some people but not too many; Seniors at Home has support programs; lack of community newspaper creates challenges.
- What third spaces are in Town?
 - Library, Tim Hortons, Sweet and Sassy, Restaurants, SALC, and Robert Simpson Park.
- What services are most valuable to the aging community?
 - SALC, library, Arnprior Regional Health day programs, Seniors at Home, Legion, Civitan Club, NeighbourLink Fountain, and churches.
- Intergenerational Opportunities:
 - Early ON Centre, Parent and Tot and Senior skating program.
- Volunteers:
 - not seeing the same involvement since post COVID, cannot run programs that rely on volunteers, difficult to find the next generation, always calling on the same people.
- Transportation:
 - lack of public transit within Arnprior and to Ottawa creates many challenges; lack of frequent taxi service and cost.

8. Matters Tabled/ Deferred/ Unfinished Business

None

9. Staff Reports

None

10. New Business

a) Discussion – National AccessAbility Week Ideas – May 25th – 31st, 2025

Sarah Tait, Committee Member, provided an overview of National AccessAbility Week for the Committee. Discussion ensued amongst Committee Members with the following being a summary:

- May 28th, 2025 is Red Shirt Day.
- Use this week as an opportunity to highlight accessibility accomplishments and successes in Town.
- Coordinate a social media plan to feature a different aspect of accessibility every day during National AccessAbility Week.

- Town staff will bring back a draft plan, including a draft proclamation for the Committee's review at the next meeting.

b) Roundtable Discussion

Dave Furgoch, Committee Member, provided the following announcements:

- On May 31st, 2025 the Arnprior Lions Club will host the Blind Anglers and Fishers Tournament.
- On March 17th, 2025 a new documentary will air on AMI TV which Dave Furgoch will be featured in that highlights blind fishers.
- This spring, CBC's Still Standing is coming to Arnprior and Dave Furgoch has been asked to participate in it to feature his involvement in the blind fishing community.

11. Adjournment

Resolution Number 003-24

Moved by Sarah Tait

Seconded by Tom Burnette

That the Accessibility and Age Friendly Advisory Committee adjourn at 8:22 PM.

Resolution Carried