

CITY COUNCIL #33-87

November 23, 1987

7:30 p.m.

The regular meeting of City Council was held this evening when the following members were present: His Worship, Mayor Brian Lynch, Aldermen D. Aubry, T. Green, A. LeBlanc, D. Carr, G. Leger, C. Poirier, F. Guindon, C. Charlebois, R. Lalonde, B. Gallant, G. Grant and T. Lalonde.

INVOCATION

Mr. Ian Wilson, President, Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints.

PRESENTATIONS - CORNWALL ELECTRIC

The Board of Directors headed by Mr. Neil Burke, Vice Chairman, presented to City Council the 1988 electric rate proposals. Mr. Burke indicated that in order for their company to meet the increase and other costs, his board is proposing retail rate increases of 7.9% urban retail, 7% urban general service, 6% large industrial and 6.5% for street lights. He indicated that the proposal represents a 7.9% overall increase. Ontario Hydro has announced its 1988 rates which will increase by an average of 4.7%.

He noted that for the year 1987 the Board is providing operating statements for both St. Lawrence Power Company and Cornwall Electric, however the operations in 1988 will be amalgamated into one statement. The Vice Chairman further explained to Council the financial merits that have been realized in Cornwall Electric acquiring St. Lawrence Power. He indicated that the rate proposals for the year 1988 are 4.15% less than would have likely been a required which represents a direct savings of \$1,158,000. to the citizens of Cornwall. Further savings of over \$200,000.dollars are expected to be achieved in 1989 and 1990. In completing his presentation, Mr. Burke recommended that City Council support the Board's request that the power rates be increased by an overall of 7.9%.

Members of City Council were provided with the opportunity to question the proposal from Cornwall Electric and at the conclusion of the question period the Mayor entertained the motion that is listed under Communication Item #1.

ADOPTION OF MINUTES

It was moved by Aldermen T. Lalonde and C. Charlebois that the minutes of regular Council dated November 9th be adopted. CARRIED

It was moved by Aldermen R. Lalonde and G. Leger that the minutes of Committee of Council dated November 9th be adopted. CARRIED

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

Moved by Aldermen G. Grant and C. Charlebois that Council go into Committee of the Whole and that all delegations, resolutions, communications and by-laws be referred to that Committee and that by-laws no. 167 to 174 be given first reading.

By-Law 167 - To vary the rates with Cornwall Electric

168 - To vary the rates with St. Lawrence Power

169 - To authorize the execution of agreements between the City and outlets where monthly bus pass renewals are sold.

170 - To require the removal of a fence on Copeland Street (Bell)

171 - To appoint members of Council to Act from time to time in the place and stead of the Head of Council.

172 - To authorize the signing of an agreement with the Ministry of Community and Social Services (Employment Support Initiatives/Youth Employment Preparation/Job Developer Program)

173 - To authorize the signing of Minutes of Settlement (Wm Upper)

174 - To amend the Traffic By-law (Cumberland & Emma)

DELEGATION - Mr. Dennis Carter-Edwards

Mr. Carter-Edwards informed Council that the Ministry of Citizenship and Communications in the summer of 1987, announced a new grant program called the Designated Property Grant Program. This program is to assist the property owners of designated buildings with the cost of maintaining and restoring historic features of their property. As a result, City Council, acting on the advice of their Heritage Advisory Committee and Municipal staff, can award grants of up to \$3,000. in matching funds per property per year. He explained that the municipality initially pays out the grant portion and is in turn periodically re-imbursed by the Ministry.

Mr. Carter-Edwards indicated that this grant program is excellent and that the benefits to the community could be substantial. He indicated that this program provides property owners of designated properties with financial assistance at no direct cost to the city. He is hoping that owners will take the necessary measures to maintain and restore the significant historic features of their property which in turn will add to the appearance and character of Cornwall and highlight its historic properties. He completed his presentation by requesting that City Council enroll in a designated grant program in order to bring its many benefits to the citizens of Cornwall.

After each member of Council had been provided an opportunity to question Mr. Carter-Edwards, It was moved by Aldermen Green and Guindon that this presentation be referred to Administration for a review and report.

CARRIED

RESOLUTIONS

#14 Moved by Aldermen T. Lalonde and G. Grant that the Corporation of the City of Cornwall petition the Ministry of Transportation and Communications for interim payment on expenditures made in 1987 in the amount of \$3,376,700.00 under the Public Transportation and Highway Improvement Act.

CARRIED

CONSENT AGENDA

Moved by Aldermen Guindon and Charlebois that consent Agenda be approved and that item D be brought under Communications.

CARRIED

A. Expropriation of Land

That application for approval of Part of Lot "D" Conc. 2 designated as Part 3 on Ref. Pl. 52R-3165 be filed.

B. Nativity Guards

That permission to operate a raffle lottery on June 24, 1988 be granted.

C. Cornwall Community Helpline

That permission to operate a raffle lottery be granted.

D. Lancaster Optimist club

That Council approve a series of bingos beginning December 2, 1987 conditional upon the club receiving written approval from the Optimist Club., and Service Club Council.

COMMUNICATIONS

1. Rate Revisions 1988 Cornwall Electric/St. Lawrence Power
Moved by Aldermen LeBlanc and Poirier that Council approve the rate in increases as proposed.

CARRIED

2. Aerial Ladder Fire Truck
Moved by Aldermen Charlebois and Gallant that Administration investigate another method of disposing of this vehicle by first offering to donate it to an association within the City organization and second to local service clubs for their own use.

CARRIED

3. Cumberland and Emma Streets
Moved by Aldermen Charlebois and Green that Emma Avenue be designated as a "Through Highway" from the west side of Pitt Street to the east side of Cumberland and that a stop condition be put into place on Emma at Cumberland.

CARRIED

4. Various Traffic & Parking Issues-
Moved by Aldermen Guindon and Gallant that Council adopt recommendations in report dated November 10th from Traffic Engineer.

CARRIED

5. Flower Street Vendors on Traffic circle
Moved by Aldermen Aubry and LeBlanc that by-law 214/81 known as the Peddlars by-law be amended to make all applications subject to approval or disapproval by the Traffic Engineer, as required, to ensure that traffic safety is not compromised and that adequate off-street parking facilities for all potential customers are available.

CARRIED

6. Tender #53-87
Moved by Aldermen Leblanc and Guindon that Council support the Administration's approval of the \$8,070.91 over-run on Tender #53-87 which amounts to 26.38% of the original tender amount of \$30,588.90.

CARRIED

7. Servaas Rubber Company
Moved by Aldermen Charlebois and Guindon that unfinished business item #41 on the Council agenda be removed.

CARRIED

8. Hiring Policy Revision

Moved by Aldermen Poirier and Leger that Council adopt Schedule I as revision to the City's hiring policy and that included in the policy will be included that "City Council shall be notified of all hirings, transfers or other dispositions of city employees"

CARRIED

9. Well/Gas Probe Installations at the Landfill Site

Moved by Aldermen Charlebois and Green that Roys L.B.R. Ltd of Cornwall be allowed to proceed with the drilling of a monitoring well/gas probe installation at the landfill site.

CARRIED

10. Human Resources Action Plan

Moved by Aldermen LeBlanc and R. Lalonde that this report be tabled.

DEFEATED

It was then moved by Aldermen Green and Leger that the Human Resources Action Plan be approved with the following exceptions:

- a) the establishment of a group team building program for all senior management staff, that is, Directors and other staff reporting directly to the CAO be deleted;
- b) that the recommendation from the Management Committee, that the Consulting Firm of KPMG Peat Marwick be engaged to assist the Manager Human Resources in the recruitment of training coordinator, employee relations officer and personnel technician positions be deleted;
- c) that all reference to external consultants contained in the Peat Marwick plan be deleted.

A recorded vote was requested and recorded as follows:

FOR THE MOTION

- Mayor Lynch
- Alderman T. Lalonde
- Alderman G. Grant
- Alderman B. Gallant
- Alderman C. Charlebois
- Alderman C. Poirier
- Alderman G. Leger
- Alderman D. Carr
- Alderman T. Green
- Alderman D. Aubry

AGAINST THE MOTION

- Alderman R. Lalonde
- Alderman F. Guindon
- Alderman A. LeBlanc

CARRIED

At the hour of 10:30p.m. Alderman Terry Lalonde asked to be excused from the meeting.

11. Job Evaluation & Compensation Performance Based Pay System Management & Non-Union Staff

Moved by Aldermen Aubry and Leger that the management consulting firm of Peat Marwick be engaged at a fee of \$44,500, including disbursements and charges for evaluating all positions within the management & non-union group.

A recorded voted was requested and resulted as follows:

FOR THE MOTION

Mayor Lynch
Alderman G. Grant
Alderman B. Gallant
Alderman C. Poirier
Alderman G. Leger
Alderman D. Carr
Alderman D. Aubry

AGAINST THE MOTION

Alderman R. Lalonde
Alderman C. Charlebois
Alderman Guindon
Alderman Leblanc
Alderman T. Green

CARRIED

12. Lancaster Optimist Club

Moved by Aldermen Carr and Grant that permission be granted to operate a series of bingos in the City of Cornwall on the condition that the club obtain written approval from the local Optimist Club and the Service Club Council.

CARRIED

C O U N C I L

The Chairman of the Committee of the Whole reported to Council the actions of the Committee including the second reading of the By-laws and recommendation for enactment.

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

Moved by Aldermen Charlebois and R. Lalonde that the Committee of the Whole be adopted.

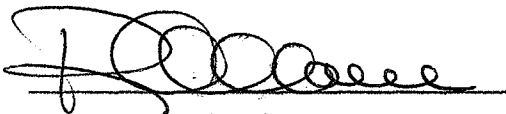
CARRIED

BY-LAWS - Third Reading


Moved by Aldermen T. Green and C. Poirier that by-laws no. 167 to 174 inclusive as listed for third reading be taken as read a third time and finally passed.

CARRIED

Council adjourned at 11:15 p.m.


Clerk


Mayor

COUNCIL ACTION 
COMMUNICATIONS (REG)
COMMUNICATIONS (CONSEN)
COMMUNICATIONS (CLOSED)
APPROVED
RECEIVED
FILED
DEFER
COMMENTS _____
CLERK 