

TOWNSHIP OF EDWARDSBURGH CARDINAL

September 27, 2021

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WHEREAS the Province of Ontario announced in the 2020 Budget, that for the 2021 calendar year, Business Education Tax (BET) reductions would take place, which were intended to support businesses as they recover from the COVID-19 pandemic; and

WHEREAS in an effort to ensure municipalities would not be negatively impacted by BET reductions, the Province maintained BET rates at the 2020 BET rate for government owned properties that pay PILs (Payment in Lieu of Taxes); and

WHEREAS the Township of Edwardsburgh Cardinal has recently been advised by Canada Post that they will only be paying the reduced BET rate of 0.0088 and not the legislated rate of 0.0125 when they remit their 2021 PIL; and

WHEREAS if all federal departments do the same, the loss in revenue for the Township will be approximately \$2,519.70 for the 2021 budget year;

AND WHEREAS the revenue loss to municipalities across Ontario has been estimated at \$20 million in 2021 by OMTRA if the federal government does not pay the legislated BET rate;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Edwardsburgh Cardinal requests the Federal government, and all Crown Corporations, recognize that the province's 2021 BET reduced rates are intended to support Ontario business during the burden of COVID19, and they are not intended to reduce the Federal Government's fair share for consumption of local services;

AND FURTHER THAT the Federal government, and all Crown Corporations, commit to paying the legislated BET rate of 0.0125 for 2021;

Carried Defeated Unanimous

Mayor: _____

RECORDED VOTE REQUESTED BY: _____

NAME	YEA	NAY
Councillor H. Cameron		
Councillor S. Dillabough		
Councillor J. Hunter		
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AND FURTHER THAT this resolution be forwarded to Prime Minister Justin Trudeau, MP Barrett, MPP Clark and AMO.

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