



ARNPRIOR

Minutes of Council Meeting June 23rd, 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
County Councillor Dan Lynch
Councillor Ted Strike
Councillor Lynn Cloutier
Councillor Tom Burnette
Councillor Chris Toner
Councillor Chris Couper

Council Members Present (Virtual):

Council Members Absent:

Town Staff Present:

Kaila Zamojski, Town Clerk
Jennifer Morawiec, GM Client
Services/Treasurer
Kaitlyn Wendland, Deputy Clerk
Graeme Ivory, Director of Recreation
Alix Jolicoeur, Manager of Community
Services/Planner
John Steckly, GM Operations
Rick Desarmia, Fire Chief
Chris Crowder, Captain/FPPO
Cory Nicholas, Deputy Fire Chief

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.

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 218-25
Moved by Chris Toner
Seconded by Lynn Cloutier

Be It Resolved That the amended agenda for the Regular Meeting of Council dated Monday, June 23rd, 2025, be adopted.

Resolution Carried

5. Disclosures of Pecuniary Interest

None

6. Question Period

None

7. Adoption of Minutes of Previous Meeting(s)

Resolution Number 219-25
Moved by Chris Couper
Seconded by Tom Burnette

That the minutes of the Regular Meeting of Council listed under Item 7 (a) on the Agenda be adopted (Regular Meeting of Council – June 9, 2025).

Resolution Carried

8. Awards/Delegations/Presentations

a) Presentations/Awards

i. Fire Department Retirements – David Wiggins and Barry Burnette

Mayor Lisa McGee recognized the retirement of Barry Burnette and David Wiggins from the Arnprior Fire Department.

Barry Burnette joined the Arnprior Fire Department on May 1, 1990, under the direction of his father and then Fire Chief Tom Burnette. Barry has followed a long-standing family tradition of service with the Arnprior Fire Department through his father Tom, his uncle Doug and grandfather Pete, whom I am sure would be very proud of Barry's commitment to the community and his accomplishments as a firefighter while serving as a member of the volunteer fire department for 35 years. Barry is the only member of the Arnprior Fire Department to attend and graduate from the 8-week Firefighter Recruit Program at the Ontario Fire College where he received great training from experienced instructors. Barry was promoted to Captain in 2002 and held that position until his retirement. During his 35 years of service on many occasions Barry has answered the emergency call from his community, leaving his family business to banish the flames or rescue people in need of help, and then hastily returning to his busy store. We thank Barry for his 35 years of service to the Arnprior Fire Department and our Community and wish him a healthy and happy retirement.

David Wiggins joined the Arnprior Fire Department on July 3rd, 2002, under the direction of Fire Chief Tom Burnette. Being new to Arnprior, after growing up on the south side of Ottawa, it was Dave's interest in serving his community, the friend connections he had made while playing hockey and the sense of family that led him to the fire service. Dave's passion for water sports and boating, knowledge of ropes and knots, and strong work ethic made him a great asset to the department's Water Rescue program where he was always willing to train or play the victim for others to learn skills for performing rescues. Dave's

commitment to volunteering has seen him do many things for his community outside of the fire department as well, helping to organize numerous sporting events held at the Nick Smith Center and supporting the Jr B Packers organization alongside his good friend, the late Glen Arthur. We thank David for his 23 years of service to the Arnprior Fire Department and our Community and wish him well in his retirement.

ii. Fire Department Provincial Fire Service Awards – Rick Desarmia and Jim Herbert

Mayor Lisa McGee presented the Provincial Fire Service Awards to Fire Chief Rick Desarmia and Captain Jim Herbert. This award is presented to individuals for 25 years of service as a full-time or volunteer firefighter with a fire department in the province of Ontario. Captain Jim Herbert and Fire Chief Rick Desarmia both began their service with the Arnprior Fire Department in October of 1994 and continue to actively serve their community.

iii. 2024 Audit Findings Report, KPMG

KPMG provided an overview of the presentation included in the agenda package regarding the 2024 Audit Findings Report and responded to questions from Council Members.

iv. Ontario Regulation 453/07 – Water Financial Plan, GM Operations

John Steckly, GM Operations, provided an overview of the presentation included in the agenda package regarding Ontario Regulation 453/07 – Water Financial Plan and responded to questions from Council Members.

9. Public Meetings

Resolution Number 220-25
Moved by Chris Couper
Seconded by Ted Strike

That Council move into a Public Meeting regarding Application for Zoning By-Law Amendment 6/25 (10 William St. W.)

Resolution Carried

The public meeting was opened at 7:06 PM.

a) Zoning By-law Amendment 6/25 – 10 William Street West

Alix Jolicoeur, Manager of Community Services/Planner, provided an overview presentation outlining the proposed Zoning By-Law Amendment No. 6/25 for the subject property.

No public comments were received.

The public meeting was declared closed at 7:12 PM.

Resolution Number 221-25
Moved by Dan Lynch
Seconded by Lynn Cloutier

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) Zoning By-law Amendment 4/24 – 24 Ottawa St., 258 Albert St., and 257 and 269 John St. N., Alix Jolicoeur, Manager of Community Services/Planner

Resolution Number 222-25
Moved by Chris Toner
Seconded by Ted Strike

That Council adopts a by-law to amend Zoning By-law 6875-18 for land legally described as Plan 7 Lot 12, 14 & 39, Part of Lot 10 and part of lot 35; and Plan 7 E part of Lot 10, Arnprior, ON, 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

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

b) Zoning By-law Amendment 5/25 – 85 Madawaska Blvd., Alix Jolicoeur, Manager of Community Services/Planner

Resolution Number 223-25
Moved by Chris Couper
Seconded by Tom Burnette

That Council adopts a by-law to amend Zoning By-law 6875-18 for land legally described as Concession C, Part of Lot 3, Arnprior, ON, to add the following provisions to the existing "Mixed-Use Commercial Employment Exception 37 (MU-CE*37)" zoning:

1. Maximum building height residential or residential/commercial use building:
14.9 m

2. Minimum planting strip along the lot line abutting Madawaska Blvd.: 0.0 m
3. Balconies may encroach a maximum of 1.3 m into the minimum required rear yard

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

c) Improvements to Zoning By-Law and Official Plan Amendment Processes, Alix Jolicoeur, Manager of Community Services/Planner

Resolution Number 224-25
Moved by Lynn Cloutier
Seconded by Dan Lynch

That Council receive staff report 25-06-23-03 as information regarding requirements for Zoning By-law and Official Plan amendment applications under the *Planning Act, 1990*; and

Further That Council directs staff to implement the improvements to reduce timelines for Zoning By-law and Official Plan amendment applications outlined herein.

Resolution Carried

d) Nick Smith Centre Meeting Room Lease – Arnprior Packers, Graeme Ivory, Director of Recreation

Resolution Number 225-25
Moved by Lynn Cloutier
Seconded by Dan Lynch

That Council adopt a by-law authorizing the Mayor and Clerk to execute the Lease Agreement with the Arnprior Packers Hockey Club for the lease of the future Upper-Level Meeting Room #2 at the Nick Smith Centre for use as office space.

Resolution Carried

e) Biannual Financial Update, Jennifer Morawiec, GM Client Services/Treasurer

Resolution Number 226-25
Moved by Ted Strike
Seconded by Tom Burnette

That Council receive report number 25-06-23-05 as information.

Resolution Carried

13. Committee Reports and Minutes

a. Mayor's Report

Mayor McGee reported the following:

- County Councillor Lynch and Mayor McGee went to Pembroke to receive \$10,000 in support from the Sport for All Fund provided by the Ottawa Valley Community Foundation. This was presented at their AGM and Awards Night.
- Councillor Couper, County Councillor Lynch and Mayor McGee attended the AMO Healthy Democracy Forum in Almonte. Lots of discussions and ideas shared with other municipal councillors, especially focused on voter turn out and ways to engage communities.
- GM Client Services/Treasurer and Mayor McGee attended a discussion regarding OPP Funding. Hoped for more of a Q&A but the presentation largely focused on soliciting ideas. Hopefully there will be a positive update in advance of a 2026 budget.
- County Councillor Lynch and Mayor McGee attended the Ceremonial Review for the local cadets. It was a beautiful ceremony this year hosted at ADHS.
- GM Client Services/Treasurer, CAO and Mayor McGee attended the initial Library Joint Use Agreement Committee meeting. Good first meeting and looking forward to the next meeting in July.
- Councillor Cloutier and Mayor McGee attended the retirement celebration for former MPP John Yakabuski. There were hundreds of other folks from Renfrew-Nipissing-Pembroke and some of his former Queen's Park colleagues. Treated to great food and lots of laughter.
- Joined Fans for Life who have purchased seat sponsorships for the revitalized Nick Smith Centre arenas. 54 seats have been sold which has generated over \$20,000 towards the project. Was lovely to see people so engaged and feeling a part of the process.

b. County Councillor's Report

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

- Alastair Baird is now on the board of the Ottawa Valley Community Foundation. The Arnprior Curling Club also received funding from the Sport for All Fund.
- On June 11th, 2025, County Councillor Lynch attended the AMO Rural Healthy Democracy Forum in Almonte.
- On June 14th, 2025, County Councillor Lynch attended the 2360-42nd Field Artillery Regiment (Lanark & Renfrew) graduation parade.
- The County has been approved to have a Homeless and Addiction Recovery Treatment Hub in Pembroke with a budget of \$6.1 million.
- Renfrew County Housing Corporation is responsible for 1,029 residential units.

- Good news for Long Term Care residences. The Ministry of Long-Term Care will provide a 2% increase to all Level of Care funding envelopes, and Nutritional Support will receive a 2.8% increase. As well, Staffing Supplementary (4 hours of care) will increase the funding by 3.1%.
- County Councillor Lynch's team did not win the Warden's Golf Tournament.
- Effective today, Mike Behm is the new Manager of Public Works for the County of Renfrew.
- The next County meeting is June 25th, 2025.

c. Committee Reports and Minutes

Resolution Number 227-25
 Moved by Chris Couper
 Seconded by Tom Burnette

That Council receive the Advisory Committee Minutes listed under item 13 (c) (i), (ii) and (iii) as information (Accessibility and Age Friendly Advisory Committee – April 2, 2025, Culture and Diversity Advisory Committee – April 7, 2025, and Environmental Advisory Committee – April 22, 2025).

Resolution Carried

Councillor Toner reported the following from the Environmental Advisory Committee (EAC):

- The EAC welcomed a new member, Lessia Stefanison, to our committee on June 16th.
- A presentation from Just Good Compost, a new door-to-door compost pickup service in Almonte and Carleton Place, and soon to be in Arnprior, took place. Just Good Compost is also a social enterprise, providing meaningful, paid employment to individuals with intellectual disabilities in our local community. Check out www.justgoodcompost.com for more information.
- The EAC will also be asking staff to bring forward information to support a resolution for Arnprior to become designated in the Bee City Canada program. The goal of the Bee City Certification is to promote healthy, sustainable habitats and communities for native bees and other pollinators.
- Suggested locations for new bicycle racks for downtown Arnprior were made by the EAC to staff for consideration.

Councillor Toner reported the following from the Seniors Active Living Centre (SALC):

- SALC welcomed Amber as the new permanent SALC Program Coordinator.
- The SALC was successful in their yearly funding grant of \$59,500.
- After-hour programming is starting on Saturday, June 28th, at 10am at the center.
- A Woodshop Workshop is being introduced courtesy of Titterton and Schaly Fine Woodworking.

- The Township of McNab/Braeside will be hosting four (4) 55+ Dances, and the information will be distributed to the SALC members.
- New programming and events are being introduced to the center. Yin yoga, cinema escape, high tea and more Service Canada information sessions will begin soon.
- The first bus trip of the year was this past Saturday to the Brockville Tall Ships Festival.
- Membership is around 290 members, slightly down from previous years, however with a new Program Coordinator in place the center now has stability and should start to regain past momentum.

14. Correspondence & Petitions

a) Correspondence Package No. I-25-JUN-12

Resolution Number 228-25

Moved by Lynn Cloutier

Seconded by Dan Lynch

That Correspondence Package Number I-25-JUN-12 be received as information and filed accordingly.

Resolution Carried

County Councillor Lynch made the following comments:

- Page 16: The Ontario Government is expanding access to trails across the province by investing \$20 million over four years into the Greenlands Conservation Partnership Program. For 2024/25, 15 projects will open over 1,650 acres of land, including trails, for the public to enjoy at no cost.
- Page 25: To strengthen and protect Ontario's current and future workforce, the Ontario government has launched My Career Journey, an interactive online tool which will connect students and job seekers to the information they need to begin fulfilling careers.
- Page 44: The Ontario government is investing \$750,000 over three years to help expand access to independent legal advice for victims and survivors of sexual assault.
- Recent Information - Starting July 1st, 2025, Canada will roll out a nationwide update to its road safety laws under the New Canada Driving Law 2025. This includes School Zone Speed Limits changed to 30 km/h enforced 24/7 nationwide, impaired driving BAC limit lowered to 0.05 BAC nationwide, and distracted driving fines increased to starting at \$600 and higher for repeat offenses.

15. By-laws & Resolutions

a) By-laws

Resolution Number 229-25

Moved by Lynn Cloutier

Seconded by Chris Couper

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

- i. By-law No. 7600-25 – Zoning By-law Amendment 4/24 – 24 Ottawa St., 258 Albert St., and 257 and 269 John St. N.
- ii. By-Law No. 7601-25 – Zoning By-law Amendment 5/25 – 85 Madawaska Blvd.
- iii. By-law No. 7602-25 – Adopt 2024 Consolidated Audited Financial Statements
- iv. By-law No, 7603-25 – Allocate 2024 Reserve Contribution Adjustment (Surplus/Shortfall)
- v. By-law No. 7604-25 – Water Financial Plan
- vi. By-law No. 7605-25 – Arnprior Packers Lease Agreement

Resolution Carried

b) Resolutions

i. Ontario Regulation 453/07 – Water Financial Plan

Resolution Number 230-25
Moved by Tom Burnette
Seconded by Ted Strike

That Council approve the Water Financial Plan, prepared to meet the requirements of Ontario Regulation 453/07, as presented by Watson & Associates Economists Ltd, dated June 6, 2025.

Resolution Carried

16. Announcements

County Councillor Lynch made the following announcements:

- Congratulations to the Lions Club on raising a little over \$9,000 for this year's Jail or Bail.
- On June 17th, 2025, County Councillor Lynch attended the 4th Canadian Division Support Group Change of Command for Colonel Jason Guiney to Colonel Sean Trenholm. Of note, Colonel Guiney was promoted to the rank of Brigadier General and posted to Ukraine.
- This Saturday, the Township of McNab/Braeside will be celebrating their 200-year anniversary. Events will be running from 10:00 AM to 4:00 PM.
- On July 4th, 2025, the Special Olympics are holding their annual golf tournament at the Madawaska Golf Club.
- On July 6th, 2025, the "Stone Soup" dinner is being held at the Christian Education Centre from 4:00 – 7:00 PM.
- On July 26th, 2025, the Arnprior Packers golf tournament is being held at Mountain Creek Golf Course.
- Starbucks is now open on Daniel Street along with Osmow's Shawarma.
- Reminder to residents and visitors to our parks that charcoal BBQ's are not permitted. Thanks to one of our Parks & Recreation staff, Autumn Hughes, who

very diplomatically advised a visitor at Robert Simpson Park to extinguish his charcoal BBQ.

- Concerts in the Park booklets are available at the Nick Smith Centre and the Clerk's Office.

Councillor Chris Toner made the following announcement:

- Last week Councillor Toner took part in the award presentation at Ottawa Valley Air Paddle with Scott, Lana and their daughter. They were the recipients of this year's Ottawa Valley Tourism Award – Business of the Year.

Councillor Chris Couper made the following announcement:

- MP Cheryl Gallant will be at Arnprior Town Hall on Tuesday July 15th from 1:00 PM to 3:00 PM to meet with one-on-one with residents. She is offering assistance for passports applications, disability tax credit, CPP, old-age security, EI and all kinds of federal programs. To book an appointment call 1-866-295-7165.

17. Closed Session

None

18. Confirmatory By-Law

Resolution Number 231-25

Moved by Tom Burnette

Seconded by Ted Strike

That By-law No. 7606-25, being a By-law to confirm the proceedings of the Regular Meeting of Council held on June 23rd, 2025, be and is hereby approved.

Resolution Carried

19. Adjournment

Resolution Number 232-25

Moved by Lynn Cloutier

Seconded by Chris Couper

That this meeting of Council be adjourned at 7:55 PM.

Resolution Carried

Signatures



Lisa McGee, Mayor



Kaila Zamojski, Town Clerk