



REGULAR COUNCIL # 31

Monday, October 22, 2001
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 Naresh Bhargava, Denis Carr, Susan Carter, Donald Deebank, Syd Gardiner, Korey Kennedy, Claude Poirier and André Rivette.

ABSENT: Councillors Dean Hollingsworth and Perry Lalonde

ADMINISTRATION: Cecil Vincent, Chief Administrative Officer; Denise Labelle-Gélinas, City Clerk; and the following Management Personnel: Stephen Alexander, Gilles Ayotte, Susan Cain, Debora Daigle, Graham Dart, Roger Desjardins, David Dick, Dave Fielding, Paul Fitzpatrick, Sherman Goodwin and Fernand Hamelin

Mayor Brian Sylvester called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m.

INVOCATION: Father Dan Van Delst - St. Columban's Parish

ADDITIONS/DELETIONS/CORRECTIONS

1. Addition of Project Amistad from the Fire Department
2. Deletion of Delegation #3 - DBIA - Heart of the City; and
3. Deletion of Report under Unfinished Business #3 Report #30 - DBIA

Mayor Brian Sylvester opened the meeting by offering a congratulatory message to Chuck Charlebois upon receiving the "Brownie Award by the Canadian Urban Institute. Chuck Charlebois was recognized for his outstanding efforts in leading the Renaissance Group Community Association's efforts to redevelop parts of Cornwall's historic industrial waterfront.

DISCLOSURE OF INTEREST - Nil

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

Moved by Councillors Andre Rivette and Susan Carter that Council go into the Committee of the Whole and that all Minutes, Presentation, Delegation, Resolution, Consent/Correspondence, Reports and By-laws 175 and 176, 2001 be referred to that Committee; and that the agenda of the Committee of the Whole for the meeting of October 22nd, 2001, be approved.

A recorded vote resulted as follows:

For: Councillors Naresh Bhargava, Denis Carr, Susan Carter, Don Deebank, Syd Gardiner, Korey Kennedy, Claude Poirier, André Rivette and Mayor Brian Sylvester

Absent: Councillors Dean Hollingsworth and Perry Lalonde

Motion Carried

GENERAL CONSENT

ADOPTION OF MINUTES

1. That the Committee of Council Meeting # 21-01 dated October 9, 2001 be approved and verified correct;
2. That the Regular Council Meeting # 30-01 dated October 9, 2001 be approved and verified correct.

PRESENTATION

1. Transit Performance Summary

Sherman Goodwin, Manager of Transit Services, presented an evaluation that measured the performance of the service provided.

As part of his presentation, Mr. Goodwin presented a summary of transit ridership as well as a summary of transit service performance for the first eight months of 2001.

Transit Services will enter the remaining four months of 2001 on target with regards to performance measurements and the 2001 approved budget.

2. Project Amistad

Mr. Roger Desjardins, Manager of Protective Services, and Captain Gary Rutley addressed Council in order to give a brief background on project Amistad and to introduce a delegation from Mexico. At its regular Council meeting of May 14, 2001, Council endorsed the donation of a 1975 pumper to a Latin American community. It was agreed that this project would be named "Amistad", which in Spanish means "Friendship". This pumper will be released as soon as the new Rescue/Pumper is delivered to Cornwall.

A delegation from Mexico which included Mr. Edison Siecola from the town of Ixtapa-Zihuatanejo (44,000 population), State of Guerrero, addressed Council to thank them for their generous donation.

DELEGATIONS

1. Vital Services By-law

Mr. Etienne Saint-Aubin, Director of the Stormont, Dundas and Glengarry Legal Clinic, presented a review regarding the Vital Services By-law, and according to Mr. Saint-Aubin, one of the most significant by-laws to have been enacted by Council. He continued to speak on Mr. Alexander's report and attempted to clarify the legal difficulties experienced in the collection of rents, the legal implications and the confusion this may cause on the tenants in question.

Mr. Saint-Aubin indicated to Council that the Legal Clinic has repetitively offered its assistance in sending out easily understood notices, to personally explain them to tenants and to assume other administrative tasks to help the City in enforcing its By-law. He indicated, however, that the report presented by Administration did contain a number of important concerns.

In conclusion, Mr. Saint-Aubin stated that this matter was perhaps a defining moment and that in the end this was not a "Legal Clinic" matter, yet a moment that will define our City's resolve to protect all of the people of our community and to preserve the role of elected council in our municipal democracy.

Moved by Councillors Andre Rivette and Claude Poirier that this matter be received and debated under communication.

A recorded vote resulted as follows:

For: Councillors Naresh Bhargava, Denis Carr, Susan Carter, Don Deebank, Syd Gardiner, Korey Kennedy, Claude Poirier, André Rivette and Mayor Brian Sylvester

Absent: Councillors Dean Hollingsworth and Perry Lalonde

Motion Carried

2. No Smoking By-law

Mrs. Ginette Campbell, owner of Spinners Dinner and Dance Club, addressed Council on behalf of all restaurant and bar owners to present a compromise for the new No Smoking By-law.

Moved by Councillors Andre Rivette and Naresh Bhargava that Council receive this delegation.

A recorded vote resulted as follows:

For: Councillors Naresh Bhargava, Denis Carr, Susan Carter, Don Deebank, Syd Gardiner, Korey Kennedy, Claude Poirier, André Rivette and Mayor Brian Sylvester

Absent: Councillors Dean Hollingsworth and Perry Lalonde

Motion Carried

3. "Heart of the City" Funding Request (removed from this evening's agenda)

BY-LAWS

That By-laws no. 175 and 176-2001 inclusive having been read a first time be considered as having been read a second time:

175-2001 A by-law to authorize the Purchase of Land from Mr. Gaetan Chenier legally described as Part of Lot 9 North side of Water Street in the City of Cornwall designated as Part 1 on Reference Plan 52R-5739.

176-2001 A by-law to convey to Golden Estates Ltd Part of the East ½ of Lot 2, Concession 1, City of Cornwall, County of Stormont designated as part one of Plan of Expropriation 304295.

CONSENT / CORRESPONDENCE

A. Smoke-free Workplaces and Public Places (removed for discussion)

B. Walk for the Canadian Red Cross U.S. Appeal

That Council approve the St. Lawrence College nursing students' request to hold a Walk-a-Thon to benefit the Canadian Red Cross U.S. Appeal. The Walk will be held on Sunday, October 28, 2001 beginning at 10:00 a.m. The proposed route is on the bike path from St. Lawrence College, West to the RCAF Building, circling around and return East to St. Lawrence College.

C. Staff Replacement - Skilled Labourer

EDR # 26-2001 That Council authorize the replacement of one skilled labourer position for the Department of Economic Development and Recreation Services.

D. Staff Replacement - Division Manager, Environmental Services

EEC # 28-2001 That Council approve the replacement for the Division Manager, Environmental Services.

E. Staff Replacement - Machine Operator Class I - Public Works

MWS # 31-2001 That Council approve the replacement of the Machine Operator I position.

Moved by Councillors Andre Rivette and Korey Kennedy that all actions listed under the General Consent portion of the agenda be approved.

A recorded vote resulted as follows:

For: Councillors Naresh Bhargava, Denis Carr, Susan Carter, Don Deebank, Syd Gardiner, Korey Kennedy, Claude Poirier, André Rivette and Mayor Brian Sylvester

Absent: Councillors Dean Hollingsworth and Perry Lalonde

Motion Carried

RESOLUTIONS/BUSINESS ARISING FROM NOTICE OF MOTION

18-2001 Infrastructure Funding Support - A.M.O. Resolution

Moved by Councillors Denis Carr and Mayor Brian Sylvester

WHEREAS public infrastructure is the backbone of a successful, dynamic economy; and

WHEREAS Federal and Provincial financial support is essential for public infrastructure upgrades, replacement and expansion; and

WHEREAS the current slowing of the economy combined with the tragic events of September 11, 2001 have created substantial uncertainty in the Canadian economy, particularly in Ontario; and

WHEREAS The Corporation of the City of Cornwall welcomes the Ontario Government's renewed commitment towards supporting public infrastructure with its recent announcement of financial assistance for public transit and roads and bridges; and

WHEREAS the current Federal share of the Infrastructure Canada Program in Ontario is significantly less than that of the Province and municipalities;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Corporation of the City of Cornwall call on the Federal Government to follow the Ontario Government's lead and commit itself to a higher level of funding for public infrastructure; and

FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Corporation of the City of Cornwall call on both the Federal and Provincial Governments to speed up the existing infrastructure funding process under the Canada-Ontario Infrastructure Program (COIP) and SuperBuild in order to provide a much needed economic stimulus in the face of the current economic downturn; and

FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Corporation of the City of Cornwall support the call from the Association of Municipalities of Ontario for the Federal and Ontario Governments to return to a straight forward 1/3-1/3-1/3 funding formula for COIP and SuperBuild funding projects.

A recorded vote resulted as follows:

For: Councillors Naresh Bhargava, Denis Carr, Susan Carter, Don Deebank, Syd Gardiner, Korey Kennedy, Claude Poirier, André Rivette and Mayor Brian Sylvester

Absent: Councillors Dean Hollingsworth and Perry Lalonde

Motion Carried

REPORTS from UNFINISHED BUSINESS

1. Vital Services By-law Update Report

PHS # 31-2001 Moved by Councillors Claude Poirier and Syd Gardiner that this matter be referred back to Administration to work with the Legal Clinic to propose such changes to the Vital Services By-law and to its operation which will allow it to be a cost-effective way to protect residents of Cornwall and to return to Council with its recommendations as to how to accomplish this.

It was then proposed by Councillor Don Deebank and Andre Rivette that the main motion be amended in that Administration report back to Council no later than six months from this date.

A recorded vote on the amendment resulted as follows:

For: Councillors Naresh Bhargava, Denis Carr, Susan Carter, Don Deebank, Syd Gardiner, Korey Kennedy, Claude Poirier, André Rivette and Mayor Brian Sylvester

Absent: Councillors Dean Hollingsworth and Perry Lalonde

Motion Carried

2. DBIA/Heart of the City Funding Request - Removed from the Agenda

3. Update on Social Housing Delivery Model

PHS #-27-2001 Moved by Councillors Claude Poirier and Denis Carr that this matter be postponed until November 13, 2001.

A recorded vote resulted as follows:

For: Councillors Naresh Bhargava, Denis Carr, Susan Carter, Don Deebank, Syd Gardiner, Korey Kennedy, Claude Poirier, André Rivette and Mayor Brian Sylvester

Absent: Councillors Dean Hollingsworth and Perry Lalonde

Motion Carried

4. 2001 Property - Tax Study

FI #101-2001 Moved by Councillors Denis Carr and Susan Carter that Council approve the additional costs of including two Québec based municipalities and the removal of one Ontario based municipality at a net cost of \$8,000 for a total cost of \$46,500.

A recorded vote resulted as follows:

For: Councillors Naresh Bhargava, Denis Carr, Susan Carter, Don Deebank, Syd Gardiner, Korey Kennedy, Claude Poirier, André Rivette and Mayor Brian Sylvester

Absent: Councillors Dean Hollingsworth and Perry Lalonde

Motion Carried

5. City of Cornwall - Cycling Review

EEC # 29-2001 Moved by Councillors Korey Kennedy and Naresh Bhargava

1. That a Cycling Committee be formed to develop a comprehensive off-street cycling network.
2. That the City consider on-street cycling requirements in the design of rural roadway cross-sections.
3. That Site Plan requirements provide for an appropriate capacity of secure bicycle parking at educational, community, retail, recreational and employment land uses, and at residential apartment buildings.

A recorded vote resulted as follows:

For: Councillors Naresh Bhargava, Denis Carr, Susan Carter, Don Deebank, Syd Gardiner, Korey Kennedy, Claude Poirier, André Rivette and Mayor Brian Sylvester

Absent: Councillors Dean Hollingsworth and Perry Lalonde

Motion Carried

COMMUNICATIONS/REPORTS

1. Corporate Policy Manual

CL # 07-2001 Moved by Councillors Don Deebank and Naresh Bhargava that Council endorse the Corporate Municipal Employee Policy entitled "Policy Layout and Force of Policy" and the maintenance of a Corporate Policy Manual.

A recorded vote resulted as follows:

For: Councillors Naresh Bhargava, Denis Carr, Susan Carter, Don Deebank, Syd Gardiner, Korey Kennedy, Claude Poirier, André Rivette and Mayor Brian Sylvester

Absent: Councillors Dean Hollingsworth and Perry Lalonde

Motion Carried

2. Economic Development / Cornwall Chamber of Commerce Initiatives

EDR # 27-2001 Moved by Councillors Andre Rivette and Susan Carter

WHEREAS the Chamber of Commerce is giving up the responsibility of overseeing the Team Cornwall Activities; and
WHEREAS Team Cornwall is very Important for the promotion of the City; and
WHEREAS to continue it's success will require proper administration support
NOW Therefore be it resolved that Council instruct the CAO and two members of Council to meet with the Seaway Valley Tourist Manager

to investigate the feasibility of them taking on the responsibility for the administration of Team Cornwall's activities and report back to Council for the next Council meeting.

A recorded vote on the Chamber motion resulted as follows:

For: Councillors Naresh Bhargava, Denis Carr, Susan Carter, Don Deebank, Syd Gardiner, Korey Kennedy, Claude Poirier, André Rivette and Mayor Brian Sylvester

Absent: Councillors Dean Hollingsworth and Perry Lalonde

Motion Carried

3. Budget Deficit Report

CAO #05-2001 Moved by Councillors Claude Poirier and Don Deebank that City Council approve the adjustments in the 2001 Budget identified in this report in order to mitigate a projected shortfall in actual program expenditures; and further, that those expenditures that were proposed 2001 Capital expenditures be resubmitted in 2002 for reconsideration as a part of the 2002 budget presentations.

A recorded vote resulted as follows:

For: Councillors Naresh Bhargava, Denis Carr, Susan Carter, Don Deebank, Syd Gardiner, Korey Kennedy, Claude Poirier, André Rivette and Mayor Brian Sylvester

Absent: Councillors Dean Hollingsworth and Perry Lalonde

Motion Carried

4. Transit Performance Summary

TR # 08-2001 Moved by Councillors Andre Rivette and Susan Carter that Council receive this report.

A recorded vote resulted as follows:

For: Councillors Naresh Bhargava, Denis Carr, Susan Carter, Don Deebank, Syd Gardiner, Korey Kennedy, Claude Poirier, André Rivette and Mayor Brian Sylvester

Absent: Councillors Dean Hollingsworth and Perry Lalonde

Motion Carried

5. Reserves

FI #102-2001 Moved by Councillors Syd Gardiner and Claude Poirier that the City re-establish the Tipping Fee and Sewage Treatment Reserves and fund such reserves out of Working Capital Reserves.

A recorded vote resulted as follows:

For: Councillors Naresh Bhargava, Don Deebank, Korey Kennedy, Claude Poirier, André Rivette and Mayor Brian Sylvester

Against: Councillors Denis Carr, Susan Carter and Syd Gardiner

Absent: Councillors Dean Hollingsworth and Perry Lalonde

Motion Carried

Tender and Request for Proposal Block

➔ **Tender No. 01-T59 - Supply and Installation of Truck Scale - Landfill Site**

Moved by Councillors Don Deebank and Corey Kennedy

1. That Tender 01-T59 be awarded to Active Scale Mfg. Inc., Brantford, Ontario at the total bid price of \$51,427.41 being the lowest bid meeting the tender specifications.
2. That the scale be funded from the landfill tipping fee reserve account and be offset with remaining Preventative Maintenance Program funding plus salvage value of the old scale.

A recorded vote resulted as follows:

For: Councillors Naresh Bhargava, Susan Carter, Don Deebank, Corey Kennedy, Claude Poirier, André Rivette and Mayor Brian Sylvester

Against: Councillors Denis Carr and Syd Gardiner

Absent: Councillors Dean Hollingsworth and Perry Lalonde

Motion Carried

ITEMS SEPARATED FOR DISCUSSION

Consent Item A Smoke-free Workplaces and Public Places

Moved by Councillors Syd Gardiner and Naresh Bhargava that the petition being presented to Council requesting a By-law for smoke-free workplaces and public places in order to enhance the quality of life in Cornwall be received.

Motion Carried

NEW BUSINESS

Corporate Image

Moved by Councillors Denis Carr and Susan Carter that Administration prepare a report for Council on the Corporate image utilized by various city departments and city agencies.

A recorded vote resulted as follows:

For: Councillors Naresh Bhargava, Denis Carr, Susan Carter, Don Deebank, Syd Gardiner, Corey Kennedy, Claude Poirier, André Rivette and Mayor Brian Sylvester

Absent: Councillors Dean Hollingsworth and Perry Lalonde

Motion Carried

BYLAWS - Third and Final Reading

Moved by Councillors André Rivette and Corey Kennedy that By-laws 175 and 176-2001 inclusive, listed on the Agenda for third reading is taken as read a third time and finally passed.

A recorded vote resulted as follows:

For: Councillors Naresh Bhargava, Denis Carr, Susan Carter, Don Deebank, Syd Gardiner, Corey Kennedy, Claude Poirier, André Rivette and Mayor Brian Sylvester

Absent: Councillors Dean Hollingsworth and Perry Lalonde

Motion Carried

REPORTS FROM AD HOC COMMITTEES OF COUNCIL

NOTICES OF MOTION

Proposed by Councillor Korey Kennedy

1. ***Cornwall Walk of Fame***

Whereas, the Corporation of the City of Cornwall is continuously looking at new ingenious ways of promoting tourism, all while improving our city's image, and

Whereas, the Corporation of the City of Cornwall is looking at generating more business and attention to our Downtown and Le Village sections of the city, and

Whereas, the Corporation of the City of Cornwall has been investing money in the Le Village and Downtown section on past projects, and

Whereas, Cornwall is always looking at recognizing citizens of Cornwall who reside or have lived in Cornwall that have made an impact on our city or have been an ambassador to our city;

Now Therefore Be It Resolved That, Cornwall City Council authorize administration to report back to Council on the feasibility of implementing the following in hopes of improving the Downtown and Le Village sections of the city all while recognizing our valuable citizens:

1. That flags be erected in the Downtown and Le Village sections bearing the city crest as well as each individual flag bearing a piece of historical or practical information about the City of Cornwall.
2. That Council authorize a "Cornwall Walk of Fame" to be created on the Downtown and Le Village sidewalks with the name and achievement of successful or influential people that have achieved individual or team success in the city or abroad, as well as those who made their mark inside the city or have helped improve the city.
3. That Council create a committee to decide annually who is to be inducted into the "Cornwall Walk of Fame" from the era of past or present and under which category. Also that this committee comprise itself of various individuals from Cornwall City Council, the Downtown and Le Village section, and other sectors of the city to ensure equal representation.
4. That the Committee decide on the criteria and technicalities on how and why one should be inducted into the "Cornwall Walk of Fame", and report back to Council on its annual selection.
5. That Council also allocate a certain amount of money to the Committee that shall go towards the annual celebration of the inducted and to cover the costs to create the new star on the "Cornwall Walk of Fame".

2. Winter Carnival

WHEREAS, the Corporation of the City of Cornwall is desirous in providing its community and its citizens with as many opportunities to enjoy community events and/or gatherings, and

WHEREAS, public events are scarce at best during the winter months, and

WHEREAS, the Chamber of Commerce has advised the community of Cornwall in the early months of this past year that the once annual winter carnival has been cancelled due to lack of funds, and

WHEREAS the Corporation of the City of Cornwall has helped out the Carnival in the past with services to prepare Lamoureux Park and access of our Civic Complex; and

WHEREAS various merchants receive some benefit in either sponsorship by advertizing in the Carnival, or people spending dollars in their shops during this time, and is another festival that the Cornwall and area Tourism organization tends to promote, and

WHEREAS, most importantly the Winter Carnival is an event which succeeds in having our community come together during the cold, dull months in which people enjoy the festivities, and

WHEREAS, there have been very few people or organizations that have come forward with the financial commitment it takes to hold a successful Winter Carnival.

NOW Therefore, be it resolved that even though it may be difficult in succeeding sponsorships, partnerships and to organize the Winter Carnival for Winter 2002, that Cornwall City Council authorize administration to prepare a report on the possibility of the Corporation of the City of Cornwall taking over this annual event in the year 2003 from the Chamber of Commerce and the financial impact of this proposal.

Furthermore, be it resolved that upon approval of this motion that the Corporation work in entering a public-private partnership to ensure that this event is successful in 2003 and that it is to be held every year thereafter until a future council decides to alter this decision or another major private organization wishes to take it over.

3. Arenas

WHEREAS the Bob Turner Memorial Arena and Si Miller Arena are becoming more costly to operate and manage on an annual basis as they both are aging arenas, and

WHEREAS it is more costly to manage two separate arenas than a co-located arena; and

WHEREAS, there may be a savings by combining both rinks into a co-located arena; and

WHEREAS we are looking at promoting the Cornwall Civic Complex and bringing more people down to the waterfront and to the business sector of the Downtown area; and

WHEREAS there may be a lack of prime time ice for various groups and organizations presently; and

WHEREAS we, the Corporation of the City of Cornwall, encourage youth, adults and seniors alike to partake in a healthy lifestyle; and

WHEREAS we, the Corporation of the City of Cornwall, are continuously looking at promoting this community in and around Eastern Ontario and abroad.

NOW Therefore be it resolved that Council authorize administration to prepare a report on the feasibility of the following:

1. Closing down the Bob Turner Memorial Arena and the Si Miller Arena and replacing it with a triple pad or rink ice arena adjacent or attached to the Cornwall Civic Complex.
2. Various cost designs and location for the new triple pad arena.
3. Cost comparison of the long term and short term financial effects of maintaining the Bob Turner and Si Miller Arenas as opposed to building and operating the new triple pad arena.
4. Holding a fond farewell week-end celebration for the Si Miller Arena by inviting former players, administration, founders, builders, organizations and their families, past and present, dignitaries and most importantly the citizens of Cornwall who were part of the Si Miller Arena history to reminisce about their memories of this building.
5. The option of either condemning the Si Miller Arena and giving certain artifacts to certain players, administration, founders, builders, organizations, and their families, past/present, and that certain other artifacts be auctioned off to the general public, in order to ensure that the arenas legacy lives on. The other option being to turn the arena into a museum with information, pictures and historical memorabilia of the building and the teams that played there. That the financial effects of both options be included.
6. That a parking analysis be done for the Complex and surrounding area, taking into consideration the possible of a pay-for-parking lot on the Si Miller property, if the Si Miller is condemned.
7. Also that the possible changes dealing with the arenas be discussed with our present tenants and organization and that their points and views be taken into consideration. Included in the report will be the information on the rental costs for the new triple pad arena and ensure that no contracts will be broken.
8. That the name of Bob Turner and Si Miller be carefully considered for name of the new arena or two of the three ice surfaces in the new arena.

4. Indoor skateboard Rink

WHEREAS, skateboarding in the City of Cornwall and surrounding area has and still is growing and gaining success and popularity, and

WHEREAS, the seasonal outdoor skateboard park near the Complex has been quite a success with many teens and pre-teens using this park to hone their skateboarding skills or simply to socialize with peers, and

WHEREAS, during the winter months the skateboarders have no place to practice or hang out with their peers who enjoy the same sport, and

WHEREAS, the Corporation of the City of Cornwall is always desirous in providing its youth opportunities to socialize and practice various sports and events throughout the community, and to stay out of trouble, and

WHEREAS, there is not a facility in close proximity that offers an indoor skateboard environment to its citizens, and

WHEREAS, there have been situations where the skateboarders use the Complex and disturb the security and/or employees of the City by still utilizing the front of the Complex; and

WHEREAS, the City of Cornwall is continuously looking at new, creative ideas that will help promote and encourage people to visit our community;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that, pending the approval of the closure of the Bob Turner Memorial Arena, Council authorize administration in preparing a report on converting the former hockey rink arena into an indoor skateboard park, BMX stunt bike park and roller blade rink facility which will be open year round and various designs for such a project;

FURTHERMORE BE IT RESOLVED that, if the motion for the closure of the Bob Turner Memorial Arena fails to get passed, administration look at other possible options and the costing and financial impact in creating and maintaining an indoor skateboard park, stunt bike and roller blade facility in either a formerly used building or create a state of the art facility. Regardless of the building that it will offer a special section for all three sports (i.e. a roller blade skating rink, mammoth skateboard park with ramps to suit all levels of experience novice, intermediate and professional) that could be used in promoting the sports, tournaments, and another gathering place for the citizens of Cornwall;

FURTHERMORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Corporation of the City of Cornwall also seek out private partnerships with various organizations that could help, pending Council's decision to retrofit and/or build this facility, in return for free sponsorship over X number of years, or an opportunity of just sponsoring the facility (i.e. name of building, signs, posters, etc...)

5. Riverboat Casino

WHEREAS, the Corporation of the City of Cornwall is continuously looking at generating new dollars into the community in hopes of providing or improving new services or possibly lowering taxes, all while ensuring the citizens in this community and tourists alike enjoy themselves, and

WHEREAS, Cornwall is looking at new, ingenious ways of promoting itself and distinguishing itself as a distinct community in Eastern Ontario and abroad, and

WHEREAS, tourism is a lucrative market in which municipalities are all battling amongst themselves to give themselves an upper hand, and

WHEREAS, the creation of a casino in a municipality has a positive effect not only on promoting the municipality, aiding municipalities, the province and various charities financially, and

WHEREAS, the City of Cornwall is always looking at improving and ensuring people use our water front and bringing people down to the Complex and to visit our community, and

WHEREAS, the Ontario Casino Corporation of the Province of Ontario governs whether or not to allow a municipality the right to build and operate a casino and decides and/or negotiate the percentage breakdown of the finances, and

WHEREAS, the Province has indicated no other casino site will be allowed in the Province of Ontario unless they grant authorization, and may still require the municipality to provide a referendum for its citizens to approve the casino even if they endorse the municipalities request;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that Administration adhere to the following:

1. Authorization to prepare a draft business plan that deals with the financial criteria, cost of purchasing a new/used River Boat and other details that will go to the Ontario Casino Corporation to request their support and clearance to move ahead with a River Boat Casino. Also, if the final business plan is approved by the O.C.C., Council prepare the details for a referendum for the citizens of Cornwall in the next municipal election for a River Boat Casino.
2. Address the feasibility of the River Boat Casino being a tourist vessel during the summer and fall months that shall go up and down the boundaries of Cornwall and possibly S.D. and G. and during the winter months shall be docked behind the Cornwall Civic Complex in a special dock.
3. That Administration bring this draft business proposal back to Council to have them voice their concerns and questions pertaining to the finer details, rules and regulations pertaining to that of having a casino in our municipality and decide whether or not to proceed to the final copy of the business plan; and
4. That Council await the final approval of the O.C.C. before commencing holding Town Hall meetings, information sessions for the general public and that a copy of the final business plan be forwarded to our Provincial representative M.P.P. John Cleary and members of the Provincial government

6. Music Festival

WHEREAS, the Corporation of the City of Cornwall is striving to advertise and promote itself in hopes of attracting tourists and positive publicity; and

WHEREAS, we are encouraged in raising the spirit and bolster a positive attitude from our citizens towards our community, and

WHEREAS, various festivals throughout the community in the past have been quite successful while other festivals have failed miserably, although all had the goal of encouraging our citizens to gather and socialize with hopes of attracting people from in and outside the community to spend their money in Cornwall; and

WHEREAS, a highly publicized once in the City's lifetime music festival that is well publicized, marketed, planned and campaigned might be successful in attracting people from all over Ontario, Québec and the United States; and

WHEREAS, Cornwall has never truly held a festival of epic proportions; and

WHEREAS, other cities have been successful in holding goliath like music festivals have put them on the map; and

WHEREAS, this motion is simply the beginning before addressing the technical questions and concerns;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that Council authorize administration to study the feasibility of holding a week-end long music festival that will be similar in nature to that of Woodstock involving all major market music bands; and

FURTHERMORE BE IT RESOLVED that this study include possible location(s) in or outside the City, and contact the Counties' Council to see if they would be willing to join alongside the City of Cornwall to bring such an event to this city. This report should also deal with all possible costs to hold such an event, the legalities of holding such an event, possible public-private partnerships, advertising, etc. and any other outstanding issue that such a festival would entail. Also, Administration should include ways of possibly funding this event and this music festival would be slated for the summer of 2005 or 2006.

7. Homeless Shelter

WHEREAS, the Corporation of the City of Cornwall strives to ensure that every individual in the community is treated equally and fairly and has every opportunity to lead a normal life; and

WHEREAS, the Corporation of the City of Cornwall helps and aids its citizens by offering many social services and helps out not-for-profit organizations in the community whenever it can; and

WHEREAS, it can be conceivable an individual may face some hard times either financially, emotionally or otherwise stated; and

WHEREAS, help is always sought during these difficult times and the community of Cornwall has a reputation of being a fair, caring, loving community;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that Administration prepare a report on the feasibility of creating a municipally owned shelter that will help address the needs and concerns of the homeless and those facing financial support and need a place to seek refuge for a few nights especially during the winter months. Moreover taking into consideration the legal liabilities and legalities pertaining to this proposal.

FURTHERMORE BE IT RESOLVED that, in this report, Administration consider a partnership with the private sector as well as possibly seek the assistance of all the not-for-profit organizations throughout Cornwall to help address this concern as well as address the costs associated with this initiative.

8. Postcards for City

WHEREAS, Cornwall City Council has to promote Cornwall as best it can all while improving its image and informing people about our city; and

WHEREAS, we encourage tourists to take away a piece of Cornwall with them when they come to visit our community in order to showcase Cornwall to fellow friends and family back home when they return from their stay; and

WHEREAS, the Seaway Valley Tourism Bureau for Cornwall and S.D. & G. have recently created postcards with the photographs of our murals that were painted during the "Walldog Mural Festival", although being a great initiative, we should encourage more picturesque postcards geared towards Cornwall directly; and

WHEREAS, there has been demand by various tourists for such a thing.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that Council authorize administration to present a report on the cost and feasibility of producing and selling Cornwall postcards with a picture of a Cornwall landmark on the front and with a section in the back that informs the people of a certain historical or practical fact about Cornwall.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS LISTING

1. Train Whistle Report

OPEN DISCUSSION ON CONFERENCE ATTENDANCE

CONFIRMING BY-LAW

Moved by Councillors Naresh Bhargava and Don Deebank that By-law 176-2001 being a by-law to confirm the proceedings of the Council of the Corporation of the City of Cornwall at its meeting held on Monday, October 22, 2001 having been read a first, second and third time be now taken as read and passed.

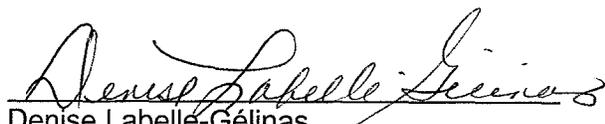
A recorded vote resulted as follows:

For: Councillors Naresh Bhargava, Denis Carr, Susan Carter, Don Deebank, Syd Gardiner, Korey Kennedy, Claude Poirier, André Rivette and Mayor Brian Sylvester

Absent: Councillors Dean Hollingsworth and Perry Lalonde

Motion Carried

ADJOURNMENT: 10:00 p.m.


Denise Labelle-Gélinas
City Clerk


Brian Sylvester
Mayor