



## **MUNICIPALITY OF ARRAN-ELDERSLIE**

### **Council Meeting**

### **MINUTES**

**Monday, February 26, 2024, 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 Darryl Hampton  
Councillor Brian Dudgeon  
Councillor Moiken Penner  
Councillor Peter Steinacker

Staff Present: Sylvia Kirkwood - CAO  
Christine Fraser-McDonald - Clerk  
Julie Hamilton - Deputy Clerk  
Scott McLeod - Public Works Manager  
Carly Steinhoff - Recreation Manager  
Steve Tiernan - Fire Chief  
Jessica Pridham, Economic Development & Communications  
Coordinator  
David Munro - Interim Treasurer

#### **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 March is Irish History Month.

#### **3. Adoption of Agenda**

Subsequent to further discussion, Council passed the following resolution:

**53-05-2024**

**Moved by:** Councillor Hampton

**Seconded by:** Councillor Nickason

Be It Resolved that the agenda for the Council Meeting of Monday, February 26, 2024 be received and adopted, as distributed by the Clerk.

**Carried**

**4. Disclosures of Pecuniary Interest and General Nature Thereof**

**5. Unfinished Business**

**5.1 Commercial (C1) Central Business District/Accessory Apartment Dwellings Zoning**

Subsequent to further discussion, Council passed the following resolution:

**54-05-2024**

**Moved by:** Councillor Hampton

**Seconded by:** Deputy Mayor Shaw

Further to the Public Information Session held on February 6, 2024, be it resolved:

That Council supports staff's recommended Option 1 as presented, to maintain commercial land uses in the downtown cores of Paisley, Tara and Chesley as outlined in the Local Official Plan and through the enforcement of the provisions of the Comprehensive Zoning By-law 36-09 as they relate to the Central Business District (C1) zone.

**Carried**

**5.2 Notice of Motion - Chesley Ward Councillor Hampton**

Chesley Ward Councillor Hampton presented his motion to Council.

Subsequent to further discussion, Council passed the following resolution:

**55-05-2024**

**Moved by:** Councillor Hampton

**Seconded by:** Deputy Mayor Shaw

Whereas, the Municipality of Arran-Elderslie will be holding a Public Information Session regarding Commercial (C1) Central Business District/Accessory Apartment Dwellings community meeting in Chesley on 06 February 2024 as such;

Whereas, upon further examination topics discussed included Planning Framework, Community Review, Influencing Factors and Potential Options;

Whereas, community members including store front owners, business owners, chamber of commerce members, service group members, etc.,

received a public and transparent form to discuss and consider community concerns and viewpoints;

Whereas, during the Public Information Session on 06 February 2024 there is an opportunity to make improvements to the Chesley downtown core via beautification and revitalization with ideas such as banners, murals, wraps, etc. In addition, there is an opportunity to combine the different members of the community onto one team to create alignment and drive improvement; and

Whereas, be it upon consideration of community group information, evidence and discussion it is recommended that Council support creation of “Chesley Community Working Group” in an effort to revitalize/beautify the downtown core. The working group quorum should include the Chesley Ward Councillor, one additional council member, the Economic Development and Communications Coordinator, Chesley service groups, Chesley business owners, Chesley store front owners, Chesley community members and may include the Arran-Elderslie Community and Business Association.

**Carried**

**6. Minutes of Previous Meetings**

**6.1 February 12, 2024 - Regular Council Minutes**

Subsequent to further discussion, Council passed the following resolution:

**56-05-2024**

**Moved by:** Councillor Dudgeon

**Seconded by:** Councillor Penner

Be It Resolved that the Council of the Municipality of Arran-Elderslie adopt the minutes of the Regular Council Session held February 12, 2024.

**Carried**

**7. Business Arising from the Minutes**

**8. Minutes of Sub-Committee Meetings**

**9. Public Meeting(s)**

**10. Delegations**

**10.1 Arran-Tara Elementary School - Climate Club**

Nina Pieterman, Zoe Gowan, Jana Lott, Kylie Holmes, Chelsea Misener, Brynnleigh Hemstock of the Climate Club of Arran-Tara Central School,

and Teacher – Emma Allen made a presentation to Council regarding Trees for Tara.

Their plan "Trees for Tara" is to purchase native species, trees and shrubs from the Grey Sauble Conservation Authority to plant in their community. They hope to grow their community's knowledge on climate change and help improve local habitat.

Their main focus for "Trees for Tara" is to repair riparian ecosystems.

They need help to purchase these trees at a cost of \$1500 which must be purchased now for orders and spring planting. They will be invoiced in April for the trees. They have received permission from the Grey Sauble Conservation Authority to plant the trees on their lands near River Street in Tara.

They would like to collaborate with the Tara Horticultural Society. They are applying for grants and are relying on community funds.

Council thanked the students for the presentation and they will be notified of Council's decision.

## **11. Presentations**

## **12. Correspondence**

### **12.1 Requiring Action**

#### **12.1.1 Request for Flag Raising for Irish Heritage Month**

Council directed staff to notify Mary Foley of the Celtic Academy Canada that Council agrees to fly the flag from March 11th to March 17th to recognize Irish Heritage Month and they are welcome to present a dance for Council.

#### **12.1.2 Correspondence from Multi-Municipal Energy Working Group**

Subsequent to further discussion, Council passed the following resolution:

**57-05-2024**

**Moved by:** Councillor Nickason

**Seconded by:** Councillor Hampton

WHEREAS the Independent Electrical System Operator (the IESO) has proposed to move forward with three RFPs where new wind turbine projects can receive a contract from the IESO; and

WHEREAS people living near existing wind turbines report considerable impact on their lives due to noise and other emissions from the wind turbines; and

WHEREAS there are gaps in the enforcement of key terms of the Renewable Energy Approvals governing existing projects relative to noise standards and resolution of complaints; and

WHEREAS municipal approval is required to locate one of these projects in the Municipality of Arran-Elderslie; and

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council does not support the establishment of any new wind turbine projects within the municipality; and

THAT the IESO be directed to advise potential applicants of this resolution.

**Carried**

## **12.2 For Information**

Subsequent to further discussion, Council passed the following resolution:

**58-05-2024**

**Moved by:** Deputy Mayor Shaw

**Seconded by:** Councillor Hampton

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 Grey Bruce Public Health Media Release

12.2.2 Saugeen Valley Conservation Authority Meeting Minutes - January 19, 2024

## **13. Staff Reports**

### **13.1 CAO/Clerks**

13.1.1 SRCAO.2024.01 – Fire Agreements

CAO, Sylvia Kirkwood responded to questions from Members of Council.

Subsequent to further discussion, Council passed the following resolution:

**59-05-2024**

**Moved by:** Councillor Hampton

**Seconded by:** Councillor Dudgeon

Be It Resolved that Council hereby,

1. Receives the information related to the current Automatic Aid Agreements/Fire Service Agreements with Arran-Elderslie Fire & Emergency Services Department; and
2. Support staff to commence a formal review of all Automatic Aid Agreements/Fire Service Agreements and provide Council with an update on the agreement negotiations and modifications if required.

**Carried**

## **13.2 Finance**

### **13.2.1 SRFIN.24.03 Third Draft and Final 2024 Operating and Capital Budget**

Interim Treasurer, David Munro, responded to questions from Members of Council.

The requests for loans have been removed from the budget and a staff report will be brought back to Council on March 11 regarding this matter.

The blended tax rate will be 6% for 2024.

Council thanked the Interim Treasurer and staff for their work on the 2024 budget.

Subsequent to further discussion, Council passed the following resolution:

**60-05-2024**

**Moved by:** Councillor Hampton

**Seconded by:** Councillor Dudgeon

Be It Resolved that Council hereby,

1. Approves the Third Draft and Final 2024 Operating and Capital Budget;
2. Adopts a by-law for the Budget for tax purposes for 2024; and
3. Directs staff to prepare a by-law to adopt the 2024 Tax Rate upon approval of the County of Bruce Budget and Tax Rate.

**Carried**

**13.3 Public Works**

**13.4 Building/Bylaw**

**13.5 Facilities, Parks and Recreation**

**13.5.1 Award Contract for Portable Washroom Services**

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

Subsequent to further discussion, Council passed the following resolution:

**61-05-2024**

**Moved by:** Councillor Steinacker

**Seconded by:** Councillor Penner

Be It Resolved that Council hereby,

1. Award RFQ 01-2024-01 Portable Washroom Services to Scotty's Potty's for an annual amount of \$ 9,545.00 plus applicable taxes and enter into a two (2) year agreement.

**Carried**

**13.6 Emergency Services**

**13.7 Economic Development and Planning**

**14. Notice of Motion**

**15. Members Updates**

Shaw:

Deputy Mayor Shaw attended an event regarding wetlands and farming. She attended a SMART meeting as well as the Paisley 150 Anniversary event, attended the charity hockey game with the Ice Dogs and the First Responders. The Arran-Elderslie Business and Community Association is planning a kick-off event.

Hampton:

Councillor Hampton attended the emergency responders and the U18 Ice dogs hockey game and noted that the Kinsmen Club of Chesley presented Melissa (Mel) Barfoot with the 2024 Bob Hutchinson Award, adding her name to the Chesley Honour Roll. This award is given annually to someone who provides exemplary service to the community.

Dudgeon:

Councillor Dudgeon had nothing to report.

Steinacker:

Councillor Steinacker would like the School Board Trustee Katie Lutz to attend Council and give an update.

Penner:

Councillor Penner had nothing to report.

Nickason:

Councillor Nickason had nothing to report.

Hammell:

Mayor Hammell attended the Paisley 150 Anniversary event, attended the Charity Hockey Game, and noted that Melissa Barfoot received the Bob Hutchison Memorial Award. He noted that Clean Farms has been running a pilot project in the community to keep bale wrap out of the landfills. There will be a meeting on February 27th regarding this and any proposed changes.

## **16. New Business**

### **16.1 Declare Surplus - Unopened Road Allowance - Albert Street, Paisley**

Subsequent to further discussion, Council passed the following resolution:

**62-05-2024**

**Moved by:** Deputy Mayor Shaw

**Seconded by:** Councillor Nickason

Be it Resolved that Council hereby declares the Unopened Road Allowance between Arnaud and Canrobert Street, Paisley, further identified as Parts 1 & 2, Plan 3R-10854 as surplus to the needs of the Municipality;

And further that this highway will be permanently closed;

And further that these lands will be sold as a direct sale to the abutting properties as per the Municipality of Arran-Elderslie Unopened Road Allowance Policy.

**Carried**

### **16.2 Declare Surplus - Municipal Lot - Arnaud Street, Paisley**

Subsequent to further discussion, Council passed the following resolution:

**63-05-2024**



**Moved by:** Deputy Mayor Shaw

**Seconded by:** Councillor Nickason

Be it Resolved that Council hereby declares the property identified as Lot 1, Plan 255 (subdivision of Lot 6 E/S Albert Street), PIN 33181-0404, geographic Village of Paisley, as surplus to the needs of the Municipality;

And further that Council directs staff to proceed with the sale of these lots on the open market.

**Carried**

## **17. By-laws**

### **17.1 By-law 08-2024 - Zoning By-law Amendment Z-2023-099 - Thomson**

Subsequent to further discussion, Council passed the following resolution:

**64-05-2023**

**Moved by:** Councillor Hampton

**Seconded by:** Councillor Nickason

Be It Resolved that By-law No. 08-2024 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 08-2024 being a By-law to amend Comprehensive Zoning By-law 36-09 by changing from Hamlet Commercial 'HC' ZONE to Hamlet Commercial Special with Holding 'HC-08-H' ZONE of the subject lands described as Part Lot 28, Concession 12 (Dobbinton) Roll Number 4103-380-004-11600.

**Carried**

### **17.2 By-law 09-2024 - Adopt the 2024 Budget**

Subsequent to further discussion, Council passed the following resolution:

**65-05-2024**

**Moved by:** Councillor Hampton

**Seconded by:** Deputy Mayor Shaw

Be It Resolved that By-law No. 09-2024 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 09-2024 being a By-law to adopt the Budget (estimates of revenues and expenditures) for tax purposes for the year 2024.

**Carried**

**17.3 By-law 10-2024 - Permanently Close a Highway**

Subsequent to further discussion, Council passed the following resolution:

**66-05-2024**

**Moved by:** Councillor Nickason

**Seconded by:** Deputy Mayor Shaw

Be It Resolved that By-law No. 10-2024 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 10-2024 being a By-law to permanently close a highway, being the Albert Street Unopened Road Allowance between Arnaud Street and Canrobert Street in the geographic Village of Paisley, now known as Parts 1 and 2, Plan 3R-10854.

**Carried**

**17.4 By-law 11-2024 - Authorize the Execution of an Agreement between Arran-Elderslie and 1000383590 Ontario Inc.**

Subsequent to further discussion, Council passed the following resolution:

**67-05-2024**

**Moved by:** Deputy Mayor Shaw

**Seconded by:** Councillor Hampton

Be It Resolved that By-law No. 11-2024 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 11-2024 being a By-law to authorize the execution of an Agreement between the Municipality of Arran-Elderslie and 1000383590 Ontario Inc.

**Carried**

**17.5 By-Law 12-2024 - Regulate the Possession, Use , Setting Off, Ignition and/or Discharge of Fireworks**

Subsequent to further discussion, Council passed the following resolution:

**68-05-2024**

**Moved by:** Councillor Nickason

**Seconded by:** Deputy Mayor Shaw

Be It Resolved that By-law No. 12-2024 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 12-2024 being a By-law to Regulate the Possession, Use, Setting Off, Ignition, and/or Discharge of Fireworks Within the Municipality of Arran-Elderslie.

**Carried**

**17.6 By-Law 13-2024 - Prohibit and Regulate Noise**

Subsequent to further discussion, Council passed the following resolution:

**69-05-2024**

**Moved by:** Councillor Penner

**Seconded by:** Councillor Hampton

Be It Resolved that By-law No. 13-2024 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 13-2024 being a By-law to Prohibit and Regulate Noise within the Municipality of Arran-Elderslie.

**Carried**

**18. Closed Session (if required)**

**19. Resolution to Reconvene in Open Session**

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

**21. Adoption of Closed Session Minutes**

**22. Confirming By-law**

**22.1 By-law 14-2024 - Confirming By-law**

Subsequent to further discussion, Council passed the following resolution:

**70-05-2024**

**Moved by:** Councillor Hampton

**Seconded by:** Councillor Nickason

Be It Resolved that By-law No. 11-2024 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 14-2024 being a By-law to confirm the proceedings of the Regular Council meeting of the Municipality of Arran-Elderslie held Monday, February 26, 2024.

**Carried**

**23. Adjournment**

Subsequent to further discussion, Council passed the following resolution:

**71-05-2024**

**Moved by:** Councillor Nickason

**Seconded by:** Councillor Hampton

Be It Resolved that the meeting be adjourned to the call of the Mayor at 10:55 a.m.

**Carried**

**24. List of Upcoming Council meetings**

- March 11, 2024
- March 25, 2024
- April 8, 2024
- April 22, 2024

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Steve Hammell, Mayor

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Christine Fraser-McDonald, Clerk