



Town of Arnprior
Accessibility and Age Friendly Advisory Committee Meeting
Date: Wednesday, June 4th, 2025
Time: 6:30 PM
Location: Town Hall – 105 Elgin St. W., Arnprior, ON K7S 1C9

- 1. Call to Order**
 - a) Appoint chair
- 2. Roll Call**
- 3. Land Acknowledgement**
- 4. Adoption of Agenda**
- 5. Disclosures of Pecuniary Interest**
- 6. Adoption of Previous Minutes**
 - a) **Committee Minutes – April 2nd, 2025** (Page 1-4)
- 7. Presentations / Delegations**
 - a) Youth Recreational Spaces, Clayton & Max, RCDSB Students
 - b) **Sensory-Friendly Spaces**, Leslie Anne Hook, Resident & CDAC Member (Page 5)
- 8. Matters Tabled / Deferred / Unfinished Business**
- 9. Staff Reports (by Department)**
- 10. New Business**
 - a) Roundtable Discussion
- 11. Adjournment**

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Minutes of the Accessibility and Age Friendly Advisory Committee Meeting

April 2nd, 2025

6:30 PM

Council Chambers, Town Hall

Committee and Staff Attendance

Committee Members Present (In-Person):

Tom Burnette, Councillor
Amanda Deschamps, Committee Member

Committee Members Present (Electronic):

Dave Furgoch, Committee Member
Amanda Harris, Committee Member (6:37PM – 7:06PM)
Sarah Tait, Committee Member

Committee Members Absent:

Lynn Cloutier, Vice Chair

Town Staff Present:

Kaila Zamojski, Town Clerk
Kaitlyn Wendland, Client
Services Coordinator
Graeme Ivory, Director of
Recreation
Kelley Jaros, Acting
Marketing & Economic
Development Officer

1. Call to Order

Tom Burnette, Acting Chair, called the meeting to order at 6:31 PM and welcomed those present.

2. Roll Call

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

3. Land Acknowledgment

Tom Burnette, Acting Chair, 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 004-25

Moved by Amanda Deschamps

Seconded by Sarah Tait

Be It Resolved That the agenda for the Accessibility and Age Friendly Advisory Committee Meeting dated Wednesday, April 2nd, 2025 be adopted.

Resolution Carried

5. Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest

None

6. Adoption of Minutes of Previous Meeting(s)

Resolution Number 005-25

Moved by Dave Furgoch

Seconded by Amanda Deschamps

Be It Resolved That the minutes for the March 5th, 2025 Accessibility and Age Friendly Advisory Committee meeting be adopted.

Resolution Carried

7. Presentations/ Delegations

None

8. Matters Tabled/ Deferred/ Unfinished Business

None

9. Staff Reports

None

Amanda Harris joined the meeting at 6:37 PM.

10. New Business

a) Accessible Businesses Discussion

Kelly Jaros, Acting Marketing and Economic Development Officer, provided an overview for the Committee of how the Town can use its website's business directory to highlight businesses in Town that have accessible features. She asked the Committee to provide feedback on what those features should be. Committee Members indicated that they would consider this topic and share their feedback at a future meeting.

Kelley also asked the Committee would additional information they would like to see featured on the Accessibility page on the Town's website. Committee Members

highlighted that they would like to see additional information about external resources for families and individuals with disabilities.

Amanda Deschamps, Committee Member, asked staff about options to provide space to different organizations to be able to provide services in Arnprior. Kaila Zamojski, Town Clerk, indicated that staff could investigate opportunities through In-Kind Support, and encouraged organizations to reach out with their needs.

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

Kelley Jaros, Acting Marketing and Economic Development Officer, provided an overview of the social media plan for National AccessAbility Week for the Committee.

This will include the following:

- Monday – Accessible Businesses
- Tuesday – Available Programs
- Wednesday – Red Shirt Day
- Thursday – Highlight Accessibility & Age Friendly Advisory Committee
- Friday – Parks & Recreation

Kaitlyn Wendland, Client Services Coordinator, provided a draft proclamation for National AccessAbility Week for the Committee to review. The Committee provided feedback on the proclamation. Sarah Tait, Committee Member, provided clarification about the creation of National AccessAbility Week by the Government of Canada. The updated proclamation will be presented to Council.

c) Roundtable Discussion

Amanda Deschamps, Committee Member, raised concerns about losing family doctors in Arnprior and the lack of services.

Kaila Zamojski, Town Clerk, informed the Committee that Council proclaimed April 2nd, 2025, as World Autism Day in the Town of Arnprior.

Amanda Deschamps, Committee Member, asked questions to staff about the process for registering children for private swimming lessons. Graeme Ivory, Director of Recreation, indicated that staff will look into ways to improve the registration process.

11. Adjournment

Resolution Number 006-24

Moved by Amanda Deschamps

Seconded by Sarah Tait

That the Accessibility and Age Friendly Advisory Committee adjourn at 7:06 PM.

Resolution Carried

Letter for AAFAC

April 21, 2025

To: Kaila Zamojski

Subject: Consultation Meeting Request

Dear Members of the Accessibility and Age-Friendly Advisory Committee:

My name is Leslie Anne, and I am a member of the Culture and Diversity Committee. During a recent meeting, I raised concerns about the need for sensory-friendly spaces within the Town of Arnprior. The Town Clerk, Kaila, informed me about the initiatives your committee has undertaken and suggested that your expertise could be valuable in addressing this issue.

A variety of diagnoses and conditions including anxiety, Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder (ADHD), Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD), Sensory Processing Disorder (SPD), hearing loss, low vision, seizure disorders, neurodiversity, concussions and dementia can significantly impact sensory processing. Despite increased awareness, barriers to inclusion persist, often preventing individuals with sensory sensitivities from fully engaging with various programs, services, or environments.

I would like to request a meeting to discuss specific barriers related to lighting, visual aids, signage and more within the Town of Arnprior. Additionally, I believe there may be some shared experiences within our committees and a collective voice could greatly enhance the experiences of residents with sensory sensitivities as they navigate the town's offerings.

Sincerely,

Leslie Anne Hook

Arnprior Resident, Member of CDAC