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Welcome from Mayor David Reid

Welcome to Arnprior,



On behalf of Arnprior Council, I would like to extend our warmest welcome and invite you to spend some time exploring our spectacular community, to see firsthand why Arnprior garners so much attention for its beauty and hospitality. Although geographically small in size, whether you are a visitor or a potential future resident or investor, Arnprior is certain to provide countless opportunities for all to enjoy.

Arnprior's local businesses and shops include a unique array of gift shops and talented artisans; as well as a variety of restaurants to meet everyone's tastes and budget. Spend some time shopping and exploring our charming and historic

downtown and please take the opportunity to visit our fabulous Arnprior and District Museum, situated in the Town's landmark "D.A. Gillies" Building.

For those who enjoy the outdoors, why not spend the day exploring the many walking trails that take you along our beautiful waterfront, through nature reserves or through Gillies Grove, one of the oldest growth forests in Ontario.

Don't leave Town without taking the time to visit our magnificent Robert Simpson Park and see where Arnprior's slogan "Where the Rivers Meet" came to life. I think you will find that Robert Simpson Park rivals any regional park in eastern Ontario. Tucked away at the end of John Street, Robert Simpson Park offers breathtaking vistas of both the Ottawa and Madawaska Rivers. The park has a guarded sand beach, splash pad, wonderful gardens and a gazebo overlooking the rivers, which acts as a stage for the many events and festivals planned throughout the summer!

Enjoy live music Sunday afternoons in the park all summer long, take part in our Canada Day Celebrations, including a magnificent fireworks display over the Madawaska River and numerous other sporting and charity events throughout the year!

Arnprior has a long history of hosting large scale regional, national and international events. In 2015 Arnprior is proud to be hosting our 3rd Annual Priorpalooza Music Festival and our first ever Dragon Boat Festival!

We hope you enjoy your time in Arnprior and we look forward to seeing you back again soon!

Warmest Regards,

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David Reid
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Robert Simpson Park.....400 John St.

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Nick Smith Centre.....77 James St. (613.623.7301)

There is always a lot going on at the Nick Smith Centre. With two ice surfaces, a pool, a fitness centre and a large community room, there is something for everyone. Sign up for one of our programs or join us for public skating, swimming or any of the many events all year long!

Museum.....35 Madawaska St. (613.623.4902)

Located in Downtown Arnprior, the recognizable 118 year old building of the Arnprior and District Museum is hard to miss. The museum is home to three floors of artefacts and photographs that share the history of Arnprior and the surrounding area. Location is open year round Tuesdays from 11AM–4PM and from June to September, Monday to Saturday 11AM–4PM with children’s programs and special events. The cost is \$3.50 for adults and \$2 for children, or \$9 for families.

Marina.....End of Ottawa St. (613.862.0828)

The municipal marina is located on the Madawaska River just up the river from where it meets the Ottawa River. The Marina is open from the May long weekend until the second last weekend in October. Berths may be booked on a seasonal, monthly or daily basis and gasoline and ice are available from 7AM–7PM Monday–Sunday.

Library.....21 Madawaska St. (613.623.2279)

The Arnprior Public Library is centrally located and fully accessible. There are a large variety of services for residents and visitors alike. Our friendly, knowledgeable staff can assist with reading selections, technology questions, and information requests of all types. The library offers quiet spaces for relaxation and study, free Internet and WiFi access, a variety of programs, Art Corridor, self serve café and ongoing book sale.

Archives.....21 Madawaska St. (Lower level) (613.623.0001)

Whether you're doing historical research on the lumber era or researching your family tree, the Arnprior & McNab/Braeside Archives welcomes you! The Archives holds historical documents pertaining to the history of the area including municipal records, several business and private collections, a significant photographic collection containing more than 30,000 images and the original land registry documents for Renfrew County. Open Monday - Friday from 1 pm - 3:30 pm or by appointment. If you can't visit in person, you can explore our database, collections and online exhibits at "www.adarchives.org."

Airport.....633 Johnston Road (613.623.9687)

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Specialty Stores

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28 Elgin St.

Angel's Aura
88 John St. N.

Treasure Chest
25 Elgin St.

You Never Know
57A Madawaska Blvd.

Gallery Gift Shop
158 John St.

Robertson Furniture
137 John St.

Sew Inspired
106 John St.

Arnprior Book Store
152 John St.

God & Country Gift
580 White Lake Rd.

Silver Steps Dance & Arts

44 Elgin St. W.

Antiques, Treasures and Treats
260 Elgin St.

Misc.

Mel's Flowers
29 Elgin Street West

Signature Flowers
75 Daniel St.

Super Lucky Dollar Store
140 John St.

Towley's Bait and Tackle
54 Madawaska St.

B&B Buy Back
124 John Street N

Play it again Sports
4 Elgin St.

Apparel

Shreds n' Threads
375 Daniel St.

Laplante Men's Wear
45 Elgin St.

Opportunity Shop
153 John St.

Ashley Boutique
131 John St.

Audrey's in Town
132 John St.

My Chocolate Factory
12 Elgin St.

Simply Beautiful Bridal Boutique
114 John St.

Sport Zone
375 Daniel St.

Marks
375 Daniel St.

Food & Drink

Green Bean Natural Foods Inc.
115 John St.

The Beer Store
120 Madawaska Blvd

Metro
375 Daniel St.

Jack and Faith's No Frills
39 Winners

M&M Meat Shops
345 Daniel St.

Priority Wines
67 Madawaska St.

Valley Roots (Fresh Meats)
100 Madawaska Blvd.

The LCBO
10 William Street

Mac's Milk
80 Madawaska St.
345 White Lake Rd.

General Merchandiser

Canadian Tire
245 Daniel St.

Home Hardware
290 Daniel St.

Giant Tiger
80 Elgin St.

Hart
375 Daniel St.

TSC
50 Staye Court Drive

Drug Stores

Shoppers Drug Mart
55 Elgin St.

Clancy's Drug Store
99 John St.

Rexall
22 Baskin Drive E

Galleries

Kevin Dodds Fine Art
47 John St.

Studio 38
38 Melville Rd.

LilyCreek Studio
15 Daniel St.

Accessories & Jewellers

The Artful Gallery
136 John St. N.

StarSet Jewelers
125 John St.

Sox Plus
375 Daniel St.

Gold Bar
102 John St.

Entertainment

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147 John St. N
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35 Madawaska St.
613.623.4902

Arnprior Marina
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613.623.7301

Arnprior Bowling Alley
120 John St. North
613.623.2440

**Arnprior Public
Library**

21 Madawaska St.
613.623.2279

Robert Simpson Park
400 John St. N

Nick Smith Centre
77 James Street
613.623.7301

Mile High Parachuting
633 Johnston Rd.
613.836.1256

Where to Stay

Quality Inn
70 Madawaska Blvd.
613.623.7991

Arnprior Motor Inn
168 Daniel St. S
613.623.7906

**Arnprior Guest
House**
46 Elgin St. E.
613.897.5055

Country Squire Motel
111 Staye Court Dr.
613.623.6556

Kirkman House
294 John St. N
613.623.5890

**Daniel House
Bed and Breakfast**
154 Daniel St. N
613.622.7633

Knights Inn
175 Daniel St.
613.623.4271

Galilee
398 John St. N.
613.623.4242

Where to Eat

Restaurants, Pubs & Bars

Jim's Restaurant
54 Elgin St.
613.623.5089

PJ's Restaurant
394 Madawaska Blvd.
613.623.5430

McCallum's Restaurant
79 Madawaska Blvd.
613.623.9469

The Cupboard
105 John St.
613.623.4333

East Side Marios
70 Madawaska Blvd.
613.623.6060

The Hangar
580 White Lake Rd
613.623.3003

The Prior Sports Bar
39 Winners Circle Dr.
613.623.4584

**Danny Mac's Pub
& Eatery**
51 John Street North
613.623.8080

Mama Rosa
18 Laird St.
613.623.0022

Bakeries & Cafes

Big Rigs Bakery
580 White Lake Rd.
613.623.3003

The Press Café
215 Daniel Street
613.622.0947

Kenwood Kafe
16 Edward St.
613.623.5681

Sweet and Sassy
114 John St.
613.836.8604

Tim Hortons
201 Madawaska Dr.
613.622.7525

Slater's Baking
16 Edward St.
613.623.6455

**Bonnie Jane's Coffee
House**
148 John St.
613.623.0552

Tim Hortons
2 Staye Court Dr.
613.623.1000

Shanna's Coffee Shop
375 Daniel St. S.
613.623.7467

Country Style
7 Vanjummar Drive

Pizza, Fast Food and Other

Milano Pizzeria
81 Madawaska St.
613.623.2233

Wes' Chips (seasonal)
198 Madawaska Blvd.

Subway
395 Daniel St.
613.623.9508

Pizza Pizza
375 Daniel St.
613.623.1111

Dairy Queen (seasonal)
136 Madawaska Blvd.

Subway
100 Madawaska Blvd.
613.623.9608

Dominos
395 Daniel St. S
613.622.1100

McDonalds
16 Baskin Dr.

Wendy's
2 Staye Court Drive

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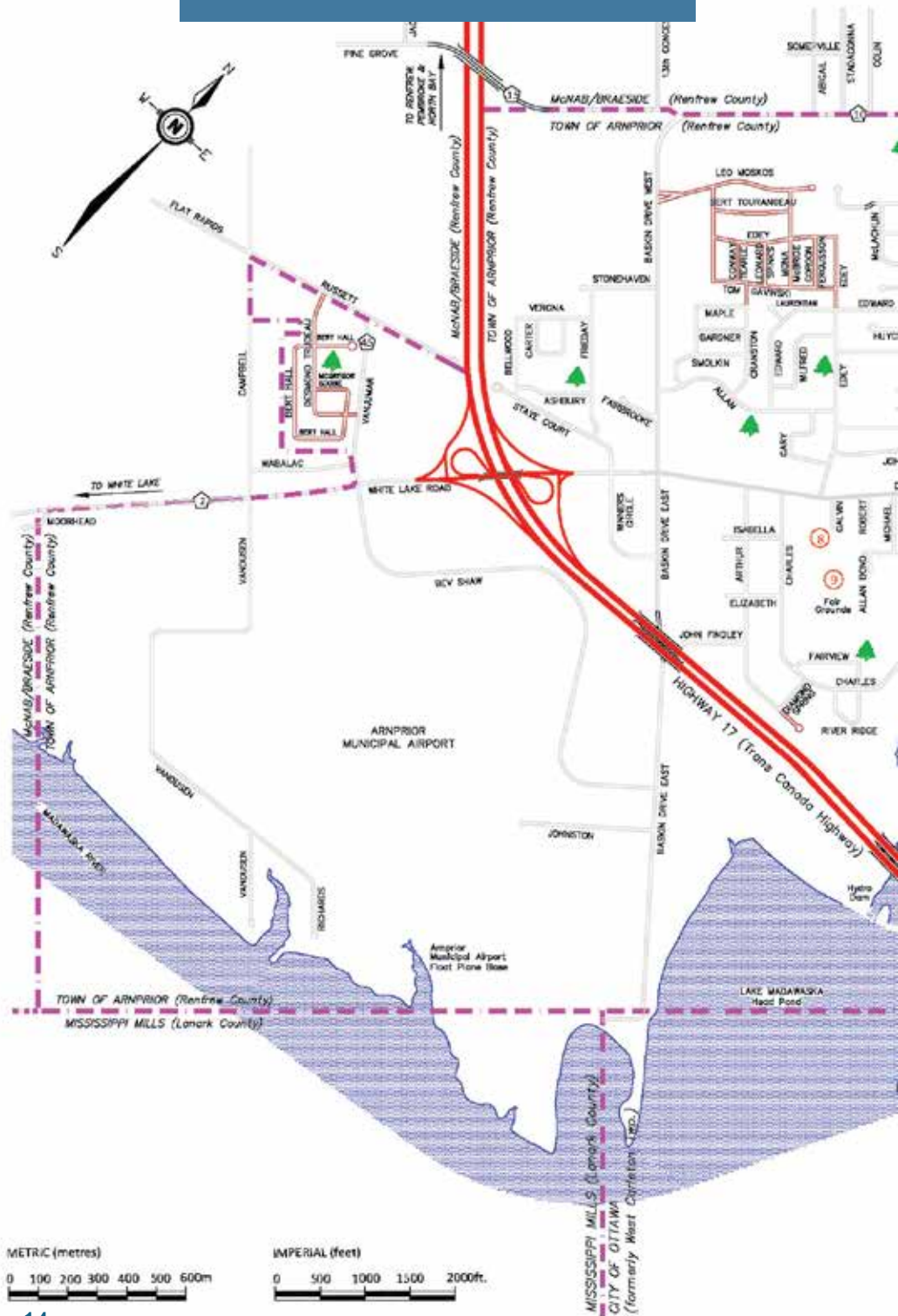
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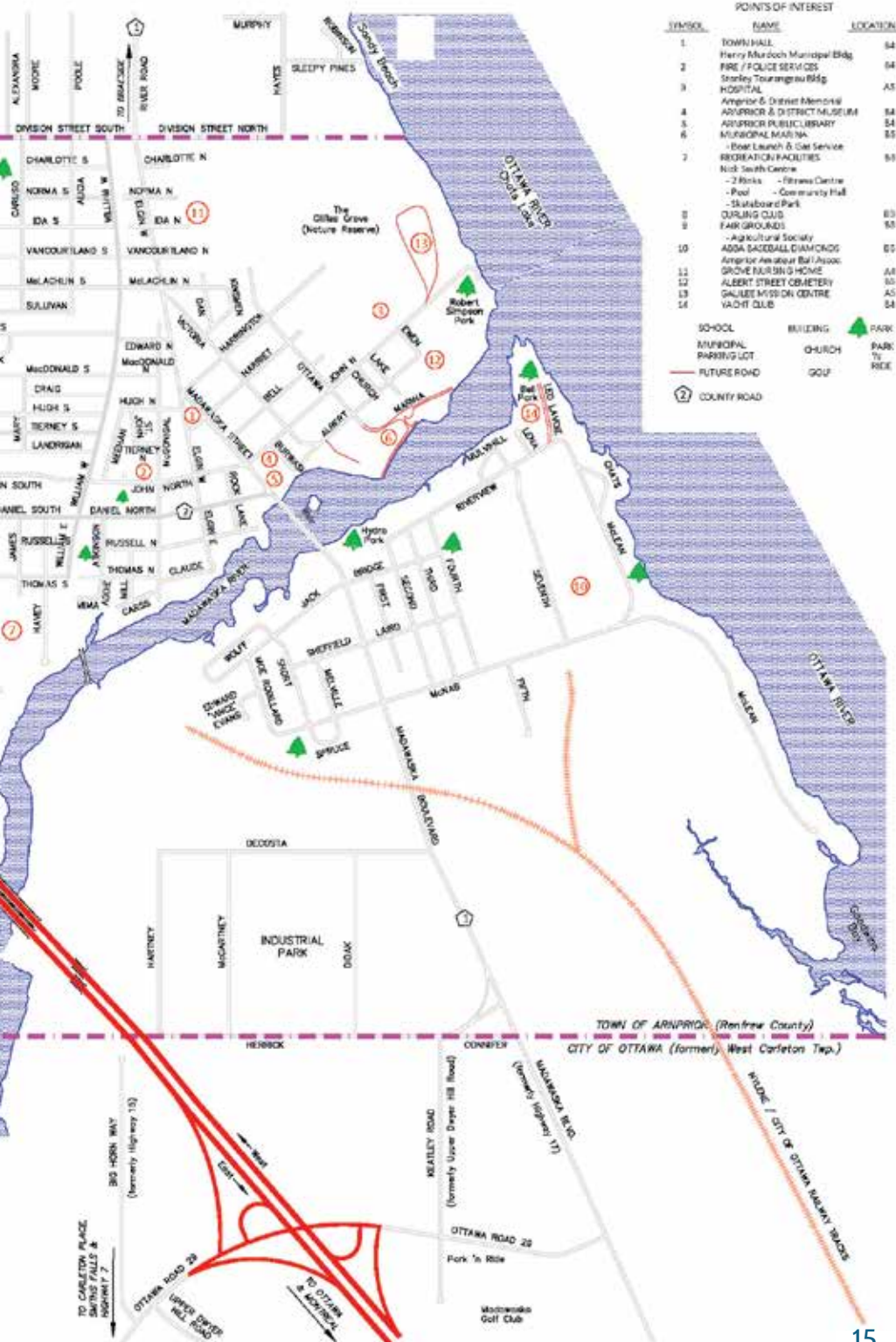


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Town Map





POINTS OF INTEREST

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TOWN OF ARRANVILLE (Renfrew County)
 CITY OF OTTAWA (formerly West Carleton Twp.)

Arnprior Millennium Trails

These maps were produced by the Millennium Trail Committee with assistance from Arnprior District High School students, and historical data provided from The Arnprior Story and the Arnprior & District Museum.

Funding for the Millennium Trails was provided by the Canada Millennium Partnership Program, the Town of Arnprior, local service clubs and businesses.

Gillies Trail



The total distance for the main route of this trail is 2.7 km.

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| 1 | Daniel McLachlin Park and Bell Tower | 4 | Robert Simpson Park |
| 2&3 | Town of Arnprior Public Marina & Boat Launch | 5 | Galilee/The Hill |
| | | 6 | Gillies Grove |



1. Daniel McLachlin Park and Bell Tower

The park was established in 1987 to commemorate the 125th anniversary of the incorporation of Arnprior as a village in 1863.

The bell in the monument came from the original town hall, constructed in 1888. The stone came from the grist mill (Baird's Mill) which stood on this site. Constructed by Daniel McLachlin in the 1850's, the mill was lost to fire in the early 1970's.

4. Robert Simpson Park

Robert Simpson Park is on the site of Edgewood, the residence of Jack Usborne a member of a Ottawa Valley Lumber family, who married Jessie McLachlin, daughter of Daniel McLachlin. The land was given to the town and named after a former mayor of Arnprior who served from 1949–1962 and 1964–1965.

5. Galilee/The Hill

After following up the road from Robert Simpson Park, turn onto 398 John Street North. Please note that this is private property, it should be treated with respect and peace.

The stone mansion called “The Hill” was built by Daniel McLachlin (1809–1872) in 1853, and was occupied by the McLachlin family until 1933. It served as the venue at which Edward Albert, Prince of Wales, eldest son of Queen Victoria, was entertained in 1860. It is now owned by the Galilee Mission Center of Arnprior. The mansion—along with other surrounding buildings – known as the “Galilee Community” – is used as a Catholic renewal and retreat center.

The original gate and coachman's house separates the two roads around the Galilee buildings. The right road can be followed past the Galilee building to meet the left fork, or one can take the lower, more energetic route down the stairs, along the embankment.



6. Gillies Grove

The Grove was originally used as a picnic ground by the Gillies and McLachlin families. The land came into David A. Gillies possession as the McLachlin family lost much of its land following the company's bankruptcy. Following his death in 1967 and that of his wife Jessie, in 1980, it came into the possession of the Oblates. The Nature Conservancy of Canada purchased the Gillies Grove in 2001, with significant support of local fundraising from the Oblates to preserve this old-growth forest.

Uniquely situated within the town limits of Arnprior, Gillies Grove is a rare remnant of the magnificent forest that once covered this region. Gillies Grove is recognized as one of the last old-growth forests in the province.

The size and the age of many of the trees is extraordinary. Trees in the forest include Sugar Maple, Yellow Birch, American Beech, Eastern Hemlock and Basswood. Most impressive is the stand of the towering ancient White Pines.

Birds that inhabit the Grove include Scarlet Tangers, Pileated Woodpeckers, Red Shouldered Hawks, Barred Owls, Cooper's Hawks and Eastern Screech Owls.

Vegetation in the Grove include Hepaticas, Spring Beauties, Violets, Red and White Trilliums, White Baneberry and Indian Pipe—not to mention Poison Ivy.

Gillies Grove is truly a complex ecosystem worthy of being preserved. Please help us preserve this beautiful place by staying on the established paths, keeping animals on leashes and not littering.

Heritage Trail



Total distance for this trail is 2.9 km

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|---------------------------------|--|
| 1 The Old Post Office | 9 Campbell Block |
| 2 The Bank of Nova Scotia | 10 Wesleyan Arnprior Church |
| 3 Macnamara Residence | 11 Emmanuel Anglican Church |
| 4 Grierson Home | 12 McLachlin Residence |
| 5 The Arcade | 13 Kirkman House |
| 6 O'Brien Theatre | 14 Arnprior & District Memorial Hospital |
| 7 Craig Block | 15 St. John Chrysostom Church |
| 8 "Where Friends Meet" Building | 16 Grace St. Andrew's United Church |



1. The Old Post Office

35 Madawaska Blvd.

This designated heritage structure, was constructed as a Federal Post Office and Customs House. Taking three years to build, it opened in 1897. Designed by Dominion Architect Thomas Fuller, the distinct Romanesque revival features are built from red sandstone from Perth Ontario, Potsdam Sandstone, a reddish sandstone, from Potsdam in

northern New York State, was used for arches over the doors and windows and limestone- most likely from Aylmer. Saved from demolition in 1963 for the town's people by David and Jessie Gillies, the building now houses the Arnprior and District Museum.

2. The Bank of Nova Scotia

169 John Street North

The first occupant of this building was the Bank of Ottawa which was established in 1874 by several Ottawa Valley lumbering families. The bank prospered, expanding from the Ottawa Valley to the Pacific Ocean, but by 1917 needed additional capital. The Bank of Nova Scotia was looking to expand at the same time and the two banks amalgamated in 1919.

3. Macnamara Residence

153 Daniel Street North

This board and batten home with exceptional gable end detail was built by Daniel F. McLachlin (1809-1872) for his eldest son Hugh F. McLachlin. Among the fine heritage homes in Arnprior, it has been owned continuously by the Macnamara family since Richard Macnamara came to Arnprior at the request of H.F. McLachlin as his office manager. Charles Macnamara, field naturalist and photographer, also chief accountant for the McLachlin brothers lived here from 1886 - 1933.

4. Grierson Home

112 Daniel Street North

This stone building was built in 1860 as a private home. For much of the 20th century it was the Oddfellows Hall, and was purchased and renovated in 1999 as a chiropractic practice and has been a spa more recently.



5. The Arcade

114 John Street North

The Arcade Department Store was considered a skyscraper when it was first built in the 1880's. According to Leo Lavoie, "People came from across the river near and far to view the tallest building in the Upper Ottawa Valley."



6. O'Brien Theatre

147 John Street North

The first theatre in Arnprior, the Theatorium, was built in 1906 on this site. The present building was built as the Casino Theatre in 1919, but with the advent of talking pictures it was completely renovated in 1930 and renamed the O'Brien Theatre. The latest renovation in 2000 added a second screen and restored the theatre to its former glory.

7. Craig Block

140 John Street North.

Denis McNamara built this building along with the Campbell Block in the mid-1850's. It was the Crown Bakery, owned by the Daze family, and included a confectionary as it entered the 20th century. In the 1920's Gardner Men's Wear was located here. It also housed an insurance office, hardware store, grocery store, and pharmacy before becoming a dollar store most recently.

8. "Where Friends Meet" Building

148-152 John Street North

Built in the late 19th century, this building has housed various businesses in the past. It has served as a 'Chinese Laundry,' telegraph office, men's clothing store, dentist's office and a shoemaker's business. This beautifully renovated building now houses the Arnprior Bookstore and Bonnie Jane's. The Gallery Gift Shop was added on in 2002. This addition was mindful of the historical character of the downtown.



9. Campbell Block 39 Madawaska Blvd.

This stone building was erected in 1853. Originally housing the T. McCormick and Son Grocery, Neil Campbell Insurance operated from these premises for most of the 20th century. While the current businesses include a denturist and financial planning consultant, the building continues to be known as the Campbell Block.

10. Wesleyan Arnprior Church 192 Harrington Street

The original church on this location was built in the late 19th century as the one of the local Methodist Churches. Around the year 1875 the Zion Evangelical congregation, presently known as the Wesleyan Church, purchased the frame building from the Methodist Episcopalians. Around the year 1909 the frame structure was demolished and the present brick structure was built. The congregation recently vacated the building.

11. Emmanuel Anglican Church 287 Harrington Street

The Emmanuel Anglican Church was built in 1862 on land donated by Daniel McLachlin. The Chancel, vestry and tower were added between 1884 and 1886. The parish hall, Carleton Reid Memorial Hall, was added in 1962.

12. McLachlin Residence 293 John Street North

This large brick home was built in 1874 by Hugh F. McLachlin for his widowed mother, Mrs. Daniel McLachlin. For many years it was occupied by the deRenzy family. The father, Edouard, was the fifth Postmaster of Arnprior and the son, Alex, was an officer of Gillies Bros. in Braeside.



13. Kirkman House **294 John Street North**

This home was built in the 1870's by Claude McLachlin, second son of Daniel McLachlin. From 1916–1995, the house was known as Sacred Heart Convent and was home to the teaching order of the Sisters of Providence of Saint Vincent de Paul. In 1996 the house became a bed & breakfast and was renamed Kirkman House.



14. Arnprior & District Memorial Hospital **350 John Street North**

The Arnprior & District Hospital was formed in 1945 in what was originally the personal home of Daniel McLachlin (1881 – 1954), grandson of Daniel McLachlin (1809 – 1872). It took two years to convey the building and land to the Town of Arnprior and to remodel the residence into the hospital. Required funds for the remodeling of the building were raised by the people of Arnprior.

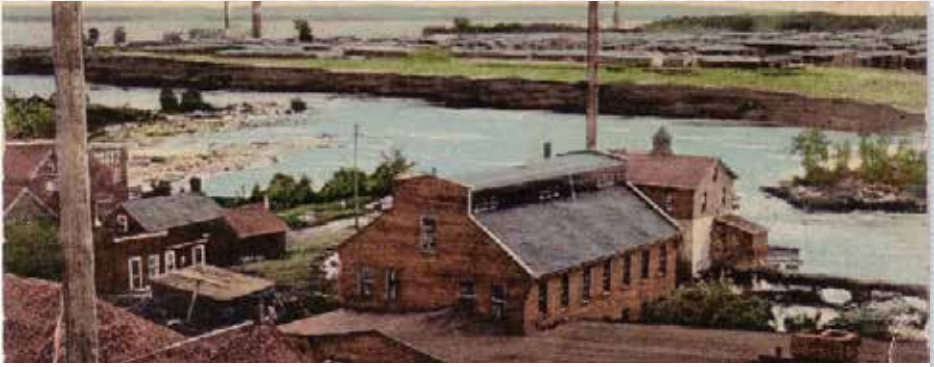
15. St. John Chrysostom Church **295 Albert Street**

The original Roman Catholic chapel in Arnprior was established in 1857. As the congregation grew, this was enlarged in 1869 and a new church constructed by 1873. As the Catholic community outgrew each successive church, the present massive Gothic-style church was constructed around the original building. One of Arnprior's significant landmarks, this church was completed in 1908.

16. Grace St. Andrew's United Church **269 & 257 John Street North**

1890 saw the construction of the present "Stone Church," as St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church was known. The Wesleyan Methodists constructed the brick building called Grace Methodist at 257 John North in 1894. After the amalgamation of the two denominations into the United Church in 1925, this building began service as the Christian Education Centre. Note the original Presbyterian manse, built in 1864 and located at 24 Ottawa Street.

A Brief History of Arnprior

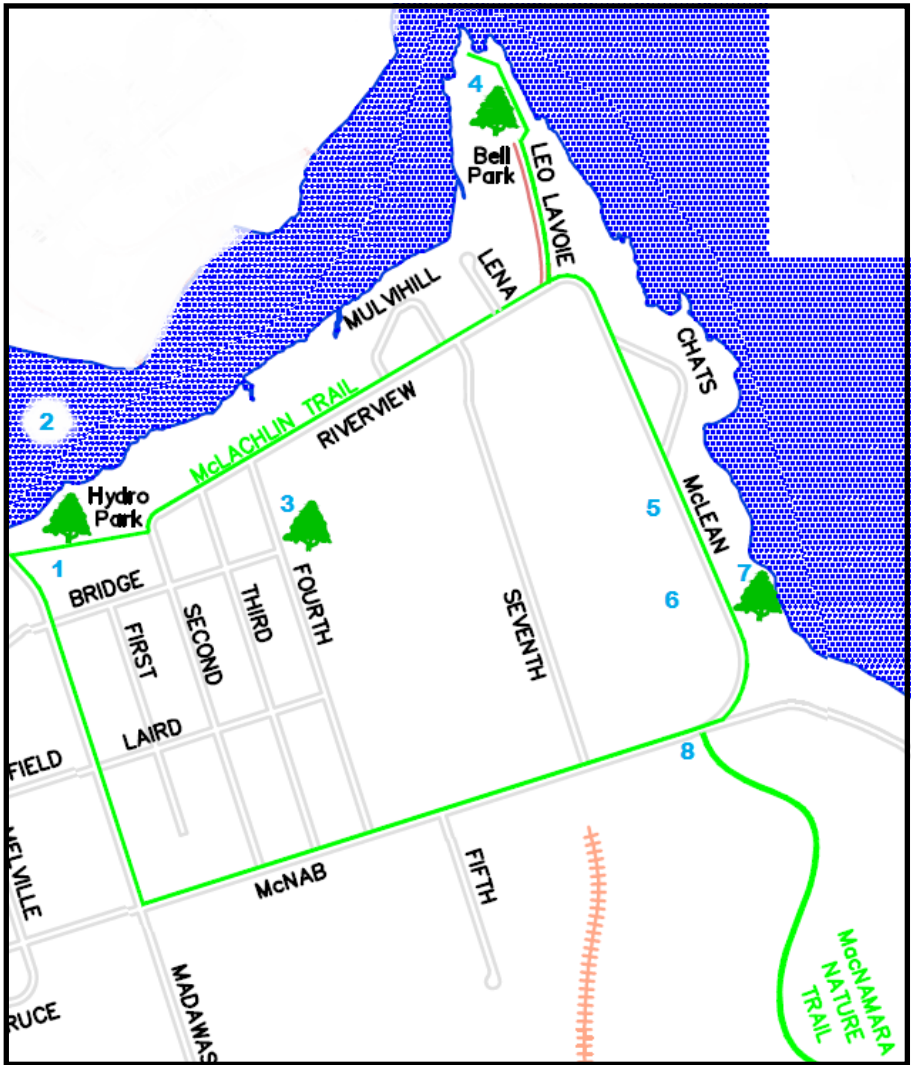


Although there were settlers in the area from the early 19th century including the McGonigals and Haveys families, the first promoter of development at the mouth of the Madawaska River was Archibald McNab, the “Last Laird of the Clan McNab.” This Highland Chief fled his creditors in Scotland, and was granted 81,000 acres from the government for the purpose of bringing settlers from Scotland and naming the township after himself.

In 1825, McNab brought over almost 100 families from Scotland. In 1831 the brothers Andrew and George Buchanan built a small sawmill and timber bridge on the Madawaska River. The Buchanan brothers and McNab named the settlement Arnprior after the small village of Arnprior in Scotland which was the Lards ancestral home. By 1843 the settlers had rebelled against McNab’s feudal leadership, and by petition and legal action forced him to leave the area. In 1851, Daniel McLachlin (1809-1872) arrived. Recognizing the potential of the site for a logging operation, he purchased 400 acres of land at the mouth of the Madawaska River along with the water power rights.

Important to encouraging settlers was the surveying of the land into town lots, renovating the old Buchanan sawmill and bridge, and constructing a stone gristmill. The eldest son, Hugh F. (1843-1912), assumed his father’s responsibilities at what became the largest White Pine sawmill in North America at the turn of the century. In turn, he was replaced by his son Daniel (1881-1954). The great Depression hit at the same time as the lumber market went into decline and the McLachlin family finances were out of control. The McLachlin timber limits approached exhaustion and the sawmills ceased operation in 1929 – the end of an era.

McLachlin Trail



*Total distance for this trail is 3.7 km, with the
Macnamara Nature Trail a further 4.5 km round trip*

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| 1 Hydro Park | 5 Optimist Club Ball Park |
| 2 Pickerel Spawning Area / Weir | 6 Annprior Amateur Ball Park |
| 3 Optimist Park | 7 McLean Avenue Park |
| 4 Bell Park | 8 Start of Macnamara Trail |

The McLachlin Trail Site

Bridges have crossed the Madawaska River in the same location since the Buchanans built the first bridge. The east side, which the McLachlin Trail explores, was the site of several McLachlin sawmills over the years.

1. Hydro Park



This park, overlooking the Madawaska River, is located just east of the bridge. In 1972 approval was given for the generating station, the creation of a 10-mile lake (both upriver at Highway 17), the four-span bridge and a new downstream weir. This weir helps to reduce soil erosion above the weir and to

improve and control marine life and vegetation. Located near the island are manmade spawning beds for pickerel. This is a great fishing spot for locals and tourists. After leaving Hydro Park, continue on Riverview Drive through the residential area and turn left on Leo Lavoie Road to enter Bell Park.

4. Bell Park

This park was donated to the youth of Arnprior by the grandchildren of James and Kathleen Bell in memory of happy summers spent with their grandparents in this area. As you follow the trail towards the point, you will pass the Yacht Club and the Fish and Game Club. Bell Park, located at the conjunction of the Madawaska and Ottawa Rivers, has a beautiful view of the Quebec shoreline and the widened section of the Ottawa River known as Chats Lake (Lac des Chats). 1861-91 saw the height of the rafting of square timber down the Ottawa River, some of it from the former Gillies Bros. Mill at Braeside (visible to the left upstream on the Ottawa River) for export to Britain. The last Gillies square timber rafts floated in 1903. Water transport of logs continued into the 1990's.

Leaving the road to Bell Park, turn left and follow McLean Ave. along the river until McNab St. is reached.



8. Charles Macnamara

Charles Macnamara worked for the McLachlin Bros. saw mills and lumber yards, starting as an accountant in 1886 and eventually becoming secretary - treasurer of the firm. A keen naturalist and photographer, amongst other things, Macnamara illustrated a study of beaver

colonies on the Ottawa River. This research is now on display in the Royal Ontario Museum and photographs by Macnamara are in the Arnprior and District Museum. Many of the negatives of his photos are housed in the Arnprior and District Archives.

The Macnamara Field Naturalists' Club was named in honour of Charles Macnamara. There are booklets for the Macnamara trail available at the entrance Kiosk located on McNab Street. View it online by scanning this QR code:



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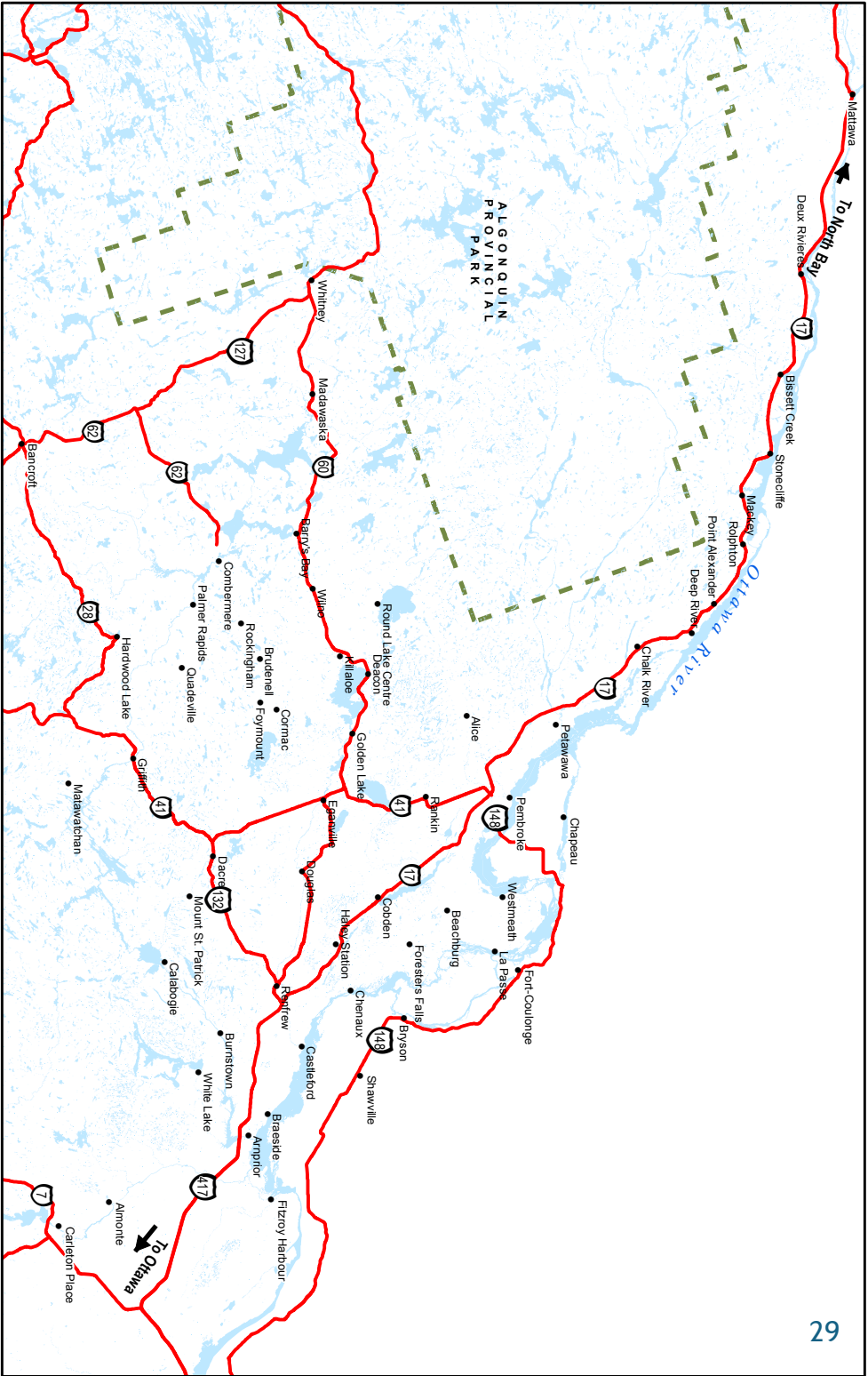
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