



ARNPRIOR

Minutes of Council Meeting May 26th, 2025, 6:30 PM

Town Hall, Council Chambers – 105 Elgin St. W. Arnprior, ON.

Council and Staff Attendance

Council Members Present (In-Person):

Deputy Mayor Chris Toner
County Councillor Dan Lynch
Councillor Ted Strike
Councillor Lynn Cloutier
Councillor Chris Couper

Council Members Present (Virtual):

Council Members Absent:

Mayor Lisa McGee
Councillor Tom Burnette

Town Staff Present:

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

1. Call to Order

Deputy Mayor Chris Toner 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 Mayor Lisa McGee and Councillor Tom Burnette.

3. Land Acknowledgement Statement

Deputy Mayor Chris Toner 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 184-25
Moved by Chris Couper
Seconded by Ted Strike

Be It Resolved That the agenda for the Regular Meeting of Council dated Monday, May 26th, 2025, be adopted.

Resolution Carried

5. Disclosures of Pecuniary Interest

Deputy Mayor Chris Toner declared a Pecuniary Interest for Agenda Item 8(a) as he is the co-owner of and has a financial interest in Cold Bear Brewing.

6. Question Period

None

7. Adoption of Minutes of Previous Meeting(s)

Resolution Number 185-25
Moved by Lynn Cloutier
Seconded by Chris Couper

That the minutes of the Regular Meeting of Council listed under Item 7 (a) on the Agenda be adopted (Regular Meeting of Council – May 12, 2025).

Resolution Carried

8. Awards/Delegations/Presentations

a) Program and Events Summer Update, Lucas Power, Program and Events Supervisor

Lucas Power, Program and Events Supervisor, provided an overview of the presentation provided in the agenda package and responded to questions from Council.

9. Public Meetings

None

10. Matter Tabled/ Deferred/ Unfinished Business

None

11. Notice of Motion(s)

None

12. Staff Reports

b) Zoning By-law Amendment Application 6/25 – 10 William St. W., Alix Jolicoeur, Manager of Community Services/Planner

Resolution Number 186-25
Moved by Lynn Cloutier
Seconded by Dan Lynch

That Council receives an application for a Zoning By-law Amendment (ZBLA 6/25) for the property known municipally as 10 William Street West to rezone the subject property from “Mixed Use Residential/Commercial exception 3 temporary zoning 2 (MU-RC*3-T2)” to “Mixed Use Residential/Commercial exception 49 temporary zoning 2 (MURC*49-T2)”; and

That pursuant to the Planning Act, Council holds a public meeting on Monday, June 23, 2025, regarding the proposed amendment, to allow for public review and comment.

Resolution Carried

c) Zoning By-law Amendment 7/24 – Sawmill Flats Phase 3, Alix Jolicoeur, Manager of Community Services/Planner

Resolution Number 187-25
Moved by Lynn Cloutier
Seconded by Chris Couper

That Council adopts a by-law to amend Zoning By-law 6875-18 for land legally described as McNab Concession C, Part of Lot 3, Part 1 on Registered Plan 49R-19701, Arnprior Ontario, from “Mixed-Use Residential/Commercial Exception 26 (MUCE*26)” to “Mixed-Use Residential/Commercial Exception 49 (MU-CE*49)” to:

- Reduce the setback to watercourse from 30 m to 4.86 m for a retaining wall and parking area;
- Increase the maximum building height from 15 m to 16.8 m;
- Reduce the minimum visitors parking rate from 0.25 spaces per apartment dwelling unit to 0.20 spaces per apartment dwelling unit; and
- Permit the balconies to encroach into the minimum required front yard by up to 1.25 m in order to permit development of a 5-storey, 57-unit multi-unit residential building with underground parking as proposed; and

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

Resolution Carried

d) Zoning By-Law Amendment 4/25 – Marshall’s Bay Meadows Phase 5A & 5B, Alix Jolicoeur, Manager of Community Services/Planner

Resolution Number 188-25
Moved by Dan Lynch
Seconded by Lynn Cloutier

That Council adopts a by-law to amend Zoning By-law 6875-18 to change the zoning of part of the land legally described as McNab Concession C, Part of Lot 1; Concession D Part of Lot 1; Part Road Allowance, Registered Plan 49R-19293 Part of Part 1, Arnprior Ontario, from “Residential Three (R3)” and “Residential Three Exception 41 (R3*41)” to “Residential Three Exception 48 (R3*48)” to reduce the minimum required lot frontage for a single-detached dwelling from 12.0 m to 10.0 m; and

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

Resolution Carried

- e) **Annual Statement of Development Charges – 2024**, Jennifer Morawiec, General Manager, Client Services/Treasurer

Resolution Number 189-25
Moved by Dan Lynch
Seconded by Lynn Cloutier

That Council receive report number 25-05-26-04 as information; and

That this Annual Statement of Development Charges be made available to the public on the Town of Arnprior website or upon request.

Resolution Carried

- f) **Budget Matters – Expenses: Ontario Regulation 284/09**, Jennifer Morawiec, General Manager, Client Services/Treasurer

Resolution Number 190-25
Moved by Chris Couper
Seconded by Ted Strike

That Council adopt this report by resolution as required under the Municipal Act, 2001, as amended, Ontario Regulation 284/09.

Resolution Carried

- g) **Proclamation for Pride Month (June 2025)**, Kaitlyn Wendland, Deputy Clerk

Resolution Number 191-25
Moved by Lynn Cloutier
Seconded by Dan Lynch

That Council proclaim June 2025 as Pride Month in the Town of Arnprior.

Resolution Carried

The Deputy Clerk read the proclamation:

Whereas June is recognized in Canada as Pride Month, a time to celebrate the contributions of persons from the 2SLGBTQ+ community, and increase efforts to build awareness; and,

Whereas the Progress Pride flag is an important symbol of hope and acceptance for 2SLGBTQ+ youth and adults who continue to face stigma, discrimination, isolation and bullying in their home, workplaces and community spaces, simply for being who they are; and,

Whereas this stigma and discrimination puts 2SLGBTQ+ individuals at elevated risk of mental-health issues, substance abuse, homelessness and suicide; and,

Whereas the Town of Arnprior acknowledges and celebrates the contributions of the 2SLGBTQ+ community to the social, cultural and economic wellbeing of all Ontarians; and,

Whereas during Pride Month, we can all reflect on the progress made to recognize and protect the rights of 2SLGBTQ+ communities, and the work that still needs to be done; and,

Whereas flying the rainbow flag at Town Hall during the second week of June 2025 symbolizes the Town's celebration of diversity and support for the 2SLGBTQ+ community.

Now Therefore, Council of the Town of Arnprior, does hereby proclaim June 2025 as Pride Month in the Town of Arnprior and encourage all citizens to think about what steps we can collectively take to make our community a safe and inclusive place for all, regardless of sexual orientation, gender identity or gender expression.

h) Proclamation for Parks and Recreation Month (June 2025), Kaitlyn Wendland,
Deputy Clerk

Resolution Number 192-25
Moved by Chris Couper
Seconded by Ted Strike

That Council proclaim June 2025 as Parks and Recreation Month in the Town of Arnprior.

Resolution Carried

The Deputy Clerk read the proclamation:

Whereas, in the Town of Arnprior, we are fortunate to have a variety of recreation and parks systems providing countless recreational opportunities for residents and visitors from around the world; and

Whereas recreation enhances quality of life, balanced living and lifelong learning; helps people live happier and longer; develops skills and positive self-image in children and youth; develops creativity; and builds healthy bodies and positive lifestyles; and

Whereas recreational participation builds family unity and social capital; strengthens volunteer and community development; enhances social interaction; creates

community pride and vitality; and promotes sensitivity and understanding to cultural diversity; and

Whereas parks, open space and trails provide active and passive outdoor recreation opportunities, help maintain clean air and water; and promotes stewardship of the natural environment; and

Whereas recreation, therapeutic recreation and leisure education are essential to the rehabilitation of individuals who have become ill or disabled, or disadvantaged, or who have demonstrated anti-social behavior; and

Whereas the benefits provided by recreation programs, services and parks, and open space, reduce healthcare and social service costs; serve to boost the economy, economic renewal and sustainability; enhance property values; attract new business; increase tourism; and curb employee absenteeism; and

Whereas the Town of Arnprior will have a variety of programming and community events sponsored by ParticipACTION's Community Better Challenge; and

Whereas the Town will be hosting 2025 Priorpalooza Festival and the School's Out Beach Party. These events will provide a wide range of activities accessible to everyone in our community.

Now Therefore, Council of the Town of Arnprior, does hereby proclaim June 2025 as Parks and Recreation Month in the Town of Arnprior and encourage all citizens to recognize the benefits and values of Recreation and Parks in Arnprior and participate in the many activities taking place this month and throughout the year.

i) Proclamation for Seniors Month (June 2025), Kaitlyn Wendland, Deputy Clerk

Resolution Number 193-25
Moved by Dan Lynch
Seconded by Lynn Cloutier

That Council proclaim June 2025 as Seniors Month in the Town of Arnprior.

Resolution Carried

The Deputy Clerk read the proclamation:

Whereas Seniors Month is an annual province-wide celebration to recognize the considerate contributions that seniors have made to the life and vibrancy of our community; and,

Whereas seniors continue to serve as leaders, mentors, volunteers and important and active members of this community; and,

Whereas their contributions past and present warrant appreciation and recognition and their stories deserve to be told; and,

Whereas the health and well-being of seniors is in the interest of all and further adds to the health and well-being of the community as a whole; and,

Whereas seniors are the fastest growing population segment across Canada and a significant number of Arnprior seniors are leading healthy and active lives; and,

Whereas the Town of Arnprior's Recreation Department, the Seniors Active Living Centre (SALC), and many community groups throughout the Town provide regular age-friendly programming for local seniors.

Now Therefore, Council of the Town of Arnprior, does hereby proclaim June 2025 as Seniors Month in the Town of Arnprior and encourage all citizens to recognize and celebrate the accomplishments of our seniors.

13. Committee Reports and Minutes

a. Mayor's Report

None

b. County Councillor's Report

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

- At the last County meeting there were three delegations:
 - Ann Pohl, Spokesperson, Kitchissippi Ottawa Valley Regarding: Earth Day and Climate Action Postcard. Of note, Ann provided the cards received from Arnprior and thanked the Town for their participation.
 - Sabine Mersmann, Jama Watt, Mike Nolan, Ottawa Valley Health Team (OVOHT) – Primary Care Team Expansion Proposals. Of note, the County passed a resolution supporting the two proposals that dealt with postal codes K8A and K0J were to be submitted by May 31, 2025. Arnprior and McNab/Braeside are not part of this health team. Without a delegation from the Four Rivers Health Team, the County will not provide a resolution of support. At the present time Nurse Practitioners cannot bill the province, this is being looked into for potential in 2026.
 - Chris Brennan, Enbridge Gas, brought forward a renewal of their Franchise Agreement with the County.
- Two snowplows were purchased for a total cost of \$957,052.00 plus tax.
- The County of Renfrew Paramedic Service is partnering with Mackay Manor, Renfrew, Ontario, following the successful partnership of a joint application to the Substance Use and Addictions Program (SUAP). This funding will

support the delivery of targeted paramedic-led outreach services. These services will focus on individuals experiencing homelessness, mental health challenges, and/or substance use concerns. This initiative aims to improve access to care for vulnerable populations by providing timely, community-based interventions.

- Renfrew County Housing Corporation indicated that there are 1811 people waiting for housing which equates to 7-9 years.
- A report from Community Services indicated that 1 in 4 families are experiencing a food shortage.
- As Deputy Warden, he had the opportunity to represent the County at the Town of Petawawa's Kick Off to Accessibility Week, which is May 25-31 and on Sunday, he had the opportunity to be in Eganville where he brought greetings and congratulations from the County to Gerald Tracey, who not only celebrated his 72nd birthday, but also had a community celebration that highlighted the naming of a park "Gerald Tracey Park" after him.
- Next County Council meeting this Wednesday May 28th.

c. Committee Reports and Minutes

Councillor Couper made the following report from the Arnprior Public Library Board:

- Regarding the renewal of the library use agreement, the board has appointed Chair Josie Scott and McNab/Braeside Representative Shane Kramer. The Town of Arnprior has appointed Mayor Lisa McGee and McNab/Braeside has appointed Councillor Jill Campbell. This is a very exciting opportunity to reaffirm and renew the library agreement that has been in place for many years.
- Math tutoring continues to be very well received. The library has pivoted to a new lead on the program, and it is offering services to students in grades 5 to 12 until the end of June. Provided by the generous support of the Rotary Club.
- The Board reviewed the Collection Development Policy with suggestions to tighten up some of the language regarding some challenges.
- Summer students have been hired, and the Youth Services Librarian will spend the later part of May and into June crafting the exciting Summer Calendar of Events.
- The new book locker has been installed beside the Archives entrance. Staff have received training, and the book locker will soon be operational. It will offer 24-hour access to materials to all customers with a valid library card.
- Strategic Planning continues and is being facilitated by Alison Pilon from the Ontario Library Service. An in-person, full day, strategic planning exercise will be happening soon.
- The library has had 418 new cards up to the end of April as the community continues to see growth and the value of the library.

14. Correspondence & Petitions

a) Correspondence Package No. I-25-MAY-10

Resolution Number 194-25

Moved by Lynn Cloutier

Seconded by Dan Lynch

That Correspondence Package Number I-25-MAY-10 be received as information and filed accordingly.

Resolution Carried

County Councillor Lynch made the following comments:

- Page 3 – The Ontario government is accepting applications for the second intake of the 2025-26 Sport Hosting Program, which provides funding to communities and sport organizations that are hosting national and international amateur sport events in the province. He asked the CAO if the Town will be applying.
 - The CAO noted that the Town will not be applying as, at this time, the Town is not hosting any national or international sporting events.
- Page 31 – The Ontario Government plans to permanently cut the gasoline and fuel tax rates and remove tolls from the provincially owned Highway 407 East.
- Page 61 – AMO's Municipal Rep Day Program provides AMO's members with a set of resources they can use when visiting classrooms in their communities. Resources and guides for teachers and elected officials can support a productive and engaging visit with students and help ignite interest in local government with future voters and community leaders. He asked the CAO if the Town has received the "set of resources".
 - The CAO noted that these resources can be found on AMO's website under the Civic Education Resources which can be accessed by anyone.
- Page 62 – Nominations are open for the Lieutenant Governor's Medal of Distinction in Public Administration, Ontario's highest honour for public service. Individuals can nominate a colleague from their municipality by June 27, 2025. He asked the CAO if the Town has considered anyone in the organization for this Medal.
 - The CAO noted that the Town is not considering anyone at this time.
- Page 66 – LAS' virtual net zero workshop dealing with how we can cut energy costs, boost savings and incorporate low carbon initiatives in our municipal buildings. He asked the CAO if the Town has anyone registered to attend.
 - The CAO noted that staff will review this opportunity.
- Page 66 – Small and mid-sized Ontario municipalities are invited to submit an expression of interest to participate in Quest Canada's Net-Zero Communities Accelerator Program by June 13. He asked the CAO if the Town will be submitting an expression of interest.
 - The CAO noted that staff are reviewing this opportunity.

15. By-laws & Resolutions

a) By-laws

Resolution Number 195-25
Moved by Lynn Cloutier
Seconded by Dan Lynch

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

- i. By-law No. 7594-25 – Zoning By-law Amendment 7/24 (Sawmill Flats Phase 3)
- ii. By-law No. 7595-25 – Zoning By-law Amendment 4/25 (Marshall's Bay Meadows Phase 5A & 5B)
- iii. By-law No. 7596-25 – Zoning By-law 7/25 – Lift Holding (Corb Stewart Court)
- iv. By-law No. 7597- 25 – Appoint Advisory Committee Members

Resolution Carried

b) Resolutions

i. 2024 Annual Integrity Commissioner Report

Resolution Number 196-25
Moved by Chris Couper
Seconded by Lynn Cloutier

That Council receive the attached 2024 Annual Report from the Integrity Commissioner / Closed Meeting Investigator as information.

Resolution Carried

16. Announcements

Councillor Couper made the following announcements:

- Tickets on sale now for the Two Rivers Musical Productions 2025 musical production: Once Upon a Mattress! A musical comedy with a humorous twist on the fairy tale, 'The Princess and the Pea'. Performance at Arnprior District High School, 59 Ottawa St, Arnprior and the shows dates are: May 29 – May 31 at 7 pm and June 1 at 2 pm.
- 2025 Season: Market runs rain or shine on Sundays from June 8, 2025, to September 28, 2025 (17 dates). First Market will have a pride theme in recognition of Pride month. The Market hours are 9:00 am - 2:00 pm and is located on John Street North in Downtown Arnprior.
- Jail and Bail is happening on Saturday, June 14th at 10:00am. This event is hosted by the Lion's Club and will take place in the Giant Tiger Parking Lot. All money raised through this fundraiser benefits our community through Lion's Club. MPP Billy Denault will be among those participating

Deputy Mayor Chris Toner made the following announcement:

- I visited the Lion's Club's Walk for Dog Guides on the Algonquin Trail. There were about 25 dogs who participated in the walk. The Fire Department and Special Olympics participated as well. It was nice to see It Takes a Village Dog Rescue participating with some of their dogs that are looking for homes. Just shy of \$4,000 was raised at the walk.

17. Closed Session

None

18. Confirmatory By-Law

Resolution Number 197-25
Moved by Chris Couper
Seconded by Ted Strike

That By-law No. 7598-25, being a By-law to confirm the proceedings of the Regular Meeting of Council held on May 26th, 2025, be and is hereby approved.

Resolution Carried

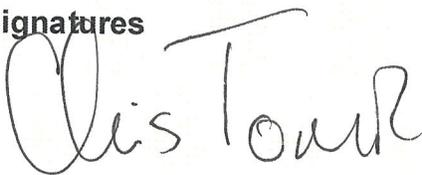
19. Adjournment

Resolution Number 198-25
Moved by Lynn Cloutier
Seconded by Dan Lynch

That this meeting of Council be adjourned at 7:39 PM.

Resolution Carried

Signatures



Chris Toner, Deputy Mayor



Kaila Zamojski, Town Clerk