



**AGENDA
SPECIAL MEETING
MUNICIPAL COUNCILS
TOWNSHIP OF AUGUSTA
TOWNSHIP OF EDWARDSBURGH CARDINAL
TOWN OF PRESCOTT**

**Thursday, July 28, 2022, 6:30 PM
Council Chambers and by Zoom
18 Centre Street, Spencerville ON
Contact the Township Office to Register
(613)658-3055**

- 1. Welcome and Introductions**
- 2. Call to Order**
- 3. Approval of Agenda**
Recommendation
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.
- 4. Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest & the General Nature Thereof**
- 5. Opening Statement from Mayor Sayeau, Mayor Malanka and Mayor Todd**
- 6. Business Arising from the Previous Tri-Council Meeting Minutes**
- 7. Delegations & Presentations**
 - a. Health Care Recruitment Update
Presentation by Prescott Family Health Team - To be provided during meeting
- 8. Focused Discussion**
 - a. Cross Promotion of Recreation Assets and Tourism Events
Website/Social Media - Presentation by Dana Valentyne, Economic Development Officer - To be provided during meeting
 - b. Municipal Drug Strategy Update
- 9. Roundtable**

10. Adjournment

Recommendation

THAT the Special Tri-Council does now adjourn at (time).



**EDWARDSBURGH
CARDINAL**



SPECIAL TRI-COUNCIL

MINUTES

June 29, 2022

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

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

Mayor

Clerk



Presentation By:

Dr. Dinny Mathew, Executive Director, PFHT

Introduction

- Prescott Family Health Team (PFHT) is a provider-led, non-profit organization
- Started with a single physician's practice in 1968
- In 2007, we received the Family Health Team (FHT) status by the Ministry of Health (MOH)

Background: Family Health Teams (FHTs)

- FHTs were created to expand access to comprehensive family health care services across Ontario.
- FHTs include a team of family physicians, nurse practitioners, registered nurses, social workers, dietitians, and other professionals that work together to provide health care services to their community
- There are approximately 184 FHTs that exists in Ontario since 2005
- Serve over 3.4 million Ontarians in over 200 communities

Our Work Model

- Prescott Family Health Team (PFHT) and Prescott Family Medical Associates (PFMA) coexist to provide care to the community
- Under PFMA, doctors roster their patients, have their own staff
- Under PFHT, the rostered patients of these doctors receive access to preventative health care services like hypertension check program, COPD program, immunizations, diabetes management program etc. along with access to mental health & addictions services and specialists access (Internist and Psychiatrist). PFHT also has their own staff to perform these duties

Our Team

- Four Physicians; 3 in Prescott and 1 in Brockville
- One Nurse Practitioner and one Physician Assistant
- One Executive Director
- One Assistant to Executive Director
- Four Nurses
- One Social Worker
- One Dietitian
- Three Receptionists
- One Billing and Coding Professional

*Majority of our staff are shared employees of PFHT and PFMA

Our Services

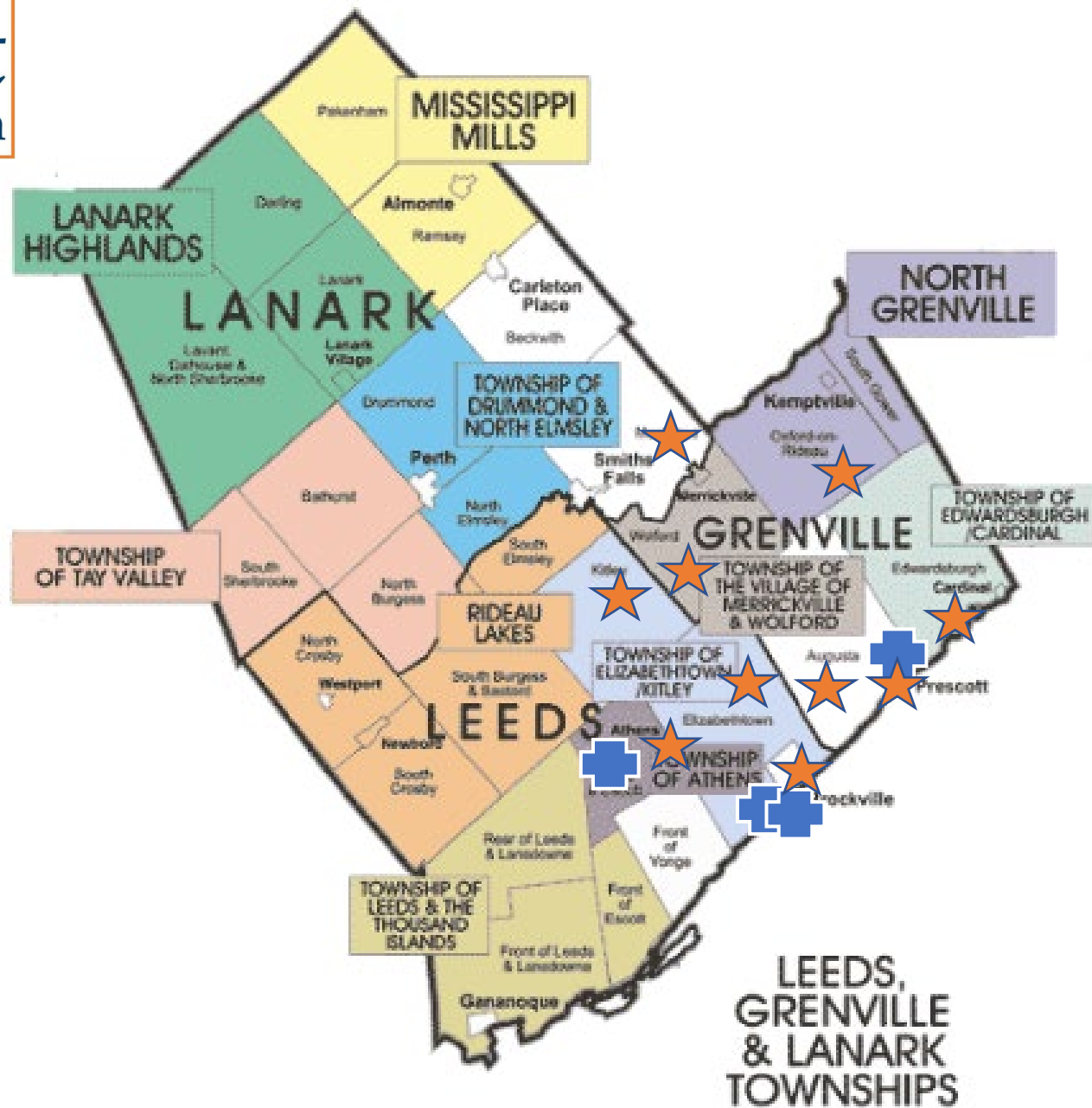
- Primary health care services
- Preventative Programs
 - COPD/Lung Health Management
 - Hypertension Management
 - Weight Management
 - Diabetes Management
 - Smoking Cessation
 - Immunizations
- Social Services; including mental health and addictions counselling
- Access to Specialists; Internists and Psychiatrists



Our Patient Population



- Approximately 6700 patients from different locations in Leeds and Grenville area (refer to the next slide for map)
- Serve all patients from birth to all ages



Needs Assessment



Population of Towns:

Town of Prescott ~ 4000

Township of Edwardsburg Cardinal ~ 7500

Augusta Township ~ 7300

Family Health Teams in the Region:

Only one –Prescott Family Health Team
(three doctors)



Issues at Hand



- Uneven patients to physician ratio
- Growing population
- Unattached patients in the community
- Physician retirements
- Lack of family physicians in general

- Only physicians are allowed to roster patients under their care
- A physician cannot have a roster size of more than 2400 patients- Negative implications
- Clinician Burnout
- Physician funded employees at risk

*Patient Rostering
in Family Practice*

Clinician Burnout Causes

**COVID-19
New
Player!!**



Possible Solutions

- Physician Recruitment - *Active Assistance from the Towns – Funding and other Resources (Outreach and Incentives)!!*
- Addition of other healthcare providers like Nurse Practitioners and Physician Assistants
- Adding other value based care facilities in the town- ultrasound center(s) and blood draw station(s)- *Could be mobile clinics as well!*
- Transport services to the nearby hospital/care facility





July 22, 2022

Premier Doug Ford
Legislative Building
Queen's Park
Toronto ON M7A 1A1

Dear Premier Ford:

Re: Physician Shortages in Ontario

Ontario has one of the most revered health care systems in the world. The residents of Ontario have been fortunate to have access to medical professionals from all branches of the medical field.

Our Province continually monitors the needs of its citizens and strives to make progressive changes to continue to meet the needs of Ontarians. Evidence of this progressive action on the part of the government was the identification of the shortage of Personal Support Workers. Recognizing the vital role that they play in health care, the Province supported Ontario colleges in providing free tuition for students who agreed to study for and become Personal Support Workers. We applaud the Province for this progressive action.

Like many municipalities, we have noticed that as each year goes by, we begin to see fewer physicians. The shortage is becoming alarming as we hear daily that many people are without a physician and do not have access to a primary medical care giver. The shortage of physicians is reaching our hospital emergency rooms as many in our rural communities are forced to close periodically as there are no physicians to staff them.

Another issue which is exacerbating the physician shortage is the limited spaces available in Canadian Universities for medical school and in residency programs. Increases to the number of students who are accepted could go a long way to ensure that more students graduate and become contributing physicians in our communities.

A third issue that causes concern is the seemingly onerous process for foreign and international physicians to become accredited to practice in Ontario. We have had interactions with individuals who have come to our community and are accomplished physicians but are not able to practice in Ontario as they at times cannot afford the cost for accreditation and in other instances, the process is quite lengthy meaning that they must take other positions, outside of their field, thus wasting their talent.



TOWN OF SOUTH BRUCE PENINSULA

The Town of South Bruce Peninsula has seriously contemplated all of these issues and has taken steps to address the shortage experienced in our community. Council has monetarily supported a local Physician Recruitment Committee and has held money in reserves to assist with the hiring of a recruiter and to be used to assist new physicians requiring funds to set up an office and find housing.

We are reaching out to you to ask for your assistance in addressing the physician shortage. We would like to see subsidy opportunities for students who commit to becoming practicing physicians and would expect that the Province would put protective measures in place to ensure that students receiving funding commit to practicing in Ontario. We would support an expedited accreditation process for foreign physicians. We would encourage the increase of additional student spaces in medical school and residency programs.

The Town of South Bruce Peninsula is not alone in its convictions to address the physician shortages. We welcome you to contact us directly to have conversations about how all levels of government can work together to end this shortage.

Yours very truly,

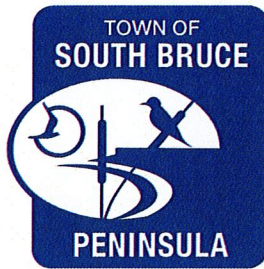
Mayor Janice Jackson

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519-534-1400 ext 200

Enclosure (1)

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College of Physicians and Surgeons of Ontario feedback@cpsso.on.ca



Excerpt from Council Meeting Minutes – July 19, 2022

23. Notice of Motion – Mayor Jackson – Physician Subsidy

Mayor Jackson explained the meeting with the Physician Recruitment Committee and how a retired recruiter is willing to help the Committee but that we need to support medical students. The motion would be forwarded to the Minister, the Premier, the Prime Minister and all Ontario municipalities.

Discussion included the closing of hospital ERs, people without family doctors, the difficulty for professionals to obtain accreditation to work in our Province, having levels of accreditation to relieve pressure, community health models including nurse practitioners, ideas that the recruiter has and how she recruited 77 doctors.

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It was **Moved** by J. Jackson, **Seconded** by K. Durst and **Carried**

Whereas the Province of Ontario and particularly rural areas such as South Bruce Peninsula, are experiencing a severe shortage of physicians, leaving many people without access to medical care;

And whereas when the Province of Ontario realized the shortage of Personal Support Workers, they took progressive action to support Ontario colleges to provide free tuition for students who agreed to enter into this field of study and work;

And whereas it is recognized that the education costs for a physician can be a deterrent for students contemplating entering the medical field;

And whereas the Town of South Bruce Peninsula has taken steps to support the recruitment of physicians by earmarking money to hire a recruiter, by monetarily supporting a recruitment Committee and by providing money for new physicians to use to set up office space and for housing;

Now therefore be it resolved that the Town of South Bruce Peninsula respectfully requests that the Province of Ontario and Government of Canada recognizes that the shortage in health care workers is not unique to Personal Support Workers but is also relevant to physicians including specialists and general practitioners;

And that in order to support Ontario municipalities and their residents, the Provincial and Federal Governments take steps to provide support and subsidy to students entering

medical school with the intention of becoming practicing physicians in the Province of Ontario and particularly in underserved rural and northern municipalities;

And that the Provincial and Federal Governments work with Canadian universities to increase the number of students accepted into medical school and residency programs;

And that the Province expedites the accreditation process for foreign medical practitioners ;

And further that the Town of South Bruce Peninsula supports whatever protective measures the Provincial and Federal Governments place on the subsidy given to ensure that the students receiving the funding become practicing physicians in the Province of Ontario.



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Recreation & Culture Asset Inventory

Digital Marketing



Website

- Hosting - Wordpress
- Design - Prescott In-House DMS Coordinator
- Budget - \$1,000 Initial, \$150/mth Ongoing
- Content/Database Management
 - Prescott to manage
 - Augusta/EDC to provide updated content/imagery

Social Media

- Facebook, Twitter, Instagram, TikTok, YouTube
- Cross promote via partner websites & social media platforms at outset
- Consider developing stand alone social media presence 3-6 months post website launch



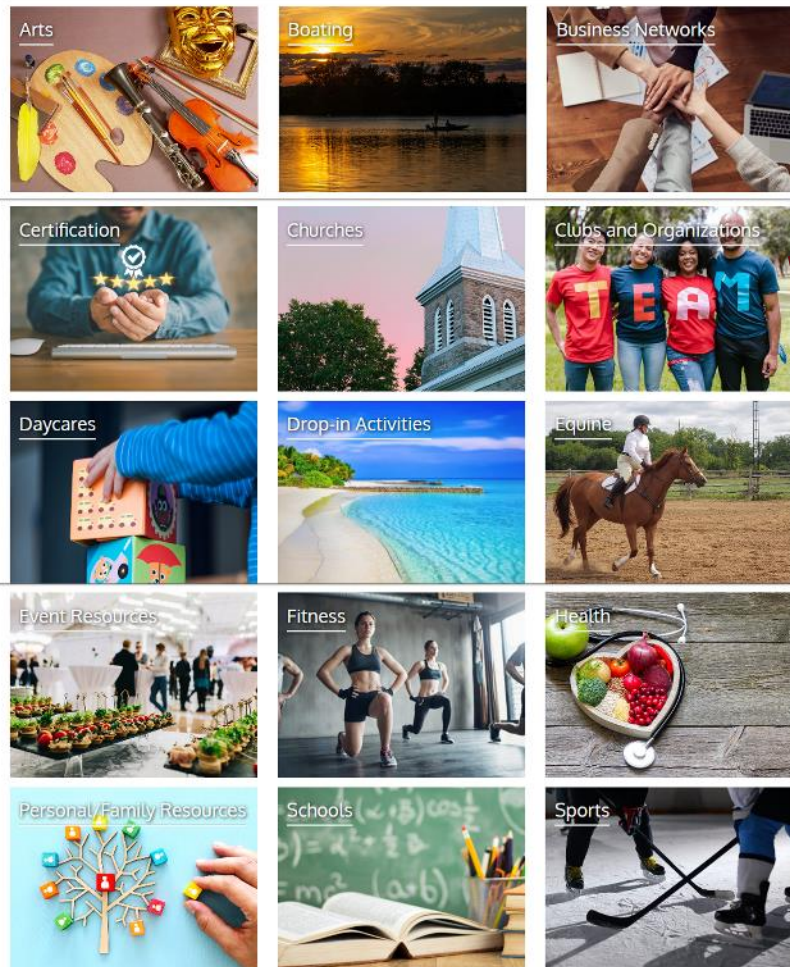
Promotions



Recreation & Culture Directory

Many local clubs, community organizations and businesses offer a variety of recreation and culture opportunities. Visit their websites and contact them directly for more information. Have we missed anyone? To be added to this list please email parksrec@northgrenville.on.ca.

Categories



Categories

- Arts
- Boating
- Business Networks
- Certification
- Churches
- Clubs and Organizations
- Daycares
- Drop-in Activities
- Equine
- Event Resources
- Fitness
- Health
- Personal/Family Resources
- Schools
- Sports

Filter

Search

Filter

Example Website

Categories

- Arts
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Next Steps

- Begin website design
- Finalize asset inventory database
- Compile descriptions & pictures for listings
- Upload inventory/supporting materials to website
- Website launch and ongoing maintenance
- Promotions



Thank you

Questions?

