



Minutes of Special Council Meeting

January 15, 2013

Council Chambers, Town Hall, Arnprior, ON

Present:

Mayor David Reid
Reeve Walter Stack
Councillor Mark Willmer
Councillor Ted Strike
Councillor Dan Lynch
Councillor Lynn Grinstead

Also Present:

Michael Wildman, CAO
Jennifer Morawiec, Director of Corporate Services/
Treasurer
Maureen Spratt, Town Clerk
Renée Couture, Deputy Treasurer
Kaila Bowen, Secretariat Services Assistant

Absent:

Councillor Lyle Anderson

1. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor David Reid called the Council meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

2. DISCLOSURES OF PECUNIARY INTEREST

None

3. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Resolution No. 029-13

Moved by Walter Stack

Seconded by Dan Lynch

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the agenda for the Special Meeting of Council dated Tuesday, January 15, 2013, be adopted.

Resolution CARRIED

4. PRESENTATIONS

2013 Budget Consultations:

a) Arnprior & District Humane Society

Brenda Ambrose and Robert Klodt of the Arnprior & District Humane Society presented a request to renew their contract with the Town of Arnprior, which included an increase of \$1.00 per capita, for this year (2013). Mr. Klodt provided a brief history and background on the establishment of the Arnprior and District Humane Society.

Mr. Klodt explained that the increase in grant funding is required due to the steadily climbing costs associated with caring for animals. Also, the amount of animals residing at the Humane Society has risen from below 100 to over 200. Because of this increase in

animals, the number of staff to care for the animals has increased from 1 to 5 staff members. Vet bills have also doubled in cost, since the last contract. Mr. Klodt noted the Arnprior & District Humane Society ran in a bit of a deficit in 2012. Mr. Klodt summarized the increase being requested of the Town is from \$1.50 to \$2.50 per capita, which equals approximately \$8000.00 per year.

Council had some discussion on this request, with the following representing a summary of their comments:

- The request is to renew the contract for one year, but the Humane Society stated they were open to renewing the contract for a longer period of time.
- Council asked where the increased number of animals are coming from, as not all of the animals are coming in from Arnprior. Mr. Klodt explained that they are coming from neighbouring municipalities, McNab/Braeside being one area., It is not always easy to tell where the animal came from.
- Mr Klodt noted that the Township of McNab/Braeside does give the Arnprior & District Humane Society \$3000.00 per year, but they will only contribute money for dogs being brought in, not cats.
 - Mr. Klodt noted that approximately 40 dogs and 60-70 cats were brought in from McNab/Braeside last year.
 - Council suggested the Arnprior & District Humane Society request additional funding from the Township of McNab/ Braeside, and that they consider compensating for cats as well as dogs, as the majority of the animals coming in from that area are cats.
- Council stated that there needs to be something done about the continuing increasing population of animals in Arnprior and the surrounding areas. Mr. Klodt explained that the Arnprior & District Humane Society runs on a “No Kill Policy”, which means they keep the animals for their lifetime, or until they are adopted. He also noted that they do spay and neuter the animals, as part of their policy to help with the growing population.
- The Humane Society takes donations, and also one thing people may not have been aware of is that they take donations of empty alcohol bottles and cans. Every little bit helps.

Mayor David Reid noted that he understands the need for an increase, but also that neighbouring municipalities such as the Township of McNab/Braeside, need to contribute additional money as well. This way it is fairer to the ratepayer in Arnprior. He thanked Mr. Klodt for his presentation and request, and said when the budget is being discussed in the near future, this increase will be discussed, and the Arnprior & District Humane Society will be notified.

b) Arnprior and District Archives

John Smith, President of Arnprior and McNab/Braeside Archives made a presentation to Council. This presentation is attached as Appendix "A" and forms part of these minutes.

Mr. Smith provided some background information of the Arnprior and District Archives. He expressed to Council that they felt no need for an increase in funding. Mr. Smith indicated that this is not to say that more funding would not be used if available, but through the various fundraising, and the money the Town currently contributes to the Archives, they are able to continue as they are.

Council expressed their gratitude for what the Archives do, and for keeping the history of the Town of Arnprior alive. They also congratulated Mr. Smith on his award of the Queen's Jubilee Medal.

5. CORRESPONDENCE & PETITIONS

a) David Thompson – Staye Court Drive

Mr. Thompson provided a petition with regards to improving the conditions of Staye Court Drive. This petition and discussions surrounding it have been provided to the Public Works Advisory Committee, and have been ongoing since 2011. Mr. Thompson requested the information provided on this be placed on the agenda, for Council to consider during budget deliberations

Mr Thompson was present at the meeting and made the following inquiries:

- If he could receive a call when the budget meeting was going to take place? The Mayor directed the Clerk to make a note to try and call Mr. Thompson when the budget meetings were scheduled, as well as, asking that Mr. Thompson refers to the local newspaper and the Town's website as budget meeting notices would be published.
- Why the petition to change the street from a rural to an urban designation could not have been completed already. Council explained that many things have to be looked into, including funds, before a designation change can be made.
- As changes are being made, can the speed limit also change, and a new sign be put up, because there are no sidewalks on the street, and more traffic will be coming through? Council directed the Clerk's Department to make a note of this and let the Public Works Department know about this request to change the speed limit, as Council agreed that there is much more traffic than before.
- There was another part of the petition that included putting in a sidewalk, and there was no mention of this in the provided paperwork, in the agenda package. The

Mayor noted that he had not seen this petition yet, but requested the Clerk's Department make a note of this request, as it should be part of the budget discussions. Councillor Ted Strike noted that there was talk about this being completed, but we were to wait until the contract with the MTO was completed. Now that this has been completed, the sidewalk should be installed.

- A three way stop and speed bumps were also discussed in the past.
- Frieday Street possibly becoming a one-way street was also discussed in the past.
- Is the driveway coming out from behind of McDonalds Restaurant part of the street, and is there any way a stop sign can be put here, as it is very dangerous. The Mayor noted that this is not part of the street; it is actually on private property. The Mayor directed the Clerk's department to look into this matter, and find out who owns the property.

b) Larry Chateauvert – Ash Tree Concern

A letter was submitted by Mr. Chateauvert expressing his concern about the spread of Emerald ash borer pest. He stated that this issue, in his opinion, needs municipal action. Mr. Chateauvert has been in contact with Trillium Tree Experts of Kanata, and is looking at getting multiple trees on the perimeter of his property treated. Trillium Tree Experts quoted him at \$1200.00 to treat these trees with their tree TreeAzin Systematic Process in the early spring. Mr. Chateauvert wrote he wanted to raise the issue as a general Town concern, and was unable to attend the meeting.

Council had some discussion on this matter, with the following representing a summary of their comments:

- This issue was discussed at the Public Works Advisory Committee meetings. The Environmental Engineering Technologist did some research to see about getting some possible grant funding for this, and had no luck.
- There needs to be an inventory taken on the amount of ash trees that are on Town property and what are currently on private property. This way the cost of potentially treating these trees can be determined, and it can be decided if this matter then can fit into the upcoming budget.
- The overall cost of treating these trees has decreased.
- Potentially the private owner's could piggy back on some of the cost, once we have the inventory of these trees completed.
- Other organizations should be looked into, that do this kind of treatment, to get the best possible price, if we decide to complete this.

Mayor David Reid opened the floor to anyone that potentially had any other comments, and none were received. He then thanked everyone who did participate, and explained that this is a good exercise and as we move forward he expects participation will increase.

6. CONFIRMATORY BY-LAW

Resolution No.030-13

Moved by Walter Stack

Seconded by Dan Lynch

THAT By-Law No.6184-13 being a By-law to confirm the proceedings of the Special Meeting of Council held on January 15, 2013 and it is hereby enacted and passed.

Resolution CARRIED

7. ADJOURNMENT

Resolution No 031-13.

Moved by Lynn Grinstead

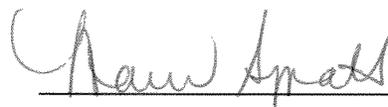
Seconded by Mark Willmer

THAT this meeting of Council be adjourned at 7:16 p.m.

Resolution CARRIED



David Reid, Mayor



Maureen Spratt, Town Clerk

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Presentation to Arnprior Council - 2013

Your Worship, Members of Council, staff.

Thank you for the opportunity to review the work of the Archives over the past 12 months and to present our plans for 2013. I would like to thank Councillor Ted Strike for his strong support and interest.

In June, our archivist team, Elizabeth and Carl Vincent, retired, (something about not wanting to work past 70). In August, we rehired Laurie Dougherty. She had been working at the Hebrew Archives in Ottawa.

One of our senior volunteers, Stan Horrall, passed on in June. Stan had been with the Archives from the start, after retiring from the RCMP Archives.

We were at 19 events in 2012. These include winter carnivals, 3 genealogical conferences (2 in Ottawa and 1 in Kingston), Legion events, Remembrance event at High School, McNab Fun Fair, McNab Days, Arnprior Fair, Canada Day, Arnprior 150th.

We expect to have about the same number of events this year.

Our brochure has been translated into French, thanks to Denise Gagnon of Arnprior. This is extremely useful at conferences, where some of the attendees only speak French.

The Archives is now on Facebook.

The 150th anniversary is coming up in 4 years. We hope to do something big for this event. Your ideas are welcome.

We assisted the Senior at Home with photos for a cookbook and the Rotary Club with photos for a calendar.

Thanks to the Canadian Council of Archives for some equipment donations.

We did a lottery in the 2nd half of the year, which was successful.

We closed for a few extra days in December, for some of our volunteers could re-paint and re-vamp our reading room. Looks first class!

Unfortunately, the Archival Community has taken some heavy hits this past year. One item which does affect AMBA is the closing of inter-library loans from the National Archives in December 2012. Many of our researchers have used this service in the past. This material is still available, but can only be seen in person at National Archives in Ottawa. We are not as bad off as genealogists in other parts of Canada, as we are only an hour away.

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National Archives has basically ceased collecting private sector items (manuscripts, church records, photos, business records, organizational records). National Archives object is to download to provincial archives and local archives such as AMBA. Unfortunately, most local archives, including us, do not have vast amounts of space for new acquisitions and in most cases, no money for expansion.

In late December we received additional Arnold Muirhead fonds from his daughter, Anne Gartshore of Vancouver. An initial view indicates some excellent material.

Finally, on behalf of the Archives Board of Management, I wish to thank council for it's strong support throughout the year.

Our AGM is 16 February and the subject will be Women's Institute. We hope to see everyone there.

The Arnprior and McNab/Braeside Archives currently remains in a stable financial condition. Beyond the recent legacy gift the organization received a comparable level of donations from the general public in 2012 as compared to 2011. We did however experience increases in revenues generated through research fees, reproduction services and fundraising. Operational expenses have increase as expected through the addition of Archivist hours, recent upgrading of computer hardware and software and renovations to the customer service area. As in the previous two years, the Arnprior and McNab/Braeside Archives is again not requesting any additional increase in funding from the municipalities.