

**SPECIAL PUBLIC MEETING
COUNCIL #024 -2008**

Monday August 18, 2008
Meeting called to order at 3:00 p.m.
City Hall - 360 Pitt Street, Cornwall

ATTENDANCE

COUNCIL: Mayor Bob Kilger (arrived at 3:15 p.m.), Councillors André Rivette (arrived at 3:10 p.m.), Elaine MacDonald, Syd Gardiner, Kim Baird, Bernadette Clément, Mark MacDonald, Denis Carr, Guy Léger, Glen Grant and Denis Thibault .

ADMINISTRATION: Paul W. Fitzpatrick, Chief Administrative Officer
Denise Labelle-Gélinas, City Clerk
Norm Levac, General Manager Infrastructure & Municipal Works
Stephen Alexander, General Manager, Planning, Parks & Recreation
Morris McCormick - Division Manager Environmental Services
Bill de Witt - Supervisor Environmental Services
Tracey Bailey - Deputy Treasurer
Janice Jodoin - Tax Clerk
Steve Wintle - Design and Records Supervisor

GUEST: Mr. Andrew Grunda - Consultant with Watson and Associates Economist

Acting Mayor Mark MacDonald called the meeting to order at 3:00 p.m.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Moved by Councillors Denis Thibault and Kim Baird that the Special Public Agenda be approved as presented.

Motion Carried

REPORT and PRESENTATION

1. Water and Waste Water Rate Study - Presentation

Mr. Norm Levac, General Manager of Infrastructure and Municipal Works provided a brief introduction as to the purpose of today's presentation on Water and Waste Water Rate Study by Mr. Andrew Grunda, Senior Partner with Watson and Associates Economist Ltd. The main purpose is to introduce, as an information session to Council, the findings (to date) of the Study conducted .

Mr. Andrew Grunda, was introduced and presented the findings as well as outlined the next steps in the process of taking the report from Draft Stage to Final Stage and ultimate distribution. The Study

is the combined effort of the Infrastructure and Municipal Works Department and the Finance Department starting back to the middle of 2007.

Mr. Grunda indicated that the study was based on the sustainability and equity of the water and wastewater rate program used by the Corporation. The city retained Watson and Associates to prepare a full cost fees review and rates structure analysis for water and wastewater services. They identified all current and future water and wastewater system capital needs as well as cost recovery options for capital. They also estimated future operating costs over the 10-year forecast period and finally to recommend potential rate structures for Council's consideration to recover the full costs of services.

An in-depth presentation was provided by Mr. Grunda, who brought Council through the Legislative Environment, water and wastewater service forecast, life cycle capital needs forecast, capital financing plan, budget forecast, residential metering program etc..

The final goal is to implement the Water and Wastewater Rates or similar recommendations as part of the 2009 Sewer and Water Budget.

There are 8 recommendations presented for Council's consideration:

1. Separate the financial activities of the storm water management service from wastewater service and implement a separate fee for storm water management services.
2. Maintain fixture rate structure for residential customers reflecting the cost share premised on average annual consumption. This structure should be maintained until residential metering has been completed at which time the constant rate with monthly base charge rate structure would apply.
3. Implement a constant rate charge for non-residential customers, with a monthly base charge (with meter size as the basis for imposing the charge).
4. Monthly base charge for non-residential, multi-tenant customers imposed based on 5/8" meter equivalent charge for each customer.
5. Consider adoption of the financial plans contained within the Report for the purposes of water licensing requirements in 2009.
6. Provide for recovery of all service costs through full cost recovery rates.
7. Consider the adoption of the rate forecast contained within the report (and provided earlier)
8. Implement a residential water metering program.


After a question and answer period, Council members requested that a comparator report in so far as what other municipalities experienced through this similar process.

It was Moved by Councillors Denis Carr and Mark MacDonald that Council receive the information presented.

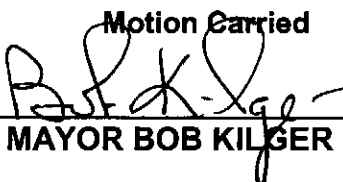
Motion Carried

ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Councillors André Rivette and Kim Baird that the Special In-Camera meeting be adjourned at 4:40 p.m.



DENISE LABELLE-GÉLINAS
CITY CLERK

Motion Carried


MAYOR BOB KILGER