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**Minutes of Council Meeting
October 14th, 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 Couper

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

Council Members Present (Virtual):

Council Members Absent:

Councillor Chris Toner

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 Councillor Chris Toner.

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 305-25
Moved by Tom Burnette
Seconded by Chris Couper

Be It Resolved That the agenda for the Regular Meeting of Council dated Monday, October 14th, 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 306-25

Moved by Dan Lynch

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 – September 22, 2025).

Resolution Carried

8. Awards/Delegations/Presentations

Delegations

a) Santa Claus Parade, Arnprior Optimist Club

Brad McKay from the Arnprior Optimist Club provided Council with an update on this year's Santa Claus Parade. This is the first year that the Arnprior Optimist Club will be running the Santa Claus Parade. The parade is scheduled for Saturday, November 29th beginning at 6:00 PM. The parade will require 40-50 volunteers and the Optimist Club will be advertising if they need community volunteers.

Mayor McGee thanked Brad for his presentation and noted that Council looks forward to this year's parade.

Presentations

a) Draft Age Friendly Community Plan Refresh, JL Richards

Tim Chadder and Ellory Vincent from JL Richards provided Council with an overview of the Draft Age Friendly Community Plan. The presentation shared during the meeting is attached as Appendix A to these minutes.

Staff will present a resolution for Council to adopt the new Age Friendly Community Plan at the next Council Meeting.

Mayor McGee thanked the staff at JL Richards for their presentation.

9. Public Meetings

None

10. Matter Tabled/ Deferred/ Unfinished Business

None

11. Notice of Motion(s)

None

12. Staff Reports

a) **NSC Arena Revitalization – Financing Options**, Jennifer Morawiec, GM Client Services/Treasurer

Resolution Number 307-25
Moved by Chris Couper
Seconded Ted Strike

That Council authorize the Community Sport and Recreation Infrastructure Fund grant of \$1,000,000 for the Nick Smith Centre Arena Revitalization project be utilized to reduce the amount of debt financing to \$3,000,000, and

That Council authorize the Treasurer to proceed with RBC for long-term borrowing of \$3,000,000 for capital works (NSC Arena Revitalization) through their proposed 5-year Fixed Rate Interest Term and 10-year amortization; and

That Council authorizes the Treasurer to execute the agreements and related documents with RBC to execute the borrowing.

Resolution Amended

Resolution Number 308-25
Moved by Lynn Cloutier
Seconded Dan Lynch

That Resolution Number 307-21, paragraph two, the words “5-year” be replaced with the words “4-year”.

Resolution Carried

Resolution Number 309-25
Moved by Chris Couper
Seconded Tom Burnette

That Council authorize the Community Sport and Recreation Infrastructure Fund grant of \$1,000,000 for the Nick Smith Centre Arena Revitalization project be utilized to reduce the amount of debt financing to \$3,000,000, and

That Council authorize the Treasurer to proceed with RBC for long-term borrowing of \$3,000,000 for capital works (NSC Arena Revitalization) through their proposed 4-year Fixed Rate Interest Term and 10-year amortization; and

That Council authorizes the Treasurer to execute the agreements and related documents with RBC to execute the borrowing.

Resolution Carried as Amended

b) Proclamation – Waste Reduction Week, Kaitlyn Wendland, Deputy Clerk

Resolution Number 310-25
Moved by Tom Burnette
Seconded by Lynn Cloutier

That Council proclaim October 20th to 26th, 2025 as Waste Reduction Week in the Town of Arnprior.

Resolution Carried

The Town Clerk read the proclamation:

Whereas October 20th to October 26th, 2025, marks Waste Reduction Week that has been recognized by municipalities, environmental groups and industry across Canada since 2001; and

Whereas Waste Reduction Week is a national environmental campaign that builds awareness around the issues of sustainability and responsible consumption, encourages choice for more environmentally responsible products and services, and promotes actions that divert more waste from disposal while conserving our natural resources; and

Whereas we, as a municipality, are committed to waste reduction, resource conservation, and community education for sustainable living; and

Whereas we, as a municipality, will take action to reduce our waste and support the circular economy through a public education campaign aimed at bolstering environmentally friendly practices that will assist in reducing our waste. This year's themes include:

- Construction Monday
- Textiles Tuesday
- E-Waste Wednesday
- Plastics Thursday
- Food Waste Friday
- Share, Reuse, Repair Saturday and Sunday

Whereas The Arnprior + District Museum will be inviting Yulia Shtern and Sanjay Sundram to mount an exhibit called Waste Not, Want That: Climate Change Through Art and Action, from November 2025 through March 2026. Part of the exhibit includes free papier mâché with art workshop on November 1st and a panel about recycling on November 8th for members of the public to participate in; and

Whereas Schools are invited to participate in Climate Change and Art School Tour at the Arnprior + District Museum that explores issues in sustainability through art as social change; and

Whereas residents are invited to participate in an upcycle contest to reuse materials in a Halloween Costume during Waste Reduction Week to win a family swim or skate pass, details for which can be found at www.arnprior.ca.

Now Therefore I, Lisa McGee, Mayor, do hereby proclaim October 20th to 26th, 2025, as Waste Reduction Week in the Town of Arnprior and urge residents to prioritize environmental sustainability by purchasing environmentally responsible products and services, diverting unnecessary waste from garbage disposal and conserving natural resources.

c) Proclamation – Small Business Week, Kaitlyn Wendland, Deputy Clerk

Resolution Number 311-25
Moved by Chris Couper
Seconded by Tom Burnette

That Council proclaim October 19th to 25th, 2025 as Small Business Week in the Town of Arnprior.

Resolution Carried

The Town Clerk read the proclamation:

Whereas Small Business Week has been recognized across Canada since 1981 as an opportunity to celebrate the small business owners who provide essential services, local jobs, and an invaluable touchpoint in our communities; and

Whereas the Business Development Bank of Canada (BDC) organizes Small Business Week to pay tribute to Canadian entrepreneurs; and

Whereas there are 1.1 million businesses in Canada, of which 98% of them have less than 100 employees and 38% of Canada's small and medium-sized businesses are found in Ontario; and

Whereas this year to kick off Small Business Week, the BDC is hosting a webinar entitled "Get your business ready for the economic revolution" which aims to help participants stay informed and gain expert insights to help them capitalize on a shifting business landscape; and

Whereas the Town of Arnprior recognizes the importance of small businesses to the growth and development of our Town and County; and

Whereas the Town of Arnprior will continue to bring awareness of opportunities to support local small businesses by:

- **Shopping** – through participation in the Shop Arnprior program;
- **Sharing** – through sharing messaging from local businesses;
- **Suggesting** – through recommending that local businesses add themselves to the Town of Arnprior Business Directory; and

Whereas the Town of Arnprior supports businesses year-round with Financial Incentives through the Town's Community Improvement Plan to assist businesses in beautification, expansion, and start-up; and

Whereas the Town of Arnprior in partnership with the Upper Ottawa Valley Chamber of Commerce and onTrac are holding an Espresso Exchange Speed Networking event at PJ's restaurant at 2:00 PM on the October 21st.

Now Therefore I, Lisa McGee, Mayor, do hereby proclaim October 19th to 25th, 2025, as Small Business Week in the Town of Arnprior and encourage local residents to shop, learn about and support local small businesses across the Town of Arnprior.

d) Proclamation – Ontario Public Library Week, Kaitlyn Wendland, Deputy Clerk

Resolution Number 312-25
Moved by Dan Lynch
Seconded by Lynn Cloutier

That Council proclaim October 19th to 25th, 2025 as Ontario Public Library Week in the Town of Arnprior.

Resolution Carried

The Town Clerk read the proclamation:

Whereas October 19th to 25th, 2025, is celebrated across the province as “Ontario Public Library Week”; and

Whereas during this week, libraries and library partners raise awareness of the valuable role that libraries play in our lives and in our communities; and

Whereas the Arnprior Public Library serves as a community hub for lifelong learning and plays a vital role in helping citizens of all ages access the information and tools that they need to live, learn and work; and

Whereas the board, staff and volunteers of the Arnprior Public Library provide a vital service to our community; and

Whereas this year the theme for Ontario Public Library Week is “Libraries For Life” focusing on the role that libraries play in supporting individual and collective connections to the past and future of our communities, nations and civilizations; and

Whereas the Arnprior Public Library will be celebrating Ontario Public Library Week with a line-up of events and activities including an author visit by Peggy Blair October 25th, 2025, at 3:00 PM.

Therefore I, Lisa McGee, Mayor, do hereby proclaim October 19th to 25th, 2025, as “Ontario Public Library Week” in the Town of Arnprior and encourage all residents to show their support for our local public library by visiting, not just this week, but all year long, and utilize the services that they have to offer.

e) Proclamation – Local Government Week, Kaitlyn Wendland, Deputy Clerk

Resolution Number 313-25
Moved by Lynn Cloutier
Seconded by Chris Couper

That Council proclaim October 19th to 25th, 2025 as Local Government Week in the Town of Arnprior.

Resolution Carried

The Town Clerk read the proclamation:

Whereas the municipal level of government performs functions that significantly impact the day-to-day life of citizens throughout the world; and

Whereas the Association of Municipal Managers, Clerks and Treasurers of Ontario (AMCTO), the Ontario Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing and the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO) acknowledge and celebrate the significant role that municipal governments play in helping to define the character, priorities, physical make up and quality of life of communities across Ontario; and

Whereas the 3rd full week in October in each year is celebrated as Local Government Week across the Province of Ontario; and

Whereas AMCTO has noted this year, Local Government Week is taking place from October 19th to 25th, 2025, with the goal of increasing public and youth awareness and understanding of the amazing opportunities that exist within the sector, the importance of local government, how to get involved, and why we love what we do; and

Whereas the Clerk's Office and the Public Works Department will be welcoming all schools in the Town of Arnprior to participate in a "Paint the Plows" Initiative to educate and raise awareness about the role that local government plays in people's everyday lives, including winter operations, and to allow students the chance to contribute to their community.

Now Therefore I, Lisa McGee, Mayor, do hereby proclaim October 19th to 25th, 2025, as Local Government Week in the Town of Arnprior and encourage all residents to learn more about municipal government and how they can get involved.

13. Committee Reports and Minutes

a. Mayor's Report

Mayor McGee reported the following:

- County Councillor Lynch and Mayor McGee have participated in numerous budget working group discussions with various departments with the Treasurer and Acting Deputy Treasurer. They have been enlightening and the Mayor has found great value in these conversations. She noted that she is looking forward to the on-going process.
- County Councillor Lynch and Mayor McGee attend the Upper Ottawa Valley Chamber of Commerce Awards Gala in Petawawa two weeks ago. The

Town of Arnprior businesses cleaned up. It was a great event, and it was great to connect with other municipal leaders and former MPP John Yakabuski who was honoured at the event. MPP Billy Denault attended as well.

- County Councillor Lynch, Councillor Toner, Councillor Couper, Councillor Strike and Mayor McGee, along with Town staff and Culture and Diversity Advisory Committee Members, attended an Indigenous Blanket Exercise at the Nick Smith Centre last week. It was an excellent learning opportunity, and as many who attended noted, it provided a strong visual representation of the struggles and challenges that the Indigenous community has faced and continue to face.

b. County Councillor's Report

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

- At 11:00 AM on September 24th, County Council and staff met at the Noojimokamig Garden in recognition of the National Day for Truth and Reconciliation where Aimee Bailey lead a vigil and smudging to honour the survivors and victims of Residential Schools and support the ongoing journey of truth, healing and reconciliation.
- Eastern Ontario Regional Network – Renfrew County Statistics
 - Upgrades to existing towers: 25 (completed: 25)
 - New towers in service: 47 (completed: 34)
 - New co-locations: 10 (completed: 8)
 - Land use authority: 47 (completed: 46)
- Regional Residential Housing Market – August
 - Sales Activity – 2025: 13 compared to 2024: 15
 - Average Price – 2025: \$523,454 compared to 2024: \$493,793
 - Year to date sales activity – 2025: 128 compared to 2024: 133
 - Year to date average price – 2025: \$534,155 compared to 2024: \$523,988
- Taste of the Valley:
 - October 18th at the Cobden Fairgrounds
 - December 13th at the Pembroke Knights of Columbus Hall
- The County's Helping Your Place Excel (HYPE) Review Panel, have reviewed and approved the first round of applications received for the 2025 HYPE program, including nine from the Town of Petawawa and one from the Township of Laurentian Valley. The total amount awarded was \$16,824.92.
- The Ottawa Valley Tourist Association's annual tourism conference will be held on November 3, 2025, at the Ottawa River Barn in Foresters Falls.
- The Operations Committee recommended that the budget for upgrades to Campbell Drive be increased by \$104,612.50 plus applicable taxes.

- Nominees for the County of Renfrew Warden's Awards for the categories of individuals, not-for-profit organizations, and for-profit organizations are being accepted in early in October with the winners being announced at the County Meeting on November 26, 2025.
- On September 24, the Town participated in a very successful and well-attended County Municipal Day Open House. Thanked staff for providing materials for our station.
- A County Paramedic Commander, Steve Osipenko, has been awarded the Governor General's Emergency Medical Services Exemplary Service Medal in recognition of outstanding career accomplishments in the field of emergency medical services. Of note, there are only 180 recipients across Ontario each year.
- On behalf of Council, wished Mayor Rose all the best for his surgery tomorrow.

c. Committee Reports and Minutes

Resolution Number 314-25

Moved by Chris Couper

Seconded by Dan Lynch

That Council receive the Advisory Committee Minutes listed under item 13 (c) (i) as information (Culture and Diversity Advisory Committee – September 3, 2025).

Resolution Carried

Councillor Couper reported the following from the Culture and Diversity Advisory Committee:

- The Committee continues to work on the Land Acknowledgement Statement and updated personalization of the statement instead of a pre-crafted one. The Committee had some good discussion with the following being a summary:
 - Importance of personalization for a meaningful Land Acknowledgement Statement.
 - Suggested starting with a slight improvement to the current statement that the Town has, before transitioning to a fully personalized statement, to help ease the process and get people comfortable with the new process.
 - Raised questions about how to ensure the individual delivering the personalized Land Acknowledgment Statement brings factually and historically accurate information.
 - Motion to defer the creation of a Land Acknowledgment Statement to the next meeting, where it was discussed and it is still an ongoing process.
 - Asked that staff come back to the Committee with a draft Land Acknowledgement flow chart to ease the process for crafting the personalized statement.
- Manager of Culture presented a report on Cultural Planning and Cultural Mapping.

- Highlight the desire to see more performance-based events in Town that are not just seasonal.
- Connecting Cultural Mapping to the Town's other Master Plans.
- Collect research about how culture is creating jobs locally.
- Invited to participate in the Museum's Strategic Planning process.
- Town should continue to explore grant opportunities for Cultural Planning.
- Motion was made that the Committee request that staff return with a report about what neighbouring municipalities are doing for Cultural Plans or relevant strategic planning initiatives and how it aligns with the cultural goals and strategies of the Towns.
- Manager of Culture participated in a workshop in Kingston and discussed Cultural Planning with lots of other municipalities.
- Recommended to Council that the Manager of Culture include a 2026 budget item request for the preparation of Cultural Plan. Committee felt that it was important that a Cultural Plan be captured on the Long-Range Capital Forecast.
- Committee members suggested using art as a way to drive tourism and noted that there are rotating art installations in many cities that bring people back to visit again.
- Committee members raised a desire for a future discussion on public art opportunities, including funding these opportunities and availability of spaces.

County Councillor Dan Lynch reported the following from the Arnprior Airport Commission:

- A motion was carried to accept the KPMG 2022 Audit. Minutes were sent to KPMG and they will forward the Audit back.
- A motion was carried to accept a new audit company to complete the audits for the years 2023 and 2024.

14. Correspondence & Petitions

a) Correspondence

i. Correspondence Package No. I-25-OCT-17

Resolution Number 315-25

Moved by Lynn Cloutier

Seconded by Tom Burnette

That Correspondence Package Number I-25-OCT-17 be received as information and filed accordingly.

Resolution Carried

County Councillor Lynch made the following comments:

- Page 4: The Ontario Government is investing nearly \$60 million to create more camping opportunities for families and outdoor enthusiasts at some of the province's most popular provincial parks, adding up to 300 new campsites and upgrading 800 campsites with electrical service. The closest park to us receiving upgrades in Bon Echo Provincial Park.
- Page 16: The Ontario Government is investing \$400 million in core infrastructure projects to enable approximately 160,000 new homes across the province. This

will help municipalities build, maintain and repair municipal roads, bridges and culverts. The Town of Arnprior received \$750,000 for upgrades to Madawaska Boulevard.

- The Ontario Government through the 2026 Ontario Community Infrastructure Fund has allocated \$1,004,990 to Arnprior.

Councillor Couper made the following comments:

- Page 78: Renfrew County is inviting nominations for the 2025 Warden's Community Service Awards. They are looking to recognize outstanding contributions made by individuals, not-for-profit organizations and for-profit businesses. Who can be nominated? Individuals who contribute to community life through volunteer work, event organization, political engagement, sports leadership or cultural preservation. Not-for-profit organizations that provide essential services and supports. For-profit businesses that demonstrate corporate citizenship by sponsoring local initiatives, supporting youth programs, or investing in arts and culture. Would love to see Arnprior residents recognized with these awards. Nominations can be made on the County of Renfrew's website where you can submit online or download a form. Contact information is also provided on the website. Deadline for submissions is October 31st and awards will be presented at the November 26th County Council Meeting.

ii. Correspondence Package No. A-25-OCT-09

Resolution Number 316-25

Moved by Lynn Cloutier

Seconded by Dan Lynch

That Correspondence Package Number A-25-OCT-09 be received and the recommendations be brought forward for Council's consideration.

Resolution Carried

15. By-laws & Resolutions

a) By-laws

Resolution Number 317-25

Moved by Chris Couper

Seconded by Lynn Cloutier

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

- i. By-law No. 7625-25 – Transfer Payment Agreement – Sport Infrastructure and Community Grant
- ii. By-Law No. 7626-25 – Amend By-law No. 7348-23, Library Board Appointment (Lanark Highlands)

Resolution Carried

15. By-laws & Resolutions

b) Resolutions

i. Municipal Grant Request (In Kind) – Opportunity Shop

Resolution Number 318-25

Moved by Lynn Cloutier

Seconded by Dan Lynch

That Council of the Corporation of the Town of Arnprior receive the Municipal Grant request from the Opportunity Shop; and

Whereas the Opportunity Shop is an eligible organization under the Municipal Grants Policy and supports residents in our community through donations to Arnprior Regional Health.

Therefore Be It Resolved That Council approve the request for waiving the Landfill Voucher fee for 25 vouchers (value of approximately \$450) for the Opportunity Shop to dispose of waste left inappropriately at their store.

Resolution Carried

ii. Municipal Grant Request (In Kind) – Arnprior McNab Braeside Men's Shed

Resolution Number 319-25

Moved by Chris Couper

Seconded by Tom Burnette

That Council of the Corporation of the Town of Arnprior receive the Municipal Grant request from the Arnprior McNab Braeside Men's Shed; and

Whereas the Arnprior McNab Braeside Men's Shed is an eligible organization under the Municipal Grants Policy and supports residents in our community by providing a safe space where men can socialize and help each other overcome feelings of loneliness, isolation and depression.

Therefore Be It Resolved That Council approve the request for waiving the Nick Smith Centre Community Hall rental fees (value of approximately \$365.00 plus HST) for the Arnprior McNab Braeside Men's Shed's Annual Christmas Craft Show to be held on November 16th, 2025; and

Further That the Arnprior McNab Braeside Men's Shed 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

iii. Municipal Grant Request (In Kind) – Arnprior Regional Health Foundation

Resolution Number 320-25

Moved by Ted Strike

Seconded by Tom Burnette

That Council of the Corporation of the Town of Arnprior receive the Municipal Grant request from the Arnprior Regional Health Foundation; and

Whereas the Arnprior Regional Health Foundation is an eligible organization under the Municipal Grants Policy and supports residents in our community by helping to support our local hospital, nursing home and community health programs.

Therefore Be It Resolved That Council approve the request for waiving the Robert Simpson Park Gazebo rental fees (value of approximately \$550 plus HST) for the Arnprior Regional Health Foundation's Penny Stashick Ugly Sweater Walk to be held on December 6th, 2025; and

Further That the Arnprior Regional Health Foundation 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

iv. Municipal Grant Request (In Kind) – Arnprior Optimist Club

Resolution Number 321-25

Moved by Dan Lynch

Seconded by Lynn Cloutier

That Council of the Corporation of the Town of Arnprior receive the Municipal Grant request from the Arnprior Optimist Club; and

Whereas the Arnprior Optimist Club is an eligible organization under the Municipal Grants Policy and supports residents in our community by supporting local youth and fostering growth, connection, and opportunity across Town.

Therefore Be It Resolved That Council approve the request for waiving Town staff support and equipment fees (value of approximately \$1,200.00) for the Arnprior Santa Claus to be held on November 29th, 2025; and

Further That the event flyer be included in the September/October 2025 water bills which will be mailed out in early November 2025 with the cost to be incurred by the Town; and

Further That the Arnprior Optimist Club 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

v. Municipal Grant Request (In Kind) – It Shouldn't Hurt to be a Child

Resolution Number 322-25

Moved by Lynn Cloutier

Seconded by Tom Burnette

That Council of the Corporation of the Town of Arnprior receive the Municipal Grant request from the Glenn Arthur Memorial “It Shouldn’t Hurt to be a Child” Hockey Tournament; and

Whereas the Glenn Arthur Memorial “It Shouldn’t Hurt to be a Child” Hockey Tournament is an eligible organization under the Municipal Grants Policy and supports residents in our community by helping to ensure no child is left on the sidelines due to financial barriers.

Therefore Be It Resolved That Council approve the request for waiving the Nick Smith Centre Community Hall and 4 hours of ice rental fees (value of approximately \$1,740 plus HST) for the Glenn Arthur Memorial “It Shouldn’t Hurt to be a Child” Hockey Tournament to be held on November 14th and 15th, 2025; and

Further That the Glenn Arthur Memorial “It Shouldn’t Hurt to be a Child” Hockey Tournament 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

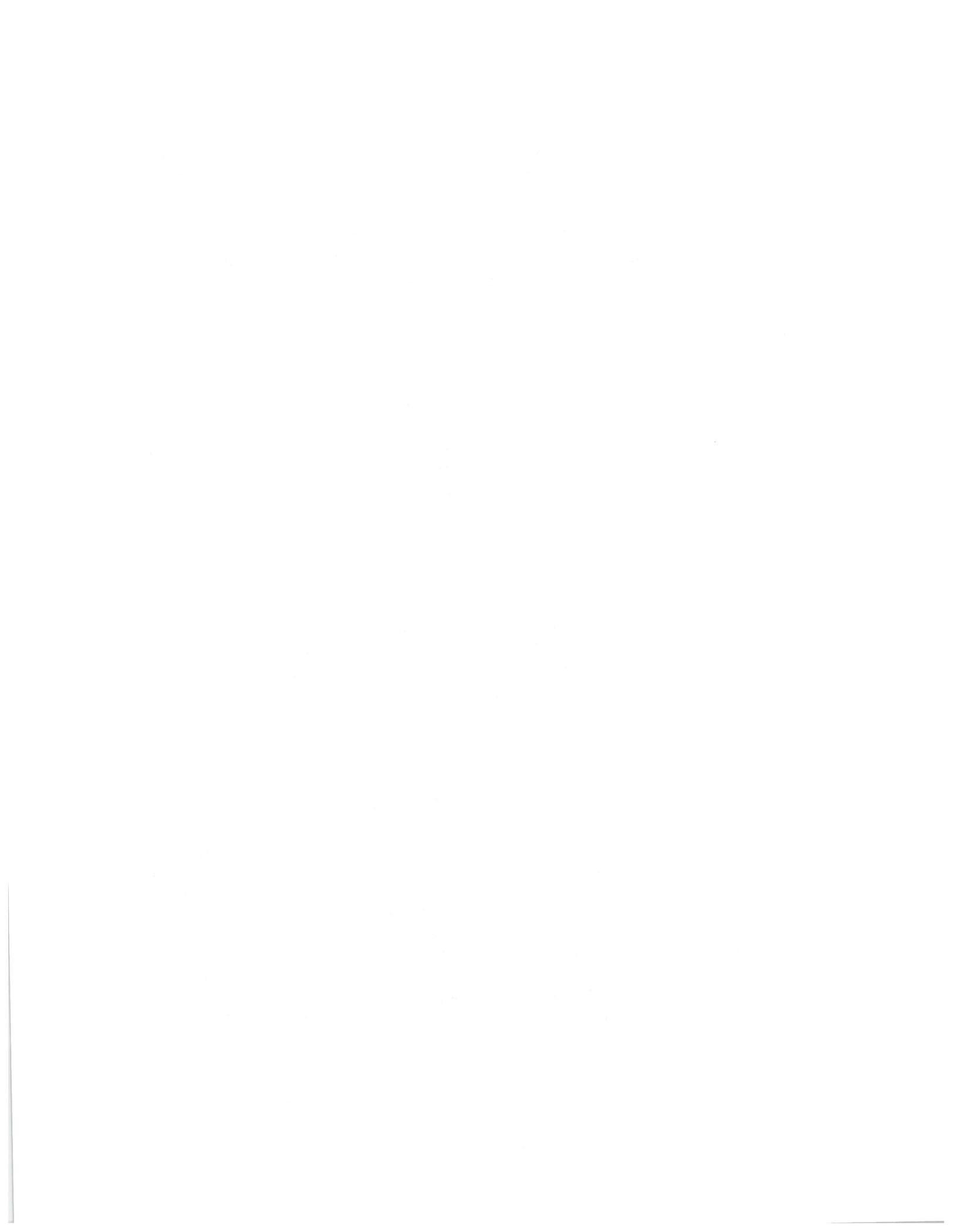
16. Announcements

County Councillor Lynch made the following announcements:

- The Arnprior McNab Braeside Men’s Shed Christmas Craft Sale will be held on November 16th, 2025, at the Nick Smith Centre from 10 AM to 2 PM.
- October 25th will be a busy day in Arnprior. Trunk-or-Treat will be happening at Robert Simpson Park from 12 PM to 2 PM. The Arnprior Witch Walk will be happening from 1 PM – 4 PM.
- October is Breast Cancer Awareness Month.

Councillor Couper made the following announcements:

- This weekend the Arnprior Fire Department participated in Surface Water Rescue Technician Training hosted at the Nick Smith Centre pool and the in the river. The program is happening over two weekends. This is the Ontario Fire College’s Pilot Program for the Surface Water Rescue Technician course. Last month Deputy Chief Nicholas and Firefighter Schnob attended the original certification program in Clarence-Rockland to support the OFM Certified Instructors in the delivery of this pilot program. The pilot combines extensive online pre-class theory and exams. Eight of the Town’s firefighters are currently enrolled in this program and have all completed the mandatory 40-hour online pre-class. They are joined by eight additional participants from surrounding municipalities. This is important because it will help build the foundation for a sustainable County service. This pilot project is a first step in securing a learning contract with the Office of the Fire Marshall. Once this is established, this agreement will allow Arnprior’s own certified water rescue techs to deliver this required certification internally. It significantly expands the training capabilities and avoids external training costs. The Pilot Project has been offered at no cost to the municipality to increase access to our neighbours in the County. Councillor



Couper recognized the Arnprior Fire Fighters participating in this course and extended a sincere thanks to the Director of Recreation and his team for their support in providing facility access to the pool and training site preparations.

17. Closed Session

Resolution Number 323-25 (7:38 PM)

Moved by Lynn Cloutier

Seconded by Chris Couper

That Council move into Closed Session regarding one (1) matter pursuant to Section 239 (2) (b) to discuss a personal matter about an identifiable individual, including Municipal or Local Board Employees (Striking Committee – Advisory Committees).

Resolution Carried

Resolution Number 324-25 (8:02 PM)

Moved by Lynn Cloutier

Seconded by Dan Lynch

That Council resume to Open Session at 8:02 PM.

Resolution Carried

Resolution Number 325-25

Moved by Chris Couper

Seconded by Ted Strike

That Council direct staff to bring forward an appointment by-law to the October 27th, 2025 Regular Meeting of Council as discussed in closed session and proceed as directed in closed session.

Resolution Carried

18. Confirmatory By-Law

Resolution Number 326-25

Moved by Tom Burnette

Seconded by Ted Strike

That By-law No. 7627-25, being a By-law to confirm the proceedings of the Regular Meeting of Council held on October 14th, 2025, be and is hereby approved.

Resolution Carried

19. Adjournment

Resolution Number 325-25

Moved by Lynn Cloutier

Seconded by Dan Lynch

That this meeting of Council be adjourned at 8:03 PM.

Resolution Carried

Signatures



Lisa McGee, Mayor



Kaila Zamojski, Town Clerk