



MUNICIPALITY OF ARRAN-ELDERSLIE

Council Meeting

MINUTES

Monday, January 13, 2025, 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: Christine Fraser-McDonald - Clerk
Julie Hamilton - Deputy Clerk
Scott McLeod - Public Works Manager
Carly Steinhoff - Recreation Manager
Pat Johnston - Chief Building Official - Present Electronically
Chris Legge - Water/Sewer Foreperson
David Munro - Interim Treasurer
Jennifer Isber-Legge - Economic Development &
Communications Coordinator
Emily Dance, CAO
Nathan Van Myall - Project Manager

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)

- I would like to welcome everyone back from their Christmas Break and wish everyone a happy new year.
- I would like to introduce Nathan Van Myall. Nathan has accepted the position of Project Manager for the new Paisley Fire Hall/Public Works Building.

3. Adoption of Agenda

Council passed the following resolution:

01-01-2025

Moved by: Deputy Mayor Shaw

Seconded by: Councillor Nickason

Be It Resolved that the agenda for the Council Meeting of Monday, January 13, 2025 be received and adopted, as distributed by the Clerk.

Carried

4. Disclosures of Pecuniary Interest and General Nature Thereof

5. Unfinished Business

6. Minutes of Previous Meetings

6.1 December 9, 2024 Regular Council Minutes

Subsequent to further discussion, Council passed the following resolution:

02-01-2025

Moved by: Councillor Steinacker

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 December 9, 2024.

Carried

7. Business Arising from the Minutes

8. Minutes of Sub-Committee Meetings

Councillor Nickason noted that there will be a public meeting regarding the proposed Grey Owl Battery Energy Storage System.

Subsequent to further discussion, Council passed the following resolution:

03-01-2025

Moved by: Councillor Steinacker

Seconded by: Councillor Nickason

Be It Resolved that Council receives the Health and Safety Committee Minutes of November 14, 2024, the Multi Municipal Energy Working Group of September 12, 2024 and the South Bruce OPP Detachment Board of December 17, 2024 Minutes for information purposes.

Carried

8.1 JHSC Minutes - November 14, 2024

8.2 Multi Municipal Energy Working Group - September 12, 2024 Minutes

8.3 South Bruce OPP Detachment Board - December 17, 2024 Minutes

9. Public Meeting(s)

10. Delegations

11. Presentations

12. Correspondence

12.1 Requiring Action

Subsequent to further discussion, Council passed the following resolution:

04-02-2025

Moved by: Deputy Mayor Shaw

Seconded by: Councillor Nickason

Be it Resolved that the Council of the Municipality of Arran-Elderslie hereby approves the requests of the South Bruce OPP for in kind donations for the Human Trafficking Awareness session and the Recruitment Information session and that these requests be included in the 2025 Grants and Donations budget.

Carried

12.1.1 South Bruce OPP - In Kind Donation Request (Chesley Community Centre) - Human Trafficking awareness session

12.1.2 South Bruce OPP - In Kind Donation Request (Paisley Community Centre) - Recruitment Information Session

12.2 For Information

Subsequent to further discussion, Council passed the following resolution:

05-01-2025

Moved by: Councillor Dudgeon

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 Grey Sauble Conservation Authority - Status Report
- 12.2.2 Correspondence from Wm. Palmer - BESS
- 12.2.3 William Palmer - Submission to Office of the Fire Marshal re: BESS Public Safety
- 12.2.4 SMART - Arran-Elderslie 2025 Budget Contribution
- 12.2.5 SVCA - Discontinue Winter Operations at Durham Upper Dam
- 12.2.6 Correspondence from BDO Canada - Acquisition by MNP
- 12.2.7 MPP Rick Byers Media Release

13. Staff Reports

13.1 Emergency Services

13.2 Building/Bylaw

13.3 Public Works

13.3.1 PWWS-2025-01 Paisley WWTP Wastewater Spill for information purposes.

Subsequent to further discussion, Council passed the following resolution:

06-01-2025

Moved by: Councillor Nickason

Seconded by: Councillor Penner

Be It Resolved that Council hereby receives Report Number PWWS-2025-01 Paisley WWTP Wastewater Spill for information purposes.

Carried

13.4 Facilities, Parks and Recreation

13.5 Finance

13.5.1 FIN-2025-01 Tara Curling Club Request for Interest Free Loan

Interim Treasurer, David Munro, and CAO Emily Dance responded to questions from Members of Council.

Subsequent to further discussion, Council passed the following resolution:

07-01-2025

Moved by: Councillor Steinacker

Seconded by: Councillor Penner

Be It Resolved that Council hereby approves Report FIN-2025-01 Tara Curling Club Request for an Interest Free Loan;

Approves an exemption to the grants and donations policy, authorizes entering into an interest free loan agreement with the Tara Curling Club in the amount of up to \$100,000 over a ten year term;

And further the loan come out of the working capital reserve AND FURTHER acknowledges the loss of interest in the budget.

And further authorizes the appropriate agreement and By-Law coming forward.

Carried

13.5.2 SRFIN-2025-02 OPP Revised 2025 Billing

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

Council directed staff to move forward with the meeting with the Solicitor General at the ROMA Conference.

Subsequent to further discussion, Council passed the following resolution:

08-01-2025

Moved by: Councillor Nickason

Seconded by: Councillor Steinacker

Be It Resolved that Council hereby approves Report Number SRFIN-2025-02 OPP Revised 2025 Billing and directs that the surplus amount of \$201,338.00 be allocated to Bridge Reserve 01-0000-7264 in the 2025 budget.

Carried

13.6 Economic Development

13.6.1 Paisley Artscape Society Sculpture Bases, ECDEV-2025-01

Economic Development & Communications Coordinator, Jennifer Isber-Legge, responded to questions from Members of Council.

Subsequent to further discussion, Council passed the following revised resolution:

09-01-2025

Moved by: Councillor Penner

Seconded by: Deputy Mayor Shaw

Be It Resolved that Council hereby approves Report ECDEV-2025-01 Paisley Artscape Society Sculpture Bases; and

That the Paisley Artscape Society be permitted to install on-grade surface sculpture bases at the following locations:

1. Northeast corner of the Teeswater Bridge
2. Within the raised garden bed in the town square

Subject to approval from Bruce County; and

That staff assist in the placement of the bases to be provided by the Paisley Artscape Society.

Carried

13.6.2 ECDEV-2025-02 Community Improvement Plan Incentive Grants 2025, ECDEV-2025-03

10-01-2025

Moved by: Councillor Penner

Seconded by: Deputy Mayor Shaw

Be It Resolved that Council hereby approves ECDEV-2025-02 Community Improvement Plan Incentive Grants 2025; and

FURTHER approves offering incentive grants in partnership with Bruce County through the Spruce the Bruce program by supporting 1/3 of applicable project costs for eligible applicants in Arran-Elderslie to a maximum of \$20,000 total program support in the following categories:

- Façade Improvement
- Perpendicular signage
- Awning Grant
- Fascia Signage

Carried

13.6.3 Commemorative Tree and Bench Policy, ECDEV-2025-03

Economic Development & Communications Coordinator, Jennifer Legge, responded to questions from Members of Council.

Subsequent to further discussion, Council passed the following resolution:

11-01-2025

Moved by: Councillor Steinacker

Seconded by: Councillor Nickason

Be It Resolved that Council hereby approves Report ECDEV-2025-03 Commemorative Tree and Bench Policy;

And Council directs staff to bring forward a By-law to bring force and effect to the Commemorative Tree and Bench Policy at a future Council meeting.

Carried

13.7 Clerks

13.8 CAO

CAO Emily Dance noted that the Municipality has been granted delegations for the upcoming 2025 Rural Ontario Municipal Association (ROMA) Conference with the Ministry of Health (Chesley Hospital) and the Ministry of Infrastructure (bridges). On Friday the Municipality was notified that it was successful in obtaining a meeting with the Solicitor General.

13.8.1 CAO-2025-02 Expression of Interest – Old Paisley Library

CAO Emily Dance responded to questions from Members of Council.

The report noted a closing date of March 13th. Council requested that this date be extended to April 17th.

Subsequent to further discussion, Council passed the following resolution:

12-01-2025

Moved by: Deputy Mayor Shaw

Seconded by: Councillor Steinacker

Be It Resolved that Council hereby approves Report Number CAO-2025-02 Expression of Interest – Old Paisley Library; and

Directs staff to issue the Expression of Interest for the Old Paisley Library with a closing date of April 17, 2025.

Carried

13.8.2 Paisley Firehall Fundraising Plan, CAO-2025-01

CAO Emily Dance responded to questions from Members of Council.

Subsequent to further discussion, Council passed the following resolution:

13-01-2025

Moved by: Councillor Dudgeon

Seconded by: Councillor Nickason

Be It Resolved that Council hereby approves Report Number CAO-2025-01 New Paisley Firehall Fundraising Plan.

Carried

14. Notice of Motion

15. Members Updates

Shaw:

Deputy Mayor Shaw noted that she will be attending an ADIE meeting, a SMART meeting and Tara Community Working Group meeting.

Hampton:

Councillor Hampton will be attending the Chesley Working Group meeting.

Dudgeon:

Councillor Dudgeon noted that he has received calls regarding roads, budget etc.

Steinacker:

Councillor Steinacker noted that he has received some questions regarding the dissemination of municipal information.

Penner:

Councillor Penner had nothing to report.

Nickason:

Councillor Nickason attended a Wind Turbine meeting and will be attending a BASWR meeting.

Hammell:

Mayor Hammell will be attending the Neone (Grey Owl) BESS public meeting as an observer. This is not a municipal public meeting. He will be attending the ROMA conference, the Grey Sauble Conservation Authority annual meeting on behalf of Deputy Mayor Shaw and will be away for the February 10th Council meeting.

16. New Business

17. By-laws

17.1 By-law 01-2025 - Enter into an Agreement with CIBC

Subsequent to further discussion, Council passed the following resolution:

14-01-2025

Moved by: Councillor Steinacker

Seconded by: Councillor Dudgeon

Be It Resolved that By-law No. 01-2025 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 01-2025 being a By-law to enter into an agreement with the Canadian Imperial Bank of Commerce to borrow the amount of \$2,000,000 to meet, until taxes are collected and other revenues are received, the current expenditures of the Municipality for the year.

Carried

17.2 By-law 02-2025 - Interim Tax Levy

Subsequent to further discussion, Council passed the following resolution:

15-01-2025

Moved by: Deputy Mayor Shaw

Seconded by: Councillor Nickason

Be It Resolved that By-law No. 02-2025 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 02-2025 being a By-law to provide for a 2025 Interim Tax Levy and to provide for the payment of taxes.

Carried

17.3 By-law 03-2025 - Adopt the 2025 Budget

Subsequent to further discussion, Council passed the following resolution:

16-01-2025

Moved by: Deputy Mayor Shaw

Seconded by: Councillor Hampton

Be It Resolved that By-law No. 03-2025 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 03-2025 being a By-law to adopt the 2025 Budget (Estimates of Revenues & Expenditures) for tax purposes.

Carried

17.4 By-law 04-2025 - Adopt a Municipal Flag and Proclamation Policy

Subsequent to further discussion, Council passed the following resolution:

17-01-2025

Moved by: Deputy Mayor Shaw

Seconded by: Councillor Nickason

Be It Resolved that By-law No. 04-2025 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 04-2025 being a By-law to adopt the Municipal Flag and Proclamation Policy.

Carried

17.5 By-law 05-2025 - Enter into a Memorandum of Understanding with Bruce County

Subsequent to further discussion, Council passed the following resolution:

18-01-2025

Moved by: Deputy Mayor Shaw

Seconded by: Councillor Dudgeon

Be It Resolved that By-law No. 05-2025 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 05-2025 being a By-law to enter into a Memorandum of Understanding with the County of Bruce for planning services.

Carried

17.6 By-law 06-2025 - Payment in Lieu of Parking Policy

Subsequent to further discussion, Council passed the following resolution:

19-01-2025

Moved by: Councillor Steinacker

Seconded by: Councillor Nickason

Be It Resolved that By-law No. 06-2025 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 06-2025 being a By-law to adopt a Payment In Lieu of Parking Policy.

Carried

18. Confirming By-law

18.1 By-law 07-2025 - Confirming By-law

Subsequent to further discussion, Council passed the following resolution:

20-01-2025

Moved by: Deputy Mayor Shaw

Seconded by: Councillor Penner

Be It Resolved that By-law No. 07-2025 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 07-2025 being a By-law to confirm the proceedings of the Regular Council meeting of the Municipality of Arran-Elderslie held Monday, January 13, 2025.

Carried

19. Adjournment

Subsequent to further discussion, Council passed the following resolution:

21-01-2025

Moved by: Councillor Nickason

Seconded by: Councillor Steinacker

Be It Resolved that the meeting be adjourned to the call of the Mayor at 11:14 a.m.

Carried

20. List of Upcoming Council meetings

- January 27, 2025
- February 10, 2025
- February 24, 2025

Steve Hammell, Mayor

Christine Fraser-McDonald, Clerk