

CITY COUNCIL #25-97

September 22, 1997
Meeting began at 7:30 p.m.

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

IN ATTENDANCE: Richard Allaire, Chief Administrator/Clerk, Paul Fitzpatrick, Assistant C.A.O./Manager, Economic Development, Frank McDonald, Fern Hamelin, Dave Fielding, Steve Alexander, Hilda Seguin, Kenneth Gauthier, and Denise Labelle-Gelinas, Recording Secretary.

INVOCATION

Richard Allaire.

ADDITIONS/DELETIONS

Delegation #2, King George Hotel Property, Thomas Swabey, was deleted from this evening's agenda.

DISCLOSURE OF INTEREST

Alderman Brian Lynch declared a Pecuniary Interest on Consent Item "A", Cornwall Bingo Sponsor Association, because his employer, the Big Brothers and Big Sisters of Cornwall and District, sponsors bingos and sells Nevada tickets at the Cornwall Bingo Center.

PRESENTATIONS

#1. Heritage Community Recognition Award

Mr. Ian Bowering presented Mr. Stephen Renner with a pin and certificate in appreciation of his heritage conservation achievement, and for his work to preserve, protect and promote this Province's rich heritage.

Mr. Stephen Renner thanked Mr. Bowering and Council for this evening's presentation.

ADOPTION OF MINUTES

It was moved by Aldermen Brian Lynch and Angelo Lebrano that the Committee of Council minutes of September 8, 1997 be approved as amended.

MOTION CARRIED

It was moved by Aldermen Claude Poirier and Naresh Bhargava that the City Council minutes of September 8, 1997 be approved as presented.

MOTION CARRIED

It was moved by Aldermen Chris Savard and Brian Lynch Bhargava that the Special Committee of Council minutes of September 10, 1997 be approved as presented.

MOTION CARRIED

It was moved by Aldermen Brian Sylvester and Angelo Lebrano that the Special City Council minutes of September 15, 1997 be approved as presented.

MOTION CARRIED

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

It was moved by Aldermen Brian Sylvester and Angelo Lebrano that the 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 122-1997 to 123-1997 inclusive, be given first reading.

BY-LAWS - First Reading

- 122-1997 A by-law to enter into an Encroachment Agreement with Domtar Inc., for the installation of two new Big Ben Ski Hill signs outside of the fence line on Seventh Street.
- 123-1997 A by-law to authorize the execution of a tax arrears extension agreement with the property owner of land municipally described as 1001 Tenth Street East.

DELEGATIONS

#1. S.D. & G. Landlord Association, Direct Payment from Social Assistance

Mr. James Moak, President of the S.D. & G. Landlord Association appealed to City Council to review its policy under the Social Services Program and that it re-establish a policy whereby landlords would receive direct payment for their monthly rental fee before sending Social Assistance recipients their monthly allowance. Mr. Moak indicated that many of the landlords lose a large sum of money yearly due to unpaid rental fees.

In conclusion, it was moved by Aldermen Claude Poirier and Naresh Bhargava that this matter be referred to Administration and that a report be prepared for the next regular Council meeting scheduled for October 14, 1997.

MOTION CARRIED

RESOLUTIONS

#16-97 It was moved by Aldermen Brian Lynch and Claude Poirier that:

WHEREAS the Association of Municipalities of Ontario at its recent annual meeting, passed a resolution asking Ontario municipalities to put the following question on the ballot at the time of November 10th municipal election - "Do you agree that the costs of welfare, social services, and social housing should be downloaded by the province onto the municipal property taxpayer?"; and

WHEREAS programs which redistribute income such as welfare, social assistance, child care, and social housing should be funded by the province from the income tax not by the municipalities through property taxes which are regressive; and

WHEREAS the costs of downloading of social housing and other social services onto the municipalities are enormous and will result in higher municipal property taxes and/or reduced services.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Cornwall City Council approve the following question to be put on the ballot at the time of the November 10th, 1997 municipal election - "Do you agree that the costs of welfare, social services, and social housing should be downloaded by the province onto the municipal property taxpayer? Yes or No?".

A recorded vote resulted as follows:

FOR

Alderman Claude Poirier
Alderman Angelo Lebano
Alderman Brian Lynch

AGAINST

Mayor Dick Aubry
Alderman Brian Sylvester
Alderman Denis Carr
Alderman Susan Carter
Alderman Chris Savard
Alderman Chuck Charlebois
Alderman Dean Hollingsworth
Alderman Naresh Bhargava

MOTION DEFEATED 8-3

CONSENT AGENDA

Having declared a Pecuniary Interest on Consent Item "A", Alderman Brian Lynch left the meeting and did not take part in the discussion or vote.

It was moved by Aldermen Denis Carr and Naresh Bhargava that Council approve the Consent Agenda as presented.

MOTION CARRIED

A. CORNWALL BINGO SPONSOR ASSOCIATION

That Council approve the request to conduct the sale of Super Jackpot and Break-Open tickets (Nevada) for a period of January 1, 1998 to December 31, 1998 at the Cornwall Bingo Center located at 26 Second Street West.

Alderman Brian Lynch returned to the meeting.

COMMUNICATION

1. FORMER KING GEORGE SITE

It was moved by Aldermen Susan Carter and Chuck Charlebois that the applicant be given 30 days to complete his obligations under the Building By-law.

MOTION CARRIED

2. SYDNEY STREET - TRUCK PROHIBITION

It was moved by Aldermen Chuck Charlebois and Naresh Bhargava that a truck prohibition be implemented along Sydney Street between Second Street East and Seventh Street by April 30, 1998.

It was then moved by Aldermen Dean Hollingsworth and Susan Carter that this matter be deferred.

MOTION DEFEATED

MAIN MOTION CARRIED

3. GAS COLLECTION SYSTEM

It was moved by Aldermen Angelo Lebrano and Brian Lynch that the City of Cornwall award the design and implementation of an extension to the gas collection system at the City of Cornwall Landfill Site to Comcor Environmental, at a bid price of \$69,000.00.

MOTION CARRIED

4. MUNICIPAL RIGHT-OF-WAYS

It was moved by Aldermen Denis Carr and Claude Poirier that Council authorize the contribution of \$1,414.00 from the Engineering & Environmental Services Budget towards FCM's municipal right-of-way defense fund; and that Council forward the attached Resolution to FCM in support of their action plan on telecommunications.

MOTION CARRIED

5. TRANSIT BUSINESS PLAN

It was moved by Aldermen Chuck Charlebois and Brian Sylvester that Council receive the report from the Manager, Transit under date of September 18, 1997 regarding questions raised from members of Council about Transit's intent to develop a business plan.

MOTION CARRIED

6. COUNCIL WRITE-OFFS/ADJUSTMENTS

It was moved by Aldermen Brian Lynch and Brian Sylvester that Council authorize the tax write-offs/adjustments as outlined in the report from the Manager, Finance under date of September 8, 1997.

MOTION CARRIED

7. TENDER NO. 97-T53 -Watermain Construction on Pitt St., from Tollgate Rd. to Cornwall Center Rd.

It was moved by Aldermen Angelo Lebrano and Denis Carr that this tender be awarded to Malyon Excavation Ltd., Cornwall, Ontario at the total bid price of \$590,105.00 being the lowest bid meeting the tender specifications.

MOTION CARRIED

ADOPTION OF THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

BY-LAWS - Second Reading

It was moved by Aldermen Denis Carr and Brian Sylvester that the Committee of the Whole be adopted as reported and that by-laws 122-1997 to 123-1997, inclusive be given second reading.

MOTION CARRIED.

BY-LAWS - Third Reading

It was moved by Aldermen Brian Sylvester and Claude Poirier that by-laws 122-1997 to 123-1997, inclusive be taken as read a third time and finally passed.

MOTION CARRIED.

REPORTS FROM AD HOC COMMITTEES OF COUNCIL

NOTICES OF MOTION

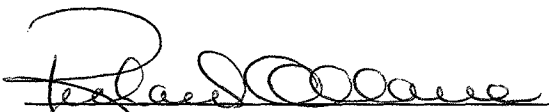
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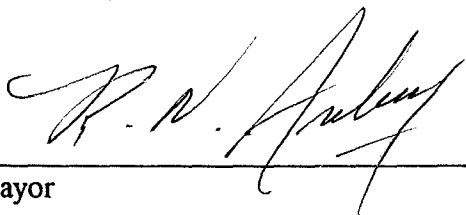
Item #027, Provincial Offences, Deputy Clerk

Item #028, Employee Insurance Needs, Manager, Human Resources.

NEW BUSINESS

The meeting adjourned at 9:05 p.m.


Clerk


Mayor

Recording Secretary