

SPECIAL COUNCIL #09-99

Budget Meeting #6

Monday, February 15, 1999
Meeting began at 8:00 p.m.

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

ABSENT: Councillors Sheila Airey, Naresh Bhargava, and Dean Hollingsworth.

ADMINISTRATION: Richard Allaire, Chief Administrative Officer / Clerk, David Fielding, Assistant Chief Administrative Officer/Manager, Engineering & Environmental Services, Frank McDonald, Graham Dart, Fern Hamelin, Steve Alexander, Hilda Seguin, Sherman Goodwin, Hugh O'Reilly, Toni Repa, Roger Desjardins, and Denise Labelle-Gélinas, Recording Secretary.

DISCLOSURE OF INTEREST Nil

It was moved by Councillors André Rivette and Perry Lalonde that funding for playground equipment, to be located in Lamoureux Park, in the amount of \$65,000 be taken from the Recreational Land Reserve Fund.

Motion Defeated

It was moved by Councillors André Rivette and Claude Poirier that \$50,000 be identified to improving streetcaps by carrying out an extensive tree trimming program be removed from the 1998 carry-over and added to the 1999 budget overall reduction.

Motion Carried

It was moved by Councillors Chris Savard and Brian Lynch that Council approve the 1998 Capital project carry-overs identified in the report dated January 25, 1999 as amended, to complete the identified projects.

Motion Carried

1999 Capital Budget

It was moved by Councillors André Rivette and Claude Poirier that the Marina 200 Enhancement Budget be reduced by \$50,000 and that the \$50,000 be left in the 1999 Waterfront budget for future consideration.

Motion Defeated

It was moved by Councillors Brian Lynch and Denis Carr that \$65,000 be eliminated from the Marina 200 enhancement.

Motion Carried

It was moved by Councillors Chris Savard and Perry Lalonde that the Waterfront Budget be restored to \$250,000 and that the Committee return to Council with a detailed list of projects to be considered during the year 1999.

Motion Carried

It was moved by Councillors Perry Lalonde and André Rivette that \$254,000 for the refurbishing of the Old Style buses be deleted from the 1999 Capital Budget.

Motion Carried

It was moved by Councillors André Rivette and Claude Poirier that \$100,000 be removed from the 1999 budget identified for Civic Complex painting of outdoor siding.

Motion Defeated

It was moved by Councillors André Rivette and Chris Savard that the Compressor for the ice machine at the Si Miller Arena, in the amount of \$35,000, be deleted.

Motion Carried

It was moved by Councillors André Rivette and Perry Lalonde that Council remove \$130,000 identified for Airport runway re-surfacing.

Motion Defeated

It was moved by Councillors Chris Savard and André Rivette that:

WHEREAS the Council of the City of Cornwall will soon be establishing it's tax rate for 1999;
and

WHEREAS there has been concern raised from taxpayers in the residential, commercial and industrial sectors as well as private studies, that the level of taxation in our community is too high; and

WHEREAS an acceptable level of taxation is critical to the future growth and prosperity of our community; and

WHEREAS it is Council's responsibility to recognize that the tax levels in the City of Cornwall are too high and that a long term plan must be developed to address and rectify this problem.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED That the Council of the City of Cornwall commit itself to levying a 1999 tax rate that shows at lease a 2% decrease over last year; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED That the City of Cornwall immediately begin the process of developing a comprehensive and progressive strategic plan for our community.

A recorded vote resulted as follows:

For


Councillor Chris Savard
Councillor Claude Poirier
Councillor André Rivette

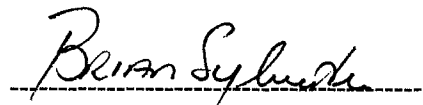
Against


Mayor Brian Sylvester
Councillor Denis Carr
Councillor Perry Lalonde
Councillor Korey Kennedy
Councillor Brian Lynch

Motion Defeated 5-3

Adjourned: 10:30 p.m.


City Clerk)


Mayor


Recording Secretary