

**MINUTES  
SPECIAL MEETING  
MUNICIPAL COUNCIL  
CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF EDWARDSBURGH/CARDINAL  
SPENCERVILLE MUNICIPAL OFFICE  
WEDNESDAY, MARCH 16, 2016  
6:00 PM**

**PRESENT:**

Pat Sayeau, Mayor  
Michael Barrett, Councillor  
Gerry Morrell, Councillor  
Karie Smail, Councillor

**REGRETS:** Peggy Taylor, Deputy Mayor

**STAFF:**

Debra McKinstry, CAO/Clerk  
Dave Grant, Director of Operations  
Rebecca Williams, Deputy Clerk Nominee  
Sheena Earl, Committee Secretary

1. Call to Order

Mayor Sayeau called the meeting to order at 6:02 p.m. and noted that the purpose of the meeting was to consider issues related to expansion of natural gas services and closing of the sale of Industrial Park land to Giant Tiger.

2. Approval of Agenda

R2016-087

**Decision:** Moved by: K. Smail seconded by: M. Barrett that Municipal Council approves the agenda as presented.

Carried

3. Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest & the General Nature Thereof – None

4. Action Items

a) Submission to Ontario Energy Board re: Natural Gas Service

A draft presentation to the Ontario Energy Board Generic Hearing EB-2016-0004 in relation to the expansion of natural gas services to new communities as prepared by Mayor Sayeau was reviewed. A suggestion to reference the provincial commitment to reducing greenhouse gas emissions was made and it was the consensus of members that it be included as part of a response to Issue 11.

R2016-088

**Decision:** Moved by: M. Barrett seconded by: K. Smail Whereas Union Gas Limited holds a long standing (1977 & 1998) Franchise Agreement to provide Natural Gas service to the Township of Edwardsburgh and the 2000 Model Franchise Agreement was renewed by the amalgamated (2001) Township of Edwardsburgh/Cardinal by By-Law 2008-01, dated January 7, 2008;

And whereas under the Franchise Agreement Union Gas provides Natural gas to the village of Cardinal (Canada Starch, now Ingredion, corn processing plant) and the hamlet of Johnstown (Greenfield Ethanol, corn to ethanol plant, and Port of Johnstown, grain dryer and elevator services), both located along County Road #2 but with a large service gap between the two serviced areas;

And whereas other large areas of the Township remain unserved, namely the village of Spencerville, County Road 44 and County Road 21 to name only three additional areas;

And whereas many residential property, agricultural property and business owners presently without access to Natural Gas Service continue to express serious interest in having the service extended to their area of the Township;

And whereas Council has been working with Union Gas for some time to encourage the Franchise holder to develop accurate cost projections for the extension of service into new areas and Union Gas has begun the detailed analysis of the work and costs required for the extension of such service;

And whereas the Ontario Energy Board has called a Generic Hearing to hear and consider evidence on the various issues which arise when existing or new franchise holders propose the extension of services to new communities via Community Expansion Projects;

And whereas the Ontario Government has established a \$200 million Natural Gas Access Loan Program to help communities partner with utilities to extend access to natural gas supplies and an additional \$30 million Natural Gas Economic Development Grant has been established to accelerate projects with clear economic development potential;

And whereas the Council of the Township of Edwardsburgh Cardinal is desirous of representing the interests of our residential, agricultural and business owners seeking natural gas service by presenting evidence to the OEB addressing solutions to the issues raised by the Board;

Now therefore be it resolved that Council approves the contents of the attached brief as containing the evidence which represents the interests of our community in addressing the issues raised by the Board and authorizes the Mayor to submit the evidence within the prescribed timeline and further authorizes the Mayor to represent Council and the Township at the Generic Hearings.

Councillor Morrell requested a recorded vote:

Councillor Barrett	Yea
Councillor Morrell	Yea
Councillor Smail	Yea
Deputy Mayor Taylor	Absent
Mayor Sayeau	Yea

Carried

5. Bylaws

a) Establish a Public Highway – Newport Drive

R2016-089

**Decision:** Moved by: G. Morrell seconded by: K. Barrett that the mover be granted leave to introduce a by-law to establish a highway in the Township of Edwardsburgh/Cardinal and this shall constitute first and second reading thereof.

Carried

R2016-090

**Decision:** Moved by: G. Morrell seconded by: M. Barrett that a by-law to establish a highway in the Township of Edwardsburgh/Cardinal be now read a third time and finally passed, signed, sealed and numbered 2016-16.

Carried

b) Amend 2015-55 PSA Giant Tiger South

**Decision:** Moved by: K. Smail seconded by: M. Barrett that the mover be

granted leave to introduce a by-law to amend by-law 2015-55 authorizing execution of a purchase and sale agreement with Giant Tiger Stores Limited and this shall constitute first and second reading thereof.

Carried

R2016-092

**Decision:** Moved by: K. Smail seconded by: M. Barrett that a by-law to amend by-law 2015-55 authorizing execution of a purchase and sale agreement with Giant Tiger Stores Limited be now read a third time and finally passed, signed, sealed and numbered 2016-17.

Carried

Mayor Sayeau noted that the purchase and sale agreements needed to be adjusted in order to reflect actual purchase prices following survey of the parcels.

c) Amend 2015-65 PSA Giant Tiger North

R2016-093

**Decision:** Moved by: M. Barrett seconded by: K. Smail that the mover be granted leave to introduce a by-law to amend by-law 2015-65 authorizing execution of a purchase and sale agreement with Giant Tiger Stores Limited and this shall constitute first and second reading thereof.

Carried

R2016-094

**Decision:** Moved by: M. Barrett seconded by: K. Smail that a by-law to amend by-law 2015-65 authorizing execution of a purchase and sale agreement with Giant Tiger Stores Limited be now read a third time and finally passed, signed, sealed and numbered 2016-18.

Carried

6. Adjournment

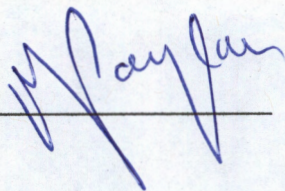
Council discussed details relating to the sale closing and sod turning event.

R2016-095

**Decision:** Moved by: G. Morrell seconded by: K. Smail that Municipal Council does now adjourn at 6:36 p.m.

This minutes were approved in open Council this 28<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2016.

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Mayor



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Clerk

