

**Paisley Teeswater Bridge Working Group**  
**March 31, 2022 1:00pm – 2:00pm**  
**Via Teams**

**Minutes**

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**In Attendance**

Sylvia Kirkwood – CAO, Arran-Elderslie  
Deputy Mayor Mark Davis, Arran-Elderslie  
Councillor Melissa Kanmacher, Paisley Ward, Arran-Elderslie  
Scott McLeod, Public Works Manager  
Julie Reid – Deputy Clerk, Arran-Elderslie  
Jim Donohue – Bruce County  
Kelly Vader – B.M. Ross  
Tori Matichuk – Economic Development Officer, Bruce County  
Chief Steve Tiernan, Arran-Elderslie Fire Chief  
Jen Christie, Paisley & District Chamber of Commerce & Business Owner  
Erik Downing – Saugeen Valley Conservation Authority

**Absent**

Marla Barfoot – OPP  
Carly Steinhoff, Manager of Parks, Facilities and Recreation, Arran-Elderslie  
Kelly Vader – B.M. Ross

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**1. Welcome**

Chair Sylvia Kirkwood called the meeting to order at 1:30 pm and thanked everyone for attending.

**2. Approval of Minutes**

No changes were noted and the minutes were approved as presented.

**3. BM Ross Update – Kelly Vadar**

Kelly was not in attendance.

**4. Bruce County Update – Jim Donahue**

The temporary bridge mobilization will begin May 1<sup>st</sup> and installation approximately a week later. Some of the tree removal began this week.

An updated project timeline will be forwarded to the Working Group.

Aecon will now be doing a trenchless installation of the gas line under the river. This will decrease the impact on traffic and the work can be completed in April ahead of the bridge work.

A meeting is set up for early next week regarding the parking plan.

## **5. Arran-Elderslie Update – Scott McLeod**

Scott had no updates for the group at this time.

## **6. Marketing and Communications Update – Sylvia Kirkwood/Tori Matichuk**

Tori provided the group with an update on the marketing plan. They have been working with the designer, Tourist Town. Some feedback was received from the Chamber and local residents on the initial designs. From that, three additional branding elements were created for review and initial feedback was obtained at a meeting last evening.

Tori presented the three designs to the Working Group for feedback. Tori explained the thought process behind the ideas.

- Pause a Little in Paisley  
This concept encourages people to pause in Paisley instead of just passing through.
- Meet Us at the Rivers  
This design may be adjusted to include a mirrored vision of what the new bridge will look like. This is more of a call to action.
- Where the Rivers Meet  
This is more of a statement than a call to action and speaks to the unique story associated with the meeting of the rivers. The colour scheme is designed to refer to the heritage theme of Paisley as opposed to the artistic colour side.

The preferred design from the community and Chamber representatives who provided feedback was the Meet Us at the River.

Tourist Town is tweaking the designs for final approval and these designs will be shared with interested parties for a final decision to be made.

Once the campaign theme is confirmed, the platform will be design and next steps will be established.

Members of the Working Group provided their feedback on the three designs, noting that they will be changed slightly.

## **7. Confirm date & details of Public Meeting – April**

The public meeting is planned for the later part of April. Sylvia proposed a walking meeting to showcase the construction area and aspects included in the project. It was noted that there should be a common place for everyone to meet to hear the details in a townhall format and those who wish to join the walking tour could join. The walking tour was proposed to be ahead of the town hall portion of the meeting to provide a visual of the project and then questions could be addressed after. There may be some restrictions to where the tour can take place due to the ongoing gas line project. Arran-Elderslie Staff will reach out to EPCOR.

It was decided that a 6:30 start would best accommodate business owners. The meeting will be April 28<sup>th</sup> and the location of either the Paisley Arena or the Town Hall will be confirmed shortly.

## **8. Roundtable Updates from Attendees**

A question was raised as to who will be in charge of setting the budget for the Placemaker Grant monies that has been received. A draft budget was for prepared the grant application. This project will include other factors that will fall out of the scope of this project. Once the final budget is decided, it will be brought to Council for approval and then brought forward in this forum for information. It was noted to ensure that we are setting some funds aside for situations that could arise through the course of the project and not allocate all the funding up front. The funds are to be used over a two-year period with a deadline of March 31, 2023.

A question was raised regarding the current lights on the bridge. Currently they are fed from a private property connection. The new bridge will have a new connection to address this issue.

A question was raised regarding ensuring that damages are not incurred to surrounding buildings and structures during the course of the construction. Scott added that it is in the contract that Looby will be doing an assessment before and after as a safeguard against potential accusations of damages.

Erik from the SVCA added that the permits have been issued for the temporary and main structure. There were some concerns regarding any in water work necessary with the gas line drilling. This will hopefully be avoided with the drilling taking place prior to the bridge work commencing. He also noted that there is a contingency built into the plan to allow for the bridge to be lifted temporarily in

the event of a large flooding event. The funding has been applied for to offset some costs associated with the dyke repairs. The mussel move will take place in approximately July. There is a specific time window for this work.

There was an onsite construction meeting at the beginning of the week with the various parties involved in the project.

The construction schedule is now up to date on the project website. It notes that the old structure will be removed in July. For the purposes of planning community events, it would be prudent to assume that the temporary bridge would be in use as of July 1<sup>st</sup>.

Tori provided a reminder of the team and resources available to assist businesses throughout the project through Bruce County.

## **9. Next Meeting Date**

The next Working Group meeting will be held at 1:30pm on April 26<sup>th</sup>.

A meeting to approve the design may be called at an earlier time if necessary.

## **10. Follow Up on Action Items**

- Landscape Design  
There is a consultant to aid on this item. Nak Landscaping.
- Youth Learning Opportunities  
The Arran Elderslie Youth Council will be assisting with this initiative.
- Group Update Platform  
A webpage will be created to support the ongoing project once
- Liaison with BC EMS  
This was completed with the posting of the project on Municipal511
- Parking Plan  
There is an upcoming meeting regarding this matter.

## **11. Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 2:26 pm.

# **Paisley Teeswater Bridge Working Group**

**April 26, 2022 1:30pm – 2:10pm**

**Via Teams**

## **Minutes**

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### **In Attendance**

Sylvia Kirkwood – CAO, Arran-Elderslie  
Deputy Mayor Mark Davis, Arran-Elderslie  
Councillor Melissa Kanmacher, Paisley Ward, Arran-Elderslie  
Julie Reid – Deputy Clerk, Arran-Elderslie  
Jim Donohue – Bruce County  
Tori Matichuk – Economic Development Officer, Bruce County  
Jen Christie, Paisley & District Chamber of Commerce & Business Owner  
Erik Downing – Saugeen Valley Conservation Authority  
Amanda Froese – County of Bruce  
Carly Steinhoff, Manager of Parks, Facilities and Recreation, Arran-Elderslie  
Kelly Vader – B.M. Ross  
Chief Steve Tiernan, Arran-Elderslie Fire Chief

### **Absent**

Marla Barfoot – OPP  
Scott McLeod, Public Works Manager

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The Working Group discussed the content to be discussed at the public meeting. The meeting will be held as a Special Council Meeting since enough Members will be in attendance for quorum. It was decided not to do the walking tour due to the change in weather. Attendees may take a tour of the site following the meeting informally if they wish.

The Working Group decided on the following structure for the meeting:

Call to Order – **Mayor Hammell**

Introductions

Bruce County & BM Ross –Scope of Project and Project Contacts - **Jim Donohue & Kelly Vader**

Arran-Elderslie – Municipality Scope of Project - **Scott McLeod**

Bruce County Communication Plan – **Adam Ferguson**

Marketing Plan – **Tori Matichuk**

Placemaking Grant – **Sylvia Kirkwood**

Ongoing Project Update Meetings and Information Sharing

Question Period

Adjournment – **Mayor Hammell**

Potential Walking Tour for those who wish partake

Following the meeting, the Working Group will meet to discuss next steps and address questions that were raised during the meeting.

The meeting adjourned at 2:00pm.

# **Paisley Teeswater Bridge Working Group**

**June 28, 2022 1:00pm – 2:00pm**

**Via Teams**

**Minutes**

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## **Attendance**

Sylvia Kirkwood – CAO, Arran-Elderslie  
Deputy Mayor Mark Davis, Arran-Elderslie  
Councillor Melissa Kanmacher, Paisley Ward, Arran-Elderslie  
Scott McLeod, Public Works Manager  
Carly Steinhoff, Manager of Parks, Facilities and Recreation, Arran-Elderslie  
Amanda Froese – Bruce County  
Kelly Vader – B.M. Ross  
Chief Steve Tiernan, Arran-Elderslie Fire Chief  
Jen Christie, Paisley & District Chamber of Commerce & Business Owner  
Erik Downing – Saugeen Valley Conservation Authority  
Tori Matichuk – Economic Development Officer, Bruce County

## **Absent**

Julie Reid – Deputy Clerk, Arran-Elderslie  
Mike Dowling – OPP

### **1. Welcome**

CAO, Sylvia Kirkwood welcomed all members who were able to attend.

### **2. Approval of Minutes**

Minutes will be brought forward at a future meeting for approval.

### **3. BM Ross Update – Kelly Vadar**

The site [www.paisleybridge.com](http://www.paisleybridge.com) has been shut down and all Q&A and updates are now available on the Bruce County website. The viewing platform matter will be dealt with later in the construction process. The mussel move will be taking place in the next 2 weeks.

### **4. Bruce County Update – Amanda Froese**

The closure has been delayed. She noted that a site meeting would take place the week before closure of the bridge. They are currently working on the north access for the temporary bridge. The closure date is estimated to be August 2<sup>nd</sup>.

## **5. Arran-Elderslie Update – Scott McLeod**

Parking for the bridge contractors' workers is being determined as well as the final laydown areas for Looby.

## **6. My Main Street Placemaking – Sylvia Kirkwood**

The My Main Street/Where the Rivers Meet Team is utilizing space at the former Sound & Colour Gallery which is owned by Garrett Egglink. A business/services illustrative map has been developed by Students/Tourist Town for Paisley. Event Planning for the summer is currently ongoing.

## **7. Roundtable Updates from Attendees**

Erik Downing with the SVCA provided an overview of SVCA activities and monitoring.

Tori Matichuk with Bruce County Economic reminded the group about the Spruce the Bruce Program and provided an update on activities from Bruce County Economic Development.

## **8. Next Meeting Date**

The next meeting date will be determined as the project progresses.

## **9. Follow Up on Action Items**

- Landscape Design
- Parking Plan



**Paisley Teeswater Bridge Working Group**  
**July 27, 2022 1:00pm – 2:00pm**  
**Via Teams**  
**Minutes**

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**In Attendance**

Sylvia Kirkwood – CAO, Arran-Elderslie  
Deputy Mayor Mark Davis, Arran-Elderslie  
Councillor Melissa Kanmacher, Paisley Ward, Arran-Elderslie  
Scott McLeod, Public Works Manager  
Julie Reid – Deputy Clerk, Arran-Elderslie  
Carly Steinhoff, Manager of Parks, Facilities and Recreation, Arran-Elderslie  
Kelly Vader – B.M. Ross  
Dave Hackney – OPP  
Chief Steve Tiernan, Arran-Elderslie Fire Chief  
Jen Christie, Paisley & District Chamber of Commerce & Business Owner  
Erik Downing – Saugeen Valley Conservation Authority  
Chelsea Campbell – My Main Street  
Sandra Crockard – My Main Street

**Absent**

Tori Matichuk – Economic Development Officer, Bruce County  
Amanda Froese – Bruce County

**1. Welcome**

CAO, Sylvia Kirkwood, welcomed those in attendance. The main objective of this meeting is to provide the group with a construction update prior to the scheduled closing of the old bridge and the opening of the new temporary bridge, which was originally planned for the first week of August.

**2. Approval of Minutes**

The minutes for previous meetings will be presented at a future meeting for approval.

**3. BM Ross Update – Kelly Vadar**

Kelly Vadar provided an update regarding the construction project following an update by the contractor. The bridge will not be ready for closure on August 2<sup>nd</sup> and has been pushed to the week of August 8<sup>th</sup>. The approaches on the temporary bridge are expected to be completed this week. It is hoped that the removal of the old bridge will begin August 15<sup>th</sup>. A barge and other materials will be placed to help limit materials landing in the water. The mussel move has been completed and the fish curtain installed.

It was noted that if a group wished to have an event, they should discuss the options with the contractor.

**4. Bruce County Update – Amanda Froese**

Amanda was not in attendance to provide an update.

## **5. Arran-Elderslie Update – Scott McLeod**

Scott also attended the on-site contractor meeting. There was some discussion about potentially closing the east entrance to Mill Street. Access to residents on this stretch would remain available from the west end. Potential issues with parking were discussed and alternative locations are being investigated. Those residence who will lose their parking access will be provided with free passes to use the designated spaces at the arena/LCBO. Carly is working with the contractor to ensure there will be room for the Zamboni to properly operate during ice season and the works staff will assist with removing snow to limit stockpiling. Kelly added that there will be 3-way stop signs installed at Goldie Street and 4-way stop signs installed at Church Street to assist with traffic control.

## **6. Roundtable Updates from Attendees**

There has been some confusion on who will be able to use the temporary bridge. ie: size, weight etc. Kelly added that any vehicle that can normally drive on would be permitted. Larger trucks are encouraged to use a detour route but the bridge would be capable of supporting those types of vehicles as well. Anything that is considered over width etc would not be permitted to fit across the bridge.

Fire Chief, Steve Tiernan, noted that they will be monitoring traffic backing up to the firehall to ensure there are no issues with emergency response.

Erik Downing, SVCA, noted that the CA continues to review and modify the project and permits as necessary. The SVCA is also looking for a Dyke Management Agreement to be put in place for both now and in the future with the applicant, Bruce County.

Chelsea Campbell provided a brief update on a potential pop up event that is being planned for immediately prior to the closing of the bridge. The event was originally planned to take place on the bridge but now may be on the roadway in front of the arena. This would require a road closure. The group suggested that Chelsea reach out to Justin with Looby to address how this event will work best. She will provide an update to Sandra Crockard who can update the group at the next meeting of the finalized plans.

## **7. Next Meeting Date**

The next meeting was set for Thursday, August 4 at 1:00 pm.

## **8. Follow Up on Action Items**

- Landscape Design
- Parking Plan
- Bridge Closure Pop Up Event