



## REGULAR COUNCIL #18-99

Monday, April 26, 1999  
Meeting began at 7:30 p.m.

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

**ADMINISTRATION:** Richard Allaire, Chief Administrative Officer / Clerk, David Fielding, Assistant Chief Administrative Officer / Manager, Engineering and Environmental Services, Frank McDonald, Graham Dart, Fern Hamelin, Frances Lafave, Steve Alexander, Paul Fitzpatrick, Hilda Seguin, Tony Repa, Hugh O'Reilly, Roger Desjardins, and Denise Labelle-Gélinas, Deputy Clerk / Recording Secretary.

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**INVOCATION**            Richard Allaire

**ADDITIONS / DELETIONS**    Nil

### DISCLOSURE OF INTEREST

Councillor André Rivette declared a Pecuniary Interest on Communication Item #14, "Update on Consolidation of Social Services", as his wife is employed in the Social Services Department of the City of Cornwall.

### PRESENTATIONS

#1.    Tax Update

The Manager, Finance provided a brief update on the results of the six day attendance within the various shopping areas across the City. Mr. McDonald, in conclusion, thanked the establishments and staff for the assistance and cooperation received.

2.    Cornwall 2000

Councillor Chris Savard, Chairman, and Mr. Rick Shaver, Co-chair, updated Council on this committee and the many events being prepared for millennium celebrations. The theme and logo were unveiled and an overview of the Committee were highlighted. It is an umbrella group designed to help in the many activities that are scheduled in Cornwall from July 1999 to July 2000.

The logo depicts the Clock Tower, the Canadian Flag, with the words "a new beginning - Cornwall - un nouveau début".

Councillor Chris Savard continued to identify the four distinct components that make up the Committee: events, Community recognition, education, and Communication / Promotion. There is a public meeting scheduled for Tuesday, May 4, 1999 from 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. at the Civic Complex in order to integrate community response on these areas.

In conclusion, it was moved by Councillors Naresh Bhargava and André Rivette that Council receive this presentation and endorse the logo.

Motion Carried

### **ADOPTION OF MINUTES**

It was moved by Councillors Brian Lynch and Perry Lalonde that the Committee of Council minutes, meeting #11-99 dated April 12, 1999 be approved as presented.

Motion Carried

It was moved by Councillors Naresh Bhargava and Claude Poirier that the Council minutes, meeting #17-99 dated April 12, 1999 be approved as presented.

Motion Carried

### **COMMITTEE OF COUNCIL**

It was moved by Councillors Claude Poirier and Brian Lynch 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 034-1999 to 053-1999 inclusive be given first reading.

Motion Carried

### **BY-LAWS - First Reading**

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| 034-1999 | A by-law to authorize the execution of a tax arrears extension agreement pursuant to Section 8 of the Municipal Tax Sales Act, 1990, R.S.O. 1990, c.60 ( 1013 Second Street West).              |
| 035-1999 | A by-law to authorize the asphalt resurfacing and concrete work on various City Streets in 1999.  |
| 036-1999 | A by-law to authorize the improvements of a highway, and the construction of a storm drainage system, sanitary sewer system, and watermain on Eleventh Street, from Pitt Street to Daly Avenue. |
| 037-1999 | A by-law to authorize the improvements of a highway, construction of a storm drainage system, and a sidewalk on Vincent Massey Drive, from 1800 Vincent Massey Drive to Tollgate Road.          |

- 038-1999 A by-law to authorize the improvements of a highway, and related systems on Boundary Road, from SCM Way to Highway #401.
- 039-1999 A by-law to authorize the construction of a storm drainage system on McKenzie Street from Ross Avenue to 200 meters west of Johnston Avenue, on Ross Avenue from McKenzie Street to Patrick Street, on Patrick Street from Ross Avenue to 500 meters west of Grace Street, on Grace Street from Patrick Street to McKenzie Street, and on Johnston Avenue from McKenzie Street to Hilbert Avenue; and the installation of storm drainage laterals and connections from private homes to the storm drainage system in the area commonly known as Eamers Corners.
- 040-1999 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 York Street to Cumberland Street.
- 041-1999 A by-law to authorize the temporary closing of various City streets for the purpose of asphalt resurfacing, concrete work, general repairs and improvements.
- 042-1999 A by-law to authorize the temporary closing of McKenzie Street from Ross Avenue to 200 meters west of Johnston Avenue, on Ross Avenue from McKenzie Street to Patrick Street, on Patrick Street from Ross Avenue to 500 meters west of Grace Street, on Grace Street from Patrick Street to McKenzie Street, and on Johnston Avenue from McKenzie Street to Hilbert Avenue for the purpose of construction, repairs and improvements.
- 043-1999 A by-law to authorize the temporary closing of Seventh Street between York Street and Cumberland Street for the purpose of construction, repairs and improvements.
- 044-1999 A by-law to authorize the temporary closing of Eleventh Street between Pitt Street and Daly Avenue for the purpose of construction, repairs and improvements.
- 045-1999 A by-law to authorize the temporary closing of Vincent Massey Drive between 1800 Vincent Massey Drive and Tollgate Road for the purpose of construction, repairs and improvements.
- 046-1999 A by-law to amend by-law 014-1999 - Procedural Bylaw (Notice of Motion).
- 047-1999 A by-law to authorize the temporary closing of Boundary Road between SCM Way and Highway #401 for the purpose of construction, repairs and improvements.
- 048-1999 A by-law to amend by-law 069-1989, the Traffic and Parking by-law, as amended, under Schedule I to indicate "No Stopping" restriction on McConnell Avenue between Second Street and Fourth Street.
- 049-1999 A by-law to authorize the acquisition of lands from Cedars Rapids Transmission Co. and that this property be named and dedicated as a public highway under the Public Transportation and Highway Improvements Act and named SCM WAY.

- 050-1999 A by-law to authorize the Corporation to enter into a seven year agreement with NAV Canada for linen and laundry operations.
- 051-1999 A by-law to authorize the Mayor and Clerk to enter into a Memorandum of Understanding with Aultsville Theatre Volunteer Management Committee and St. Lawrence College.
- 052-1999 A by-law authorizing the sale of the former Cornwall Public Library building to the Cornwall Pentecostal Church.
- 053-1999 A by-law authorizing the Mayor and Clerk to enter into an Agreement with the Ministry of Health for Year 2000 Funding: Medical Equipment Renewal Fund and Mission Critical Fund.

**DELEGATIONS** Nil

## **RESOLUTIONS**

**#07-1999 Quebec Construction Workers**

It was moved by Councillors Brian Lynch and Naresh Bhargava that:

**WHEREAS** Ontario construction workers and building contractors have limited access to construction jobs and projects in Quebec because of Quebec regulations; and

**WHEREAS** Quebec construction workers and building contractors have had free access to jobs and contracts in Ontario; and

**WHEREAS** the Government of Ontario, as of April 1, 1999, has prohibited Quebec companies from bidding on Ontario construction contracts and plans to introduce additional job protection measures when the Ontario legislature resumes after April 22; and

**WHEREAS** Cornwall City Council, as recently as September 9, 1996, supported Bill 60 introduced by MPP Jean Marc Lalonde to eliminate unfair practices in the construction industry.

**NOW THEREFORE**, be it resolved that Cornwall City Council likewise prohibit Quebec companies from bidding on City of Cornwall funded construction projects by skilled workers until such time as the government of Quebec removes its barriers to out of province construction workers and building contractors.

Motion Carried

#008-99      **Revitalization Project**

It was moved by Councillors Claude Poirier and Perry Lalonde that:

WHEREAS a Community-based Redevelopment Initiative has been undertaken over the last year by Group Renaissance Group; and

WHEREAS one of the results of said initiative was to produce a comprehensive Visioning Report; and

WHEREAS the Renaissance Visioning Report forms the basis for articulating goals and objectives and future projects of the Renaissance Project Area; and

WHEREAS Council commends and encourages such grassroots initiatives in maintaining the viability and vitality of one of Cornwall's historic and culturally diverse neighbourhoods

NOW THEREFORE, be it resolved that Council fully endorses and supports the Renaissance Visioning exercise and resultant Visioning report.

Motion Carried

## CONSENT

It was moved by Councillors Perry Lalonde and André Rivette that Council approve the Consent Agenda as presented.

A.      **Planning Advisory Committee Report 2-1 (Lemay Street)**

That Council approve site specific exception to permit a "Private Seniors Residence according to recommendations as indicated under report dated February 15, 1999.

B.      **Proclamation - Police Week**

That Council proclaim the week of May 9<sup>th</sup> to May 15<sup>th</sup>, 1999 as Police Week in the City of Cornwall and urge all residents to join in celebrating with our Police Officers.

C.      **Multiple Sclerosis Society of Canada**

That Council proclaim the month of May as M.S. Awareness Month.

D.      **Petition**

That the petition from residents of the Fourth Street East area be referred to Administration.

E.      **Petition**

That the petition from residents residing on Bryden Avenue between Montreal road and Easton Avenue be referred to Administration.

F.      **Cornwall Power & Sail Squadron**

That Council approve the request to hold the 9<sup>th</sup> Annual Poker Run on Saturday June 12<sup>th</sup>, 1999 at Marina 200.

## COMMUNICATION

### 1. St. Lawrence College Proposal

It was moved by Councillors Denis Carr and Naresh Bhargava that Council support the development of the proposal on Advanced Networking and Computing Laboratory in the amount of \$50,000 and that St. Lawrence College provide technical expertise to the City of Cornwall's I.T. Division, and further that the \$50,000 be taken from Reserves.

Motion Carried

### 2. High Tech Millennium Project

It was moved by Councillors André Rivette and Perry Lalonde that Thursday, May 6, 1999 at 7:00 p.m. be selected as the appropriate meeting date to discuss the usage of the Progress Fund.

Motion Carried

### 3. Marina 200 Lease Extension

It was moved by Councillors Chris Savard and Claude Poirier that the City approve the requested extension to the operating agreement for Marina 200 until the year 2002.

Motion Carried

### 4. Separate School Board - Sale of Property

It was moved Councillors Naresh Bhargava and Claude Poirier that the Administration be authorized to advise the French Catholic School Board of Eastern Ontario that the City has no interest in wanting to buy the property located at 835 Campbell drive.

Motion Carried

### 5. Tender 99-T02 - Lease of Photocopy Equipment

It was moved by Councillors Claude Poirier and Brian Lynch that tender 99-T02 be awarded to Office Equipment Cornwall, for a four (4) year period as follows:

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| i)   | Item 1 (up to 30,000 copies per year)  | @ \$0.0165 |
| ii)  | Item 2 (up to 120,000 copies per year) | @ \$0.0165 |
| iii) | Item 3 (up to 480,000 copies per year) | @ \$0.0165 |

being the lowest overall bid meeting the tender specifications.

Motion Carried

### 6. Tender 99-T11 - Asphalt Paving & Concrete Works

It was moved by Councillors Perry Lalonde and Korey Kennedy that this tender be awarded to Dibblee Construction at the total bid price of \$1,117,087.62 being the lowest bid meeting the tender specifications.

Motion Carried

7. **Tender 99-T14 - Reconstruction of Eleventh St. from Daly to Pitt St.**

It was moved by Councillors Brian Lynch and Perry Lalonde that this tender be awarded to Cornwall Gravel Co. Ltd at the total bid price of \$484,421.69 being the lowest bid meeting the tender specifications.

Motion Carried

8. **Tender 99-T21 - Supply of Ready Mix Concrete**

It was moved by Councillors André Rivette and Korey Kennedy that this tender be awarded to Lafarge Canada Inc., Cornwall, Ontario at the total bid price of \$95,507.50 being the lowest bid meeting the tender specifications.

Motion Carried

9. **Tender 99-T22 - Supply of Gravel and Crushed Stone**

It was moved by Councillors Claude Poirier and Brian Lynch that this tender be awarded to Cornwall Gravel Co. Ltd., Cornwall, Ontario at the total bid price of \$54,864.78 being the lowest bid meeting the tender specifications.

Motion Carried

10. **Tender 99-T29 - Single Axle Truck and Work Crew**

It was moved by Councillors Naresh Bhargava and Brian Lynch that this tender be awarded to Wayne Summers, Newington, Ontario at the hourly rate of \$38.50 plus applicable GST being the lowest bid meeting the tender specifications.

Motion Carried

11. **Tender 99-T18 - Supply and Delivery of Swimming Pool Chemicals**

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

Item 1	Acapulco Pools, Kitchener, Ontario - \$9,900.00 excluding taxes
Item 2 - 6	S & B Distributing, Apple Hill, Ontario - \$1,611.50 excluding taxes

being the lowest bids meeting the tender specifications.

Motion Carried

12. **Downtown Revitalization Project**

It was moved by Councillors André Rivette and Perry Lalonde that the City of Cornwall authorize the Manager, Engineering & Environmental Services to permit the placing of waste disposal containers in parking stalls, and that the lost revenues not be recuperated from the individual business owners.

Motion Carried

13. **Cornwall Electric Telecommunication**

It was moved by Councillors Denis Carr and Naresh Bhargava that:

1. Council pass a by-law to authorize Cornwall Electric to use the Municipal right-of-way for the purpose of telecommunications in the City of Cornwall.
2. That Cornwall Electric be directed to locate their proposed telecommunications plant underground in locations as deemed reasonable by the Manager, Engineering & Environmental Services.
3. That Cornwall Electric be responsible to pay 50% of the actual cost (without mark-up) for all labour, material and equipment associated with the required work, as outlined by the Manager, Engineering & Environmental Services.

Motion Carried

*Having declared a Pecuniary Interest, Councillor André Rivette left the room and did not take part in the discussion or vote.*

14. **Update on Consolidation of Social Services**

It was moved by Councillors Brian Lynch and Denis Carr that:

1. Council approve the report to proceed with the hiring of the additional staff requirements and current vacancies to meet the staff compliment to deliver the Ontario Works and child Care Programs to the City and County residents.
2. That Council approve the revised annualized budget subject to approval by the Province for the Calender year 1999.

Motion Carried

*Councillor André Rivette returned.*

15. **Port Theatre Parking Lot**

It was moved by Councillors Perry Lalonde and André Rivette that Council direct the Manager, Engineering and Environmental Services to meet with representatives of Le Village Business Community and the property owner to determine if an appropriate arrangement can be resolved with the parties involved, and report back to City Council.

It was then moved by Councillors Chris Savard and Naresh Bhargava that Le Village Business Community be awarded a sixty (60) day extension to prepare for alternate arrangements to the Port Theatre Parking Lot.

Motion Defeated

Main Motion Carried



## ADOPTION OF THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

### By-laws - Second Reading

It was moved by Councillors Perry Lalonde and Korey Kennedy that the Committee of the Whole be adopted as reported and that by-laws 034-1999 to 053-1999 be given second reading.

Motion Carried

### BYLAWS - Third Reading

It was moved by Councillors Chris Savard and Sheila Airey that by-law 050-1999 be removed and not given third reading at this time.

Motion Carried

It was moved by Councillors Sheila Airey and Korey Kennedy that by-laws 034 -1999 to 049-1999 inclusive and 51-1999 to 53-1999 inclusive be given third reading and adopted.

Motion Carried

## REPORTS FROM AD HOC COMMITTEES OF COUNCIL

## NOTICE OF MOTION

## NEW BUSINESS

### 1. Unconditional and Special Circumstances Funds

It was moved by Councillors Naresh Bhargava and Brian Lynch that:

WHEREAS this Council believes that the 2.7 million dollars received from the Province as unconditional and special circumstances funds has to be returned back to the taxpayers either in the form of tax reduction or improving infrastructure; and

WHEREAS the Council believes in creating an environment for the local businesses to grow and attract new investment to create jobs in our City; and

WHEREAS one of the criteria that new investors, businesses and industry look for before investing and creating jobs, is the stability of taxes; and

WHEREAS the City has demonstrated its ability of reducing taxes by 2.2% in 1999 and has an opportunity to become the first and only municipality in Canada to have a plan for continued tax reduction.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED That administration investigate and report by May 10, 1999 on the following:

1. The feasibility and advantages of the concept of establishing a "tax reduction fund" to ensure tax reduction in future years.
2. Giving additional tax relief to tax payers in 1999.
3. Adding funds to the capital budget for 1999 for further improvements to the infrastructure of our City.

A recorded vote on the main motion resulted as follows:

	YEA	NAY
Mayor Brian Sylvester	✓	
Sheila Airey		✓
Denis Carr		✓
Perry Lalonde		✓
Chris Savard		✓
Korey Kennedy	✓	
Claude Poirier		✓
Andre Rivette		✓
Dean Hollingsworth		✓
Brian Lynch		✓
Naresh Bhargava	✓	
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Motion Defeated

2. **Re-consideration**

It was moved by Councillors Dean Hollingsworth and Claude Poirier that:

WHEREAS Council's financial position has changed since our last meeting.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED That Council reconsider both motions of April 12, 1999 concerning tax reduction and capital expenditures by using the special circumstances funds.

A recorded vote on the main motion resulted as follows:

	YEA	NAY
Mayor Brian Sylvester	✓	
Sheila Airey	✓	
Denis Carr	✓	
Perry Lalonde	✓	
Chris Savard	✓	
Korey Kennedy	✓	
Claude Poirier	✓	
Andre Rivette	✓	
Dean Hollingsworth	✓	
Brian Lynch		✓
Naresh Bhargava		✓
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Motion Carried

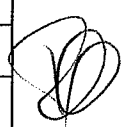
It was moved by Councillors Claude Poirier and Denis Carr that:

WHEREAS the Province of Ontario has given the Municipality 1.7 million dollars as "Special Circumstance" funds.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED That any funds awarded be set aside for capital projects.

A recorded vote on the main motion resulted as follows:

	YEA	NAY
Mayor Brian Sylvester	⊙ →	
Sheila Airey	✓	
Denis Carr	✓	
Perry Lalonde	✓	
Chris Savard		✓
Korey Kennedy	✓	
Claude Poirier	✓	
Andre Rivette	✓	
Dean Hollingsworth	✓	
Brian Lynch	← ⊙	
Naresh Bhargava		✓
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Motion Carried

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

WHEREAS the Province of Ontario has recently awarded a \$1 million dollar unconditional grant; and

WHEREAS the loss of assessment in 1998 resulted in a tax increase for most ratepayers.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED That the sum of \$671,000 be utilized to bring the total budget reduction to 4% for 1999, giving further relief to our ratepayers.

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED That the balance of this sum being \$329,000 be set aside for tax stabilization for further tax relief in the year 2000.

Motion Carried

3. **Handicapped Parking - City Hall**

It was moved by Councillors Korey Kennedy and Perry Lalonde that:

WHEREAS the City of Cornwall's duty is to provide for its residents with the best possible quality of life and service; and

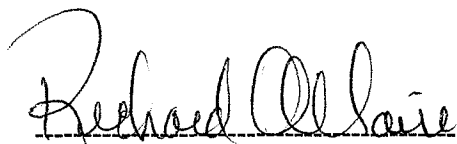
WHEREAS the City's duty is also to make access to all Municipal buildings to everyone more efficient and easier; and

WHEREAS we are not providing easy access to the physically challenged to City Hall, as there are no parking spots in front of City Hall for the physically challenged.

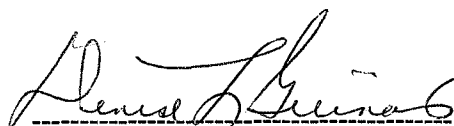
NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED That the City create a physically challenged parking spot in the present spot in front of City Hall's front door.

Motion Carried

Adjournment: 10:50 p.m.

  
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City Clerk

  
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Mayor

  
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Recording Secretary