

TOWNSHIP OF EDWARDSBURGH CARDINAL

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March 25, 2024

Resolution Number: 2024-

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Moved By:

Seconded By:

WHEREAS access to natural gas is vital to residents and businesses in our community for affordability and reliability, and is a driver of economic development for the province of Ontario; and

WHEREAS expanding natural gas access to communities will help keep the cost of energy low for families, businesses and farmers, while at the same time improving economic development, housing, and creating thousands of new jobs; and

WHEREAS the Ontario Energy Board (OEB) issued a split decision which would increase the upfront cost to consumers of installing natural gas connections for new homes and small businesses, and could increase the cost of new homes in the province by tens of thousands of dollars, particularly in rural areas, which would limit customer heating choices and energy reliability in communities such as the Township of Edwardsburgh Cardinal; and

WHEREAS the government's *Keeping Energy Costs Down Act, 2024* would reverse the OEB's decision, and ensure that the province can build new homes and that all Ontario families and businesses can continue to access reliable and affordable energy when it is needed; and

WHEREAS the proposed legislation would maintain the existing treatment of gas transmission projects that are critical to the province's economic growth by ensuring new customers do not have to incur upfront financial contributions and update the OEB's Leave to Construct process to respond to concerns raised by municipalities around supporting critical housing projects and local economic development initiatives.

☐ Carried ☐ Defeated ☒ Unanimous

Mayor:

RECORDED VOTE REQUESTED BY:

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Councillor W. Smail		
Councillor C. Ward		
Deputy Mayor S. Dillabough		
Mayor T. Deschamps		
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NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Municipal Council of the Corporation of the Township of Edwardsburgh Cardinal:

1. Believes that natural gas must continue to play an integral role in meeting the energy needs of Ontario.
2. Calls on all provincial political parties to support natural gas expansion to communities in Ontario, which will keep costs down for families and businesses.
3. Supports the Ontario government's proposed legislation to maintain energy affordability and access via the *Keeping Energy Costs Down Act*.
4. Supports the work the Government of Ontario has done to date, including the Natural Gas Expansion Program and Electrification and Energy Transition Panel's call for a clear policy on the role of natural gas to secure access to affordable energy.

AND FURTHER THAT this resolution be circulated to the President of AMO, Colin Best, Hon. Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario, Hon. Todd Smith, the Minister of Energy, MPP Steve Clark, Member of Provincial Parliament for Leeds – Grenville – Thousand Islands & Rideau Lakes, all regional municipalities as significant actors to ensuring the need for natural gas in Ontario as part of a measured approach towards energy transition.

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