

**CITY COUNCIL # 04-96
CURRENT BUDGET**

5:00 P.M.

PRESENT

A regular meeting of Council was held with the following members present: His Worship, Mayor Ron Martelle, Aldermen Dick Aubry, Naresh Bhargava, Denis Carr, Susan Carter, Dean Hollingsworth, Brian Lynch, Claude Poirier, Chris Savard, Chuck Charlebois and Brian Sylvester.

ABSENT WAS:

IN ATTENDANCE

Mr. R. Allaire, Chief Administrator/Clerk, Mr. F. Hamelin, Assistant Chief Administrator/Manager Public Works, Mrs. D. Labelle-Gélinas, Deputy Clerk/Recording Secretary, Mr. F. McDonald, Manager of Finance. All municipal departments were represented by their respective Manager.

NEW BUSINESS

Hot-Air Balloon Festival

Moved by Alderman Susan Carter and Alderman Denis Carr that:

WHEREAS Cornwall City Council passed Resolution #05-95, on Monday February 27, 1995 "supporting and recognizing the Cornwall Lift-Off Annual Hot Air Balloon Festival as a community Festival"; and

WHEREAS The Board of Directors of Cornwall Lift-Off '96 are preparing a proposal to host the 1996 Eastern Canadian Ballooning Championships in the City of Cornwall, August 7th to 11th, 1996; and

WHEREAS THE Council of the City of Cornwall is committed to stimulating tourism within the Cornwall Area.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Council of the Corporation of the City of Cornwall lend it support to the bid proposal of Cornwall lift-off in its attempts to secure the 1996 Eastern Canadian Ballooning Championships.

Motion Carried

PRESENTATION

Mr. Ed Kubiczek - CLAS

Mr. Ed Kubiczek was invited to address Council this evening following a request at the last regular council of January 22nd, 1996. Mr. Kubiczek elaborated a proposal on a voluntary investment plan that would improve services, identify cost savings, while averting staff reductions.

In summary, Mr. Kubiczek indicated that the City could become a self sufficient economy growing less and less dependent on outside investments. Employees could receive a high rate of return to their investment while the city would have available funds for continued investments and higher returns while increasing services, improvements, jobs and most of all, holding the line on taxes while allowing the municipality to continue growth.

Council members took the opportunity to question Mr. Kubiczek on his proposal after which it was

⇒ Moved by Alderman Brian Lynch and Alderman Chuck Charlebois that Mr. Kubiczek's budget proposal presented this evening be referred to Administration .

Motion Carried

⇒ **Alderman Dean Hollingsworth arrived at this time 5:45 p.m.**

1996 BUDGET RECOMMENDATION - CAO report

⇒ **Moved** by Alderman Brian Lynch and Alderman Dick Aubry that City Council approve the report of the Chief Administrative Officer dated January 8, 1996 **THAT**

• Tax increase of 2%	\$500,000.00
• Police Budget Cutback	\$250,000.00
• Operations Budget Cutback	\$500,000.00
• Payroll reduction	<u>\$250,000.00</u>
TOTAL	\$1,500,000.00

- and in addition, that Council honour the Social Contract Agreement signed with Management/Non-Union.

◆ At this point [6:45 p.m.] Mayor Martelle recommended a 15 minute recess after which Council would enter a Special Committee of Council meeting in order to discuss a proposed or pending acquisition of land .

◆ Meeting resumed at 7:25 p.m.

{Amendment}

⇒ **Moved** by Alderman Denis Carr and Alderman Claude Poirier that the *main motion on budget recommendations be amended* to include:

- **WHEREAS** both Council and Administration have worked together to lessen the financial impact of the Provincial Government's Economic program on the taxpayers of our community; and

WHEREAS there is a need to finalize the budget now; and

WHEREAS any failure to meet the objectives of the budget plan would come from further cuts to the Operations Budget, identified by Administration and approved by Council;

BE IT RESOLVED that Council approve a 2% (\$500,000) general tax increase and that Council, Administration, Unions and Associations work together to eliminate this increase by finding further savings from budget by year-end; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Administration report to Council on a regular monthly basis their actions in this regard.

⇒ **It** was then moved by Alderman Chris Savard and Alderman Chuck Charlebois that Council vote on items 2, 3, 4 and incremental raises identified through the social contract agreement in Mr. Allaire's report, separately.

Motion Defeated

A recorded vote on the amendment to the main motion resulted as follows:

FOR THE MOTION

Alderman Brian Sylvester
Alderman Claude Poirier
Alderman Denis Carr
Alderman Dick Aubry
Alderman Dean Hollingsworth
Alderman Brian Lynch
Alderman Naresh Bhargava

AGAINST THE MOTION

Alderman Susan Carter
Alderman Chris Savard
Alderman Chuck Charlebois
Mayor Ron Martelle

Motion to amend Carried [7/4]

A recorded vote on the main motion as amended resulted as follows:

FOR THE MOTION

Alderman Brian Sylvester
Alderman Naresh Bhargava
Alderman Denis Carr
Alderman Dick Aubry
Alderman Dean Hollingsworth
Alderman Brian Lynch

AGAINST THE MOTION

Alderman Susan Carter
Alderman Chris Savard
Alderman Chuck Charlebois
Mayor Ron Martelle

Main Motion Carried as amended [6/4]

Alderman Claude Poirier was not present during the recorded vote.

RSI Developments

⇒ Moved by Alderman Naresh Bhargava and Alderman Chris Savard **THAT:**

WHEREAS This Council is prepared to investigate all options for streamlining and delivering services at the lowest possible cost; and

WHEREAS the Council received a proposal from RSI to provide management for the Parks and Recreation Department with potential savings; and

WHEREAS the department has shown significant cost savings during the current budget deliberations and there are indications that more can be achieved internally;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the administration;

- 1) immediately stop all actions related to the privatization of Parks & Recreation department.
- 2) advise RSI that the City is not interested in pursuing their proposal at this stage.

A recorded vote resulted as follows:

FOR THE MOTION

Alderman Chris Savard
Alderman Dick Aubry
Alderman Brian Lynch
Alderman Naresh Bhargava

AGAINST THE MOTION

Mayor Ron Martelle
Alderman Brian Sylvester
Alderman Denis Carr
Alderman Susan Carter
Alderman Dean Hollingsworth
Alderman Claude Poirier
Alderman Chuck Charlebois

Motion Defeated 7/4

DISCLOSURE OF INTEREST

- Alderman Chris Savard declared a pecuniary interest

In November of 1995, the Cornwall Chamber of Commerce, his employer, made a presentation dealing with a number of Tourism related initiatives that they were prepared to undertake. This new business item pertained to this presentation.

Having declared a pecuniary interest, Alderman Chris Savard left the room and did not take part in any discussion or vote on this matter.

Cornwall and Seaway Valley Tourism

⇒ Moved by Alderman Dick Aubry and Alderman Brian Sylvester that:

WHEREAS, Council in Dec. 1992 adopted unanimously the report by it's sub-committee to form a joint unified combined Tourism/Convention body that would operate at arm's length from Council under a board comprised mainly of Industry people; and

WHEREAS, the Cornwall & Region Visitor & Convention Bureau was formed in Jan. 1993; and

WHEREAS the City's cost for this activity has decreased from \$271,296 in 1991 as a city operation to \$225,000 then to \$202,500 and now to \$185,000; and

WHEREAS, the C.R.V. & C.B. & Seaway Valley Tourism merged their operations in Nov. 1995; and

WHEREAS the Cornwall Chamber of Commerce provides a valuable service to the area through its information kiosk;

NOW THEREFORE, be it resolved, that notwithstanding the Chamber of Commerce's valuable contribution to Tourism, this Council:

a) *re-affirms its commitment to a single unified combined Tourist/Convention operation, namely the recently emerged Cornwall and Seaway Valley Tourism Group; and*

b) *allocates the total of \$185,000.00 budget support for 1996 to Cornwall and Seaway Valley Tourism; and*

c) *that the Cornwall and Seaway Valley Tourism continue to work towards reducing the City's contribution.*

⇒ It was then moved by Alderman Susan Carter and Alderman Denis Carr that the main motion be amended to identify \$160,000.00 to the Cornwall and Seaway Valley Tourism and that \$25,000 be relayed to the Cornwall Chamber of Commerce specifically for tourism development activities in the City of Cornwall.

⇒ It was then moved by Alderman Dick Aubry and Alderman Brian Lynch that an appeal be placed before Council as a whole to indicate that the amendment is out of order.

Tie Vote resulted in the **Motion Defeated** for want of a majority.

A recorded vote on the amendment to the main motion resulted as follows:

FOR THE MOTION
Mayor Ron Martelle
Alderman Susan Carter
Alderman Claude Poirier

AGAINST THE MOTION
Alderman Brian Sylvester
Alderman Denis Carr
Alderman Naresh Bhargava
Alderman Chuck Charlebois
Alderman Dick Aubry
Alderman Dean Hollingsworth
Alderman Brian Sylvester

Motion to Amend the Main Motion Defeated 7/3

A recorded vote on the main motion resulted as follows:

FOR THE MOTION
Alderman Brian Sylvester
Alderman Denis Carr
Alderman Naresh Bhargava
Alderman Chuck Charlebois
Alderman Dick Aubry
Alderman Dean Hollingsworth
Alderman Brian Lynch

AGAINST THE MOTION
Mayor Ron Martelle
Alderman Susan Carter
Alderman Claude Poirier

Main Motion Carried 7/3

Alderman Chris Savard re-entered the meeting at this point

Cornwall Police Services Board

Moved by Alderman Naresh Bhargava and Alderman Chuck Charlebois that the Cornwall Police Services Board be requested to accept a \$250,000.00 increase in the 1996 budget rather than \$500,000.00 as originally submitted and that the request include that a salary freeze be applied for 1996.

Motion Carried

NOTICE OF MOTION

⇒ Requested by Alderman Denis Carr and Alderman Susan Carter : Further to the memo written to Mr. Allaire from Robert Gialloreto, be it resolved that Council reconsider its motion of January 22, 1996 that tabled any action on the hockey contract with the Cornwall Aces until March of 1996.

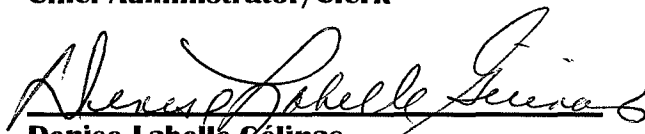
Adjourned: 9:10 p.m.



Richard Allaire
Chief Administrator/Clerk



Ron Martelle
Mayor



Denise Labelle-Gélinas
Deputy Clerk/Recording Secretary