

**REGULAR COUNCIL #013-2000**

Monday, April 10, , 2000
Meeting began at 7:30 p.m.

PRESENT: A Regular Council meeting was held this evening with the following members present: Mayor Brian Sylvester, Councillors Chris Savard, Denis Carr, Dean Hollingsworth, Perry Lalonde, Claude Poirier, Korey Kennedy, Brian Lynch, Sheila Airey (arrived at 8:20 p.m.), André Rivette, and Naresh Bhargava.

ADMINISTRATION: Cecil Vincent, Chief Administrative Officer , Richard Allaire City Clerk, Denise Labelle-Gelinas, Deputy City Clerk and Recording Secretary, and the following Managers: David Fielding, Anita Roach, Graham Dart, Fernand Hamelin, Roger Desjardins, Gilles Ayotte, Steve Alexander and Susan Cain.

INVOCATION ~ Mr. Richard Allaire, City Clerk

Councillor Claude Poirier left the meeting at this time 7:40 p.m.

ADDITIONS / DELETIONS / CORRECTIONS Nil

DISCLOSURE OF INTEREST Nil

PRESENTATIONS Nil

ADOPTION OF MINUTES

It was moved by Councillors Andre Rivette and Claude Poirier that the Regular Council Meeting minutes #12 -00 dated , March 27, 2000 be approved as presented.

Motion Carried

It was moved by Councillors Naresh Bhargava and Brian Lynch that the Committee of Council Meeting minutes #08 -00 dated , March 27, 2000 be approved as presented.

Motion Carried

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

It was moved by Councillors Claude Poirier and Andre Rivette that Council go into Committee of the Whole and that all delegations, resolutions, communications and by-laws be referred to that Committee and that by-laws 031 to 034 -2000 inclusive be given first reading.

Motion Carried

BY-LAWS - First Reading

- 031-2000 A by-law to appoint David Dick as the Municipal Treasurer / Manager of Finance for the Corporation of the City of Cornwall
- 032-2000 A by-law to appoint Susan Cain as the Municipal Manager/Administrator, Ontario Works and Child Care Services for the Corporation of the City of Cornwall
- 033-2000 A Bylaw to amend Bylaw 069-1989 known as the Traffic Bylaw to provide for mid-block pedestrian crosswalk Domtar area
- 034-2000 A Bylaw to Authorize the Mayor and Clerk to sign all documents relating to the release of covenants and restrictions respecting the Deed for the property described as Part of Lot C, Concession 1, Part 9 of Plan 52R-139, Instrument No. 89559.

DELEGATIONS

Micheal Power - President AMO ~ UNABLE to attend

RESOLUTIONS

#04-2000 **Current and Capital Budget Process**

Moved by Councillors Chris Savard and Denis Carr

WHEREAS the Corporation of the City of Cornwall's fiscal year runs from January 1st to December 31st of each year; and

WHEREAS the Corporation of the City of Cornwall manages an annual budget of \$111,983,053 (based on the 2000 budget numbers) and

WHEREAS historically the City of Cornwall has often not approved its current and capital budget until late in the first quarter of the year or later; and

WHEREAS it is a sound fiscal policy to have an approved budget in place prior to the beginning of the fiscal year; and

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Council of the City of Cornwall adopt a policy that the current and capital budget process begin in early September of the year prior to the new fiscal year and that the budget be finalized and approved no later than December 15th of each year; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that in those years when there will be a Municipal Election, that the budget process still begin in September of the year prior to the new fiscal year but that the budget in these years be finalized and approved by the incoming Council no later than January 31st of the new fiscal year, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Administration bring back to Council a written document outlining the details of this new policy.

Councillor Claude Poirier returned to the meeting at this time 8:15 p.m.

A recorded vote on the main motion resulted as follows:

FOR:	Chris Savard, Denis Carr, Dean Hollingsworth, Claude Poirier, Mayor Brian Sylvester
AGAINST	Brian Lynch, Naresh Bhargava, Andre Rivette, Korey Kennedy, Perry Lalonde

Motion Defeated

Councillor Sheila Airey arrived at the meeting at this time 8:20 p.m.

#05-2000 **Budget Target Rates**

Moved by Councillors Chris Savard and Denis Carr

WHEREAS the Council of the Corporation of the City of Cornwall has historically not provided clear direction to Administration at the beginning of the Budget Process with respect to the desired outcome of the budget process in terms of the established tax rate; and

WHEREAS it is the role of Council to establish policy and to have Administration implement approved policies; and

WHEREAS the budget process could be streamlined to become more efficient if there was a clear direction from the elected leadership early in the budget process as to the desired tax rate of the majority of Council; and

WHEREAS if Administration were to bring back to Council a number of recommendations that would realize the Council set objective, Council could then debate the merits of each recommendation as opposed to visiting each line in the budget document; and

WHEREAS Council should still receive a full budget document as in the past, in order that they may be fully aware of the financial picture of each department,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Council of the Corporation of the City of Cornwall adopt a policy where Council, by majority vote, will set the desired tax rate target at the beginning of the budget process and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that during the budget process Administration bring back to Council a plan of action to achieve Council's budget target rate and outline all impacts on levels of service resulting from these recommendations and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Administration bring back to Council a written document outlining the details of this new policy.

A recorded vote on this motion resulted as follows:

FOR: Chris Savard, Denis Carr, Dean Hollingsworth, Claude Poirier, Sheila Airey,

AGAINST: Brian Lynch, Andre Rivette, Korey Kennedy, Perry Lalonde Naresh Bhargava, Mayor Brian Sylvester

Motion Defeated

CONSENT AGENDA

It was moved by Councillors Brian Lynch and Andre Rivette that the Consent Agenda be approved as amended.

Motion Carried

A. **S.D.& G. Highlanders Cadet Corps**

That Council approve the request to conduct a TAG DAY to be held on April 22, 2000

B. **Cornwall Electric - Ice Storm '98** - Moved to communication #17

C. **The Municipality of Centre Hastings**

That Council receive a Resolution to petition the Province of Ontario and the Ministry of the Environment to change the Regulations in that the Director consult local Municipalities and conservation authorities before issuing these permits.

D. **Township of South Glengarry** - Moved to Communication #18

E. **Cornwall and District Navy Veteran's Association**

That the matter of Cornwall and District Navy Veteran's Associations seeking exemptions from the City of Cornwall in regards to Municipal Property Taxes be referred to Administration for a report

F. **Cornwall Senior Citizens Club**

That the matter of Cornwall Senior Citizens Club request permission to use extra parking which is available in City parking areas in close proximity to our parking lot be referred to Administration for a report

COMMUNICATION

1. **Cornwall Lions Club - Carnival at 902 Second St. West**

PR Report #16-00

Moved by Councillors Andre Rivette and Naresh Bhargava:
That Council not give permission to hold the annual Lions Club Carnival specifically at 902 Second St. West, and instruct Municipal staff to assist the Lion's Club representatives in a site search for an appropriately zoned/sited and sized property in Cornwall

Motion Carried

2. **Lease Extension - Tenancy at 111 Water St. E., Cornwall**

OW Report #08-00

Moved by Councillors Brian Lynch and Claude Poirier:

That Council authorize the Mayor and Clerk to sign the Lease Extension for the period of April 1, 2000 to March 31,2001, between the City of Cornwall and the Public Works and Government Services Canada.

Motion Carried

3. **Lease Agreement renewal - City of Cornwall tenancy at 17b Industrial Drive, Chesterville** **OW Report #09-00**

Moved by Councillors by Andre Rivette and Claude Poirier:

That Council authorize the Mayor and Clerk to sign the Lease extension, for the period of April 1, 2000 to March 31,2001, with Mr. Erik Thompson.

Motion Carried

4. **National Child Benefits Reinvestment Funding**

OW Report #10-00

Moved by Councillors Naresh Bhargava and Andre Rivette that Council authorize the Clerk to prepare a By-Law authorizing the Mayor and Clerk to sign Service Contracts with various Community Agencies, or individuals that have been approved funds under the reinvestment of National Child Benefits in _reference to Municipalities being allowed to reinvest the savings generated under the NCB federal government initiative to enhance existing local projects or supplement new initiatives that would meet the NCB objectives

Motion Carried

5. **Ontario Works Resource Centre Operations**

OW Report #11-00

Moved by Councillors Perry Lalonde and Denis Carr:
That Council authorize the Mayor and Clerk to sign the Memorandum of Understanding with the Employment and Education Resource Centre for the continued operation of the on site Resource Centre for the period of ending March 31. 2001

Motion Carried

6. **Quotation No. 00-Q03 - Newspaper Advertising**

FI Report #10-00

Moved by Councillors Andre Rivette and Naresh Bhargava
That Council award the bi-weekly newspaper advertising contract to the Standard Freeholder at a bid price of \$1,833.39 per issue plus G.S.T.

It was then moved by Councillors Sheila Airey and Denis Carr that this matter be referred to Administration for additional information on a breakdown to all costs for media advertising, newspapers and radio and the effectiveness of these advertisements.

Motion to refer Carried

7. **Tender No. 00-T04 / Asphalt Paving & Concrete Works on Various City Streets**

PU Report #11-00

Moved by Councillors Denis Carr and Claude Poirier that the tender be awarded to Dibblee Construction Ltd., at a revised tender bid price of \$862,366.94 including G.S.T.

Motion Carried

8. **Tender 00-T08 / Watermain Construction on SCM Way**

PU Report #12-00

Moved by Councillors Brian Lynch and Naresh Bhargava that Tender 00-T08 be awarded to Malyon Excavation Ltd., Cornwall, Ontario at the total bid price of \$32,383.55 being the lowest bid meeting the tender specifications.

Motion Carried

9. **Tender 00-T015 / Daily Operation of Household Hazardous Waste Depot**

PU Report #17-00

Moved by Councillors Korey Kennedy and Denis Carr that Tender 00-T15 be awarded to H.G.C. Management Inc., Oakville Ontario at the total bid price of \$11,834.20 being the lowest bid meeting the tender specifications.

Motion Carried

10. **Tender 00-T16 / Installation of 100mm Force Main - Landfill Site**

PU Report #13-00

Moved by Councillors Denis Carr and Perry Lalonde that Tender 00-T16 be awarded to Ray Lepage Construction Ltd., Long Sault, Ontario at the total bid price of \$20,913.15 being the lowest bid meeting the tender specifications.

Motion Carried

11. **Tender 00-T17 / Four Sided Perforated Tubing - Joint Tender**

PU Report #14-00

Moved by Councillors Denis Carr and Andre Rivette that Tender 00-T17 be awarded to B & P Mfg., Downsview, Ontario at the total bid price of \$22,346.46 being the lowest bid meeting the tender specifications.

Motion Carried

12. **Tender 00-T21 / Hazardous Material Training - Fire Department**

PU Report #15-00

Moved by Councillors Denis Carr and Andre Rivette that Tender 00-T21 be awarded to Echelon Response & Training Inc, Hamilton, Ontario at the total bid price of \$16,852.50 being the lowest bid meeting the tender specifications.

Motion Carried

13. **Position Vacancy - Financial Analyst**

FI Report #16-00

Moved by Councillors Brian Lynch and Naresh Bhargava
That Council approve the hiring of a Financial Analyst in the Finance Department

Motion Carried

14. **Vital Services**

PR Report #14-00

Moved by Councillors Claude Poirier and Denis Carr
That Council consider giving third reading to the Vital Services Bylaw 132-1999 with revised provisions for arrears as contained in the report.

It was then moved by Councillors Denis Carr and Claude Poirier that the main motion be clarified in that the Bylaw include the described revisions which revision is that the effective date be June 1st 2000 and not April 15th and that no arrears prior to June 1st shall be collected, and that the City only be responsible for 120 days of arrears. Finally, that staff report back if arrears exceed \$50,000 and the City is having difficulty collecting payments.

The amendment Carried and
The main Motion Carried as amended

15. **Food Services, Si Miller Tender 99-T70**

PR Report #17-00

Moved by Councillors Chris Savard and Brian Lynch that Council re-tender the Si Miller Arena concession

Motion Carried

17. **Cornwall Fire Services Review Update**

FR Report #02-00

Moved by Councillors Sheila Airey and Perry Lalonde that Council receive Report submitted by Roger Desjardins, Fire Chief, under the date of April 5, 2000 updating the progress of the Cornwall Fire Services Review.

18. **Cornwall Electric - Ice Storm '98 - (Consent #B)**

Moved by Councillors Claude Poirier and Perry Lalonde that the City of Cornwall write back to the Provincial Government outlining correspondence we have received from the Federal Government and that the City requests the Province to review the eligibility criteria to reimburse costs incurred to pay for electrical power purchased by Cornwall Electric during the Ice Storm '98 and that Administration meet with Provincial Representatives.

Motion Carried

19. **Township of South Glengarry** (consent #D)

Moved by Councillors Denis Carr and Chris Savard that Council support a resolution from the Township of South Glengarry and petition Ministries of Natural Resources, Environment and Agriculture to take the necessary actions to reduce the geese population that is causing undo harm to our environment and agricultural industry.

Motion Carried

ADOPTION OF THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

By-laws - Second Reading

It was moved by Councillors Andre Rivette and Korey Kennedy that the Committee of the Whole be adopted as reported, and that by-laws 031 -2000 to 034-2000 inclusive be given second reading.

Motion Carried

By-laws - Third Reading

It was moved by Councillors Andre Rivette and Claude Poirier that:

By-law 132-1999 *A Bylaw respecting the provision of vital services by landlords, under Part VII, of the Tenant Protection Act (Sections 146 to 153)*

and By-laws 031 to 034 -2000 inclusive be given third and final reading.

Motion Carried

REPORTS FROM AD HOC COMMITTEES OF COUNCIL

NOTICES OF MOTION

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS

1. **Pitt and Wellington Streets - Traffic Lights**

Moved by Councillors Andre Rivette and Perry Lalonde

Whereas the intersection of Pitt St. and Wellington St. has become a major concern for vehicles trying to enter onto Pitt St. from Wellington St.; and

Whereas there has been major residential development in the Markell subdivision in the last few years that have contributed to a large increase in vehicle traffic exiting onto Pitt St. ; and

Whereas there have been a number of complaints received from taxpayers from this area and from people visiting this area of the danger at this intersection.

Now therefore be it resolved that administration prepare a report on the need and the cost of installing 4 way traffic lights at intersection of Pitt St. and Wellington St.

Motion Carried

2. **CP RAIL BEDS**

Moved by Councillors Andre Rivette and Claude Poirier

WHEREAS CP Rail have removed their railway tracks which once served the City, leaving a railbed as well as an underpass below Highway #401; and

WHEREAS both the railbed and the underpass could make the City's industrial park area adjacent to the 401 Highway attractive in the future; and

WHEREAS the railbeds throughout the city could be an asset to the community for future roadways or bike paths construction.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that Administration be directed to investigate the acquisition of these railbeds along with the underpass below the 401 Highway and that a copy of this motion be sent to Mr. Rob Ritchie, President and CEO of Canadian Pacific Railway requesting his assistance in the acquisition of these railbeds.

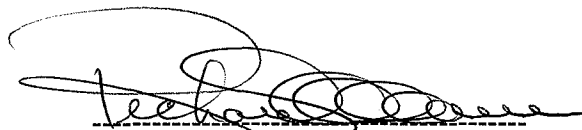
Motion Carried

#3 **Fiscal Year**

Moved by Councillors Naresh Bhargava and Andre Rivette That Council request that the Association of Municipalities of Ontario investigate how the Municipality can lobby and change the financial years from December 31st to March 31st of any given year, and that this resolution be forwarded to all Ontario Municipalities for support.

Motion Carried


Adjournment: 10.00 p.m.



Richard Allaire ~ City Clerk



Brian Sylvester ~ Mayor



Denise Labelle-Gélinas
Deputy Clerk ~ Recording Secretary