



MUNICIPALITY OF ARRAN-ELDERSLIE

Council Meeting

MINUTES

Meeting Number 03-2023

Monday, February 13, 2023, 9:00 a.m.

Council Chambers

1925 Bruce Road 10, Chesley, ON

Council Present: Mayor Steve Hammell
Deputy Mayor Jennifer Shaw
Councillor Ryan Nickason
Councillor Brian Dudgeon
Councillor Moiken Penner
Councillor Peter Steinacker

Council Absent: Councillor Darryl Hampton

Staff Present: Sylvia Kirkwood - CAO
Christine Fraser-McDonald - Clerk
Julie Hamilton - Deputy Clerk
Scott McLeod - Public Works Manager
Tracey Neifer - Treasurer
Carly Steinhoff - Recreation Manager
Pat Johnston - Chief Building Official - Present Electronically
Steve Tiernan - Fire Chief
Chris Legge - Water/Sewer Foreperson

1. **Call to Order**

Mayor Hammell called the meeting to order at 9:00 am. A quorum was present.

2. **Mayor's Announcements (If Required)**

The Mayor noted that February is Black History Month, February 15th is Agriculture Day in Canada, February 20th is Family Day and the Administration Office will be closed.

February 22nd is a Special Council meeting for the 2023 Budget starting at 6:00 p.m.

3. **Adoption of Agenda**

The Clerk requested an amendment to the Agenda to allow the OPP to address Council as the first presentation.

Council passed the following resolution:

42-03-2023

Moved by: Councillor Dudgeon

Seconded by: Deputy Mayor Shaw

Be It Resolved that the agenda for the Council Meeting of Monday, February 13, 2023 be received and adopted, as distributed by the Clerk as amended.

Carried

4. Disclosures of Pecuniary Interest and General Nature Thereof

None at this time.

5. Unfinished Business

5.1 Paisley Dyke Repairs

Subsequent to further discussion, Council passed the following resolution:

43-03-2023

Moved by: Deputy Mayor Shaw

Seconded by: Councillor Nickason

THAT the Municipality of Arran-Elderslie Council support the remainder of the Paisley Dyke Repair project, proposed by Saugeen Valley Conservation Authority; and

THAT Council supports the Saugeen Valley Conservation Authority in making an application to the Water and Erosion Control Infrastructure funding program for the Paisley Dyke Repair project; and

THAT the Municipality is prepared to pay its municipal share of the project costs, at \$14,828.50 should the project be funded by the Water and Erosion Control Infrastructure Program; and

THAT the Municipality is also prepared to pay its proportionate share of the Paisley Dyke Stability Assessment for a total of \$13,745.00.

FURTHER THAT should SVCA be unsuccessful in obtaining funding from the Water and Erosion Control Infrastructure Program, the Municipality is prepared to pay for the project in its entirety at \$29,657.

Carried

6. Minutes of Previous Meetings

Subsequent to further discussion, Council passed the following resolution:

44-03-2023

Moved by: Deputy Mayor Shaw

Seconded by: Councillor Steinacker

Be It Resolved that the Council of the Municipality of Arran-Elderslie adopt the minutes of the Regular Council Session held January 30, 2023.

Carried

7. Business Arising from the Minutes

None.

8. Minutes of Sub-Committee Meetings

8.1 SMART Board Minutes - October 28, 2023

Subsequent to further discussion, Council passed the following resolution:

45-03-2023

Be It Resolved that Council receives the SMART Board minutes of October 28, 2022 for information purposes.

9. Public Meeting(s)

None.

10. Delegations

None.

11. Presentations

11.1 B.M. Ross & Associates Limited - Bridge Infrastructure Master Plan

Kelly Vader and Ken Lotenberg gave their report to Council.

Arran-Elderslie maintains 64 bridges and the the Infrastructure Master Plan is considering outcomes for only 17 of the oldest crossings in the Municipality.

The 17 bridges were evaluated resulting in the following alternatives:

- Replace or repair all of the crossings, as required. This option means that each crossing would be either repaired or replaced, and none would be retired (closed).
- Alternative 2 – Close some crossings and either replace or repair the remaining crossings. This option means that several bridges, will eventually be closed to traffic and removed, while the remaining crossings will be either repaired or replaced.

- Alternative 3 – Do Nothing. The do nothing option, is a consideration during any Master Plan Class EA process. This option would propose that no commitment is made either way and improvements or changes to address problems will continue to be made on a case by case basis.

The cost to replace the 17 bridges is 28 million.

The next steps are:

- to select a preliminary preferred approach
- Seek Additional Input from Residents, Agencies & First Nations
- Public Information Meeting
- Based on Feedback, Confirm a Preferred Approach
- Finalize Master Plan Report
- Select a Phasing Timeline
- Can be Modified as Bridge Conditions Change over Time
- Publish Notice of Master Plan Completion

Council thanked the engineers for their presentation.

Council directed the engineers to move forward with Alternative # 2 to repair and eventually close some crossings.

The public will be notified in this regard and they will be able to comment on these projects.

11.2 Ontario Provincial Police - Inspector Krista Miller

Ontario Provincial Police Inspector, Krista Miller and Staff Sergeant Ryan Olmstead, presented their report to Council.

She noted that violent crimes were up 24.6%, while property crimes had increased 36.8%.

Clearance rates had dropped by 5.3% and in 2022 there were 126 traffic accidents.

- Total Calls for Service – 1,163 (1,015)
- Total hours – 5,812 (4,831)
- Traffic Stops (SB) – 2629 as of the end of November
- Big Four Charges (SB) – 1258
- Criminal Code Charges (SB) - 1066

She noted that there was a large increase in Crimes Against Another Person which went from 9 in 2021 to 28 in 2022.

South Bruce OPP officers dedicated many hours to monitoring and responding to the Freedom Convoys both locally, regionally and provincially. Their Provincial Liaison Team proved invaluable with all the Convoys planned in the South Bruce area.

Julie Robinson, a Mental Health nurse, was assigned to South Bruce OPP. This model involves her riding with an officer attending any call for service within the South Bruce catchment area that has a mental health or addictions component to it. Since the inception of MCRT at the end of November 2022, she has responded to 30 calls for service with our officers and completed 12 after the fact referrals. Thirteen individuals were diverted away from unnecessary Emergency Room visits and were provided appropriate resources.

On November 15, 2022, members of the OPP, Community Street Crimes Unit (CSCU), OPP West Region Emergency Response Team (ERT), OPP Tactics and Rescue Unit (TRU), OPP Canine and South Bruce OPP executed a search warrant at a property along Concession 4 in Arran Township. Police seized a large quantity of stolen property. The list of recovered items includes: a Ford F150 pick-up truck, a Dodge Ram pick-up truck, a Dodge Charger, a Ski-Doo GSX snowmobile, 2 Polaris snowmobiles, a Honda TRX All-Terrain Vehicle (ATV), a Triton snowmobile trailer, a Stihl concrete saw, a Rolair air compressor, 9 Rifles, 2 Shotguns, a Crossbow with night vision scope, 2 antique pistols, 2 pellet rifles and a large quantity of ammunition. The value of the recovered stolen property is estimated to be more than \$89,700. Police also seized a large quantity of Methamphetamine. The estimated street value of \$11,140. Two individuals were taken into custody during the warrant. A third was arrested and charged at a later time.

Council thanked Ontario Provincial Police Inspector, Krista Miller and Staff Sergeant Ryan Olmstead for their presentation.

12. Correspondence

12.1 Requiring Action

12.1.1 Chesley & District Horticultural Society

The Chesley & District Horticultural Society is hosting the OHA District 8 Annual General Meeting on April 15, 2023 in Chesley.

One hundred (100) visitors are expected to arrive in our community on that day. The Society is looking for gift bag items like pens, lapel pins, and Chesley brochures to give their guests.

46-03-2023

Moved by: Councillor Dudgeon

Seconded by: Councillor Penner

Be it Resolved that Council hereby directs staff to donate 100 pens to the Chesley & District Horticultural Society for their OHA District 8 Annual General Meeting on April 15, 2023 in Chesley.

12.2 For Information

Subsequent to further discussion, Council passed the following resolution:

47-03-2023

Moved by: Deputy Mayor Shaw

Seconded by: Councillor Nickason

Be It Resolved that the Council of the Municipality of Arran-Elderslie receives, notes, and files correspondence on the Council Agenda for information purposes.

Carried

12.2.1 Bruce County - Bill 23

12.2.2 Clean Energy Frontier - February Newsletter

12.2.3 Rick Byers, MPP - Media Release

13. Staff Reports

13.1 CAO/Clerks

13.1.1 SRCLK.2023.01 – Establishment of an Updated Code of Conduct for Members of Council and Local Boards and Updated Council and Staff Relations Policy

Clerk, Christine Fraser-McDonald responded to questions from Members of Council.

A by-law will be brought forward to the next available Council meeting to adopt the new policies.

13.2 Finance

13.2.1 SRFIN.23.08 2023 Operating and Capital Budget – 3rd Draft

Treasurer, Tracey Neifer, responded to questions from Members of Council.

The municipal budget for operations in 2023 reflects an increase of \$456,285 which requires a tax rate increase of 6.0%. With Council

endorsement of Draft #3 of the Operating and Capital Budget, the Municipality of Arran-Elderslie has achieved a balanced budget.

Subsequent to further discussion, Council passed the following resolution:

48-03-2023

Moved by: Councillor Steinacker

Seconded by: Deputy Mayor Shaw

Be It Resolved that Council hereby,

1. Supports the 3rd Draft of the 2023 Operating and Capital Budget for presentation at the public meeting scheduled for Wednesday, February 22, 2023; and
2. Directs staff to bring forward the final budget and corresponding tax rate by-law on February 27, 2023.

Carried

13.3 Public Works

Works Manager Scott McLeod noted that the Good Roads registration closes this week.

The back roads have pot holes due to the weather. The Works Department is out with the graders.

The engineers would like to schedule a meeting regarding Hamilton Street during the week of February 27th.

13.3.1 SRW.23.02 Community Safety Zone - Paisley Detour Route

Works Manager, Scott McLeod responded to questions from Members of Council.

Subsequent to further discussion, Council passed the following resolution:

52-03-2023

Moved by: Deputy Mayor Shaw

Seconded by: Councillor Nickason

Be It Resolved that Council hereby,

1. Supports Staff's recommendation to reduce the rate of speed for the detour route to 30 km/hr and designate the route as a Community Safety Zone;

2. Approve a by-law to enact the recommendations;
3. Authorizes Staff to proceed with purchasing the signage necessary in accordance with the Highway Traffic Act requirements; and
4. Direct staff to provide a copy of the Bylaw to the Ontario Provincial Police.

Carried

13.3.2 SRW.23.03 Municipal Fleet Review

53-03-2023

Moved by: Councillor Nickason

Seconded by: Councillor Penner

Be It Resolved that Council hereby,

1. Direct Staff to continue with the current practice of acquiring municipal vehicles through future purchase rather than leasing in accordance with municipal procurement policy; and
2. Continue to budget for these purchases as required in the annual Capital Budget process.

Carried

13.4 Building/Bylaw

None.

13.5 Facilities, Parks and Recreation

13.5.1 SRREC.23.03 Municipal Office Lower-Level Renovation

Recreation Manager, Carly Steinhoff, responded to questions from Members of Council.

Subsequent to further discussion, Council passed the following resolution:

49-03-2023

Moved by: Councillor Dudgeon

Seconded by: Councillor Nickason

Be It Resolved that Council hereby,

1. Accept the proposal from Domm Construction Ltd. in the amount of \$59,004.08, inclusive of applicable taxes for the Municipal Office Lower-Level Renovation;
2. To authorize 2023 pre-budget approval for the additional costs associated with this project; and
3. That the additional funds requested in 2023 of \$50,000 be financed by the OPG Reserve #7134.

Carried

13.5.2 Proposed 2023 Grant Application Submissions

Recreation Manager, Carly Steinhoff, responded to questions from Members of Council.

Subsequent to further discussion, Council passed the following resolution:

50-03-2023

Moved by: Councillor Penner

Seconded by: Councillor Steinacker

Be It Resolved that Council hereby,

1. Direct staff to submit to the RED Grant program for upgrades to the Allenford Community Park.
2. Direct staff to investigate and/or submit a grant application to the Legacy Fund – Building Communities through Arts and Heritage for the Paisley Library renovation/extension.

Defeated

51-03-2023

Moved by: Deputy Mayor Shaw

Seconded by: Councillor Dudgeon

1. Direct staff to submit to the RED Grant program for upgrades to the Allenford Community Park.
2. Direct staff to investigate the Legacy Fund Grant– Building Communities through Arts and Heritage for suitable projects in Paisley.

Carried

13.6 Emergency Services

Chief Tiernan noted that the application process for volunteer firefighters had closed with 21 applicants.

Staff received a letter from Bill Walker regarding a donation to the Paisley Fire Department in appreciation of an act of kindness by Don McCullough, a member of the Paisley Station.

13.7 Economic Development and Planning

None.

14. Notice of Motion

None.

15. Members Updates

Shaw:

Deputy Mayor Shaw attended the SMART Board meeting, met with the Bruce County Economic Development Officer regarding branding, and attended the housing forum.

Hampton:

Councillor Hampton was absent.

Dudgeon:

Councillor Dudgeon had nothing to report.

Steinacker:

Councillor Steinacker was unable to attend the housing meeting in Walkerton, he also feels that speeding in the urban areas needs to be addressed more in-depth by the OPP.

Penner:

Councillor Penner nothing to report.

Nickason:

Councillor Nickason had nothing to report.

Hammell:

Mayor Hammell attended the Tara and Chesley branding meetings and attended the housing forum. There is a hospital update this Friday morning.

16. New Business

16.1 Request for Changes to the OMAFRA Tile Drainage Program

Councillor Brian Dudgeon noted that he had requested staff to bring this motion forward.

54-03-2023

Moved by: Councillor Dudgeon

Seconded by: Councillor Nickason

WHEREAS installing tile drainage is a very common land improvement practice among farmers in Ontario and provides many benefits that allow for increased yields, improved soil conditions and reduces the risk of crop losses;

WHEREAS the Municipality of Arran-Elderslie is proud of its strong agricultural heritage and continues to thrive as a growing agricultural leader;

WHEREAS the Ontario Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs (OMAFRA) provides landowners in a municipality in Ontario that are planning to install a tile drainage system on their agricultural land with the option for a tile loan under the OMAFRA Tile Loan Program;

WHEREAS the cost of installing a tile drainage system has increased exponentially over the years with the average cost per acre reaching \$2000 and beyond, coupled with the rising cost per acre of farmland further strengthening the need to invest in the lands to maximize profit realizations;

WHEREAS the OMAFRA Tile Drainage Loan Program allows for a loan of up to seventy-five percent of eligible costs to install a tile drainage system to a maximum of fifty-thousand dollars in any fiscal year, to an individual, as an individual, or in their role in a partnership or corporation;

WHEREAS the fifty-thousand dollar maximum has not been increased since 2004 at which time it was increased from twenty-thousand dollars to the current fifty-thousand dollar maximum;

WHEREAS the Ontario Federation of Agriculture requested an increase to the maximum annual loan amount to \$100,000 in 2021 and no changes to the program have been realized from that request;

WHEREAS the Council of the Municipality of Arran-Elderslie urges the Ontario Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs to review the provisions of the Tile Loan Program to consider the economic changes that have occurred since the last review was undertaken nineteen years ago in 2004 and consider increasing the maximum loan amount to \$125,000;

WHEREAS the Council of the Municipality of Arran-Elderslie further urges the Ontario Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs to commit to

regular reviews of the program to ensure it remains in line with the current economic conditions; and

NOW THEREFORE, be it resolved, that a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the Honorable Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario, Honorable Lisa M. Thompson, Minister of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs, Rick Byers, MPP Grey-Bruce- Owen Sound, the Rural Ontario Municipal Association (ROMA), the Ontario Federation of Agriculture, and all municipalities in Grey and Bruce Counties.

Carried

17. By-laws

17.1 By-law 09-2023 - Appoint an Integrity Commissioner

Subsequent to further discussion, Council passed the following resolution:

55-03-2023

Moved by: Councillor Penner

Seconded by: Deputy Mayor Shaw

Be It Resolved that By-law No. 09-2023 be introduced and read a first, second and third time, signed by the Mayor and Clerk, sealed with the Seal of the Corporation, and engrossed in the By-law Book.

By-law 09-2023 being a By-law to appoint an Integrity Commissioner for the term of February 13, 2023 to December 31, 2026.

Carried

17.2 By-law 10-2023 - Extend Garbage Collection Contract

Subsequent to further discussion, Council passed the following resolution:

56-03-2023

Moved by: Councillor Dudgeon

Seconded by: Councillor Nickason

Be It Resolved that By-law No. 10-2023 be introduced and read a first, second and third time, signed by the Mayor and Clerk, sealed with the Seal of the Corporation, and engrossed in the By-law Book.

By-law 10-2023 being a By-law to enter into an Agreement with Bruce Service Sales and Rentals Inc. to provide the collection and disposal of garbage material, within the Municipality of Arran-Elderslie.

Carried

17.3 By-Law 11-2023 Designate a Community Safety Zone for the duration of the Teeswater Bridge Replacement Project

57-03-2023

Moved by: Deputy Mayor Shaw

Seconded by: Councillor Penner

Be It Resolved that By-law No. 11-2023 be introduced and read a first, second and third time, signed by the Mayor and Clerk, sealed with the Seal of the Corporation, and engrossed in the By-law Book.

By-law 11-2023 being a By-law to designate a Community Safety Zone for the duration of the Teeswater Bridge Replacement Project

Carried

18. Closed Session (if required)

19. Resolution to Reconvene in Open Session

20. Adoption of Recommendations Arising from Closed Session (If Any)

None.

21. Adoption of Closed Session Minutes

None.

22. Confirming By-law

22.1 By-law 11-2023 - Confirming By-law

Subsequent to further discussion, Council passed the following resolution:

58-03-2023

Moved by: Councillor Nickason

Seconded by: Deputy Mayor Shaw

Be It Resolved that By-law No. 12-2023 be introduced and read a first, second and third time, signed by the Mayor and Clerk, sealed with the Seal of the Corporation, and engrossed in the By-law Book.

By-law 12-2023 being a By-law to confirm the proceedings of the Regular Council meeting of the Municipality of Arran-Elderslie held Monday, February 13, 2023.

Carried

23. Adjournment

Subsequent to further discussion, Council passed the following resolution:

59-03-2023

Moved by: Councillor Steinacker

Seconded by: Councillor Nickason

Be It Resolved that the meeting be adjourned to the call of the Mayor at 3:15 p.m.

Carried

24. List of Upcoming Council meetings

- February 22, 2023 - Special Council Meeting - 2023 Budget
- February 27, 2023
- March 13, 2023
- March 27, 2023

Steve Hammell, Mayor

Christine Fraser-McDonald, Clerk