



Minutes of Regular Council Meeting

April 28, 2014

6:30 PM

Council Chambers, Town Hall, Arnprior, ON

Present:

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

Also Present:

Michael Wildman, CAO
Maureen Spratt, Town Clerk
Jennifer Morawiec, Director of Corporate Services/
Treasurer
Renée Couture, Manager of Financial Services
Guy Bourgon, Director of Public Works
Glenn Arthur, Director of Recreation Services
Robin Smith, Town Planner
Jennifer Kaddatz, Finance Officer
Kaila Bowen, Secretariat Services Coordinator

Absent:

1. Call to Order

Mayor David Reid called the 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.

3. Adoption of Agenda

Resolution No. 151-14

Moved by Lynn Grinstead

Seconded by Mark Willmer

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the agenda for the Regular Meeting of Council dated Monday, April 28, 2014 be adopted.

Resolution CARRIED

4. Disclosures of Pecuniary Interest

None

5. Question Period

None

6. Adoption of Minutes of Previous Meetings

Resolution No. 152-14

Moved by Dan Lynch

Seconded by Walter Stack

THAT the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of Council dated Monday, April 14, 2014 be adopted.

Resolution CARRIED

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7. Awards/ Delegations/ Presentations

a) **Presentations**

i) Agreement 123 John Street North - Planner

The Town Planner provided a Power Point Presentation, attached as Appendix A and forming part of these minutes.

On question of Council the following was clarified:

- The Reserve and Reserve Fund Policy sets a minimum of \$100,000 to be put into the Marketing and Economic Development Reserve. Funding available in 2014 is approximately \$35,000.
- Staff intends to streamline the application process.
- There will be a lag in time for the determination of the tax value.
- In terms of the heritage building status, a permit will be required for any work being completed on the front of the building. The door being replaced will meet the guidelines set for a heritage building.

Councillor Lynn Grinstead re-iterated her comments made at the Community Development Advisory Committee meeting, with respect to the amount of the funding be given to the applicant(s).

ii) Amendment to By-law 6000-11, Traffic Control and Parking – Town Clerk

The Town Clerk provided a Power Point Presentation, attached as Appendix B, and forming part of these minutes.

On question of Council the following was clarified:

- The Corporate Services Advisory Committee agreed with the staff recommendation to eliminate parking permits as they have never been issued, as well as for the fact that on street parking is allowed during the restricted parking lot times.
- A car cannot remain parked for more than 24 hours.
- Signage will be updated upon approval of the by-law.
- The Director of Public Works will be given authority to post notice of parking lot cleaning when necessary.

iii) By-law Alternative Voting – Town Clerk

The Town Clerk provided a Power Point Presentation, attached as Appendix C, and forming part of these minutes.

On question of Council the following was clarified:

- Contingency plans will be in place and best practices will be used throughout the election process.

8. Public Meetings

None

9. Matters Tabled/Deferred/Unfinished Business

None

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10. Staff Reports

i. **Disposal of Surplus Lands - Planner**

Resolution No. 153-14

Moved by Lynn Grinstead

Seconded by Mark Willmer

THAT Council, in accordance with the Town's "Sale and other Disposition of Land" Policy, adopt a by-law to declare the following lands as surplus to the Town's needs:

1. Allan Drive (parkland)
2. Fairview Crescent (parkland)
3. Vancourtland Street N. (west side) (CN land)
4. Vancourtland Street N. (south side) (CN land)
5. Norma Street S. (CN land)
6. Second Avenue (abutting Scheel Windows)
7. Edward/McLachlin Streets (CN land)

AND FURTHER THAT Council directs staff to:

1. Provide required notice of Council's intention to sell the lands declared surplus, indicating the minimum bid amount to be not less than the appraised value plus costs incurred to dispose the lands such as legal fees, survey fees, appraisal fees, encumbrances, advertising and improvements;
2. Report any comments received to Council for consideration and, at its sole discretion, decision regarding if any further action to be taken on same.

AND FURTHER THAT funding for any activities related to this process, be obtained from the Marketing and Economic Development Reserve, with proceeds to be paid to the same reserve upon sale of lands.

Report and Resolution CARRIED

The Town Planner provided an overview of the report.

On question of Council the following was clarified:

- Staff clarified that the money being used for this process (ie. advertising, appraisal costs) will be taken from the Marketing and Economic Development Reserve and will be put back into this reserve once the process is completed with the monies realized from the sales.
- Staff indicated on question from Council, that there will be opportunity to provide further direction to staff regarding the sale of the lands in an "as-is" state, once the lands have been declared surplus and notice of intention to sell is provided.

The CAO indicated that the process steps are rigid at the front end; however, Council will have every opportunity to bring forward any questions or concerns throughout the process.

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ii. 2014 Public Works Departmental Activities – Director of Public Works

Resolution No. 154-14

Moved by Ted Strike

Seconded by Walter Stack

THAT Council receive report # 14-04-28-02 as information.

Report and Resolution CARRIED

The Director of Public Works provided an overview of the report.

On question of Council the following was clarified:

- The Asset Management Plan (AMP) will be revisited for current priorities once the laser testing of the roads is completed. This laser road testing will also be coupled with the closed circuit television inspections of the underground infrastructure, when revisiting the AMP.
- The Water Tower project is being completed strictly to prevent the rusting/oxidization of the metal. Staff will determine when the last time the lining inside of the tower was replaced.
- The sidewalks on Charles Street will form part of the work being completed this year.
- Sewer Pump Station Number One (1) will be looked at by staff to determine whether or not there was cathodic protection applied to this station.
- Staffs are currently looking at options and timing for possibly expanding the streetlight program.

Mayor Reid indicated that this report provided great information to Council and the public and commended staff on all of the work being completed.

iii. Water Tower License Agreement Renewals – Finance Officer

Resolution No. 155-14

Moved by Dan Lynch

Seconded by Walter Stack

THAT Council enact a by-law authorizing the Mayor and Clerk to enter into five year agreements deemed satisfactory by the Town Solicitor with the County of Renfrew, Hydro One, and Storm Internet effective January 01, 2014 for the use of space at the Town's Water Tower located at 443 Hartney Street for radio communications equipment.

Report and Resolution CARRIED

The Finance Officer provided an overview of the report.

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On question of Council the following was clarified:

- Staff consulted with other municipalities regarding fees.
- A structural analysis is required prior to the erection of any new device on the Tower.

iv. Proclamations – Town Clerk

Resolution No. 156-14

Moved by Lynn Grinstead

Seconded by Mark Willmer

THAT Council proclaim the following:

- a) Community Living Month – May 2014
- b) Emergency Preparedness Week – May 4-10, 2014
- c) National Health and Fitness Day – June 7, 2014
- d) Seniors Month – June 2014
- e) World Lupus Day – May 10, 2014

Report and Resolution CARRIED

The Town Clerk provided an overview of the report.

Resolution No. 157-14

Moved by Lynn Grinstead

Seconded by Mark Willmer

WHEREAS Community Living Renfrew County South is celebrating 50 years in 2014; and

WHEREAS Community Living has been providing services and support to people with developmental disabilities and their families in Arnprior and the surrounding area; and

WHEREAS in honour of the 50th Anniversary of Community Living Renfrew County South and to all those who have contributed to and benefitted from the services that Community Living Renfrew County South provides;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT I, David Reid, Mayor of Arnprior, do hereby proclaim May 2014 as “Community Living Month” in the Town of Arnprior and encourage all residents to recognize and celebrate the accomplishments of Community Living Renfrew County South.

Resolution CARRIED

Resolution No. 158-14

Moved by Lynn Grinstead

Seconded by Mark Willmer

WHEREAS Emergency Preparedness Week is an annual event that takes place each year during the first full week of May.

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AND WHEREAS this initiative has taken place since 1996 and is a collaborative event undertaken by provincial and territorial management organizations in conjunction with Public Safety Canada and other partners.

AND WHEREAS Emergency Preparedness Week encourages Canadians to take the following three simple steps to become better prepared to face a range of emergencies:

1. Know the Risks
2. Make a Plan
3. Get an Emergency Kit

AND WHEREAS the safety of our community is the responsibility of each and every resident.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT I, David Reid, Mayor of Arnprior, do hereby proclaim May 4th – 10th, 2014 as “Emergency Preparedness Week” in the Town of Arnprior and urge all residents to raise awareness of the need to prepare for the possibility of an emergency and *Know the Risks, Make a Plan and Get an Emergency Kit.*

Resolution CARRIED

Resolution No. 159-14

Moved by Lynn Grinstead

Seconded by Mark Willmer

WHEREAS:

- the Parliament of Canada wishes to increase awareness among Canadians of the significant benefits of physical activity and to encourage Canadians to increase their level of physical activity and their participation in recreational sports and fitness activities;
- it is in Canada’s interest to improve the health of all Canadians and to reduce the burden of illness on Canadian families and on the Canadian health care system;
- many local governments in Canada have public facilities to promote the health and fitness of their citizens;
- the Government of Canada wishes to encourage local governments to facilitate Canadian’s participation in healthy physical activities;
- the Government of Canada wishes to encourage the country’s local governments, non-government organizations, the private sector and all Canadians to recognize the first Saturday in June as National Health and Fitness Day and to mark the day with local events and initiatives celebrating and promoting the important and use of local health, recreational, sports and fitness facilities;
- Canada’s mountains, oceans, lakes, forests, parks and wilderness also offer recreational and fitness opportunities;
- Canadian Environment Week is observed throughout the country in early June, and walking and cycling are great ways to reduce vehicle pollution and improve physical fitness;

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- declaring the first Saturday in June to be National Health and Fitness Day will further encourage Canadians to participate in physical activities and contribute to their own health and well-being;

THEREFORE, I, David Reid, Mayor of Arnprior, do hereby proclaim June 7, 2014 as "National Health & Fitness Day"

In order to leverage the effect of our proclamation, we shall advise the Federation of Canadian Municipalities of our proclamation.

Resolution CARRIED

Resolution No. 160-14

Moved by Lynn Grinstead

Seconded by Mark Willmer

WHEREAS, Seniors' Month is an annual nation-wide celebration;

WHEREAS seniors have contributed and continue to contribute immensely to the life and vibrancy of this community;

WHEREAS seniors continue to serve as leaders, mentors, volunteers and important and active members of this community;

WHEREAS their contributions past and present warrant appreciation and recognition and their stories deserve to be told;

WHEREAS the health and well-being of seniors is in the interest of all and further adds to the health and well-being of the community;

WHEREAS the knowledge and experience seniors pass on to us continues to benefit all;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT I, David Reid, Mayor of Arnprior, do hereby proclaim June 1-30, 2014 "Seniors' Month" in the Town of Arnprior and encourage all residents to recognize and celebrate the accomplishments of our seniors.

Resolution CARRIED

Resolution No. 161-14

Moved by Lynn Grinstead

Seconded by Mark Willmer

WHEREAS, lupus is an autoimmune disease that can cause severe damage to the tissue and organs in the body and, in some cases, death; and

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WHEREAS, more than five million people worldwide suffer the devastating effects of this disease and each year over a hundred thousand young women, men and children are newly diagnosed with lupus, the great majority of whom are women of childbearing age; and

WHEREAS, medical research efforts into lupus and the discovery of safer, more effective treatments for lupus patients are under-funded in comparison with diseases of comparable magnitude and severity and

WHEREAS, many physicians worldwide are unaware of symptoms and health effects of lupus, causing people with lupus to suffer for many years before they obtain a correct diagnosis and medical treatment; and

WHEREAS, there is a deep, unmet need worldwide to educate and support individuals and families affected by lupus; and

WHEREAS, there is an urgent need to increase awareness in communities worldwide of the debilitating impact of lupus;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT I, David Reid, Mayor of Arnprior, do hereby proclaim May 10, 2014, as World Lupus Day on which lupus organizations around the globe call for increases in public and private sector funding for medical research on lupus, targeted education programs for health professionals, patients and the public and worldwide recognition of lupus as a significant public health issue.

Resolution CARRIED

11. Committee Reports and Minutes

Committee Minutes:

a) Corporate Services Advisory Committee Minutes – February 18, 2014

Resolution No. 162-14

Moved by Lynn Grinstead

Seconded by Mark Willmer

THAT Council receive the Corporate Services Advisory Committee Minutes of February 18, 2014 as information.

Resolution CARRIED

12. Notice of Motions

None

13. Reeve's Report From County Council

Reeve Stack provided the following information from Renfrew County Council:

- Finance Committee met last week:
 - The Warden's Golf Tournament is September 5, 2014.

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- Monthly summary of the Council remuneration, is included in the package. There is also an outline of how the County is going to have their citizen Committee look at this issue over the summer months.
- 46 years of age is the average age of the County workforce.
- Employee Assistance Program statistics are in the package.
- A list of Human Resources services supplied to lower tier are provided in the package.
- 10 summer students were hired by the County this year.
- The Treasurer's report is included in the package.
- Provincial Offences Act statistics on the continued gathering of backdated and current fines.
- Workload statistics are included in the package.
- Renfrew County Health – 2013 rebate to the County was approximately \$330 000
- 2013 financial statements are included in the package.
- County reserve summary is also included in the package.
- All of the information is available in the Clerk's office.

On question of Council the following was clarified:

- There is an interest of 2% per month charged on the outstanding Provincial Offences Act fines.

14. Correspondence & Petitions

a) Correspondence Package No. I-14-APR-08

Resolution No. 163-14

Moved by Mark Willmer

Seconded by Lyle Anderson

THAT the Correspondence Package No. I-14-APR-08 be received as information and filed accordingly.

Resolution CARRIED

Councillor Dan Lynch provided a reminder that the Arnprior Home and Leisure Show is being held at the Nick Smith Centre on Friday, Saturday and Sunday, May 2-4th.

Reeve Walter Stack noted the FCM Membership, which the County pays for. He indicated that he has been spending time trying to understand this process. After their annual conference they are going to forward information regarding this membership, which at this point he will follow up on this topic.

b) Correspondence Package No. A-14-APR-06

Resolution No. 164-14

Moved by Mark Willmer

Seconded by Lynn Grinstead

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THAT the Correspondence Package No. A-14-APR-06 be received, and that the recommendations outlined be brought forward for Council's consideration.

Resolution CARRIED

Resolution No. 165-14

Moved by Mark Willmer

Seconded by Lynn Grinstead

THAT Council of the Corporation of the Town of Arnprior receive the correspondence from the Township of Mulmur and United Townships of Head, Clara & Maria;

WHEREAS the Council of the Corporation of the Town of Arnprior too acknowledges challenges with the timeliness of the current processing of reassessments through MPAC;

AND WHEREAS there is indeed some discrepancies in the treatment of properties on which construction occurs with a building permit and those constructed without permits specifically in the timeliness of assessment and the back dating of assessments resulting in lost revenue;

AND WHEREAS this system seems to penalize those who actually abide by current legislation and forgive those who do not;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Town of Arnprior does hereby agree that it is inappropriate and unacceptable to not immediately and retroactively assess a building that had been erected without a building permit for the current year and up to two (2) prior years, based on construction date and occupancy, when this is the norm for buildings constructed with building permits in effect penalizing the law abiding citizens;

AND FURTHER THAT MPAC be requested to automatically and immediately reassess all properties once the improvements/construction have been discovered and apply the resulting increase to the current year and for up to two (2) previous years should it be provable that the construction had been completed;

AND FURTHER THAT this resolution be forwarded to the appropriate ministries and agencies for support and action.

Resolution CARRIED

Resolution No. 166-14

Moved by Mark Willmer

Seconded by Lynn Grinstead

THAT Council of the Corporation of the Town of Arnprior receive the correspondence from Niagara Region, the Town of Petrolia and the Township of Wainfleet;

WHEREAS the province's recently released Long Term Energy Plan anticipates that consumers will face hydro rates that will rise by 42% over the next five (5) years;

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WHEREAS the Minister of Energy recently announced that past FIT prices are driving electricity prices higher and that changes to domestic content requirements for construction of future renewable energy projects are necessary to lower future electricity rates;

WHEREAS the recent auditor general's report advised of extreme amounts of waste in the energy sector, particularly at Ontario Power Generation and Hydro One, due to high labour costs and generous public sector pension plans;

WHEREAS decisions including but not limited to the cancellation of gas plants in Ontario could cost taxpayers close to \$1.1 billion;

WHEREAS recent increases announced by Union Gas and Enbridge, along with Hydro increases will cause great financial burden to the residents and businesses of the Town of Arnprior;

WHEREAS it is essential for the residents and businesses of the Town of Arnprior to have access to affordable Hydro and Natural Gas to thrive and prosper;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Corporation of the Town of Arnprior call on Premier Wynne and the Province of Ontario to take immediate action to prevent these and any other rate increases from being implemented;

AND FURTHER THAT this resolution be circulated to Premier Wynne and the Province of Ontario for support and action.

15. Bylaws/ Resolutions

a) **By-Laws**

Resolution No. 167-14

Moved by Dan Lynch

Seconded Ted Strike

THAT the following by-laws be and are hereby enacted and passed:

- i) By-law No. 6341-14 – 123 John Street CIP Agreement
- ii) By-law No. 6342-14 – Alternative Voting (Internet/Telephone)
- iii) By-law No. 6343-14 – Water Tower Agreements

Resolution CARRIED

16. Announcements

Reeve Walter Stack announced:

- Ontario Hydro has sent out correspondence to each household asking for people to indicate whether or not they believe they should have the choice as to where their hydro comes from.

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- Staff should consider holding a public meeting regarding hydro rates and the various correspondence circulating at this time.

17. Media Questions

None

18. Closed Session

None

19. Confirmatory By-Law

Resolution No. 168-14

Moved by Walter Stack

Seconded by Dan Lynch

THAT By-law No. 6344-14 being a By-law to confirm the proceedings of the Regular Meeting of Council held on April 28, 2014 and it is hereby enacted and passed.

Resolution CARRIED

20. Adjournment

Resolution No.169 -14

Moved by Lynn Grinstead

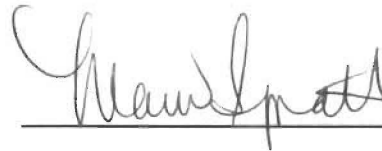
Seconded Mark Willmer

THAT this meeting of Council be adjourned at 8:05PM.

Resolution CARRIED



David Reid, Mayor



Maureen Spratt, Town Clerk