



Arran-Elderslie Municipal Newsletter

Spring 2022

Mayors Message

On behalf of council, as I write this on another cold and snowy winter day I wish to bring attention to some of our Arran-Elderslie employees that are going the extra mile and keeping us safe.

Thank you to our Public Works Department staff who are keeping our roads and sidewalks clear, fixing water main breaks, managing our landfill and our crossing guards for helping children cross the road. These staff members are out working in all types weather conditions- we thank you!

Also, thank you to our Volunteer Fire Fighters in Chesley, Paisley and Tara who keep us safe and continue to respond in the worst of weather conditions.

Our Recreation staff have pivoted with changing regulations and closures and have remained resilient through it all.

Lastly, to the staff at our Municipal Office things are very busy with lots of exciting things happening. The 2022 The Municipal Budget is now approved. A Corporate Strategic Plan is also being developed currently. 2022 is going to be a great year for Arran-Elderslie! Stay safe and healthy!

Steve Hammell
Mayor

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

Dog Tags

Dog tags are \$15 per dog up until March 31st. On April 1st they are \$25. Replacement tags are available according to the By-Law for \$5. If your dog is unregistered please call the office or visit the online form on our website to obtain a dog tag, and to avoid additional charges & fines. If you do not have your dog anymore, please call the office by March 31st to update your file and avoid charges.

Important Municipal Dates

- March 14, 2022- Council Meeting
- March 28, 2022- Council Meeting
- April 11, 2022- Council Meeting
- April 25, 2022- Council Meeting
- May 9, 2022- Council Meeting
- May 23, 2022- *Municipal Office Closed*
- May 24, 2022- Council Meeting
- June 13, 2022- Council Meeting
- June 27, 2022- Council Meeting

Our Council Meetings start at 9:00am and are taking place over a teleconference phone line. These meetings are open for the public.

Call information:

- North American Dial In Number (within Canada and U.S.): 1-866-512-0904
- Conference Access Code: 3547704

You can view Council Agendas and Minutes on the Agendas and Minutes page or Council Calendar.

Paying Your Taxes

2022 property tax installment dates are March 24th, June 24th, August 24th and October 24th.

Payment Options

We offer many different ways for you to pay your property taxes and invoices. You may pay by mail, internet or telephone banking, drop box at the Municipal Office and pre-authorized installment payments. For more information on these options, please visit the 'Paying Your Taxes' page on our website or call the Municipal Office. Please note that we do not mail receipts for payments unless they are sent in with a self-addressed stamped envelope. Please enclose your stub with all payments.

Pre-Authorized Payment Options

Pre-Authorized Program -You can sign up to have pre-authorized payments debited from your bank account for property taxes monthly or on the bill due date. If you are new to the program we will send out your monthly amount in January by mail or email. If you are already enrolled in the program, we will not send you out a notice unless your current amount changes.

If you sign up for monthly pre-authorized payments, the payment is debited from your account on the last business day of the month. The monthly payment is equal to your total taxes divided by 11 months. See our website to sign up for these programs.

Emailing of Future Tax Bills or Sewer/Water Bills

In an effort to become more efficient in processing Property Tax and Sewer/Water Bills, the Municipality is offering residents and businesses the opportunity to receive these bills by email as opposed to regular mail. We offer an online form on our website for you to fill out if you would like to make this switch. This can be found on the Property Taxes page.

did you know?

Stay Safe This Winter

Our Public Works staff have noticed that children have been making tunnels in snow banks along roadways and on snow piled up on Municipal property near parking areas and roadways. This is a safety concern and we would advise parents to speak to their children about road safety.

2022 Community Guide

Keep an eye out for our 2022 Community Guide this spring! The Community Guide will be available for pickup in Municipal facilities and businesses within the community.

Corporate Strategic Plan

The Municipality of Arran-Elderslie has made significant progress over the past several years with multiple departmental strategies developed and approved including a Corporate Workplan, Recreation Master Plan, Economic Development Strategic Plan, Fire Master Plan, Roads Needs Study and Asset Management Plan. In the past number of years, the Corporate website has also been updated and a number of processes have come into place to better serve residents as well as increase staff efficiency.

The Corporate Strategic Plan developed in 2022 will be able to build upon these documents to develop an overall vision statement and a set of goals and direction for the first plan of its type for the Municipality of Arran-Elderslie.

There is an opportunity for the community to provide input into the development of this plan through a community session taking place on March 3rd from 6:00-8:00pm. Stay tuned to our website and social media for more information on this session. You may also email Laura Fullerton at ecdev@arran-elderslie.ca if you would like to be more involved in the process.

Summer Student Positions

We know it's early! We will soon be looking for summer students to work in various departments. If you are interested please forward a resume at your earliest convenience to Katrina Eke, Program Coordinator, at programs@arran-elderslie.ca

Summer 2022

We are looking forward to a great pool and day camp season in 2022. Keep an eye on our facebook and website for more information as it becomes available this spring.

Burn Permits

As we move closer to the spring, it is time to re-new your burn permit! We offer an online application for burn permits that can be found on our website. If you utilized this website in 2021, you can easily renew for 2022. If you require assistance, please call or visit the Municipal Office. Both recreational and agricultural burn permits are valid until the end of the calendar year.

Everyone who registers for a free Burn Permit should familiarize themselves with the Burn By-Law. It can be found online on our Municipal website or a paper copy can be obtained at the front lobby of the Municipal Office in Chesley.

Please direct any questions to;
Fire Chief Steve Tiernan
firechief@arran-elderslie.ca
519-363-3039 Ext 112

2022 Municipal Election

The 2022 Municipal Election takes place on October 24, 2022. The Municipality of Arran-Elderslie will be offering telephone and internet voting. Eligible voters will receive more information closer to the time.

If you are interested in running for Council, nominations open on May 2, 2022. The nomination period closes on August 19th 2022 at 2:00pm. Please contact Christine Fraser- McDonald, Clerk at clerk@arran-elderslie.ca with any additional questions.

Run Your Own Program!

Are you interested in running your own art, fitness, drama, cooking or other program in Chesley, Paisley, and/or Tara? Please call Katrina at 363-3039 ex 117 or by emailing programs@arran-elderslie.ca

Thank You!

Special thanks to all those who sponsored free skates over the Christmas Break, and this past season. All skates were well attended!

Councillor Bell and Family
Paisley Rotary Club
Paisley Freshmart
Tara Rotary Club
Chesley Horticultural Society
McClure Agro
Partner Ag Services
Tara Festival of Crafts
Councillor Kanmacher/Saugie Suds
Team Tedford Remax
Klages Mill and Gardens
In Memory of Gary Tutin
Multiple Enterprises Inc.
Lallemand Bio Ingredients

