



MUNICIPALITY OF ARRAN-ELDERSLIE

Council Meeting

MINUTES

Monday, March 10, 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
Steve Tiernan - Fire Chief
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 9:30 am. A quorum was present.

2. **Mayor's Announcements (If Required)**

- March is Irish Heritage Month and because of this, we have some Irish dancers here today.
- There will be a Public Information Session being held on Tuesday, March 18th at 7:00 pm at the Municipal Office to provide residents with an opportunity to receive information and provide feedback regarding the proposed 2025 construction on 3rd St SW between 1st Ave & 4th Ave SW. The project will include new watermain, sanitary sewer, storm sewer, sidewalk and asphalt replacement. Staff and the Project Engineer will be available to address any concerns with the project.

- The Priebe Bridge construction on Sideroad 25 between Concession 2 and Bruce Road 19 is now complete and the bridge has reopened.
- The Arran-Elderslie Community Business Association held an International Women's Day Breakfast on Friday March 7 with the theme of Celebrating Arran-Elderslie Women in Business & the Powerhouse Women at our Municipal Office. Speakers were Deputy Mayor Shaw, CAO Dance and Economic Development Officer Legge.
- The Treasure Chest Museum will host a St. Patrick's Day Luncheon & Euchre on March 14th.

3. **Adoption of Agenda**

Subsequent to further discussion, Council passed the following resolution:

78-05-2025

Moved by: Councillor Hampton

Seconded by: Councillor Nickason

Be It Resolved that the agenda for the Council Meeting of Monday, March 10, 2025 be received and adopted, as distributed by the Clerk.

Carried

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

None disclosed at this time.

5. **Minutes of Previous Meetings**

5.1 **February 24, 2025 - Regular Council Minutes**

Subsequent to further discussion, Council passed the following resolution:

79-05-2025

Moved by: Councillor Steinacker

Seconded by: Councillor Nickason

Be It Resolved that the Council of the Municipality of Arran-Elderslie adopt the minutes of the Regular Council Session held February 24, 2025.

Carried

6. **Business Arising from the Minutes**

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

Subsequent to further discussion, Council passed the following resolution:

80-05-2025

Moved by: Councillor Hampton

Seconded by: Councillor Nickason

Be It Resolved that Council receives the Tara Community Work Group Minutes of November 13, 2024, the Chesley Community Work Group Minutes of November 14, 2024, and the Accessibility, Diversity, Inclusion and Equity Committee Minutes of February 3, 2025, for information purposes.

Carried

7.1 Tara Working Group Minutes - November 13, 2024

7.2 Chesley Working Group Minutes - November 14, 2024

7.3 ADIE Minutes - February 3, 2025

8. Public Meeting(s)

9. Delegations

9.1 Celtic Academy Canada - Irish Dancers - Irish Heritage Month

Mayor Hammell read the proclamation for Irish Heritage Month.

9.2 Solar Bank, Battery Energy Storage Facility, 157 7th St SW, Chesley

Mila Simon, Andrew Van Doorn, Gus Kokkoros and Planner Leo DeLoyde, Registered Planner, made a presentation to Council.

He noted that the present proposed location is still located at 157 7th Street SW in Chesley. Solarbank is proposing to move the BESS location immediately outside the aggregate licence area, while remaining 165 metres from residents.

The proposed BESS is consistent with the policies of the Provincial Policy Statement, the Bruce County Official Plan and the Arran-Elderslie Official Plan that supports energy infrastructure that supports local residents, agricultural operations and the business community.

Mr. DeLoyde noted that Environmental Site Assessments are completed and underway, no water or sanitary services are required, no traffic will be generated other than periodic visits following construction, gravel pad base will facilitate stormwater flows, and automated fire protection systems will protect the BESS

The proposed BESS facility is compatible with the adjoining energy facilities and the surrounding agricultural and rural residential land uses.

Andrew Van Doorn noted that the property will be treated like any other commercial property and that it has to have access it at all times and there will be snow clearing.

There will be a community benefit of \$100,000 which will be a negotiated agreement. There has been no feedback from any neighbours.

10. Presentations

11. Correspondence

11.1 Requiring Action

11.1.1 Day of Mourning Request

Subsequent to further discussion, Council passed the following resolution:

81-05-2025

Moved by: Councillor Hampton

Seconded by: Councillor Nickason

Be it resolved that the Municipality of Arran-Elderslie Council hereby approves the request from the Grey Bruce Labour Council to waive the fees for the use of the Chesley Community Centre on Friday April 25, 2025 for the Day of Mourning Service.

AND as per The Municipal Flag and Proclamation Policy support the Day of Mourning Flag to be raised at the Arran-Elderslie Municipal Office AND the Mayor on behalf of the Municipality of Arran-Elderslie provide a declaration recognizing the Day of Mourning be brought forward to the April 14, 2025 Council Meeting

AND FURTHER authorize staff be provided one and a half hours paid to attend the Day of Mourning Service on Friday April 25, 2025

Carried

11.1.2 Community Space for Bruce County Public Library Programming

Subsequent to further discussion, Council passed the following resolution:

82-05-2025

Moved by: Councillor Penner

Seconded by: Councillor Steinacker

Be it resolved that the Municipality of Arran-Elderslie Council hereby approves under the 2025 Grants and Donation Budget that

the County of Bruce be permitted at no cost, six hours rental per week of the Multi-use Space at the Paisley Arena for 2025 subject to the following provisions:

- The Bruce County Library provides insurance coverage for programming.
- The Bruce County Library follows the Municipal Booking process providing a minimum of two weeks notice for booking.
- Bookings must be within the current staff hours for the facility.
- Booking outside the regular staffed time will not be eligible under the approval.

Carried

11.2 For Information

Subsequent to further discussion, Council passed the following resolution:

83-05-2025

Moved by: Councillor Hampton

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

11.2.1 Notice of Public Meeting - 2025 3rd Street SW, Chesley Construction

11.2.2 Saugeen Valley Conservation Authority Board Minutes - January 17, 2025

11.2.3 Saugeen Mobility Board Minutes - January 17, 2025

11.2.4 Crime Stoppers of Grey Bruce

12. Staff Reports

12.1 Emergency Services

12.2 Building/Bylaw

12.3 Public Works

12.3.1 PWRDS-2025-03 - Structure E5 - Waterproof and Pave

Works Manager, Scott McLeod responded to questions from Members of Council.

He noted that the project will take approximately one month to complete.

Subsequent to further discussion, Council passed the following resolution:

84-05-2024

Moved by: Councillor Nickason

Seconded by: Councillor Penner

Be It Resolved that Council hereby approves report PWRDS-2025-03 - Structure E5 - Waterproof and Pave; and

Approves the waterproof, pave and expansion joint repairs to Structure E5 at the engineers' estimate of \$94,500; and

Further, that the project be funded by the surplus in account #02-4052 – 25-TRAN-0021 VEH&EQUIP (E) – Tandem Plow Truck.

Carried

12.4 Facilities, Parks and Recreation

12.5 Finance

12.6 Economic Development

12.6.1 ECDEV-2025-07 - Refreshment Vehicle By-Law (3)

CAO Emily Dance responded to questions from Members of Council.

Subsequent to further discussion, Council passed the following resolution:

85-05-2025

Moved by: Councillor Steinacker

Seconded by: Councillor Hampton

Be It Resolved that Council hereby approves Report ECDEV.2025-07 – Refreshment Vehicle By-Law (3); and further directs staff to bring back the Refreshment Vehicle By-Law for approval.

Carried

12.7 Clerks

12.7.1 CLKS-2025-11 - Sidewalk Patio Policy

Deputy Clerk, Julie Hamilton, responded to questions from Members of Council.

Council requested that staff revisit this item regarding small bistro tables, store merchandise, liability risks etc. and receive input from the Working Groups.

Subsequent to further discussion, Council passed the following resolution:

86-05-2025

Moved by: Councillor Hampton

Seconded by: Councillor Penner

Be It Resolved that Council approves report CLKS-2025-11 Sidewalk Patio Policy and directs staff to bring back a bylaw to bring force and effect to the Sidewalk Patio Policy.

Tabled

87-05-2025

Moved by: Councillor Hampton

Seconded by: Councillor Dudgeon

THAT applications for a sidewalk patios be considered by Council on a case by case basis;

AND FURTHER direct staff to request consultation from the Business Community, Working Groups and the County of Bruce regarding the implementation of a sidewalk policy;

AND FURTHER a report be brought forward for Council consideration.

Carried

12.8 CAO

12.8.1 HR-2025-01 Staff Professional Development and Expense Policy

CAO Emily Dance responded to questions from Members of Council.

Subsequent to further discussion, Council passed the following resolution:

88-05-2025

Moved by: Councillor Hampton

Seconded by: Councillor Nickason

Be It Resolved that Council approves report HR-2025-01 Staff Professional Development and Expense Policy;

And directs staff to bring back a by-law to bring force and effect to the Professional Development and Expense Policy.

Carried

13. Notice of Motion

13.1 Change of Traffic Flow - Moiken Penner

Paisley Ward Councillor Penner presented her Notice of Motion regarding the change of traffic flow for Rowe Street and Mill Street in Paisley.

14. Members Updates

Shaw:

Deputy Mayor Shaw brought greetings on behalf of Council for the OPP human trafficking day, attended a Grey Sauble Conservation Authority Board meeting as well as a ADIE meeting and spoke at the Women's breakfast on Friday morning.

Hampton:

Councillor Hampton noted that he will be attending the Chesley community working group meeting.

Dudgeon:

Councillor Dudgeon had nothing to report.

Steinacker:

Councillor Steinacker attended the ADIE meeting and the Tara public meeting re: ward vs at large

Penner:

Councillor Penner attended the public meetings for the election question ward vs at large and attended the women's breakfast

Nickason:

Councillor Nickason had nothing to report.

Hammell:

Mayor Hammell attended the Coffee with the Mayor which was very well attended as well as the ward vs at large public meeting in Tara.

15. New Business

16. By-laws

16.1 By-law 17-2025 - Authorize a Lease Agreement with the Liquor Control Board of Ontario

Subsequent to further discussion, Council passed the following resolution:

89-05-2025

Moved by: Councillor Hampton

Seconded by: Councillor Dudgeon

Be It Resolved that By-law No. 17-2025 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 17-2025 being a By-law to authorize the signing of an agreement with the Liquor Control Board of Ontario for the lease of the premises located at 277 Queen Street North, Paisley.

Carried

17. Closed Session (if required)

18. Confirming By-law

Council passed the following resolution:

90-05-2025

Moved by: Councillor Hampton

Seconded by: Councillor Penner

Be It Resolved that By-law No. 18-2025 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 18-2025 being a By-law to confirm the proceedings of the Regular Council meeting of the Municipality of Arran-Elderslie held Monday, March 10, 2025.

Carried

19. Adjournment

Subsequent to further discussion, Council passed the following resolution:

Moved by: Councillor Nickason

Seconded by: Councillor Dudgeon

Be It Resolved that the meeting be adjourned to the call of the Mayor at 11:15 a.m.

Carried

20. List of Upcoming Council meetings

Monday, March 24, 2025

Monday, April 14, 2025

Monday, April 28, 2025

Steve Hammell, Mayor

Christine Fraser-McDonald, Clerk