

**MINUTES
MUNICIPAL COUNCIL SPECIAL MEETING
CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF EDWARDSBURGH/CARDINAL
SPENCERVILLE MUNICIPAL OFFICE
MONDAY, MARCH 19, 2018
6:00 PM**

PRESENT:

Mayor Pat Sayeau
Deputy Mayor Peggy Taylor
Councillor Michael Barrett
Councillor Gerry Morrell
Councillor Karie Smail

STAFF:

Debra McKinstry, CAO/Clerk
Rebecca Williams, Deputy Clerk

GUESTS:

Stephen Ault, Ault & Ault
Samantha Berry, Ault & Ault

1. Call to Order

Mayor Sayeau called the meeting to order at 6:00pm.

2. Approval of the Agenda

R2018-74

Decision: Moved by: K. Smail seconded by: P. Taylor that Municipal Council approves the agenda as presented.

Carried

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

4. Closed Session

R2018-75

Decision: Moved by: M. Barrett seconded by: G. Morrell that Municipal Council proceeds into closed session at 6:01pm in order to address matters pertaining to:

- A proposed or pending acquisition or disposition of land for municipal or local board purposes; Specifically: Benson and Minutes of Closed Session dated January 23, 2018
- Receiving of advice that is subject to solicitor/client privilege, including communications necessary for that purpose; Specifically: Benson

Carried

Council retired to the boardroom to discuss the closed session matters.

5. Report Out

R2018-76

Decision: Moved by: K. Smail seconded by: P. Taylor that the closed meeting does now adjourn and the open meeting of Municipal Council does now resume at 6:55pm.

Carried

R2018-77

Decision: Moved by: G. Morrell seconded by: M. Barrett that Municipal Council approves the minutes of the closed session dated January 23, 2018.

Carried

Mayor Sayeau reported that Council received legal advice from the Township solicitors with respect to the potential acquisition of Benson.

R2018-78

Decision: Moved by: G. Morrell seconded by: M. Barrett that Municipal Council authorizes the Mayor and CAO/Clerk to submit an offer to purchase 4005 James Street (Benson Public School) to the Upper Canada District School Board, as directed by Municipal Council.

Members commented on O.Reg 444/98 with respect to the hierarchy of submitting offers to purchase and how the building could go to open market for any business or organization to submit a bid if the Township does not submit an offer by midnight or if the Township is not successful in its negotiations.

Councillor Barrett requested a recorded vote:

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

Carried

6. Confirmation By-law

R2018-79

Decision: Moved by: M. Barrett seconded by: G. Morrell that the mover be granted leave to introduce a by-law to adopt, confirm and ratify matters dealt with by resolution and this shall constitute first and second reading thereof.

Members enquired about the procedural by-law and noted that the first and second reading of a by-law must pass unanimously in order for third and final to be considered. Members asked if the third and final reading and passage of the bylaw does not proceed, would the Benson School offer to purchase resolution then be invalid.

Staff and the Township's solicitor conferred and noted that the resolution may still be valid, as the Township does not have a specific policy with respect to land acquisition. The solicitor was requested to review and report to the CAO/Clerk as soon as possible if the passage of the resolution was improper. It was directed by the Mayor that if the resolution was deemed to be improper, the School Board would be advised immediately.

Councillor Barrett requested a recorded vote.

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

Carried

It was noted that because the confirmation by-law did not receive unanimous consent, it cannot continue to third and final reading until the next meeting of Council.

7. Adjournment

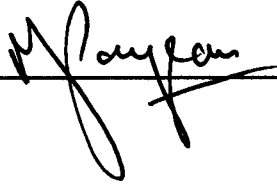
R2018-80

Decision: Moved by: K. Smail seconded by: P. Taylor that Municipal Council does now adjourn at 7:12 pm.

Carried

These minutes were adopted by Council this 26th day of March, 2018.

Mayor



Deputy Clerk

