



## REGULAR COUNCIL #06

Monday, February 26, 2001  
Meeting began at 7:30 p.m.

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**PRESENT:** A Regular Council meeting was held this evening with the following members present: Mayor Brian Sylvester, Councillors Naresh Bhargava, Denis Carr, Susan Carter Donald Deebank, Syd Gardiner, Dean Hollingsworth, Korey Kennedy, Perry Lalonde, Claude Poirier, and André Rivette.

**ADMINISTRATION:** Cecil Vincent, Chief Administrative Officer, Denise Labelle-Gélinas, Acting City Clerk and the following Management Personnel: Graham Dart, Fernand Hamelin, David Dick, Stephen Alexander, David Fielding, Susan Cain, Richard Allaire, Heather Arthur, and Mary Joyce-Smith.

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**INVOCATION** ~ Mr. John Parks - Cornwall General Hospital

**ADDITIONS :**

- ~ Communication #1A - Social Housing realignment
- ~ Communication #8 - Proposed Corporate Realignment of City departments.

**DISCLOSURE OF INTEREST** Nil

**PRESENTATIONS**

**#1 - Cedar Rapids Transmission - EMF**

Mr. Dan Duchesne, General Manager of CRT along with Dr. Michel Plante, expert within the magnetic field accorded Council and the citizens of Cornwall with a very detailed and informed presentation in so far as Electromagnetic Fields and Human Health.

Mr. Duchesne began the presentation by explaining their project scheduled to begin June 2002.

With the replacement of the existing power lines, the conductors will be higher which will effectively reduce the magnetic field. Magnetic fields intensity decreases very rapidly with distance.

The new power line will be relocated closer to the centre of our corridor which again will

increase the distance between the new conductors and the edge of the corridor. It will therefore be further away from the schools located between "Aubin & Brookdale" streets, hence less magnetic fields than at present.

Magnetic fields on a power line are proportional to the current circulating in the conductors. If the tension is raised to 230kv vs 120kv at present and the power load remains the same the current will be halved and therefore the magnetic fields will also be halved. Dr. Plante continued to explain the synopsis provided by Environmental Health & Toxicology Units. Over the past 25 years, hundreds of epidemiological and experimental studies have been done to look for possible associations between exposure to electric and/or magnetic fields (EMF) of extremely low frequency and long term adverse health outcomes. There has not been consistent evidence, however that such exposures cause increased risks of human cancers (including adult and childhood leukemias) or neuro behavioral, reproductive or developmental abnormalities.

In Ontario, there are presently no legislated or even recommended specific "safe" distances between schools or homes and the "right-of-way" areas for power transmission lines and towers.

Following an extensive question period from members of Council, it was moved by Councillors André Rivette and Claude Poirier to receive the presentation.

#### **ADOPTION OF MINUTES**

It was moved by Councillors Denis Carr and Korey Kennedy that the Regular Council Meeting minutes #03-2001 dated February 12, 2001 be approved as presented.

**Motion Carried**

It was moved by Councillors Perry Lalonde and André Rivette that the Committee of Council Meeting minutes #03-2001 dated February 12, 2001 be approved as presented.

**Motion Carried**

It was moved by Councillors Naresh Bhargava and Syd Gardiner that the Budget #01 Meeting #04-2001 dated February 20, 2001 be approved as presented.

**Motion Carried**

It was moved by Councillors Donald Deebank and André Rivette that the Budget #02 Meeting #05-2001 minutes dated February 21, 2001 be approved as presented.

**Motion Carried**

**COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE**

It was moved by Councillors André Rivette and Denis Carr 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 030-2001 to 034-2001 inclusive be given first reading.

**Motion Carried**

**BY-LAWS - First Reading**

- 030-2001      A Bylaw to enter into a Service contract agreement with Canpage Communications Ltd. to provide an efficient and reliable central answering and dispatch service.
- 031-2001      A Bylaw to enter into of an Agreement with Niagara Gas Transmission Limited.
- 032-2001      A Bylaw to enter into a Retainer Agreement with Quinn Brothers for Municipal Trapper Services.
- 033-2001      A Bylaw to adopt, ratify and confirm the proceedings of the Council of the Corporation of the City of Cornwall at its meeting held on the 12<sup>th</sup> day of February.
- 034-2001      A Bylaw to enter into a Lease Agreement with Cornwall Warehousing for storage space (Glen-Stor-Dun Lodge).

**DELEGATIONS**

**1.      Encore Seniors Education Centre - St. Lawrence College**

Beverly Hincks, Program Coordinator for the Encore Seniors' Education Centre stood before Council this evening to publicly recognize and praise Mary Van Ryswyk, Secretary/editor/columnist for Encore. Mary's submission to the Canadian Living Magazine describing Cornwall as the "Best Town for Retirees in Canada" won her the award for Top Prize.

Beverly further praised Mary's winning entry as an honor for both the City and for Encore in that the winning entry has been published in the current issue of Canadian Living Magazine and readers across Canada will know that Cornwall is tops for retirees.

Mayor Sylvester was called upon to receive, on behalf of Council a plaque with Mary's winning article as well as a copy of the March issue of Canadian Living Magazine.

In conclusion, Mayor Sylvester provided congratulations and acclaimed the work of Mary as well as seniors and retirees within our community.

**2.      Image Enhancement Committee**

### **Walldog Jam**

Bob Copeland, representative of the Image Enhancement Committee along with Nancy Beaudette stood before Council to provide a brief introduction to the Walldog Jam meet scheduled to be held in the City of Cornwall during the week of June 7<sup>th</sup> to June 10<sup>th</sup>, 2001. Through the involvement of Nancy Beaudette and Noëlla Cotnam of Sign it Signs, the City of Cornwall has been selected as the first Canadian location to host one of their sessions and as Nancy indicated, this one is an international session.

The total number of murals to be done for Cornwall is nine of which eight will be done in June 2001 and the ninth one will be done by Nancy and Noëlla on the premises of the Spring and Home Show.

Bob Copeland continued to indicate that in order for the Walldog Jam to move forward they require some working Capital from the City of Cornwall in an amount of \$32,000.00. It is anticipated that as other funds and goods in kind are received that the final accounting will be for less of an amount.

It was moved by Councillors André Rivette and Naresh Bhargava that this request be referred to Administration for a report on the financial request.

**Motion Carried**

### **RESOLUTIONS**

#### **#04-01      Duties of the Mayor (Acting Mayor)**

**WHEREAS** on certain occasions throughout this term of Council as well as the previous term of Council, during the open and closed door sessions there have been motions which have died due to the lack of majority around the Council table even though all 11 members of Council were present, (10 members of Council and 1 Mayor); and

**WHEREAS** no motion, policy, or item should die due to lack of majority when there are all 11 members present to vote, therefore ensuring that Council gives direction towards Administration; and

**WHEREAS** all members of Council including the Mayor have been elected to vote on each and every issue unless there is a conflict of interest or otherwise; and

**WHEREAS** the Mayor being the Leader of Council should be the ultimate tie breaker when there is a tie vote at the table; and

**WHEREAS** under the City's current Procedural Bylaw 014-1999 section 1.11 B- Duties of the Mayor (Acting Mayor), it reads that Mayor (Acting Mayor): *"May vote with the members on all questions, except where disqualified from voting by reason of interest or otherwise. Any question on which there is an equality of votes, the question shall be deemed lost for want of a majority"*.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the City's Procedural Bylaw 014-1999 section 1.11 B- Duties of the Mayor (Acting Mayor) be re-introduced and read that the Mayor (Acting Mayor): Must vote with the members on all questions, except where disqualified from voting by reason of interest or otherwise. Any question which there is an equality of votes, the question shall be deemed lost for want of majority. Therefore reducing the amount of times a motion, policy, or item is defeated due to lack of majority.

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## **CONSENT**

It was moved by Councillors Syd Gardiner and Denis Carr that the Consent Agenda be approved.

**Motion Carried**

A. **Request for Replacement of one Full-time Domestic Position**

**GSDL Report #02-01**

That City Council approve the replacement of one (1) Domestic Position (Full-Time) at Glen-Stor-Dun Lodge.

B. **Save the Children Tag Day**

That Council approve to hold a Tag Day for the rights of children in our area on Saturday June 2, 2001.

C. **Building Safer Communities**

That Council endorse The City of Windsor Resolution requesting Council's support in petitioning the Minister of Consumer and Commercial Relations to move forward with the proposed changes to the Liquor Licence Act as outlined in the discussion paper entitled "Building Safer Communities - Safer Communities through Co-operative Enforcement."

D. **Ontario March of Dimes**

That Council endorse the request in proclaiming March, 2001 as "*March of Dimes Month*" within the City of Cornwall.

E. **Falun Dafa Week**

That council receive the request to proclaim the week of March 22<sup>nd</sup> to March 28<sup>th</sup> as Falun Dafa Week in the City of Cornwall.

F. **Canadian Cancer Society**

That Council approve the request to hold a tag day on April 7<sup>th</sup>, 2001 rather than April 14<sup>th</sup> as previously approved.

G. **Replacement of Health Care Aide**

GSDL Report #02-01

That City Council approve the replacement of One (1) Health Care Aide (Full-Time) at Glen-Stor-Dun Lodge.

H. **Kidney Foundation of Canada**

That Council endorse the request in proclaiming the month of March as "Kidney Month" in the City of Cornwall.

## COMMUNICATIONS

1. **Electromagnetic Fields (EMF)**

PR Report # 07-01

It was moved by Councillors Naresh Bhargava and André Rivette

1. - That Council receive report #07-01; and
2. That Council request the Ministries of the Environment and Health to carry out an environmental and health assessment and impact study before this project is allowed to proceed.

**Motion Carried**

**1.(a) Social Housing Realignment**

It was moved by Councillors Claude Poirier and Denis Carr

1. That the Housing Transition Manager prepare a report for the March Council meeting which would outline an action plan for the service delivery model three (3), presented in the report dated February 20, 2001.
2. Be it further resolved that Mr. Allaire prepare a report that would examine a second option which would create a municipal Housing Department.

**Motion Carried**

**2. Housing Division Manager**

**SH Report #02-01**

It was moved by Councillors André Rivette and Perry Lalonde

1. That Administration be authorized to hire a Social Housing Division Manager, reporting to an existing department Manager, to perform the responsibilities contained within this report and attached job description.

**Motion Carried**

**3. Habitat for Humanity and Groupe Renaissance**

**PR Report # 06-01**

It was moved by Councillors Korey Kennedy and Claude Poirier

1. That council endorse by Resolution, the new partnership between Habitat for Humanity and Group Renaissance in the completion of a grow home project.

**Motion Carried**

**4. Council Remuneration Expenses 2000**

**FI Report # 10-01**

It was moved by Councillors Naresh Bhargava and Denis Carr

1. That Council approve the Statement of Remuneration and Expenses for 2000.

**Motion Carried**

5. **Recruitment For Supervisor - Quality Assurance & Training** **LA Report 03-01**

It was moved by Councillors Denis Carr and Syd Gardiner

1. That Council authorize Administration to initiate the recruitment and hiring process for a Supervisor position as soon as possible.

**Motion Carried**

6. **Notre Dame Petition** **PW Report #06-01**

It was moved by Councillors Perry Lalonde and Claude Poirier that Council receive this report.

**Motion Carried**

7. **2001 OMSSA MEMBERSHIP** **OW Report 03-01**

It was moved by Councillors Denis Carr and Susan Carter

1. That Council approve the payment of \$4,365.60 for the Ontario Municipal Social Services Association membership fee and appoint Councillor Claude Poirier as elected official and as a voting member to represent the municipality for the year 2001.

**Motion Carried**

8. **Proposed Corporate Realignment of City Departments** **CAO Report #05-01**

It was moved by Councillors Denis Carr and André Rivette

That Council approve the implementation of the realignment of City Departments as identified in this report and that the Chief Administrative Officer report back at the next meeting of Council with further details on its final implementation schedule.

**Motion Carried**

9. **Occupational Health & Safety Week**

It was moved by Councillors Syd Gardiner and Perry Lalonde

That Council endorse the request The Corporation's Central Health and Safety Committee in proclaiming the week of May 14<sup>th</sup> to May 18<sup>th</sup> inclusive as "*Occupational Health and Safety Week*" in the City of Cornwall.

**Motion Carried**

## **ADOPTION OF THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE**

### **By-laws - Second Reading**

It was moved by Councillors Perry Lalonde and Naresh Bhargava that the Committee of the Whole be adopted as reported, and that by-laws 030-2001 to 034-2001 inclusive be given second reading.

**Motion Carried**

### **By-laws - Third Reading**

It was moved by Councillors André Rivette and Syd Gardiner that by-laws 030-2001 to 034-2001 inclusive be given third and final reading.

**Motion Carried**

## **REPORTS FROM AD HOC COMMITTEES OF COUNCIL**

## **NOTICES OF MOTION**

## **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

## **NEW BUSINESS**

### **1. Agenda Delivery**

It was moved by Councillors Denis Carr and Perry Lalonde

Be it resolved that Council agenda's and any other printed materials and reports must be delivered to Council no later than Friday at noon prior to the regularly scheduled Monday evening meeting.

A recorded vote resulted as follows:

**FOR:** Mayor Brian Sylvester, Councillors Don Deebank, Denis Carr, Perry Lalonde, Susan Carter, Claude Poirier, André Rivette and Naresh Bhargava.

**AGAINST:** Councillors Korey Kennedy, Dean Hollingsworth, and Syd Gardiner.

**Recorded Vote 8-3**  
**Motion Carried**

### **2. Funding Formula for Restructuring**

It was moved by Councillors Naresh Bhargava and Claude Poirier

**WHEREAS** this Council passed a motion to request the Minister of Health to modify the funding formula for restructuring of hospitals in Ontario so that it is fare to all Ontario Residents; and

**WHEREAS** significant number of Ontario municipalities have passed similar motions supporting the City of Cornwall's motion.

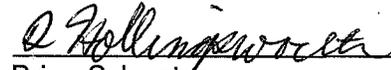
## **NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**

1. That the City of Cornwall take initiative through the Mayor's Office to prepare and forward a similar resolution for tabling at the next AMO Conference in Toronto.
2. That copies of the motion for AMO be sent to all municipalities in Ontario, local MPP and MP, with the names of municipalities supporting Cornwall's motion, for support at the AMO Conference.
3. Request MPP John Cleary to forward a copy of the resolution to his colleagues in the Ontario Legislature.

**Motion Carried**

Adjournment: 10:20 p.m.

  
Denise Labelle-Gélinas  
Acting City Clerk

  
Brian Sylvester  
Mayor