



SPECIAL COUNCIL 11-2006

Tuesday, April 18, 2006
Meeting called to order at 5:05 p.m.
City Hall - 360 Pitt Street, Cornwall

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- PRESENT:** Mayor Phil Poirier, Councillors Naresh Bhargava, Joël Côté, Glen Grant, Perry Lalonde, Jacques Lemire, Mark MacDonald, Denis Moquin, Leslie O'Shaughnessy and Chris Savard (arrived at 6:10 p.m.)
- ABSENT:** Councillor Korey Kennedy
- ADMINISTRATION:** Paul W. Fitzpatrick, Chief Administrative Officer, Denise Labelle-Gélinas, City Clerk, and Norm Barrette
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Mayor Phil Poirier called the meeting to order at 5:05 p.m.

DISCLOSURE OF INTEREST - None

SUSPENSION OF THE RULES

Immediately preceding the presentation on EMS Performance Improvement Study, Councillor Leslie O'Shaughnessy rose on a point of privilege requesting that Council endorse suspending the rules under Section 3 of the Procedural By-law to allow discussion on the Eastern Ontario Health Unit's 2006 Budget submission.

Moved by Councillors Leslie O'Shaughnessy and Joël Côté that Council endorse the Suspension of the Rules in order to allow discussions on the EOHU 2006 Budget.

A recorded vote requiring 2/3's majority of the whole Council resulted as follows:

For: Councillors Naresh Bhargava, Joël Côté, Perry Lalonde, Glen Grant, Leslie O'Shaughnessy, Mark MacDonald, Jacques Lemire, Denis Moquin and Mayor Phil Poirier

Absent: Councillors Chris Savard and Korey Kennedy

Motion Carried

REPORT - PRESENTATION

1. EMS Performance Improvement Study Presentation

Messrs Norm Barrette, Division Manager of Land Ambulance Services, and Jon Hambides, Consultant with Pomax Inc., provided Council with an in-depth overview of the Emergency Medical Services System Performance Improvement and Assessment Study for the City of Cornwall and United Counties of SD&G area.

The approach taken by the consulting firm was based on an approach, according to Mr. Hambides, that has been proved to be reliable in many previous similar studies and include:

- (a) a review of historical demographics based upon Statistics Canada information as well as local municipal statistic;
- (b) a trend analysis of call volume by severity of call, municipality, hour of day, day of week, and season;
- (c) the relationship of call volume trends to demographic trends;
- (d) municipal official plans and growth forecasts;
- (e) forecasts of demographic change;
- (f) an assessment of call duration by call phase;
- (g) an assessment of call duration by severity of call;
- (h) a determination of station location based upon historical call location and response time analysis taken into account expected municipal growth;
- (i) a determination of alternate deployment strategies to relieve existing or expected resource pressure;
- (j) technological solutions that will reduce or avoid resource requirements; or that will provide information necessary to support objective future decision-making; and
- (k) medical research that is applicable to the provision of pre-hospital medical services.

The results of their assessment were discussed in length and detailed within the Draft Report dated November 2005.

In conclusion of the presentation, Mr. Barrette indicated that the report was not directed to the levels of service but rather to determine how best to focus the service's resources and help identify future capital and operational requirements. Mr. Barrette further indicated that it was his intention to bring forward to both the City and County Council action plans identifying action plans, timelines and costs.

2. Eastern Ontario Health Unit - Budget 2006

Council heard a verbal report by Councillor Leslie O'Shaughnessy as Council's representative to the Eastern Ontario Health Unit. Councillor O'Shaughnessy indicated to Council that the government of the Province of Ontario has agreed, for the year 2006, to fund public health costs on a 65/35 per cent split, which traditionally was split 50/50. Additionally, the Province has limited the yearly budget for health units to a 5% increase.

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Council members were informed that municipalities were not required to provide for additional enhanced funding to the current programs being provided and that if the City chose to opt out of the additional funding requirements, it could do so without eliminating any of the existing programs offered.

Moved by Councillors Joël Côté and Glen Grant that the Council endorse opting-out of municipal funding for program enhancement in the amount of \$157,640 and the west-nile virus study in the amount of \$11,587.00.

Motion Carried

ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Councillors Denis Moquin and Jacques Lemire that the Special Regular Council Meeting of Monday, April 18, 2006, be adjourned at 6:30 p.m.


DENISE LABELLE-GÉLINAS
CITY CLERK


PHIL POIRIER
MAYOR

