



Municipality of Arran-Elderslie
Council Meeting - C#01-2021
January 11, 2021 at 9:30 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

Staff Present in Council Chambers:

B. Jones, CAO

C. Fraser-McDonald, Clerk (recording secretary)

Staff Present Electronically:

C. Steinhoff, Recreation Manager

S. McLeod, Works Manager

P. Johnston, Chief Building Official

T. Neifer, Treasurer

L. Fullerton, Community Development Co-ordinator

1. Call to Order

Mayor Hammell called the meeting to order at 9:30 a.m. A quorum was present.

2. Adoption of Agenda

Council passed the following resolution:

Moved by: Councillor Greig

Seconded by: Councillor Nickason

Be It Resolved that the agenda for the Council Meeting of January 11, 2021 be received and adopted, as distributed by the Clerk.

Carried Resolution #01-1-2021

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 C27-2020 held on December 14, 2020

Council passed the following resolution:

Moved by: Councillor Greig
Seconded by: Councillor Nickason

Be It Resolved that the Council of the Municipality of Arran-Elderslie adopt the minutes of the Regular Council Session C27-2020 held December 14, 2020.

Carried Resolution #01-02-2021

4.2 Special Council Meeting C28-2020 held on December 14, 2020

Council passed the following resolution:

Moved by: Councillor Greig
Seconded by: Councillor Nickason

Be It Resolved that the Council of the Municipality of Arran-Elderslie adopt the minutes of the Special Council Session C28-2020 held December 14, 2020 as circulated.

Carried Resolution #01-03-2021

5. Business Arising from the Minutes

None.

6. Public Meeting(s)

None.

7. Delegation(s)

7.1 – Jennifer Stephens – General Manager Saugeen Valley Conservation Authority

Jennifer Stephens made a presentation to Council discussing the Saugeen Valley Conservation Authority (SVCA) 2021 Budget.

She noted that Conservation Authorities have been monitoring and collecting watershed information for decades.

Efforts were made to keep the Municipal levy as low as possible for the 2021 budget. The increase was \$228 from 2020 to 2021.

The flood management program provides timely and appropriate flood forecasting and warnings for watershed residents, municipalities, and the media.

The water quality department collects and interprets knowledge about groundwater, surface water and the aquatic ecology of the SVCA's watershed. Existing flood and erosion control structures are inspected annually.

Conservation education assists watershed residents in acquiring the knowledge, skills, and commitment to make informed decisions and constructive actions concerning the wise use of natural resources.

On December 8th, amendments were passed by the Ontario Provincial Government which will impact the SVCA. The Authority will keep the member municipalities informed regarding these amendments.

Council thanked Jennifer for her presentation.

7.2 - Miguel Pelletier – Director, Transportation and Environmental Services for Bruce County – Arran Township Shed Bridge Closure

Miguel Pelletier, Director, Transportation and Environmental Services for Bruce County discussed the Arran Township Shed Bridge Closure.

He noted that he wanted to inform the Council about the situation of the subject bridge, provide an outline of the factors and options considered, advise of proposed recommendation to the County Transportation and Environmental Services Committee and to get feedback from the municipality.

The bridge, which is located on Concession 6, Arran, crossing the Sauble River, is a 33-metre single lane span steel truss bridge built in 1913 with a maximum load rating of 18 tonnes. The wood deck was originally designed for horse and carriage traffic.

To rehabilitate the bridge would have an estimated cost of \$1,040,000 and would extend the life of the bridge by 20 years.

Bridge replacement would be an estimated cost of \$2,650,000 with a designed life of 75 years. Repairing the bridge is not an option.

The Bridge has several elements in poor condition (wood deck, cross beams, and chords) and has been subject to load restrictions on and off since 1984. The latest restriction is a 5-tonne load limit applied in January 2019 with exception for winter maintenance vehicles. The bridge is regularly observed being overloaded as load restrictions are not obeyed by heavy vehicle

operators. This exception is no longer recommended, and bridge was closed last winter and this coming winter. It is most likely that the bridge will not be in condition to reopen to any traffic this spring.

The recommendation to Bruce County's Transportation and Environmental Services Committee is that the bridge be closed to all traffic.

It was also recommended that a pedestrian/bicycle bridge rehabilitation project be developed in 2021 for implementation when funding is available in future years, and that the County develop a plan to transfer the bridge ownership to the Municipality of Arran-Elderslie after the rehabilitation is complete.

This recommendation is based on the following factors:

- Reduce the County's bridge portfolio to reduce the infrastructure funding gap and the need to levy funds over the long-term
- Closure will have very low impact on vehicle traffic
- Improve quality of life of local residents
- Impact on emergency services response can be mitigated

Council thanked Mr. Pelletier for his presentation.

Works Manager Scott McLeod noted that it would be advantageous to the municipality if the sidewalk plow can get across the bridge. He has not had any issues with the bridge being closed over the winter months.

8. Correspondence

8.1 Requiring Action

8.1.1 – Maxwell Johnston – Paisley Blues Festival – Road Closure Request

Subsequent to further discussion, Council passed the following resolution:

Moved by: Councillor Greig
Seconded by: Councillor Nickason

Be it Resolved that the Council of the Municipality of Arran-Elderslie receives the correspondence from Maxwell Johnston and further directs that Church Street be closed (between Queen and Ross Streets) from 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. each Saturday afternoon from June 26 to August 28th, 2021 to allow for the Paisley Blues Festival Summer Series of Music.

Carried Resolution #01-04-2021

8.1.2 Township of Pickle Lake – Small Business Closures during Lockdown

Subsequent to further discussion, Council defeated the following resolution:

Moved by: Councillor Greig
Seconded by: Councillor Nickason

Be it Resolved that the Council of the Municipality of Arran-Elderslie receives and supports the resolution proposed by the Township of Pickle Lake regarding the closure of non-essential businesses during the pandemic.

Carried Resolution #01-05-2021

8.2 For Information

8.2.1 – Office of the Solicitor General – Deadline for Community Safety and Well-being Plans

8.2.2 – Municipal Innovation Council Minutes – October 15, 2020

8.2.3 – Grey Bruce Vaccine Distribution Task Force

8.2.4 – Dr. Ian Arra - Situation Report #294: COVID-19 January 5, 2020

8.2.5 – Ministry of Transportation - Regulatory Amendments effective January 1, 2021 relating to Off-road Vehicles on Municipal Highways

Subsequent to further discussion, Council passed the following resolution:

Moved by: Councillor Greig
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 Resolution #01-06-2021

9. Staff Reports

9.1 CAO/Clerks Department

None.

9.2 Treasurer

9.2.1 - SRFIN.21.01 – By-law Updates

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

Subsequent to further discussion, Council passed the following resolution:

Moved by: Councillor Greig
Seconded by: Councillor Nickason

Be It Resolved

- 1) That Report SRFIN.21.01 be received – By-Law Updates; and
- 2) That By-Law 01-21 being a by-law to provide for a 2021 interim tax levy and to provide for the payment of taxes be approved; and
- 3) Further that By-Law 02-2021 being a by-law to enter into an agreement with Canadian Imperial Bank of Commerce be approved.

Carried Resolution #01-07-2021

9.2.2 - Tile Drain Loan Borrowing By-Law

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

Subsequent to further discussion, Council passed the following resolution:

Moved by: Councillor Greig
Seconded by: Councillor Nickason

Be It Resolved

- 1) That SRFIN.21.02 be received – Tile Drain Loan Borrowing By-Law, and
- 2) That By-Law 03-21 being a by-law to raise money for the construction of drainage works under the Tile Drainage Act.

Carried Resolution #01-08-2021

9.3 Works Manager

None.

9.4 Building Department

9.4.1 - SRCBO.21.01 - December Building Information

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

Subsequent to further discussion, Council passed the following resolution:

Moved by: Councillor Greig
Seconded by: Councillor Nickason

Be it Resolved that SRCBO.21.01 – Building Permit Information December 2020, be received for information purposes.

Carried Resolution #01-09-2021

9.5 Recreation Department

9.5.1 - SRREC 21.01 - 2021 Summer Student Positions

Carly Steinhoff, Recreation Manager, responded to questions from Members

of Council.

Subsequent to further discussion, Council passed the following resolution:

Moved by: Councillor Greig
Seconded by: Councillor Nickason

Be it Resolved

- 1) That SRREC 21.01 be received – 2021 Summer Student Positions; and
- 2) That Council hereby approves the 2021 positions and wages rates as presented.

Carried Resolution #01-10-2021

9.6 Fire Departments

None

9.7 Community Development Co-Ordinator

None

9.8 Planning Department

None.

10. Reports of Members of Council

Davis:

Deputy Mayor Davis asked if an election discussion will be held next meeting. He stated that The Paisley Advocate paper had an article regarding the Arran-Elderslie Master Fire Plan that said that the Municipality was not meeting provincial requirements. He asked about a Junk Mail by-law. He makes no apologies for the Sun Times article and he was pleased with the article.

Bell:

Councillor Bell noted that the streets were well looked after in Chesley and had received compliments on this.

Dudgeon:

Councillor Dudgeon had nothing to report.

Greig:

Councillor Greig had nothing to report.

Kanmacher:

Councillor Kanmacher will be attending a road safety meeting, We Care,

Dog Park in Paisley meeting and a Rotary Meeting. Paisley Artscape is holding an online event in February. She had a conversation with Wendy Little who said she has had to stop people from entering the Paisley Inn. She has received three messages regarding the article in Sun Times regarding the Deputy Mayor and Mennonites. Council should have diversity training.

Nickason:

Councillor Nickason attended a BASWR meeting on December 17th. There is a 1.9% increase on the budget.

Hammell:

Mayor Hammell telephone information call with Dr. Arra on December 17th with the CAO, Councillor Dudgeon and Deputy Mayor Davis regarding concerns that are being seen in the community. He had a phone call on January 6th with Bruce County Mayors, CAO's and Dr. Arra regarding Covid-19 vaccines. He attended an emergency management control group meeting on January 6th. He received an update from South Bruce Grey Health Centre, CEO Michael Barrett; there will be waiting room renovations this year and a meeting in late January to discuss the emergency room hours going back to 24/7 this year. The Mayor also received a thank you from Connie McKinnon to members of Council for her retirement.

11. Health and Safety

None.

12. Other Business

None.

13. Notice of Motion

None.

14. By-law(s)

14.1 – By-law 01-2021 – 2021 Interim Tax Levy

Council passed the following resolution:

Moved by: Councillor Greig
Seconded by: Councillor Nickason

Be It Resolved that By-law No. 01-2021 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 01-2021 being a By-law to provide for a 2021 Interim Tax Levy and to provide for the payment of taxes.

Carried Resolution #01-11-2021

14.2 – 14.2 – By-law 02-2021 – Borrowing By-law

Council passed the following resolution:

Moved by: Councillor Greig
Seconded by: Councillor Nickason

Be It Resolved that By-law No. -2-2021 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 02-2021 being a By-law to enter into an agreement with the Canadian Imperial Bank of Commerce.

Carried Resolution #01-12-2021

14.3 – By-law 03-2021 - Tile Drainage Borrowing By-law

Council passed the following resolution:

Moved by: Councillor Greig
Seconded by: Councillor Nickason

Be It Resolved that By-law No. 03-2021 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 03-2021 being a By-law to raise money for the construction of drainage works under the Drainage Act.

Carried Resolution #01-13-2021

14.4 – By-law 04-2021 – Rating By-law – Dudgeon Continuation

Council Dudgeon declared a pecuniary interest as the subject lands are owned by him.

Council passed the following resolution:

Moved by: Councillor Greig
Seconded by: Councillor Nickason

Be It Resolved that By-law No. 04-2021 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 04-2021 being a By-law to impose special annual drainage rates upon land in respect of which money is borrowed under the Tile Drainage Act and more specially described as Part Lot 36, Concession 13, geographic Township of Elderslie, Roll Number 4103-380-004-18700.

Carried Resolution #01-14-2021

15. Confirming By-law

By-law 05-2021 – Confirming By-law

Council passed the following resolution:

Moved by: Councillor Greig
Seconded by: Councillor Nickason

Be It Resolved that By-law No. 05-2021 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 05-2021 being a By-law to confirm the proceedings of the Council meeting of the Municipality of Arran-Elderslie held January 11, 2021.

Carried Resolution #01-15-2021

16. Adjournment

Moved by: Councillor Greig
Seconded by: Councillor Nickason

Be It Resolved that the meeting be adjourned to the call of the Mayor at 11:23 a.m.

Carried Resolution #01-16-2021

Steve Hammell, Mayor

Christine Fraser-McDonald, Clerk