



## **SPECIAL TRI-COUNCIL**

### **MINUTES**

**June 29, 2022**

Present	Township of Augusta: Mayor Doug Malanka, Deputy Mayor Jeff Shaver, Councillor Michele Bowman
	Township of Edwardsburgh Cardinal: Mayor Pat Sayeau, Deputy Mayor Tory Deschamps, Councillor Hugh Cameron, Councillor Stephen Dillabough, and Councillor John Hunter
	Town of Prescott: Mayor Brett Todd, Councillor Mike Ostrander, and Councillor Gauri Shankar.
Regrets	Councillor Samantha Schapelhouman, Councillor Tanya Henry, Councillor Leanne Burton, Councillor Teresa Jansman, Councillor Lee McConnell and Councillor Ray Young
Staff	Township of Augusta: Steve McDonald, CAO, Annette Simonian, Clerk
	Township of Edwardsburgh Cardinal: Dave Grant, CAO, Candise Newcombe, Deputy Clerk
	Town of Prescott: Matthew Armstrong, CAO/Treasurer, Lindsey Veltkamp, Clerk, Dana Valentyne, Economic Development Officer

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#### **1. Welcome and Introductions**

Mayor Malanka welcomed everyone to the Tri-Council meeting.

#### **2. Call to Order**

Mayor Malanka called the meeting to order at 6:33 p.m.

### **3. Approval of Agenda**

Motion: Shankar, Cameron

That the agenda for the Special Tri-Council meeting of the Township of Augusta, Township of Edwardsburgh Cardinal, and Town of Prescott be approved as presented.

Carried

### **4. Declarations of Interest**

There were no declarations of interest expressed.

### **5. Opening Statement from Mayor Malanka, Mayor Sayeau, and Mayor Todd**

Mayor Sayeau spoke to discussions held at the Township of Edwardsburgh Cardinal's Council meeting and the next steps for Edwardsburgh Cardinal to fit into the programs with the Township of Augusta and the Town of Prescott.

Mayor Todd welcomed everyone and spoke to the upcoming discussions.

Mayor Malanka spoke to his excitement of the project and exploring how we can work together to better our communities.

### **6. Focused Discussion**

#### **6.1 Updates**

Recreation and Tourism Asset Inventory Update

Matthew Armstrong, CAO of the Town of Prescott, spoke to a PowerPoint Presentation. A copy of the presentation is held on file. Mayor Sayeau provided several more amenities and activities available in Edwardsburgh Cardinal.

Councillors are encouraged to forward any activities to Matthew Armstrong, CAO of the Town of Prescott for inclusion into the inventory master list.

Mayor Todd suggested the creation of a Tri-Council Website to house all three municipalities; events, assets and recreation.

Motion: Todd, Deschamps

THAT the Tri-Council endorse the creation of Tri-Council Website for Recreation and Tourism Assets; and

THAT Staff be directed to bring back recommendations on the feasibility of initiating a Tri municipal website and branding opportunities.

Carried.

#### Developer Package Update

Steve McDonald, CAO Augusta Township provided a power point presentation. A copy of the presentation is held on file. CAO McDonald provided an update on the Developer Package.

Discussion was held regarding how Edwardsburgh Cardinal could fit into the project, the intent of the studies referenced in the presentation and the shared capacity of water and sewer.

#### Physician Recruitment Strategy

Steve McDonald, CAO Augusta Township spoke to a PowerPoint presentation. A copy of the presentation is held on file. CAO McDonald provided an overview on the various programs being offered by municipalities for Physician Recruitment.

Discussion was held regarding the inclusion of recruiting nurse practitioners as well as Doctors and change the title from Physician Recruitment to Healthcare Recruitment.

Further discussion was held regarding the next steps, including consultation with Kemptville District Hospital and Brockville General Hospital, how to showcase what the municipalities' have to offer for quality of life and to find out what the doctors and nurses are looking for.

Motion: Todd, Shankar

THAT the Tri-Council direct staff to bring more information back on healthcare recruitment for the next meeting.

Carried

#### Municipal Drug Strategy

Mayor Malanka provided an update on the Municipal Drug Strategy.

Mayor Malanka has been in contact with the Health Unit to determine what can be done to resurrect the Committee.

Municipalities need to take action to reduce the serious effects of the problem in the area.

Any members of Council that were interested in joining the Drug Strategy reach out to the CAO of the Township of Augusta, Steve McDonald.

## 6.2 AMO Delegations

CAO McDonald advised that Augusta Township submitted three AMO delegation requests:

- Planning Issues - MMAH
- Financial Assistance for infrastructure servicing and capacity – Ministry of Infrastructure
- Natural Gas expansion – Ministry of Energy

Prescott and Edwardsburgh Cardinal are welcome to attend the delegation with Augusta or provide support in writing.

Mayor Sayeau advised that a briefing note should be prepared and he is willing to assist if required.

CAO McDonald is to take the lead.

## 7. Roundtable

Each member of Council was provided an opportunity to comment under the Round Table portion of the agenda.

- Suggestion to add a link to each other's website.
- Suggestion to pursue lobbying opportunities to push for movement on road infrastructure issue.

Next meeting date: July 28, 2022.

## 8. Adjournment

Motion: Cameron, Ostrander

That the meeting be adjourned at 8:30

Carried

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Mayor

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