

**MINUTES**  
**SPECIAL MUNICIPAL COUNCIL**

**Monday, April 15, 2024**  
**6:15 PM**  
**South Edwardsburgh Community Centre**  
**24 Sutton Dr.**  
**Johnstown Ontario**

PRESENT: Mayor Tory Deschamps  
Deputy Mayor Stephen Dillabough  
Councillor Joe Martelle  
Councillor Waddy Smail  
Councillor Chris Ward

STAFF: Dave Grant, CAO  
Sean Nicholson, Treasurer  
Mike Spencer, Manager of Parks, Recreation & Facilities  
Wendy Van Keulen, Community Development Coordinator  
Rachel Porter, Recreation Coordinator

**1. Call to Order**

Mayor Deschamps called the meeting to order at 6:15pm

**2. Approval of Agenda**

**Decision:** 2024-080

**Moved by:** S. Dillabough

**Seconded by:** J. Martelle

THAT Municipal Council approves the agenda as presented.

Carried

**3. Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest or Conflict of Interest & the General Nature Thereof**

None.

**4. Action and Information Items from Committees**

- a. Housing-Enabling Water Systems Fund - Joint Municipal Application Submission

Members commented on the value of partnering with our neighbouring municipalities and the primary benefit of additional housing development along with added water and wastewater servicing capacity for future economic growth in the three municipalities. Questions were raised around future operating costs and whether the expansion of an additional basin at the Prescott Wastewater Treatment Plant would result in the municipality paying higher operational costs. It was noted that the cost sharing is based on actual contributory flow percentage. Members were supportive of the initiative.

**Decision:** 2024-081

**Moved by:** S. Dillabough

**Seconded by:** J. Martelle

WHEREAS the Province is investing \$825 million over three years into The Housing Enabling Water Systems Fund; and

WHEREAS The Housing-Enabling Water Systems Fund will help municipalities repair, rehabilitate, and expand critical drinking water, wastewater, and storm water infrastructure; and

WHEREAS joint projects between multiple eligible applicants, where each co-applicant contributes financially to the project are encouraged and additional consideration will be given to joint projects that enable housing development; and

WHEREAS the Township of Augusta and Town of Prescott undertook a joint land development needs analysis to identify the potential for residential, commercial, and industrial development and one of the outcomes identified was the western extension of municipal services into Augusta for residential purposes; and

WHEREAS the Prescott Wastewater Treatment Plant Joint Board of Management met on April 10, 2024 and endorsed a joint application to the Housing-Enabling Water Systems Fund; and

WHEREAS the Council of the Township of Edwardsburgh Cardinal deems it beneficial to partner with the Town of Prescott and Township of Augusta to secure additional capacity for further economic development within and adjacent to the municipality;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Municipal Council of the Township of Edwardsburgh Cardinal supports the Town of Prescott submitting a joint application to the Housing-Enabling Water Systems Fund for the:

- Expansion of the Prescott Wastewater Treatment Plant; and
- Upgrades and upsizing of the pumping stations and forced main to the Prescott Wastewater Treatment Plant; and the
- Extension of water and sewer mains into Augusta Township.

AND FURTHER THAT Municipal Council of the Township of Edwardsburgh Cardinal supports proceeding with an Environmental Assessment for the expansion of the Prescott Wastewater Treatment Plant;

AND FURTHER THAT Municipal Council of the Township of Edwardsburgh Cardinal is supportive of proceeding with design work related to the project that is not reliant on an Environmental Assessment being completed once the project receives approval.

Carried

**5. Councillor Inquiries or Notices of Motion**

None.

**6. Mayor’s Report**

None.

**7. Question Period**

None.

**8. Closed Session**

None.

**9. Confirmation By-law**

**Decision:** 2024-082

**Moved by:** C. Ward

**Seconded by:** S. Dillabough

THAT a bylaw to adopt, confirm and ratify matters dealt with by resolution be now passed, signed, sealed and numbered 2024-18.

Carried

**10. Adjournment**

**Decision:** 2024-083

**Moved by:** W. Smail

**Seconded by:** J. Martelle

THAT Municipal Council does now adjourn at 6:24pm.

Carried

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Mayor

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Deputy Clerk