

Mandate:

To serve the Greater Arnprior Community by creating an open, respectful and inclusive community that respects and engages seniors. This Council (to be known as GASC) will strive to serve the community by creating an age friendly environment through advocating for enhanced facilities and infrastructure, and a range of senior focused services and supports, serving as a connection for various seniors groups and organizations, and forming a community culture that fosters positive engagement and active lifestyles.

Goals:

The GASC will endeavor to advocate for and assist with achievement of the goals outlined in the Age Friendly Community Plan as follows:

1. Enhanced Facilities and Infrastructure

- To increase the supply of long-term care beds
- To explore and build new and innovative seniors housing that allow for progressive care and aging in place
- To improve accessibility of buildings and outdoor spaces across the community
- To increase transportation options for seniors
- To encourage and support new retail development in Arnprior

2. Seniors-focused Services and Supports

- To raise awareness and knowledge of existing available seniors' services
- To expand services and supports for seniors living independently within the community
- To grow social, recreational and educational opportunities for seniors
- To provide financial support and cost relief for seniors where possible
- To expand and enhance health services for seniors
- To increase inter-agency collaboration and resource sharing

3. Positive Engagement and Active Lifestyles

- To increase the level of engagement of seniors in the community
- To increase the involvement of the business community in addressing senior's needs
- To introduce an intergenerational component to programs and services
- To leverage technology as a lifestyle enabler for seniors
- To involve community service clubs in senior programs

The GASC will also regularly review and make alterations to the plan based on goal achievement and changes in the local environment, thus ensuring the plan remains a living document.

Membership:

1. There shall be a minimum of Eight (8) voting members on the Greater Arnprior Seniors Council (GASC), with the representation as follows:
 - a. A minimum of four (4) Senior Citizen/Community Members that will make up the Council; and
 - b. A minimum of four (4) stakeholders from organizations deemed appropriate by the GASC.
 - c. Where possible, the senior citizen members will be fifty-five (55) plus in age and community members have an interest in the needs of seniors (ie. family member), so as to fairly represent the senior population present in the greater Arnprior community.
 - d. A list of GASC voting members shall be created and held by the GASC Chair and Secretary.
2. Voting Members shall include:
 - a. Appointed Senior Citizen/Community Members
 - b. One (1) appointed Stakeholder Representative from each of the organizations involved. This is not to say that more members of the stakeholder organizations cannot attend, however they will only have one vote per organization.
3. Stakeholders shall include organizations such as, but not limited to, Arnprior Regional Health, Arnprior-Braeside-McNab Seniors At Home Program Inc., Hospice Renfrew, Arnprior Public Library, Staff representation from the Town of Arnprior, Staff representation from the Township of McNab/Braeside, etc.
4. Term of Appointment
 - a. Senior Citizen Members appointed to the GASC shall serve for a minimum of 3 years, at which time current members may choose to remain on the GASC, or resign and new appointments will be made for vacancies.
 - b. Stakeholder participation is encouraged to continue.
5. The GASC shall appoint a Chair and a Vice Chair and a Secretary from amongst the membership. The Vice Chair shall preside over meetings in the absence of the Chair.
6. Greater Arnprior Seniors Council (GASC) members will serve on a volunteer basis.

7. The Greater Arnprior Seniors Council (GASC) has the option to appoint additional members if they so choose.

Quorum:

1. A quorum shall be 50% plus 1 of the voting membership
2. If there is no quorum within fifteen (15) minutes of the time set for the meeting, and unless those present agree to an extension; the meeting shall adjourn until the next regular meeting or at such time as the Chair directs.

Meetings:

1. Meetings shall be scheduled at the discretion of the Chair.
2. Meetings will be held on a monthly basis, normally on the third Wednesday of each month, unless otherwise directed by the Chair.
3. The official copy of the minutes will be filed with the Secretary and forwarded to all GASC members.

Reporting:

1. Individual representative members are responsible for reporting on the activities of the GASC per the requirements of their organizations.
2. The GASC will prepare an annual self-evaluation/progress report to distribute to the stakeholders and community.

Administration:

1. The Town of Arnprior staff will act in a capacity to provide administrative support where necessary (ie. Copying, meeting rooms, etc.)

**APPENDIX A:
LIST OF CURRENT MEMBERS**

Citizen Members:
Darrel O'Shaughnessy (Chair)
Vacant (Vice Chair)
Sandra Elliott (Secretary)
Ralph Chown
Pam LeMay
Janet Parry
Eleanor Hotchkiss
Arnprior Regional Health Members:
Eric Hanna
Susan Leach
Katrin Spencer
Arnprior-Braeside-McNab Seniors At Home Program:
Dennis Harrington
Mandy Stinson
Town of Arnprior Representatives:
Glenn Arthur (Recreation)
Rick Gwalchmai (Recreation)
Kaila Zamojski (Clerks Department)
Robin Paquette (Planning)
Karen DeLuca (Library)
Hospice Renfrew Representatives:
Maureen Sullivan-Bentz
Judy Cobus
Township of McNab-Braeside Representative:

Geoff Patterson (Recreation)
Karla Blemkie (Recreation)
Arnprior and District Family Health Team Representative:
Jennifer Torode
The Dementia Society Representatives:
Caitlin Brydges