

## THE CORPORATION OF THE MUNICIPALITY OF ARRAN-ELDERSLIE

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Via Email [dvanwyck@brucecounty.on.ca]

Corporation of the County of Bruce Office of the Clerk Box 70 Walkerton, ON NOG 2V0

Attention: Donna Van Wyck, Clerk

Re: Renaming of the Chesley Main Street Bridge

Please be advised that Council of the Municipality of Arran-Elderslie discussed a request from Councillor Doug Bell regarding the renaming of the Chesley Main Street Bridge. Subsequent to discussion, Council of the Municipality of Arran-Elderslie request the County of Bruce to consider renaming the Chesley Main Street Bridge the "Oswald" Bridge in the Town of Chesley.

The Oswald name is as synonymous to Chesley as the Krug Bros. Four (4) generations of Oswald's farmed on the  $7^{th}$  of the former Township of Elderslie.

Ron Oswald was a Councillor of the pre-amalgamation community of the Township of Elderslie and was the last Mayor of the pre-amalgamation community of the Town of Chesley. In 1999, Mr. Oswald became the first Mayor of the amalgamated communities of the former Township of Arran, the former Township of Elderslie, the former Town of Chesley, the former Village of Paisley and the former Village of Tara, now known as the Corporation of the Municipality of Arran-Elderslie and went on to serve as Mayor for two (2) more terms before retiring in 2010. Mr. Oswald was also Warden for the County of Bruce in 2006.

Although retired, Ron Oswald continues to be very much involved in the community and interested in the progress of the new bridge.

William P. Oswald, Ron Oswald's dad, was a Councillor of the preamalgamation community of Township of Elderslie and was the Reeve of Elderslie Township and in 1954 was the Warden of Bruce County. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact the undersigned.

Yours truly,

MUNICIPALITY OF ARRAN-ELDERSLIE

Per:

(Mrs.) Peggy Rouse Clerk-Administrator

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