



## REGULAR COUNCIL #23-99

Monday, June 28, 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 Chris Savard, Sheila Airey, Perry Lalonde, Claude Poirier, Corey Kennedy, André Rivette, Brian Lynch, and Naresh Bhargava.

**ABSENT:** Councillors Denis Carr and Dean Hollingsworth.

**ADMINISTRATION:** Richard Allaire, Chief Administrative Officer / Clerk, David Fielding, Assistant Chief Administrative Officer / Manager, Engineering and Environmental Services, Graham Dart, Fern Hamelin, Steve Alexander, Roger Desjardins, Sherman Goodwin, Paul Fitzpatrick, Doug Green, Mark Boileau, Barry Coleman, and Denise Labelle-Gélinas, Deputy Clerk / Recording Secretary.

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**INVOCATION** - Deacon Jim Megill, Legion

**ADDITIONS / DELETIONS / CORRECTIONS** Nil

**DISCLOSURE OF INTEREST** Nil

### PRESENTATIONS

1. Ontario Winter Games Legacy Awards

Mayor Brian Sylvester began by congratulating the three recipients who were selected for the 1999 Ontario Winter Games Legacy Awards. He continued to indicate that this prestigious award has been established to assist in the development of amateur athletes in Stormont, Dundas and Glengarry who are pursuing post-secondary studies and who have demonstrated athletic excellence and leadership in their community. Mayor Sylvester indicated that the Selection Committee's task composed of Judy Bobka, Don McDonald of the County Council, Gilles Bourdon, Marvin Plumadore of the Service Club Council, and Lezlie Strasser of the Chamber of Commerce, was not easy, however they were extremely pleased with the high level of competition among all eleven submissions.

Richard Allaire continued with the presentation by introducing each winning recipient detailing their individual accomplishments within the strict criteria of athletic achievements, leadership, community involvement, financial need and academic achievement with a minimum of 70% average. Richard Allaire individually called upon Stephanie Bradley of G.V.S.S., Jonathan McCullough of C.C.V.S., and John Pollock of Rothwell-Osnabruck. All three recipients received a commemorative plaque and a \$1,000.00 bursary from the Ontario Winter Games Legacy.

## 2. Smart City Cornwall

Mr. Mark Smelko, Chair of the Cornwall and Region Technology Council, Mr. Robert Hubsher, Chair of the Smart City Cornwall Steering Committee, and Mr. Francis Loughheed, Facilitator for Smart City Cornwall appeared before City Council this evening to outline details of their activities where residents, organizations and governing institutions are using information technology to transform their region in significant ways.

Mr. Smelko updated Council on their activities and some important successes within our Community. He continued to introduce his panel after which he turned the podium to Mr. Loughheed.

Mr. Loughheed indicated that the cooperation among government, industry, educators and the citizenry, instead of individual groups acting in isolation, is the preferred route for technological enhancement undertaken as part of their effort and should result in fundamental, rather than incremental change.

The Smart City Cornwall Project's vision for the future identifies a five point implementation program: Content, E-Business, Telemedicine, Outreach, and Lifelong Learning. The selection criteria must provide for community engagement (are there demonstrated partnerships), Smart Services (the ability to create innovative applications), Smart Infrastructure (networks, systems, and other hardware and software necessary to successfully implement the objectives of the proposal), Organization (structures, policies, and practices that allow for the effective implementation and management of a Smart Community Project), Smart Results (measurable and achievable benchmarks - qualitative, quantitative - , ability to communicate results and long term sustain ability).

Mr. Loughheed noted that the proposal process provided by key criteria such as Projects, must be do-able, scale-able, clone-able. There must exist a community partnership approach with the private and public sector, local government, broad community and inclusive rather exclusive. Communities must be able to demonstrate readiness to use information and communication technology to build on community strengths and solve local challenges and needs. There must be a letter of intent submitted by August 3, 1999 detailing a full business plan in order to be afforded an opportunity to be awarded the pilot community project.

In conclusion, Mr. Hubsher delivered the Smart City's initiatives of Cornwall's future vision as a thriving and vibrant partner within this project.

## 3. 1998 Financial Statement

Mr. Rick Johnson of Johnson Beaudette Chartered Accountants delivered the Corporation's Auditor's report as it relates to the 1998 financial statement. Mr. Beaudette indicated that his firm audited the consolidated balance sheet of the Corporation of the City of Cornwall as at December 31, 1998 and the consolidated statement of operations for the year then ended. These financial statements are the responsibility of the Corporation's management. The responsibility of this firm is to express an opinion on these financial statements based on its audit and its audit was conducted in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards.

Mr. Johnson continued to detail information with the consolidated statement of operations and the Corporation of the City of Cornwall's three major events within 1998 that had considerable impact on its operations. Beginning January 1, 1998 the Provincial downloading began followed by Ice Storm 1998,

and concluded with the sale of Cornwall Electric. Mr. Johnson continued to focus on taxation and user charge and the increase in grants as a result of downloading, the significant land sales which includes the sale of Cornwall Electric.

Capital spending in 1998 totaled \$9.3 million, where \$5,531,331.00 were placed in net appropriations to reserves and reserve funds. At year end the Corporation of the City of Cornwall's fund balances totaled \$1,251,384.00 surplus. This surplus, as a result of Council policy, were placed into working capital reserves. Mr. Johnson continued to indicated that there was a net of \$5.4 million of Capital Works completed in 1996 and 1997 that had not yet been permanently financed. These Capital Works had originally been planned for debentures, however, due to the sale of Cornwall Electric, it was decided that there was no need to debenture. As of today, the financing for the Capital Works has not yet been dealt with and City Council must decide in what manner it wishes to pay for this cost. Furthermore, it was noted that funding budgeted for within any given year and not spent should not be accrued into the following year. It should be handled through a reserve fund and re-distributed in accordance to Council's resolution.

In conclusion, Mr. Johnson indicated that as a result of the audited statement, there are three recommendations which they endeavored Council's support:

1. That Council, in the future, ensure that the minutes of meetings complete and unambiguously record the decision taken by Council particularly budgetary spending and reserve decision, and that Council execute the proper resolution to establish the Progress Reserve Fund and Debt Retirement Reserve Fund.
2. That Council accept the Financial Statements as presented.
3. That further details on the make-up of the unfunded capital and options for establishing a financing plan be provided.

Following an extensive question period by Council members, it was moved by Councillors Brian Lynch and Sheila Airey that the Audit Committee minutes, meeting #99-02 dated June 23, 1999 be received.

Motion Carried

It was further moved by Councillors Brian Lynch and Sheila Airey that Council receive the Management Letter recommending that Council, in the future, ensure that the minutes of meetings completely and unambiguously record the decision taken by Council particularly budgetary spending and reserve decisions and that Council execute the proper resolution to establish the Progress Reserve Fund and Debt Retirement Reserve Fund.

Motion Carried

It was moved by Councillors Brian Lynch and André Rivette that Council accept the Financial Statements as presented.

Motion Carried

It was moved by Councillors Brian Lynch and Perry Lalonde that further details on the make-up of the un-funded capital and options for establishing a financing plan be provided.

Motion Carried

## ADOPTION OF MINUTES

It was moved by Councillors Claude Poirier and Brian Lynch that the Committee of Council Meeting #17-99 dated June 14, 1999 be approved as presented.

Motion Carried

It was moved by Councillors Naresh Bhargava and Brian Lynch that the Regular Meeting of Council #22-99 dated June 14, 1999 be approved as presented.

Motion Carried

## COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

It was moved by Councillors Claude Poirier and Korey Kennedy 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 074-1999 to 080-1999 inclusive be given first reading.

Motion Carried

### BY-LAWS - First Reading

- 074-1999 A by-law to set the 1999 tax ratios and to levy taxes for the year 1999.
- 075-1999 A by-law to amend and/or repeal various by-laws pertaining to the appointment of By-law Enforcement Officers for the purpose of enforcing the Parking By-law.
- 076-1999 A by-law to establish a date for the calculation of the tax decrease phase-in and to determine a cut-off date or a fixed point-in-time for the frozen assessment listing for the commercial, industrial and multi-residential property classes for the taxation year 1998, and to establish a date on or after which notices may be issued pursuant to the provisions of the Fairness for Property Taxpayers Act, 1998.
- 077-1999 A by-law to amend the Traffic and Parking By-law 069-1989, as amended, under Schedule II, Parking Restrictions on Lemay Street North between St. Michel Street and Ontario Street.
- 078-1999 A by-law to authorize the sale of seven (7) acres of industrial land to Aliments Prince Foods Inc.
- 079-1999 A by-law to amend the Traffic and Parking By-law 069-1989, as amended, to allow truck access on Alice Street.
- 080-1999 A by-law to appoint Shelley Rose and Justin Gatien as By-law Enforcement Officers for the purpose of enforcing the Animal Control By-law, 112-1998.

DELEGATIONS Nil

RESOLUTIONS Nil

## CONSENT

It was moved by Claude Poirier and Chris Savard that the Consent Agenda be approved as presented.

Motion Carried

A. Cornwall 2000

That Council proclaim July 1, 1999 to July 1, 2000 as Cornwall 2000 millennium celebrations in the City of Cornwall.

B. Le Village B.I.A.

That the request to close Montreal Road between Edward Street and McConnell Avenue to regular traffic on Saturday, July 17, 1999 between 10 a.m. and 10 p.m. to approved, and that Le Village B.I.A. be responsible for all costs associated with the closure of Montreal Road.

C. 1999 Lift-Off

That the request to hold a Midway Carnival in Lamoureux Park during the Life-Off Balloon Festival from July 8, 1999 to July 11, 1999 be approved, and that the Lift-Off Organization adhere to all Municipal policies for this event.

D. Audit Committee Minutes #99-02

This matter was dealt with under Presentation #3, Financial Statement.

## COMMUNICATIONS

1. Financial Statement

This matter was dealt with under Presentation #3, Financial Statement.

2. Vital Services By-law

It was moved by Councillors Claude Poirier and Brian Lynch that this matter be deferred until the authors of the report meet with members of the Legal Clinic to discuss concerns regarding the proposed by-law.

Motion Carried

3. **Tollgate Road Speed Reduction**

It was moved by Councillors Brian Lynch and Perry Lalonde that Council approve the report from the Transportation Engineer under date of June 23, 1999, and that a memo be forwarded to Police Services requesting enforcement of the existing speed limit.

It was then moved by Councillors Korey Kennedy and André Rivette that this matter be postponed until such time as Administration provide a report on reducing the speed limit along Tollgate Road from 60 kilometres to 50 kilometres.

Motion To Postpone Carried

4. **Legal Services**

It was moved by Councillors Claude Poirier and André Rivette that the legal firms of Guindon, MacLean, and Castle, and Hicks, Morley, Hamilton, Stewart, and Storie be retained as per their respective proposals.

Motion Carried

5. **Maintenance of Guindon Park**

*Councillor André Rivette declared a Pecuniary Interest on Communication Item #5, as he is an employee of the Raisin Region Conservation Authority and he indicated that he would stay for the debate and leave when the vote is to take place.*

It was moved by Councillors Claude Poirier and Perry Lalonde that Council approve the Raisin Region Conservation Authority's proposal to maintain Guindon Park and that funding in the amount of \$5000.00 from the 1999 Maintenance Budget of Public Works and \$15,000.00 from the 1998 Raisin Region Conservation Authority's surplus be made available to the Authority to help pay some of its expenses.

Motion Carried

*Councillor André Rivette, having left the room for the vote, returned to the meeting.*

6. **Tender 99-T17 - Supply of Winter Parkas Including Embroidery**

It was moved by Councillors Brian Lynch and Perry Lalonde that this tender be awarded to Evin Industries, Montreal at the total bid price of \$12,822.50 being the lowest bid meeting the tender specifications.

Motion Carried

7. **Tender 99-T34 - Gun Range Exhaust System**

It was moved by Councillors Chris Savard and Perry Lalonde that this tender be awarded to Marleau Mechanical, Cornwall at the total bid price of \$7,056.65 being the lowest bid meeting the tender specifications.

Motion Carried

8. **Tender 99-T36 - Supply of an Ice Cover at the Cornwall Civic Complex**

It was moved by Councillors André Rivette and Brian Lynch that this tender be awarded to Ice Pro Canada, Mississauga at the total bid price of \$154,867.74 being the lowest bid meeting the tender specifications. (The 1999 budget is \$140,000.00 and the over-run will be covered by the Contingency Fund.)

Motion Carried

9. **Tender 99-T39 - Supply of Hip Length Duty Jackets, Fire Department**

It was moved by Councillors Sheila Airey and Perry Lalonde that this tender be awarded to Evin Industries Ltd., Montreal at the total bid price of \$11,138.90 being the lowest bid meeting the tender specifications.

Motion Carried

10. Tender 99-T40 - Justice Building Renovations

It was moved by Councillors Brian Lynch and Claude Poirier that Council approve \$243,450.14 be re-allocated to the Justice Building, including the City Hall upgrades, from \$307,000.00 received from the Provincial Community Reinvestment Funds, and that this tender be awarded to Perras and Distefano of Cornwall at the total revised bid price of \$2,495,710.80 being the lowest bid meeting the tender specifications.

It was then moved by Councillors André Rivette and Perry Lalonde that this project be deferred.

A recorded vote on the deferral 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 To Defer Defeated

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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Main Motion Carried

11. **Tender 99-T41 - Supply of Keene Luminaries and Metal Halide Bulbs**

It was moved by Councillors Sheila Airey and Perry Lalonde that this tender be awarded to Guillevin International Inc., Cornwall at the total bid price of \$16,695.86 being the lowest bid meeting the tender specifications.

Motion Carried

12. **Tender 99-T42 - Asphalt Resurfacing and Planning on Various City Streets**

It was moved by Councillors André Rivette and Korey Kennedy that this tender be awarded to Dibblee Construction, Cornwall at the total bid price of \$1,363,240.46 being the lowest bid meeting the tender specifications, and that Council further approve an increase of \$162,719.30 under tender 99-T42, totalling \$1,475,000.00.

Motion Carried

13. **Quotation 99-Q57 - Server (Compaq) for the Social Services Department**

It was moved by Councillors André Rivette and Perry Lalonde that this quotation be awarded to Accesoware Services, Cornwall at the total bid price of \$18,126.30 being the lowest bid meeting the quotation specifications.

Motion Carried

14. **Material Resource Recovery SRBP Inc. - Environmental Assessment Board Hearing**

It was moved by Councillors Korey Kennedy and Brian Lynch that Council approve the report from the Assistant Manager, Engineering and Environmental Services under date of June 23, 1999.

Motion Carried

15. **Staff Replacement - Supervisor of Nutrition Services, Glen Stor Dun Lodge**

It was moved by Councillors Perry Lalonde and Naresh Bhargava that this position be replaced as soon as possible.

Motion Carried

16. **First Responder Training**

It was moved by Councillors André Rivette and Sheila Airey that the \$5,000.00 previously approved for the purchase of Hazardous Material Equipment in the 1999 budget be re-allocated to the First Responder Training.

Motion Carried

17. **Staff Replacement - Manager, Social Services**

It was moved by Councillors Brian Lynch and Korey Kennedy that Administration be authorized to fill the vacancy of Manager, Social Services, and that it begin the recruitment process.

Motion Carried

## **ADOPTION OF THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE**

### **By-laws - Second Reading**

It was moved by Councillors Perry Lalonde and André Rivette that the Committee of the Whole be adopted as reported, and that by-laws 074-1999 to 080-1999 inclusive be given second reading.

Motion Carried

### **By-laws - Third Reading**

It was moved by Councillors Korey Kennedy and André Rivette that by-law 073-1999 be given third and final reading.

Motion Carried

It was moved by Councillors Claude Poirier and Sheila Airey that by-laws 074-1999 to 080-1999 inclusive be given third and final reading.

Motion Carried

### **REPORTS FROM AD HOC COMMITTEES OF COUNCIL**

### **NOTICES OF MOTION**

### **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

### **NEW BUSINESS**

1. "Boom Bust & Echo", Dr.David Foot

It was moved by Councillors Claude Poirier and Naresh Bhargava that:

WHEREAS the Eastern Ontario Training Board has made arrangements to have Dr. David Foot, author of the Canadian best-seller "Boom Bust & Echo", come to Cornwall on November 4, 1999; and

WHEREAS the Eastern Ontario Training Board has contacted various community partners such as the City's Department of Economic Development to assist with the planning of Dr. Foot's time in Cornwall; and

WHEREAS a great deal of information can be determined by examining an area's demographics so as to assist with future urban planning and the provision of various Municipal services; and

WHEREAS Dr. Foot's schedule for the day could accommodate a meeting with the City of Cornwall officials in order to access Dr. Foot's expertise in demographics.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED That Administration be authorized to investigate the possibility of meeting with Dr. Foot during his visit to Cornwall.

Motion Carried

2. Marina 200 Docking Season

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

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

WHEREAS boating is just one of the many forms of activities that many people enjoy; and

WHEREAS Cornwall's Marina 200 is closed way before the snow or freezing weather, and therefore could endure a longer season.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED That Administration provide Council with a report on the feasibility of extending the docking season once again, along with the cost, number of people, the possibility of docking past the mid-October date, and the number of individuals working.

Motion Carried

3. Transit Fares

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

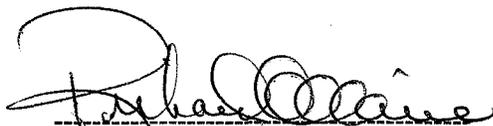
WHEREAS the City of Cornwall is to provide its citizens with the best possible means of bus transportation at the fairest rates; and

WHEREAS in the Council minutes of February 16, 1999, Communication Item #13, "Transit Fare Increase", the motion was ambiguous as to the 5¢ increase, as it does not indicate if it is across the board on all fares or solely to the fare box and monthly passes.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED That Council authorize a fare increase of 5¢ solely to the fare box and ten ride pass, Handi Transit, therefore not increasing the monthly pass at all before July 1, 1999.

Motion Defeated

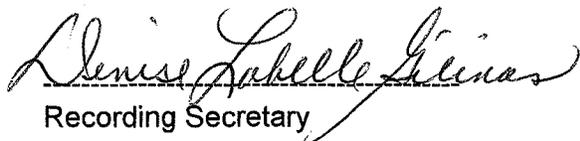
Adjournment: 10:30 p.m.



City Clerk



Mayor



Recording Secretary