

SPECIAL REGULAR COUNCIL #11-2000
Monday March 20, 2000

Meeting began at 6:00 p.m.

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

ADMINISTRATION: Cecil Vincent, Chief Administrative Officer, Richard Allaire, City Clerk

1. **Agenda Addition**

Moved by Councillors Chris Savard and Naresh Bhargava that the scheduled budget meeting of Tuesday, March 21st, 2000 be postponed.

Motion Defeated

Hospital Restructuring

Mr Wes Libbey, Chairperson, Joint Executive committee, indicated that the Committee represents the Cornwall General Hospital, Hotel Dieu, Glengarry Memorial Hospital and Community Care Access Centre. He added that each of the Hotel Dieu and General Hospital would make a presentation.

Hotel Dieu Hospital

Mr John Haselhurst introduced his presenters. Dr. M. Cox introduced Council to the events that took place in 1998. These included receiving Health Services Restructuring Commission directives for the Hotel Dieu and Long-Term Care, Ministry of Health directives for St. Joseph's Villa in May; board of Directors, Recommendation to Members of the Corporation and Ministry of Health in September and Planning for development of a Continuing Care Centre in the fall.

Jeannette Despatie, Director, Long-Term Care presented the Planning Process. The Process includes 150 beds for Long-Term Care at the Villa, 50 Beds for Complex Continuing Care, 24 beds from the General Hospital for Rehabilitation (short and long-term) and Geriatric Day Hospital at the Janet MacDonell Pavillion.

Mr. Cliff Harvey, Dunlop Farrow Architects, presented the Design Process. He described the new facility that it would be built on the existing Hotel Dieu Hospital site. The facility would include light, medium, heavy care, young adult and dementia care. The Janet MacDonell Pavillion would be modified to accept beds from the General Hospital and the Geriatric Day Hospital. He indicated that the total cost for this project would be \$ 24,125,195 with a construction schedule that would start late spring 2000 and occupancy in the spring of 2002.

Mrs. Despatie further explained the Capital Costs and indicated that these costs are funded 70% by the Ministry of Health and the Long-term care beds are funded at \$10.35 per day per bed over 20 years. With other costs, namely borrowing, mortgage fees and repayment, the project would cost an additional \$2,760,000. The local governments share would be \$3,270,000.

Cornwall General Hospital

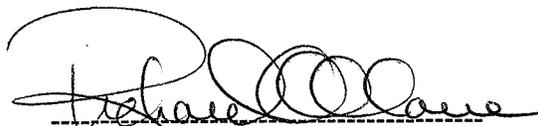
Mr. Murray Halkett, Chief Executive Officer and John Orr presented the following. In-patients service area census showed that 73% of patients come from Cornwall and 26% are from S. D. & G. and some out of Province. For emergency patients, the census showed that 76% were from Cornwall. The restructuring of the Cornwall General Hospital would provide: modern obstetrical unit adjacent to the surgical suite; therapeutic environment for mental health services; modern ambulatory care facilities; bathrooms which are wheelchair accessible; expand emergency department staffed by two physicians; new equipment and more attractive working conditions for hard to find health professionals. The following options were considered: Option 1 : Build a new hospital - cost \$92 million; Option 2 : major renovations which would forestall the need to build a new hospital until 35 years from now - cost \$34 million; Option 3 : limit investment for immediate and build a new 15 years from now - cost \$17 million. The second option is the preferred one, in that it satisfies 94% of the functional plan, makes economic sense, and allows for continued operation of the hospital during the construction period. This project with other non-shareable costs of \$2,265,000 represents a total cost of \$35,820,000 of which \$5,360,000 would be the local governments' share.

Following the presentations, several Council members expressed the desire that both projects be brought forward as one project requiring community support and funding. Mr. Libbey closed the meeting by indicating that the Joint Executive Committee will review Council's comments at their future meeting.

It was moved by Councillors Caude Poirier and Naresh Bhargava that both presentations be received.

Motion Carried

Adjournment: 10.45 p.m.



Richard Allaire ~ City Clerk



Brian Sylvester ~ Mayor