



**Minutes of Council Meeting  
February 22, 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  
Deanna Nicholson, Environmental  
Engineering Officer  
Megan Rueckwald, Town Planner

**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 053-21

Moved by Tom Burnette

Seconded by Chris Toner

**Be It Resolved That** the agenda for the Regular Meeting of Council dated Monday, February 22, 2021, be adopted.

Resolution Carried

**4. Disclosures of Pecuniary Interest**

None

**5. Question Period**

None

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## 6. Adoption of Minutes of Previous Meeting(s)

Resolution Number 054-21

Moved by Lynn Grinstead

Seconded by Lisa McGee

**That** the minutes of the Regular Meeting of Council listed under item number 6 (a) on the Agenda be adopted (Regular Meeting of Council – February 8, 2021).

Resolution Carried

## 7. Awards/Delegations/Presentations

None

## 8. Public Meeting

### a) Zoning By-law Amendment 3/20 – Marshalls Bay Meadows – Phase 2

Resolution Number 055-21 (6:32 pm)

Moved by Lynn Grinstead

Seconded by Ted Strike

That Council move into a public meeting regarding a proposed zoning by-law amendment for Marshalls Bay Meadows Phase 2.

Resolution Carried

Mayor Stack called the meeting to order at 6:32 PM, and welcomed those present. Megan Rueckwald, Town Planner noted requirements for oral or written submissions prior to adoption of the amending by-law for the purposes of the Local Planning Appeal Tribunal requirements.

The Town Planner explained the amendment is being requested to change the zoning designation from Future Development to Residential Three, Residential Four Exception Zone 28 and Residential Four Exception Zone 29. This would allow for the Phase 2 of the Marshall's Bay Meadows Subdivision to be built out. The Planner advised that the applicants have withdrawn their request for site-specific Residential Three zoning to reduce the exterior side yard setback. Residential Four Exception Zone 28 and Exception Zone 29 were established as part of the zoning amendment for Phase 1. Adam Thompson of Novatech was available to answer questions from the public. No members of the public provided comments.

Resolution Number 056-21 (6:38 pm)

Moved by Dan Lynch

Seconded by Lynn Grinstead

That Council resume to the Regular Meeting of Council.

Resolution Carried

## 9. Matter Tabled/ Deferred/ Unfinished Business

None

## 10. Staff Reports

### a) Heritage Permit – 41 Madawaska St. – Town Planner

Resolution Number 057-21

Moved by Lisa McGee

Seconded by Dan Lynch

**Whereas** an application has been filed for a heritage permit for works at 41 Madawaska Street within the Downtown Heritage Conservation District; and

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**Whereas** the application conforms with the provisions of the Downtown Heritage Conservation District Plan and conforms to the redevelopment policies of the Town of Arnprior Official Plan; and

**Whereas** the Community Development Advisory Committee recommended approval of the application with no conditions at their February 16, 2021 meeting.

**Therefore Be It Resolved That** Council approve the heritage permit as per the application submitted with no conditions and direct staff to issue the permit.

Resolution Carried

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

### **b) Arnprior Waste Disposal Site – Year 6 operations Contract – Environmental Engineering Officer**

Resolution Number 058-21

Moved by Ted Strike

Seconded by Tom Burnette

**That** Council authorize a one-year extension (Year 6) to Tomlinson Environmental Services for the provision of services to operate the Arnprior Waste Disposal Site, pursuant to RFT# PW-2016-07, for the period of September 1, 2021 to August 31, 2022.

Resolution Amended

The Environmental Engineering Officer provided an overview of the report and responded to questions.

### **c) Elevated Water Tower Paint and Logo Re-Design – General Manager, Operations**

Resolution Number 059-21

Moved by Lynn Grinstead

Seconded by Chris Toner

**That** Council approve the proposed paint redesign as illustrated in the enclosed Document Number 1 for the Arnprior elevated water tower exterior overcoat 2021 capital project.

Resolution Carried

The General Manager, Operations provided an overview of the report and responded to questions.

### **d) Committee of Adjustment/ Property Standards Committee Terms of Reference – Town Clerk**

Resolution Number 060-21

Moved by Lynn Grinstead

Seconded by Dan Lynch

**That** Council receive report number 21-02-22-05 and adopts a By-law establishing the Terms of Reference for the Committee of Adjustment/Property Standards Committee.

Resolution Carried

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

## **11. Committee Reports and Minutes**

None

## **12. Notice of Motions**

None

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## 13. County Councillor's Report from County Council

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

1. At the February Operations meeting details about the billing for snow removal on County Roads in Arnprior was discussed. This report was forwarded on to General Manager of Operations for his action.
2. A reminder that The County will be hosting the 2022 Ontario Winter Games and interested persons to email their resume to [info@renfrewcounty2022.ca](mailto:info@renfrewcounty2022.ca).
3. All Long Term Care residents who wanted the COVID vaccination have been vaccinated including the residents at the Grove Nursing Home. The Health Unit is awaiting the next issue of vaccine that is targeted for Health Care Workers, staff at Long Term Care facilities and First Responders. At this time, the Renfrew County Health Unit has no definitive time line when the roll out of the vaccine will take place.
4. Upcoming meetings at the County include the following:
  - a. February 24, 2021 – County Council
  - b. March 2, 2021 – Algonquin Trail Committee, dealing with a presentation to include a one-time \$4 million expense to complete the Algonquin Trail.
    - Mayor Walter Stack requested further information on the approach the Committee is taking on the trail completion. County Councillor Lynch noted there will be three options discussed at this meeting, and he can provide further information following the meeting.
  - c. March 3, 2021 - County Road 51 Committee, dealing with a presentation to budget for the expansion of County Road 51 in Petawawa.
  - d. March 16, 2021 – Operations Committee, with the Town scheduled to make a presentation on the configuration of the Daniel and Edey Street intersection.
  - e. March 16, 2021 – Development and Property Committee

## 5. Correspondence & Petitions

### a) Correspondence Package – I-21-February-04

Resolution Number 061-21

Moved by Lynn Grinstead

Seconded by Lisa McGee

That the Correspondence Package Number I-21-February-04 be received as information and filed accordingly.

Resolution Carried

County Councillor Dan Lynch noted the following items:

1. Page 8 – If you are currently unemployed or are a business that is looking to add employees, the Province of Ontario is now accepting applications for the New Skills Development Fund. The fund will help quickly address the needs of Ontario's employers and workers, by offering up to \$100 million in the first application round, beginning in February 2021. A second round of projects is planned to provide an additional \$15 million in funding in the spring of 2021.
2. Page 12 - The Ontario government is providing \$7 million to help increase access to mental health and addiction services for post-secondary students during COVID-19. The funding will provide more supports for students, both on-campus and virtually, and can be used to address Indigenous students, LGBTQ students, and students having accessibility related needs.

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3. Page 14 – The Ontario government did not stop the Ontario Extends Off-Peak Electricity Rates on February 9<sup>th</sup>. Instead, the government extended the Hydro Relief Program to today's date.
4. Page 23 – The Ontario government is easing the burden on those grieving the loss of a loved one by simplifying the process to apply to manage small estates. The changes, which include setting the limit for a small estate at \$150,000, will help people receive their inheritances faster and make Ontario's probate process for small estates a simpler and more accessible process.
5. Page 28 – The Ontario government has safely restarted in-vehicle passenger road tests in Renfrew County.
6. Page 68 – LAS continues to host webinars under the Municipal Group Buying Program. On February 24, 2021, LAS will be introducing one the newest categories – Fleet Unfitting (with Commercial Truck Equipment Co.). The CAO noted, at the request of County Councillor Lynch that the Operations Department has signed up for this webinar.

Councillor Chris Toner noted the following items:

1. Ontario Expands Support for Families of Children with Autism - Starting in March, the province will begin offering core clinical services based on a child's individual needs as part of the new Ontario Autism Program. Part of the new services provided include mental health supports for families.
2. Ontario Increases Mental Health Funding for Post Secondary Students - The Ontario government is providing \$7 million to help increase access to mental health and addiction services for post secondary students during COVID-19. The funding supports a variety initiatives including [Good2Talk.ca](http://Good2Talk.ca). Many patients and families are being left to navigate a confusing system on their own as they wait too long to receive the services they need. Another mental health support is [MindyourMind.ca](http://MindyourMind.ca). This is a great interactive website with downloadable apps with easy access to services and contacts. [MindyourMind.ca](http://MindyourMind.ca) exists in the space where mental health, wellness, engagement and technology meet. Their goals are to promote wellness, reduce stigma around mental health and increase access to community supports - both professional and peer based.
3. The Dementia Society of Ottawa and Renfrew County offers Free Supports and Services. The Canadian Institute for Health Information reports that unpaid caregivers of people living with dementia are more likely to experience distress than caregivers of other seniors. During COVID-19 caregiver distress is at an all time high. The Dementia Society is available to help with free education, support and programming. Please contact Katie Holmes, Director of Marketing at [kholmes@dsorc.org](mailto:kholmes@dsorc.org).

### **b) Correspondence Package – A-21-February-03**

Resolution Number 062-21

Moved by Lisa McGee

Seconded by Chris Toner

**That** the Correspondence Package Number A-21-February-03 be received and the recommendations outlined be brought forward for Council's consideration.

Resolution Carried

Resolution Number 063-21

Moved by Lisa McGee

Seconded by Chris Toner

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**Whereas** the Corporation of the Town of Arnprior received the correspondence from Guelph/Eramosa Township, dated February 8, 2021, regarding advocacy for reform of the Municipal Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act (MFIPPA); and

**Whereas** the Municipal Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act R.S.O. 1990 (MFIPPA) dates back 30 years; and

**Whereas** municipalities, including the Town of Arnprior, practice and continue to promote open and transparent government operations, actively disseminate information and routinely disclose public documents upon request outside of the MFIPPA process; and

**Whereas** government operations, public expectations, technologies, and legislation surrounding accountability and transparency have dramatically changed and MFIPPA has not advanced in line with these changes; and

**Whereas** the creation, storage and utilization of records has changed significantly, and the Municipal Clerk of the Municipality is responsible for records and information management programs as prescribed by the Municipal Act, 2001; and

**Whereas** regulation 823 under MFIPPA continues to reference antiquated technology and does not adequately provide for cost recovery, and these financial shortfalls are borne by the municipal taxpayer; and

**Whereas** the threshold to establish frivolous and/or vexatious requests is unreasonably high and allows for harassment of staff and members of municipal councils, and unreasonably affects the operations of the municipality; and

**Whereas** the Act fails to recognize how multiple requests from an individual, shortage of staff resources or the expense of producing a record due to its size, number or physical location does not allow for time extensions to deliver requests and unreasonably affects the operations of the municipality; and

**Whereas** the name of the requestor is not permitted to be disclosed to anyone other than the person processing the access request, and this anonymity is used by requesters to abuse the MFIPPA process and does not align with the spirit of openness and transparency embraced by municipalities; and

**Whereas** legal professionals use MFIPPA to gain access to information to launch litigation against institutions, where other remedies exist; and

**Whereas** there are limited resources to assist administrators or requesters to navigate the legislative process; and

**Whereas** reform is needed to address societal and technological changes in addition to global privacy concerns and consistency across provincial legislation.

**Therefore Be It Resolved That** Council of the Corporation of the Town of Arnprior support the above resolution brought forward by Guelph/Eramosa Township and requests the Ministry of Government and Consumer Services to review the MFIPPA, and consider the following throughout the review process:

1. That MFIPPA assign the Municipal Clerk, or designate to be the Head under the Act;
2. That MFIPPA be updated to address current and emerging technologies;

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3. That MFIPPA regulate the need for consistent routine disclosure practices across institutions;
4. That the threshold for frivolous and/or vexatious action be reviewed, and take into consideration the community and available resources to which it is applied;
5. That the threshold for frivolous and/or vexatious also consider the anonymity of requestors, their abusive nature and language in requests to ensure protection from harassment as provided for in the Occupational Health and Safety Act;
6. That the application and scalability of fees be designed to ensure taxpayers are protected from persons abusing the access to information process;
7. That administrative practices implied or required under the Act, including those of the Information Privacy Commission (IPC), be reviewed and modernized;
8. That the integrity of the Act be maintained to protect personal privacy and transparent governments.

**Further That** this resolution be circulated to Guelph/Eramosa Township, the County of Renfrew; Renfrew County Clerks-Treasurers Association; MPP John Yakabuski, MP Cheryl Gallant, The Minister of Government and Consumer Services, The Information and Privacy Commissioner of Ontario, Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO) and Association of Municipal Clerks and Treasurers of Ontario.

Resolution Carried

### 15. By-laws/Resolutions

#### a) By-laws

Resolution Number 064-21

Moved by Tom Burnette

Seconded by Lynn Grinstead

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

- i. By-law Number 7134-21 – Adopt Street Re-Naming Morgan Clouthier Way
- ii. By-law Number 7135-21 – Appointments to Arnprior Public Library Board
- iii. By-law Number 7136-21 – Adopt Committee of Adjustment / Property Standards Committee Terms of Reference

Resolution Carried

#### b) Resolutions

None

### 16. Announcements

Councillor Chris Toner made the following announcement:

- The Arnprior Optimist Club is celebrating its 60<sup>th</sup> year in service. The club is hoping to plan some exciting events to take place this year to commemorate this milestone.

Mayor Walter Stack made the following announcements:

- Congratulations to the Arnprior Optimist Club for being in service for 60 years.
- Congratulations to the Arnprior Lions Club for being in service for 75 years.

County Councillor Dan Lynch made the following announcements:

- On behalf of the Mayor and Members of Council, I'd like to thank the NeighbourLink Fountain through Joanne Camelon, for providing a meal to our shut ins last Wednesday.
- The Arnprior District Hospital "Catch the Ace" is still in play. Prize money for tomorrow's draw will be in excess of \$60,000.

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## 17. Media Questions

None

## 18. Closed Session

Resolution Number 065-21 (7:15 pm)

Moved by Ted Strike

Seconded by Lynn Grinstead

**That** Council move into Closed Session regarding one matter pursuant to Section 239 (2)(f) advice that is subject to solicitor client privilege including communications necessary for that purpose (Drainage Swale).

Resolution Carried

Resolution Number 066-21 (7:46 pm)

Moved by Dan Lynch

Seconded by Lisa McGee

**That** Council resume to the Regular Meeting of Council.

Resolution Carried

Resolution Number 067-21

Moved by Tom Burnette

Seconded by Lynn Grinstead

**That** Council receive the legal opinion from the municipal solicitor and concur with the recommendations as outlined in closed session.

At the request of Mayor Walter Stack a recorded vote was taken:

Councillor Ted Strike Yes

Councillor Lynn Grinstead Yes

Councillor Tom Burnette Yes

Councillor Chris Toner Yes

Councillor Lisa McGee Yes

County Councillor Dan Lynch Yes

Mayor Walter Stack Yes

Resolution Carried

## 19. Confirmatory By-Law

Resolution Number 068-21

Moved by Dan Lynch

Seconded by Tom Burnette

**That** By-law Number 7137-21 being a By-law to confirm the proceedings of the Regular Meeting of Council held on February 22, 2021 be and it is hereby enacted and passed.

Resolution Carried

## 20. Adjournment

Resolution Number 069-21

Moved by Lynn Grinstead

Seconded by Lisa McGee

**That** this meeting of Council be adjourned at 7:48 pm.



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## Signatures - Original copy signed by

Walter Stack, Mayor

Maureen Spratt, Town Clerk