

Minutes Cornwall City Council

Meeting Date: Mon September 25, 2017 07:00 PM
Location: Council Chambers
Chair: CN=Leslie O'Shaughnessy/OU=CITYHALL/O=CityCornwall
Prepared By: Debbie Caskenette, Deputy Clerk

Attendance Committee Members:

Leslie O'Shaughnessy, Mayor
Claude E. McIntosh, Councillor
Elaine MacDonald, Councillor
Denis Carr, Councillor
Bernadette Clement, Councillor
Andre Rivette, Councillor
Carilyne Hébert, Councillor
Justin Towndale, Councillor
David Murphy, Councillor

Regrets:

Maurice Dupelle, Councillor
Mark A. MacDonald, Councillor

Attendance Staff:

Maureen Adams, Chief Administrative Officer
Manon L. Levesque, City Clerk
Geoffrey Clarke, General Manager, Corporate Services
Mark A. Boileau, General Manager, Planning, Development and Recreation
Pierre Voisine, Fire Chief
James Fawthrop, Division Manager, Parks and Recreation
Michael Fawthrop, Division Manager, Infrastructure
Paul Scrimshaw, Accounting Manager, Deputy Treasurer
Stacey Ferguson, Manager, Social and Housing Services

Motion to move into a Closed Meeting at 6:00 p.m. to address matters pertaining to Section 239 (2) and (3.1) of the Municipal Act, 2001.

A meeting or part of a meeting may be closed to the public if the subject matter being considered is:

Item #1, Unfinished Business Listing for September 25, 2017

Action Taken at In-Camera Meeting: Council received the Unfinished Business Listing

Item # 2, Report 2017-02-CUB, Property Acquisition

c) a proposed or pending acquisition or disposition of land by the municipality or local board

Action Taken at In-Camera Meeting: Council provided Administration with direction

Item #3, Report # 2017-41-FI, Transfer of Property

c) a proposed or pending acquisition or disposition of land by the municipality or local board

Action Taken at In-Camera Meeting: Council provided Administration with direction

Item #4, Report #2017-38-FI, Allocation of Taxes

a) the security of the property of the municipality or local board

e) litigation or potential litigation, including matters before administrative tribunals, affecting the municipality or local board

Action Taken at In-Camera Meeting: Council provided Administration with direction

Moved By: Andre Rivette, Councillor

Seconded By: Claude E. McIntosh, Councillor

Motion Carried

MOMENT OF PERSONAL REFLECTION

NATIONAL ANTHEM

Assembly

ROLL CALL

ADDITIONS, DELETIONS OR AMENDMENTS

All matters listed under General Consent, save and except “Delegations” are considered to be routine and will be enacted by one motion.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Motion to adopt the Agenda as presented.

Moved By: Claude E. McIntosh, Councillor

Seconded By: André Rivette, Councillor

Motion Carried

DISCLOSURE OF INTEREST

Councillor David Murphy declared a conflict with the Delegation, Diving for Debris, because he is related to Patricia O'Hara who is a member of the Seaway Divers Club and making the presentation.

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

Motion to go into Committee of the Whole and to consider and refer all Minutes, Presentations, Delegations, Consent/Correspondence, Resolutions, Reports and By-laws to that Committee.

Moved By: André Rivette, Councillor

Seconded By: Justin Towndale, Councillor

Motion Carried

GENERAL CONSENT

ADOPTION OF MINUTES

Motion to endorse the following Minutes as presented.

1 September 11, 2017 Cornwall City Council Meeting

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2 September 19, 2017 Joint Cornwall City of Council Meeting with Township of South Glengarry

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Moved By: Elaine MacDonald, Councillor

Seconded By: Justin Towndale

Motion Carried

PRESENTATIONS

1 St. Lawrence River Institute of Environmental Sciences' Annual Update by Dr. Jeff Ridal, Executive Director and Walter Oeggerli, Board Chair

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Dr. Jeff Ridal, Executive Director and Walter Oeggerli, Board Chair provided the annual update on the activities undertaken by the St. Lawrence River Institute of Environmental Sciences.

Motion to receive this presentation.

Moved By: Bernadette Clément, Councillor

Seconded By: Carilyne Hébert, Councillor

Motion Carried

2 Presentation of the Design of the 401 Pitt Street Overpass Replacement by Nathan Bakker and Emily Sangster of WSP / MMM representing MTO

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Nathan Bakker and Emily Sangster of WSP / MMM provided an update on the design of the 401 Pitt Street Overpass Replacement.

Motion to receive this presentation.

Moved By: David Murphy, Councillor

Seconded By: Claude E. McIntosh, Councillor

Motion Carried

DELEGATIONS

Having declared a conflict, Councillor Murphy left the table for this presentation.

1 Diving for Debris by Patricia O'Hara, Seaway Valley Divers Club, and Dale Phippen, River Cleanup Committee Volunteer

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Motion to refer this request to Administration for a report.

Moved By: André Rivette, Councillor

Seconded By: Bernadette Clément, Councillor

Motion Carried

CONSENT/CORRESPONDENCE

1 Proclamation of Wrongful Conviction Day

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Motion to proclaim Monday, October 2, 2017, as "Wrongful Conviction day" in the City of Cornwall.

2 Proclamation of Child Abuse Prevention Month

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Motion to proclaim the month of October, 2017, as "Child Abuse Prevention Month" in the City of Cornwall.

3 PAC Report No. 4 - September 18, 2017 CPPEG Recommendations

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Motion to approve the following recommendations from the Planning Advisory Committee:

a. File HOTC#2017-08 - 407 Pitt St 2590147 Ontario Inc applicant
That HOTC#2017-08 - 407 Pitt St request be approved as follows:
Program 2 - Building Restoration & Improvement Program - \$21,744
Program 3 - Project Design Grant- \$1,500
Program 4 - Facade Improvement Grant - \$8,000
Program 5 - Municipal Planning/Development Fees Grant - Actual
Program 6 - Discretionary Municipal Tipping Fees Grant - Actual

b. File HOTC#2017-09 - 113 Amelia St 140346 Ontario Inc applicant
That HOTC#2017-09 - 113 Amelia St request be approved as follows:
Program 3 -Project Design Grant - \$3,500
Program 5 - Municipal Planning/Development Fees Grant - Actual

c. File HOTC#2017-06 Addendum - 204 Second St E Twelve R Squared Inc applicant
That HOTC#2017-06 Addendum - 204 Second St E request be approved as follows:
Program 4 -Facade Improvement Grant - \$2,000
Program 5 - Municipal Planning/Development Fees Grant - Actual

d. File HOTC#2013-13 Addendum - 806 Pitt St Dr. Steven Deneka applicant
That HOTC#2013-13 Addendum - 806 Pitt St request be approved as follows:
Program 4 -Facade Improvement Grant - \$5,305
Program 5 - Municipal Planning/Development Fees Grant - Actual

e. File HOTC#2017-07 Addendum - 213 Montreal Rd 1978648 Ontario Inc applicant

That HOTC#2017-07 Addendum- 213 Montreal Rd request be approved as follows:

Program 2 - Building Restoration & Improvement - \$30,000

Program 4 - Facade Improvement Grant - \$10,000

Program 5 - Municipal Planning/Development Fees Grant - Actual

Program 6 - Discretionary Municipal Tipping Fees Grant - Actual

4 Elected Officials Expense Statements for the Period Ending August 31, 2017

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Motion to receive the Statement of Expenses for Elected Officials for the period July 1 to August 31, 2017.

5 Request for Recreational Facilities from Diabetes Canada

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Motion to refer the request to Administration for a Report.

Motion to approve all recommendations made in the Consent portion of the Agenda for the Council Meeting of September 25, 2017, as presented.

Moved By: Elaine MacDonald, Councillor

Seconded By: Carilyne Hébert, Councillor

Motion Carried

RESOLUTIONS / BUSINESS ARISING FROM NOTICE OF MOTION

There were no Resolutions.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS REPORTS

1 Lamoureux Park Way Finding Signage

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Motion to receive Report 2017-14-PDR-RS.

Moved By: Elaine MacDonald, Councillor

Seconded By: David Murphy, Councillor

Motion Carried

COMMUNICATIONS / REPORTS

1 Tax Writeoffs / Adjustments

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Motion to approve the tax write-offs/adjustments/vacancies under Sections 357 and 364 of the *Municipal Act, 2001*.

Moved By: Claude E. McIntosh, Councillor

Seconded By: André Rivette, Councillor

Motion Carried

TENDERS AND REQUESTS FOR PROPOSALS

1 17-T50 Supply of LED Traffic Signal Modules, Traffic Signal Head Assemblies Pedestrian Signal Head Assemblies and Traffic Signal Attachments

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Motion to award Tender 17-T50 to Fortran Traffic Systems Limited from Toronto, Ontario, at the total bid price of \$48,057.75 (net cost to the Corporation - \$43,277.49) being the best bid meeting the tender specifications.

Moved By: Carilyne Hébert, Councillor

Seconded By: David Murphy, Councillor

Motion Carried

NEW BUSINESS

1 CIP Montreal Road / Belmont Street

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Motion to reconsider the motion approved on September 10, Report #2017-19-PDR-PL.

A 2/3 majority was required.

Moved By: Denis Carr, Councillor

Seconded By: Bernadette Clement, Councillor

Motion to Reconsider Carried

This matter will be discussed at the next Council Meeting of Tuesday, October 10, 2017.

2 Special Tax Class

Motion to Ask Ontario to Create a Special Tax Class within the Commercial Tax class to Promote and Support Remediation of Brownfield Lands

Whereas communities across the province have many abandoned and polluted former dry-cleaning and gasoline-dispensing sites which are concentrated in downtowns and high traffic areas such as street corners; and

Whereas communities across the province are struggling to redevelop and revitalize these brownfield spaces but are severely challenged in their efforts due to the cost of revitalization, including the risk of encountering contaminants beyond what is anticipated to be present in identified brownfield sites; and

Whereas the financial resources available to developers through CIP programs are stretched to the limit and steep up-front costs reduce the attraction of tax-increment policies. Furthermore, CIP and tax-increment policies are taxpayer-funded mechanisms whereby homeowners pay for the remediation of commercial operations, contrary to the emerging “polluter-pay” policy of the provincial government; and

Whereas currently commercial ventures that contaminate their properties are able to appeal for and receive a lower assessment based on the very contamination for which their operation is responsible; and

Furthermore, in many instances, the parent corporation responsible for the degradation of the site opens a new location within the same municipality effectively abandoning the exhausted property, without assuming any financial responsibility for subsequent cleanup, and in fact, at a very low cost, continues to pay taxes on the abandoned lot by virtue of the fact that the assessment is devalued by the land condition.

Therefore, as is consistent with the polluter-pay principle we move the Ontario create a new class within the commercial tax class that would enable municipalities to levy taxation on abandoned properties at a higher rate, in order to encourage user/polluter remediation and build the resources needed by CIP and TIG programs, both of which results would spur intensification and remediation of the brownfield sites that populate the hearts of our communities.

Moved by: Elaine MacDonald, Councillor
Seconded by: David Murphy, Councillor

Motion to

Circulate the motion to Motion to Ask Ontario to Create a Special Tax Class within the Commercial Tax class to Promote and Support Remediation of Brownfield Lands

- (a) To the member municipalities of AMO for endorsement and
- (b) Forward the endorsed motion to the Ontario Government Ministry of Finance for consideration.

Motion to refer this Resolution to Administration in order to perfect the wording.

Moved by: Elaine MacDonald, Councillor
Seconded by: David Murphy, Councillor

Motion to Refer Carried

3 Update on Negotiations with the Various Unions

Motion to provide Council, in the next In-Camera Council Meeting, with an update on Union Negotiations.

Moved By: Andre Rivette, Councillor
Seconded By: Denis Carr, Councillor

A recorded vote on this matter resulted as follows:


Votes For = 10


Leslie O'Shaughnessy, Mayor
Claude E. McIntosh, Councillor
Elaine MacDonald, Councillor
Denis Carr, Councillor
Bernadette Clement, Councillor
Mark A. MacDonald, Councillor
Andre Rivette, Councillor
Carilyne Hébert, Councillor
Justin Towndale, Councillor
David Murphy, Councillor


Motion Carried


PASSING OF BY-LAWS


Motion to endorse By-laws 2017-131 to 2017-142 inclusive, listed on the Agenda.


2017-131 A By-law to appoint Daniel J.P. Lalonde as Inspector (Building Official) and By-Law Enforcement Officer for The Corporation of the City of Cornwall, for the purpose of Administering and Enforcing the Ontario Building Act, its Building Code and Municipal By-Laws
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2017-132 A By-law to further amend By-law 2015-086 which By-law is to appoint Council Members to Committees and Boards (Cornwall Regional Airport Commission)
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2017-133 A By-law authorizing The Corporation of the City of Cornwall to enter into a renewed Lease Agreement (64-672) with the St. Lawrence Seaway Management Corporation for the Corporation's structure located on land legally described as part of Lot 19 and part of Lot 20, Conc. 1 containing an area of 3.88 HA, more or less
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2017-134 A By-Law authorizing The Corporation of the City of Cornwall to enter into a renewed Lease Agreement (64-671) with the St. Lawrence Seaway Authority Management Corporation for the Corporation's structures located on land legally described as Lock 19, old lock 19 and weir to Lock 19, the Corporations Right-of-Way leading to said structures as well as a parking area containing 465 m2 more or less
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2017-135 A By-law to authorize The Corporation of the City of Cornwall to enter into a Clean Water and Wastewater Fund (Ontario) Transfer Payment Agreement with the Minister of Infrastructure
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Explanatory Note-2017-135 Explanatory Note to By-law to enter into a Clean Water and Wastewater Fund (Ontario) Transfer Payment Agreement with the Minister of Infrastructure
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2017-136 A By-law to authorize The Corporation of the City of Cornwall to renew a Lease Agreement with Stuart Gordon, in Trust, for the rental of a portion of the upstairs area of 15 Second Street West for the Cornwall Transit lunchroom
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Explanatory Note 2017-131 An Explanatory Note to a By-law to appoint Daniel

J.P. Lalonde as Inspector (Building Official) and By-Law Enforcement Officer for The Corporation of the City of Cornwall, for the purpose of Administering and Enforcing the Ontario Building Act, its Building Code and Municipal By-Laws
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2017-137 A By-law to authorize The Corporation of the City of Cornwall to register liens and to provide and subsequently administer municipal funds to the identified home owners under the Renaissance Housing Rehabilitation Program - 212 Guy St - 15-15A Louisa

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Explanatory Note 2017-137 Explanation of Purpose and Effect for Renaissance Housing Rehabilitation Program Applications By-law Guy Street & 15-15A Louisa Street

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2017-138 A By-Law to authorize The Corporation of the City of Cornwall to discharge its Lien under the Renaissance Housing Renovations Program - 33 Lennox Street

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Explanatory Note 2017-139 Explanation of Purpose and Effect for discharge of liens for the Renaissance Housing Renovations Program (RHRP) - 33 Lennox Street


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2017-140 A By-law to authorize The Corporation of the City of Cornwall to enter into Heart of the City (HOTC) Program 2: Building Restoration and Improvement Program Funding Agreement- 407 Pitt Street and 213 Montreal Road

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Explanatory Note 2017-140 Explanation of Purpose and Effect for HOTC Application Program 2 Agreement to By-law - 407 Pitt St and 213 Montreal Road

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2017-141 A By-law to amend the Traffic & Parking By-law 069-1989, Schedule XXII, by adding Pedestrian Crossovers, Marleau Avenue and Nick Kaneb Drive
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Explanatory Note-By-law 2017-141 Explanatory Note to By-law amending the Traffic & Parking By-law 069-1989, Schedule XXII, Pedestrian Crossovers, Marleau Avenue to Nick Kaneb Drive

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2017-142 A By-law to amend the Traffic & Parking By-law 069-1989, Schedule II and IV, by adding Parking Restrictions on Cotton Mill Street

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Explanatory Note-2018-142 A By-law to amend the Traffic & Parking By-law 069-1989, Schedule II and IV, by adding Parking Restrictions on Cotton Mill Street

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Moved By: Denis Carr, Councillor
Seconded By: Elaine MacDonald, Councillor

Motion Carried

REPORTS FROM STANDING / SPECIAL COMMITTEES OF COUNCIL

1 Recipient of the Promenade d'honneur 2017

Motion to invite François Bazinet recipient of the Promenade d'honneur 2017 to a Council Meeting to sign the Book of Recognition.

Moved By: Denis Carr, Councillor
Seconded By: Elaine MacDonald, Councillor

Motion Carried

2 Councillor Elaine MacDonald spoke of the Senior Friendly Community activities.

NOTICES OF MOTION

There were no Notices of Motion.

PENDING BUSINESS LISTING

The Pending Business Listing was presented and no discussion ensued.

1 Unfinished Business Listing for September 25, 2017

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Motion to receive the Unfinished Business Listing of Monday, September 25, 2017.

Moved By: Denis Carr, Councillor
Seconded By: David Murphy, Councillor

Motion Carried

CONFIRMING BY-LAW

Motion to endorse By-law 2017-143, 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, September 25, 2017.

2017-143 A By-law to adopt, ratify and confirm the proceedings of the Council of The Corporation of the City of Cornwall at its meetings held on Monday, September 25, 2017

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Moved By: Bernadette Clement, Councillor

Seconded By: Denis Carr, Councillor

Motion Carried

ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn the Public Meeting of Council at 9:20 p.m.

The next regular public meeting of Council is to be held on Tuesday, October 10, 2017.

Manon L. Levesque
City Clerk

Leslie O'Shaughnessy
Mayor