



## REGULAR COUNCIL #13-2000

Monday, March 27, 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 Denis Carr, Perry Lalonde, Claude Poirier, Korey Kennedy, Brian Lynch, Dean Hollingsworth, Chris Savard, André Rivette, and Naresh Bhargava.

**ABSENT:** Sheila Airey

**ADMINISTRATION:** Cecil Vincent, Chief Administrative Officer, Richard Allaire City Clerk, Denise Labelle-Gelinas, Deputy City Clerk and Recording Secretary, and the following Management personnel: Anita Roach, Fernand Hamelin, David Fielding, Betty Cousins, Ken Bedford, Stephen Alexander, Roger Desjardins, Gilles ~~Desjardins~~ *Ayotte*, Susan Cain, Doug Green

**INVOCATION** ~ Mr. Richard Allaire, City Clerk

**ADDITIONS / DELETIONS / CORRECTIONS** Nil

**DISCLOSURE OF INTEREST** Nil

**PRESENTATIONS** Nil

Mr. Paul Connelly- President of the Cornwall Chamber of Commerce, on behalf of Carnival 2000 presented the Mayor with a plaque for the City's generous support of the Carnival 2000 Ice Sculpture and celebrate 2000 ceremonies.

### ADOPTION OF MINUTES

It was moved by Councillors Brian Lynch and Andre Rivette that the Regular Council Meeting minutes # 10-2000 dated March 13, 2000 be approved as presented.

Motion Carried

It was moved by Councillors Korey Kennedy and Andre Rivette that the Committee of Council Meeting minutes # 07 -2000 dated March 13, 2000 be approved as presented.

Motion Carried

It was Moved by Councillors Claude Poirier and Perry Lalonde that the Special Regular Council meeting #11-2000 dated March 20, 2000 be approved as presented.

Motion Carried

It was Moved by Councillors Naresh Bhargava and Chris Savard that the Special Budget #08 Council meeting #12-2000 dated March 21, 2000 be approved as amended.

Motion Carried

## COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

It was moved by Councillors Perry Lalonde and Andre Rivette 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 028-2000 to 030-2000 inclusive be given first reading.

Motion Carried

### **BY-LAWS - First Reading**

- 028-2000      A Bylaw for prohibiting or regulating the discharge of guns or other firearms, air-guns, spring-guns, cross-bows, long-bows, or any class or type thereof in the municipality or in any defined areas thereof .
- 029-2000      A bylaw to appoint Sharon Meldrum as by-law enforcement officer for the Cornwall Square and amend Bylaw 134-99 removing Angela Byers .
- 030-2000      A by-law to further amend By-law 069-1989 known as the Traffic By-law ~ Parking Restrictions and Time Limits on Third Street East.

### **DELEGATIONS**

#### **S. D. & G. Historical Society - Wood House Museum**

Mr. Wes Libbey, President of the S.D. & G. Historical Society and Mr. Ian Bowering, Curator appeared before City Council this evening to provide Council Members with a status report on the Cornwall Community Museum Project. To begin with, Mr. Bowering presented Mayor Sylvester and members of Council with a cheque of \$130,000 being the Society's contributions towards the Museum Restoration.

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Mr. Bowering continued to indicate that the relocation of the United Counties Museum in the Wood House and creation of a Community Museum is now ready to enter Phase II of the Project, the restoration of the building and creation of a community museum to open to the Public this fall. In order to proceed with Phase II, the volunteer membership have planned a series of fundraising events including making numerous applications for both foundation and government grants, along with planning additional fundraising activities.

All three Options were presented:

**Option 1** a relocation and restoration Wood House and 4,000 square foot Community Museum additional at a total cost of \$3,000,000.

**Option 2**, the relocation and restoration Wood House, with a new basement for limited community museum programming at a cost of \$1,500,000; and

**Option 3** The relocation and restoration of Wood House with small park extension and patio for year round community programming both inside and outside of the museum. In conclusion and after reviewing the three options and in order to remain fiscally responsible the Historical Society recommend that Council endorse Option 3. However, this option is short of \$375,000. And it is now asked that the City help them bridge the financial gap in order to make this project a reality for the year 2000.

It was Moved by Councillors Brian Lynch and Naresh Bhargava that this matter be referred to Administration for a report.

Motion Carried

## RESOLUTIONS

## CONSENT

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

Motion Carried

### A. CANADIAN BIBLE SOCIETY

That Council proclaim April 5<sup>th</sup> to April 14<sup>th</sup>, 2000 as "Proclamation 2000", for the reading of the Christian Bible. This event will host approximately 700 people which will be involved in reading the Christian Bible cover to cover and the event is scheduled to take place at St. John's Presbyterian Church on Second Street East, from 7:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m. every day between April 5<sup>th</sup> and April 14<sup>th</sup>

B. **TOWNSHIP OF WELLESLEY (moved to Communication #8)**

C. **CORNWALL LIONS CLUB (moved to Communication #9)**

D. **INTERNATIONAL BUILDING SAFETY WEEK**  
**April 2<sup>nd</sup> to 8<sup>th</sup>, 2000**

That Council endorse municipal participation in the "International Building Safety Week"

E. **St. Peters C.W.L. - Petition Opposing Pornography at Publicly funded Facilities**

That Council receive and refer to Cornwall Public Library Board a petition presented by members of the St. Peters C.W.L. opposing pornography at publicly funded facilities such as the libraries and schools

**COMMUNICATION**

1. **BIA - Levies New Formula**

Moved by Councillors Claude Poirier and Naresh Bhargava

- a) That Council support a review of the levy system provided for in the Municipal Act with a view to petitioning for local or Province wide changes; and that
- b) in order to effect a review, that a working group of City staff, and representatives of the two B.I.A.'s be established; and that
- c) Administration request specific Provincial staff assistance to conduct this review and provide guidance on the matter of B.I.A. structure and levies.

Motion Carried

2. **Website on Tailgates**

Moved by Councillors Andre Rivette and Perry Lalonde that Public Works Department be directed to install decals on the tailgates of 30 new half ton trucks that provides for the insignia used in the marketing campaign of the Economic Development and that has the wording www.city.cornwall.on.ca at a total cost of \$2500.00

It was then Moved by Councillors Andre Rivette and Korey Kennedy that the main motion be amended to indicate that municipality's web site be the only advertised on the Leased Vehicles and that the web site of Miller Hughes be removed .

*A recorded vote on The amendment resulted as follows:*

**FOR:** Councillors Chris Savard, Korey Kennedy, Claude Poirier, Andre Rivette and Dean Hollingsworth

**AGAINST:** Mayor Brian Sylvester, Councillors Denis Carr, Perry Lalonde, Brian Lynch and Naresh Bhargava.

**The amendment was DEFEATED** for want of a majority.  
The main motion **CARRIED**

3. **Staff Replacement - Skilled Labourers (3)**

Moved by Councillors Denis Carr and Brian Lynch That Council approve the hiring of three (3) Skilled Laborers within the Public Works Department

Motion Carried

4. **Four-Way Stop Sign control request at Hebert Street and Twelfth Street West**

Moved by Councillors Brian Lynch and Naresh Bhargava that four-way stop sign controls **NOT** be installed at the intersection of Hebert Street and Twelfth Street West

Motion Carried

5. **Staffing Request - Clerk/Security**

Moved by Councillors Andre Rivette and Perry Lalonde that Council approve the replacement of the Clerk/Security position at the Kinsmen Municipal Centre.

Motion Carried

6. **Tender 00-T02 Passenger Van**

Moved by Councillors Andre Rivette and Claude Poirier that Tender 00-T02 be awarded to Miller Hughes Ford Ltd., Cornwall, Ontario at the total bid price of \$56,025.70 being the lowest bid meeting the tender specifications and that no web site be displayed on this vehicle.

Motion Carried

7. **Quotation - Duty Jackets**

Moved by Councillors Andre Rivette and Claude Poirier that Council approve Evin Industries Ltd. as the lowest quote that meets all specifications, at a total cost of \$11,059.55

Motion Carried

8. **TOWNSHIP OF WELLESLEY**

Moved by Councillors Perry Lalonde and Andre Rivette that Council endorse the resolution petitioning the provincial government to re-imburse lower tier governments a percentage of fuel, gas, licensing and registration tax monies for the maintenance of roads.

Motion Carried

9. **CORNWALL LIONS CLUB**

Moved by Councillors Chris Savard and Denis Carr that permission to hold the annual Lions Club Carnival at 902 Second Street West, on the now vacant S.D. & G. Board of Education Property be referred to Administration for Zoning Review and that residents in the immediate area be contacted on this matter for input.

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 by-laws 028 -2000 to 030 -2000 inclusive be given second reading.

Motion Carried

**By-laws - Third Reading**

It was moved by Councillors Andre Rivette and Korey Kennedy that by-laws 028-2000 to 030 -2000 inclusive be given third and final reading.

Motion Carried

**REPORTS FROM AD HOC COMMITTEES OF COUNCIL****NOTICES OF MOTION****1. Current and Capital Budget Process**

Proposed by Councillor Chris Savard

WHEREAS the Corporation of the City of Cornwall's fiscal year runs from January 1<sup>st</sup> to December 31<sup>st</sup> 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 15<sup>th</sup> 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 31<sup>st</sup> 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.

2. **Budget Target Rates**

Proposed by Councillor Chris Savard

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.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**



**NEW BUSINESS****1. Infrastructure Impact**

Moved by Councillors Claude Poirier and Andre Rivette

WHEREAS, Cornwall City Council recently received a presentation from the Cornwall General Hospital regarding their redevelopment project; and

WHEREAS the Cornwall General Hospital suggested ways the City of Cornwall might help their project; and

WHEREAS the traffic parking and municipal infrastructure impact of this project should be clearly identified.

NOW THEREFORE Be it resolved that City departments meet the officials of the Cornwall General Hospital to review the Traffic, parking and City servicing issues related to this redevelopment project and that they report back to City Council.

**2. Traffic Control - 1<sup>st</sup> and McConnell Avenue**

Moved by Councillors Korey Kennedy and Claude Poirier

WHEREAS there have been numerous complaints along with a petition, from ratepayers to have the City of Cornwall implement some sort of traffic control to reduce the risk of vehicle and pedestrian accidents, at the intersection of 1<sup>st</sup> and McConnell Avenue; and

WHEREAS these complaints date back several years without any success of addressing the problems and concerns of the ratepayers in Cornwall; and

WHEREAS the Council of the City of Cornwall has reviewed this matter on a couple of occasions, however have not addressed the issue; and

WHEREAS, there has been accidents on several occasions since Council's last discussion on the issue since late fall of 1999,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that Council indicate to the City's traffic engineer to comeback to Council with an effective means of trying to control and reduce the number of traffic accidents,

AND FURTHERMORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the traffic engineer incorporate within his report, the number of accidents at the intersection over the last 5 years.

Motion Carried

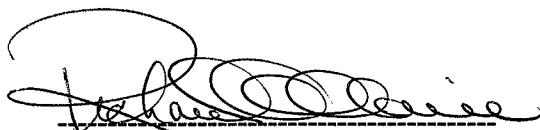
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3. **One Way Systems**

Moved by Councillors Denis Carr and Perry Lalonde That the Traffic Engineer prepare a report for council on the effectiveness of our one-way street system, documenting the positive and negative aspects of the system.

Motion Carried

Adjournment: 9:10 p.m.



Richard Allaire ~ City Clerk



Brian Sylvester ~ Mayor



Denise Labelle-Gélinas  
Deputy Clerk ~ Recording Secretary