

CITY COUNCIL #30-91

December 9, 1991

7:30 p.m.

The regular meeting of City council was held with the following members present: His Worship, Mayor Ron Martelle, Aldermen T. Green, A. LeBlanc, D. Hollingsworth, B. Sylvester, D. Aubry, C. Charlebois, A. Lebano, N. Lalonde, R. Lalonde, and T. Lalonde.

Also in attendance were the following Administrative Personnel: Mr. H.J. Cook, Chief Administrative Officer, Mr. J. McGill, Director Planning and Engineering, Mr. H. O'Reilly, Director Community Services, Mr. P. Fitzpatrick, Director Economic Development, Mr. F. McDonald, Director Finance and Administration, Mr. G. Kiviaho, Manager Human Resources, Steve Alexander, John Wright, Fern Hamelin, Hilda Sequin, F. Lyonnais, Sherman Goodwin, Denise Labelle-Gelinas, and Mr. R. Allaire, City Clerk.

INVOCATION - Richard Allaire
City Clerk

PRESENTATIONS1. Cornwall Electric

Before the presentation was started a motion by Aldermen Angelo Lebano and Ray Lalonde to defer this matter until Council has an opportunity to review further the information provided and meet with Cornwall Electric was defeated.

Mr. Gerald Parisien, President, introduced some of his Board members and Cornwall Electric staff including Mr. E. Jackson, Vice-President and General Manager. He indicated that in 1992 the cost of purchasing electricity will increase by 16.6%. Despite this increase Cornwall Electric residential customers will pay on average 80% of what would be paid elsewhere in eastern Ontario.

To cover the expected 16.6% increase in cost of energy as well as the operating, maintenance and administrative costs, Cornwall Electric is proposing retail rate increases as follows:

Residential 8.8%, General Service 8.4%, Large Industry 8.4% and Street Lighting 2.3%. Rural customers will experience rate changes from 8.4% to 8.8% depending on classification.

The capital budget for 1992 is \$2.4 million. Included in the 1992 operating budget is \$100,000 to improve energy efficiency by their customers plus an additional \$100,000 to complete the testing program for PCB's in transformers.

Both Mr. Hornby and Mr. Jackson presented and explained various charts displaying power consumption and financial data.

After Council members were provided an opportunity to question the Board, it was moved by Aldermen Dick Aubry and Terri Lalonde that the proposed rate increases be approved as presented. A recorded vote resulted as follows:

For

Mayor Ron Martelle
Alderman Dick Aubry
Alderman Terri Lalonde

Against

Alderman Aime LeBlanc
Alderman Brian Sylvester
Alderman Dean Hollingsworth
Alderman Chuck Charlebois
Alderman Angelo Lebano
Alderman Ray Lalonde
Alderman Norm Lalonde
Alderman Tom Green

DEFEATED 8-3

It was then moved by Aldermen Chuck Charlebois and Ray Lalonde that Council reconsider the previous motion to defer. The motion to reconsider was approved by more than a two thirds (2/3) vote.

It was moved by Aldermen Chuck Charlebois and Ray Lalonde that Council meet further with Cornwall Electric as soon as possible so that other information may be made available.

CARRIED

2. Cornwall Arts Board

Mr. Gary Ernst, Chairman, presented to Council the Board's Annual report for the year 1991. He indicated that the budget for 1991 was \$273,000 of which \$6764.10 was "under-spent" for 21 approved applications out of 22 submissions. The report details each application showing amounts requested (\$310,000) and recommended funding (\$269,500). Mr. Ernst concluded his presentation by requesting Council's support for 1992 and submitted an allocation of \$280,000. Accompanying this request was a breakdown of the budget estimate.

Mayor Martelle thanked Mr. Ernst for his presentation and indicated that this budget will be reviewed with all other Municipal budgets early in the new year.

ADOPTION OF MINUTES

It was moved by Aldermen Angelo Lebrano and Terri Lalonde that the minutes of City Council dated November 25, 1991 be adopted.

CARRIED

It was moved by Aldermen Ray Lalonde and Brian Sylvester that the minutes of the Inaugural Meeting of Council dated December 1, 1991 be adopted.

CARRIED

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

It was moved by Aldermen Angelo Lebrano and Norm Lalonde that the report from the Director, Economic Development regarding Industrial Land Expropriations be included in the agenda as Communication Item #10.

CARRIED

Moved by Aldermen Tom Green and Aime LeBlanc 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 172-1991 be given first reading.

CARRIED

BYLAWS - First Reading

- 167-1991 - A by-law to authorize the borrowing of up to \$38,500,000.00 to meet expenditures until taxes are collected.
- 168-1991 - A by-law to dedicate Block 68, Plan 374, City of Cornwall as a public road and naming it Wellington Street.
- 169-1991 - A by-law to authorize the Mayor and Clerk to sign a sewer pipe agreement for a revised license fee of \$140.00 per annum for the period beginning May 15, 1992 with the St. Lawrence Seaway Authority.

- 170-1991 - A by-law to repeal and replace by-law 101-1984 being a by-law to provide for the licensing, regulation and registration of dogs including a new schedule of fees.
- 171-1991 - A by-law to authorize the Mayor and Clerk to enter into an Encroachment Agreement with Marjorie and Donald Seymour for 33 Adolphus Street resulting from a recent sale of the property.
- 172-1991 - A by-law to authorize the Mayor and Clerk to sign the Standard Custom Agreement between the Ministry of Community & Social Services and the City of Cornwall for Job Creation Program.

DELEGATIONS

1. Centre Charles Emile Claude

It was moved by Aldermen Aime LeBlanc and Chuck Charlebois that Sister Richard be given an additional 5 minutes.

CARRIED

Sister Richard thanked Council for the opportunity to address Council and ask for Council's support for this Center. She emphasized the need for such a facility when so many seniors feel lost in less than a strong francophone environment. She added that a "Center" offers much more than a "Club". Courses are offered to these clients to keep them happy, healthy, and interested while still residing in their own homes. She indicated the cost associated with this type of Center is less than the cost to house one person in a nursing home for one year. She urged Council to support the recommendations affecting this Center that are on this evening's agenda.

RESOLUTIONS

#30-91 It was moved by Aldermen Chuck Charlebois and Aime LeBlanc that the Corporation of the City of Cornwall petition the Ministry of Transportation for interim payment in the amount of \$3,257,575.00 under the Public Transportation and Highway Improvement Act.

CARRIED

#31-91 It was moved by Aldermen Tom Green and Angelo Lebano that Ron Martelle (Mayor), Hugh John Cook (CAO), Frank McDonald (Director, Finance and Administration), and Frank Lyonnais (Manager, Finance) be appointed as signing officers for the City of Cornwall.

CARRIED

CONSENT AGENDA

It was moved by Aldermen Chuck Charlebois and Terri Lalonde that Consent Agenda be approved as amended and that items C and E be referred to Communications as items 11 and 12.

CARRIED

A. Environmental Advisory Committee

That the minutes of the Environmental Advisory Committee meeting #6-91 dated September 18, 1991 be received.

B. Environmental Advisory Committee

That the minutes of the Environmental Advisory Committee meeting #7-91 dated October 16, 1991 be received.

- C. Navy Veterans' Association
See Communications Item #11

- D. Mount Carmel House

That the request for permission to conduct non-profit, charitable bingos at the Cornwall Bingo Centre throughout 1992 be approved.

- E. Centre Agape Center
See Communication Item #12

COMMUNICATIONS

1. Centre Charles Emile Claude

It was moved by Aldermen Tom Green and Terri Lalonde that the two recommendations be voted on separately.

CARRIED

It was moved by Aldermen Tom Green and Terri Lalonde that Council provide the Centre with a "letter of intent" to support this Centre so that the request for funding from the Ministry of Community and Social Services can be completed in the near future.

CARRIED

It was moved by Aldermen Tom Green and Aime LeBlanc that the Executive of the Club be informed that the Municipal contribution commencing in 1992 would be based on 20% of the net operating costs to a maximum of \$12,000.00.

CARRIED

2. Old Corrugated Cardboard

It was moved by Aldermen Chuck Charlebois and Ray Lalonde that Council endorse the establishment of a non-profit Old Cardboard Collection service operated and administered by the Cornwall Environment Resource Center, and that Council underwrite the balance of capital cost to a maximum of \$2000.00 conditional upon federal and provincial commitment. Funds have been allocated in the 1991 Capital Budget for ICI diversion, and that Council approve a processing fee of \$9.90 per tonne for a period of one year following commencement of the program.

CARRIED

3. Staff Replacement

It was moved by Aldermen Chuck Charlebois and Norm Lalonde that Council receive the report from Director of Community Services regarding the hiring of part-time staff at the Civic Complex Box Office and approve the action taken by the Director of Community Services.

CARRIED

4. Recreation Advisory Committee

It was moved by Aldermen Chuck Charlebois and Aime LeBlanc that Council approve the above amendment to the Constitution and By-laws of the Recreation Advisory Committee.

It was moved by Aldermen Tom Green and Norm Lalonde that this matter be deferred until the Committee offers alternatives whereby the Youth can have more active participation.

MOTION TO DEFER CARRIED

5. Temporary Replacements

It was moved by Aldermen Chuck Charlebois and Norm Lalonde that Council approve the temporary hirings, and that Council reconsider the current hiring policy as it applies to temporary replacements.

CARRIED

6. Tender 73-91 Snow removal for Cornwall Transit

It was moved by Aldermen Angelo Lebano and Terri Lalonde that this tender be awarded to Hec's Tree and Backhow Service at a total estimated bid price of \$26,047.10 including taxes, plus salt spreading as required, being the low bidder meeting the tender specifications.

CARRIED

7. Tender 74-91 Snow removal for Parks and Recreation

It was moved by Aldermen Aime LeBlanc and Norm Lalonde that this tender be awarded to Malyon Excavating Ltd. at a total estimated bid price of \$27,366.32 including taxes, being the low bidder meeting the tender specifications.

CARRIED

8. Tender 75-91 Leasing of Photocopy equipment for a period of three years

It was moved by Aldermen Dick Aubry and Ray Lalonde that this tender be awarded as follows: that items #1,2,3,4, and 5 be awarded to Gestetner at the cost per copy stated for a total approximate cost of \$22,376.00 and that item #6 be awarded to Xerox at the cost per copy stated for a total approximate cost of \$37,260.00 which includes all taxes, being the low bidders in each category meeting the tender specifications.

CARRIED

9. Tender 77-91 Monthly maintenance, Water division instrumentation for a period of three years

It was moved by Aldermen Chuck Charlebois and Ray Lalonde that this tender be awarded to Hunt Control Services at a total bid price of \$35.00 per hour plus \$2.45 GST for a total of \$37.45 per hour on regular call, and \$38.00 per hour plus \$2.66 GST for a total of \$40.66 on emergency calls, for a period of three years, being the low bidder meeting the tender specifications.

CARRIED

10. Industrial Land Expropriations

It was moved by Aldermen Chuck Charlebois and Norm Lalonde that Council accept the decision of the OMB and direct administration to comply with the Board's directives in this matter.

CARRIED

11. Navy Veterans' Association

It was moved by Aldermen Norm Lalonde and Chuck Charlebois that the request to have Civic Complex fees reduced or waived in order to host the 38th Annual Naval Association Reunion be referred to the Grants Committee and, that Administration provide the Committee with support information.

CARRIED

12. Centre Agape Center

It was moved by Aldermen Norm Lalonde and Terri Lalonde that the request to sell Nevada tickets to be sold from the premises located at 644 York Street be approved.

CARRIED

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

It was moved by Aldermen Tom Green and Norm Lalonde that the Committee of the Whole be adopted as reported.

CARRIED

BY-LAWS - Third Reading

By-laws 167 to 172-1991

REPORTS FROM AD HOC COMMITTEES OF COUNCILNOTICES OF MOTIONUNFINISHED BUSINESSNEW BUSINESS

1. It was moved by Aldermen Angelo Lebano and Tom Green that City Council lead by example during these difficult economic times by declaring a freeze on Aldermen's salaries and also on the salary of the Mayor for the year 1992.

CARRIED

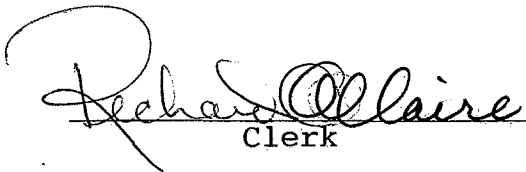
2. It was moved by Aldermen Dick Aubry and Brian Sylvester that:
WHEREAS the Council will be going into its budget deliberations shortly;
THEREFORE be it resolved that administration provide the following as background information for their discussions:

1. Mill rates and mill rate percentage change for each year 1975-1991.
2. Total current budget expenditures and percent change for each year 1975-1991.
3. Number of City employees by year, by department for each year 1975-1991.
4. a) Average wage rate for 3 or 4 typical City employment classifications 1975-1991.
b) CPI (Inflation Rate) each year 1975 through 1991.
5. Copy of the recent Enns/Cameron report on comparative taxes for typical homes in Cornwall compared to other cities.

CARRIED

ADJOURNED

11:00 p.m.


Clerk


Mayor

CITY COUNCIL #31-91

December 16, 1991
5:00 p.m.

A special meeting of Council was held this evening with the following members present: His Worship, Mayor Ron Martelle, Aldermen T. Green, B. Sylvester, D. Hollingsworth, N. Lalonde, D. Aubry, C. Charlebois, A. Lebano, R. Lalonde.

Not present: Aldermen A. LeBlanc, T. Lalonde

Also in attendance were the following Administrative Personnel: Mr. H.J. Cook, Chief Administrative Officer, Mrs. D. Labelle-Gelinas, Deputy Clerk.

1. Cornwall Electric

Mayor Martelle invited Mr. Gerald Parisien, President, to reclarify for Council, Cornwall Electric's position in reference to the cost of purchasing electricity. Mr. Jackson, Vice-President and General Manager further presented and explained various charts displaying customer usage and a comparison of energy cost through various city's in North America.

Mr. Robert Winn, Financial Advisor, detailed for Council three of the most important factors needed when estimating their yearly cost. First item of importance was the price suppliers charged for the purchase of electricity, secondly how much power customers used and thirdly at which time of day or year customers used it.

Alderman Aime LeBlanc arrived at this time: 5:45 p.m.

Council members were then provided an opportunity to question the Board and the following motion was presented:

It was moved by Aldermen Dick Aubry and Angelo Lebano that the schedule of Electrical Rates as presented by the Cornwall Electric Board be approved beginning February 1, 1992.

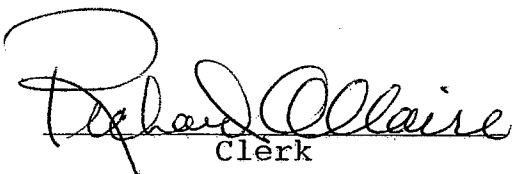
CARRIED

2. By-law 173-1991 A by-law to vary the rates with Cornwall Street Railway Light and Power Company Limited.

It was moved by Aldermen Tom Green and Dick Aubry that by-law 173-1991 be given first, second, and third and final reading in Open Council this 16th day of December 1991.

CARRIED

Adjourned: 6:30 p.m.


Clerk


Mayor