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Minutes of Special Council Meeting

February 2nd, 2026, 5:00 PM

Town Hall, Council Chambers – 105 Elgin St. W. Arnprior, ON.

Council and Staff Attendance

Council Members Present:

Mayor Lisa McGee
County Councillor Dan Lynch
Councillor Ted Strike
Councillor Tom Burnette
Councillor Lynn Cloutier
Councillor Chris Toner
Councillor Chris Couper

Council Members Absent:

Town Staff Present:

Robin Paquette, CAO
Kaila Zamojski, Town Clerk
Jennifer Morawiec, GM Client Services/Treasurer
Kaitlyn Wendland, Deputy Clerk
Alix Jolicoeur, Manager of Community Services/Planner
Graeme Ivory, Director of Recreation
John Steckly, GM Operations
Mike Ledgerwood, Public Works Supervisor
Ben Ritchie, Waterworks Supervisor
Patrick Foley, Engineering Officer
Ryan Wall, Engineering Officer
Sheena Baum, Environmental Engineering Officer
Lucan Power, Program & Events Supervisor
Kelly Vieira, Client Services Coordinator

1. Call to Order

Mayor Lisa McGee called the Special Council Meeting to order at 5:00 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 029-26
Moved by Tom Burnette
Seconded by Chris Couper

Be It Resolved That the agenda for the Special Meeting of Council dated Monday, February 2nd, 2026, be adopted.

Resolution Carried

5. Disclosures of Pecuniary Interest

None

6. Matter Tabled/ Deferred/ Unfinished Business

a) Budget Deliberations

The General Manager, Client Services/ Treasurer and Mayor McGee, provided a presentation outlining a recap of the 2026 proposed budget and an overview of the process for this meeting.

Discussion ensued among Members of Council, resulting in the following:

Moved by Councillor Cloutier

That I, Councillor Cloutier, put forward an amendment to the proposed 2026 budget being to provide \$60,000 for 10 years for the Family Health Team Renovations, \$40,000 for Physician Recruitment, and \$25,000 for the Arnprior Regional Health Foundation Endoscopy Project.

Resolution Number 030-26

Moved by Tom Burnette
Seconded by Lynn Cloutier

That I, Councillor Tom Burnette, put forward an amendment to the proposed 2026 budget being to remove the hiring of a new FT Training Officer for the Fire Department.

Resolution Lost

Resolution Number 031-26

Moved by Chris Couper
Seconded by Dan Lynch

That Council waive the remainder of the allocated 30-day amendment period as per section 284.26(3) of the *Municipal Act, 2001*, as amended, included in O.Reg. 530/22 section 7(3), which would expire on February 11, 2026.

Resolution Carried

Following conclusion of discussion and motions above, Mayor McGee confirmed that the 2026 Budget is deemed adopted this evening.

7. Confirmatory By-Law

Resolution Number 032-26
Moved by Chris Couper
Seconded by Ted Strike

That By-law No. 7650-26, being a By-law to confirm the proceedings of the Special Meeting of Council held on February 2nd, 2026, be and is hereby approved.

Resolution Carried

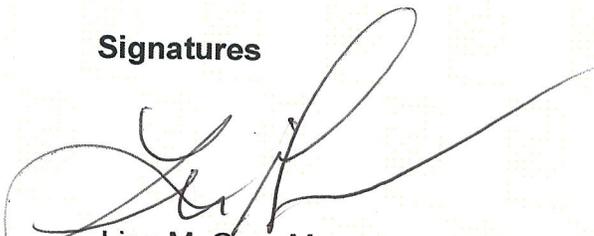
8. Adjournment

Resolution Number 033-26
Moved by Lynn Cloutier
Seconded by Dan Lynch

That this meeting of Council be adjourned at 5:38 PM.

Resolution Carried

Signatures



Lisa McGee, Mayor



Kaitlyn Wendland, Deputy Clerk