



# THE CORPORATION OF THE MUNICIPALITY OF ARRAN-ELDERSLIE

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## By-law 53-2025

**Being a By-law to Opt Out of the Line Fences Act, R.S.O. 1990, c. L.17, as permitted under the Municipal Act, 2001, while retaining Section 20**

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**WHEREAS** Section 98 of the *Municipal Act, 2001*, S.O. 2001, c. 25, as amended, allows a municipality to pass a by-law stating that the *Line Fences Act*, R.S.O. 1990, c. L.17, does not apply within its boundaries;

**AND WHEREAS** the Council of The Corporation of the Municipality of Arran-Elderslie has determined that property boundary disputes and fencing matters are best resolved privately between landowners, and that continued reliance on most provisions of the *Line Fences Act* is no longer in the public interest as passed by Resolution 226-11-2025;

**AND WHEREAS** Section 20 of the *Line Fences Act* permits a municipality to retain authority to make by-laws related to the construction and maintenance of fences on public property;

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

1. THAT, pursuant to Section 98 of the *Municipal Act, 2001*, the *Line Fences Act*, R.S.O. 1990, c. L.17, shall not apply within the geographical boundaries of the Municipality of Arran-Elderslie, effective July 14, 2025, except as provided under Section 20 of the said Act.
2. THAT the Municipality shall no longer provide services under the *Line Fences Act*, including the appointment or deployment of Fence Viewers.
3. By-law 44-2023 is hereby rescinded in its entirety.
4. THAT this By-law shall come into full force and effect upon receiving the final passing thereof.

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Read the first and second time this 14th day of July, 2025.

Read a third time and finally passed this 14<sup>th</sup> day of July, 2025.

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Mayor – Steve Hammell

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Clerk – Christine Fraser-McDonald