

# CITY COUNCIL #11-98

April 14, 1998  
Meeting began at 7:30 p.m.

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**PRESENT:** a regular Council meeting was held with the following members present: Mayor Brian Sylvester, Councillors Sheila Airey, Perry Lalonde, Chris Savard, Claude Poirier, André Rivette, Dean Hollingsworth, Brian Lynch and Naresh Bhargava.

**ABSENT:** Councillors Denis Carr and Korey Kennedy.

**ADMINISTRATION:** Richard Allaire, Chief Administrative Officer/City Clerk, Paul Fitzpatrick, Frank McDonald, Graham Dart, Fern Hamelin, Steve Alexander, Hilda Sequin, Sherman Goodwin, Frances Lafave, Gerry McKenna, and Denise Labelle-Gelinas, Deputy Clerk/Recording Secretary.

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## INVOCATION

Reverend John Crowdis, St. John's Presbyterian Church.

## ADDITIONS/DELETIONS

1. Mayor Brian Sylvester requested that "Up With People" be added to this evening's agenda as a delegation.

## DISCLOSURE OF INTEREST

Councillor Chris Savard declared a Pecuniary Interest on Communication #11, P.A.C. 2-2, as he is an employee of Cornwall Square and as a result of the New Official Plan and its appeal status, it could have a direct effect on his employer.

## PRESENTATIONS

1. Cornwall Chapter of the Canadian Cancer Society

Mr. Bob Denis, President of the Cornwall Branch, presented Council with a daffodil lapel pin asking for everyone to support them in their fight against cancer and, that they support the campaign during the month of April.

Mr. Denis provided some statistics on the research for a cure for cancer in Canada, and concluded by requesting Council's and the citizens of Cornwall to support their activities in April.

2. Cornwall and S.D. & G. Disaster Relief Committee - Update

Mr. Peter Morgan appeared before Council this evening and provided a brief update on the Committee's efforts following Ice Storm '98. Mr. Morgan indicated that the Committee had, to date, processed approximately 21,900 preliminary damage estimate reports, representing about 63 million dollars. The Committee has raised in excess of 5 million dollars and, when matched up to 4/1 by the Province, it translates into 25 million dollars. It is believed that a further 3 million dollars can be raised.

**ADOPTION OF MINUTES**

It was moved by Councillors Brian Lynch and Perry Lalonde that Council approve the minutes of the Committee of Council meeting of March 23, 1998 as presented.

Motion Carried

It was moved by Councillors Naresh Bhargava and André Rivette that Council approve the minutes of the regular City Council meeting of March 23, 1998 as presented.

Motion Carried

It was moved by Councillors Brian Lynch and Perry Lalonde that Council approve the minutes of the Special City Council meeting of March 25, 1998 as presented.

Motion Carried

It was moved by Councillors André Rivette and Sheila Airey that Council approve the minutes of the Special City Council meeting of March 26, 1998 as presented.

Motion Carried

It was moved by Councillors Brian Lynch and Claude Poirier that Council approve the minutes of the Special City Council meeting of March 31, 1998 as presented.

Motion Carried

It was moved by Councillors Naresh Bhargava and Perry Lalonde that Council approve the minutes of the Special Committee of Council meeting of March 31, 1998 as presented.

Motion Carried

## COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

It was moved by Councillors Sheila Airey and Claude Poirier that Council go into the Committee of the Whole and that all delegations, resolutions, communications and by-laws be referred to that Committee and that By-laws 023-1998 to 034-1998 be given first reading.

Motion Carried

### BY-LAWS - First Reading

- 023-1998 A by-law to authorize the Mayor and Clerk to sign all documents relative to the sale of Cornwall Street Railway Light and Power Company.
- 024-1998 A by-law to change the title of Councillor to Alderman.
- 025-1998 A by-law to further amend by-law 751-1969, the Zoning By-law, as amended of the City of Cornwall, being a by-law respecting the use of land and the use and location of buildings. (925 Tollgate Road West, Grant Ready Mix).
- 026-1998 A by-law to name and dedicate land as a public highway under the Public Transportation and Highway Improvement Act, and name it Tenth Street.
- 027-1998 A by-law to dedicate land for parkland purposes.
- 028-1998 A by-law to enter into a lease agreement with Judy Rose for the rental of office space and the use of a commercial kitchen at the Kinsmen Municipal Centre.
- 029-1998 A by-law to authorize the Mayor and Clerk to sign an agreement with the Ontario Realty Corporation for the redevelopment of the Pancake House property at 234-236 Pitt Street.
- 030-1998 A by-law authorizing the Mayor and Clerk to sign a three-party agreement between Courtaulds Fibers Inc., Claude Monet and Qiang-Hua Meng, and the Corporation of the City of Cornwall.
- 031-1998 A by-law to amend the Municipal Licensing By-law, 050-1994 as amended. (Automotive Services Premise, Car Dealership (New / Used) ).
- 032-1998 A by-law authorizing the Mayor and Clerk to sign a service contract with the Ministry of Community and Social Services for the delivery of psychosocial counseling to individuals and families with stress related problems.

- 033-1998 A by-law authorizing the Mayor and Clerk to enter into an agreement with the Board of Health for the Eastern Ontario Health Unit as the delivery agent for sewage system approvals and enforcement.
- 034-1998 A by-law to amend Schedule "A" of by-law 037-1994, known as the Building By-law, respecting permits and related matters to incorporate fees for Sewage System Surcharges.

## DELEGATIONS

### #1. Lilac Festival Committee

Mr. Craig Smith, of Variety 104.5 and CJSS Radio, presented the Lilac Festival Committee this evening. Mr. Craig proceeded to provide Council with a brief history of the Lilac Festival's creation five years ago and, since that time, some 7000 lilacs of 67 varieties have been planted in the Cornwall area.

The sale of lilacs will take place this Friday, Saturday, and Sunday at the Home and Garden Show. The Festival is scheduled for Friday, May 29<sup>th</sup> and Saturday, May 30<sup>th</sup>, 1998.

In conclusion, Mr. Smith requested \* Council's endorsement and permission to hold the Lilac Parade, to declare the week of May 25<sup>th</sup>, 1998 as Lilac Week, and that support from the Departments of Recreation and Public Works be provided during the days of the festival.

\* This matter is being dealt with under Consent "C".

### #2. Star of Fortune - Charity Gaming

Mr. Eric Luke, President of Star of Fortune, appeared before Council this evening to provide a better understanding of his organization's mandate and business plan for charity casinos as it relates to the City of Cornwall. Mr. Luke indicated that Star of Fortune Management's mandate was to provide, within a framework of integrity, social responsibility, and regulations, high quality charity gaming clubs which enable the government and charities to maximize on financial returns while ensuring public interests are addressed. Star of Fortune's application is uniquely positioned to support the government's objectives.

Mr. Luke presented the key people and shareholders behind Star of Fortune identifying their individual work experience. He continued by indicating that the proposed charity casino would be ideally situated within the ground floor of the Civic Complex and would require approximately 190 full time jobs, overseeing 150 electronic gaming stations and 20 gaming tables.

In conclusion, Mr. Luke emphasized that, with this charity casino, Cornwall could become a tourist destination which would target the U.S. market and western Montreal, with an anticipated 600 to 800 visitors per day.

Following questions by members of Council, it was moved by Councillors André Rivette and Chris Savard that this matter be referred to Administration for a report and that we obtain consultation within the Community.

Motion Carried

**#3. Up With People**

Ms. Christy McLean, Representative of Union Gas, and Ms. Erin Brenel, Organizer of Up With People, invited all members of the community to come and join them on April 25<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup>, 1998 at Aultsville Theatre for an exciting musical performance celebrating the exuberance of youth.

Up With People is an international, educational, and cultural organization comprised of students between the ages of 17 and 24 from over 20 different nationalities.

In conclusion, Mr. Brenel indicated that all proceeds from this show would be directed to the Children's Treatment Centre.

## **RESOLUTIONS**

## CONSENT AGENDA

It was moved by Councillors Sheila Airey and Perry Lalonde that Council approve the Consent Agenda as presented.

Motion Carried

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A. **Upper Canada Playhouse**

That Council approve the request to sell raffle tickets in the City of Cornwall.

B. **Ontario Good Roads Association - Membership Fees**

That Council approve the membership renewal for the year 1998 in the amount of \$535.00.

C. **Lilac Festival Committee**

That Council approve the request to hold the Fourth Annual Lilac Parade on Saturday, May 30<sup>th</sup>, 1998 between 12 noon and 1:30 p.m., that Council declare the week of May 25<sup>th</sup>, 1998 as Lilac Week within the City of Cornwall, and that Council endorse the request for assistance from the departments of Recreation and Public Works in organizing the festival.

D. **Canada Book Day**

That Council declare April 23<sup>rd</sup>, 1998 as Canada Book Day.

## COMMUNICATION

1. **Municipal Administration - Relocation**

It was moved by Councillors Claude Poirier and Dean Hollingsworth that Administration provide costing to proposal #1 of the report from the Manager, Public Works under date of March 30, 1998, weighing the cost of leaving the Finance Department on the second floor of the Justice Building in comparison to moving it to the fourth floor, which would also take into consideration the Provincial Offences office presently located on the fourth floor, and that Administration provide costing for an elevator at City Hall.

Motion Carried

2. **"Clay" Sewer Lines - Petition**

It was moved by Councillors Sheila Airey and Perry Lalonde that Council approve the report from the Manager, Public Works under date of March 31, 1998.

It was then moved by Councillors Chris Savard and André Rivette that Administration provide a subsequent report on a proposal provided by Mr. Yvon Brunelle dated November 20, 1997.

Motion Carried  
Main Motion Carried

3. **Early Retirement Incentive**

It was moved by Councillors Claude Poirier and Chris Savard that City Council approve the implementation of an Early Retirement Incentive Plan as indicated above, and that the plan be funded through the permanent reduction of the workforce.

Motion Defeated

4. **Vendors in Municipal Parks**

It was moved by Councillors Chris Savard and Brian Lynch that the report from the Deputy Clerk under date of April 7, 1998 be endorsed by City Council, that all Service Clubs who make use of our Municipal Parks be provided with a copy of this report, and that Administration report further in September 1998 as to observations on this matter.

Motion Carried

5. **Tender 98-T06 - Supply of Ready Mix Concrete**

It was moved by Councillors André Rivette and Sheila Airey that this tender be awarded to Grant Ready Mix Ltd., Cornwall, Ontario at the total bid price of \$96,312.50 being the lowest bid meeting the tender specifications.

Motion Carried

6. **Tender 98-T07 - Supply of Gravel and Crushed Stone**

It was moved by Councillors Perry Lalonde and Naresh Bhargava that this tender be awarded to Lafarge Canada Inc., Cornwall, Ontario at the total bid price of \$51,491.25 being the lowest bid meeting the tender specifications.

Motion Carried

7. **Tender 98-T14 - Collection & Disposal of Household Special Waste**

It was moved by Councillors Brian Lynch and Perry Lalonde that this tender be awarded to Drain-All Ltd., Cornwall, Ontario at the total bid price of \$20,246.54 plus the provisional item of \$2,125.00 being the lowest bid meeting the tender specifications.

Motion Carried

8. **Ontario Municipal Social Services Association - Voting Members**

It was moved by Councillors Claude Poirier and Naresh Bhargava that Council approve the payment of the 1998-1999 membership fee in the amount of \$1,115.00 and that it appoint two elected officials as voting members to represent the municipality for the year 1998-1999.

Motion Carried

It was moved by Councillors Perry Lalonde and Chris Savard that Councillors Denis Carr and Claude Poirier be appointed as voting members to represent the municipality for the year 1998-1999 on the Ontario Municipal Social Services Association.

Motion Carried

9. **Glen-Stor-Dun Lodge Donation Account**

It was moved by Councillors Brian Lynch and Naresh Bhargava that Council approve the withdrawal of \$3,877.21 from the Lodge Donation Account to reimburse "Volunteer Decorators".

Motion Carried

10. P.A.C. 2-1 - Grant Ready Mix Limited

It was moved by Councillors Claude Poirier and Chris Savard that the subject property at 925 Tollgate Road West be rezoned from Rural Area to Residential 15 with exception, conditional on the following:

- i) that the uses called semi-detached, school, church, hospital, and community centre be removed on a site-specific basis in the Amendment;
- ii) that the appropriate building permits be obtained from the City prior to any establishment of a second dwelling unit on-site;
- iii) that the site be cleaned, including removal of any debris and derelict machinery; and
- iv) that no severances take place off of the existing parcel of land.

Motion Carried

11. P.A.C. 2-2 - New Official Plan

*Having declared a Pecuniary Interest on Communication Item #11, Councillors Chris Savard left the room and did not take part in the discussion or vote.*

It was moved by Councillors Naresh Bhargava and André Rivette that:

- i) a letter be sent to the Ministry identifying the Municipality's desire to negotiate a solution to the objects outside the structure of an O.M.B. Hearing;
- ii) that Planning staff initiate a meeting between the Ministry, objectors and/or their representatives and the City's new Official Plan Review Committee;
- iii) that the Official Plan Review Committee be reactivated with membership consisting of a combination of several P.A.C. members, selected lay persons, and Planning Department staff; and
- iv) that an update report to P.A.C. be prepared, once initial meeting(s) have taken place amongst the interested parties.

Motion Carried

*Councillor Chris Savard returned to the meeting.*

12. **Sewage Systems (Septic Systems) Under Building Code Act**

It was moved by Councillors André Rivette and Perry Lalonde that Council pass the necessary by-law to authorize the Mayor and Clerk to sign the agreement which will have the Board of Health be the delivery agent for sewage system approvals and enforcement which are less than 10,000 litres per day; and that Council amend Schedule "A" of the schedule of fees in the Building By-law, 037-1994, for a \$150.00 Sewage System Surcharge to cover administrative costs associated with sewage systems which are less than 10,000 litres per day.

Motion Carried

13. **Domiciliary Hostel - 100% Municipal Costs**

It was moved by Councillors Claude Poirier and Brian Lynch that Council consider option #3 of the report from the Manager, Social Services under date of March 30, 1998 so that the domiciliary hostel care operators, the Community Care Access Centre, the discharge planning personnel from both hospitals, and the Social Services Department for a task force to complete the audit and prepare recommendations to incorporate domiciliary hostel services under the long term care and the mental health services system; and that the City continue to provide hostel services at the current per diem rate in order to ensure continuity for the residents pending an appropriate response from the proposed task force.

Motion Carried

14. **Staff Replacement - Janitor, City Hall**

It was moved by Councillors Perry Lalonde and Brian Lynch that Council approve the filling of the Janitor position at City Hall.

Motion Carried

15. **Staff Replacement - Machine Operator I**

It was moved by Councillors Sheila Airey and Naresh Bhargava that Council approve the hiring of a Machine Operator I.

Motion Carried

16. **R.C.A.F. Request for City Bus Donation**

It was moved by Councillors Naresh Bhargava and Sheila Airey that the Corporation continue its practice of disposing of older transit vehicles by public tender.

Motion Carried

17. Transit - Business Plan

It was moved by Councillors Brian Lynch and Claude Poirier that Council receive the Business Plan prepared by the Manager, Transit under date of April 7, 1998.

Motion Carried

**ADOPTION OF THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE**

**BY-LAWS - Second Reading**

It was moved by Councillors Claude Poirier and Perry Lalonde that the Committee of the Whole be adopted as reported and that by-laws 023-1998 to 034-1998 inclusive, be given second reading.

Motion Carried

**BY-LAWS - Third Reading**

It was moved by Councillors Claude Poirier and Brian Lynch that by-law 023-1998 and by-laws 025-1998 to 034-1998 inclusive be taken as read a third time and finally passed.

Motion Carried

It was moved by Councillors Chris Savard and Claude Poirier that by-law 024-1998, a by-law to change the title of Councillor to Alderman, be taken as read a third time and finally passed.

A recorded vote resulted as follows:

FOR

Councillor Perry Lalonde  
Councillor Chris Savard  
Councillor Claude Poirier  
Councillor André Rivette

AGAINST

Mayor Brian Sylvester  
Councillor Sheila Airey  
Councillor Dean Hollingsworth  
Councillor Brian Lynch  
Councillor Naresh Bhargava

Motion Defeated 5-4

**REPORTS FROM AD HOC COMMITTEES OF COUNCIL**

**NOTICES OF MOTION**

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

**NEW BUSINESS**

**#1. Traffic Congestion - Marlborough and Ninth Streets**

It was moved by Councillors Naresh Bhargava and Sheila Airey that Administration provide a report on traffic congestion on Marlborough and Ninth Streets during peak traffic times and ways to reduce it.

Motion Carried

**#2. City of Lilacs**

It was moved by Councillors Naresh Bhargava and Brian Lynch that:

WHEREAS the City of Cornwall has adopted Lilac as its official flower; and

WHEREAS the Council directed the City to be known as the City of Lilacs.

NOW THEREFORE be it resolved that Administration provide a report outlining the actions it has taken and proposes to take to promote the City as the City of Lilacs.

Motion Carried

#3. Position of Assistant C.A.O.

It was moved by Councillors André Rivette and Brian Lynch that:

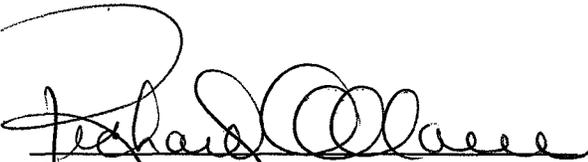
WHEREAS it is important for department managers to oversee their departments daily operations to ensure cost savings and efficiency; and

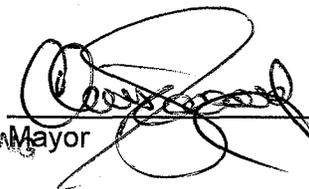
WHEREAS the concerns voiced by many taxpayers and some members of Council as to whether or not there is a need to fill the position of Assistant Chief Administrative Officer with the Corporation.

NOW THEREFORE be it resolved that, before the position of Assistant Chief Administrative Officer is filled, a report be prepared by the C.A.O. for Council on the need for this position and the repercussion, if any, of not filling this position.

Motion Carried

Adjournment : 10:50 p.m.

  
Clerk

  
ACTING Mayor

  
Recording Secretary