

**MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING
MUNICIPAL COUNCIL
CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF EDWARDSBURGH/CARDINAL
SPENCERVILLE MUNICIPAL OFFICE
MONDAY, JUNE 4, 2007
7:30 P.M.**

PRESENT:

Larry Dishaw, Mayor
Frank Noccey, Deputy Mayor
Hugh Cameron, Councillor
Donna Gladstone, Councillor
Kirk Jones, Councillor
Lawrence Levere, Councillor
Patrick Sayeau, Councillor

STAFF PRESENT:

Russell Trivett, CAO/Treasurer
Debra McKinstry, Clerk/Planning Administrator

1. Call to Order

Mayor Dishaw called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m.

2. Disclosure of Interest – None

3. Minutes of Previous Meetings

a) Regular Meeting of May 22, 2007

R2007-233

Decision: Moved by: K. Jones seconded by: L. Levere that Municipal Council approves the minutes of the regular meeting of Council dated May 22, 2007.

Carried

4. Deputations

a) Mr. Kennedy, Cardinal Water & Sewer Rates

Mr. Kennedy did not appear.

b) Mr. Ross Markell – Craig, Keen, Despatie & Markell
Municipal Auditors

Mr. Markell was present to provide the auditor's report to Council for the 2006 fiscal year. He noted that no difficulties were encountered in performing the audit and that there were no matters requiring Council's immediate attention. Mr. Markell presented the consolidated financial statements for 2006 and an analysis of operating fund surpluses. He expressed the opinion that the Township reserve position was where it should be. Mr. Markell suggested that the following areas should be addressed:

- Accounting for tangible capital assets
- Public reporting of annual service delivery improvements
- Increase in tax arrears over 2005
- Rationalization exercise for reserves and reserve funds
- Long-term capital budget
- Transfer of funds between reserves and general account.

Mr. Markell concluded by saying that the municipality's records are in good shape and that the Township is on solid financial footing.

5. Committee Reports

a) Port of Prescott Management Committee

R2007-234

Decision: Moved by: L. Levere seconded by: H. Cameron that Municipal Council approves the minutes of the Port of Prescott Management Committee meeting dated May 17, 2007.

Carried

b) Economic Development Committee

R2007-235

Decision: Moved by: F. Noccey seconded by: L. Levere that Municipal Council approves the minutes of the Economic Development Committee meeting dated May 23, 2007.

Carried

c) Environmental Services/Public Works Committee of the Whole

R2007-236

Decision: Moved by: H. Cameron seconded by: L. Levere that Municipal Council approves the minutes of the Environmental Services/Public Works Committee of the Whole meeting dated May 28, 2007.

Carried

6. Action Items

a) Consolidated Financial Statements for 2006

R2007-237

Decision: Moved by: D. Gladstone seconded by: L. Levere that Municipal Council approves the audited consolidated financial statements for the Township of Edwardsburgh/Cardinal as at December 31, 2006 and that the Mayor be authorized to sign on behalf of the Corporation.

Carried

7. By-laws

a) 2007 Estimates and Tax Rates

R2007-238

Decision: Moved by: P. Sayeau seconded by: H. Cameron that the mover be granted leave to introduce a by-law to adopt the general government estimates for sums required during the year and to provide for the adoption of tax rates and to further provide for penalty and interest in default of payment thereof for 2007 and this shall constitute first and second reading thereof.

Carried

R2007-239

Decision: Moved by: P. Sayeau seconded by: D. Gladstone that a by-law to adopt the general government estimates for sums required during the year and to provide for the adoption of tax rates and to further provide for penalty and interest in default of payment thereof for 2007 be now read a third time and finally passed, signed sealed and numbered 2007-30.

Carried

b) Assignment of Lease – Port Property P-34-B

R2007-240

Decision: Moved by: K. Jones seconded by: L. Levere that the mover be granted leave to introduce a by-law to authorize the assignment and consent to assignment of a lease agreement for Port Property P-34-B and this shall constitute first and second reading thereof.

Carried

R2007-241

Decision: Moved by: K. Jones seconded by: L. Levere that a by-law to authorize the assignment and consent to assignment of a lease agreement for Port Property P-34-B be now read a third time and finally passed, signed sealed and numbered 2007-31.

Carried

8. Correspondence

R2007-242

Decision: Moved by: K. Jones seconded by: L. Levere that the correspondence as circulated and read be actioned as directed.

Carried

9. Accounts

a) Municipal Accounts

R2007-243

Decision: Moved by: L. Levere seconded by: D. Gladstone that Municipal Council approves payment of municipal invoices as follows:

Listing dated May 31, 2007	\$81,439.43
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Carried

b) Port of Prescott Accounts

R2007-244

Decision: Moved by: F. Noccey seconded by: P. Sayeau that Municipal Council approves payment of Port of Prescott invoices on the attached listing:

Batch No. 13	\$32,468.45
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Carried

c) Amendments to Budget - None

10. Mayor's Report

Mayor Dishaw reported on the events and meetings he had attended since last Council meeting and on upcoming events/meetings.

11. Staff Reports

a) CAO's Report

The CAO reminded Council that he and the Clerk would be attending the AMCTO Conference in Kingston June 11-13. He also noted that he would be attending a meeting with the Raisin River Conservation Authority with respect to the St. Lawrence River studies being undertaken.

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b) Clerk's Report

The Clerk clarified that Planning Advisory Committee would be mainly addressing the site plan control agreement for the 730 Truck Stop, as opposed to the servicing of the site, on June 5.

12. New Business

The following items were discussed briefly:

- New 2007 Municipal Act has been received.
- Highland Games signage along County and Township roads.
- Need for better directional signage onto Highway 416 from Spencerville.

13. Question Period

Questions were raised with regard to the following:

- Capital budget for 2007
- Service cuts, public reaction, contentious issues with respect to the 2007 budget
- Outcome of meeting with J. Boisvenue on May 29.
- Spencerville sewage charges.

15. Adjournment

R2007-245

Decision: Moved by: P. Sayeau that Municipal Council does now adjourn at 9:27 p.m.

Carried

These minutes were adopted by Council this 18th day of June, 2007.

Mayor

Clerk