



ARNPRIOR

Minutes of Council Meeting

May 12th, 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
Councillor Ted Strike
Councillor Lynn Cloutier
Councillor Chris Toner
Councillor Chris Couper

Council Members Absent:

County Councillor Dan Lynch
Councillor Tom Burnette

Town Staff Present:

Robin Paquette, CAO
Kaila Zamojski, Town Clerk
Jennifer Morawiec, GM Client
Services/Treasurer
Kaitlyn Wendland, Deputy Clerk
John Steckly, General Manager, Operations
Ryan Wall, Engineering Officer
Graeme Ivory, Director of Recreation
Alix Jolicoeur, Manager of Community
Services/Planner

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 County Councillor Dan Lynch and Councillor Tom Burnette.

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 166-25
Moved by Chris Toner
Seconded by Lynn Cloutier

Be It Resolved That the agenda for the Regular Meeting of Council dated Monday, May 12th, 2025, be adopted as amended with the addition of a closed session under item 17.

Resolution Carried

5. Disclosures of Pecuniary Interest

None

6. Question Period

None

7. Adoption of Minutes of Previous Meeting(s)

Resolution Number 167-25

Moved by Chris Couper

Seconded by Ted Strike

That the minutes of the Regular Meeting of Council listed under Item 7 (a) on the Agenda be adopted (Regular Meeting of Council – April 28, 2025).

Resolution Carried

8. Awards/Delegations/Presentations

None

9. Public Meetings

Resolution Number 168-25 (6:32 PM)

Moved by Lynn Cloutier

Seconded by Chris Toner

That Council move into a Public Meeting regarding:

1. Application for Zoning By-Law Amendment 7/24 (Sawmill Flats)
2. Application for Zoning By-Law Amendment 4/25 (Marshalls Bay)
3. Change to Council Composition (Deputy Mayor)

Resolution Carried

The public meeting was opened at 6:32 PM.

a) ZBL 7/24 Public Meeting (Jack Crescent, Sawmill Flats Ph 3)

Alix Jolicoeur, Manager of Community Services/Planner, provided an overview presentation outlining the proposed Zoning By-Law Amendment No. 7/24 for the subject property.

Mayor McGee opened the floor to public comments with the following being a summary of the comments received:

- Anthony Homick – JP2G Consultants
 - Mr. Hommick spoke on behalf of the applicant and highlighted the proposed changes. He indicated that this next phase would keep with the design of phases one and two. He noted the request for a reduction in parking spaces follows the levels of use they have seen at the existing

buildings. JP2G's opinion is that these amendments will maintain the look of the existing features and should be approved.

No further public comments were received on this application. (6:44pm)

b) ZBL 4/25 Public Meeting (Marshall's Bay Meadows)

Alix Jolicoeur, Manager of Community Services/Planner, provided an overview presentation outlining the proposed Zoning By-Law Amendment No. 4/25 for the subject property.

Mayor McGee opened the floor to public comments with the following being a summary of the comments received:

- Cheryl Wallace – 34 Yade Road
 - Ms. Wallace asked about what will be built behind where they live, as they were informed it would be semi-detached units when they purchased their home. She also inquired if privacy measures such as a fence will be put in place by the developer. A representative from the developer, who was in attendance, provided her contact information for further discussion with Ms. Wallace.
- Mark Voyce – 14 Yade Road
 - Mr. Voyce inquired about if this change to single family homes will impact on the capacity of the sewage system. He asked if narrowing the lots will result in narrowed houses as well. He also asked for information about the grading plan for lots behind his, and how this may impact his property.
 - Staff responded and indicated that they are reviewing the development application for the phases including a servicing study and plans. Staff further noted they do not believe there are any concerns for the sewage system at this time. Staff indicated the narrower lots and house sizes will still be well within the minimum dwelling size based on the Ontario Building Code. Staff also indicated that tonight's application is specifically for the zoning of the subject land. Lots behind his are not subject to the application.
- Adam Thompson – Novatech
 - Mr. Thompson, from Novatech, provided a summary of the application and reiterated that this application is only dealing with the single-family homes.
 - Council asked Adam for clarification about whether the smaller house sizes will result in more affordable housing and if these changes will have any impact on the adjacent park lands. Adam indicated that the goal will be for more affordable home prices and that there would not be any impact on the park land.

No further public comments were received on this application. (7:00 pm)

c) Change to Council Composition (Deputy Mayor)

Robin Paquette, CAO, provided an overview presentation outlining the proposed changes to Council Composition.

No public comments were received.

The public meeting was declared closed at 7:06 PM.

Resolution Number 169-25 (7:06 PM)

Moved By Lynn Cloutier

Seconded By Chris Couper

That Council resume to the Regular Meeting of Council.

Resolution Carried

10. Matter Tabled/ Deferred/ Unfinished Business

None

11. Notice of Motion(s)

None

12. Staff Reports

a) PWC-2025-02 Daniel Street Resurfacing – Town Works, Ryan Wall, Engineering Officer

Resolution Number 170-25

Moved by Chris Couper

Seconded by Ted Strike

That Council authorize the expenditure of \$582,099.71 (incl net HST and 5% contingency) for the Town's portion of the County of Renfrew's Tender PWC-2025-02, which includes rehabilitation of sidewalks and structures along Daniel Street (CR-2), and resurfacing of William Street between John Street and Daniel Street; and

That Council authorize the CAO to execute such documentation as may be necessary to proceed with the project.

Resolution Carried

b) Pilot Project – Lease Agreement at McLean Beach, Graeme Ivory, Director of Recreation

Resolution Number 171-25
Moved by Lynn Cloutier
Seconded by Chris Toner

That Council authorize the Mayor and Clerk to execute the Lease Agreement with Air Paddle Canada Inc (operationally known as Ottawa Valley Air Paddle) for the placement of one mobile trailer for the purposes of establishing a rental center and supporting town recreation programs and events at McLean Beach.

Resolution Carried

c) Zoning By-Law Amendment 5/25 (85 Madawaska), Alix Jolicoeur, Manager of Community Services/Planner

Resolution Number 172-25
Moved by Chris Couper
Seconded by Ted Strike

That That Council receives an application for an amendment to Zoning By-law 6875-18 for a vacant parcel on Madawaska Blvd. to amend the zoning to:

- increase the maximum building height from to 14.0 m to 14.9 metres
- permit balconies to project a maximum of 1.3 m into the minimum required rear yard; and
- reduce the minimum required planting strip along the front lot line abutting Madawaska Blvd from 3.0 m to 0.0 m to permit development of a four storey 185-unit apartment development with some first-floor non-residential uses as proposed.

Further That pursuant to Section 34(12) of the Planning Act, Council holds a public meeting on June 9, 2025, regarding the proposed amendment, to allow for public review and comment.

Resolution Carried

d) Zoning By-Law Amendment 4/24 (Grace St Andrews United Church), Alix Jolicoeur, Manager of Community Services/Planner

Resolution Number 173-25
Moved by Lynn Cloutier
Seconded by Ted Strike

That Council receives an application for an amendment to Zoning By-law 6875-18 for the Grace St. Andrews United Church property including 24 Ottawa St., 258 Albert St., and 257 and 269 John St. N., to amend the zoning of a portion of the property from

Residential One to Institutional and a portion of the property from Institutional to Residential One in order to support severance of the existing detached dwellings at 258 Albert St. and 24 Ottawa St., and the creation of two new vacant residential lots with frontage on Albert St. and Ottawa St.

Further That pursuant to Section 34(12) of the Planning Act, Council holds a public meeting on June 9, 2025, regarding the proposed amendment, to allow for public review and comment.

Resolution Carried

13. Committee Reports and Minutes

a. Mayor's Report

Mayor Lisa McGee reported the following:

- Last week, the Mayor joined the McHappy Day Crew at our local McDonald's. The Mayor indicated she has a newfound respect for how hard they work and loved the interaction between management and staff. Everyone's positivity shone through.
- The Mayor had a terrific discussion with the Standing for Survivors Coordinators when they met to take a picture at the We Stand With Survivors Banner. There are several municipalities that are signing on to raise awareness and support for survivors of sexual assault. Their work is incredibly important.
- The Mayor, together with many members of Council, staff, and almost 400 Arnprior residents, were treated to a fantastic comedy show to cap off a great week of filming and highlighting Arnprior, our residents, and businesses for CBC's Still Standing. Rumours are that the episode will air in the fall, but there is no confirmed date yet.

b. County Councillor's Report

None

c. Committee Reports and Minutes

None

14. Correspondence & Petitions

a) Correspondence Package No. I-25-MAY-09

Resolution Number 174-25

Moved by Ted Strike

Seconded by Chris Couper

That Correspondence Package Number I-25-MAY-09 be received as information and filed accordingly.

Resolution Carried

Councillor Couper noted the following:

- Page 87 – The Renfrew County and District Health Unit is reminding residents that yellow is the colour of caution in their Animal Bite Awareness Campaign. This is the third year that the Renfrew County and District Health Unit is encouraging the use of a yellow ribbon tied to a dogs' leash or collar to remind people to give the animal space. This initiative is a very visible way of showing that a dog might need space for various reasons, which could include age, health reasons, nervousness, aggression, or training. If you see a dog with a yellow ribbon, do not pet them.

b) Correspondence Package No. A-25-MAY-06

Resolution Number 175-25
Moved by Chris Toner
Seconded by Lynn Cloutier

That Correspondence Package Number A-25-MAY-06 be received and the recommendations be brought forward for Council consideration.

Resolution Carried

15. By-laws & Resolutions

a) By-laws

Resolution Number 176-25
Moved by Chris Couper
Seconded by Ted Strike

That the following by-laws be and are hereby approved:

- i. By-Law No. 7590-25 – Amend Committee of Adjustment Terms of Reference
- ii. By-Law No. 7591-25 – Appointment to Committee of Adjustment (Councillor Cloutier)
- iii. By-Law No. 7592-25 – McLean Beach Lease Agreement (Air Paddle Canada Inc.)

Resolution Carried

b) Resolutions

i. Appointment of Mayor Lisa McGee to Joint Library Use Agreement Committee

Resolution Number 177-25
Moved by Ted Strike
Seconded by Chris Couper

Whereas By-law No. 6486-15 established a Joint Library Use Agreement between the Township of McNab/Braeside, Town of Arnprior and the Arnprior Public Library Board; and

16. Announcements

Councillor Toner made the following announcement:

- Councillor Toner attended the Renfrew County District School Board Vendor Fair at the Nick Smith Centre on May 8th. The hall was packed full of elementary school students. He had the opportunity to pick up some Mother's Day gifts including a multicultural cookbook, a hair scrunchie made from recycled clothes, and a wildflower card. He also got a butternut squash plant which was grown with compost from the FoodCycler that Council provided to Walter Zadow. The students were all enthusiastic and all the money raised went to the Children's Hospital for Eastern Ontario.

Councillor Couper made the following announcements:

- Councillor Couper noted he also attended the Renfrew County District School Board's Youth Fair, which was a fantastic event. In total this event raised \$5,900.
- A shout out to Cold Bear Brewing Company who won a bronze medal at the World Beer Cup, the most prestigious beer competition in the world. They won in the international dark lager category for their Czech Dark Lager. They were one of nine breweries in Canada to actually medal at this competition. They won a gold medal at the Canadian Beer Competition in 2023 and 2024 but by far, this is the biggest achievement to date. Congratulations to Cold Bear Brewing Company.

17. Closed Session

Resolution Number 179-25 (7:50 PM)

Moved by Lynn Cloutier

Seconded by Chris Couper

That Council move into Closed Session to discuss one (1) matters 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 (Striking Committee – Advisory Committees); and One (1) matter pursuant to Section 239 (2)(k) of the Municipal Act 2001, as amended, to discuss a position, plan, procedure, criteria or instruction to be applied to any negotiations carried on or to be carried on by or on behalf of the municipality or local board (Vendor).

Resolution Carried

Resolution Number 180-25 (8:19 PM)

Moved by Chris Couper

Seconded by Lynn Cloutier

That Council resume to Open Session.

Resolution Carried

Whereas Section 8 of this agreement requires the establishment of a Municipal Library Use Committee, with a Member of Council from the Town of Arnprior to be appointed; and

Whereas at the Regular Council Meeting on April 28, 2025, Council provided direction to appoint a member of Council to the Municipal Library Committee.

Therefore Be It Resolves That Mayor Lisa McGee be appointed to the Municipal Library Use Committee.

Resolution Carried

ii. Municipal Grants Application (In-Kind Request) – Grace St. Andrews United Church Women

Resolution Number 178-25
Moved by Lynn Cloutier
Seconded by Chris Couper

That Council of the Corporation of the Town of Arnprior receive the Municipal Grant request from Grace St. Andrews United Church Women for the 2025 Christmas Craft Sale; and

Whereas the Grace St. Andrews United Church Women are an eligible organization under the Municipal Grants Policy; and

Whereas the Grace St. Andrews United Church Women will be hosting a Christmas Craft Sale on November 1st, 2025 at the Nick Smith Centre which is a fundraising event that allows the Grace St. Andrews United Church Women to give back to the community; and

Therefore Be It Resolved That Council approve the request for waiving the Nick Smith Centre Community Hall Rental Fee (value of approximately \$365) on November 1st, 2025 for the Christmas Craft Sale; and

Further That Grace St. Andrews United Church Women be advised that it is mandatory to carry sufficient liability insurance and have the Town of Arnprior added as an additional insured for the event.

Resolution Carried

Resolution Number 181-25
Moved by Chris Couper
Seconded by Ted Strike

That Council direct staff to bring forward and appointment by-law to the May 26th, 2025, Regular Meeting of Council as discussed in Closed Session.

Resolution Carried

18. Confirmatory By-Law

Resolution Number 182-25
Moved by Chris Toner
Seconded by Lynn Cloutier

That By-law No. 7593-25, being a By-law to confirm the proceedings of the Regular Meeting of Council held on May 12th, 2025, be and is hereby approved.

Resolution Carried

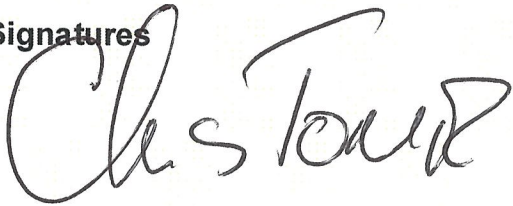
19. Adjournment

Resolution Number 183-25
Moved by Lynn Cloutier
Seconded by Chris Couper

That this meeting of Council be adjourned at 8:20 PM.

Resolution Carried

Signatures



Chris Toner, Deputy Mayor



Kaila Zamojski, Town Clerk