



Arran-Elderslie

Municipal Newsletter Winter 2022/2023

Mayor's Message

Arran-Elderslie has seen a lot of change over the last few weeks, and not just the weather. We said thank you to four members of our 2018-2022 Municipal council that are not returning. Councillors Bell, Greig, Kanmacher, and Deputy Mayor Davis represented our community brilliantly. On behalf of everyone here at Arran-Elderslie your service and commitment is appreciated.

Welcome to our new members of Council 2022-2026 - Councillors Hampton, Penner, Steinacker, and Deputy Mayor Shaw! They have all been inaugurated, participated in multiple training sessions and are ready to go to work.

Thank you to all our community & service clubs for all your contributions & commitment this year from fundraising to managing community events. It makes our community great!

From our house to yours wishing everyone a Merry Christmas, Happy Holidays and all the best in 2023.

Mayor Steve Hammell

2023 Community Guide

Keep an eye out for our 2023 Community Guide in the New Year! The Community Guides will be available for pickup in municipal facilities and businesses within the community.

Do you want your photo to be on the front of our Community Guide? Submit your favourite photo of Arran-Elderslie to programs@arran-elderslie.ca to win a prize. Deadline for photo submissions is January 16, 2023.

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



Dog Tags

Dog tags are \$15 per dog up until March 31st and increase to \$25 on April 1st. If you lost your tag, a replacement tag is available for \$5. If your dog is unregistered, please call the office to obtain a dog tag, and to avoid additional charges & fines. If you do not have your dog anymore, please call the office to update your file.

Important Municipal Dates

(All Council Meeting start at 9:00am unless alternative time is posted)

- ✓ January 9, 2023 – Council Meeting (Draft 2023 Initial Operating and Capital Budget presented to Council – **afternoon meeting**)
- ✓ January 30, 2023 – Council Meeting - Revised 2023 Operating and Capital Budget presented to Council & **Evening Public Meeting** to present the 2023 Budget
- ✓ February 13, 2023– Council Meeting
- ✓ February 27, 2023 – Council Meeting
- ✓ March 13, 2023 – Council Meeting
- ✓ March 27, 2023 – Council Meeting

Please note that our Council Meetings are now **livestreamed and recorded.**

ALL COUNCIL MEETINGS ARE OPEN TO THE PUBLIC.

You can access the Council meeting through our **website.**

Minutes and agendas can also be found on our website www.arran-elderslie.ca



Citizen Request Portal is now live!!!



Arran-Elderslie now has a new Communication Platform for service requests or inquiries. Whether you are inquiring about tree maintenance, potholes, playground repairs, change of address, making a donation, or other concerns, one form covers it all. Citizens receive a Service Request number for ease of tracking and email notifications, and staff can initiate work orders to resolve immediate issues. **The form can be found on our website – www.arran-elderslie.ca**

Fire Response Billing

At the December 12, 2022, Council meeting, it was clarified that Council would continue to support the recovery of appropriate fire and emergency fees subject to available property owners or tenants' insurance coverage for fire response.

As part of the 2023 Budget process, Council directed staff to bring forward an updated Fees & Charges By-Law that outlines how the collection of fire recovery fees are to be obtained and in keeping with limits of available property and/or tenant insurance.

Should you have any questions regarding this matter, please direct them to our Fire Chief Steve Tiernan at firechief@arran-elderslie.ca or (519) 363-3039 ext. 112.



Meet our 2022-2026 Council



Mayor Steve Hammell and his family live and farm near Dobbinton. Farm life comprises of both Dairy and Beef cattle and some cash crops. Steve is in his fourth term on Council, having represented the Arran Ward for two terms before becoming Mayor in 2018. Steve's goal is to continue to have Arran-Elderslie be a great place to live, work, and play, while providing services effectively and efficiently. shammell@arran-elderslie.ca 519.363.3039 x 190



Deputy Mayor Jennifer (Christie) Shaw is a local business owner. She enjoys volunteering and is a member of the Chamber of Commerce, Royal Canadian Legion Branch 295 and 100 Women Who Care Grey Bruce. Jen grew up in Arran-Elderslie and moved to Paisley in 2019 after working in agriculture, youth development and economic development. When not in the restaurant, Jen enjoys travelling, spending time on the family farm, and exploring local trails with her husband Chris and their dog, Molly. jshaw@arran-elderslie.ca 519.363.3039 x 191



Elderslie Ward Councillor Brian Dudgeon was born and raised on the same land as his ancestors farmed. Brian and his family run a beef and cash crop farm as well as two small agricultural businesses. Both Brian and his wife Kim feel a great sense of community and volunteer whenever the opportunity arises. Brian also sits as a board member on two agricultural boards in the area. Brian is proud to be a councillor in Arran- Elderslie and strives to make Arran-Elderslie fiscally responsible while maintaining services. bdudgeon@arran-elderslie.ca 519.363.3039 x 193



Tara Ward Councillor Peter Steinacker has lived in Tara for 49 years and ran the grocery store for 24 years. He is now retired and has many years of service work with various organizations including the Rotary Club. This is his third term on Council and is looking forward to the next four years on Council. He feels Arran-Elderslie is a great place to live, work and retire. psteinacker@arran-elderslie.ca 519.363.3039 x 194



Paisley Ward Councillor Moiken Penner was born in Toronto, grew up in Germany and has lived in Paisley for the past fifteen years. She was trained and worked as a chef and dietician before she returned to Canada. There she trained and worked as a police constable with the Toronto Police Service. Moiken is married and has three children. She is a member of the Paisley Fire Department and an officer with the Canadian Armed Forces cadet instructor cadre. She is the Youth and Family ministry coordinator at her church. Moiken and her family enjoy swimming, hiking, horseback riding, camping and walks around Paisley. mpenner@arran-elderslie.ca 519.363.3039 x 195



Arran Ward Councillor Ryan Nickason was born in Arran Township, west of Arran-Lake and moved to Allenford with his family in 1963. Ryan and his wife Carol have lived on Thomas Street in Allenford for 40 years. Ryan retired at 65, however he still works at Georgian College part time and for his son at Nickason Electric. Ryan has been working at his trade for over 40 years. This is his second term on Council. rnickason@arran-elderslie.ca 519.363.3039 x 192



Chesley Ward Councillor Darryl Hampton Darryl Hampton and his family live in Chesley. Darryl returned to Chesley in 2008 where he continues to be an active community member by coaching, volunteering, and supporting different community associations and teams. Darryl is in his first term on Council representing the Chesley Ward. He looks forward to working with the municipal team and community members to continue to have Arran-Elderslie as a great place to live, raise a family, have enjoyment, and grow. dhampton@arran-elderslie.ca 519.363.3039 x 196

Snow Removal

During periods of heavy snowfall, our Road Patrol Personnel assess the rate of snow and deploys snowplows in priority order. We maintain 405 km of roads and 10 km of sidewalks with Municipal winter control activities, so your patience is appreciated.

In the event of overnight snow, plows and sidewalk plows are sent out at 3:00 am to prepare roads and sidewalks for motorists and pedestrians safe travel in the morning. We work early when traffic levels are low, and conditions are safest for us to work.

Please remember there is **no overnight parking on the streets in Paisley, Chesley and Tara from November 1 to March 31**. You may purchase overnight, weekly, monthly, winter, or annual parking passes for our Municipal parking lots in Chesley and Paisley. To purchase a pass, please send a request via the **Citizen Request Portal** or visit or call the Municipal Office.

Paying Your Taxes

2023 property tax installment dates are March 31, June 30, August 31 and October 31

Payment Options

You may pay by mail, internet or telephone banking, drop box at the Municipal Office and pre-authorized installment or monthly payments. For more information on these options, please visit the 'Paying Your Taxes' page on our website, call the Municipal Office or sign up on our **Citizen Request Portal**.

Pre-Authorized Payment Options

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. If you are already enrolled in the program, we will not send you out a notice unless your current amount changes.