

REGULAR COUNCIL #31-98

Monday, December 14, 1998
Meeting began at 7:30 p.m.

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PRESENT: A Regular Council meeting was held with the following members present: Mayor Brian Sylvester, Councillors Sheila Airey, Denis Carr, Perry Lalonde, Claude Poirier, André Rivette, Brian Lynch, Chris Savard, and Naresh Bhargava.

ABSENT: Councillors Korey Kennedy and Dean Hollingsworth.

ADMINISTRATION: Richard Allaire, Chief Administrative Officer/City Clerk, David Fielding, Assistant Chief Administrative Officer/Manager, Engineering & Environmental Services, Frank McDonald, Graham Dart, Fern Hamelin, Steve Alexander, Hilda Seguin, Sherman Goodwin, Hugh O'Reilly, Frances Lafave, Paul Fitzpatrick, Christine Lefebvre, Roger Desjardins, Paulette Heard, and Denise Labelle-Gélinas, Deputy Clerk.

INVOCATION Reverend Katheryne Gregory, Knox St. Paul's.

ADDITIONS / DELETIONS Nil

DISCLOSURE OF INTEREST

Mayor Brian Sylvester declared a Pecuniary Interest on Communication Item #1, Appointment of Municipal Auditors, because he is a licensed Life Insurance Broker with a company that insures the firm recommended as a response and result of a request for proposals.

Councillor Denis Carr declared a Pecuniary Interest on By-law 118-1998, a by-law relating to the licensing, regulating and governing of lodging houses and the keepers of lodging houses, because he is employed by Chateau Cornwall which is directly linked to Lodging Houses and keepers.

PRESENTATIONS Nil

ADOPTION OF MINUTES

It was moved by Councillors Brian Lynch and André Rivette that Council approve the Special Regular City Council Meeting minutes #29-98 of November 23, 1998 as presented.

Motion Carried

It was moved by Councillors Naresh Bhargava and Perry Lalonde that Council approve the Regular Council Meeting minutes #30-98 of November 23, 1998 as presented.

Motion Carried

It was moved by Councillors Claude Poirier and Perry Lalonde that Council approve the Committee of Council Meeting minutes #35-98 of November 23, 1998 as presented.

Motion Carried

COMMITTEE OF COUNCIL

Having declared a Pecuniary Interest on by-law 118-1998, Councillor Denis Carr left the room and did not take part in the First Reading of By-laws 115-1998 to 120-1998 inclusive.

It was moved by Councillors Chris Savard and Perry Lalonde 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 115-1998 to 120-1998 be given first reading.

Motion Carried

BY-LAWS - First Reading

- 115-1998 A by-law authorizing the appointment of Rene Belanger, Allan Lummis, Robert Lalonde and Camille Ladouceur as Parking Enforcement Officers for The Religious Hospitallers of St. Joseph Health Centre of Cornwall - Hotel Dieu Hospital.
- 116-1998 A by-law to authorize the transfer of existing right-of-ways from the Corporation of the City of Cornwall to Deepan.
- 117-1998 A by-law to assume municipal services from Chester Leclerc Limited on a Subdivision Plan on Reference Plan 52R-5053 registered as Instrument No. 264990 on September 21, 1995.
- 118-1998 A by-law relating to the licensing, regulating and governing of lodging houses and the keepers of lodging houses.
- 119-1998 A by-law authorizing the signing of an amending agreement to the 1997/98 Service Agreement with the Ministry of Health.
- 120-1998 A by-law authorizing the Corporation to enter into a lease agreement with the City of Mississauga for the lease of Transit buses.

Councillor Denis Carr returned.

DELEGATIONS

#1. Alzheimer Association

Mrs. Debbie St. John-de Wit, Executive Director of the Alzheimer Association presented a proposed fundraising and awareness project titled "Memory Lane". Mrs. St. John-de Wit began by providing facts about the Alzheimer Association and continued to detail their desire to construct a Memory Lane project that would consist of constructing an interlocking brick walkway along Cornwall's waterfront, by selling individualized, engraved bricks to residents and/or Corporations of the City of Cornwall, S.D. & G. and Prescott and Russell.

The proposal is to sell each 4" x 8" brick at \$25.00 to individuals and each 8" x 20" concrete stone to businesses/corporations for \$250.00. All bricks and stones would be personally engraved with the purchaser's name, or in memory of a loved one with Alzheimer's disease.

In conclusion, Mrs. St. John-de Wit requested Council's support in dedicating an area of waterfront parkland for this project. It was then moved by Councillors Sheila Airey and André Rivette that this proposal be referred to Administration for a detailed report.

Motion Carried

#2. **Local Architectural Conservation Advisory Committee**

Mr. Dennis Carter-Edwards, Chair of the L.A.C.A.C. Committee, presented Council with its annual report which highlighted the key activities and initiatives over the past year that the Cornwall Local Architectural Conservation Advisory Committee has undertaken.

In conclusion, it was moved by Councillors Brian Lynch and Denis Carr that this presentation be received.

Motion Carried

#3. **Legal Clinic of Cornwall**

It was moved by Councillors Claude Poirier and Chris Savard that Mr. Etienne St.-Aubin be granted an additional five minutes.

Motion Carried

Mr. Etienne St. Aubin, Director, Barrister and Solicitor, on behalf of the Legal Clinic of Stormont, Dundas and Glengarry, addressed Council to urge them to adopt a Vital Services By-law for the City of Cornwall. Mr. St.-Aubin indicated that vital services such as electricity, gas and water are often included in the rent and, in such cases, the tenant's obligation is to pay rent on time while the landlord's obligation is to provide a dwelling in good state of repair and to ensure that all service providers are paid on time.

The need for a Vital Services By-law is essential to protect the tenant when the landlord omits to pay the service provider and where the services are cancelled. This type of suspension of services carry devastating consequences and cause severe hardship to residents who may be without vital services such as gas, oil or heat during cold winter months.

Mr. St.-Aubin described what a Vital Services By-law could provide and how a municipality could protect the rights of both tenants and landlords.

In conclusion, it was moved by Councillors Brian Lynch and Claude Poirier to refer this matter to Administration and that a detailed report be presented to Council at its next regularly scheduled meeting on January 11, 1998.

Motion Carried

#4. **Cornwall Project 2000 - Aquatic Center**

It was moved by Councillors Chris Savard and Denis Carr that Mr. Rick Saaltink be granted an additional five minutes.

Motion Carried

Mr. Rick Saaltink, Chairman and Mr. Peter Morgan stood before Council this evening to outline the critical next steps in the progress towards implementing the plan and constructing the Aquatic Center facility. Mr. Saaltink indicated that the project had now reached a critical stage. The project schedule and the continued success of fundraising efforts depended on the choices that would be selected from the proposed conclusions and recommendations of their report, which was presented to Council.

Mr. Saaltink re-affirmed the design selection, the benefits derived from its operations, the project's position as a result of financing and community fundraising, and concluded by providing two financial options for Council's consideration.

Option 1 - assumes that other governments would contribute two (2) million towards the project.

Option 2 - assumes that the City would finance the entire five (5) million government share of the project.

In conclusion, Mr. Saaltink recommended that the Aquatic Center be built during the years 1999 / 2000 and that the Corporation provide bridge financing for the project.

It was moved by Councillors Brian Lynch and Denis Carr that Council re-affirm its support for Project 2000, Aquatic Center, and that this recommendation be referred to Administration for a final report at the next regular meeting of Council scheduled for January 11, 1999.

Motion Carried

RESOLUTIONS

#17-1998 It was moved by Councillors André Rivette and Perry Lalonde that:

WHEREAS the City of Cornwall's tendering policy is in need of modification to be more in line with the economic reality that the business sector is facing in our community; and

WHEREAS the present policy inhibits the achievement of the City of Cornwall's Mission Statement "To achieve growth and prosperity and an improvement in the quality of life for the City and the Citizens of Cornwall".

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Purchasing Department be instructed to modify the tendering policy with a clause that would read as follows: "NOTE: All businesses operating in the City of Cornwall will be given first consideration providing they are within 5% of the lowest bid price meeting the tender specifications."

A recorded vote resulted as follows:

FOR

Councillor Perry Lalonde
Councillor André Rivette

AGAINST

Mayor Brian Sylvester
Councillor Sheila Airey
Councillor Denis Carr
Councillor Chris Savard
Councillor Claude Poirier
Councillor Brian Lynch
Councillor Naresh Bhargava

Motion Defeated 7-2

CONSENT AGENDA

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

Motion Carried

A. Heart and Stroke Foundation of Ontario

Council approved the request to conduct the annual Person-to-Person Campaign in February of 1999 within the City of Cornwall, and that the month of February be declared Heart and Stroke Month throughout our City.

B. Audit Committee

Council received the minutes of the Audit Committee meeting no.98-05 under date of November 25, 1998.

C. Audit Committee

Council received the minutes of the Audit Committee meeting no.98-06 under date of December 1, 1998.

COMMUNICATION

1. Appointment of Municipal Auditors

Having declared a Pecuniary Interest, Mayor Sylvester called upon the Acting Mayor, Councillor Chris Savard, to take the Chair. Mayor Sylvester left the room and did not take part in the discussion or vote.

It was moved by Councillors Denis Carr and Naresh Bhargava that the firm of Johnston Beaudette be appointed Municipal Auditors for a term of three years.

Motion Carried

Mayor Sylvester returned to the meeting and resumed the Chair.

2. **1998 Budget Update**

It was moved by Councillors Claude Poirier and Perry Lalonde that Council authorize the amount of \$242,000.00 to be added to the 1999 Capital Budget; and that the two projects listed from the Waterworks system be carried out in 1999; and that part of the surplus in the 1997 operating budget be utilized for the Children's Aid Funding request (\$118,672.00); and that the balance of the surplus in the 1998 operating budget be placed in the working reserves.

It was then moved by Councillors Naresh Bhargava and Sheila Airey that each recommendation be voted on separately.

Motion Carried

It was moved by Councillors Brian Lynch and André Rivette that Council authorize the amount of \$242,000.00 to be added to the 1999 Capital Budget.

Motion Carried

It was moved by Councillors Brian Lynch and Perry Lalonde that the two projects listed from the Waterworks system be carried out in 1999.

Motion Carried

It was moved by Councillors André Rivette and Perry Lalonde that part of the surplus in the 1998 operating budget be utilized for the Children's Aid Funding request (\$118,672.00).

Motion Carried

It was moved by Councillors Claude Poirier and André Rivette that the balance of the surplus in the 1998 operating budget be placed in the working reserves.

Motion Carried

See minutes Jan. 25/99
Parking, Traffic, Streetlighting
\$25,000.

3. **Industrial Park Sanitary Sewer**

It was moved by Councillors Chris Savard and André Rivette that tender no.98-T61 and all other costs associated with this project be funded by the industrial land reserve.

Motion Carried

4. **Tender 98-T61 - Industrial Park Sanitary Sewer and Watermain Construction**

It was moved by Councillors Perry Lalonde and André Rivette that tender no.98-T61 be awarded to Louis W. Bray Construction Ltd. At a total bid price of \$491,537.67 including G.S.T. being the lowest bid meeting the tender requirements.

Motion Carried

5. **Tender 98-T64 - Supply of Window Van (Economic Development)**

It was moved by Councillors Claude Poirier and Brian Lynch that tender no.98-T64 be awarded to Grant Dodge Chrysler Jeep of Cornwall at a total bid price of \$459.61 per month including taxes being the lowest bid meeting the tender specifications.

Motion Carried

6. **Purchase of Defibrillators - Fire Department**

It was moved by Councillors Brian Lynch and Claude Poirier that the Fire Chief be permitted to purchase three (3) Defibrillators and the required training through the base hospital with the total cost not to exceed \$22,000.00.

Motion Carried

7. **Federal Business Development Bank**

It was moved by Councillors André Rivette and Claude Poirier that Council receive the report from the Manager, Finance under date of November 25, 1998.

Motion Carried

8. **Le Village Parking**

It was moved by Councillors Perry Lalonde and Chris Savard that Council accept the agreed upon arrangement.

It was then moved by Councillors Naresh Bhargava and Brian Lynch that this matter be referred back to Administration for additional back-up information.

Motion Defeated

A recorded vote on the main motion resulted as follows:

For

Mayor Brian Sylvester
Councillor Perry Lalonde
Councillor Chris Savard
Councillor Claude Poirier
Councillor André Rivette

Against

Councillor Sheila Airey
Councillor Denis Carr
Councillor Brian Lynch
Councillor Naresh Bhargava

Motion Carried 5-4

9. **Seventh Street Extension**

It was moved by Councillors Perry Lalonde and André Rivette that Council receive the report from the Assistant C.A.O., Manager, Engineering and Environmental Services under date of November 30, 1998.

Motion Carried

10. **Municipal Communication System**

It was moved by Councillors Claude Poirier and André Rivette that City Council endorse the report from the Deputy City Clerk under date of December 4, 1998 and that the Corporation enter into a five (5) year contract (Year 2003) for telecommunications with Bell Canada and that the monies required for capital expenditure be included in the 1999 Capital Budget.

Motion Carried

11. **Service Delivery Other Cities**

It was moved by Councillors Naresh Bhargava and Sheila Airey that Council receive the report from the Manager, Finance under date of December 1, 1998.

Motion Carried

12. **Staff Replacement - Machine Operator II**

It was moved by Councillors André Rivette and Brian Lynch that Council approve the hiring of one Machine Operator II.

Motion Carried

13. **Request for Proposals 98-R13 - Municipal Marketing Initiatives**

It was moved by Councillors Claude Poirier and Perry Lalonde that the firm of Weaver, Tanner & Miller Inc. be selected to serve as the Department of Economic Development's marketing agency.

Motion Defeated

14. **Y2K Report**

It was moved by Councillors Naresh Bhargava and Chris Savard that Council receive the report from the Manager, Finance under date of December 8, 1998 with submissions from various Managers.

Motion Carried

15. **Staff Replacement - Kinsmen Center**

It was moved by Councillors André Rivette and Perry Lalonde that Council approve the filling of the Part-time Clerk/Security position at the Kinsmen Municipal Center.

Motion Carried

16. **Downtown B.I.A. - Street Closure, Winter Carnival 1999**

It was moved by Councillors André Rivette and Naresh Bhargava that Council approve the request.

Motion Carried

ADOPTION OF THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

Having declared a Pecuniary Interest on by-law 118-1998, Councillor Denis Carr left the room and did not take part in the Second, Third or Final readings of by-laws 115-1998 to 120-1998 inclusive.

By-laws - Second Reading

It was moved by Councillors Sheila Airey and Perry Lalonde that the Committee of the Whole be adopted as reported and that by-laws 115-1998 to 120-1998 inclusive be given second reading.

Motion Carried

By-laws - Third Reading

It was moved by Councillors Brian Lynch and André Rivette that by-laws 115-1998 to 120-1998 inclusive be given third reading.

Motion Carried

Councillor Denis Carr returned.

REPORTS FROM AD HOC COMMITTEES OF COUNCIL

NOTICE OF MOTION

NEW BUSINESS

#1. Base Hospital Program

It was moved by Councillors Claude Poirier and André Rivette that:

WHEREAS the Ottawa Base Hospital program has recently announced a reduction of the budget to the Associate Base Hospital program for Cornwall and surrounding area; and

WHEREAS this reduction will seriously affect the proper implementation of the Base Hospital program in our area; and

WHEREAS the health needs of our residents should be enhanced not regressed.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Cornwall City Council advise the Ottawa Base Hospital program, the Minister of Health and her Department, that we find the reduction in the budget unacceptable. This is a period where it is stated that we are reinvesting to enhance the health needs of Ontarians.

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT both the Honourable Noble Villeneuve and John Cleary, M.P.P. be advised of our concern in this matter.

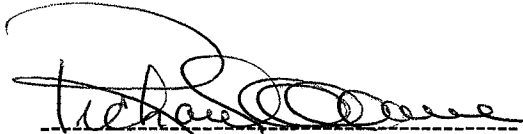
Motion Carried

#2. **Y2K Identified Areas of Concern**

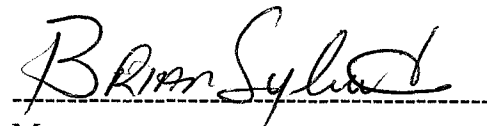
It was moved by Councillors Naresh Bhargava and Chris Savard that the City of Cornwall request FCM / AMO to collect, coordinate and distribute to its members, identified areas of concern where a corrective action is being taken by a municipality. This will help avoid any possible area which one may miss; and that both FCM / AMO be requested to take this as an urgent request.

Motion Carried

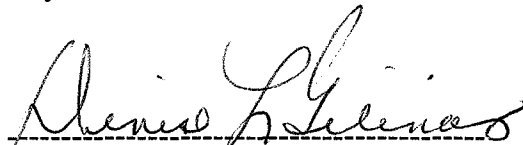
Adjourned: 10:10 p.m.



City Clerk



Mayor



Recording Secretary