



**Town of Arnprior**  
**Accessibility and Age Friendly Advisory Committee Meeting**  
**Date: Wednesday, September 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2025**  
**Time: 6:30 PM**  
**Location: Nick Smith Centre – 77 James St., Arnprior, ON**

- 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 – June 4<sup>th</sup>, 2025** (Page 1-3)
  - b) **Committee Minutes – July 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2025** (Page 4-5)
- 7. Presentations / Delegations**
  - a) **Sensory-Friendly Spaces**, Leslie Anne Hook, Resident & CDAC Member (Page 6)
- 8. Matters Tabled / Deferred / Unfinished Business**
- 9. Staff Reports (by Department)**
- 10. New Business**
  - a) Fairview Park – Accessibility Tour
  - b) Roundtable Discussion
- 11. Adjournment**

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## **Minutes of the Accessibility and Age Friendly Advisory Committee Meeting**

**June 4<sup>th</sup>, 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):**

Dave Furgoch, Committee Member

#### **Committee Members Absent:**

Tom Burnette, Councillor  
Amanda Harris, Committee Member  
Sharon Law, Committee Member

#### **Town Staff Present:**

Kaitlyn Wendland, Deputy Clerk  
Graeme Ivory, Director of  
Recreation

### **1. Call to Order**

Lynn Cloutier, Vice Chair, called the meeting to order at 6:33 PM and welcomed those present.

### **2. Roll Call**

The roll was called, with all Members of the Committee being present except Tom Burnette, Amanda Harris and Sharon Law.

### **3. Land Acknowledgment**

Lynn Cloutier, Vice 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 007-25  
Moved by Sarah Tait  
Seconded by Dave Furgoch

**Be It Resolved That** the agenda for the Accessibility and Age Friendly Advisory Committee Meeting dated Wednesday, June 4<sup>th</sup>, be adopted as amended with the removal of item 1a (appoint chair) and item 7b (Sensory-Friendly Spaces).

Resolution Carried

#### **5. Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest**

None

#### **6. Adoption of Minutes of Previous Meeting(s)**

Resolution Number 008-25  
Moved by Sarah Tait  
Seconded by Amanda Deschamps

**Be It Resolved That** the minutes for the April 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2025, Accessibility and Age Friendly Advisory Committee meeting be adopted.

Resolution Carried

#### **7. Presentations/ Delegations**

##### **a) Youth Recreational Spaces, Clayton & Max, RCDSB Students**

Clayton and Max provided a presentation to highlight opportunities for improvement for the Town to ensure safe and accessible parks. Discussion ensued amongst Committee Members with the following being a summary:

- Asked about options for natural barriers or fences around parks near roadways.
- Suggested that the Town highlight the features of each park on the website indicating the targeted age range for the feature.
- Newer parks will continue to see more accessible features.

Vice Chair Lynn Cloutier thanked Max and Clayton for their presentation and encouraged them to continue to engage with the Town on these matters.

#### **8. Matters Tabled/ Deferred/ Unfinished Business**

None

#### **9. Staff Reports**

None

## **10. New Business**

### **a) Roundtable Discussion**

Discussion ensued amongst Committee Members with the following being a summary:

- Discussed opportunities for support for the Pheonix Centre's programming that could offer further support to children and families in Arnprior. This will remain as an agenda item for future meetings.
- Fairview Park grand opening and ribbon cutting will be happening soon.
- Noted that private swimming lessons have been great for their children this year.

## **11. Adjournment**

Resolution Number 009-24

Moved by Sarah Tait

Seconded by Amanda Deschamps

**That** the Accessibility and Age Friendly Advisory Committee adjourn at 7:32 PM.

Resolution Carried



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**Minutes of the Accessibility and Age Friendly Advisory Committee Special Meeting**

**July 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2025**

**6:30 PM**

**Council Chambers, Town Hall**

**Committee and Staff Attendance**

**Committee Members Present (In-Person):**

Lynn Cloutier, Vice Chair  
Sharon Law, Committee Member

**Committee Members Present (Electronic):**

Dave Furgoch, Committee Member (6:32-7:51 PM)  
Amanda Harris, Committee Member (6:43-7:45PM)  
Sarah Tait, Committee Member

**Committee Members Absent:**

Tom Burnette, Councillor  
Amanda Deschamps, Committee Member

**Town Staff Present:**

Kaila Zamojski, Town Clerk  
Kaitlyn Wendland, Deputy Clerk  
Graeme Ivory, Director of Recreation

**1. Call to Order**

Lynn Cloutier, Vice Chair, called the special meeting to order at 6:32 PM and welcomed those present.

**2. Roll Call**

The roll was called, with all Members of the Committee being present except Tom Burnette, Amanda Deschamps, and Amanda Harris.

**3. Land Acknowledgment**

Lynn Cloutier, Vice 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 010-25

Moved by Dave Furgoch

Seconded by Sarah Tait

**Be It Resolved That** the agenda for the Accessibility and Age Friendly Advisory Committee Special Meeting dated Wednesday, July 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2025 be adopted.

Resolution Carried

#### **5. Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest**

None

#### **6. Presentations/ Delegations**

**a) Presentation of Draft Age Friendly Community Plan**, Ellory Vincent & Tim Chadder, J.L. Richards

Ellory and Tim provided an overview of the Draft Age Friendly Community Plan, attached to these minutes.

Amanda Harris joined the meeting at 6:43 PM and left the meeting at 7:45 PM.

Committee Members provided feedback with the following being a summary:

- Creating links to the multi-year accessibility plan.
- Identifying creative options for more public washrooms in high traffic areas.
- Explore funding opportunities for transportation options.
- Potential for collaborative community gardens with seniors and youth.
- Finding and maintaining momentum with new and existing volunteers.
- Creating connections with other Town of Arnprior Master Plans.

David Furgoch left the meeting at 7:51 PM.

Quorum was lost at 7:51 PM.

Committee Members who were still present for discussion were asked to send their further feedback to the Deputy Clerk, and it would be forwarded to the Consultant.

#### **7. Adjournment**

Resolution Number 011-25

Moved by Sarah Tait

Seconded by Sharron Law

**That** the Accessibility and Age Friendly Advisory Committee adjourn at 7:51 PM.

Resolution Carried

# Letter for AAFAC

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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