



REGULAR COUNCIL #21-99

Tuesday, May 25, 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: David Fielding, Assistant Chief Administrative Officer / Manager, Engineering and Environmental Services, Frank McDonald, Graham Dart, Fern Hamelin, Paul Fitzpatrick, Diane Gilligan, and Denise Labelle-Gélinas, Deputy Clerk / Recording Secretary.

INVOCATION - Denise Labelle-Gélinas, Deputy Clerk

ADDITIONS / DELETIONS / CORRECTIONS

It was noted that the recommendation in Communication Item #2, "High Tech Millennium Pilot Project", should have read "Council decision."

DISCLOSURE OF INTEREST Nil

PRESENTATIONS

1. Environmental Institute

The President of the Environmental Institute, Mr. Tom Kaneb was present this evening to update Council on recent accomplishments and future endeavors of the Institute. The various aspects they are involved with were highlighted and included water quality sampling, High School visits, Cooper Marsh Activities, Science Summer Camp, a University mini course, and an annual conference, which is proving very successful.

Mayor Sylvester congratulated the Institute on its positive contribution to the community and thanked Mr. Kaneb for bringing this information to Council and Cornwall's citizens.

2. Y2K Presentation

Mrs. Suzanne Carrier-Armstrong was present this evening to assure both Council and the citizens of Cornwall that the Municipality is working diligently in anticipation of the possibility of some disruptions dealing with the changing of the millennium. A Y2K Municipal Committee with three sub-committees have been formed. To date, all Municipal departments and key players in the community are confident in their ability to enter the Year 2000 without any significant occurrences. The Committee is now at the stage of planning for a variety of possibilities, but strongly endorse the suggestions by Emergency Measures Ontario to prepare for a 3 - 4 day disruption only.

The various means of educating and informing the community were highlighted and includes a monthly article in the Seaway News, notices on the City's web page, an information booklet to be distributed to various agencies and at Municipal functions, and a mass mail out of a check list with important contact numbers which will be sent in September 1999.

ADOPTION OF MINUTES

It was moved by Councillors André Rivette and Claude Poirier that the Special Committee of Council Meeting #13-99 dated May 6, 1999 be approved as presented.

Motion Carried

It was moved by Councillors Naresh Bhargava and Brian Lynch that the Special Meeting of Council #19-99 dated May 6, 1999 be approved as presented.

Motion Carried

It was moved by Councillors Korey Kennedy and Perry Lalonde that the Committee of Council Meeting #14-99 dated May 10, 1999 be approved as presented.

Motion Carried

It was moved by Councillors André Rivette and Sheila Airey that the Regular Council Meeting #20-99 dated May 10, 1999 be approved as amended.

Motion Carried

It was moved by Councillors Denis Carr and André Rivette that the Special Committee of Council Meeting #15-99 be approved as presented.

Motion Carried

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

It was moved by Councillors Denis Carr 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 060-1999 to 062-1999 inclusive be given first reading.

Motion Carried

BY-LAWS - First Reading

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| 060-1999 | A by-law to dedicate lands as a public highway and naming it Northwoods Crescent. |
| 061-1999 | A by-law to regulate smoking in Municipal buildings, public places and workplaces in the City of Cornwall (short title: The Smoking By-law). |
| 062-1999 | A by-law to authorize the 1998 Long-Term Care Facility Service Agreement between the Corporation of the City of Cornwall, Glen Stor Dun Lodge and the Minister of Health. |

DELEGATIONS

1. Lilac Festival Committee

Mr. Luc Groulx appeared before Council this evening to highlight the 6 year history of the Lilac Festival. Thousands of lilacs have been planted all over the City, with plans to extend to Highway 401 with several hundred more lilacs.

The Festival is scheduled to take place on May 28th and May 29th, 1999 with an extraordinary new event, "The Medieval Fair".

Mr. Groulx requested that Council officially recognize the week surrounding the Lilac Festival as "Lilac Week" in the City of Cornwall.

In conclusion, it was moved by Councillors Brian Lynch and André Rivette that Council receive this presentation.

Motion Carried

Mayor Brian Sylvester took this opportunity to urge the citizens of Cornwall and area to participate and enjoy the planned events.

RESOLUTIONS

#007-99 It was moved by Councillors André Rivette and Claude Poirier that:

WHEREAS it is important that City Council demonstrate its commitment to long term tax reduction / stabilization in our community; and

WHEREAS Council has shown its commitment in the 1999 budget by reducing taxes by 4% and still having over \$325,000 to help in tax reduction / stabilization for the year 2000.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED That Administration prepare a report for the June 14, 1999 Council meeting on the feasibility of creating a tax reduction / stabilization fund that would see the \$325,000 + along with a change in policy that all tender and project savings and any surplus dollars that may become available after the City's yearly audited statement is completed go directly into the tax reduction / stabilization fund. This would demonstrate that this Council is committed to take the necessary steps to address the long term tax reduction / stabilization in the City of Cornwall. These funds would only be used in whole or in part after the Council of the day felt that all the budget processes had been completed.

Con't...

A recorded vote 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		✓
	5	6

Motion Defeated

CONSENT

It was moved by Councillors Korey Kennedy and Perry Lalonde that the Consent Agenda be approved as presented.

Motion Carried

A. National Aboriginal Day

That Council approve the request from F.C.M. to declare June 21, 1999 as "National Aboriginal Day" in the City of Cornwall.

B. Township of Centre Wellington

That Council endorse the request to petition both the Provincial and Federal Governments to bring forward an Infrastructure Program in which a major portion of the cost of maintenance or replacement of municipal bridges would be funded by the Provincial and Federal Governments.

COMMUNICATIONS

1. Action Line

It was moved by Councillors Korey Kennedy and Sheila Airey that Council receive the information as provided by the Office Supervisor / Clerk's Office in a report dated May 5, 1999.

Motion Carried

2. High Tech Millennium Pilot Project

It was moved by Councillors André Rivette and Denis Carr that \$150,000 from the interest of the Progress Fund be kept in reserve pending the development of the program criteria for the "Cornwall High Tech Millennium Pilot Project" and commitment from senior levels of government and, possibly the private sector. It is understood that the Working Team, which includes representation from Human Resource Development Canada, MEDTT, OMAFRA, St. Lawrence College, and the Cornwall Economic Development Department will do their best to bring all partners on board as soon as possible. This is to ensure that a report can be prepared for Council's final approval and that the students who are thinking of pursuing a career in the high tech field might be able to meet the criteria set out for the 1999-2000 school year.

A recorded vote 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		✓
	9	2

Motion Carried

3. **Y2K Annex**

It was moved by Councillors Korey Kennedy and Brian Lynch that Council approve the "Y2K Annex" as presented.

Motion Carried

4. **Tender 99-T28 - Miscellaneous Trucking and Labour**

It was moved by Councillors Brian Lynch and Perry Lalonde that this tender be awarded to Wayne Summers, Newington at the total bid price of \$12,278.25 being the lowest bid meeting the tender specifications.

Motion Carried

5. **Tender 99-T32 - Crack Sealing**

It was moved by Councillors Claude Poirier and André Rivette that this tender be awarded to Roadlast Asphalt, Gloucester at the total bid price of \$24,836.84 being the lowest bid meeting the tender specifications.

Motion Carried

6. **Tender 99-T35 - Centreline Pavement Markings**

It was moved by Councillors Korey Kennedy and Brian Lynch that this tender be awarded for a two year period to Provincial Maintenance, Niagara Falls, at the total bid price of \$42,901.65 in 1999 and \$45,726.45 in 2000 being the lowest bid meeting the tender specifications.

Motion Carried

7. **Tender 99-T37 - Bridge Installation, Rotary Eco Garden**

It was moved by Councillors Brian Lynch and Perry Lalonde that this tender be awarded to R.J. Bourgon & Associates Ltd., Cornwall at the total bid price of \$13,589.00 being the lowest bid meeting the tender specifications.

Motion Carried

8. **Wastewater Treatment Plant - Electric System**

It was moved by Councillors Denis Carr and Naresh Bhargava that a qualified Consulting Engineer be retained to prepare a report on the upgrade required of the electrical system at the Wastewater Treatment Plant; and that funding for this study be taken from the savings in the capital funds provided for the overhaul of the centrifuges at the Wastewater Treatment Plant.

Motion Carried

ADOPTION OF THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

BY-LAWS - Second Reading

It was moved by Councillors Naresh Bhargava and Korey Kennedy that the Committee of the Whole be adopted as reported and that by-laws 060-1999 to 062-1999 inclusive be given second reading.

Motion Carried

BY-LAWS - Third Reading

It was moved by Councillors André Rivette and Perry Lalonde that by-laws 060-1999 to 062-1999 inclusive be given third reading and adopted.

Motion Carried

REPORTS FROM AD HOC COMMITTEES OF COUNCIL

Councillor Rivette advised Council that the Grants Research Team is up and running.

NOTICES OF MOTION

1. Progress Fund, Proposed by Councillor Denis Carr

That Council re-consider hiring an outside financial agency to give the Mayor and Council advise on the investment and management of the Progress Fund.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS

1. Sewer Laterals

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

WHEREAS the taxpayers in the City of Cornwall have already been charged for water and sewer installation under local improvement charge; and

WHEREAS the present by-law concerning the cost of lateral sewer repair on City owned property has been downloaded to the homeowner causing hardship to the homeowners of the City of Cornwall.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED That Administration prepare a report for the June 28th Council meeting on the following:

- a) Repealing the by-law that would see the City re-taking responsibility for lateral sewer repairs on City owned property.
- b) Repealing the existing by-law and replacing it with a 50/50 split of the cost for lateral sewer repairs; and
- c) Inquiring from other municipalities such as Kingston, Brockville, and Ottawa, on how they are handling this type of repair cost and who is absorbing the cost.

Con't...

A recorded vote 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. Blowing of Train Whistles

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

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

WHEREAS the City upholds a certain code of tolerance for noise with a Noise By-law; and

WHEREAS C.N. and C.P. trains that travel through Cornwall past the hours of 10:30 p.m. blow its whistles rather loudly and thereby break the Noise By-law and disturb the City's residents' peace and quiet.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED That Administration prepare a report on the feasibility of imposing a by-law banning the blowing of train whistles after the hour of 10:30 p.m.

Motion Defeated

3. **Recreational Trail**

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

WHEREAS the Raisin River Conservation Authority has recently submitted a proposal to the Canada Millennium Partnership Program to obtain funding to construct a recreational trail along the scenic St. Lawrence River from Glen Stor Dun Lodge to the Gray's Creek Conservation Area.

NOW THEREFORE, be it resolved that Cornwall City Council support this proposal and encourage the Canada Millennium Partnership Program to look upon this application favourably.

Motion Carried

4. **By-laws on Internet**

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

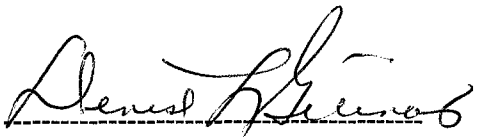
WHEREAS the City of Cornwall is continuously striving to become a major hi-tech municipality for its residents and visitors; and

WHEREAS many citizens often inquire about the City's by-laws and, finds it difficult and time consuming to come down to City Hall and inquire through the Clerk's Department and leaf through many by-law books to research information on certain by-law issues.

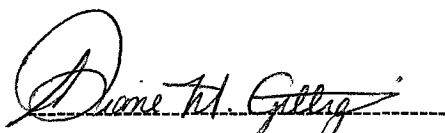
NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED That Administration prepare Council a report on the feasibility and cost of incorporating all City by-laws on the Internet for the Municipality of Cornwall.

Motion Carried

Adjournment: 9:22 p.m.


Deputy City Clerk


Mayor


Recording Secretary