ARRAN-ELDERSLIE MUNICIPAL NEWSLETTER

Message from the Mayor

Greetings, Arran-Elderslie! I hope you are having a great start to the year. The weather has been unpredictable so far as we move back and forth between a soggy and snowy season.

I'd like to start by extending a thank you to our Public Works staff for their dedication and attention to our roads during this winter season. These conditions have kept staff on their toes, one minute maintaining gravel roads when weather permits, and the next, operating snowplows to improve road conditions for our safety.

Last month, Deputy Mayor Shaw, Councillor Penner, CAO Kirkwood and I represented the Municipality at the Rural Ontario Municipal Association (ROMA) Conference in Toronto where we heard about upcoming provincial initiatives and future funding opportunities that could benefit our community. We participated in delegation meetings to discuss the importance of rural health care and our local Chesley Hospital with Minister of Health & Deputy Premier, Sylvia Jones. The vitality of our local healthcare remains of the upmost importance to the Municipality and we continue to advocate for the community in this regard.

On another note, I'm pleased to share that the 2024 Community Guide is now available. You can find it in your mailbox. If you're looking for a copy, give the Office (519-363-3039) a call and staff will set aside one for you.

We are in for a great year with two milestones to celebrate! 2024 marks the anniversary of the 150th year of incorporation of Paisley, and 25 years since amalgamation of the Municipality. I look forward to celebrating with you at community events throughout the year.

Mayor Steve Hammell



Community Events Calendar!

Having an event in Arran-Elderslie? Use the Community Calendar to promote it! Submit your event by visiting the municipal website at calendar.arran-elderslie.ca and submit your event! For assistance call 363-3039 ext. 116

Dog Tags

Dog tag invoices have been mailed out. Tags are \$15.00 before March 31. A \$10.00 penalty will apply on April 1 if invoices remain unpaid. If you receive an invoice for a dog that is no longer living with you, please call the Municipal Office to have the file removed. If you have a dog and do not have a tag or did not receive an invoice, please fill out a request for a dog tag on our Citizens Request Portal on our website, and a tag will be mailed to you.

Paying Your Taxes

The 2024 property tax installment due dates are March 28 June 28, August 28 and October 28.

Information on how to pay your taxes can be found on the back of your tax bill.

For assistance, call the Municipal office, email us or place a request through the Citizen Request Portal.

Council Meetings

- February 12 9:00 am Council Meetings are open to the
- February 26 9:00 am
- March 11 9:00 am
- March 25 9:00 am
- April 8 9:00 am
- April 22 9:00 am
- May 13 9:00 am
- May 27 9:00 am
- June 10 9:00 am
- June 24 9:00 am

public and start at 9:00 am unless an alternative time is posted. Meetings are livestreamed and recorded. Council meetings, minutes and

website: www.arran-elderslie.ca/en/municipalservices/calendar-agendas-and-

agendas are accessible through the

minutes.aspx

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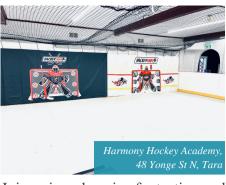
SAVE THE DATE: COMMUNITY EVENT SATURDAY, JUNE 8 2024 CHESLEY COMMUNITY PARK

This year marks 25 years of the amalgamation of Arran-Elderslie!

Join us as we celebrate 25 years of working together.

Details to be announced on social media and at arran-elderslie.ca

Welcome New Business!





Join us in welcoming fantastic new businesses to our community! Have a business in Arran-Elderslie? Subscribe to our business enewsletter by emailing jpridham@arran-elderslie.ca

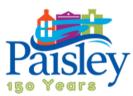
Arran-Elderslie Community & Business Association

Arran-Elderslie Community & Business Association is a new membership-based organization that is set to launch March 1st, 2024 to help businesses network, learn and grow. The goal is to strengthen, promote and celebrate businesses to enhance the vibrancy of the community within Arran-Elderslie.

Member benefits include invitations to exclusive networking events and educational opportunities that are sure to make a real difference in your business success.

The Association extends an invitation to businesses located anywhere within the Municipality of Arran-Elderslie to join. Please contact Peter Knipfel at chesleychamber@outlook.com for more information.

To be the first to hear of Arran-Elderslie Community & Business Association membership information, subscribe to the Municipal Business Newsletter by emailing jpridham@arran-elderslie.ca



Paisley 150! Municipal Kick-off Event

Join in on the fun as we kick off a year of celebrations in honour of Paisley's 150th year of incorporation!

Details on social media and at arran-elderslie ca

Don't have internet access?
Call Jessica Pridham, Economic
Development & Communications

. Coordinator: 519-363-3039 ext. 116





Downtown Paisley



Many thanks to those residents who keep the snow shoveled from the fire hydrants in case of an Emergency!



Bridge Infrastructure Master Plan

Did you know there are 64 bridges in the Municipality of Arran-Elderslie?

The Municipality is developing a Bridge Master Plan. Engineers are reviewing 17 of the oldest bridges and proposing an approach to help guide how to fix and maintain them. Council will be reviewing these potential approaches, which include potential closures. More information about this project can be found on our website.

The next public meeting for this project will be announced on the municipal website and social media.

Recreation Programs

Join in for an Arran-Elderslie program!

Carpet Bowling: Chesley Community Centre, Wednesdays 1:30pm- 4:00pm, \$2.00

Tai Chi: Chesley Community Centre, Tuesdays 7:15-8:15pm, Fridays 6:30pm-7:30pm, \$2.00

Indoor Walking: Tara Community Centre, Mondays and Fridays 10:00am- 12:00pm,

Chesley Community Centre, Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays 11:00am- 12:00pm, *Free*

Morning Fitness: Chesley Community Centre Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays 10:00am- 11:00am, \$2.00

Public Skating:

<u>Chesley Monday and Friday 12pm-1pm, Friday 5pm-6pm Sundays 5pm-6pm</u>

Paisley Tuesday and Friday 12pm-1pm, Sundays 6:30pm-7:30pm

<u>Tara</u> Monday and Fridays 10am-11am, Fridays 4pm-5pm Saturdays 7pm-8pm

\$3 per person, or \$8 per immediate family

To register, or for more information on the above, contact the Recreation Programmer: Katrina Eke keke@arranelderslie.ca or 519-363-3039 ext. 117

Want to run your own program? Need space? Use your local Community Centre to run an activity or program.

Fire & Emergency Services

Did you know, the Ontario Fire Code requires all single family, semi-detached and town homes in Ontario, whether owner-occupied or rented, have a working smoke alarm on every storey of the residence, including the basement and outside all sleeping areas. Smoke alarms are not required in individual bedrooms unless required by the Ontario Building Code at the time of construction. However, to help ensure ultimate protection, we encourage smoke alarms be installed in each bedroom within the residence. Where bedroom doors are closed at night, smoke alarms should be installed in each bedroom. Carbon Monoxide Alarms must be installed outside all sleeping areas, although it is recommended to have one on every floor of your residence.

Please check your Smoke and Carbon Monoxide Alarms monthly as well as practicing your Fire Escape Plan.

Fire Chief Steve Tiernan