



REGULAR COUNCIL #31-99

Monday, November 08, 1999
Meeting began at 7:00 p.m.

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

ABSENT: Dean Hollingsworth

ADMINISTRATION: Richard Allaire, Chief Administrative Officer / Clerk, David Fielding, Assistant Chief Administrative Officer / Manager, Engineering and Environmental Services, Anita Roach, Graham Dart, Fern Hamelin, Steve Alexander, Roger Desjardins, Barry Coleman, Suzanne Carrier-Armstrong, Gilles Ayotte, and Denise Labelle-Gélinas, Deputy Clerk / Recording Secretary.

INVOCATION ~ Rev. Brad Montsion - Fountaingate Christian Assembly

ADDITIONS / DELETIONS / CORRECTIONS

Bylaws 125, 126, 127 and Report under Communication #7 prepared by the Chief Administrative Officer

DISCLOSURE OF INTEREST - Nil

PRESENTATIONS**1. Renaissance Project -**

Mayor Brian Sylvester introduced the Ontario Professional Planner President, Mr. Dennis Jacobs who presented the Renaissance Group, namely Mr. Patrick Deoux of Delcan Corporation, Senior Planner, Mr. Stephen Alexander and Mr. Chuck Charlebois with the award of Professional merit for outstanding planning within the communication category. This particular award is recognized for a community based organization which has identified the strengths and weaknesses that are unique to this community and which blend within the grass roots of Le Village area. Following the award presentation, Professor Avi Friedman, Associate Professor Director of affordable homes program at McGill University appeared before City Council to provide Council and the Citizens of Cornwall a 1 ½ hour presentation on his vision of the Renaissance Project within Le Village area and the possible rejuvenation of this most historic municipal area.

In Conclusion, it was Moved by Councillors Claude Poirier and Andre Rivette:

WHEREAS the Renaissance Group is requesting the City Council buy into revitalize an important part of our community

WHEREAS the group's effort's is a model that can be utilized in other parts of our community,

BE IT RESOLVED THAT City staff report on how the City of Cornwall can assist the Renaissance Group in its plans and that we explore all and every means possible to be of assistance in making the plan a reality.

Motion Carried

ADOPTION OF MINUTES

It was moved by Councillors Korey Kennedy and Perry Lalonde that the Regular Council Meeting minutes #30-99 dated October 25, 1999 be approved as presented.

Motion Carried

It was moved by Councillors Brian Lynch and Andre Rivette that the Committee of Council Meeting minutes #29 -99 dated October 25, 1999 be approved as presented.

Motion Carried

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

It was moved by Councillors Claude Poirier and Naresh Bhargava 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 Bylaw 119-1999 to 127-1999 inclusive be given first reading.

Motion Carried

BY-LAWS - First Reading

- 119-1999 A by-law to amend the Licencing Bylaw 111-1998 Schedule 11 - Mobile Food Premise
- 120-1999 A Bylaw to appoint members of Council to act from time to time in the place and stead of Head of Council.
- 121-1999 A By-law to authorize the Mayor and Clerk to enter into an Agreement with La Cité Collégiale pertaining to the use of La Cité Collégiale property for a corridor for a recreation trail.
- 122-1999 A Bylaw to repeal Bylaw 049-1999 which Bylaw authorized the acquisition of Parts 1 and 2 of Reference Plan 52R-5682 from Cedars Rapids Transmission Co.
- 123-1999 A Bylaw to authorize the purchase of Parts 1 and 2 of Reference Plan 52R-5682 and Part 3 of Reference Plan 52R-5838 from Cedars Rapids Transmission Co. Ltd.
- 124-1999 A Bylaw to name and dedicate land legally described as Part 1 on Reference Plan 52R-5838 as a public highway under the Public Transportation and Highway Improvement Act, and name it SCM Way.
- 125-1999 A Bylaw to authorize the execution of a Notice of Claim granted by Cedars Rapids Transmission Company Ltd.
- 126-1999 A Bylaw to name and dedicate Part 1 and Part 2 of Reference Plan 52R-5682 as a public highway under the Public Transportation and Highway Improvement Act, and name it SCM Way.
- 127-1999 A Bylaw authorizing obtaining permanent Easements over Part 4 and 5 of Reference Plan 52R-5838 from Cedars Rapids Transmission Company Ltd.

DELEGATIONS

RESOLUTIONS

#12-1999 ~ Moved by Councillors Brian Lynch and Sheila Airey:

That City Council reduce the number of councillors for the 2000 municipal elections from 10 to 8 and that in accordance to the Municipal Act, as amended under Section 29, City Council may pass a Bylaw changing the number of its elected members; and before passing a Bylaw the Council shall give notice of its intention to pass the Bylaw and hold at least one public meeting to consider the matter.

Motion Defeated

CONSENT

It was moved by Councillors Denis Carr and Korey Kennedy that the Consent Agenda be approved.

Motion Carried

A. Drug Awareness Week

That Council support the Addiction Services of Eastern Ontario to proclaim the week of November 14th to the 20th of 1999 as Drug Awareness in the City of Cornwall.

B. The Catholic Women's League of Canada

That Council grant permission to declare the week of July 8th, 2001 as Catholic Women's League week in the City of Cornwall.

COMMUNICATIONS

1. Vital Services By-Law

Moved by Councillors Chris Savard and Claude Poirier:

1. that Council receive this report and pass the proposed Vital Services Bylaw at its next regular Council meeting;
2. That Council adopt the Bylaw and the Policies and Procedures for a one year trial period;
3. That Council provide direction on the issue of arrears if they do not want to include arrears in the Bylaw. Otherwise arrears will be included

Vital Services (cont...)

It was then Moved by Councillors by Naresh Bhargava and Claude Poirier that Item #2 of the main motion be amended to read a ***two year trial period.***

The amendment to the motion was **defeated**

Mayor Sylvester took a vote on each item individually and the result was as follows:

#1 ...receive the report and pass the Bylaw.	Motion Carried
#2 ...one year trial period.	Motion Carried
#3 ...issue of arrears	Motion Defeated

2. **Feasibility Study of Fire Station**

Moved by Councillors Claude Poirier and Korey Kennedy that Council approve a Feasibility Study of Fire Stations in the City of Cornwall and surrounding areas, and that this study be conducted by the Office of the Fire Marshall and the Cornwall Fire Department, at a total cost of \$2,000.00.

Motion Carried

3. **Dogs in the Park**

Moved by Councillors Andre Rivette and Korey Kennedy that Council receive the report of October 25, 1999 and that Council endorse the Dog Owner Awareness Campaign on a yearly basis.

Motion Carried

4. **Request for Proposals 99-R20 ~**

Moved by Councillors Denis Carr and Korey Kennedy that this R.F.P. be awarded to M.S. Thompson & Associates Ltd., Cornwall at the total bid price of \$12,920.25 being the lowest bid meeting the R.F.P. specifications.

Motion Carried

5. **Water Purification Plant**
Replacement of Traveling Water Screen

Moved by Councillors Denis Carr and Claude Poirier that Council receive the report dated October 25, 1999 and that Council authorize Administration to proceed with the purchase of a new traveling water screen supplied by US Filter/Wallace & Tierman at a total submitted price of \$78,284.30 including all applicable taxes.

Motion Carried

6. **Emergency Command Vehicle**

Moved by Councillors Denis Carr and Andre Rivette that Council that this expenditure be referred to the Capital Budget and that we approach the Counties in order to form a partnership to benefit the use and to share the costs in obtaining an Emergency Command Vehicle.

Motion Carried

7. **Contingency Funding - Travel Allowance**

Moved by Councillors Claude Poirier and Andre Rivette that Council endorse the Chief Administrative Office the use of the Contingency funds for a Travel allowance associated with a Land Ambulance Meeting to be held in London Scheduled for Thursday November 18, 1999.

Motion Carried

ADOPTION OF THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

By-laws - Second Reading

It was moved by Councillors Perry Lalonde and Andre Rivette that the Committee of the Whole be adopted as reported, and that Bylaws 119-1999 to 127-1999 inclusive be given second reading.

Motion Carried

By-laws - Third Reading

It was moved by Councillors Claude Poirier and Naresh Bhargava that by-laws 119 -1999 to 127-1999 inclusive be given third and final reading.

Motion Carried

REPORTS FROM AD HOC COMMITTEES OF COUNCIL

NOTICES OF MOTION

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS

1. Ice Storm 1998 - Power Usage

Moved by Councillors Claude Poirier and Chris Savard that:

WHEREAS on March 22, 1999 the City of Cornwall approve a motion to petition the Government of Ontario to reimburse the City for the costs incurred as a result of the Ice Storm Disaster in 1998.

AND WHEREAS a cost of \$1,126,891 was incurred by the local ratepayers to purchase power from an alternate source as a direct result of Ice Storm '98;

AND WHEREAS the cost incurred by the senior levels of government would have been for greater during the Ice Storm had we not received this alternate source of power ;

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Mayor of the City of Cornwall make a direct presentation the the Government of Ontario regarding this request ;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT our local MP and MPP be asked to assist us in this matter.

Motion Carried

2. Ice Storm - Tree Planting

WHEREAS the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing through it Tree Replacement & Management Strategy Ice Storm Assistance Program (ISAP) recently announced that the City of Cornwall would be receiving \$400,000 of the \$1.9 million requested ;

WHEREAS this sum, while useful, will by no means address the replacement and management of trees damaged by the Ice Storm on City properties ;

WHEREAS the total of \$8 million allocated was not only on the merits of the submission but also on the need to allocate limited funds to the many municipalities affected by the Ice Storm ;

WHEREAS this allocation did not take into consideration that the City of Cornwall tree resources was in the area most severely affected by Ice Storm '98 ;

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the City of Cornwall petition the Province of Ontario to review its request to the Government of Canada under the Disaster Relief Program to increase the funds available for the Tree Replacement & Management Strategy, thereby, permitting the City of Cornwall to properly replace and preserve those trees situated on municipal properties ;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT our local MP and MPP be asked to assist us in this matter.

Motion Carried

3. **Social Rental Housing**

Moved by Councillors Brian Lynch and Sheila Airey that:

WHEREAS a housing study of 13 Ontario municipalities released on November 4, 1999 by Putting Housing Back on the Public Agenda indicated that 24% of Cornwall's tenants or more then 2000 households are paying 50% or more of their income on housing and are at a potential risk of homelessness; and

WHEREAS the same study indicated that 51% of Cornwall's tenants are paying 30% or more of their income on housing and are facing severe affordability problems; and

WHEREAS the same study found a rental housing crisis across the province with one in four tenant households at risk of homelessness; and

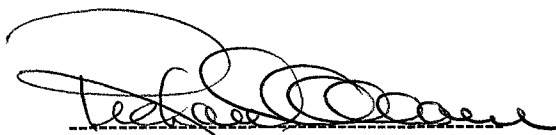
WHEREAS the federal government stopped building subsidized housing in 1993 and the Ontario government stopped building subsidized housing in 1995; and

WHEREAS the Ontario government has downloaded social housing onto the municipalities who do not have the financial resources to provide more affordable housing;

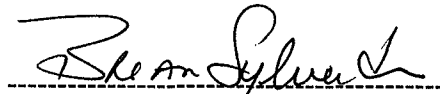
THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT City Council ask the administration to review the rental housing situation in Cornwall and to report back to Council on how the situation can be improved.

Motion Carried

Adjournment: 9:45 p.m.



Richard Allaire ~ Chief Administrator
City Clerk



Brian Sylvester
Mayor



Denise Labelle-Gélinas
Deputy Clerk ~ Recording Secretary