

## TOWNSHIP OF EDWARDSBURGH CARDINAL ACTION ITEM

Committee: Council

**Date:** August 26, 2024

**Department:** Administration

**Topic:** Jule Power – Letter of Support for NRCan EV Application

**Purpose:** To authorize the Mayor to execute the letter of support for the installation of Jule's EV charging infrastructure under the NRCan program.

**Background:** The zero-emission vehicle infrastructure program provides funding towards the deployment of EV charges and hydrogen refueling stations across Canada. This initiative address barriers to the adoption of zero emission vehicles – the lack of charging stations – by increasing the availability of localized charging opportunities where Canadians live, work, travel and play. The program is administered through three funding streams: for owners/operators of EV infrastructure, delivery organization and indigenous organizations.

Jule Power addressed Council in November and December last year and applied for funding through MTO's EV ChargeON program. The NRCan program is very similar and is a way to help Jule pay for the proposed EV charging infrastructure. The NRCan application with Jule is due mid-September and remains non-binding, with no cost to the Township. The NRCan program permits the Township and Jule to change the location if Council chooses to do so even after the application has been submitted and approved.

The Township currently has a memorandum of understanding with Jule for possible future EV charging stations within the Township. Jule Power is seeking a letter of support from the Township for the installation of EV charging infrastructure under the NRCan program. The application will be for the same 4 sites as previously discussed and agreed upon.

Item	Jule
Potential Locations	Ingredion Centre
	Spencerville Arena
	South Edwardsburgh Community Centre
	Cardinal Waterfront
Charging Station Type	Level 3 (bank of 2 or 4)
Asset Ownership	Jule
Capital Cost	Jule

There is nothing preventing Jule or the Township from submitting multiple applications for funding at the same locations.

**Policy Implications:** Deadline for Jule to submit the NRCan application is September 19, with a deadline to complete information with the Township by September 14, 2024. If one of the applications are successful, a formal agreement would be negotiated and executed between the parties.

**Strategic Plan Implications:** By supporting the request from Jule Power for possible future EV charging stations within the Township, this initiative directly supports the strategic plan's environmental objective 6.3 to promote a sustainable community via EV charging stations.

Financial Considerations: No charge to the Township.

**Recommendation:** THAT Municipal Council authorize the Mayor to execute the letter of support for the installation of Jule's EV Charging Infrastructure and direct staff to submit necessary documents to support application submission under the NRCan program for the pre-selected locations.

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