



ARNPRIOR

**Minutes of Special Council Meeting
December 3rd, 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 Chris Toner
Councillor Chris Couper

Town Staff Present:

Robin Paquette, CAO
Kaila Zamojski, Town Clerk
Jennifer Morawiec, GM Client
Services/Treasurer
Kaitlyn Wendland, Deputy Clerk

Council Members Present (Virtual):

Council Members Absent:

Councillor Tom Burnette

1. Call to Order

Mayor Lisa McGee called the Special 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 Tom Burnette.

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 386-25
Moved by Dan Lynch
Seconded by Chris Toner

Be It Resolved That the agenda for the Special Meeting of Council dated Wednesday, December 3rd, 2025 be adopted.

Resolution Carried

5. Disclosures of Pecuniary Interest

None

6. Awards/Delegations/Presentations

Delegations

a) Arnprior & McNab/Braeside Archives

Sara MacKenzie and Brian Gilhuly of the Arnprior & McNab/Braeside Archives provided an overview of the presentation included in the Agenda Package. The Arnprior & McNab/Braeside Archives requested \$32,500, which is the same as the previous year's request.

b) Seniors Active Living Centre

Jeff Letourneau, VP Finance, and Jeremy Stevenson, President & CEO, of the Seniors Active Living Centre provided an overview of the presentation included in the Agenda Package and responded to questions from Council. The Seniors Active Living Centre requested \$14,000 cash support and \$7,500 in-kind support which represents an increase in \$500 from the previous year.

c) Arnprior Regional Health Foundation

Ben Gardiner of the Arnprior Regional Health Foundation provided an overview of the presentation included in the Agenda Package and responded to questions from Council. The Arnprior Regional Health Foundation requested \$25,000 towards their Scope for Hope campaign. The following is a summary of the discussion:

- Council Members asked for clarification about the reserve fund allocations that were outlined. Arnprior Regional Health Foundation indicated that this fund is from undesignated donations and support for other equipment purchased annually.

d) Physician Recruitment Committee

Mark Nibourg, Chair of the Physician Recruitment Committee provided an overview of the presentation included in the Agenda Package and responded to questions from Council. The Physician Recruitment Committee requested \$40,000 in program funding and \$60,000 for each of the next 10 years for a new renovation funding partnership proposal. The following is a summary of the discussion:

- Council asked if Arnprior receives support through the Northern and Rural Recruitment and Retention stream from the Government of Ontario. Mark indicated that Arnprior does not qualify for this funding.
- Council asked if the current doctors at the Arnprior Family Health Team will also benefit from and welcome the proposed renovations to the family health centre. Mark indicated that yes, the current physicians would appreciate this re-model.
- It was noted that the Town of Arnprior has lost the interest of potential doctors, when they have found out that the available spaces were not in a family health team model, and were only individual solo office type spaces.

- Council asked about potential grant opportunities and if there are any ways that they could be used to support physician recruitment or capital costs.
- Discussion ensued around the possibility of offering student bursaries to retain new doctors in Arnprior upon graduation and recruiting doctors from Quebec . Mark indicated that there are currently not enough physicians to support bursary programs and recruiting from Quebec is an opportunity being investigated.
- Council asked if there would be a benefit to the Physician Recruitment Committee to have a Municipal Support Resolution to the province to request capital funding for the renovation project. Mark indicated that they would appreciate any support that the Town is willing to provide.
- Jerney Stevenson, President & CEO of Arnprior Regional Health, noted in the Province of Ontario there is no funding for primary care capital costs. Supports the idea of a Return to Service Agreement with new physicians or medical students to have physicians return to Arnprior upon graduation. Most residents in Arnprior ask about family doctors, not questions about the hospital. Arnprior Regional Health knows that primary care physicians are the foundation of health in the community. Physicians want to come to Arnprior, but they want incentives, and they will not come for a solo practice.

e) Other Public Feedback

None

7. Confirmatory By-Law

Resolution Number 387-25

Moved by Chris Couper

Seconded by Ted Strike

That By-law No. 7641-25, being a By-law to confirm the proceedings of the Special Meeting of Council held on December 3rd, 2025, be and is hereby approved.

Resolution Carried

8. Adjournment

Resolution Number 388-25

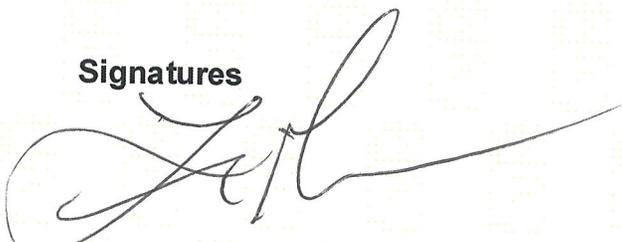
Moved by Lynn Cloutier

Seconded by Dan Lynch

That this meeting of Council be adjourned at 7:45 PM.

Resolution Carried

Signatures



Lisa McGee, Mayor



Kaila Zamojski, Town Clerk

