

**SPECIAL REGULAR COUNCIL #20-98**

Monday, July 27, 1998  
Meeting began at 7:00 p.m.

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**PRESENT:** A Committee of Council meeting 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, Brian Lynch and Naresh Bhargava.

**ADMINISTRATION:** Richard Allaire, Chief Administrative Officer/City Clerk, Paul Fitzpatrick, Frank McDonald, Graham Dart, Fernand Hamelin, John Flannigan, Steve Wintle, Mike Tremblay/Assessment Committee, and Denise Labelle-Gélinas, Recording Secretary.

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It was moved by Councillors Brian Lynch and seconded by Denis Carr that Council approve the Budget.

Motion Carried

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**DISCLOSURE OF INTEREST - Nil**

1. **1998 Capital Budget**

It was moved by Councillors Denis Carr and Naresh Bhargava:

1. That Council approve the reconstruction of Vincent Massey Drive at a gross budget cost of \$500,000.00, as part of the 1998 Capital Budget.
2. That Council approve the improvements to McConnell Avenue from Second Street to Fifth Street at a gross budget cost of \$475,000.00 as part of the 1998 Capital Budget.
3. That Council approve the construction of a parkette area at the former Pancake House site at a gross budget cost of \$25,000.00 as part of the 1998 Capital Budget.

Motion Carried

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2. **Tender 98-T05 Asphalt Paving & Concrete Works on Various Streets  
(McConnell Avenue Widening from Second Street to Fifth Street  
Including Second Street Turning Lanes**

It was moved by Councillors Denis Carr and André Rivette that Council approve Part B of this tender and that this tender be awarded to Cornwall Gravel Co. Ltd., Cornwall, Ontario at the total bid price of \$345,709.51 being the lowest bid meeting the tender specifications.

Motion Carried

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3. **Tender 98-T13 Vincent Massey Drive Reconstruction**

It was moved by Councillors Denis Carr and André Rivette that Council approve Part B of this tender and that this tender be awarded to Cornwall Gravel Ltd., Cornwall, Ontario at the total bid price of \$462,875.67 being the lowest bid meeting the tender specifications.

Motion Carried

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4. **By-law 070-1998**

It was moved by Councillors Brian Lynch and Korey Kennedy that By-law 070-1998 be given First, Second, and Third Reading and that By-law 070-1998 be recommended for enactment.

Motion Carried

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5. **Ontario Fair Assessment System**

#1. **LOW INCOME SENIORS OR DISABLED**

It was moved by Councillors Brian Lynch and André Rivette:

- That this be a deferral of the assessment related tax increase.
- That this program apply to residential property with a CVA of \$100,000 or less.
- That we make use of existing definitions from other Provincial/Federal programs in determining age, disability and low income criteria.
- That a by-law setting out all the criteria be prepared.
- Applications must be made annually for this deferral program.
- In year two and subsequent years, approved applicants will be notified of annual filing requirements.

Motion Carried

#2. **REBATES FOR CHARITIES**

It was moved by Councillors Chris Savard and Brian Lynch:

- That the rebate be set at 40%.
- That it be extended to other similar organizations (not-for-profit) that were formerly either exempt or paying tax at the residential mill rate but are now subject to a occupied Commercial or Industrial tax rate.
- That a by-law setting out all the criteria be prepared.
- Applications must be made annually for this rebate program.

Motion Carried

#3. 2.5% CAP ON 1998, 1999 AND 2000 TAXES

It was moved by Councillors Naresh Bhargava and Sheila Airey:

- That the 2.5% cap on taxes for 1998, 1999 and 2000 for the Commercial, Industrial and Multi-Res classes not be used.

Motion Carried

#4. GRADUATION OF TAX RATES

It was moved by Councillors Brian Lynch and Korey Kennedy:

- That the use of Graduated Tax Rates for the Commercial and Industrial Classes not be used.

Motion Carried

#5. USE OF OPTIONAL PROPERTY CLASSES

It was moved by Councillors Korey Kennedy and Sheila Airey:

- That Optional Property classes not be used.

Motion Carried

#6. RELIEF FOR LANDLORDS WITH GROSS LEASES

It was moved by Councillors Chris Savard and Brian Lynch:

- That Council pass a by-law to provide a means by which landlords with gross leases may recover an amount from the tenants as per Bill 16.
- That Council pass the appropriate by-law to enable BIA's to collect a levy from landlords/tenants.

Motion Carried

#7. TAX RATIOS

It was moved by Councillors Denis Carr and Chris Savard:

- That tax ratios be set as per option three. Re-distribute total BOT of \$3,640,000 across all classes in proportion to their share of 1997 taxes paid, phased in over a three year period. Tax ratios would therefore be set as follows:

	<u>Ratio</u>	<u>%age Change from Transition Ratio</u>
Residential	1.0000	+2.65%
Multi-Residential	2.3492	+2.65%
Commercial	1.9650	-2.69%
Industrial	3.3500	-6.0%
Pipelines	1.5217	+2.65%
Farmlands	0.2500	+2.65%
Managed Forests	0.2500	+2.65%

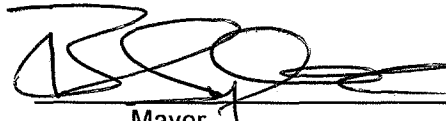
A recorded vote resulted as follows:

<u>YEAS</u>	<u>COUNCIL MEMBERS</u>	<u>NAYS</u>
✓	Mayor Sylvester	
✓	Councillor Airey	
✓	Councillor Carr	
	Councillor Lalonde	✓
✓	Councillor Savard	
	Councillor Kennedy	✓
✓	Councillor Poirier	
	Councillor Rivette	✓
	Councillor Hollingsworth	✓
	Councillor Lynch	✓
✓	Councillor Bhargava	

Motion Carried 6/5

Adjourned 9:15 p.m.

  
Deputy Clerk

  
Mayor