

SPECIAL CITY COUNCIL #33-97

December 15, 1997
Meeting began at 7:45 p.m.

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PRESENT: A special meeting of Council was held with the following members present: Mayor Brian Sylvester, Councillors Corey Kennedy, Denis Carr, Brian Lynch, Perry Lalonde, Sheila Airey, Chris Savard, Claude Poirier, André Rivette, and Dean Hollingsworth.

ABSENT: Councillor Naresh Bhargava.

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

1. CORNWALL CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

A presentation was given by Mr. Brian Gilmour, President of the Cornwall Chamber of Commerce, assisted by Mr. Rick Eamon, Past-President.

The presentation focused on an Implementation Plan for the renewal of the Cornwall and area economic region. Mr. Gilmour indicated that this renewal plan was prepared in partnership with Connection Cornwall, Economic Renewal Steering Committee, and the Cornwall and Area Chamber of Commerce.

Mr. Gilmour proceed to identify why there was a need for an economic strategy in the Seaway Valley and the following objectives and guidelines were established:

- To create an economic vision for the Seaway Valley Region;
- To ensure that the strategies are based on the goals, values and the vision important to the Seaway Valley Region;
- To measure all collective activities;
- To achieve a pragmatic and manageable strategy;
- To create a living document;
- To go beyond those ideas which typically involve only the resources of local government; and
- To identify, from the Seaway Valley Region, a group of energetic champions and partners.

In conclusion, the presenters urged everyone to become involved in the evolution of economic development for the greater Cornwall area.

2. COUNCIL COMMENTS

Council members were provided a three minute audience in order to identify their individual Corporate policies for the upcoming years in preparation for the 1998 budget and in view of the many scenarios our Municipality will be faced with in light of Mega Week downloading.

3. CORPORATE RENEWAL PLAN REVIEW (C.A.O.)

The Chief Administrative Officer / Clerk briefly reviewed the Corporate Renewal Plan introduced and endorsed by the Council in May 1996.

It was moved by Councillors Sheila Airey and André Rivette that the C.A.O. prepare a report on the merits of ISO 9000 and that a presentation be scheduled for Council's benefit by someone who is knowledgeable of the benefits of an ISO 9000 designation.

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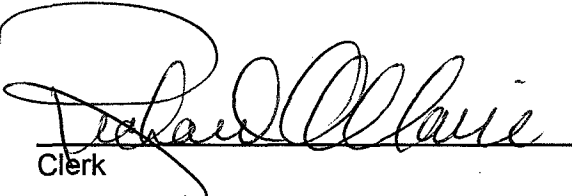
4. ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DIRECTION

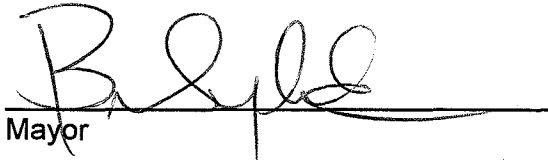
5. MEGA WEEK UPDATE

6. CAPITAL PROJECT

1. Cornwall Project 2000
2. Wood House Museum Relocation
3. Art Gallery

The meeting adjourned at 9:45 p.m.


Clerk


Mayor

Recording Secretary