



SPECIAL COUNCIL # 28

Wednesday, September 26, 2001
Meeting began at 7:35 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, Claude Poirier and André Rivette

ABSENT: Councillors Syd Gardiner, Dean Hollingsworth, Korey Kennedy and Perry Lalonde

ADMINISTRATION: Cecil Vincent, Chief Administrative Officer; Graham Dart, Deputy Clerk; and the following Management Personnel: Stephen Alexander, Susan Cain, Deborah Daigle, Roger Desjardins, David Dick, Dave Fielding, Paul Fitzpatrick and Fernand Hamelin

The Mayor called the meeting to order at 7:35 p.m.

AGENDA

Moved by Councillors André Rivette and Naresh Bhargava that the agenda be approved as presented.

Motion Carried

RESULTS OF PRIORITY SESSION

Mr. Cecil Vincent requested input from Council regarding the Action Plan and thanked the staff for their efforts in its development.

Mayor Brian Sylvester also thanked the staff for their accomplishment and development of the Action Plan.

Action 1: A Communication Strategy for the City of Cornwall

Moved by Councillors André Rivette and Donald Deebank

1. That Council approve the recommendations contained in this Action Plan;
2. That staff be instructed to report back in a timely fashion on any specific actions required to implement the recommendations contained in the Action Plan, in particular, the suggested e-mailing and posting electronically of reports to Council and the conducting of a citizen survey on services supplied by the City.

It was then moved by Claude Poirier and André Rivette that it will be the policy of the Corporation that the City will research the level of satisfaction of the citizens of Cornwall with various City services.

Amendment Carried

Motion Carried as Amended

Action 2 : Management Strategy of Existing Municipal Facilities

Moved by Councillors Claude Poirier and André Rivette that Council adopt the following Action Plan and proposed time line:

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| September 2001: | ● | The assigned Managers will meet and establish the first group of facilities and buildings that will be inspected and evaluated. |
| October 2001: | ● | The assigned Managers will establish the qualifications for the hiring of research and inspection staff. |
| | ● | An estimated salary will be developed with the help of Human Resources. |
| | ● | A budget estimate will be provided for approval by City Council. |
| January 2002: | ● | A staff expert in facilities/building maintenance forecasting will be hired and inspection of the designated facilities and buildings will be carried out. |
| February 2002: | ● | Decision-support models will be evaluated and recommended for purchase to City Council. |
| | ● | Various options for financing, such as lease-purchase scenarios, design-built-purchase of other public-private partnerships will be explored. Scenarios helping in reducing our operating and capital costs will be favored. |
| September 2002: | ● | A preliminary plan proposing areas of savings will be presented. This plan will not only present energy saving measures, but also alternative funding for facilities/building replacement or additions, assuming that the time of presentation that savings or alternative funding is found. |

It was then moved by Councillors Denis Carr and Susan Carter that staff expert in facilities and building maintenance forecasting be hired prior to the hiring of research and inspection staff.

Amendment Carried

Motion Carried as Amended

Action 3: Review Competitiveness of City Tax Burden and Various City Services

Moved by Councillors André Rivette and Susan Carter

1. That City Council, upon selection of the independent consultant, form a committee to provide ongoing feedback and direction to the consultant to ensure all areas of concern are addressed. This committee could be composed of the following:
 - Two (2) or more members of Council;
 - One (1) member of the Cornwall Chamber of Commerce;
 - One (1) member of the Industrial Sector;
 - One (1) member of the Multi-Residential Sector
 - Members of Administration to act as resource persons.
2. That Council review the final report for possible Policy changes in developing the 2002 budget.

Motion Carried

Action 4: Hospital Restructuring and Physician Recruitment

Moved by Councillors Naresh Bhargava and Claude Poirier

1. That the City establish, in cooperation with the United Counties of S.D. & G. and the Mohawk Council of Akwesasne, a committee to work closely with local hospitals to address HSRC directions.
2. That the City consider whether HSRC directives represent the best option for the delivery of hospital services in Cornwall, and whether a new hospital is a viable option.
3. That the City make representation to the Provincial government, in cooperation with other municipalities, to voice its concerns on the level of funding to be raised locally for hospital restructuring purposes.

Action 4A: Medical Recruitment

It was then moved by Councillors Denis Carr and Donald Deebank that an Action Item 4A entitled "Medical Recruitment" be created as follows:

1. That the City continue to support the efforts of the community's medical recruitment team and the Mayor's Task Force on Medical Recruitment.
2. That the City approach the Provincial Government to determine their long-term plan for recruitment of physicians.

Amendment Carried

Motion Carried as Amended

Action 5: Options to Promote Assessment Growth and Retention

Moved by Councillors Denis Carr and Donald Deebank that

Whereas this Council, as well as previous Councils, have implemented many positive tools to stimulate economic growth; and

Whereas these, as well as new opportunities should be continued; and

Whereas, any positive news generated by these activities should be promoted to the community at large;

Now therefore be it resolved that Council review these issues when the findings of the independent tax study are received to determine what possible steps can be implemented to assist in formulating tax policy and promotion of the City as a positive place to do business.

Motion Carried

NEXT MEETING

The "Results of Priority Session" issue will be discussed further at a special Council meeting scheduled for Monday, October 1st, 2001 at 7:00 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT: 9:15 p.m.



Graham Dart
Deputy Clerk



Brian Sylvester
Mayor