



Municipality of Arran-Elderslie
Council Meeting - C#13-2020
May 11, 2020 at 9:00 a.m.
Council Chambers

Minutes

Members Present Electronically:

Mayor Steve Hammell
Deputy Mayor Mark Davis
Councillor Melissa Kanmacher
Councillor Brian Dudgeon
Councillor Ryan Greig
Councillor Doug Bell
Councillor Ryan Nickason

Staff Present in Council Chambers:

B. Jones, CAO/Clerk
C. Fraser-McDonald, Deputy Clerk (recording secretary)
T. Neifer – Treasurer
R. Bonderud – Paisley Fire Chief

Staff Present Electronically:

C. Steinhoff, Recreation Manager
S. McLeod, Works Manager
L. Fullerton, Community Development Co-ordinator
P. Johnston, Chief Building Official

Mayor Hammell called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. A quorum was present.

1. Adoption of Agenda

Council passed the following resolution:

Moved by: Councillor Nickason

Seconded by: Councillor Greig

Be It Resolved that the agenda for the Council Meeting of May 11, 2020 be received and adopted, as distributed by the CAO/Clerk.

Carried Resolution #13-205-2020

2. Disclosures of Pecuniary Interest and General Nature Thereof - None

3. Adoption of Minutes of Previous Meeting(s)

3.1 Regular Council Meeting C#12-2020 held April 27, 2020.

Council passed the following resolution:

Moved by: Councillor Nickason

Seconded by: Councillor Greig

Be It Resolved that the Council of the Municipality of Arran-Elderslie adopt the minutes of the Regular Council Session C#12-2020 held April 27, 2020 as circulated.

Carried Resolution #13-206-2020

4. Business Arising from the Minutes

5. Public Meeting(s) – None

6. Presentation(s) – None

7. Delegation(s) – None

8. Correspondence

8.1 Requiring Action

8.1.1 – Township of Armour – High Speed Internet Connectivity in Rural Ontario

Subsequent to further discussion, Council passed the following resolution:

Moved by: Councillor Nickason

Seconded by: Councillor Greig

Be It Resolved that the Council of the Municipality of Arran-Elderslie receives and supports the resolution passed by the Council of the Township of Armour regarding the need to make substantial investments in high-speed connectivity in the rural areas of Ontario.

Carried Resolution #13-207-2020

8.1.2 – GBTel – Requesting Letter of Support – Funding for Advanced Fibre to Arran-Elderslie

Subsequent to further discussion, Council passed the following resolution:

Moved by: Councillor Nickason

Seconded by: Councillor Greig

Be It Resolved that the Council of the Municipality of Arran-Elderslie supports an initiative by GBTEL to apply for funding to bring advanced fibre to any communities in Arran-Elderslie that are in need of enhanced internet services.

Carried Resolution #13-208-2020

8.1.3. – Paisley and District Chamber of Commerce – Bridge Repairs

Council requested that the Works Manager and the Community Development Coordinator advise the Chamber of Commerce on any updates regarding the bridge. Subsequent to further discussion, Council passed the following resolution:

Moved by: Councillor Nickason

Seconded by: Councillor Greig

Be it Resolved that the Council of the Municipality of Arran-Elderslie will:

1. Request that Bruce County Highways Dept. make the replacement of the bridge over the Teeswater River in Paisley a priority so the work can be completed as soon as possible. We do understand the need for the Environmental Assessment and look forward to being able to give our input.
2. Request that the county update the Paisley & District Chamber of Commerce and the Municipality of Arran-Elderslie as to current plans for the bridge replacement on a regular basis. If the updates have to go through the municipality, that the municipality inform the Chamber of Commerce regularly.
3. There be a strategic plan put in place, if one does not already exist, for any municipal infrastructure work to be completed in downtown Paisley during the next four or five years. This plan should be coordinated as much as possible with the bridge work and gas pipeline installation so as to make the period of disruption to businesses as short as possible.
4. That the Paisley & District Chamber of Commerce and residents of Paisley be kept informed of the planned infrastructure work as soon as possible and on a regular basis.

Carried Resolution #13-209-2020

8.2 For Information

8.2.1 – OPP 2021 Municipal Billing Statement Property Count

8.2.2 – Federation of Canadian Municipalities – Protecting Vital Municipal Services

8.2.3 - George Grant Bridge Repair, County Road 11, Paisley

8.2.4 – Bruce County Road 3 Construction

8.2.5 – Bruce County Road 3 Construction for June 2020

8.2.6 – Township of Montague - Federal Assistance for Municipalities

Subsequent to further discussion, Council passed the following resolution:

Moved by: Councillor Nickason

Seconded by: Councillor Greig

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 Resolution #13-210–2020

9. Staff Reports

9.1 Deputy Clerk – Christine Fraser-McDonald

9.1.1 – SRCLK.20.09 – Line Fences Act

Deputy Clerk, Christine Fraser-McDonald, responded to questions from Members of Council. Council recommended that this still remain a staff role. The CAO was willing to put his name forward as a fence viewer. The Chief Building Official and the Works Manager will remain as fence viewers. A subsequent report and by-law will be completed by staff to replace the Clerk's position. Subsequent to further discussion, Council passed the following resolution:

Moved by: Councillor Nickason

Seconded by: Councillor Greig

Be It Resolved

- 1) That Council receive Report SRCLK.20.09 - Line Fences Act, for information purposes.

Carried Resolution #13-211–2020

9.1.2 – SRCAO/CLK – Information Update – Unregulated Group Home

CAO/Clerk, Bill Jones responded to questions from Members of Council. Subsequent to further discussion, Council passed the following resolution:

Moved by: Councillor Nickason

Seconded by: Councillor Greig

Be it resolved that Council receive Report SRCAO/CLK.20.14 – Information Update – Unregulated Group Home, for information purposes.

Carried Resolution #13-212–2020

9.2 Treasurer - Tracey Neifer

9.2.1 - SRFIN.20.30 Covid-19 2020 Financial Report

Tracey Neifer, Treasurer, responded to questions from Members of Council. Subsequent to further discussion, Council passed the following resolution:

Moved by: Councillor Nickason

Seconded by: Councillor Greig

Be It Resolved,

- 1) That SRFIN.20.30 be received – Covid-19 2020 Financial Report; and
- 2) That By-law 26-2020 being a By-law to amend By-law 05-2020 to provide

for a 2020 interim tax levy and to provide for the payment of taxes be read and passed; and

3) That By-law 27-2020 being a By-law to amend By-law 79-2019 to establish fees and service charges for 2020 be read and passed.

Carried Resolution #13-213–2020

9.2.2 - SRFIN.20.31 – Town of Midland Proposal

Tracey Neifer, Treasurer, responded to questions from Members of Council. Subsequent to further discussion, Council passed the following resolution:

Moved by: Councillor Nickason

Seconded by: Councillor Greig

Be It Resolved

- 1) That Report SRFIN.20.31 be received – Town of Midland Proposal, and
- 2) That Council supports the Town of Midland's proposal for direct payment of federal funds to municipalities to waive property taxes for the year 2020, and
- 3) That the letter and resolution of Council be forwarded to the Prime Minister of Canada, Town of Midland Council, Association of Municipalities of Ontario, and the Province of Ontario.

Carried Resolution #13-214–2020

9.2.3 – SRFIN.20.32 - Final 2020 Operating and Capital Budget

Tracey Neifer, Treasurer, responded to questions from Members of Council. The Treasurer noted that to reduce any further, will require management to cut operating costs. Staff has already done this but will follow Council's direction.

CAO Bill Jones noted that there is a misunderstanding of tax rate vs increases. As well as confusion with council regarding reserves. This process will be explained prior to passing the budget.

Subsequent to further discussion, Council passed the following resolution:

Moved by: Councillor Nickason

Seconded by: Councillor Greig

Be It Resolved

- 1) That SRFIN.20.32 be received – Final 2020 Operating and Capital Budget; and
- 2) That staff be directed to find additional savings and revise the 2020 Draft Municipal Budget for Council's consideration.

Carried Resolution #13-215–2020

9.3 Works Manager – Scott McLeod

9.3.1 SRW.20.13 - Inquiries to Purchase Municipal Property

Scott McLeod, Works Manager, responded to questions from Members of Council. The flowers boxes for the Chesley Bridge are at the nurseries to be filled. He is addressing the holes left in the grass with Bruce Telecom, and will look into why grass is being cut at a non-municipal lot.

Subsequent to further discussion, Council passed the following resolution:

Moved by: Councillor Nickason
Seconded by: Councillor Greig

- 1) That Council declare the unopened road allowance on 5th St NW west of 2nd Ave NW (100 metres approximately) in the Town of Chesley to be surplus to the Municipality's requirements; and
- 2) That Council convey to Staff to proceed with the necessary steps to sell this property in accordance with the Municipal Code and that the landowners be responsible for all legal and other costs associated with the purchase of the said land; and
- 3) That Council continue to hold ownership of the unopened road allowance, south of Anne-Mill Street (40 metres approximately) in the village of Allenford; and
- 4) That Council convey to Staff to contact the adjacent landowners that the unopened road allowance of Anne-Mill Street cannot be sold because of the present fire suppression infrastructure.

Carried Resolution #13-216-2020

9.4 Building Department – Patrick Johnston

9.4.1 – Building Reports

Pat Johnston, Chief Building Official, responded to questions from Members of Council. He is still issuing permits at this time. Subsequent to further discussion, Council passed the following resolution:

Moved by: Councillor Nickason
Seconded by: Councillor Greig

Be It Resolved that Council receives Report SRCBO.20.03 – March and April 2020 Building Permits, for information purposes.

Carried Resolution #13-217-2020

9.5 Recreation Department – Carly Steinhoff

9.5.1 - SRREC 20.09 - Summer Student Staff Update

Carly Steinhoff, Recreation and Facilities Manager, responded to questions from Members of Council. Deputy Mayor Davis does not see pool and day camps running this summer. The Municipality cannot hire students at this

time until we find out anything different.

Councillor Greig noted that daycares are now open for essential service parents.

The Recreation and Facilities Manager noted that if we have smaller groups, then we will need more staff. Council requested that this be deferred to the May 25th Council meeting. Subsequent to further discussion, Council requested that the following resolution be tabled:

Moved by: Councillor Nickason
Seconded by: Councillor Greig

Be It Resolved

- 1) That SRREC 20.09 be received – Summer Student Staff Update; and
- 2) That Council hereby approve the recommendations, as presented.

Tabled Resolution #13-218-2020

9.6 Fire Departments – Fire Chiefs Bell and Bonderud

9.6.1 - SRF.20.04 – Participation in Drive-by Parades or Celebrations

Paisley Fire Chief Rob Bonderud responded to questions from Members of Council. If anyone has questions, he requested that the Chiefs be called in this regard. There is no delayed response time when there is participation in drive-by parades. This will only occur during the quarantine for Covid-19 and will be discontinued after the quarantined has ceased.

Deputy Mayor Davis had questions regarding insurance coverage. Mayor Hammell noted that he had contacted Mayor Mackey of Chatsworth and he feels there is no increase in response time.

Subsequent to further discussion, Council passed the following resolution:

Moved by: Councillor Nickason
Seconded by: Councillor Greig

Be it Resolved

- 1) That Report SRF.20.04 be received – Participation in Drive-By Parades and Celebrations; and
- 2) That Council provide direction regarding the continuation of Fire Department participation in Drive-By Parades and Celebrations pending no increase in insurance costs; and
- 3) That Council approve the practice of drive-by birthday celebrations, based on confirmation that there are no additional insurance costs incurred and that the Fire Chiefs are responsible for assuring that response times are not impacted by the practice; and
- 4) That the practice of participating in Drive-By celebrations be discontinued

once Covid-19 isolation restrictions are relaxed by the province.

Carried Resolution #13-219-2020

9.7 Community Development Co-ordinator – Laura Fullerton

9.7.1 – SSRECDV.20.09 – Covid-19 Economic Development Projects

Laura Fullerton, Community Development Coordinator, responded to questions from Members of Council. She noted that the new website will be launching on May 22nd. Subsequent to further discussion, Council passed the following resolution:

Moved by: Councillor Nickason

Seconded by: Councillor Greig

Be It Resolved that Council hereby approves Report SRECDEV.20.09 COVID-19 Economic Development Projects for information purposes.

Carried Resolution #13-220-2020

10. Reports of Members of Council

Davis:

Deputy Mayor Davis had nothing to report.

Dudgeon:

Councillor Dudgeon had nothing to report.

Greig:

Councillor Greig noted that Grey Sauble Conservation Authority CAO Tim Lanthier, stated that the government has opened up provincial parks and nature reserves. This does not include the Grey Sauble Conservation Authority properties which would be Arran Lake in Arran-Elderslie.

Kanmacher:

Councillor Kanmacher noted that the Chamber of Commerce would like to have a meeting. Would AE allow them to use our teleconference number.

Nickason:

Councillor Nickason has a meeting with Bruce Area Solid Waste Recycling Association.

Bell:

Councillor Bell had nothing to report.

Hammell:

Mayor Hammell noted that there is an emergency control group meeting every Wednesday. He also meets with the CAO of South Bruce Health

Services.

11. Health and Safety – None

12. Other Business – None

13. Notice of Motion – None

14. By-law(s)-

14.1 – By-law 26-2020 – Amend By-law 05-2020 to provide for a 2020 Interim Tax Levy

Council passed the following resolution:

Moved by: Councillor Nickason

Seconded by: Councillor Greig

Be It Resolved that By-law No. 26-2020 be introduced and taken as read a first and second time, being a By-law to amend By-law 05-2020 to provide for a 2020 Interim Tax Levy.

Carried Resolution #13-221-2020

Moved by: Councillor Nickason

Seconded by: Councillor Greig

Be It Resolved that By-law No. 26-2020 be taken as read a third and final time; to be signed, sealed and engrossed in the By-law Book.

Carried Resolution #13-221-2020

14.2 – By-law 27-2020 – Amend By-law 79-2020 to establish fees and service charges for 2020

Council passed the following resolution:

Moved by: Councillor Nickason

Seconded by: Councillor Greig

Be It Resolved that By-law No. 27-2020 be introduced and taken as read a first and second time, being a By-law to amend By-law 05-2020 to provide for a 2020 Interim Tax Levy.

Carried Resolution #13-222-2020

Moved by: Councillor Nickason

Seconded by: Councillor Greig

Be It Resolved that By-law No. 26-2020 be taken as read a third and final time; to be signed, sealed and engrossed in the By-law Book.

Carried Resolution #13-222-2020

14.3 - By-law 30-2020 – Rescind By-law 64-2019

Council passed the following resolution:

Moved by: Councillor Nickason

Seconded by: Councillor Greig

Be It Resolved that By-law No. 30-2020 be introduced and taken as read a first and second time, being a By-law to rescind By-law 64-2019.

Carried Resolution #13-223-2020

Moved by: Councillor Nickason

Seconded by: Councillor Greig

Be It Resolved that By-law No. 30-2020 be taken as read a third and final time, to be signed, sealed and engrossed in the By-law Book.

Carried Resolution #13-223-2020

14.4 – By-law 31-2020 – Adopt the Budget for Tax Purposes for the Year 2020

Council passed the following resolution:

Moved by: Councillor Nickason

Seconded by: Councillor Greig

Be It Resolved that By-law No. 31-2020 be introduced and taken as read a first and second time, being a By-law to adopt the budget (estimates of revenues and expenditures) for tax purposes for the year 2020.

Tabled Resolution #13-224-2020

Moved by: Councillor Nickason

Seconded by: Councillor Greig

Be It Resolved that By-law No. 31-2020 be taken as read a third and final time; to be signed, sealed and engrossed in the By-law Book.

Tabled Resolution #13-224-2020

14.5 – By-law 32-2020 - Adopt Tax Rates for 2020

Council passed the following resolution:

Moved by: Councillor Nickason

Seconded by: Councillor Greig

Be It Resolved that By-law No. 32-2020 be introduced and taken as read a first and second time, being a By-law to assess and levy the rates required for the lawful purposes of the Municipality of Arran-Elderslie for 2020.

Tabled Resolution #13-225-2020

Moved by: Councillor Nickason

Seconded by: Councillor Greig

Be It Resolved that By-law No. 31-2020 be taken as read a third and final

time; to be signed, sealed and engrossed in the By-law Book.

Tabled Resolution #13-225-2020

15. Resolution to move into Closed Session and General Nature thereof

The Mayor advised that Council would now go into Closed Session at 11:10 a.m. for the purpose of matters identified in the motion below:

Moved by: Councillor Nickason

Seconded by: Councillor Greig

Be It Resolved that Council of the Municipality of Arran-Elderslie does now go into closed session to discuss an item(s) which relates to:

- i. litigation or potential litigation, including matters before administrative tribunals, affecting the municipality or local board

Staff authorized to Remain: CAO/Clerk Bill Jones, Deputy Clerk Christine Fraser-McDonald and Chief Building Official, Patrick Johnston

Carried Resolution #13-226-2020

16. Resolution to Reconvene in Open Session

Mayor Hammell confirmed that Council discussed only those matters identified in the above motion.

Council passed the following resolution:

Moved by: Councillor Nickason

Seconded by: Councillor Greig

Be It Resolved that Council of the Municipality of Arran-Elderslie does now return to the Open Session at 12:40 p.m.

Carried Resolution #13-227-2020

17. Adoption of Closed Session Minutes

Council passed the following resolution:

Moved by: Councillor Nickason

Seconded by: Councillor Greig

Be It Resolved that Council of the Municipality of Arran-Elderslie adopt the minutes of the Closed Session C#12-2020 held April 27, 2020 as circulated.

Carried Resolution #13-228-2020

18. Adoption of Recommendations Arising from Closed Session

None

19. Confirming By-law

By-law 33-2020 – Confirming By-law

Council passed the following resolution:

Moved by: Councillor Nickason

Seconded by: Councillor Greig

Be It Resolved that By-law No. 33-2020 be introduced and taken as read a first and second time, being a By-law to confirm the proceedings of the Council meeting of the Municipality of Arran-Elderslie held May 11, 2020.

Carried Resolution #13-229-2020

Moved by: Councillor Nickason

Seconded by: Councillor Greig

Be It Resolved that By-law No. 33-2020 be taken as read a third and final time, to be signed, sealed and engrossed in the By-law Book.

Carried Resolution #13-229-2020

20. Adjournment

Moved by: Councillor Nickason

Seconded by: Councillor Greig

Be It Resolved that the meeting be adjourned to the call of the Mayor.

Carried Resolution #13-230-2020

The meeting was adjourned at 12:43 p.m.

Steve Hammell, Mayor

Bill Jones, CAO/Clerk