



**TOWNSHIP OF EDWARDSBURGH CARDINAL
ACTION ITEM**

Committee: Council

Date: July 25, 2022

Department: Administration

Topic: Cormorant Control on OPG Lands – Licence Amending Agreement

Purpose: To recommend authorization to enter into a licence amending agreement with Ontario Power Generation to continue the Township's contractor access on OPG lands for the purpose of cormorant control.

Background: The Township originally engaged Mr. Courtney to undertake a cormorant control program along the St. Lawrence River in 2016. The program includes destruction of some birds, disturbance of their roosts and in some cases, cutting down and disposing of dead trees. Much of the program is done on municipal lands, but some of the property affected by the presence of the pest birds is owned by the OPG. Permission to enter onto their lands was requested and granted through a licencing agreement in 2019.

The current licencing agreement expires on July 31, 2022. As per the agreement, OPG has the right to offer the Township an extension/renewal of the licence for a total of 4 renewal terms of one year each. The Township requested a renewal for the third of the four renewal terms, to which OPG has agreed to renew for an additional year, effective August 1, 2022 to July 31, 2023.

Policy Implications: Authorization to enter into the licence amending agreement must be completed by bylaw.

Financial Considerations: Costs associated with cormorant control are contained within the 2022 budget in the amount of \$9,000.00. There is no fee associated with the licence amending agreement.

Recommendation: That Municipal Council enter into the licence amending agreement with Ontario Power Generation for the purposes of cormorant control on lands owned by Ontario Power Generation.

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Clerk

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Treasurer