



Minutes of Special Council Meeting

July 13, 2020

3:00 PM

Town Hall, Council Chambers

Present Via Video Conferencing:

Deputy Mayor Lynn Grinstead
County Councillor Dan Lynch
Councillor Ted Strike
Councillor Tom Burnette
Councillor Chris Toner
Councillor Lisa McGee

Also Present:

Robin Paquette, CAO
Jennifer Morawiec, GMCS/Treasurer
Maureen Spratt, Town Clerk
Emily Melanson, A/ Deputy Clerk
Estelle Moynes, Manager of Finance/Deputy Treasurer

Absent:

Mayor Walter Stack (w/ regrets)

1. Call to Order

Deputy Mayor Lynn Grinstead called the Special Council meeting to order at 3:00 PM and welcomed those present.

2. Roll Call

The roll was called, with all Members of Council being present, with the exception of Mayor Walter Stack.

3. Adoption of Agenda

Resolution No. 194-20

Moved by Lisa McGee

Seconded by Chris Toner

Be It Resolved That the agenda for the Special Meeting of Council dated Monday, July 13th, 2020 be adopted.

Resolution CARRIED

4. Disclosures of Pecuniary Interest

There were no disclosures declared.

5. Adoption of Minutes of Previous Meeting(s)

Resolution No. 195-20

Moved by Tom Burnette

Seconded by Dan Lynch

That the Minutes of the Special Meeting of Council listed under item 5(a) on the Agenda be adopted (Special Meeting of Council – June 24th, 2020 at 4:00 p.m.).

Resolution CARRIED

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6. Presentations

a) **2019 Draft Audited Financial Statement, Allan & Partners**

Serena Fortin, Senior Auditor from Allan & Partners provided a presentation on the 2019 Draft Audited Financial Statement and responded to questions.

7. Matters Tabled/Deferred/Unfinished Business

None

8. Staff Reports

a) **Annual Statement of Development Charges – 2019 – GMCS/Treasurer**

Resolution No. 196-20

Moved by Ted Strike

Seconded by Chris Toner

That Council receive report number 20-07-13-01 as information; and

That this Annual Statement of Development Charges be made available to the public on the Town of Arnprior website or upon request.

Resolution CARRIED

The GMCS/Treasurer provided an overview of the report and responded to questions.

b) **COVID-19 Monthly Financial Update – GMCS/Treasurer**

Resolution No. 197-20

Moved by Lisa McGee

Seconded by Chris Toner

That Council receive report 20-07-13-02 as information.

Resolution CARRIED

The GMCS/Treasurer provided an overview of the report and responded to questions.

9. Correspondence & Petitions

a) **Correspondence Package No. I-20-JUL-12**

Resolution No. 198-20

Moved by Lisa McGee

Seconded by Chris Toner

That the Correspondence Package No. I-20-JUL-12 be received as information and filed accordingly.

Resolution CARRIED

County Councillor Dan Lynch referred to various items from Correspondence Package No. I-20-JUL-12, noting the following:

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- Item 27 – Correspondence from the Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM) – New Initiative to Help Homeowners Cut their Energy Bills and Emissions and Keep the Local Economy Moving
 - FCM has announced the Federal Government has launched the second phase for retrofit to homeowners to have higher energy standards. To this end, municipalities may be able to access grants for studies to support communities through the decision making process of the program design phase. County Councillor Lynch asked that with the housing development happening in Town, have we investigated procuring money from this grant? In response to County Councillor Lynch, the CAO noted one of the prerequisites to applying is that the municipality have a Community Energy Plan. While the Town has a Corporate Energy Demand Management Plan for our facilities and operations, as mandated of all municipalities a few years ago, we have not undertaken a Community Energy Plan.

b) Correspondence Package No. I-20-JUL-13

Resolution No. 199-20

Moved by Dan Lynch

Seconded by Tom Burnette

That the Correspondence Package No. I-20-JUL-13 be received as information and filed accordingly.

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c) Correspondence Package No. A-20-JUL-08

Resolution No. 200-20

Moved by Lisa McGee

Seconded by Ted Strike

That the Correspondence Package No. A-20-JUL-08 be received and that the recommendation outlined be brought forward for Council's consideration.

Resolution CARRIED

Resolution No. 201-20

Moved by Lisa McGee

Seconded by Ted Strike

WHEREAS in December 2016 the Canadian Radio-television and Telecommunications Commission declared broadband internet an essential service for Canadians;

AND WHEREAS access to internet in many rural communities in Ontario is limited or non-existent;

AND WHEREAS current broadband investment projects across Ontario will still leave many residents unserved;

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AND WHEREAS the COVID-19 pandemic has underscored the digital divide leaving many rural residents unable to participate in e-commerce, online schooling, are unable to move businesses online or access healthcare and other services online;

AND WHEREAS communities and municipalities are developing economic recovery plans;

AND WHEREAS there may be potential federal and provincial funding for shovel-ready infrastructure programs to kick-start the economy;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Corporation of the Town of Arnprior calls on the provincial and federal governments to include rural broadband investment as part of the economic recovery shovel-ready projects for municipalities;

AND THAT Council direct staff to circulate this resolution to the Prime Minister of Canada; the Federal Minister of Rural Economic Development; the Federal Minister of Innovation, Science and Industry; the Federal Minister of Economic Development; the Minister of Infrastructure and Communities; the Federal Minister of Health; the Premier of Ontario; the Minister of Municipal Affairs; the Minister of Economic Development, Job Creation and Trade; the Minister of Heritage, Sport, Tourism and Culture Industries; the Minister of Education; the Minister of Infrastructure; the Association of Rural Municipalities of Ontario; the Association of Municipalities of Ontario and The Federation of Canadian Municipalities.

Resolution CARRIED

10. By-laws/Resolutions

a) **By-laws**

Resolution No. 202-20

Moved by Chris Toner

Seconded by Lisa McGee

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

- i) By-Law No. 7073-20 – Close Carss and Addie Street Road Allowances
- ii) By-Law No. 7074-20 – Allocate the 2019 Surplus/Shortfall Funds

Resolution CARRIED

11. Closed Session

None

12. Confirmatory By-Law

Resolution No. 203-20

Moved by Dan Lynch

Seconded by Chris Toner

That By-law No. 7075-20 being a By-law to confirm the proceedings of the Special Meeting of Council held on July 13th, 2020 be and it is hereby enacted and passed.

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13. Adjournment

Resolution No. 204-20

Moved by Lisa McGee

Seconded by Chris Toner

That this meeting of Council be adjourned at 3:40 p.m.

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Walter Stack, Mayor

Maureen Spratt, Town Clerk