

REGULAR COUNCIL #21-98

Monday, August 10, 1998
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 Brian Sylvester, Councillors Sheila Airey, Denis Carr, Perry Lalonde, Chris Savard, Korey Kennedy, Claude Poirier, André Rivette, Dean Hollingsworth, and Naresh Bhargava.

ABSENT: Councillor Brian Lynch

ADMINISTRATION: David Fielding, Assistant Chief Administrative Officer/Manager, Engineering & Environment Services, Frank McDonald, Graham Dart, Fernand Hamelin, Stephen Alexander, Hilda Seguin, Frances Lafave, David McDonald and Denise Labelle-Gélinas, Recording Secretary.

INVOCATION

Elder Lawrence Spinelle ~ Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints

ADDITION/DELETIONS

It was moved by Councillors Claude Poirier and Chris Savard that By-law 083-1998 be included on this evenings Agenda.

Motion Carried

DISCLOSURE OF INTEREST - Nil

PRESENTATIONS

1. **1997 Financial Statement - Johnston Beaudette Chartered Accountants**

Mr. Frank McDonald, Manager of Finance and Mr. Rick Johnston of Johnston Beaudette Chartered Accountants were present this evening to provide Council with a review of the 1997 Municipal Financial Statement.

Mr. McDonald reflected on several significant issues which affected this year's statement such as revenue shortfalls within election revenues, franchise fees, tipping fees, transit revenues and concessions at the Civic Complex. Although there was some deterioration with the Corporation's financial position, several good financial decisions were made.

It is evident that the Corporation will have to be cautious as a result of the Provincial Re-alignment, the sale of Cornwall Electric was a sound financial decision.

Both Mr. McDonald and Mr. Johnston encouraged Council to establish a contingency factor and explained its importance in making provisions for unforeseen circumstances.

ADOPTION OF MINUTES

It was moved by Councillors Perry Lalonde and seconded by Naresh Bhargava that Council approve the Committee of Council Meeting #25-98 of July 13, 1998 as presented.

Motion Carried

It was moved by Councillors Claude Poirier and seconded by André Rivette that Council approve the Regular City Council Meeting #19-98 of July 13, 1998 as presented.

Motion Carried

It was moved by Councillors Korey Kennedy and seconded by Claude Poirier that Council approve the Special Committee of Council Meeting #26-98 of July 16, 1998 as presented.

Motion Carried

It was moved by Councillors André Rivette and seconded by Sheila Airey that Council approve the Special Committee of Council Meeting #27-98 of July 27, 1998 as amended.

Motion Carried

It was moved by Councillors Claude Poirier and seconded by Perry Lalonde that Council approve the Special Regular Council Meeting #20-98 of July 27, 1998 as presented.

Motion Carried

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

It was moved by Councillors Denis Carr and seconded by Claude Poirier 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 071-1998 to 083-1998 be given first reading.

Motion Carried

BY-LAWS - First Reading

- 071-1998 A By-law to authorize the improvements of a highway, and the construction of a storm drainage system, sanitary sewer system, and watermain on Seventh Street, from Sydney Street to York Street.
- 072-1998 A By-law to authorize the temporary closing of Seventh Street between Sydney Street and York Street for the purpose of construction, repairs and improvements.
- 073-1998 A By-law to authorize the construction of a storm drainage system on McKenzie Street from Pitt Street to Ross Avenue; on Ross Avenue from McKenzie Street to Mercier Avenue; on Mercier Avenue from Johnston Avenue to Leger Avenue; and on Johnston Avenue from Mercier Avenue to Cadeb Avenue.
- 074-1998 A By-law to repeal By-law 114-1991, a By-law to appoint Mr. Brent Coffey as a Municipal Law Enforcement Officer for properties administered by St. Lawrence College, Cornwall Campus.
- 075-1998 A By-law to amend Schedule "A" of By-law 037-1994, known as the Building By-law, respecting permits and related matters to incorporate various fees.
- 076-1998 A By-law to accept from Clifford Hamilton Johnston and Dorothy Norene Johnston as Joint Tenants the conveyance of Part of Lot 14, Concession 4, Township of South Stormont (formerly the Township of Cornwall) and the City of Cornwall, County of Stormont, designated as Part 2 on Reference Plan 52R-5615.
- 077-1998 A By-law to authorize the sale of land on the West Side of Campbell Street.
- 078-1998 A By-law to authorize the Mayor and Clerk to sign the Service Contract Agreement between the Corporation of the City of Cornwall and the Cornwall General Hospital.
- 079-1998 A By-law to establish tax deferral eligibility for Low Income Seniors and persons with Disabilities.
- 080-1998 A By-law to provide tax rebates to registered and not for profit organizations occupying commercial and industrial properties.
- 081-1998 A By-law to set the 1998 tax ratios and to levy taxes for the year 1998.
- 082-1998 A By-law to repeal By-law 041-1998 which By-law to name and dedicate land as an open road allowance under the Public Transportation and Highway Improvement Act, and name it South Branch Road. (duplication of By-law 135-1997)
- 083-1998 A By-law to authorize the sale of land, known as parts of Reference Plan 52R-5447 to 1024860 Ontario Inc. In Trust (Downtown Co-Operative Parking Project).

DELEGATIONS

#1 Cornwall Curling Club

Mr. Kevin Baker, President of the Cornwall Curling Club and Mr. Bill Dickey represented all curlers of Cornwall this evening, and appeared before Council to provide them with their ongoing project to bring a new curling facility within the City of Cornwall.

It is their hope that the new facility be attached to the east side of the Cornwall Civic Complex and complimented the existing arena and the proposed aquatic centre.

Mr. Dickey indicated that this new facility would enhance the quality of life within our community and provide for a competitive rink.

Mr. Dickey requested Council's endorsement by resolution in order that they may proceed to petition the Provincial and Federal Governments for shared funding.

In conclusion, it was moved by Councillors Claude Poirier and André Rivette that this matter be referred to Administration for a detailed report and that Council support the concept of the Curling Club's proposal, in principal and its proposed location adjacent to the east side of the Civic Complex.

Motion Carried

CONSENT AGENDA

It was moved by Councillors Naresh Bhargava and seconded by Korey Kennedy that Council approve the Consent Agenda as presented.

Motion Carried

A. The Royal Canadian Legion - 1998 Poppy Campaign

It was moved by Councillors Naresh Bhargava and seconded by Korey Kennedy that Council approve the request to sell car poppies at most major shopping centres on Thursday October 29th, Friday October 30th, Saturday October 31st, 1998 and starting at 10:00 a.m. the door to door blitz for lapel poppies on Sunday November 1st, 1998.

B. Cornwall Lift-Off

It was moved by Councillors Naresh Bhargava and seconded by Korey Kennedy that Council approve the request to hold their annual midway in Lamoureux Park from August 17th to August 23rd, 1998 and that they be permitted to launch Hot Air Balloons in Lamoureux Park from August 21st to August 23rd, 1998.

Motion Carried

COMMUNICATION

1. 1997 Financial Statement

It was moved by Councillors Denis Carr and seconded by Claude Poirier that Council support the report submitted from the Manager Finance under date of July 29, 1998.

1. That Council receive the 1997 Financial Statements.
2. That Council approve funding the 1997 deficit from Working Reserves.

Motion Carried

It was moved by Councillors Denis Carr and seconded by Naresh Bhargava that;

3. A contingency factor be developed in the Current Budget of up to \$500,000.00 whereby savings from tenders from this date or other savings from Current Budget, be set aside. These funds could only be accessed with Council approval.

Motion Carried

2. Tender 98-T38 - Supply of Oils & Lubricants

It was moved by Councillors Claude Poirier and seconded by André Rivette that this tender be awarded as follows:

- To: Max Auto Supply, Cornwall Ontario
Items #6, #7 (Shell), #9 (Shell) and #17 at a total bid price of \$2,218.18 including taxes.
- To: J.G. Warden Petroleum Ltd., Cornwall, Ontario
Items #2 (Shell), #3 (Shell), #4 (Shell), #5 (Shell), #8 (Shell), #10 (Shell), #14 and #15
at a total bid price of \$30,702.11 including taxes.
- To: Guindon Glenoco, Cornwall, Ontario
Items #1, #11, #12, #13 and #16 at a total bid price of \$9,733.89 including taxes
being the lowest bids meeting the tender specifications.

Motion Carried

3. Tender 98-T40 - Disposal of Surplus Equipment - Cornwall Transit

It was moved by Councillors André Rivette and seconded by Sheila Airey that Council not approve this tender pending further investigation on the disposal of surplus equipment.

Motion Carried

4. Tender 98-T42 - Supply of Plumbing Services

It was moved by Councillors André Rivette and seconded by Perry Lalonde that this tender be awarded to Lapierre Plumbing, Cornwall, Ontario as follows:

- Item #1 - \$24.00 for plumber and \$24.00 for gas fitter 1;
- Item #2 - \$11.00 for apprentice plumber;
- Item #3 - 15% mark-up on any/all materials used on job,

being the lowest bid meeting the tender specifications.

Motion Carried

5. Tender 98-T43 - Supply of Heating, Refrigeration & Air Conditioning Services

It was moved by Councillors Korey Kennedy and seconded by Sheila Airey that this tender be awarded to Cornwall Heating & Cooling Inc., Cornwall, Ontario as follows:

- Item #1 - \$22.00 for licensed refrigeration mechanic;
- Item #2 - \$18.00 for gas fitter 1 and 11;
- Item #3 - \$15.00 for apprentice helper air conditioning and gas fitter 1;
- Item #4 - 20% mark-up on any/all materials used on job,

being the lowest bid meeting the tender specifications.

Motion Carried

6. Tender 98-T44 - Landfill Gas Collection System

It was moved by Councillors André Rivette and seconded by Perry Lalonde that this tender be awarded to Rose Mechanical Ltd., at a total bid price of \$213,134.37.

Motion Carried

7. Tender 98-T45 - Pay and Display Parking Machines

It was moved by Councillors Naresh Bhargava and seconded by Claude Poirier that this tender be awarded to Metric Systems Canada Inc., at a total bid price of \$19,206.50 being the lowest tender meeting the tender specifications.

Motion Carried

8. Municipal Parking Facility - Second Street at Sydney Street

It was moved by Councillors Korey Kennedy and seconded by Perry Lalonde that Council approve the report submitted by Manager, Engineering & Environmental Services dated July 17, 1998 that the City terminate its property lease for the use of the lot at Second Street and Sydney Street.

Motion Carried

9. Charity Roster Application

It was moved by Councillors Denis Carr and seconded by Claude Poirier that Council approve the report submitted by Deputy City Clerk, dated July 23, 1998 as follows:

1. That Council delegate the Lottery Licencing authority on behalf of the Council of the Corporation of the City of Cornwall to the City Clerk which includes processing applications in accordance to the regulations set forth by the Ontario Lottery Corporation.
2. That an administration fee in the amount of \$75.00 be implemented for each applicant to the Charity Advance Funding.
3. That a final report detailing the roster selection and its recommended ratio of advance funding be prepared for Council's endorsement at the regular meeting of Monday, November 23rd, 1998.

Motion Carried

10. Dogs in Municipal Parks

It was moved by Councillors Korey Kennedy and seconded by André Rivette that Council approve the report that was submitted by Municipal Law Enforcement Officer and Water front & Parks Planner, dated July 24, 1998 as follows:

1. That a "Dogs in Parks" policy be approved to allow the opportunity to dog owners to walk their dogs in the City owned areas only, listed as items 1 to 4 under City Owned Parks in this report;
2. That Council not permit dogs in the bike path/recreation trail system or within any municipally owned passive and active park where children/adults gather for summer activities;
3. That City Staff, on an annual basis, meet to evaluate the policy and activities related to "Dogs in Parks" and complaints received (if any) and if necessary request that Council amend it to reflect any desired changes;
4. That as a contribution to implementation and maintenance costs, dog licence fees be increased from \$17.00 to \$20.00 a year for sterilized dogs and from \$30.00 to \$33.00 a year for unsterilized dogs beginning with the 1999 dog licence.
5. That implementation of this project take place in 1999 and that an amount of \$30,000.00 be allocated within the 1999 budget.
6. That By-law 102-1979 be repealed and replaced as required to give effect to the "Dogs in Parks" policy to the foregoing;
7. That no re-designation requests be considered for two years following implementation.

It was then moved by Councillors Denis Carr and seconded by Dean Hollingsworth that recommendation #6 be deleted and that recommend #5 be postponed until such time as Administration prepare a further report identifying cost reductions as a result of the elimination of item #6 and the need for less signage.

Amendment Carried

A recorded vote on the main motion resulted as follows:

YEAS

Mayor Brian Sylvester
Councillor Sheila Airey
Councillor Denis Carr
Councillor Perry Lalonde
Councillor Claude Poirier
Councillor André Rivette
Councillor Dean Hollingsworth
Councillor Naresh Bhargava

NAYS

Councillor Chris Savard
Councillor Korey Kennedy

The Main Motion Carried 8-2 as Amended

11. Software, Property Information, Building Permits, Planning

It was moved by Councillors Claude Poirier and seconded by Sheila Airey that Council approve the report submitted by Manager of Planning & Recreation Services dated August 5, 1998 to authorize the purchase of the "City View" permits, planning and property information software.

Motion Carried

12. Financial Software Solution

It was moved by Councillors Naresh Bhargava and seconded by Perry Lalonde that Council approve the report submitted by Manager of Finance dated August 6, 1998 to authorize Administration to proceed with acquisition of Financial software from J.P.H. International.

Motion Carried

13. Staff Replacement - Budget and Cash Analyst

It was moved by Councillors Denis Carr and seconded by Chris Savard that Council approve the report submitted by Manager of Finance for replacement of the Budget and Cash Analyst position.

Motion Carried

14. Subsequent Employment Vacancies

There being no motion - the report was not approved.

15. Employment Applications

It was moved by Councillors André Rivette and seconded by Perry Lalonde that Council approve the report submitted by Manager of Human Resources dated August 5, 1998 as follows:

1. That the City of Cornwall only accept applications for employment when a vacancy exists and is advertised to the public;
2. That the general public be informed of this through the "City Page" in the local newspaper.

Motion Carried

ADOPTION OF THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

BY-LAWS - Second Reading

It was moved by Councillors Denis Carr and seconded by Perry Lalonde that the Committee of the Whole be adopted as reported and that By-laws 071-1998 to 083-1998 be given second reading.

Motion Carried

BY-LAWS - Third Reading

It was moved by Councillors Dean Hollingsworth and seconded by André Rivette that By-law 081-1998 be voted on separately.

Motion Defeated

It was moved by Councillors Naresh Bhargava and seconded by Claude Poirier that By-laws 071-1998 to 083-1998 inclusive be given third reading.

Motion Carried

REPORTS FROM AD HOC COMMITTEES OF COUNCIL

Councillor Chris Savard updated Council on recent Waterfront Developments and

Councillor Perry Lalonde informed Council on Le Village's Renaissance Project.

NEW BUSINESS

1. 1999 Budget Deliberations

It was moved by Councillors Chris Savard and Claude Poirier that:

WHEREAS the City of Cornwall's fiscal year begins January 1st and ends on December 31st; and

WHEREAS the City of Cornwall approved its 1998 budget in July 1998, seven months into the fiscal year; and

WHEREAS the approval of a budget after the beginning of the fiscal year is an unacceptable practice.

SO THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that Administration prepare the necessary documentation for the 1999 budget in order that City Council may begin 1999 budget deliberations during the first week of November 1998; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that should Council choose to conduct a priorities session, that this meeting be held during the Month of October 1998.

Motion Carried

2. Lacrosse & Hockey Rink

It was moved by Councillors Korey Kenendy and Chris Savard that:

WHEREAS the City of Cornwall is always striving to improve the quality of life for the youth of our city; and

WHEREAS sports is just one of the many means of improving the youths quality of life; and

WHEREAS lacrosse is our nations sport, which is played during the summer period, and is a sport that can improve the youths athletic skills all the while giving the youth a means of improving their social skills; and

WHEREAS hockey is our nations winter sport and is a sport spawned by lacrosse and is growing in interest; and

WHEREAS the costs to join these sports through an organization and/or teams are rather expensive.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the C.A.O. in conjunction with the Manager of Parks and Recreation bring back to Council a report before the 1999 Budget, the feasibility of creating a full time outdoor lacrosse box and hockey rink.

Motion Carried

3. Tender Savings

It was moved by Councillors André Rivette and Perry Lalonde that:

WHEREAS City Council has requested on numerous occasions for information on tender savings; and

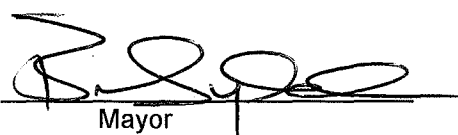
WHEREAS it is important for Council to be kept informed.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that Administration prepare a report after completion of any project, that would include all information pertaining to any saving or overrun and reason for any overrun. This report would be included in Council's information pack.

Motion Carried

Adjourned 10:30 p.m.


Deputy Clerk


Mayor