

# **THE CORPORATION OF THE MUNICIPALITY OF ARRAN-ELDERSLIE**

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## **BY-LAW NO. 62-2021**

BEING A BY-LAW TO ADOPT A COMMUNITY FLAG RAISING POLICY

WHEREAS Section 5(3) of the Municipal Act, 2001, S.O. 2001, c.25, amended, provides that a municipal power shall be exercised by by-law; and

WHEREAS Section 8(1) of the Municipal Act, 2001, S.O. 2001, c.25, amended, provides that the powers of a municipality under this or any other Act shall be interpreted broadly so as to confer broad authority on the municipality to enable the municipality to govern its affairs as it considers appropriate and to enhance the municipality's ability to respond to municipal issues; and

WHEREAS Section 9 of the Municipal Act 2001, S.O. 2001, c. 25, as amended, grants municipalities the rights, powers and privileges of a natural person for the purpose of exercising its authority under this or any other Act; and

WHEREAS Council of the Corporation of the Municipality of Arran-Elderslie deems it expedient to establish policies;

NOW THEREFORE COUNCIL OF THE CORPORATION OF THE MUNICIPALITY OF ARRAN-ELDERSLIE HEREBY ENACTS AS FOLLOWS:

1. THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Municipality of Arran-Elderslie hereby adopts the Revised Flag Raising Policy as contained in the attached Schedule "A" to this by-law.
2. THAT Schedule "A", the Community Flag Raising Policy, forms part of this by-law.
3. THAT this By-law may be cited as the "Community Flag Raising Policy".
4. THAT By-law 35-2019 is hereby rescinded.
5. THAT this By-law shall come into force and take effect upon receiving the final passing thereof.

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READ a FIRST and SECOND time this 27th day of September, 2021.

READ a THIRD time and finally passed this 27th day of September, 2021.

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Steve Hammell, Mayor

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Christine Fraser-McDonald, Clerk



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<b>Policy Name:</b>	Community Flag Raising	<b>Policy No:</b>	CLK04-2021
<b>Department:</b>	Municipality Wide		
<b>Effective Date:</b>	July 9 <sup>th</sup> , 2018		
<b>Date Revised:</b>	September 27, 2021		
<b>Authority:</b>	By-law 62-2021	<b>Repealed Authority:</b>	By-Law No: 35-2019

### 1. Purpose:

The Municipality of Arran-Elderslie recognizes that flags are important symbols that can increase awareness of public events, activities, and organizations and that flags can also raise public awareness about significant events and historical commemorations.

### 2. Community Flag Poles:

#### Administration Office Flag Pole (1925 Bruce Road 10, Chesley)

Under this policy, the flag pole located in front of the Administration Building is solely for the flying of the Canadian Flag and is not considered a Community Flag Pole. The flag pole located in front of the Works Department Shop is considered a Community Flag Pole.

The following flag pole locations are designated as Community Flag Poles under this policy:

- Elderslie Works Department Shop – 1925 Bruce Road 10, Chesley
- Paisley Community Centre – 391 Queen St N, Paisley
- Tara Rotary Park – 292 Yonge St S, Tara

### 3. Flag Raising Criteria:

Requests to fly a flag will be considered if the reason for flying the flag meets one of the following criteria:

- Support of fund-raising drives
- Celebration achievement



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- Celebration of multi-cultural and civic events
  - Increase public awareness of programs and activities
  - Acknowledge an organization that has achieved national or international distinction or made a significant contribution to the community
  - Acknowledge an organization that has helped to enhance the Municipality of Arran-Elderslie in a positive manner

The Community Flagpole will be not used to fly flags for the purpose of supporting or promoting the following:

- Political parties or political organizations
- Religious organizations or religious events or celebrations
- Celebrations, campaigns or events intended for profit-making purposes
- Supporting discrimination, hatred, violence or prejudice
- In support of groups, organizations, or events that promote belief's contrary to other Municipal policies

#### 4. General Rules:

- 4.3 Approvals and use of the Community Flagpole will be granted on a first come-first served basis.
- 4.4 Flag raisings shall be in connection with a particular event by an organization.
- 4.5 An organization's flag shall be flown no more than once per calendar year.
- 4.6 The period a flag may be flown will be determined on a case by case basis given the nature of the request.
- 4.7 Flags shall only be raised and lowered on those business days that the Municipal Office is open.



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### 5. Applications for use of the Community Flagpole:

- 5.1 All requests will be made in writing to the Clerk's Department.
- 5.2 Authority for Approval is delegated to the Chief Administrative Officer or, in their absence, the Clerk or their delegate.
- 5.3 Staff will communicate the approved details of each request to Council by email communication prior to the raising of the flag for information purposes.