



**Minutes of Council Meeting
February 8, 2021
6:30 PM
Electronic Participation – Via Zoom**

Council and Staff Attendance

Council Members Present:

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

Council Members Absent:

None

Town Staff Present:

Robin Paquette, CAO
Maureen Spratt, Town Clerk
Kaila Zamojski, Deputy Clerk
Jennifer Morawiec, General Manager
Client Services/Treasurer
John Steckly, General Manager,
Operations
Jeff Crawford, Fire Chief
Graeme Ivory, Manager of Recreation
Megan Rueckwald, Town Planner
Estelle Moynes, Manager of Finance
and Support Services

1. Call to Order

Mayor Walter Stack called the Regular 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 Number 032-21

Moved by Lisa McGee

Seconded by Dan Lynch

Be It Resolved That the agenda for the Regular Meeting of Council dated Monday, February 8, 2021, be adopted.

Resolution Carried

4. Disclosures of Pecuniary Interest

County Councillor Dan Lynch disclosed the following pecuniary interest:

“I, County Councillor Dan Lynch, have a pecuniary interest in Item Number 15 (a) (i), in regards to By-law Number 7131-21 – Adopt 2021 Arnprior Airport Operating Grant, as I am a paid employee of the Arnprior Airport.”

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5. Question Period

None

6. Adoption of Minutes of Previous Meeting(s)

Resolution Number 033-21

Moved by Lynn Grinstead

Seconded by Tom Burnette

That the minutes of the Regular and Special Meetings of Council listed under item number 6 (a) and (b) on the Agenda be adopted (Regular Meeting of Council – January 25, 2021; Special Meeting of Council – February 1, 2021).

Resolution Carried

7. Awards/Delegations/Presentations

None

8. Public Meeting

None

9. Matter Tabled/ Deferred/ Unfinished Business

None

10. Staff Reports

1. Integrity Commissioner Report – Town Clerk

Resolution Number 034-21

Moved by Lynn Grinstead

Seconded by Dan Lynch

That Council receive the “Complaint under Code of Conduct” dated January 29, 2021, submitted by Mr. W. Hunter, Integrity Commissioner attached as Appendix A to Report Number 21-02-08-01 and consider the recommendations contained within Appendix A.

Resolution Carried

The Town Clerk welcomed Mr. William Hunter, and noted his role as the Integrity Commissioner. The Town Clerk provided an overview of the staff report, noting Mr. Hunter will provide Council with a summary of his investigation following which it is up to Council to pass a resolution stating whether or not it intends to take any action in response to the report, and if so, what action it will take.

Mr. Hunter provided an overview of his procedure and findings, in regard to a complaint made against a Member of Council related to a posting on “What’s Up Arnprior” on December 18, 2020. Mr. Hunter provided his recommendation to Council, being a 30-day suspension of pay for Councillor McGee.

Councillor McGee provided Council Members, staff, and residents of the Town of Arnprior with a formal apology.

Following a brief discussion County Councillor Lynch moved the following motion:

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Resolution Number 035-21

Moved by Dan Lynch

Seconded by Tom Burnette

That Council accept the Integrity Commissioner's report as information.

Resolution Carried

2. Marshall's Bay Meadows Preliminary Earthworks and Rock Blasting – Town Planner

Resolution Number 036-21

Moved by Lynn Grinstead

Seconded by Lisa McGee

That Council approve a request from Marshall's Bay Regional Inc. to allow for earthworks and rock blasting on the lands subject to Subdivision Application 47-T-14002, Marshall's Bay Meadows Phase 2, subject to the requirements outlined in Report 2021-02-08-02.

Resolution Carried

The Town Planner provided an overview of the report and responded to questions.

3. Town Initiated Zoning By-law Amendment Semi-Detached Dwellings– Town Planner

Resolution Number 037-21

Moved by Lynn Grinstead

Seconded by Dan Lynch

That Council consider a general amendment to Comprehensive Zoning By-law 6875-18 to establish a minimum frontage and interior side yard setback for semi-detached units each on a separate lot in the Residential One (R1) and Residential Three (R3) zone.

That pursuant to Section 34(12) of the Planning Act, Council hold a public meeting on Monday, March 8, 2021, regarding the proposed amendment, to allow for public review and comment.

Resolution Carried

The Town Planner provided an overview of the report and responded to questions.

4. Budget Expenses: Ontario Regulation 284/09

Resolution Number 038-21

Moved by Lisa McGee

Seconded by Lynn Grinstead

That Council adopt this report by Resolution as required under the Municipal Act, 2001, Ontario Regulation 284/09.

Resolution Carried

The Manager of Finance and Support Services provided an overview of the report and responded to questions.

5. Proclamation – February Black History Month

Resolution Number 039-21

Moved by Lynn Grinstead

Seconded by Lisa McGee

That Council proclaim February 2021 as Black History Month in the Town of Arnprior.

Resolution Carried

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Whereas the Government of Canada is celebrating Black History Month in February, with this year's theme being "The Future is Now;" and

Whereas the Province of Ontario also recognizes Black History Month and its significance in February; and

Whereas the Town of Arnprior understands the importance of recognizing individuals in Arnprior, both past and present, who are members of the Black community; and

Whereas during Black History Month, we commemorate and celebrate the many achievements and contributions made by Black Canadians, who throughout our history have shaped our country's heritage and identity; and

Therefore I, Walter Stack, Mayor of the Town of Arnprior, do hereby proclaim February 2021, as Black History Month in the Town of Arnprior. I urge all Members of Council, staff, and residents of the Town of Arnprior to celebrate and learn of the great accomplishments brought by members of the Black community to the Town of Arnprior.

11. Committee Reports and Minutes

None

12. Notice of Motions

None

13. County Councillor's Report from County Council

County Councillor Lynch noted the following information from the County of Renfrew:

1. County Councillor Lynch attended the Rural Ontario Municipal Association (ROMA) virtual conference on January 25th and 26th and submitted a brief summary of the sessions he attended to Members of Council.
2. At ROMA, a County Delegation, led by Warden Robinson, met with the Minister of Health, the Honourable Christine Elliott, to discuss how valuable the Renfrew County Virtual Triage and Assessment Centre (RCVTAC) is to our residents and the need for ongoing finances to keep this model continuing.
3. The 2021 County Budget is completed resulting in a tax levy of 2.5%, which means a yearly increase of \$10.79 on a home valued at \$200,000.00.
4. The County will be hosting the 2022 Ontario Winter Games. Arnprior has been tentatively selected to host: Sledge Hockey, Target Shooting, and Wheelchair Basketball. The games will be held over two consecutive weekends: February 24-27, 2022 and March 3-6, 2022. A call for 16 Sub-Committee Chairs has been issued with the aim to have these Chairs in place by mid-March. Interested persons are to email their resume to info@renfrewcounty2022.ca.
5. The Town of Arnprior Delegation dealing with the reconfiguration of Edey and Daniel Street South intersection, with the County Operations Committee, meeting has been rescheduled from February 9th, 2021 to March 9th, 2021.

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14. Correspondence & Petitions

a) Correspondence Package – I-21-February-03

Resolution Number 040-21

Moved by Dan Lynch

Seconded by Lynn Grinstead

That the Correspondence Package Number I-21-February-03 be received as information and filed accordingly.

Resolution Carried

County Councillor Dan Lynch noted the following items:

1. The Province's Ministry of Energy is now soliciting feedback on Ontario's long-term energy planning framework through the Environmental Registry of Ontario (ERO). This posting will open to the public for comments, for a period of 90 days, closing on April 27, 2021. County Councillor Lynch inquired if the Town of Arnprior would be taking part in this feedback, with the CAO noting, the Environmental Engineering Officer reviewed the posting, and advised there nothing more to add at this time.
2. The Provincial Government's electricity price freeze for Time of Use users ends on February 9, 2021.

b) Correspondence Package – A-21-February-02

Resolution Number 041-21

Moved by Lynn Grinstead

Seconded by Tom Burnette

That the Correspondence Package Number A-21-February-02 be received and the recommendations outlined be brought forward for Council's consideration.

Resolution Carried

Resolution Number 042-21

Moved by Lynn Grinstead

Seconded by Tom Burnette

Whereas the Corporation of the Town of Arnprior received the correspondence from the City of Hamilton and City of Port Colborne, regarding amending the AGCO licensing and application process for Cannabis Retail Stores to consider radial separation from other cannabis locations; and

Whereas in late 2019 the Province of Ontario announced that the AGCO had been given regulatory to open the market for retail cannabis stores beginning in January 2020, without the need for lottery; and

Whereas the AGCO does not take into consideration radial separation for Cannabis Retail Stores.

Therefore Be It Resolved That the Corporation of the Town of Arnprior supports the City of Hamilton's request to amend the AGCO Licensing and Application process for Cannabis Retail Stores to consider radial separation from other Cannabis Locations.

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Resolution Number 043-21

Moved by Lynn Grinstead

Seconded by Tom Burnette

That Council of the Corporation of the Town of Arnprior receive the letters from Peter W. Rutland and Shirley Riopelle Ouellet regarding the Baskin Drive Subdivision, dated January 20, 2021 and January 29, 2021; and

Further That Council refer the issues outlined in these letters, to staff for investigation and a future recommendation.

Resolution Carried

15. By-laws/Resolutions

a) By-laws

County Councillor Dan Lynch vacated his place in the electronic meeting at 7:05 PM.

Resolution Number 044-21

Moved by Tom Burnette

Seconded by Ted Strike

That the following by-law be and is hereby enacted and passed:

- i. By-law Number 7131-21 – Adopt 2021 Arnprior Airport Operating Grant

Resolution Carried

County Councillor Dan Lynch resumed his place in the electronic meeting at 7:06 PM.

Resolution Number 045-21

Moved by Tom Burnette

Seconded by Dan Lynch

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

- ii. By-law Number 7132-21 – Adopt 2021 Operating and Capital Budget
- iii. By-law Number 7133-21 – WIP
- iv. By-law Number 7134-21 – Adopt User Fees and Charges By-law

Resolution Carried

b) Resolutions

Long Range Capital Forecast

Resolution Number 046-21

Moved by Lynn Grinstead

Seconded by Lisa McGee

That Council approve the 2022-2041 Long Range Capital Forecast as presented to Council on January 11, 2021 and discussed on February 1, 2021, as a financial planning tool; and

That the 2022-2041 Long Range Capital Forecast be used to inform the annual budget process, as well as, other financial planning processes and documents; and

That staff continue to update the Long Range Capital Forecast as part of the annual budget process.

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16. Announcements

County Councillor Dan Lynch made the following announcements:

- On behalf of Mayor and Council, thank you to NeighbourLink Fountain, through Joanne Camelon, for providing a meal to our shut-ins last Wednesday.
- The Arnprior District Hospital "Catch the Ace" is still up for grabs. Prize money for tomorrows draw will be in excess of \$59,238.00.

17. Media Questions

None

18. Closed Session

Resolution Number 047-21 (7:10 pm)

Moved by Lisa McGee

Seconded by Chris Toner

That Council move into Closed Session regarding:

One Matter pursuant to Section 239 (2) (b) personal matter about an identifiable individual including municipal or local board employees (Library board Appointment); and

One Matter pursuant to Section 239 (2) (b) personal matter about an identifiable individual including municipal or local board employees (Commemorative Naming Application).

Resolution Carried

Resolution Number 048-21 (7:29 pm)

Moved by Dan Lynch

Seconded by Ted Strike

That Council resume to the Regular Meeting of Council.

Resolution Carried

Resolution Number 049-21

Moved by Lynn Grinstead

Seconded by Tom Burnette

That Council appoint Hyacinth Chatterton to the Arnprior Public Library Board for the remainder of the term of Council.

Resolution Carried

Resolution Number 050-21

Moved by Tom Burnette

Seconded by Ted Strike

That Council approve of the name Irvin Woermke to be placed on the Town of Arnprior Street Name List, for future use.

Resolution Carried

19. Confirmatory By-Law

Resolution Number 051-21

Moved by Dan Lynch

Seconded by Chris Toner

That By-law Number 7135-21 being a By-law to confirm the proceedings of the Regular Meeting of Council held on February 8, 2021 be and it is hereby enacted and passed.

Resolution Carried

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20. Adjournment

Resolution Number 052-21

Moved by Lynn Grinstead

Seconded by Lisa McGee

That this meeting of Council be adjourned at 7:30 pm.

Resolution Carried

Signatures

Original signed by

Walter Stack, Mayor

Original signed by

Maureen Spratt, Town Clerk