

CITY COUNCIL #15-98

May 11, 1998
Meeting began at 7:30 p.m.

076/98

PRESENT: A Regular Council meeting was held with the following members present: Mayor Brian Sylvester, Councillors Sheila Airey, Denis Carr, Perry Lalonde, Korey Kennedy, Claude Poirier, André Rivette, Brian Lynch, Naresh Bhargava, and Chris Savard.

ABSENT: Councillor Dean Hollingsworth.

ADMINISTRATION: Richard Allaire, Chief Administrative Officer/City Clerk, Paul Fitzpatrick, Frank McDonald, Graham Dart, Fern Hamelin, David Fielding, Steve Alexander, John de Ronde and Denise Labelle-Gelinas, Deputy Clerk/Recording Secretary.

INVOCATION

Father Louis Groetelaars - St. Columban's Parish.

ADDITIONS/DELETIONS

It was moved by Councillors Chris Savard and Claude Poirier that the following recommendation be approved:

- 1) Remove Item #12 - Communication
"Staff Replacement - Waterworks Shop Attendant/Public Works."
- 2) Add Item #13 - Price Quotation 98 Q19
Patching and crack repairs to large/small swimming pools.

Motion Carried

DISCLOSURE OF INTEREST

Councillor Chris Savard declared a Pecuniary Interest on Cornwall Community Health Care Coalition on Item #1, Delegation, his spouse and mother are both employees of the Hotel Dieu Hospital.

Councillor Claude Poirier declared a Pecuniary Interest on Item #16, Charity Casino, as he is presently registered with the Gaming Control Commission for a business which could be considered in competition to the proposed Casino.

Councillor Perry Lalonde declared a Pecuniary Interest on Delegation #1 dealing with Cornwall Coalition for Health Care, as his spouse is an employee of the General Hospital.

PRESENTATIONS

ADOPTION OF MINUTES

It was moved by Councillors Brian Lynch and Korey Kennedy that Council approve the Regular City Council #14-98 of April 27, 1998 as presented.

Motion Carried

It was moved by Councillors André Rivette and Korey Kennedy that Council approve the Committee of Council #14-98 of April 27, 1998 as presented.

Motion Carried

It was moved by Councillors Brian Lynch and Naresh Bhargava that Council approve the Special Budget minutes #15-98 of May 4, 1998 as presented.

Motion Carried

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

It was moved by Councillors Naresh Bhargava and Korey Kennedy 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 039-1998 to 044-1998 be given first reading.

Motion Carried

BY-LAWS - First Reading

- 039-1998 A by-law to amend the Streets By-law (150-1992) to provide the ability for contractors to do work on Municipal Right-of-Ways.
- 040-1998 A by-law to enter into a Service Contract Agreement with Canadian T.O.D.S. for the provision of Tourist oriented directional signage on Municipal Right-of-Ways.
- 041-1998 A by-law to name and dedicate Part of the East Half of Lot A, Concession 4, formerly in the Township of Cornwall referred to as Part 2 of Reference Plan 52R-1795 as public roadway under the **Public Transportation and Highway Improvement Act**, and naming it South Branch Road.

042-1998 A by-law to authorize the asphalt resurfacing and concrete work on various City Streets in the City of Cornwall within the year 1998.

DELEGATIONS

Having declared a Pecuniary Interest, Councillors Chris Savard and Perry Lalonde left the room and did not take part in the discussion or vote.

#1. Cornwall Community Health Care Coalition - Mrs. Audrey Murphy

Mrs. Audrey Murphy spoke this evening on behalf of the Cornwall Community Health Care Coalition who are prepared to rally the community to react to the hospital restructuring decision, scheduled for Wednesday May 13, 1998.

Mrs. Murphy provided Council with statistics on current occupancy rates at the Cornwall General Hospital along with admission numbers. She continued to indicate that the quoted statistics drastically illustrated that our Health Care facilities at their present levels were unsatisfactory and in conclusion she indicated that our Health Care facilities were not being maintained at levels capable of meeting the needs of our Community. Mrs. Murphy requested Council's support with their present undertakings.

Following a period of questions and answers, it was moved by Councillors Brian Lynch and Sheila Airey that Council support the efforts of the Cornwall Community Health Care Coalition to maintain and restore both hospital sites, and if required that they be permitted to conduct a Tag Day on May 30th, 1998.

Motion Carried

Councillors Chris Savard and Perry Lalonde returned.

RESOLUTIONS

CONSENT AGENDA

Councillor Korey Kennedy requested that Consent A be moved to Communication Item #14 for discussion.

It was moved by Councillors Denis Carr and Brian Lynch that Council approve the Consent Agenda as presented.

Motion Carried

COMMUNICATION

1. Tender 98-T09 Supply of Hot-Mix Asphalt

It was moved by Councillors André Rivette and Korey Kennedy that Council approve this tender and that this tender be awarded to Dibblee Construction at a total bid price of \$94,702.50 being the lowest bid meeting the tender specifications.

Motion Carried

2. Tender 98-T15A - Implementation of Preventative Maintenance Program for the Old Landfill Site Methane Gas collection System & Leachate Collection System

It was moved by Councillors Chris Savard and Brian Lynch that Council approve this tender and that this tender be awarded to City & District Steeplejack Ltd., Cornwall at the total bid price of \$12,100.46 being the lowest bid meeting the tender specifications.

Motion Carried

3. Tender 98-T16 - Disposal of a Kodak Microimager

It was moved by Councillors Naresh Bhargava and Claude Poirier that Council approve this tender and that this tender be awarded to Xebec Imaging Services Inc. at a total bid price of \$1,150.00 being the only bid meeting the tender specifications.

Motion Carried

4. Tender 98-T18 - Leasing of One Single Axle Truck and Workcrew for Same

It was moved by Councillors Sheila Airey and Korey Kennedy that Council approve this tender and that this tender be awarded to Wayne Summers, Newington, Ontario at the hourly rate of \$36.00, G.S.T. extra, being the lowest bid meeting the tender specifications.

Motion Carried

5. Tender 98-T22- Supply of Equipment & Manpower for Placing Hot-Mix Asphalt

It was moved by Councillors André Rivette and Korey Kennedy that Council approve this tender and that this tender be awarded to G.W. Blais Paving Ltd., Cornwall, Ontario at the total bid price of \$79,554.50 being the lowest bid meeting the tender specifications.

Motion Carried

6. Charity Casino

Having declared a Pecuniary Interest, Councillor Claude Poirier left the room and did not take part in the discussion or vote.

It was moved by Councillors Sheila Airey and Korey Kennedy that Council direct administration to organize a meeting involving local charities and a public meeting for all residents so as to provide an opportunity for public input on the establishment of a charity gaming club in Cornwall.

Motion Carried

It was then moved by Councillors Chris Savard and Perry Lalonde that Council receive the petition presented under Consent "C".

Motion Carried

Councillor Claude Poirier returned to the meeting.

7. Skate Park Project

It was moved by Councillors Chris Savard and Korey Kennedy that:

- a) That Council approve the construction of a Seasonal Skateboard Park in the north end of the East Parking Lot of the Civic Complex as outlined in this report for the budgeted amount of \$20,000.00;
- b) That City Administration, in cooperation with the Cornwall Skateboard Committee, monitor and evaluate this proposed facility for one year and provide a report to Council on its operation in the fall of 1998.
- c) That City Administration enter into a cooperative partnership with Partir d'un Bon Pas for the programming of this proposed facility.

Motion Carried

8. Lilac Official Flower

It was moved by Councillors Korey Kennedy and Naresh Bhargava that Council receive the report.

Motion Carried

9. Assistant Chief Administrative Officer

It was moved by Councillors Chris Savard and Dennis Carr that Council approve the position of Assistant Chief Administrative Officer be maintained and filled immediately.

Motion Carried

10. Staff Replacement - Messenger Clerk's Department

It was moved by Councillors Claude Poirier and Korey Kennedy that Council approve the filling of Messenger position within the Clerk's Department.

Motion Carried

11. Staff Replacement - Fire Department Mechanic

It was moved by Councillors André Rivette and Korey Kennedy that this matter be deferred to a later date.

Motion to Defer Carried

12. Staff Replacement - Waterworks Shop Attendant Public Works

Deleted

13. Quotation 98-Q19 - Patching and Crack Repairs to Large/Small Swimming Pools

It was moved by Councillors Perry Lalonde and Sheila Airey that Council approve the budgeted amount of \$25,000.00 within the 1998 Capital Budget for major repair work to outdoor pools.

Motion Carried

14. Downtown Cornwall B.I.A.

It was moved by Councillors Korey Kennedy and Dennis Carr that the closure of Second Street East from St. John's Lane to the Scotia Bank on Second Street West be approved conditional upon all requests by the Transit, Fire and Traffic Departments be met.

Motion Carried

ADOPTION OF THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

BY-LAWS - Second Reading

It was moved by Councillors Brian Lynch and Naresh Bhargava that the Committee of the Whole be adopted as reported and that by-laws 039-1998 to 044-1998 inclusive be given second reading.

Motion Carried

BY-LAWS - Third Reading

It was moved by Councillors Perry Lalonde and Korey Kennedy that by-laws 039-1998 to 044-1998 inclusive be taken as read a third time and finally passed.

Motion Carried

REPORTS FROM AD HOC COMMITTEES OF COUNCIL

NOTICES OF MOTION

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS

1. Unemployment Rate for Cornwall

It was moved by Councillors Claude Poirier and Naresh Bhargava that:

Whereas recent unemployment numbers of 6% for the City of Cornwall seem to paint a picture which does not reflect the local reality.

Whereas these numbers could be detrimental to those applying for Unemployment Insurance , or for the local funding of Employment Programs. Be it resolved that the City of Cornwall request from Human Resource Canada an update that will clearly identify the true unemployment rate for Cornwall.

Motion Carried

2. Provincial Referendum

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

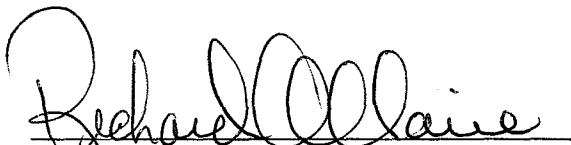
Whereas during the 1995 Provincial election, Mike Harris as Leader of the Progressive Conservative Party promised that he would not allow more Casinos in Ontario without a Referendum;


Whereas the Provincial Government has introduced new legislation to bring about Referendum in Ontario at the Municipal and Provincial levels;


THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that Cornwall City Council request the Provincial Government to hold a Provincial Referendum on the issue of Charity Casinos at the time of the next Provincial Election.

Motion Defeated

ADJOURNED: 8:50 p.m.


Clerk


Mayor


Recording Secretary