



Municipality of Arran-Elderslie
Council Meeting - C#08-2021
March 8, 2021 at 9:00 a.m.
Council Chambers

Minutes

Members Present in Council Chambers:

Mayor Steve Hammell

Members Present Electronically:

Deputy Mayor Mark Davis
Councillor Doug Bell
Councillor Brian Dudgeon
Councillor Ryan Greig
Councillor Melissa Kanmacher
Councillor Ryan Nickason (left at 10:33 a.m.)

Staff Present in Council Chambers:

B. Jones, CAO
C. Fraser-McDonald, Clerk (recording secretary)
T. Neifer, Treasurer

Staff Present Electronically:

C. Steinhoff, Recreation Manager
S. McLeod, Works Manager
J. Reid, Deputy Clerk
P. Johnston, Chief Building Official

1. Call to Order

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

He noted that it was International Women's Day and thanked all the women that work or on Council at Arran-Elderslie.

The Mayor introduced Rebecca Zettler, who is the newest treasury employee at Arran-Elderslie.

2. Adoption of Agenda

Council passed the following resolution:

Moved by: Deputy Mayor Davis
Seconded by: Councillor Bell

Be It Resolved that the agenda for the Council Meeting of March 8, 2021 be received and adopted, as distributed by the Clerk.

Carried Resolution #08-96-2021

3. Disclosures of Pecuniary Interest and General Nature Thereof

None declared at this time.

4. Adoption of Minutes of Previous Meeting(s)

4.1 Regular Council Meeting C6-2021 held on February 22, 2021

Council passed the following resolution:

Moved by: Deputy Mayor Davis
Seconded by: Councillor Bell

Be It Resolved that the Council of the Municipality of Arran-Elderslie adopt the minutes of the Regular Council Session C6-2021 held February 22, 2021.

Carried Resolution #08-97-2021

4.2 Special Council Meeting C7-2021 held on February 26, 2021

Council passed the following resolution:

Moved by: Deputy Mayor Davis
Seconded by: Councillor Bell

Be It Resolved that the Council of the Municipality of Arran-Elderslie adopt the minutes of the Special Council Session C7-2021 held February 26, 2021.

Carried Resolution #08-98-2021

5. Business Arising from the Minutes

None.

6. Public Meeting(s)

7. Delegation(s)

7.1 Tract Consulting – Arran-Elderslie Recreation Master Plan

Council granted relief to Section 9.5 of the Procedural By-law to allow a time extension to the presentation.

Corrina Dawe, Neil Dawe and Gerhard Weiland of Tract Consulting made a presentation to Council.

The purpose of the Recreation Master Plan is to guide the strategic management, provision and direction of all parks and recreation services until 2031.

The Plan identifies:

1. appropriate level of service
2. standards for sustainable services
3. a vision for the future evolution of services and facilities.

The key findings for indoor facilities were:

1. Indoor Facilities aging and need enhancement and/or replacement
2. Resident value community centres, arenas, curling rink + amenities.
3. Developing a modern facility is both controversial and divisive - many support a new facility if built in their community.
4. Better access to, and more programs offering at Community Centre needed.
5. Accessibility is a concern.
6. Transportation a barrier, access to nearby facilities + programs essential.

The key findings for outdoor facilities were:

1. Residents highly value access to facilities within their community.
2. All athletic fields and outdoor amenities need some improvement.
3. More facilities needed for youth, especially skateparks.
4. Parks need to be physically accessible.
5. Residents want more splashpads and dog parks.
6. Swimming pools ageing, not 100% accessibility are small, but valued.
7. Outdoor recreation can support tourism product development.
8. Downtown Paisley should be improved.

The key findings for volunteer programs were:

1. Volunteers critical to provision of recreation services.
2. Volunteer groups are ageing and losing volunteers need Municipal assistance: administrative tasks, recruitment and retention.
3. Programs needed for teens, families, seniors and preschoolers.
4. Better promotion of community recreation opportunities critical.

Day to day maintenance is very good, and residents recognize that the facilities are ageing, and capital improvements/investment needed.

A survey was held and the top activities are walking and visiting parks and open spaces, while the Facilities and Programs that are needed the most are:

- Youth Centre and spaces for children's activities
- Splash pads and dog parks
- Programs for families and teens

The survey also indicated that residents feel that the Municipality should commit funding to parks, playgrounds and open spaces (71%) and indoor recreation facilities (70%).

The consultants suggested that the Municipality:

- Upgrade outdoor facilities, parks, and trails.
- Ensure programs/facilities meet leisure needs of all residents.
- Strengthen volunteer base in the Municipality.
- Promote and communicate recreation and leisure programs, services, and facilities available; and educate residents on the full benefits of leisure and recreation activities.

They recommended that the Municipality:

- Continue to carry out Community Centre renovations and capital improvements for indoor facilities.
- Conduct an engineering, and architectural and feasibility assessment of each Community Centre.
- Evaluate the feasibility of building a new multi-purpose centre if it is no longer feasible to operate existing community centres/arenas.

For outdoor facilities, they recommended:

- Upgrade Allenford, Chesley and Tara ball diamonds.
- Decommission Paisley Ball Diamond #2.
- Repurpose Paisley Ball Diamond #1 if underutilized in the long term; if utilized, replace clay
- Build a new regulation sized soccer pitch in Tara Main Park.
- Prepare a Redevelopment Plan for Paisley and Tara Main Parks.
- Repurpose all existing tennis courts and basketball court to multi-sport courts to accommodate a wider variety of activities especially for youth.
- Work with volunteers to provide natural outdoor skating rinks in Allenford, Chesley, Paisley and Tara on existing and new multi-sport courts.
- Continue with plans to upgrade all playground surfaces to CSA safety standards.
- Replace older playground equipment with newer elements
- Continue to implement the Multi-year Accessibility Plan 2020-2025. Ensure new recreation facilities are fully accessible.
- Aim to keep motor vehicles out of the Main Parks.
- Undertake an Environmental Site Assessment of Dr. Milne Park as soon as possible to confirm the safety and suitability of continuing to use this site for parkland.

- Partner with the Saugeen Valley Conservation Authority to implement boat launch improvements that provide accessible and safe access to the rivers.

The group discussed other recommendations with Council.

Council thanked Tract Consultants for their presentation.

8. Correspondence

8.1 Requiring Action

8.1.1 – Municipality of West Grey – Municipal Insurance Rates

Subsequent to further discussion, Council passed the following resolution:

Moved by: Deputy Mayor Davis
Seconded by: Councillor Bell

Be it Resolved that the Council of the Municipality of Arran-Elderslie supports the resolution passed by the Municipality of West Grey supporting the resolution of the Municipality of Grey Highlands regarding Municipal Insurance Premiums.

Carried Resolution #08-99-2021

8.1.2 – Township of Georgian Bluffs - Cannabis Grow Operations

Subsequent to further discussion, Council passed the following resolution:

Moved by: Deputy Mayor Davis
Seconded by: Councillor Bell

Be it Resolved that the Council of the Municipality of Arran-Elderslie supports the resolution passed by the Township of Georgian Bluffs regarding unlicensed and unmonitored cannabis grow operations and the impact unlicensed and unmonitored cannabis grow operations have had on local governments and their constituents.

Carried Resolution #08-100-2021

8.1.3 – Township of Georgian Bluffs – Bill 229

Subsequent to further discussion, Council passed the following resolution:

Moved by: Deputy Mayor Davis
Seconded by: Councillor Bell

Be it Resolved that the Council of the Municipality of Arran-Elderslie supports

the resolution passed by the Township of Georgian Bluffs regarding Bill 229 and asks the Province of Ontario to repeal Schedule 6 of Bill 229 and maintain the important role of conservation authorities throughout the Province; and

That copies of this resolution be forwarded to the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing, MP Alex Ruff, MPP Bill Walker, Grey Sauble Conservation Authority and all Ontario Municipalities.

Carried Resolution #08-101-2021

8.2 For Information

8.2.1 – Saugeen Valley Conservation Authority Minutes

8.2.2 - Media Release - Grey Bruce Health Unit Confirms Second Death Related to COVID-19

8.2.3 - News Release: MPP Walker announces \$120,762.59 in RED program funding

8.2.4 - Saugeen Mobility and Regional Transit General Board Meeting Minutes of December 2, 2020

8.2.5 – Grey Sauble Conservation Authority Annual General Meeting Minutes of January 27, 2021

8.2.6 – SMART 2020 Annual Report

8.2.7 - Grey Sauble Conservation Authority Minutes of January 27, 2021

8.2.8 - News Release: MPP Walker announces \$184,789 in funding for local transit systems

8.2.9 – Dr. Ian Arra - Situation Report #349: COVID-19 March 1 2021

8.2.10 – Dr. Ian Arra - Media Release - New Provincial COVID-19 Vaccine Booking System Trial in Grey Bruce

8.2.11 – Dr. Ian Arra - Media Release COVID-19 Non-Essential Travel March 2 2021

Subsequent to further discussion, Council passed the following resolution:

Moved by: Deputy Mayor Davis

Seconded by: Councillor Bell

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 #08-102-2021

9. Staff Reports

9.1 CAO/Clerks Department

9.1.1 – SRCAO.21.05 – Revised Open Air Burning By-law

Bill Jones, CAO, responded to questions from Members of Council.

Subsequent to further discussion, Council passed the following resolution:

Moved by: Deputy Mayor Davis
Seconded by: Councillor Bell

That Council receive SRCAO 21.05, as information; and
That Council place the proposed Open Air Burning Bylaw on the March 22nd
Council agenda for consideration.

Carried Resolution #08-103-2021

9.2 Treasurer

9.2.1 – SRFIN.21.08 - Burgoyne Water Capital Levy

Treasurer, Tracey Neifer, responded to questions from Members of Council.

Subsequent to further discussion, Council passed the following resolution:

Moved by: Councillor Kanmacher
Seconded by: Deputy Mayor Davis

Be it Resolved

- 1) That SRFIN.21.08 be received for information – Burgoyne Water Capital Levy;
and
- 2) That a by-law to establish fees for the Burgoyne Water Capital Levy be
prepared for adoption.

Carried Resolution #08-104-2021

9.3 Works Manager

9.3.1 – SRW.21.08 - Stormwater Assessment Need Study

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

Subsequent to further discussion, Council passed the following resolution:

Moved by: Deputy Mayor Davis
Seconded by: Councillor Bell

That Council approve an addition to the 2021 Stormwater Assessment Study
Account, and for GSS Engineering to complete a Stormwater Assessment on
all three stormwater systems in the Municipality of Arran-Elderslie to conform to
the Asset Management Plan as per the Staff Report.

Carried Resolution #08-105-2021

9.4 Building Department

9.4.1 – SRCBO.21.02 - January and February 2021 Building Permit Information

Pat Johnston, Chief Building Official, responded to questions from Members of Council.

Subsequent to further discussion, Council passed the following resolution:

Moved by: Deputy Mayor Davis
Seconded by: Councillor Bell

Be It Resolved that Council receives Report SRCBO.21.02 – January/February Building Permits, for information purposes.

Carried Resolution #08-106-2021

9.5 Recreation Department

None.

9.6 Fire Departments

9.6.1 – Chesley and Area Joint Fire Board Minutes of November 17, 2020

Subsequent to further discussion, Council passed the following resolution:

Moved by: Deputy Mayor Davis
Seconded by: Councillor Bell

Be It Resolved that Council receives the Chesley and Area Joint Fire Board Minutes of November 17, 2020 for information purposes.

Carried Resolution #08-107-2021

9.7 Community Development Co-Ordinator

None.

9.8 Planning Department

None.

10. Reports of Members of Council

Davis:

Deputy Mayor Davis asked if the Municipality is still paying rent for the room at the Paisley school while it was closed during Covid. He was underwhelmed with the Council training. The municipality should look into its surplus lands and create a list. He would like to see the accounts payable voucher be included in the agenda as a consent agenda.

Bell:

Councillor Bell had a phone call from a lady who complained that she was approached by a person asking for spare cash.

Dudgeon:

Councillor Dudgeon had nothing to report.

Greig:

Councillor Greig attended the Grey Sauble Conservation Authority meeting and has received compliments regarding the arenas keeping the ice in place. He thanked all the women that work in the municipality that keep the municipality running.

Kanmacher:

Councillor Kanmacher noted that International Women's Day is an important day. She attended another dog park meeting and toured Dr. Milne Park as it is a potential site for the dog park. She attended a special council meeting to review resumes for the next CAO.

Nickason:

Councillor Nickason had nothing to report and left his seat at 10:33 a.m.

Hammell:

Mayor Hammell reported that he attended a meeting regarding the search for a new CAO. Interviews will be held on March 12 for the candidates. He has received some comments regarding the natural gas sign-up deadline. He feels the Council training was insufficient and has subsequently spoken with one of the presenters regarding this. An extra hour of training has been offered to Council at no cost. He has participated in an update from Dr. Arra.

11. Health and Safety

11.1.1 – Health and Safety Committee Minutes of December 17, 2020

Subsequent to further discussion, Council passed the following resolution:

Moved by: Deputy Mayor Davis

Seconded by: Councillor Bell

Be It Resolved that Council receives the Health and Safety Committee Minutes of December 17, 2020 for information purposes.

Carried Resolution #08-108-2021

12. Other Business

None.

13. Notice of Motion

Councillor Kanmacher and Councillor Greig brought forward the following

Notice of Motion:

Whereas the need for more housing has been clearly identified as a priority in this region;

Whereas housing prices and property values are continuing to rise in the Municipality, making it difficult for people to find attainable housing;

Whereas attainable housing is critical to attract people to come to work in the area;

Whereas, addressing the growing demand for residential development is listed as a goal in our recent adopted Economic Development Strategic Plan.

Therefore, the Council of the Municipality of Arran-Elderslie approves the formation of an Attainable Housing Task Force and further the Task Force will bring community stakeholders together to explore partnerships and all tools and incentives the municipality can offer to enable developers, non-profit organizations, and community agencies to build more housing in general, and in particular, more attainable housing.

Councillor Kanmacher requested that this motion be brought forward to the Council meeting in April.

14. By-law(s)

None.

15. Closed Session (if Required)

Council passed the following resolution:

Moved by: Deputy Mayor Davis

Seconded by: Councillor Bell

Be It Resolved that Council of the Municipality of Arran-Elderslie does now go into closed session at 11:12 a.m. to discuss an item(s) which relates to:

- i. Advice that is subject to solicitor-client privilege
- ii. Personal matters about an identifiable individual, including employees

Staff authorized to Remain:

CAO Bill Jones, Clerk Christine Fraser-McDonald

Carried Resolution #08-109-2021

16. Reconvene into Open Session

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

Council passed the following resolution:

Moved by: Deputy Mayor Davis
Seconded by: Councillor Bell

Be It Resolved that Council of the Municipality of Arran-Elderslie does now return to the Open Session at 11:48 a.m.

Carried Resolution #08-110-2021

17. Adoption of Closed Session Minutes

17.1 – Closed Minutes of February 22, 2021

Council passed the following resolution:

Moved by: Deputy Mayor Davis
Seconded by: Councillor Bell

Be It Resolved that Council of the Municipality of Arran-Elderslie adopt the minutes of the Closed Sessions from February 22, 2021.

Carried Resolution #08-111-2021

17.2 – Special Closed Minutes of February 26, 2021

Council passed the following resolution:

Moved by: Deputy Mayor Davis
Seconded by: Councillor Bell

Be It Resolved that Council of the Municipality of Arran-Elderslie adopt the minutes of the Special Closed Sessions from February 26, 2021.

Carried Resolution #08-112-2021

18. Adoption of Recommendations Arising from Closed Session

Closed Session Report SRCAO.21.02, which discussed the possibility of resolving the Hydro relocation issue and the Paisley Inn, was considered in Closed Session on February 22, 2021. Council has waived their closed privilege regarding this report and directed that it will now be considered in an open session on the authority of Council.

19. Confirming By-law

By-law 17-2021 – Confirming By-law

Council passed the following resolution:

Moved by: Deputy Mayor Davis
Seconded by: Councillor Bell

Be It Resolved that By-law No. 17-2021 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 17-2021 being a By-law to confirm the proceedings of the Regular Council meeting of the Municipality of Arran-Elderslie held March 8, 2021.

Carried Resolution #08-113-2021

20. Adjournment

Moved by: Deputy Mayor Davis
Seconded by: Councillor Bell

Be It Resolved that the meeting be adjourned to the call of the Mayor at 11:53 a.m.

Carried Resolution #08-114-2021

Steve Hammell, Mayor

Christine Fraser-McDonald, Clerk