



# Arran-Elderslie Municipal Newsletter

Spring 2021

## Mayors Message

Spring is in the air and lots is on the go in Arran-Elderslie. We the Council and our staff are thankful to our entire community for your adherence and support of our Public Health guidelines. Even with current Covid restrictions, council has recently approved the Economic Development Strategic Plan, Fire Master plan and our 2021 Capital and Operations budgets. Our Recreation Master Plan, Roads Needs Study, and Engineered Bridge study are well underway and will be completed within a few months.

2021 is finally here for Natural Gas to Chesley, Paisley and area. Sign-ups for connections are currently underway.

Council is currently in process of hiring a new CAO. Current CAO, Bill Jones has accepted a similar position in his home Municipality and we wish him well. On behalf of our Council, Staff, and our residents I would like to thank him for his leadership during the past year.

**Steve Hammell**  
Mayor

## Municipal Office

Please note that the Municipal Office in Chesley is currently closed due to COVID-19 restrictions. There are drop-off boxes for you to drop off documents or payments inside the front door. Staff can still be reached by telephone or email and are still committed to offering great service to ratepayers. Due to gathering restrictions, our Council meetings are taking place virtually. These meetings are open to the public and information about how to participate in meetings is listed on our website under the 'Agenda's and Minutes'.

## A Message from our Works Department

Please keep manure and other debris off of the road. Debris on Roadway is a \$200.00 fine under Part I of the Provincial Offences Act.

Staff will be completing annual flushing of the drinking water system. This work typically begins in early April and concludes by Mid-May.

Please note there is no Spring Leaf Pickup. The compost piles are available at the Arran & Chesley Landfills. The Paisley Shop bin will be available mid-April.

## Holiday Garbage and Recycling Pickup

Garbage will be collected in Arran on Good Friday. The Arran Landfill will be open Saturday April 3, 2021 with regular hours.

## Pools and Day Camp

Planning has begun!!! With uncertainty about what restrictions may be in place this summer due to COVID-19, we want our participants to know that planning is underway. We expect that there will be modifications to our regular programs in order to run our programs safely and in keeping with Public Health recommendations.

There are some creative and exciting ideas being discussed and we hope to be able to provide a QUALITY and FUN experience for all participants. Any further restrictions may cause us to revisit our planning. We will post updates on our facebook page and our website as more information becomes available

## Household Hazardous Waste Days

Bruce County will not have dates for this until after March 1<sup>st</sup>. Information will be available on the Arran-Elderslie Website after the dates have been set by Bruce County.

## Tax Due Dates 2021

March 25<sup>th</sup> & June 25<sup>th</sup> are INTERMIN tax due dates. FINAL tax due dates will be August 25<sup>th</sup> & October 25<sup>th</sup>.

## Dog Tags

Dog tags are \$15 per dog up until March 31<sup>st</sup>. On April 1<sup>st</sup> they are \$25. Replacement tags are available according to the By-Law 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 by March 31<sup>st</sup> to update your file and avoid charges.

## Address Updates

The Municipality requires your proper street address to send tax bills and other information. Rural Route addresses are no longer usable. Please visit the 'Change of Address' form on our website on the Applications, Licenses and Permits page to update your address or sent it in writing to the Municipal Office.

did you know?

## Donate blood in Chesley Appointment ONLY



Friday, March 5th  
1:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.

Chesley Community Centre  
75+ Donors Needed

We can only accept people with appointments to ensure physical distancing.  
Select an appointment time at [blood.ca](http://blood.ca)



Book now  
[blood.ca](http://blood.ca)

## Bridge Updates

### Paisley Bridge Environmental Assessment Update

The project engineers are continuing with study investigations, including hydrological modelling of the Saugeen and Teeswater Rivers at the bridge site and preparation of preliminary design options for the replacement bridge. A second virtual public meeting is planned for the spring of 2021 to update residents on the status of these investigations and provide recommendations for finalizing the new bridge design. Please monitor the project website at [www.paisleybridgestudy.ca](http://www.paisleybridgestudy.ca) for updates.

### Sopers Bridge Class Environmental Assessment

The Municipality of Arran-Elderslie is completing a Class Environmental Assessment process for replacement of Sopers Bridge, which is located southwest of Tara on Sideroad 20. It is anticipated that the bridge will be replaced during the summer of 2021, necessitating the closure of Sideroad 20 for the duration of the project. The new crossing will be wider than the existing and will have no load restrictions, improving the local transportation network in the vicinity of the crossing. Please contact B.M. Ross & Associates Ltd., the project engineers at [kvader@bmross.net](mailto:kvader@bmross.net), if you have any questions about this project.

## Emergency Preparedness Week- May 2-8, 2021



The image contains two main graphics for Emergency Preparedness Week. The left graphic is titled "Emergency preparedness starts with you be prepared" and features three icons: a house with a checkmark labeled "make a plan", a first aid kit labeled "build a kit", and a hand holding a phone labeled "stay informed" with an "ALERT" button. The right graphic is titled "Emergency preparedness starts with you build a kit" and features four icons: a first aid kit labeled "first aid kit", a water bottle labeled "water", a crank radio labeled "crank radio", and a food can labeled "food". To the right of these graphics is a "Did You Know?" section with four statistics: 57% of people report having readiness items set aside in their homes; 34% have readiness supplies in their car; less than half of households have an Emergency Plan; and 42% of individuals report needing help during a disaster. Both graphics include the Ontario logo and the website [ontario.ca/beprepared](http://ontario.ca/beprepared).

For more information visit our Emergency Planning web page at [www.arran-elderslie.ca/en/living-here/emergency-planning](http://www.arran-elderslie.ca/en/living-here/emergency-planning).

## Burn Permits

You must apply for an open-air burn permit for agricultural and recreational fires. 2020 Fire Permits have been extended until March 31<sup>st</sup>. We are working on new programming that will be ready to go March 31<sup>st</sup>. Please watch our website for the launch and to apply online.

## Natural Gas Information from EPCOR

EPCOR is proud to be constructing a distribution system that will bring safe, affordable and reliable natural gas to Paisley and Chesley this year. Residents can take these steps now to get natural gas service in 2021:

- See how much you'll save. Visit our website to calculate how much you could save by switching to natural gas.
- Sign up for services. Now is the time to complete the applications forms by visiting our website or contacting our office.
- Residents in Chesley have until March 1 to apply while Paisley residents have until April 1 to submit their application.
- Contact a local heating (HVAC) contractor. Work with a Heating, Venting and Air Conditioning contractor to have your current appliances inspected for conversion to natural gas and discuss other ones you've been considering, such as a gas stove, outdoor gas fire pit or a gas barbeque.

### Application Deadlines

To start natural gas service this year, be sure to submit your application package in time:

March 1: Chesley April 1: Paisley

**PLEASE NOTE:** Due to the Canada Post delay and information packages not being sent out to all residents, EPCOR is still accepting applications for natural gas service past the March 1 deadline. Please send your application package through as soon as possible so they can try to ensure you are added to their construction plans and can start service this year. The package includes your Service Application form and Meter Size & Location Request form. You can also send in the Preauthorized Payment form, if you choose to set up your account that way, or provide a reference letter from another utility provider. EPCOR will contact you within five business days of receiving your application. For more information, we recommend contacting EPCOR at 1-888-765-2256.

### Enter To Win

From February 1 to March 25, 2021, EPCOR will give away one natural gas appliance worth at least \$1,500 to one lucky customer every second week. After applying for natural gas, sign up for the contest by filling out the contest form online or at the EPCOR office in Kincardine. The sooner we receive your application forms and ballot, the more bi-weekly draws you'll be entered to win.

**For More Information** Phone: 1-888-765-2256 Email: [gasapp@epcor.com](mailto:gasapp@epcor.com) Visit: [epcor.com/southernbruce](http://epcor.com/southernbruce)

