



MINUTES



TRI-COUNCIL MINUTES

Thursday, July 28, 2022

6:30 PM

Council Chambers and by Zoom

18 Centre Street, Spencerville ON

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PRESENT: Township of Augusta
Mayor Doug Malanka (7:15 p.m.), Deputy Mayor Jeff Shaver

Township of Edwardsburgh Cardinal
Mayor Pat Sayeau, Deputy Mayor Tory Deschamps,
Councillor Hugh Cameron, Councillor Stephen Dillabough,
Councillor John Hunter

Town of Prescott
Mayor Brett Todd, Councillor Leanne Burton, Councillor Teresa
Jansman, Councillor Lee McConnell, Councillor Mike Ostrander,
Councillor Gauri Shankar, Councillor Ray Young

REGRETS: Councillor Michele Bowman, Councillor Tanya Henry, Councillor
Samantha Schapelhouman

STAFF: Township of Augusta
Annette Simonian, Clerk

Township of Edwardsburgh Cardinal
Dave Grant, CAO, Rebecca Williams, Clerk

Town of Prescott
Lindsey Veltkamp, Clerk, Dana Valentyne, Economic
Development Officer

1. Welcome and Introductions

Mayor Sayeau welcomed everyone to the Tri-Council meeting.

2. Call to Order

Mayor Sayeau called the meeting to order at 6:40p.m.

3. Approval of Agenda

Moved by: S. Dillabough

Seconded by: M. Ostrander

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. Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest & the General Nature Thereof

There were no declarations of interest expressed.

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

Mayor Sayeau welcomed everyone in attendance and spoke to the collaborative approach of the Tri-Council meeting, while indicating that there is no initiative for amalgamation amongst the municipalities.

Mayor Todd thanked Edwardsburgh Cardinal for hosting the meeting and spoke to the potential opportunities of collaborating together to improve health care services in the area.

6. Business Arising from the Previous Tri-Council Meeting Minutes

None.

7. Delegations & Presentations

a. Health Care Recruitment Update

Update was provided on the recent meeting held with the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing with respect to the area seeking a competitive position for physician recruitment. A letter from the Minister was summarized for the Tri-Council. It was noted that the municipalities will seek to lobby for physician recruitment at the upcoming AMO conference.

Dr. Mathews, with the Prescott Family Health Team (PFHT), spoke to the PowerPoint presentation and provided an overview of the Family Health Team (FHT), work model, services offered, patient population and locations, current issues/concerns the FHT has identified, and possible solutions. A copy of the presentation is held on file. Dr. Mathew referenced that additional support from local municipalities, such as physician/healthcare recruitment incentive packages, reduction to overhead costs, possible local hospital residency opportunities, additional health care provides, and additional transportation could aid in the PFHT attracting more physicians.

The Mayors and Councillors discussed possible next steps, including providing subsidized River Route bus tickets, facility locations, life lab/testing facility, financial physician recruitment incentive packages, funding to reduce physician overhead expenses, residency programs, possible recruitment of other medical professionals, bursary programs, and continuing to work with the PFHT and Dr. Mathew to set priorities and budgets.

Further discussion was held regarding factors that attract physicians to the area, work life balance, and number of patients healthcare professionals can manage versus the number that do not have a family physician in the area.

Moved by: B. Todd

Seconded by: G. Shankar

THAT the Tri-Council endorse the creation of a steering committee for physician recruitment efforts and to refer discussions back to each municipal council.

Carried

8. Focused Discussion

a. Cross Promotion of Recreation Assets and Tourism Events

Dana Valentyne, Prescott Economic Development Officer, spoke to the PowerPoint presentation and provided an overview on a potential future shared website concept, with additional promotional sources. A copy of the presentation is held on file. Ms. Valentyne outlined potential costs and next steps associated with creating a separate shared website that could be dedicated to the promotion of recreation assets and tourism events.

Discussion was held regarding the potential opportunities of a shared website, implementation and maintenance costs, website design, resources to continually maintain and update such a website, current municipal website design, connectivity to current municipal websites, ease of access to information by the public, public/business/organization buy in to supply event information, domain name, branding and timeframe to create and implement a new shared website.

Moved by: L. Burton

Seconded by: T. Deschamps

THAT the Tri-Council endorse the creation of a Tri Municipal website and to refer back to each municipal council for further discussion.

Carried

b. Municipal Drug Strategy Update

Mayor Malanka provided an update on the Municipal Drug Strategy. Discussions with the Health Unit continue to determine how the Municipal Drug Strategy program and committee may be restored. It was suggested that each municipal council needs a champion representative to assist with the strategy.

9. Roundtable

Each member of the Tri-Council was provided an opportunity to comment under the Round Table portion of the agenda. The following comments were raised:

- Suggestion to hold another meeting in early September - Prescott hosting
- Provide Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing an update regarding the healthcare/physician recruitment discussion
- Circulation of letter being prepared by Mayor Sayeau to the Minister was requested

10. Adjournment

Moved by: S. Dillabough

Seconded by: H. Cameron

THAT the Special Tri-Council does now adjourn at 8:40 p.m.

Carried

Mayor

Clerk