



Staff Report

Council Meeting Date: January 27, 2025

Subject: ECDEV-2025-05 - Refreshment Vehicle By-Law

Report from: Jennifer Isber-Legge, Economic Development Coordinator
And Emily Dance, Chief Administrative Officer

Attachments:

Recommendation

Be It Resolved that Council hereby approves Report ECDEV.2025-05 – Refreshment Vehicle By-Law;

And further directs staff to bring forward a Refreshment Vehicle By-Law for consideration.

Background

Refreshment Vehicles or Food Trucks are vehicles on wheels that are capable of being moved from place to place that are used for the sale of prepared foods including but not limited to such items as coffee, hotdogs, sausages, pizza, wraps, sandwiches and frozen treats.

The Municipality of Arran-Elderslie has been recently approached regarding a proposed refreshment vehicle. The Municipality does not currently have any regulations surrounding refreshment vehicles nor are they specified in the zoning By-law.

Analysis

Refreshment Vehicles have been popular in past years as an alternative way to provide specialty foods to the public with a lower cost compared with the bricks and mortar restaurant.

Staff discussed the opportunity to regulate refreshment vehicles in Arran-Elderslie that would maintain the intent to support businesses that operate year-round in a bricks and mortar establishment with balancing support for entrepreneurs and adding food and beverage options for our residents that can also attract tourism and new visitors.

Staff are recommending that a Refreshment Vehicle By-law be established to regulate the use of Refreshment Vehicles in Arran-Elderslie and require the applicant to:

- Obtain a license from the Municipality & pay the license fee TBD
 - Include a Special license for Community Special Events and Two-Day License
 - Be inspected and approved by the Health Unit and the Fire Chief
 - Required to have insurance
 - Limit the number of Refreshment Vehicles
 - Be permitted in Commercial Zones
 - Requirements surrounding noise and garbage
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Link to Strategic/Master Plan

6.2 Supporting Businesses and the Local Economy

Financial Impacts/Source of Funding/Link to Procurement Policy

License fee would cover staff time for administration of the license and inspection by the Fire Chief.

Approved by: Emily Dance, Chief Administrative Officer