

## CITY COUNCIL #16-97

**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, H. Seguin, S. Goodwin, H. O'Reilly, Chief Tony Repa and D. Labelle-Gélinas, Deputy Clerk/Recording Secretary.

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**INVOCATION** - Reverend Joyce Blackburn, Trinity Anglican Church.

### ADDITIONS

Requesting that Council reverse Items 11 and 12 for deliberations and that Council change the total dollar figures on Mr. Fielding's Connecting Link Report, Page 2, Item 4 to read (\$266,667.) rather than (\$238,228.) and on the first line of the last paragraph change (\$638,772) to (\$610,102).

### DISCLOSURE OF INTEREST

#### PRESENTATION

#1 - Seaway Valley Crime Stoppers

Mr. Stewart, on behalf of the Seaway Valley Crime Stoppers presented Mayor Martelle with a plaque in honour of his support during his term of office and offered best wishes in his future endeavours.

#2 - Deloitte, Touche Financial Report

Mr. Frank McDonald, Manager of Finance, and Mr. David Dick, Accountant from Deloitte, Touche, were present this evening to provide Council with a review of the 1996 Municipal Financial Statement.

Mr. McDonald reflected on several significant issues which affected this year's statement, yet, with all the changes that this Corporation faced during the last three (3) years, the year end financial picture is viewed as very positive as a result of Council and Administration working towards a common goal of a lean and more efficient Municipal operation.

Some points were identified:

- municipal fund balances up to \$281,189 in 1996 vs \$108,596 in the previous year;
- reserves and reserve funds balances increased by approximately \$1,000,000 during 1996;
- tax receivables up to \$1,000,000 at December over previous year;
- 1996 year end had a \$161,254 surplus.

## **ADOPTION OF MINUTES**

It was moved by Aldermen Brian Lynch and Naresh Bhargava that the Committee of Council minutes of May 12, 1997, be approved as presented.

**MOTION CARRIED**

It was moved by Aldermen Chuck Charlebois and Susan Carter that the City Council minutes of May 12, 1997 be approved as presented.

**MOTION CARRIED**

## **COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE**

It was moved by Aldermen Brian Sylvester and Chris Savard 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 065-1997 to 066-1997 inclusive, be given first reading.

**MOTION CARRIED**

### **BY-LAWS - First Reading**

065-1997 A by-law to fix the levy for the year 1997 taxes including school taxes and to provide for the payment of taxes by instalments.

066-1997 A by-law to authorize the execution of a tax arrears extension agreement pursuant to Section 8 of The Municipal Tax Sales Act, 1984, c.48 (224-224A Belmont Street).

## **DELEGATIONS**

## RESOLUTIONS

### **#09-97**

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

**THAT** the Council of the Corporation of the City of Cornwall authorizes the Clerk and Treasurer to submit a petition for subsidy funds under the Public Transportation and Highway Improvement Act on operating and capital expenditures made for public transportation in the amount of \$1,996,734.

**MOTION CARRIED**

### **#10-1997**

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

**THAT** the Council of the Corporation of the City of Cornwall authorizes the Clerk and Treasurer to submit a petition for subsidy funds under the Public Transportation and Highway Improvement Act on operating and capital expenditures of \$251,728 for the physically disabled person.

**MOTION CARRIED**

## CONSENT AGENDA

## COMMUNICATION

### 1. 1996 FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

Moved by Aldermen Denis Carr and Brian Sylvester that:

- the City adopt the Financial Statements for 1996.
- the year end surplus be transferred to working reserves.

**MOTION CARRIED**

### 2. APPOINTMENT COUNCIL VACANCY

Moved by Aldermen Chuck Charlebois and Claude Poirier that Council proceed to replace the vacant Aldermanic position by the person who placed eleventh at the last Municipal election and that this person (Angelo Lebano) be sworn in on the 30th day of May, 1997.

It was then moved by Aldermen Dick Aubry and Brian Lynch that this matter be deferred to the June 9th Council meeting in order to have Administration provide a report on the mechanisms used previously, and that this report be the basis for Council's decision on how to go about filling the current vacancy.

**MOTION DEFEATED**

It was then moved by Aldermen Claude Poirier and Susan Carter to amend the main motion to include:

"That procedures be established, guiding this Council and future Councils for any vacancies occurring in the future where Aldermanic vacancies shall be by the first non-elected candidate during its last Municipal election, followed by the second non-elected and third non-elected candidate, if required and that these procedures be incorporated within the Council's Procedural By-law".

A recorded vote resulted as follows:

**FOR**

Alderman Brian Sylvester  
Alderman Denis Carr  
Alderman Susan Carter  
Alderman Chris Savard  
Alderman Chuck Charlebois  
Alderman Claude Poirier  
Alderman Dean Hollingsworth  
Alderman Brian Lynch  
Alderman Naresh Bhargava

**AGAINST**

Alderman Dick Aubry

**MOTION CARRIED**

**MAIN MOTION CARRIED AS AMENDED**

*Mayor Martelle did not participate in the vote.*

**3. TENDER #97-T19 WEED CUTTING ALONG VARIOUS CITY RIGHT-OF WAYS**

It was moved by Aldermen Brian Lynch and seconded by Denis Carr that this tender be awarded to Wayne Summers, Newington, at the total bid price of \$8,091.45 including taxes being the sole bidder meeting the tender specifications.

**MOTION CARRIED**

**4. TENDER #97-T24 GRASS CUTTING AND TRIMMING MISC. SITES**

It was moved by Aldermen Denis Carr and Naresh Bhargava that this tender be awarded as outlined in the Purchasing Agent's report under date of May 12, 1997.

**MOTION CARRIED**

**5. TENDER #97-T31 CENTRELINE PAVEMENT MARKINGS (JOINT TENDER)**

It was moved by Aldermen Denis Carr and Brian Sylvester that this tender be awarded to Provincial Maintenance, Niagara Falls, at a total bid price of \$32,799.78 including taxes being the lowest bid meeting the tender specifications.

**MOTION CARRIED**

6. **TENDER #97-T34 DISPOSAL OF SURPLUS EQUIPMENT**

It was moved by Aldermen Chuck Charlebois and Brian Sylvester that this tender be awarded as outlined in the Purchasing Agent's report under date of May 16, 1997.

**MOTION CARRIED**

7. **TENDER #97-T33 SUPPLY OF VEHICLES**

It was moved by Aldermen Susan Carter and Chris Savard that this tender be awarded under Plan 2 to Miller Hughes Ford Sales Limited, Cornwall, at a total bid price of \$51,520.00 including taxes being the lowest bid meeting the tender specifications.

**MOTION CARRIED**

8. **TENDER #97-T35 SUPPLY OF A 2 W.D. PICK-UP TRUCK**

It was moved by Aldermen Denis Carr and Chris Savard that this tender be awarded under Plan 2 to Miller Hughes Ford Sales Limited, Cornwall, at a total bid price of \$15,115.60 including taxes being the lowest bid meeting the tender specifications.

**MOTION CARRIED**

9. **TENDER #97-T36 SUPPLY OF ONE (1) DIESEL POWERED DUMP TRUCK**

It was moved by Aldermen Denis Carr and Naresh Bhargava that this tender be awarded under Plan 1 to Healy Motor Sales Limited, Cornwall, at a total bid price of \$41,390.80 including taxes being the lowest bid meeting the tender specifications.

**MOTION CARRIED**

10. **AIRPORT BUDGET 1997**

It was moved by Aldermen Brian Lynch and Denis Carr that Council approve the Airport Commission's budget in the total amount of \$53,843 and that it take the additional \$13,143.00 from reserves.

**MOTION CARRIED**

11. **CONNECTING LINK FUNDS**

It was moved by Aldermen Denis Carr and Chris Savard that Council approve undertaking items 1, 2, 3 and 4 as outlined in Mr. Fielding's report and make a decision in the future with respect to the balance of funds (\$610,102.00):

- #1 - Improvements to Vincent Massey Drive between Link Road and Power Dam Drive, \$450,000.00.
- #2 - Improvements to Water Street from Cumberland Street to Adolphus Street, \$513,000.00.
- #3 - Improvements to Vincent Massey Drive from the entrance to Trans Continental Printing easterly to Fourteenth Street, \$1,000,000.00.
- #4 - Federal/Provincial/Municipal Infrastructure Program, \$266,667.00.

**MOTION CARRIED**

**12. FEDERAL/PROVINCIAL INFRASTRUCTURE PROGRAM**

It was moved by Aldermen Denis Carr and Chris Savard that:

- Council pass a Resolution supporting Project 1 (the rehabilitation of the Pitt Street/CNR overpass and Project 2 pressure grouting of sanitary sewers in Eamers Corners) as outlined in Mr. Fielding's report
- this Resolution and applications be forwarded to the Infrastructure Program for approval.

**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 065-1997 to 066-1997 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 065-1997 to 066-1997 be taken as read a third time and finally passed.

**MOTION CARRIED**

**REPORTS FROM AD HOC COMMITTEES OF COUNCIL**

**NOTICES OF MOTION**

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

## NEW BUSINESS

### #1 - QUARTERLY STATEMENTS

Moved by Aldermen Naresh Bhargava and seconded by Brian Lynch:

WHEREAS the Manager of Finance has provided the quarterly statement of operation for the City of Cornwall; and

WHEREAS this report shows some significantly high percentage variances from the budget;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Chief Administrator/Clerk provide a report by June 9, 1997, from each Manager, who is over his/her budget by 5%, giving reasons for the variance and if he/she expects to meet the budget by the end of the year; and

THAT similar reports accompany future statement of operations.

**MOTION CARRIED**

### #2 CONNECTING LINK FUNDING (\$610,102)

Moved by Aldermen Denis Carr and seconded by Chuck Charlebois:


THAT the balance of funds \$610,102 from the connecting link funding for Highway #2 be used to replace the borrowing of monies for capital projects in the 1997 budget.

**MOTION CARRIED**

The meeting adjourned at 9:00 p.m.

  
Clerk

  
Mayor

  
Recording Secretary