

CITY COUNCIL #15-97

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

IN ATTENDANCE: Richard Allaire, C.A.O./Clerk, Paul Fitzpatrick, Assistant C.A.O./Manager, Economic Development, Stephen Alexander, Fern Hamelin, Frank McDonald, Dave Fielding, Graham Dart, and D. Labelle-Gélinas, Deputy Clerk/Recording Secretary.

INVOCATION - Mr. Richard Allaire, Chief Administrative Officer/Clerk.

ADDITIONS

Communication #11 - Economic Impact Analysis Study - Casino.

DISCLOSURE OF INTEREST

Alderman Chris Savard declared a pecuniary interest with respect to Resolution #8, Cornwall General Hospital, due to the fact that two members of his immediate family are employed at the Hotel Dieu Hospital.

Alderman Dean Hollingsworth declared a pecuniary interest with respect to Resolution #8, Cornwall General Hospital, due to the fact that his sister is an employee at the Cornwall General Hospital.

Alderman Claude Poirier declared a pecuniary interest with respect to Communication #11, Economic Impact Analysis Study - Casino, as he is employed by la Salle Nativite which is registered with the Gaming Control Commission.

Alderman Brian Lynch declared a pecuniary interest with respect to Communication #11, Economic Impact Analysis Study - Casino, as his employer, Big Brothers & Big Sisters of Cornwall & District, is a sponsor of bingos in the community and revenues from the bingos go towards his salary as Executive Director.

PRESENTATION

#1 - Royal Life Saving Society

Ms Barbara Byers, Public Education Director, for the Royal Life Saving Society of Ontario, appeared before City Council this evening to present Mrs. Gayle Sinfield, Aquatics Co-Ordinator with the 1996 Water Smart Award. Ms Byers indicated that the award was presented to the Cornwall Aquatics Program for their efforts in drowning prevention public education programs.

ADOPTION OF MINUTES

It was moved by Aldermen Brian Lynch and Brian Sylvester that the Committee of Council minutes of April 28, 1997, be approved.

MOTION CARRIED

It was moved by Aldermen Naresh Bhargava and Brian Sylvester that the City Council minutes of April 28, 1997, be approved as presented.

MOTION CARRIED

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

It was moved by Aldermen Brian Sylvester and Naresh Bhargava 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 059-1997 to 064-1997 inclusive, be given first reading.

MOTION CARRIED

BY-LAWS - First Reading

- 059-1997 A by-law to authorize the execution of a tax arrears extension agreement pursuant to Section 8 of The Municipal Sales Tax. (235-235A Prince Arthur Street).
- 060-1997 A by-law to amend By-law 030,1997, to extend the contract lease agreement with the Returning Officer on behalf of the Office of the Returning Office for the Federal Election District of Stormont and Dundas from May 9, 1997 to June 21, 1997.
- 061-1997 A by-law to amend the Signs By-law (advertising at recreation fields).
- 062-1997 A by-law to authorize the temporary closing of Pitt Street between Seventh Street and Ninth Street for the purpose of constructing repairs and improvements.
- 063-1997 A by-law to amend By-law 141, 1993, to reflect the Cornfest dates as the Fourth Week of August, as opposed to the Second Week of August.
- 064-1997 A by-law to repeal and replace Schedule A of By-law 173, 1995, to provide for the supply and distribution of potable water and to set rates for consumers.

DELEGATIONS

RESOLUTIONS

#07-97

Moved by: Alderman Chuck Charlebois;
Seconded by: Alderman Brian Lynch;

THAT Council provide the final approval of a plan of subdivision, Part of the East Half Lot C, Concession 1, and Block 21, Registered Plan 399, City of Cornwall, Cartwave Realty Limited.

MOTION CARRIED

Having declared a pecuniary interest, Aldermen Chris Savard and Dean Hollingsworth left the room and did not take part in any discussion nor did they vote on this matter.

#08-1997

Moved by: Alderman Naresh Bhargava;
Seconded by: Alderman Brian Lynch;

WHEREAS patients line the corridors of the Cornwall General and Hotel Dieu Hospitals, because there are not enough hospital beds to meet the needs of the community; and

WHEREAS services and care at the Cornwall General and Hotel Dieu Hospitals have already deteriorated significantly because of underfunding; and

WHEREAS the District Health Council has recommended the closure of the Cornwall General Hospital site and further cuts to beds and services, particularly to services for seniors and women; and

WHEREAS these recommendations will attack the accessibility of the hospital system in Cornwall and the region; and

WHEREAS these recommendations will compromise the health care of the population of the Cornwall and surrounding communities; and

WHEREAS the accompanying layoffs of hundred of hospital staff will devastate a community which is already economically depressed;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that Cornwall City Council rejects the recommendations of the District Health Council to cut beds and services and to close the Cornwall General Hospital site;

AND BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that the Cornwall City Council calls upon the District Health Council to extend its deadline for submitting its recommendations to the Ministry of Health, hold public hearings and to modify its recommendations based upon this input from Cornwall and surrounding communities.

MOTION CARRIED

Aldermen Chris Savard and Dean Hollingsworth returned to the meeting.

CONSENT AGENDA

It was requested by Alderman Naresh Bhargava that Consent Item D, Investment Report, be moved to Communication as Item #12.

It was moved by Aldermen Brian Sylvester and Susan Carter that Items A, B, C, and E, on the Consent Agenda be approved as presented.

MOTION CARRIED

A. GLEN WALTER AND AREA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

That the request from the Solicitor acting on behalf of the Glen Walter and Area Chamber of Commerce, for the City of Cornwall's consent for use of his client's name as part of an application for Incorporation be received.

B. HOSPITAL FIGHT BACK CAMPAIGN

That the request from the Hospital Fight Back Campaign requesting that the City waive the rental fee for the Civic Complex, Salons A, B & C, May 7, 1997, be approved.

C. PETITION RE STRAY CATS

That the petition requesting that the City pass a by-law to have stray cats picked-up be referred to Administration.

D. INVESTMENTS REPORT (Communication Item #12)

E. ST. LAWRENCE HIGH SCHOOL, G.V.S.S AND C.C.V.S. INTERACT CLUBS

That the High School Interact Clubs requesting Council's permission to hold a drive to help out the flood victims in Manitoba on May 24, 1997, be approved.

COMMUNICATION

1. VACANCY HEAD OF COUNCIL

It was moved by Aldermen Chuck Charlebois and Dean Hollingsworth that Council hold nominations for the position of Mayor and that those nominated be provided with two to five minutes to speak on the nomination.

MOTION CARRIED

NOMINATION

#1 - Alderman Claude Poirier by Alderman Chuck Charlebois.

#2 - Alderman Dick Aubry by Alderman Susan Carter.

#3 - Alderman Denis Carr by Alderman Brian Sylvester.

After three calls for additional nominations, Mayor Martelle closed nominations.

Mr. Allaire, City Clerk/Chief Administrator, provided Council with two options on how it could proceed with a public vote.

#1- A show of hands for the nominee they wished to vote for; or

#2- That each Council member write their choice of nominee along with their name on a piece of paper which would then be read out by the Clerk.

The successful candidate must receive a majority of votes (6). Process is conducted by elimination.

Understanding that there are three candidates, the one with the least votes shall be eliminated and Council will continue its vote until one candidate receives the majority of votes.

Should there be a tie, the Clerk will place both remaining names in a box and select one by lot.

It was Council's wish to proceed with the vote by standing.

All three nominated candidates were provided with an opportunity to speak after which the Clerk proceeded to record the votes.

ROUND 1

1. Alderman Claude Poirier

Standing in his favour were:
Alderman Chuck Charlebois
Alderman Claude Poirier
Alderman Chris Savard
Alderman Naresh Bhargava /4

2. Alderman Dick Aubry

Standing in his favour were:
Alderman Susan Carter
Alderman Brian Lynch
Alderman Dick Aubry
Alderman Dean Hollingsworth /4

3. Alderman Denis Carr

Standing in his favour were:
Alderman Denis Carr
Alderman Brian Sylvester /2

Alderman Denis Carr was eliminated.

Mayor Martelle did not take part in any vote.

ROUND 2

1. Alderman Claude Poirier

Standing in his favour were:
Alderman Claude Poirier
Alderman Chuck Charlebois
Alderman Chris Savard
Alderman Naresh Bhargava
Alderman Denis Carr /5

2. Alderman Dick Aubry

Standing in his favour were:
Alderman Dick Aubry
Alderman Brian Sylvester
Alderman Sue Carter
Alderman Brian Lynch
Alderman Dean Hollingsworth /5

SELECTED BY LOT

The Clerk proceeded to place the names of both candidates, verified by the Mayor and Deputy Clerk, on a piece of paper and inserted same in a box.

The Clerk then selected one paper, by lot, and read the name of the successful candidate.

Alderman Dick Aubry has been selected as Mayor for the balance of this Council's term.

2. STAFF VACANCY - DEVELOPMENT OFFICER, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT

It was moved by Aldermen Chuck Charlebois and Brian Lynch that the position of Development Officer, in the Economic Development Department, be filled.

It was then proposed by Alderman Susan Carter and seconded by Alderman Naresh Bhargava that this matter be postponed and referred back to Administration for additional information.

MOTION CARRIED

3. SURPLUS LANDS/BUILDINGS

It was moved by Aldermen Chris Savard and seconded by Alderman Dick Aubry:

*That Council authorize Administration to proceed to implement Option 3 from the report dated September 26, 1996 (Marguerite D'Youville Street and Easton Avenue).

*That Council authorize Administration to update the appraisal of the animal shelter property and advertise the sale of same.

It was then moved by Aldermen Susan Carter and seconded by Chris Savard that the implementation of Option 3 (construction of Marguerite D'Youville Street and Easton Avenue by the City and sale of individual lots by the City) be referred back to the Planning Advisory Commission for public hearing; and

MOTION CARRIED

That Administration obtain an up-to-date appraisal for the animal shelter property and proceed with advertising its sale.

MOTION CARRIED

4. **INTERSECTION PAVEMENT MARKINGS- MOVED TO ITEM 8A.**

5. **LANDFILL SITE - EXTENSION OF GAS COLLECTION SYSTEM**

It was moved by Aldermen Brian Sylvester and Brian Lynch that Council approve the retaining of Comcor Consulting Engineers for the gas collection project at the Cornwall Landfill Site at a cost of \$45,000 (excluding G.S.T.) for engineering fees and disbursements.

It was then moved by Alderman Susan Carter and seconded by Alderman Naresh Bhargava that Administration publicly request proposals for the gas collection project as opposed to offering it to one engineering firm.

MOTION CARRIED

6. **TENDER #97-T17 ELEVATOR SERVICE AND MAINTENANCE**

It was moved by Aldermen Brian Lynch and Chuck Charlebois that this tender be awarded for a three year period to Capital Elevator Limited, Nepean, at the total bid price of \$67,410.00 including taxes being the lowest bid meeting the tender specifications.

MOTION CARRIED

7. **TENDER #97-T27 TRAFFIC SIGNS FACES, BLANKS, ETC.**

It was moved by Aldermen Chuck Charlebois and Brian Sylvester that this tender be awarded to Guild Electric Limited, Scarborough, at the total bid price of \$13,753.69 including taxes being the lowest bid meeting the tender specifications.

MOTION CARRIED

8. **TENDER #97-T28 PAVEMENT MARKINGS AT VARIOUS LOCATIONS**

It was moved by Aldermen Brian Sylvester and Naresh Bhargava that this tender be awarded for a two year period to Trillium Pavement Markings, Kanata, at a total bid price of \$24,513.70 (1997) and \$24,783.34 (1998) including taxes being the lowest bid meeting the tender specifications.

MOTION CARRIED

8A. **INTERSECTION PAVEMENT MARKINGS**

It was moved by Aldermen Chuck Charlebois and Denis Carr that the excess funds between the low bid price and the budget amount for the intersection pavement markings tender be utilized to undertake painting work in the fall.

MOTION CARRIED

9. **TENDER #97-T29 CRACKSEALING (JOINT TENDER)**

It was moved by Aldermen Brian Lynch and Brian Sylvester that this tender be awarded to Road Last Construction, Ottawa, at the total bid price of \$21,387.60 being the lowest bid meeting the tender specifications.

MOTION CARRIED

10. **TENDER #97-T30**

It was moved by Aldermen Chuck Charlebois and Brian Sylvester that this tender be awarded to Canada Transport Tank Lines, Belleville, at the total bid price of \$6,974.26 being the lowest bid meeting the tender specifications.

Having declared a pecuniary interest, Aldermen Claude Poirier and Brian Lynch left the room and did not take part in any discussion nor did they vote on this matter.

11. **ECONOMIC IMPACT ANALYSIS STUDY - CASINO**

It was moved by Aldermen Chris Savard and Dean Hollingsworth that Council support the request for an economic impact analysis study for a casino operation.

MOTION DEFEATED

Aldermen Claude Poirier and Brian Lynch returned to the meeting.

12. **INVESTMENT REPORT (CONSENT ITEM D)**

It was moved by Aldermen Naresh Bhargava and Brian Lynch that the report from the Budget and Cash Co-Ordinator, under date of May 1, 1997, with respect to the City investments be received.

MOTION CARRIED

ADOPTION OF THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

BY-LAWS - Second Reading

It was moved by Aldermen Brian Sylvester and Chirs Savard that the Committee of the Whole be adopted as reported and that by-laws 059-1997 to 064-1997 be given second reading.

MOTION CARRIED

BY-LAWS - Third Reading

It was moved by Aldermen Susan Carter and Naresh Bhargava that Council give third reading to By-laws 059-1997 to 064-1997 be taken as read a third time and finally passed.

MOTION CARRIED

REPORTS FROM AD HOC COMMITTEES OF COUNCIL

NOTICES OF MOTION

Proposed by: Alderman Chuck Charlebois;
Seconded by: Alderman Claude Poirier;

THAT Council proceed to replace the Aldermatic position at its next regular meeting of Monday, May 26th; and that this position be replaced by the person who placed eleventh at the last municipal election.

MOTION CARRIED

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS

#1 - SOCIAL HOUSING PROGRAM

Moved by Alderman Brian Lynch, seconded by Alderman Dick Aubry:

WHEREAS social housing is a program that redistributes income and should be funded by the Province from the income tax not by municipalities through property taxes which are regressive; and

WHEREAS the Provincial Government downloading of social housing onto the Municipalities would result in much higher municipal property taxes and reduced services;


THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that Cornwall City Council reiterate its continued opposition to the Provincial Government downloading of social housing onto the municipalities; and

FURTHERMORE, that copies of this resolution be forwarded to the Premier of Ontario, Cornwall M.P.P, Mr. John Cleary, the Association of Municipalities of Ontario and all municipalities of equal size for their support and endorsement.

MOTION CARRIED

The meeting adjourned at 9:05 p.m.


Clerk


Recording Secretary


Mayor