



**TOWNSHIP OF EDWARDSBURGH CARDINAL
ACTION ITEM**

Committee: Regular Council

Date: September 30, 2024

Department: Public Works

Topic: SNC MOU Forestry Services

Purpose: To authorize the Mayor and Clerk to execute the Forestry Services MOU with South Nation Conservation.

Background: In March of 2023, staff submitted for funding through the MNRF storm cleanup related to the 2022 storm events. The Township was successful in securing up to \$150,000.00 to complete tree assessments, tree removal and cleanup and for planting replacement trees. The Township entered into a transfer payment agreement with the Province on March 23, 2023.

In May 2023, the Township entered into an MOU with SNC to assist with the project. SNC would complete the tree assessments and replacements and the Township would coordinate the removals based on the condition assessments.

Tree assessments, removals and replacements were completed at the Cardinal Waterfront area.

In February 2024, staff submitted an invoice and accompanying documents to MNRF for payment in the amount of \$59,230.07. All invoicing and required work was to be completed by March 31, 2024.

In May 2024, MNRF contacted staff to inquire if additional invoicing was going to be submitted. Through correspondence with MNRF staff, staff was provided an additional window to have additional work completed.

Staff reached out to SNC to assist with the additional work. The original MOU with SNC had an expiry date of March 31, 2024 so an updated agreement would need executed for the remaining funds.

Based on the number of inquiries on tree conditions in Johnstown, staff and SNC focused on this area. Assessments were completed and removal was tendered and is now complete. Tree replacements will be scheduled in the next month.

Policy Implications: An updated MOU with SNC for forestry services is required for the remaining \$90,000.00.


Strategic Plan Implications: Supports objective 6.1 to protect and manage tree assets and conservation. One of the actions is to work with SNC and indigenous populations to develop a tree management plan.

Financial Considerations: All expenses are covered under the transfer payment agreement with the Province.

Recommendation: That Municipal Council authorize the Mayor and Clerk to execute the MOU with South Nation Conservation for forestry services.



Director of Operations



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