



**Town of Arnprior  
Regular Meeting of Council: April 13<sup>th</sup>, 2026  
Correspondence Package Number A-26-APR-05**

**Recommendation:**

**That** the Correspondence Package Number. A-26-APR-05 be received, and the recommendation(s) outlined be brought forward for Council's consideration.

**Action Item:**

**1. Resolution of Support – Protecting Local Voice in Public Education**

**Whereas** locally elected school board trustees provide essential community representation; and

**Whereas** rural communities rely on trustees to reflect local priorities, ensure accountability, and advocate for students; and

**Whereas** proposed changes may reduce or eliminate locally elected trustees.

**Therefore Be It Resolved That** Council affirms support for maintaining elected trustees; and

**Further That** the Mayor and Clerk send a joint letter to the Minister of Education and the Premier expressing the municipalities support for maintaining elected trustees, with copies to ROMA, AMO and local MPP Billy Denault.

**2. Municipal Grant Request (In-Kind Support) – Arnprior & Area Physician Recruitment Committee**

**That** Council of the Corporation of the Town of Arnprior receive the Municipal Grant request from the Arnprior & Area Physician Recruitment Committee; and

**Whereas** the Arnprior & Area Physician Recruitment Committee is an eligible organization under the Municipal Grants Policy as they support the community by working to ensure that every current and future resident has access to a local family physician.

**Therefore Be It Resolved That** Council approve the request for waiving the Nick Smith Centre Community Hall rental fees on April 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2026, (value of approximately \$470 plus HST) for their Doctors Dining Duel event; and

**Further That** the Arnprior & Area Physician Recruitment Committee 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 is responsible for any security related costs for the event.

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April 2, 2026

Mayor Lisa McGee  
Town of Arnprior

Dear Mayor McGee,

**Re: Protecting Local Voice in Public Education**

I am an elected school board trustee and Chairperson for the Renfrew County District School Board and writing to you on behalf of the Board of Trustees. We are requesting Council's support in reaffirming the essential role of locally elected public school trustees as the primary community voice in public education.

There are proposals by the Minister of Education to drastically change — or eliminate — locally elected English public school trustees in Ontario. The Minister has described current school board governance as “outdated.” We strongly disagree. Local democratic representation is not outdated, especially in rural communities like ours.

Communities such as the Town of Arnprior deserve a direct say in shaping the schools that shape our children. Elected trustees ensure open meetings, transparent budgets, and visible accountability. Removing trustees would silence the only direct, elected voice families currently have, shifting decisions entirely to Queen's Park.

Trustees are your neighbours and local champions. We understand local priorities firsthand — from long bus routes and the importance of small community schools to expanding skilled trades and experiential learning. We are often the first point of contact for families seeking help or advocacy. The loss of local voice is felt most deeply in rural and northern communities. Trustees identify transportation gaps, enrolment pressures, and facility challenges early, helping prevent costly crises and ensuring provincial policy works in local reality.

I respectfully request your support as local municipal leaders to:

- Sign or initiate a joint letter of support and send it to the Minister of Education and the Premier
- Share these concerns with provincial decision-makers
- Send your letter of support to ROMA and AMO
- Speak publicly in favour of maintaining elected public school trustees
- Consider placing this matter on the agenda at your next council meeting

For your convenience, here is a sample council motion you could use:

Sample Council Motion (Concise):

- WHEREAS locally elected school board trustees provide essential community representation;
- AND WHEREAS rural communities rely on trustees to reflect local priorities, ensure accountability, and advocate for students;
- AND WHEREAS proposed changes may reduce or eliminate locally elected trustees;
- THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that Council affirms support for maintaining elected trustees;
- AND FURTHER THAT the Mayor/Clerk send a joint letter to the Minister of Education and the Premier, with copies to ROMA, AMO, and local MPP(s).

Our education system is strongest when it reflects the communities it serves. Protecting the role of elected trustees protects that strength for future generations.

Thank you for your service to our community. I would welcome the opportunity to discuss this issue and its local impacts. I can be reached at 613-735-0151 ext. 2301 or [bolandl2@rcdsb.on.ca](mailto:bolandl2@rcdsb.on.ca).

Sincerely,



Leo Boland  
Chairperson  
Renfrew County District School Board

cc: RCDSB Board of Trustees  
Kathleen Woodcock, President - Ontario Public School Boards' Association



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## Municipal Grants Application

<b>General Information</b>	<b>Submission Date:</b> <u>March 13, 2026</u>		
Name of Organization:	Arnprior & Area Physicians Recruitment Committee		
Street Address:	346 John Street		
City/Town:	Arnprior	Postal Code:	K7S 2P6
Contact Person:	<i>Emily Van de Klippe</i>	Position/Title:	<i>Executive Director</i>
Telephone:	613 622 5763	Fax Number:	
E-mail:			
What is your organization's status?	Charitable	Not-for-profit	Other
	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Authorization:	<p style="text-align: center;">I declare that I am authorized to sign this grant request on behalf of</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Arnprior &amp; Area Physician Recruit</p> <p style="text-align: center;">_____</p> <p style="text-align: center;">[insert name of organization]</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>[Signature]</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;">_____</p> <p style="text-align: center;">[signature]</p> <p style="text-align: center;">March 13, 2026</p> <p style="text-align: center;">_____</p> <p style="text-align: center;">[date]</p>		
Please provide project/event date(s) or any relevant timelines related to this request.			
Doctors Dining Duel is scheduled for Thursday, April 23, 2026 at the Nick Smith Centre.			

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Grant Request	Please check applicable request	Brief description of request (i.e. dollar amount and/or type of in-kind support, staffing requirements)
Support Funding (complete Parts A and B)	<input type="checkbox"/>	
In-Kind Support (Partnership) (complete Parts A and B)	<input type="checkbox"/>	
In-Kind Support (Single) (complete Part A)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<div style="border: 1px solid red; padding: 5px;"> <p>Upon staff review, this application is for In-Kind support (fees waived at NSC Community Hall) - KW</p> </div>
Festivals and Events Support Funding (complete Parts A and B)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	We are requesting inkind support of the venue for our annual event the Doctors Dining Duel.

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**Part A** (to be completed for all municipal grant requests)

<b>Organization/Grant Information</b>	
<b>What is the function of your organization (mandate/key objections)?</b>	
<p>The Arnprior and Area Physician Recruitment Committee works to ensure that every current and future resident have access to a local family physician. Our goal is to both recruit and retain physicians in Arnprior and Area. We support the recruitment and retention of physicians in acute care, emergency, hospitalist and internist medicine, long term care, psychiatry and other practices based on the health care needs within the community. Additionally, the PRC assists in the promotion of the area as a desirable community with a high quality lifestyle and professional environment for candidates and their families.</p>	
<b>Please provide an overview of the service, program or event being supported with this funding.</b>	
<p>These funds will pay for: PRC Coordinator Role for three days per week, attendance University recruitment events, attendance at the annual CASPR conference, international recruitment efforts, physician inducements as well as retention events and activities including Doctor's Day.</p>	
<b>Please explain how this service, program or event benefits the Town of Arnprior and its residents.</b>	
<p>The Physician/Primary Care Recruitment Committee works to recruit new physicians to the area to support the community in their health care needs.</p>	
<p><b>Does your organization use volunteers?</b></p> <p>Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/></p>	<p>If yes, how many volunteers are involved and in what capacity? (e.g. administration, service level, etc.)</p> <p>Yes,            Community members participate as Physician Recruitment Committee Board members.</p> <p>Volunteers are part of the Doctors Dining Duel committee and are onsite at the event to help with the logistics of the event.</p>

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<p>Please select target population that will benefit from this request.</p>	<p><b>Age Range:</b></p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Children (Ages 0-12)</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Youth (Ages 13-18)</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adults (Ages 19-59)</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Seniors (Ages 60+)</p>	<p><b>Number of participants benefitting from this request:</b></p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> 1-50</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> 51-100</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> 101-499</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> 500-1000</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> &gt;1000</p>
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Does this request align with the Town of Arnprior's Strategic Plan, as determined by Council? Please explain.

<p><b>Key Priorities</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Economic Development – Attraction, retention and marketing initiatives and economic impact</li> </ul>	<p>The Doctors Dining Duel has been very success in raising almost \$100,000 over the years and we are aiming to raise more to help bring physicians to the area.</p>
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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Community Well Being – Community support, arts and culture, recreational and leisure, health and well being support initiatives</li> </ul>		
<p>Has your organization received support from the Town of Arnprior in previous years?</p> <p>Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/></p>	<p>If yes, please provide additional details below.</p>	
	<p><b>Dollar (\$) value received:</b></p>	
	<p><b>Service/ Program/ Festival/ Event grant support was received for:</b></p>	<p><b>In kind donation for the venue to host our signature event.</b></p>
	<p><b>Type of grant support received:</b></p>	<p><input type="checkbox"/> Support Funding</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> In-Kind Support</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> In-Kind Partnership</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Festival and Event Support Funding</p>
	<p><b>Was Town staff support provided?</b></p> <p><b>If yes, in what capacity?</b></p>	

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## Conditions of Assistance

- a) Any Grant funding provided by the Town of Arnprior must be applied to current expenses associated with the approved project, and not be used to subsidize any other project of the applicant, or to reduce or eliminate accumulated deficits.
- b) The Town of Arnprior must be notified in writing of any significant changes and/or purpose of the supported activity or event. In the event that the activity or event is not completed, or does not move forward, the Town of Arnprior reserves the right to request the return of any grant funding provided.
- c) Receipt of a grant does not guarantee funding the following or any subsequent year.
- d) The applicant acknowledges and agrees that the Town of Arnprior shall not be liable for any incidental, indirect, special or consequential damages, injury or any loss of use, revenue or profit of the organization arising out of or in any way related to the approved program/event/ service.
- e) Where applicable, the Town of Arnprior must be acknowledged on promotional materials related to the funded activities/event, including but not limited to brochures, print ads, programs, posters, signage and media releases, as well as websites, e-newsletters, and social media campaigns, where possible. The Marketing and Economic Development Officer will require information from the applicant, in advance on what materials/ electronic formats the Town's logo will be included on to ensure compliance with the Town's brand guidelines.
- f) The Town of Arnprior reserves the right to an onsite presence, or formal role, at Festivals and Events. Failure to acknowledge the Town's support may result in the inability of an organization to obtain grant support in future years.

 <hr/> <p>(initial)</p>	I acknowledge that I have read and understand the Condition of Assistance for receipt of Town of Arnprior Municipal Grants. I also acknowledge that I have read and agree to follow the Town of Arnprior's Municipal Grants Policy.
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