



**SPECIAL TRI-COUNCIL
MINUTES
May 25, 2023
6:00 p.m.
Maitland Fire Hall**

Present

Township of Augusta:
Mayor Jeff Shaver, Councillors Hendrik Pape,
Michele Bowman (joined meeting at 6:40pm)

Township of Edwardsburgh Cardinal:
Mayor Deschamps (joined meeting at 6:12pm) Councillors
Walter Smail, Chris Ward

Town of Prescott:
Mayor Shankar, Councillors Mary Campbell, Tracey Young,
Justin Kirkby, Lee McConnell, Ruth Lockett (joined meeting at
6:15pm)

Staff

Township of Augusta:
Shannon Geraghty, CAO, Annette Simonian, Clerk

Township of Edwardsburgh Cardinal:
Dave Grant, CAO, Rebecca Williams, Clerk

Town of Prescott:
Matthew Armstrong, CAO/Treasurer, Kaitlin Mallory, Deputy
Clerk, Dana Valentyne, Economic Development Officer

1. Welcome and Introductions

Mayor Shaver welcomed everyone to the Tri-Council meeting.

2. Call to Order

Mayor Shaver called the meeting to order at 6:08p.m.

3. Approval of Agenda

Motion: Moved by Mayor Shankar, seconded by Councillor Smail
That the agenda for the Special Tri-Council meeting of the Township of



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Augusta, Township of Edwardsburgh Cardinal, and Town of Prescott be approved as amended to add a closed session.

Carried

4. Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest expressed.

5. Opening Statement from Mayor Shaver, Mayor Shankar, and Mayor Deschamps

Mayor Shaver welcomed everyone back.

The Mayors are looking forward to another term working collaboratively together to achieve great things.

6. Delegations & Presentations (in closed)

Motion: Moved by Mayor Shankar, seconded by Councillor Pape
THAT the Tri-Council move into a closed meeting as per the Municipal Act c 25 S.O. 2001 section 239(2)

- A trade secret or scientific, technical, commercial, financial or labour relations information, supplied in confidence to the municipality, which, if disclosed could reasonably be expected to prejudice significantly the competitive position or interfere significantly with the contractual or other negotiations of a person, group of persons, or organization.
 - Corridor Economic Development Initiatives Presentation.

Carried

6.1 Economic Development Update Presentation – Charlie Mignault, Corridor Commissioner and Shelley Bacon Corridor Chair

Charlie Mignault provided the Tri-council with an Economic Development Update PowerPoint presentation.

Motion: Moved by Mayor Shankar, seconded by Councillor Ward
THAT the closed session is adjourned at 7:22pm and that the Tri-council resumed the open meeting to report out and that the Tri-Council took no action beyond receiving the information.

Carried



7. Focused Discussion

7.1 Task Force Updates, Augusta Secondary Plan/Developer Package

Shannon Geraghty, CAO Township of Augusta, provided the Tri-Council with an update on the Secondary Plan/Develop Package. A copy of the presentation is held on file.

7.2 River Route 2022/2023 Update

Matthew Armstrong, CAO/Treasurer Town of Prescott, provided the Tri-Council with a River Route Update. A copy of the presentation is held on file.

Discussion held on the possibility of addition of a bike rack and extending hours to accommodate workers working 12 hour shifts.

Council suggested approaching the corridor to solicit companies to put money into the River Route to accommodate the needs of their employees and for administration to keep a list of people requesting modifications to gauge the need for a change.

7.3 Recreation Committee – Terms of Reference

Matthew Armstrong, CAO/Treasurer Town of Prescott, provided the Tri-Council with draft Terms of Reference for a Tri-Council Joint Recreation Committee. A copy of the presentation is held on file.

The CAOs recommended formally adopting the draft Terms of Reference presented and confirm membership by June 30, and set a date for the meeting.

Council proposed that it would be more appropriate to establish Terms of Reference for the Tri-Council before appointing subcommittees of the group.

7.4 Airbnb's – Regulations & Guidelines

CAO Geraghty, Township of Augusta, provided the Tri-Council with draft Airbnb policy for review and discussion. A copy of the presentation is held on file.

Staff suggested that Councils might consider aligning standard regulation and management of Airbnbs with a collaborative procedure that works for all.

Council discussed how big an issue the Airbnbs were to their respective area and considered the balance between more control and remaining welcoming.



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Councillors were concerned that overregulating would be too unwelcoming, and management of issues could be an administrative nightmare.

8. Round Table

Mayor Shaver invited Councillors to participate in the roundtable discussion:

- Good that we are sharing different ideas.
- Looking forward to future collaboration.
- Health care, housing, and attracting more residents should be the main focus.
- There needs to be an action plan in place with timelines to follow.
- Good presentation from the Corridor, happy that some information is being shared.
- Larger manufacturing companies should be supporting the river route, to aid their workers transportation instead of municipalities trying to accommodate that.
- Recommend that CAOs and Mayors sit together ahead of the meeting to set the agenda ahead of time.
- We can get a lot of good things to the table; we just need to figure out how to do that.

9. Adjournment

Motion: Moved by Councillor Kirkby, seconded by Councillor Ward

That the meeting be adjourned. (Time: 8:25p.m.)

Carried

Mayor

Clerk