

**GREATER ARNPRIOR SENIORS COUNCIL – RECORDS OF DISCUSSION**  
**Wednesday, February 17, 2021 - 9:00 AM**  
**VIA ZOOM**

**Present**

Darrrel O'Shaughnessy, Chair	Kaila Zamojski, Town of Arnprior, Deputy Clerk
Marjorie Joly, Hospice Renfrew	Eric Hanna, ARH
Ralph Chown, McNab-Braeside	Karen Simpson, AFHT
Pamela LeMay, Arnprior	Graeme Ivory, Town of Arnprior Recreation
Eleanor Hotchkiss, Arnprior	Tracey Foster, Island View
Paul Helm, Arnprior	Lynn Russett, Island View
Glenn Arthur, ARH/SALC	

**Absent**

Sandra Elliott, Secretary	Brittany Harris, Arnprior Villa
Pierce Campbell, ADHS, Youth Rep	Robin Paquette, Arnprior CAO
Dennis Harrington, Seniors At Home	Karen DeLuca, Arnprior Library
Mandy Stinson, Seniors at Home	Cathy McCaig, Arnprior Ministerial
Rick Gwalchmai, Arnprior Recreation	Audrey Edwards, Dementia Society
Geoff Patterson, McNab-Braeside Recreation	

**1. Call to Order**

The February meeting of the GASC was called to order at 9:00 am.

**2. Roll Call**

All members of the Greater Arnprior Seniors Council were present except as noted above.

**3. Adoption of Agenda**

The Agenda was adopted as presented with no additions.

**4. Approval of Records of Discussion from meeting of January 20, 2021**

The Records of Discussion were approved as previously presented.

**5. Program Updates****5.1 SALC – Glenn Arthur**

- New staff started yesterday – Kyle Fraser
- Virtual programs running this week
- Order for the special grant for a computer system has been placed and computers will be set up at the SALC and Men's Shed

**5.2 Men's Shed – Darrel O'Shaughnessy**

- Opened for member use again on Tuesday, February 16<sup>th</sup>

- 15 members are allowed in the Men's Shed at a time, with social distancing and masking at all times.
- The Memory Box Program for the Grove Nursing Home, is underway for mid-June delivery – 96 memory boxes to be constructed for the new Grove Nursing Home
- The Men's Shed is initiating an adopt a Grove Nursing Home Memory Box Campaign (Online Link: [http://weblink.donorperfect.com/Memory\\_Box](http://weblink.donorperfect.com/Memory_Box))
- The Men's Shed is designing and collaborating with local businesses to create the Memory boxes. Rona is supplying lumber and donating all of the materials; Gilk's Signs and Trophies is supplying the plaques and making a generous donation to the project; Arnprior Glass is also supplying glass, locks and keys; etc. We have had generous support thus far from the community. The total cost to do this job is approximately \$31,000.
- The Men's Shed is also continuing to complete many other projects such as, wooden toys as well and helping seniors make certain repairs, etc. We are very busy, which is great.
- A new program is being offered through the Men's Shed for "A Hands on Introduction on How to do Basic House Repairs for Women" which has gained a lot of participation thus far, from women in the community of all ages.

### **5.3 Arnprior Regional Health – Eric Hanna**

#### **Grove Redevelopment**

- On schedule and slightly below budget.
- Some items are a bit delayed because of COVID – but not delaying the planned move date of Aug 18<sup>th</sup>, 2021.
- Implemented a number of changes to make the building less susceptible to infectious diseases.
- Discussions about potentially using the current Grove for additional Long Term Care Beds (32), with the Province are taking place. We are waiting to hear about this. This would be part of the overall re-design, but is still being investigated with the Ministry and has not yet been confirmed.
- We are also looking into the maintaining of one (1) bed for respite care, and speaking to the Province about this.

#### **Ontario Health Team**

- Received the approval in January to move ahead with the full application to be part of the Ontario Health Team.
- There are very tight timelines.
- Eric Hannah provided an overview of the project and progress, as well as timelines showing an image to the GASC on the screen.

- This team is to find ways to work together, and there is a plan to make the arrangement of how to work together and identify processes and how disputes will be resolved.
- We have always had patients and members of the community on our initiatives to make sure voices are heard appropriately – if we are going to build this Ontario Health Team – we still want to make sure our populations are represented – if there is an interest here from the GASC.
  - We currently have 2 people from the Arnprior Area that have agreed to be on one of these committees.
- Mr. Hannah showed a document on the timelines of the project, noting the due date of the application is March 31st 2021. Once application is reviewed, then there will be a meeting with the Ministry of Health (likely in the fall).
- It is likely April of 2022 until we see any funding coming out of this system and the actual system move forward.

#### **5.4 Island View Activities - Tracey Foster**

- Island View has transitioned a few more things to online.
- The Monthly webinar for this March will be on Diabetes.
- The Cooking with Carey Show, will be moved to an online format. Seniors who want to make meals for 1 or 2 people are invited to participate. The recipe and video geared towards healthy eating, that is easy to prepare are provided with this show.
- Program of sending Gifts of Love and Cheer – this program will be rolled out and is offered to this group as well. If you know of a senior that you would like to send a gift of love and cheer to, reach out to Lynn at Island View and she can provide you with the details of registration.
- A lot of renovations occurred in the last little while at Island View. A virtual tour can be sent to anyone who is interested in what has taken place.

#### **5.5 The Villa Activities**

Not present

#### **5.6 Hospice Renfrew Activities - Marjorie Joly**

- Currently Hospice Renfrew has 4 residents in house and 2 admissions.
- Hospice Renfrew is starting to work on our social media platform, which will include educational items and messages out noting what services we do provide at Hospice Renfrew.
- Greif and Bereavement Group starting back up again

### 5.7 Seniors at Home – Darrel O’Shaughnessy

Not present Darrel reported the following on behalf of Seniors At Home:

- Overall service demand has remained steady for the Seniors At Home Program. COVID has affected all programs, and continues to do so. All social programs will remain cancelled until further notice.
- The Blue Envelope Campaign raised \$48,000 this year.
- The Angel Tree Campaign 2020 raised \$12,000. It is important to note that this fund is available to seniors or members of the disabled community for things such as food, transportation, medication, medical equipment, etc.
- Medical Assistive Devices Loan Cupboard has been received very well – 78 individuals have taken advantage of this program thus far. Many items are being donated as well.
- County of Renfrew COVID Support Grant – Phase 2 – \$500,000 grant has been received from the County to support COVID related projects. An overview of projects related to the grant were noted.
- \$190,000 of County funding has also been secured for the Beachburg Area.

### 5.8 Arnprior Family Health Team – Karen Simpson

- COVID Vaccine update was provided, noting the Arnprior Regional Planning Committee is working as a committee of the regional table across the whole County. Things are moving ahead with vaccine planning, with the Nick Smith Centre being looked at for set up as a vaccine distribution center. It is believed that over the next few weeks we will see vaccines roll out across the province and country. The current plan for vaccinations is looking at Long Term Care residents – Retirement Home residents – 80+ years of age from the general public – High Priority Health Care Workers. We are working closely with paramedics and also planning to run some small clinics at the Nick Smith Center. 16,000 people have been identified to vaccinate in this phase and 500 people per day is the plan.
- Assessment Centre for Renfrew County is actively working, with 10 sites across the County being run currently.
- Mental Health Walk In Program – A soft launch of this new program is being done tomorrow. This new program is taking place in partnership with multiple agencies across the County of Renfrew.
- Physicians – 3 physicians will be moving over to the New Grove Nursing home once it is complete.
- The Arnprior Family Health Team is currently working with the hospital to support individuals who are newly diagnosed with diabetes.

### **5.9 Seniors Affordable Housing – Pam Lemay**

- This Committee has been reactivated recently, and has had one meeting in 2021.
- The Committee is working now on identifying properties suitable for senior residents. The Committee is looking for property that may be owned or controlled by government, and other potential partners, aside from Abbyfield.
- There is going to be at least 1 needs assessment done for everyone with a section that focuses on seniors housing.
- ARH is looking at 1 option for the old Grove, to have some units transformed into affordable housing. This has not been confirmed yet.
- Next meeting of this Committee is in March.

### **5.10 Arnprior Recreation/Nick Smith Centre – Graeme Ivory**

- The Nick Smith Center has opened back up to the public as of last Thursday. Both Public Skating and Family Swims took place over Family Day, with good attendance.
- This week has been a soft week for drop in pre-registered programming.
- The re-opening had allowed us to run shortened winter and shortened spring programming.
- During shut down staff has done a lot of work in the building. The building looks great with the various improvements, clean-up, etc. that has taken place.
- Still waiting to hear back on ICIP and ICG Grants from the government.
- Working on an application for the Canadian Healthy Community Initiative Program.
- Lending hub overview was provided noting the program has been very well received by the community.
- The value of outdoor recreation has been elevated in the last few months, with COVID and the various lockdowns that have taken place.
- Waterfront Master Plan consultation information will be sent out in early March, with an overview of the projected Waterfront Project.

### **5.11 Town of Arnprior – Kaila Zamojski**

- Kaila noted the Town is currently looking for Advisory Committee Members who are interested in sitting on one of our Advisory Committees, noting there are two vacancies on the Accessibility Advisory Committee, which could be a good fit for a potential senior resident if any are interested.

- The 2021 Budget passed on February 8, 2021 with a 1.5% Municipal Tax Rate increase.
- Kaila also noted the Town of Arnprior Awards Program is open for nominations.

**5.12 McNab-Braeside**

Not present

**5.13 Dementia Society**

Not present

**5.14 Succession Planning**

Nothing reported.

**5.15 Greater Arnprior Community Council on Poverty and Homelessness – Darrel O’Shaughnessy**

- If anyone is interested in representing the GASC on this committee, please let Darrel know. Paul Helm noted that he would be interested in sitting on this committee as a GASC representative. Darrel noted he would reach out to Oliver Jacob and let him know if the interest.

**6 New Business**

**6.1 Not for Profit Excellence Award Nomination – Ralph Chown**

Ralph provided an overview of the Nomination Package that was submitted on behalf of the GASC for the Not For Profit Excellence Award, for the Arnprior Public Library. We have submitted the nomination application package, and will now wait to hear whether or not the Library is chosen to receive this award in 2021.

**7 Other Business**

No other business was identified.

**8 Adjournment.**

This meeting was adjourned at 10:15 am