

Arnprior, Ontario  
March 3, 2008

The Regular Meeting of Council was held this date at 5:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers with His Worship Mayor Terry Gibeau presiding, with all other Members of Council present.

Also Present: C.A.O., Town Clerk, Fire Chief, Planner and Engineering Technologist

1. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Gibeau called the Regular Meeting of Council to order at 5:02 p.m.

2. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Moved by W.J. Lammert

Seconded by Mark Willmer

AND RESOLVED THAT the agenda for the Regular Meeting of Council dated Monday, March 3, 2008 at 5:00 p.m. be adopted as duplicated and circulated.

Resolution CARRIED

3. DISCLOSURES OF PECUNIARY INTEREST

No disclosures of pecuniary interest were declared.

4. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

Resolution No. 41-08 Minutes of the Regular Meeting of Council dated February 11, 2008 at 5:00 p.m. and the Special Meeting of Council dated February 14, 2008 at 4:30 p.m.

Moved by Nancy F. Black

Seconded by Eric Burton

AND RESOLVED THAT the minutes of the Regular Meeting of Council dated Monday, February 11, 2008 at 5:00 p.m. and the Special Meeting of Council dated Thursday, February 14, 2008 at 4:30 p.m. be adopted as duplicated and circulated.

Resolution CARRIED

5. DELEGATIONS/PRESENTATIONS

None

6. PUBLIC MEETINGS

None

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7. MATTERS TABLED/DEFERRED/UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None

8. STAFF REPORTS

None

9. COMMITTEE REPORTS AND MINUTES

- a) Resolution No. 42-08 Committee of the Whole Meeting Report dated February 19, 2008 at 5:00 p.m.

Moved by Tom Peckett

Seconded by Mark Willmer

AND RESOLVED THAT the Committee of the Whole Meeting Report dated Tuesday, February 19, 2008 at 5:00 p.m. be adopted as duplicated and circulated.

Resolution CARRIED

- b) Resolution No. 43-08 Awards Committee Meeting Report dated February 12, 2008 at 8:30 a.m.

Moved by Mark Willmer

Seconded by W.J. Lammert

AND RESOLVED THAT the Awards Committee Meeting Report dated Tuesday, February 12, 2008 at 8:30 a.m. be received as presented.

Councillor Willmer referred to Item 6 regarding the hall rental of the Nick Smith Centre and informed Council that this issue is under review by the Committee, following which time it will be brought back to Council for their consideration.

Resolution CARRIED

10. MOTIONS TO ADOPT DECISIONS

- a) Resolution- Support Township of Greater Madawaska's resolution regarding Logging on Crown Lands

Moved by Tom Peckett

Seconded by Mark Willmer

10. MOTIONS TO ADOPT DECISIONS – Cont'd

a) Resolution – Cont'd

AND RESOLVED THAT Council support the resolution of the Township of Greater Madawaska dated January 24, 2008 whereby they are requesting the Province of Ontario to establish a system whereby revenue from stumpage fees paid to the Province by the logging companies be used to compensate municipalities for damages sustained to municipal roads as a result of the logging companies use of municipal roads;

AND FURTHER THAT the Province establish the same system for compensating municipalities per tonne of logs in the same manner as currently occurs with aggregate extraction in municipalities;

AND FURTHER THAT a copy of this resolution be forwarded to Premier of Ontario and John Yakabuski, M.P.P., Renfrew-Nipissing-Pembroke for their consideration and support and to the Township of Greater Madawaska.

On question of Reeve Stack, it was agreed by the mover and seconder to defer this resolution until the Township of Greater Madawaska receives the results of the Fiscal Review Commission discussion with the Province on this topic.

Resolution DEFERRED

b) Resolution No. 44-08 Arnprior Community Choir's request to receive free hall rental at the Nick Smith Centre

Moved by Nancy F. Black

Seconded by Eric Burton

AND RESOLVED THAT approval be given to the Arnprior Community Choir to receive free hall rental for their event to be held at the Nick Smith Centre on May 2, 2008.

Resolution CARRIED

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10. MOTIONS TO ADOPT DECISIONS – Cont'd

c) Resolution No. 45-08 Highway #17 – Next Phase

Moved by Terry Gibeau

Seconded by Walter Stack

AND RESOLVED THAT because Highway #17 from the Nation's Capital runs through Renfrew County and is the Trans Canada Highway and therefore is indicative of the strength of our Country.

AND since Highway 17 in Renfrew County is a poor example of a major highway when compared to the Trans Canada Highway in other provinces;

AND since the next phase of Highway #17 is engineered and ready for construction.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Federal Government and the Provincial Government immediately begin to cooperate in this project of national importance in order for the construction of this next phase from Highway 29 to just west of Division Street to begin in 2009 and that subsequent phases follow in 2010 and onward.

AND FURTHER THAT a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the Federal and Provincial Transport Ministers, the Federal and Provincial Members of Parliament of Renfrew-Nipissing-Pembroke, the County of Renfrew and the municipalities in Renfrew County.

Resolution CARRIED

d) Resolution No. 46-08 Emergency Preparedness College

Moved by Terry Gibeau

Seconded by Tom Peckett

ANDRESOLVED THAT since the abandoned site of the previous Emergency Planning College has continued to deteriorate to the point of being unusable to the Cadets and other user groups.

AND since the closure of the site several years ago has resulted in lost jobs, taxes and economic growth in the South end of Renfrew County;

AND since the Town of Arnprior has made every effort to rectify the situation in conjunction with Federal agencies to no avail.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Corporation of the Town of Arnprior officially offer to purchase the property for the value of one

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10. MOTIONS TO ADOPT DECISIONS – Cont'd

d) Resolution No. 46-08 – Cont'd

Canadian dollar effective June 1, 2008. And this offer be conditional upon the Federal Government providing to the Town an Environmental Assessment showing that the site is free and clear of contaminants of any kind and;

AND FURTHER THAT buildings past their usable life be demolished prior to the transfer to the Municipality;

AND FURTHER THAT any purchase and sale agreements between the Federal Government and the Municipality will have no restrictions placed on the Municipality by the Federal Government;

AND FURTHER THAT the Federal Government provide to the Town documentation showing that the pump station and the water and sewer lines on Baskin have been replaced or upgraded to meet current Provincial requirements.

AND FURTHER THAT a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the Federal Minister of Public Works & Government Services, Cheryl Gallant, M.P., Renfrew-Nipissing-Pembroke, John Yakabuski, M.P.P., Renfrew-Nipissing-Pembroke, the County of Renfrew and the municipalities in Renfrew County.

Resolution CARRIED

e) Resolution No. 47-08 Green Municipal Fund Grants for Sustainable Community Plans

Moved by Terry Gibeau

Seconded by Tom Peckett

AND RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Town of Arnprior direct staff to prepare a report detailing the Green Municipal Fund Grants for Sustainable Community Plans.

Resolution CARRIED

f) Resolution No. 48-08 Formation of Ad Hoc Committee to examine options regarding Town Hall

Moved by Terry Gibeau

Seconded by Mark Willmer

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10. MOTIONS TO ADOPT DECISIONS – Cont'd

f) Resolution No. 48-08 – Cont'd

AND RESOLVED THAT Council support the formation of an Ad Hoc Committee comprised of Councillor Black, Councillor Willmer and Mayor Gibeau with the Chief Administrative Officer, Larry Donaldson, as a staff representative, to examine options available to Council regarding the Town Hall;

AND FURTHER THAT the first order of business be to establish a Terms of Reference for the Committee;

AND FURTHER THAT all options be costed, and that meetings take place through a public and open process;

AND FURTHER THAT the Committee report to Council no later than June 2, 2008.

Resolution CARRIED

g) Resolution No. 49-08 Fees, Charges, Fines and Levies Report

Moved by Terry Gibeau

Seconded by Tom Peckett

AND RESOLVED THAT staff be requested to prepare a report regarding fees, charges, fines and levies. This report should include provision for an annual review process if and where feasible. Staff are asked to report to Council no later than March 17, 2008.

Resolution CARRIED

h) Resolution No. 50-08 Proclaim March 29, 2008 "Earth Hour"

Moved by Mark Willmer

Seconded by Eric Burton

AND RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Town of Arnprior support the initiative of the City of Toronto by taking part in Earth Hour – a global World Wildlife Fund lights-out event to raise awareness and support for action on climate change;

AND FURTHER THAT Council proclaim Saturday, March 29, 2008 "Earth Hour" in the Town of Arnprior;

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10. MOTIONS TO ADOPT DECISIONS – Cont'd

h) Resolution No. 50-08 – Cont'd

AND FURTHER THAT the residents of the Town of Arnprior be encouraged to participate in this initiative by turning off their lights from 8:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.

AND FURTHER THAT a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the City of Toronto.

Resolution CARRIED

i) Resolution No. 51-08 Authorize fixed rate term loan (Water Pollution Control Centre Expansion)

Moved by W.J. Lammert

Seconded by Nancy F. Black

AND RESOLVED THAT Council authorize a fixed rate term loan in the amount of \$1,514,000.00 with the Royal Bank at a rate of 5.10% for a 10 year term. This borrowing was authorized by By-law No. 4154-93 for the Water Pollution Control Centre Expansion and is required to finance the remain ten years of outstanding sewer rates charged under By-law No. 4611-97.

Resolution CARRIED

11. BY-LAWS

a) Resolution No. 52-08 Assume certain lands into the road system (Campanale Subdivision – Short Road)

Moved by Walter Stack

Seconded by Mark Willmer

AND RESOLVED THAT By-law No. 5599-08 being a by-law of the Corporation of the Town of Arnprior to assume certain lands into the Town road system for road purposes being Blocks 37 and 38, Plan 582, Town of Arnprior (Short Road), be and it is hereby enacted and passed.

Resolution CARRIED

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11. BY-LAWS – Cont'd

- b) Resolution No. 53-08 Dedicate certain lands for public highway purposes (Campanale Subdivision – Short Road)

Moved by W.J. Lammert

Seconded by Eric Burton

AND RESOLVED THAT By-law No. 5600-08 being a by-law of the Corporation of the Town of Arnprior to dedicate certain lands for public highway purposes being Parts 8 and 9, Plan 49R-16400, Town of Arnprior, be and it is hereby enacted and passed.

Resolution CARRIED

- c) Resolution No. 54-08 Property Purchase Agreement with Her Majesty The Queen (Concession A, Parts 1, 2 and 3, Plan 49R-16243)

Moved by Nancy F. Black

Seconded by Walter Stack

AND RESOLVED THAT By-law No. 5601-08 being a by-law to authorize the Corporation of the Town of Arnprior to enter into the property purchase agreement with Her Majesty The Queen, be and it is hereby enacted and passed.

Resolution CARRIED

12. NOTICE OF MOTIONS

None

13. REEVE'S REPORT FROM COUNTY COUNCIL

Reeve Stack provided the following highlights from County Council:

- Eastern Ontario Development Fund – there will be a grants writing workshop on March 7<sup>th</sup> at the Marguerite Centre in Pembroke at 9:00 a.m.
- Family Day Survey – Implementation of Family Day in the Lower Tier Municipalities of the County shows that all municipalities have implemented this holiday except Killaloe, Hagarty & Richards
- Addendum to Finance & Admin Committee Report of February 28<sup>th</sup>, - 2008 Upload of County costs for the Province of Ontario Drug Benefit Program – positive effect of \$892,275 for 2008. Committee is recommending that the 2008 budget be developed with 50% of this amount being identified as a rebate to the local municipalities. The

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13. REEVE'S REPORT FROM COUNTY COUNCIL – Cont'd

Committee adopted a resolution setting a 2008 budget guideline at 3% over the 2007 budget.

- County is increasing their mileage rate from 50 cents to 52 cents. Asked for a recorded vote and noted he voted against increase.
- Two presentations were made by Larry Keetch, CAO, City of Lennox & Addington – a) Eastern Ontario Wardens' Caucus Roads and Bridges Infrastructure and Challenges of Ambulance Service Delivery in Remote, Low Call Volume Areas
- Municipal Advisory Committee – Algonquin Land Claim – information is to be circulated to Council for information
- Presentation on Emergency Social Services – Contract with the Canadian Red Cross – expenses incurred within the first 72 hours will be the responsibility of the municipality. A copy to be circulated to John Okum, Community Safety/Fire Prevention Officer for his information.
- AMCTO Municipal Management Diploma Program – The County has entered into a partnership with AMCTO to be a host municipality for this Program. The CAO noted that this is a real opportunity for the County municipalities to attend and that 3 spots have been reserved for Arnprior staff.
- Copies of the above information will be made available for Council's perusal.

14. CORRESPONDENCE & PETITIONS

Resolution No. 55-08 Correspondence Package for the period February 15-21, and February 22-28, 2008

Moved by Mark Willmer

Seconded by Nancy F. Black

AND RESOLVED THAT Council receive the Correspondence Package for the period February 15, 2008 to February 21, 2008 and February 22, 2008 to February 28, 2008.

Mayor Gibeau referred to correspondence from both packages from the Township of McNab/Braeside regarding the Joint Waste Management Task Force and noted that a meeting scheduled for today did not happen. The next meeting should take place, as agreed, following a tour of the Plasco operations which is to be scheduled. Mayor Gibeau further stated that questions regarding the Arnprior Landfill Site will be dealt with by staff. The other letter was with regards to the termination of the agreement for exchange of water services for fire purposes.

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14. CORRESPONDENCE & PETITIONS – Cont'd

Resolution No. 55-08 – Cont'd

Mayor Gibeau noted disappointment in the Township's decision to cancel this agreement. Staff are to be asked to review the out of town user rates to ensure they are up to date.

February 15-21, 2008

Information Items:

Councillor Lammert referred to Item 7, Hon. Judith C. Beaman, Regional Senior Justice – proposed plan for Renfrew and Pembroke Courts and on question Council agreed that the Mayor and CAO draft a letter on all the points raised by the author.

Action Items:

Councillor Lammert referred to Item 3, Town of Newmarket – request support of their resolution regarding the misuse of disabled parking permits and parking spaces, noting that this also is happening in Arnprior. On question of Councillor Lammert, Council agreed to support their resolution which will be brought to the next Council Meeting.

Councillor Peckett referred to Item 4, Town of Amherstburg – request support of their resolution regarding lead testing mandated by the Province for municipal drinking water. On question of Councillor Peckett, Council agreed to support their resolution which will be brought to the next Council Meeting.

February 22-28, 2008

Information Items:

The C.A.O. referred to Item 3, Township of McNab/Braeside – termination of agreement for exchange of water services for fire purposes and noted that in conversation with the Treasurer, concern was expressed about insurance premiums for the residents in this area, due to the cancellation of this agreement. Council agreed that the Township be requested to provide notification to their residents regarding this action.

Mayor Gibeau referred to Item 7, Federal funding under the Ontario Potable Water Program noting the Minister has announced that the Treasury Board has approved the terms and conditions for delivery of up to \$50 million in federal funding under this Program.

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14. Resolution No. 55-08 – Cont'd

Action Items:

Councillor Burton referred to Item 2, Township of Greater Madawaska requesting support of their resolution regarding Physician Recruitment and recommended that Council support their resolution. Mayor Gibeau indicated he would be prepared to support the resolution but that the last two paragraphs be deleted. Following discussion Council agreed not to support this resolution.

Councillor Lammert referred to Item 1, City of Woodstock – request support of their resolution regarding their request to the Province of Ontario to eliminate tax capping and replace it with an equitable system based on current values assessment. The C.A.O. noted that the Treasurer suggested that if Council agreed to support the resolution that the following be inserted after the third paragraph after “based on current values assessment” – AND FURTHER THAT the Province of Ontario not implement a four year phase in for residential reassessment increases.” This issue is to be referred to the Treasurer for his input and comment.

Resolution CARRIED

15. NEW BUSINESS

2008 ROMA/OGRA Conference

Mayor Gibeau informed Council he took part in the Mayors’ Training Course offered by AMO and that it was the best one he has ever taken and noted that it was a pleasure to realize the Town of Arnprior is more than current in planning, administration and financial control. Mayor Gibeau noted that he attended delegations with the Minister of Transportation on the next phase of Highway 17 and on Rapid Transit, the Minister of Health on the issue of physician shortage and the Minister of Infrastructure on capital projects. Mayor Gibeau and Councillor Peckett also stated they attended seminars on wastewater management, hazardous waste, E-waste, storm water management/climate change. Mayor Gibeau further noted that there will be a Provincial announcement regarding the handling of hazardous waste within the next three weeks as well as announcement on E-waste within the next three months.

The CAO is to write to AMO requesting that the Town of Arnprior be part of the program at the August AMO Conference in Ottawa to discuss policing in Ontario Municipalities as well as being part of the negotiating process for contracts.

Reeve Stack informed Council he did spend time with exhibitors, i.e. asphalt and that he brought back information to the Director of Public Works & Engineering

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15. NEW BUSINESS – Cont'd

2008 ROMA/OGRA Conference – Cont'd

and the Public Works Supervisor. Reeve Stack also noted he toured the Algonquin Power Incinerator Site at Brampton with Reeve Audrey Green and Councillor Brad McIlquham and that a report regarding their tour is forthcoming.

16. ANNOUNCEMENTS

Councillor Lammert referred to the memo from John Okum regarding the sounding of the Emergency Siren and on question, Fire Chief Burnette informed the viewing audience that on Saturday March 8<sup>th</sup> at approximately 6:00 p.m. the emergency siren, located at the Arnprior Fire/Police facility will be tested. This testing is part of the Town's proactive planning to ensure this equipment will function as intended and is tested in the spring and fall, around the time that clocks are changed. The Arnprior Fire Department uses this opportunity to remind residents to test all smoke alarms and change the batteries in all battery operated smoke alarms as necessary.

Councillor Burton noted the Earth Day Committee will be meeting again on March 9<sup>th</sup>, 2008.

Mayor Gibeau noted the annual Breast Cancer Walk with My Mayor will be held in May and will be a fundraising event for the emergency department expansion of the Arnprior Hospital.

Mayor Gibeau noted the Valley Concert Band is planning a concert in support of the emergency department expansion as well.

17. MEDIA QUESTIONS

Peter DeWolf, reporter for the Chronicle Guide asked if there are negotiations scheduled for policing services and if the Town is any closer to a settlement. Mayor Gibeau indicated that nothing has been resolved in this regard and that we are still operating at the 2005 rates.

Mr. Dewolf asked what Council will be doing to support Earth Hour. Councillor Willmer noted that Council is taking the lead by proclaiming Earth Hour and that energy will be saved where possible.

18. CLOSED SESSION

None

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19. CONFIRMATORY BY-LAW

Resolution No.56-08 Confirmatory By-law of the Regular Meeting of Council dated March 3, 2008 at 5:00 p.m.

Moved by Tom Peckett  
Seconded by Mark Willmer

AND RESOLVED THAT By-law No. 5602-08 being a by-law to confirm the proceedings of the Regular Meeting of Council dated Monday, March 3, 2008 at 5:00 p.m. be and it is hereby enacted and passed.

Resolution CARRIED

20. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 6:32 p.m. on motion of Reeve Walter Stack and Councillor Eric Burton

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Mayor Terry Gibeau

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Carol Rousselle, Clerk