

**REGULAR COUNCIL # 24**

Monday, May 27, 2002
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, Syd Gardiner, Dean Hollingsworth, Korey Kennedy, Perry Lalonde, Claude Poirier and André Rivette
- ABSENT:** Councillors Susan Carter and Don Deebank
- ADMINISTRATION:** Denise Labelle-Gélinas, City Clerk; and the following Management Personnel: Susan Cain, Debora Daigle, Graham Dart, David Dick, Paul Fitzpatrick, Sherman Goodwin, Fernand Hamelin and Frances Lafave
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Mayor Brian Sylvester called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m.

INVOCATION: Ash Bharti - Cornwall Hindu Community

ADDITIONS:**By-laws:**

088-2002 A by-law to enter into an Encroachment Agreement with J.F. Markell Homes Ltd.

089-2002 A by-law to enter into a three-year Internet Access - Fixed Subscription Agreement with Cornwall's Connection Inc. for the Small Business Self Help Centre

Consent: H. Staff Replacement - Secretary - Clerk's Department

DELETIONS / CORRECTIONS:

DISCLOSURE OF INTEREST ~ Nil

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

Moved by Councillors Andre Rivette and Naresh Bhargava that Council go into the Committee of the Whole and that all Minutes, Presentation, Delegation, Resolution, Consent/Correspondence, Reports and By-laws 076 to 089-2002 be referred to that Committee; and that the agenda of the Committee of the Whole for the meeting of May 27th, 2002 be approved.

A recorded vote resulted as follows:

For: Councillors Naresh Bhargava, Denis Carr, Syd Gardiner, Dean Hollingsworth, Korey Kennedy, Perry Lalonde, Claude Poirier, André Rivette and Mayor Brian Sylvester

Absent: Councillors Susan Carter and Don Deebank

Motion Carried

GENERAL CONSENT

ADOPTION OF MINUTES

The following minutes were presented for adoption. There being no corrections noted, the minutes stand approved.

1. That the Committee of Council Meeting # 14-02 dated May 13, 2002 be approved and verified correct;
2. That the Regular Council Meeting # 22-02 dated May 13, 2002 be approved and verified correct;
3. That the Special Council Meeting # 23-02 dated May 21, 2002 be approved and verified correct.

PRESENTATION

1. Cornwall Electric and Fortis Inc.

Mr. Robert Winn, General Manager of Cornwall Electric, introduced Mr. Bill Daley, Vice President to Corporate Development, and Mr. Timothy Curtis, Chief Financial Officer of Canadian Niagara Power Company Limited, all representatives of Fortis Inc. Mr. Daley provided a brief overview of Fortis Inc and publicly announced that they have entered into an agreement with Enbridge Consumers Energy to acquire Enbridge's 100 per cent interest in Cornwall Electric. He continued to indicate that the acquisition of Cornwall Electric was another significant step for Fortis in growing their utility assets in Ontario and to build on their investment in Canadian Niagara Power.

Mr. Curtis continued the presentation by indicating that Fortis Inc prided itself on its strong relationship and commitment to safe, reliable and competitive electrical prices. Before the sale of a local energy distribution could be completed, it was pointed out that approval must be obtained by the Ontario Energy Board under the new regulatory regime. It is anticipated that the sale will be completed by the fall. Mr. Curtis made a commitment that there would be no staff layoffs.

2. Glen Stor Dun Lodge 90th Anniversary

Frances Lafave, Administrator of the Glen Stor Dun Lodge, provided a brief history of the Glen Stor Dun Lodge and provided Council information as to the upcoming anniversary celebrations.

DELEGATIONS

1. Minor Sports Organizations

Brian Tardiff addressed Council on the issue of subsidy normally afforded to Minor Sports Organizations in the City of Cornwall. As past president of the Cornwall Girls Hockey Association, he represented a delegation of Minor sports volunteers and organizations, who wish to state their concerns on recent decisions taken by Council to reduce the 50% subsidy, usually afforded minor sports organizations, down to 25%. He provided financial

information compounded with a proposed 15% or 26% overall increase in ice costs and demonstrated the adverse impact that some of the organizations may experience.

Mr. Tardiff indicated that most organizations streamline their revenues in order to make the programs affordable for all and that they are requesting that the City give financial consideration when it comes to the facilities utilized. Documents provided a financial breakdown of the highs and lows of the proposed increases. He continued by suggesting that other area associations did not offer ice subsidies, however they do give their minor sports programs a per diem rate per player. Winchester Arena did not charge their minor hockey organizations for ice rentals during specific times.

In conclusion, it was moved by Councillors Claude Poirier and Andre Rivette that this matter be received and referred to Administration for report at the upcoming meeting of June 10, 2002.

A recorded vote resulted as follows:

For: Councillors Naresh Bhargava, Denis Carr, Syd Gardiner, Dean Hollingsworth, Corey Kennedy, Perry Lalonde, Claude Poirier, André Rivette and Mayor Brian Sylvester

Absent: Councillors Susan Carter and Don Deebank

Motion Carried

2. Centre culturel du Conseil de vie française's 40th Anniversary

Ms. Joanne Joyal, president, and Mr. Jean Denis, both representatives of *Le Centre culturel du Conseil de vie française* provided Council with a brief overview of their 40th anniversary celebrations that are scheduled to take place between May 31st, 2002 and June 1st, 2003. Many activities are scheduled to take place throughout the year starting with a dance on the 31st day of May, followed by evening entertainment complete with local musicians and a supper this upcoming Saturday, June 1st at the Nativity Hall. To finish this weekend, a bicycle rally will be held on the 2nd day of June.

Ms. Joyal and Mr. Denis invited all Francophones within the City of Cornwall and surrounding areas to participate in these festive celebrations.

BY-LAWS

- 076-2002 A by-law to enter into a one-year agreement with Smart City for Future Connectivity and Bandwidth
- 077-2002 A by-law to authorize the execution of Service Agreements with approved Domiciliary Hostels
- 078-2002 A by-law to set the tax ratios for the year 2002
- 079-2002 A by-law to set the 2002 tax rates and to levy taxes for the year 2002
- 080-2002 A by-law to appoint officers as Fence Viewers
- 081-2002 A by-law to declare certain real property surplus
- 082-2002 A by-law to authorize the sale of Part of Lot D, Concession 1 designated as Part 1 on Reference Plan 52R-1463, City of Cornwall, County of Stormont

- 083-2002 A by-law to enter into a Purchase of Service Agreement with Trinity Day Care Centre
- 084-2002 A by-law to enter into a Purchase of Service Agreement with *Centre de ressources familiales de l'Estrie*
- 085-2002 A by-law to enter into a Service Agreement with Religious Hospitalers of St. Joseph as a social housing provider
- 086-2002 A by-law to enter into a tenancy agreement with Employment and Education Resource Centre for office space for the Cornwall Business Enterprise Centre
- 087-2002 A by-law to enter into a Release and Indemnity Agreement with Ontario Power Generation
- 088-2002 A by-law to enter into an Encroachment Agreement with J.F. Markell Homes Ltd.
- 089-2002 A by-law to enter into a three-year Internet Access - Fixed Subscription Agreement with Cornwall's Connection Inc. for the Small Business Self Help Centre

CONSENT / CORRESPONDENCE

A. Lottery Proceeds

That Council approve the Township of North Himsworth's resolution which petitions the Federal and Provincial Governments to amend legislation to permit municipal governments and municipal boards/committees to accept donations derived from various legal lottery events to be used solely for charitable purposes as defined in Section 4.2.1(D) of the Lottery Licensing Policy Manual, implemented by the Alcohol and Gaming Commission of Ontario under the Ministry of Consumer and Business Services.

B. Cornwall Community Police Services Board

That correspondence from the Cornwall Community Police Services Board informing Council of the endorsement of a resolution whereby the Board will provide its three-year Business Plan and Annual Report on or before June 1st of the release year be received for information purposes.

C. Kiwanis Club Tag Day

That Council approve Kiwanis Club Cornwall Inc.'s request to hold a Tag Day on Saturday, August 17, 2002 in the City of Cornwall.

D. Lions Club Carnival

That Council approve the Lions Club's request to hold their annual carnival from Tuesday, June 11 to Sunday, June 16, 2002 on the former Courtaulds site property.

E. Staff Replacement - Sewer Pipe Layer (MWS # 15-2002)

That Council approve the replacement of the Sewer Pipe Layer position.

F. Staff Replacement - Transit Shift Supervisor (MWS # 17-2002)

That Council approve the filling of the position of Transit Shift Supervisor.

G. National Red Cross Water Safety Week

That Council endorse the Aquatics Program's request and proclaim the week of June 3rd to 9th, 2002 as National Red Cross Water Safety Week in the City of Cornwall.

H. Staff Replacement - Secretary - Clerk's Department (CS.cl # 04-2002)

That Council approve the replacement of the Secretary position within the Clerk's Department.

General Consent Motion

Moved by Councillors Andre Rivette and Syd Gardiner that all items listed under the General Consent portion of this agenda be approved.

A recorded vote resulted as follows:

For: Councillors Naresh Bhargava, Denis Carr, Syd Gardiner, Dean Hollingsworth, Korey Kennedy, Perry Lalonde, Claude Poirier, André Rivette and Mayor Brian Sylvester

Absent: Councillors Susan Carter and Don Deebank

Motion Carried

RESOLUTIONS / BUSINESS ARISING FROM NOTICE OF MOTION

REPORTS from UNFINISHED BUSINESS

1. RV Park/Dumping Station - Unfinished Business Item No. 005-2002 (EDR # 17-2002)

Moved by Councillors Dean Hollingsworth and Syd Gardiner that Council receive report EDR # 17-2002.

A recorded vote resulted as follows:

For: Councillors Naresh Bhargava, Denis Carr, Syd Gardiner, Dean Hollingsworth, Korey Kennedy, Perry Lalonde, Claude Poirier, André Rivette and Mayor Brian Sylvester

Absent: Councillors Susan Carter and Don Deebank

Motion Carried

2. Renaissance Residents' Requests - Unfinished Business Item No. 012-2002 (PHS # 15-2002)

Moved by Councillors Andre Rivette and Claude Poirier that Council receive report PHS # 15-2002.

A recorded vote resulted as follows:

For: Councillors Naresh Bhargava, Denis Carr, Syd Gardiner, Dean Hollingsworth, Korey Kennedy, Perry Lalonde, Claude Poirier, André Rivette and Mayor Brian Sylvester

Absent: Councillors Susan Carter and Don Deebank

Motion Carried

3. Canadian Blood Services - Unfinished Business Item No. 014-2002 (EDR # 16-2002)

Moved by Councillors Claude Poirier and Andre Rivette that the Canadian Blood Services be provided the use of Salons A, B & C on Tuesdays at the Civic Complex and that the fees be waived.

A recorded vote resulted as follows:

For: Councillors Naresh Bhargava, Denis Carr, Syd Gardiner, Dean Hollingsworth, Korey Kennedy, Perry Lalonde, Claude Poirier, André Rivette and Mayor Brian Sylvester

Absent: Councillors Susan Carter and Don Deebank

Motion Carried

4. Request for Tax Exemption - Service Clubs - Unfinished Business Item No. 021-2002 (FI # 38-2002)

Moved by Councillors Andre Rivette and Perry Lalonde that Council endorse a Tax Exemption in accordance to the Municipal Act Section 207(62) for a maximum period of five years to the Navy Veteran's Association, Legion Branch 297, Army Navy & Air Force Association, Royal Canadian Air Force, beginning in the year 2002.

It was then moved by Councillors Claude Poirier and Andre Rivette that any decision on Tax Exemption be deferred to the June 10th meeting until the local Municipal Property Assessment Corporation has an opportunity to determine how much of a given group's property would be exempted from taxes.

A recorded vote resulted as follows:

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

Motion Carried

COMMUNICATIONS/REPORTS

Councillor Denis Carr declared an interest on Domiciliary Funding due to his working relationship with Alert Care Corporation who participate in the programme as owners of Chateau Cornwall Retirement Residence.

1. Domiciliary Hostel Funding (SSS # 21-2002)

Moved by Councillors Perry Lalonde and Andre Rivette that Council receive report SSS # 21-2002 for information purposes and that By-law 077-2002 be executed to the Service Agreements with the approved Domiciliary Hostels in the City of Cornwall and the United Counties of Stormont, Dundas and Glengarry.

A recorded vote resulted as follows:

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

Motion Carried

Councillor Denis Carr returned to the ongoing meeting

2. Request for One Additional Duty Sub-Foreman and Replacement of One Duty Sub-Foreman (MWS # 16-2002)

Moved by Councillors Andre Rivette and Claude Poirier

1. That Council approve the posting of one additional Duty Sub-Foreman in the Municipal Works and Services Department; and
2. That Council approve the replacement of one Duty Sub-Foreman.

A recorded vote resulted as follows:

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

Motion Carried

TENDER and REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL BLOCK

Moved by Councillors Korey Kennedy and Perry Lalonde that the tenders listed within this block be approved as follows:

➤ **Tender No. 02-T27 - Wood Waste Diversion**

That Tender 02-T27 be awarded to Beaudry Farm Supply, Winchester, Ontario, at the total bid price of \$57,780 (net cost to the Corporation - \$55,620.10) being the only bid received meeting the tender specifications.

➤ **Tender No. 02-T28 - Grass Cutting and Trimming - Misc. Sites**

That Tender 02-T28 be awarded for a one year period (total net cost to the Corporation - \$59,050.01) as follows being the best bids meeting the tender specifications:

- Item 1 to Leblanc Grounds Keeping, Cornwall, Ontario, for a total bid price of \$15,493.60;
- Item 2 to D.M.R., Cornwall, Ontario, for a total bid price of \$25,305.50;
- Items 3, 4, 5, 6 and 8 to Cut N Edge, Cornwall, Ontario, for a total bid price of \$7,704.00;
- Item 7 to Wayne Summers, Newington, Ontario, for a total bid price of \$12,840.00.

A recorded vote resulted as follows:

For: Councillors Naresh Bhargava, Denis Carr, Syd Gardiner, Dean Hollingsworth, Korey Kennedy, Perry Lalonde, Claude Poirier, André Rivette and Mayor Brian Sylvester

Absent: Councillors Susan Carter and Don Deebank

Motion Carried

**ITEMS SEPARATED FOR
DISCUSSION**

NEW BUSINESS

1. Web Site - Bilingual upgrade

Moved by Councillors Claude Poirier and Syd Gardiner that

WHEREAS the City of Cornwall's website has not been updated in a number of years; and

WHEREAS the section of the City of Cornwall's website dealing with the Department of Economic Development is currently being updated on an ongoing basis and can be viewed in both official languages; and

WHEREAS it is essential that the City of Cornwall's website as a whole reflect current information describing various municipal services that are available; and

WHEREAS this information is presently not provided in both official languages;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that Administration be requested to prepare a report for Council's consideration that will outline the costs of updating our municipal web site on an ongoing basis and that information be kept current at all times; and

FURTHERMORE BE IT RESOLVED that, where possible, information be made available in both official languages.

A recorded vote resulted as follows:

For: Councillors Naresh Bhargava, Denis Carr, Syd Gardiner, Dean Hollingsworth, Corey Kennedy, Perry Lalonde, Claude Poirier, André Rivette and Mayor Brian Sylvester

Absent: Councillors Susan Carter and Don Deebank

Motion Carried

BY-LAWS - Third and Final Reading

Moved by Councillors Andre Rivette and Perry Lalonde that By-laws 076 to 089-2002 inclusive listed on the agenda for third reading be taken as read a third time and finally passed.

A recorded vote resulted as follows:

For: Councillors Naresh Bhargava, Denis Carr, Syd Gardiner, Dean Hollingsworth, Corey Kennedy, Perry Lalonde, Claude Poirier, André Rivette and Mayor Brian Sylvester

Absent: Councillors Susan Carter and Don Deebank

Motion Carried

NOTICE OF MOTION

1. Boardwalk

Moved by Councillors Corey Kennedy and Syd Gardiner that:

WHEREAS, Cornwall City Council is always desirous of attracting tourists to the municipality, all while improving our city's image; and

WHEREAS, the Corporation of the City of Cornwall is continuously looking at new, creative, ingenious ideas to improve our waterfront in its present state; and

WHEREAS, many of our citizens as well as tourists take advantage of our waterfront in its present state; and

WHEREAS, development of the waterfront can be a successful endeavor to attract new tourists to our municipality; and

WHEREAS, the plans to build the "All Canadian Seaway" have been abandoned earlier this year by the Federal Government;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that Cornwall City Council authorize Administration to prepare a report on the feasibility of the following:

1. The creation of a "Boardwalk" development off the Saint Lawrence shore line, that will span the length of the most eastern part of land behind the Legion Ball Park to the end of Cornwall's Eco Gardens behind the R.C.A.F.A. Wing.
2. The feasibility and impact of allowing the creation of food stands and small rentals shops at strategic places along the Boardwalk.
3. The possibility of applying for Provincial and Federal funding for this initiative; and
4. The approval to develop this site and begin this initiative be subject to any restrictions in the lease between the Corporation of the City of Cornwall and the Saint Lawrence Seaway.

2. **University**

Moved by Councillors Korey Kennedy and Dean Hollingsworth that:

WHEREAS, the cost of education is becoming more and more expensive, especially for those who decide to study outside of their community, and for those who live on their own or in residence; and

WHEREAS, many of Cornwall's youth are leaving this community to further their post secondary education in other cities as Cornwall does not offer all levels of post secondary education that they require or that the cost of their post secondary education is too expensive; and

WHEREAS, post-secondary education is almost a prerequisite for most employees trying to find employment; and

WHEREAS, Cornwall City Council is always interested in providing our youth with the best, most affordable option in order to encourage them to proceed with their post-secondary education; and

WHEREAS, post-secondary institutions not only provide individuals, young and old alike, with an opportunity to further themselves academically, but also offers a community an opportunity of reaping the economic benefits, and to potentially increase their population; and

WHEREAS, Cornwall presently does provide various forms of post-secondary institutions, however it does not offer a university; and

WHEREAS, Cornwall's cost of everyday living is lower in this municipality than compared to others, and we should take advantage of that factor; and

WHEREAS, universities are strictly a Provincial government issue, with the Federal government assisting on occasion with funding towards education;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that Administration prepare a report back to Council on the feasibility of building a university in the City of Cornwall or partnering with educational institutions currently in Cornwall.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS LISTING

CONFIRMING BY-LAW

Moved by Councillors Denis Carr and Corey Kennedy that By-law 090-2002 being a by-law to confirm the proceedings of the Council of the Corporation of the City of Cornwall at its meetings held on Tuesday, May 21 and Monday, May 27, 2002 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, Syd Gardiner, Dean Hollingsworth, Corey Kennedy, Perry Lalonde, Claude Poirier, André Rivette and Mayor Brian Sylvester

Absent: Councillors Susan Carter and Don Deebank

Motion Carried

ADJOURNMENT: 9.15 p.m.


Denise Labelle-Gélinas
City Clerk


Brian Sylvester
Mayor

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