



TOWNSHIP OF EDWARDSBURGH CARDINAL ACTION ITEM

Committee: Committee of the Whole – Administration & Operations

Date: March 10, 2025

Department: Clerk's

Topic: Application to Rename Cardinal Public Works Garage

Purpose: To recognize Bill Walter's mentorship to many long-time staff members and to honour him by renaming the Public Works Garage located at 4035 Dishaw Street in Cardinal to the Bill Walter Public Works Garage.

Background: The Township of Edwardsburgh Cardinal implemented a Municipal Asset Naming/Renaming Policy in 2017.

Councillor Smail submitted an application form for the naming/renaming of municipal assets to the Clerk's department, requesting the Public Works Garage at 4035 Dishaw Street in Cardinal to be renamed the Bill Walter Public Works Garage. This renaming is to recognize Bill's mentorship to many long-time staff members as Bill shaped many of the Township employee's work ethic and cared deeply about the Public Works department.

Under the suggested naming categories, this would fall under number four (4); *Outstanding Resident/Group: name of a Township of Edwardsburgh Cardinal resident or community group, past or present, who contributed to the Township and/or well-being of its residents.*

Under the naming procedures, the application is to be reviewed by staff and the appropriate Committee to ensure that names are easy to spell and pronounce, spelt correctly, not duplicated and have no affiliation with controversy. The action item is to be presented to the appropriate Committee for review and recommended to Council for endorsement with a resolution if appropriate. Comments on the proposed municipal asset naming/renaming will be received for a minimum of 60 days before final Council endorsement and upon endorsement, the appropriate signage will be ordered and installed.

In order to allow for the minimum 60 day comment period on the proposed asset naming/renaming as outlined within the policy, this would mean that the application would be eligible for Council approval by Friday, May 9, 2025 meaning that it can be approved during the May 26 Regular Council Meeting.

Policy Implications: By-law 2017-47 established a Municipal Asset Naming/Renaming Policy in order to establish and provide the Township with a consistent and efficient process and criteria for the naming and renaming of any municipal assets, such as; streets/roads, facilities, parks, buildings, properties, or open spaces, while respecting the need for public notification/consultation.

Financial Considerations: If approved, staff will return to Committee with quotes for both signage and installation costs.

Recommendation: THAT Committee review and recommend this application to rename the Cardinal Public Works Garage to be the Bill Walter Public Works Garage; and THAT Committee recommends Council approve this application should there be no comments or opposition to the renaming 60 days from this 10th day of March 2025.



Interim Clerk



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