

# CITY COUNCIL #26-95

September 11, 1995

7:30 p.m.

142/95

## PRESENT

A regular meeting of Council was held with the following members present: His Worship, Mayor Ron Martelle, Aldermen Chuck Charlebois, Denis Carr, Brian Lynch, Claude Poirier, Chris Savard, and Brian Sylvester.

## ABSENT

Aldermen Dick Aubry, Naresh Bhargava, Susan Carter and Dean Hollingsworth.

## IN ATTENDANCE

Mr. R. Allaire, Chief Administrator / Clerk, Mr. F. Hamelin, Assistance Chief Administrator / Manager Public Works, Paul Fitzpatrick, Natalie Fitzharris, Frances Lefebvre, Frank McDonald, Gerry McKenna, Hilda Seguin, Graham Dart, Bob Peters, Russ Newton, Robert Hubsher and D.Labelle-Gélinas, Recording Secretary.

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## INVOCATION

Reverend Joyce Blackburn, Trinity Anglican Church

## DISCLOSURE OF INTEREST

Alderman Susan Carter submitted a Pecuniary Interest in reference to this evening's delegation with the St. Lawrence River Institute of Environmental Sciences. Alderman Carter's interest is that her previous employment was with the Institute.

## PRESENTATIONS

### #1 Economic Development

Mr. Paul Fitzpatrick, Manager, Economic Development, Mr. Bob Peters, Economic Development Officer and Mr. Peter Gault of Busitech were in attendance this evening in order to provide Council with the introduction of The Internet.

The Internet has been touted by many experts around the world as the next important step in global communications. The Economic Development Department has proceeded with the development of a full web site to profile the advantages of doing business in the City of Cornwall to the rest of the world.

The Cornwall web site has been on-line for a little over four weeks and although its existence has yet to be advertised, it has already been visited by 500 people. The web site is meant to provide an electronic tour of the City, and profile the advantages of doing business in Cornwall.

Both Mr. Fitzpatrick and Mr. Peters demonstrated Cornwall's web site and the many advantages it provides.

Council Members requested that an analysis report on the advantages of the Internet System be presented in a three month period.

In conclusion, Mayor Martelle congratulated Mr. Fitzpatrick and Mr. Peters in bringing Cornwall into the global communication Internet Program.

#### **ADOPTION OF MINUTES**

It was moved by Aldermen Brian Lynch and Brian Sylvester that the regular Council minutes of August 14,1995 be adopted as circulated.

MOTION CARRIED

It was moved by Aldermen Chris Savard and Denis Carr that the Committee of Council minutes of August 14, 1995 be adopted as circulated.

MOTION CARRIED

It was moved by Aldermen Denis Carr and Brian Sylvester that the special Council minutes of August 28, 1995 be adopted as circulated.

MOTION CARRIED

#### **COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE**

It was moved by Aldermen Brian Sylvester and Brian Lynch that Council go into the Committee of the Whole and that all delegations, resolutions, communications, and by-laws be referred to that Committee and that By-laws 131-1995 to 141-1995 inclusive be given first reading.

MOTION CARRIED

#### **BY-LAWS - First Reading**

131-1995 A by-law to authorize the undertaking of capital improvements to the Wastewater Treatment Plant.

132-1995 A by-law to authorize the reconstruction of a highway, and the reconstruction of existing storm drainage system, sanitary sewer and watermain on Edward Street, from William Street to Harbour Road.

133-1995 A by-law to authorize the construction of a highway, and the construction of a storm drainage system and watermain on William Street from Edward Street to McConnell Avenue.

- 134-1995 A by-law to provide for the borrowing of \$250,000 to provide financing for the undertaking of capital improvements at the Wastewater Treatment Plant.
- 135-1995 A by-law to provide for the borrowing of \$306,310 to provide financing for the reconstruction of a highway, and the reconstruction of existing storm drainage system, sanitary sewer and watermain on Edward Street, from William Street to Harbour Road.
- 136-1995 A by-law to provide for the borrowing of \$200,00 to provide financing for the construction of a highway and the construction of a storm drainage system and watermain on William Street from Edward Street to McConnell Avenue.
- 137-1995 A by-law to declare certain real property surplus.
- 138-1995 A by-law to authorize the Mayor and Clerk to sign an agreement between the City of Cornwall and Ontario Training and Adjustment Board (OTAB) with respect to services to be performed by the City of Cornwall in delivering the Summer Employment Experience Program.
- 139-1995 A by-law to name and dedicate Parts 1 to 5 of Reference Plan 52R-5055 as Cumberland Street and Parts 6 to 25 of Reference Plan 52R-5055 as Eleventh St. West., and Part 1 of Reference Plan 52R-5171 as Eleventh Street West under the provisions of the Public Transportation and Highway Improvement Act.
- 140-1995 A by-law to amend by-law 128, 1993, which is a by-law to enter into an agreement with the Cornwall Colts Hockey Group Inc.
- 141-1994 A by-law to amend By-law No. 069, 1989, known as the Traffic and Parking By-law.

## DELEGATIONS

### #1 ST. LAWRENCE RIVER INSTITUTE

Mr. Eric Cameron, President and Mr. Rick Eamon, Director and Past-Chairman were in attendance this evening to present a brief status report on the activities of the Institute as well as to further assist the development of the facility.

Mr. Cameron indicated that Environment Canada has requested that the Community develop the Institute within its means to ensure that there is the ability to sustain itself into the future. Therefore, the Institutes' objective is to develop the necessary facilities this fall and begin research in the spring.

In conclusion to his presentation, Mr. Cameron requested that the City establish the Environmental Trust Fund to be administered by the St. Lawrence River Institute of Environmental Sciences and that all the monies approved to date be transferred to the fund as soon as the legal work has been finalized and the balance of funds be transferred per year as capital budgets are approved.

It was then moved by Aldermen Brian Sylvester and Brian Lynch that this delegation be received.

MOTION CARRIED

### #2 CENTRE DE L'ESTRIE

Ms. Sylvie Langlois, Coordinator of Le Centre de l'Estrie appeared before Council this evening to inform Council of its wish to

develop and implement a recreational after school program at Marie Tanguay School in order to service the francophone families whose children attend the School.

The Centre is a non-profit family resource centre in existence since January 1989 and offer francophone services to families in S. D. & G. Ms. Langlois advised Council that the centre is proposing to offer approximately three hours of structured and non-structured activities before and after school hours and would further propose that this program be a self-supporting recreational program.

In order that the Centre be capable of providing this recreational program and receive the necessary funding from the Ministry of Tourism and Recreation, it is necessary to receive a resolution from Council recognizing their organization as qualified to offer recreational programs.

Members of Council questioned Ms. Langlois and members of the City's Parks, Recreation and Convention Services. Mrs. Lefebvre, Superintendent of Recreation Services indicated that this was indeed a viable service to the community and encouraged Council to endorse their request.

It was then moved by Aldermen Claude Poirier and Brian Lynch to support the request presented.

MOTION CARRIED

## **RESOLUTIONS**

#26-95

It was moved by Aldermen Chuck Charlebois and Brian Sylvester that:

WHEREAS the Provincial Government have stated that lap dancing in strip clubs is totally inappropriate and they will take the appropriate action to ban lap dancing and further that strippers in major Cities Toronto and Montreal are supporting and leading the move for the ban on the grounds that they fear lap dancing is no more than a pretext for prostitution and is hastening the spread of aids.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Corporation of the City of Cornwall endorse the action proposed by the Provincial Government to ban lap dancing as quickly as possible in the Province of Ontario and that this message be conveyed immediately by way of the Mayor's Office on behalf of the City of Cornwall to Premier Mike Harris.

MOTION CARRIED

#27-95

It was moved by Aldermen Brian Lynch and Claude Poirier that:

WHEREAS the Provincial Government have stated that lap dancing in strip clubs is totally inappropriate and they will take the appropriate action to ban lap dancing and further that strippers in major Cities Toronto and Montreal are supporting and leading the move for the ban on the grounds that they fear lap dancing is no more than a pretext for prostitution and is hastening the spread of aids.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Corporation of the City of Cornwall requests that the Federal Government amend the Criminal Code to declare lap dancing as indecent public conduct.

MOTION CARRIED

## CONSENT AGENDA

Alderman Chuck Charlebois requested that Consent Item #C, Open House Purchasing, be moved for discussion under Communication Item #14.

It was moved by Aldermen Denis Carr and Chuck Charlebois that the Consent Agenda, items "A" and "B" be approved as presented.

MOTION CARRIED

A. The Navy League of Canada

That Council approve the request to hold a tag day on September 23, 1995.

B. Sidewalk Petition

That Council approve this request be referred to administration for a report re the extension of a sidewalk on the west side of Brookdale Avenue to Tollgate Road.

## COMMUNICATION

1. COUNCIL COMMITTEES/BOARDS

It was moved by Aldermen Denis Carr and Chris Savard that Council receive this report from the Deputy Clerk.

MOTION CARRIED

2. STAFF REPLACEMENT

It was moved by Aldermen Brian Lynch and Chuck Charlebois that Council authorize the Manager of Social Services to fill the position of Receptionist as soon as feasibly possible.

MOTION CARRIED

3. TAX WRITE-OFFS/ADJUSTMENTS

It was moved by Aldermen Chuck Charlebois and Claude Poirier that Council authorize the tax write-offs/adjustments in the amount of \$21,230 as outlined in the report from the Manager, Finance, dated August 24, 1995.

MOTION CARRIED

4. ST. LAWRENCE BIKEWAY

It was moved by Aldermen Chuck Charlebois and Chris Savard that Council approve the request to adopt the proposal as outlined in the letter from Mr. Frank G.Shaw, General Manager, St. Lawrence Parks Commission to designate the entire Bikeway system along the St. Lawrence shoreline and Highway #2 as the St. Lawrence Bikeway/Piste de Bicyclette de St. Laurent.

MOTION CARRIED

5. POLICE AT ACES GAME

It was moved by Aldermen Brian Lynch and Chris Savard that Council receive this report as submitted by the Manager, Parks, Recreation & Convention Services, under date of September 6, 1995.

MOTION CARRIED

6. ACES GAME FEES

It was moved by Aldermen Brian Sylvester and Brian Lynch that City Council not reduce the Aces game fee to reflect the concessions commissions presently shown as revenue in the Cornwall Civic Complex 1995 Budget Submissions.

MOTION CARRIED

7. CONCESSIONS BOB TURNER

It was moved by Aldermen Chris Savard and Brian Lynch that Council accept tender #43-95 by Glen Services as previously submitted for approval on August 14, 1995, and that all agreements stipulate that the successful bidder provide cash register slips and provide proper accounting statements to the City on all concession sales.

It was then moved by Aldermen Claude Poirier and Chuck Charlebois that Council postpone this matter until Mrs. Fitzharris has discussed the management of concessions by members of the Minor Sports Association and further that the Corporation receive legal advice on this tendering process and report back at the September 25th Council meeting.

A recorded vote resulted as follows:

FOR

Denis Carr  
Chuck Charlebois  
Claude Poirier

AGAINST

Mayor Martelle  
Brian Sylvester  
Chris Savard  
Brian Lynch

MOTION DEFEATED  
ORIGINAL MOTION CARRIED

8. STAFF REPLACEMENT

It was moved by Aldermen Chris Savard and Chuck Charlebois that Council approve the hiring of two skilled labourers.

MOTION CARRIED

9. STAFF REPLACEMENT

It was moved by Alderman Brian Lynch and Chris Savard that Council approve the hiring of a Clerk/Receptionist in the Parks, Recreation & Convention Services Department.

MOTION CARRIED

10. **TENDER #24-95** - Supply of Adult Briefs

It was moved by Aldermen Denis Carr and Brian Sylvester that this tender be awarded for a two year period to Sancella Inc.,St. Lambert, Quebec, at the total bid price of \$49,000.00 per year being the low bid meeting the tender specifications.

**MOTION CARRIED**

11. **TENDER #49-95** - Disposal of Surplus Equipment & Assets from Public Works.

It was moved by Aldermen Denis Carr and Brian Lynch that Council approve the tender award as detailed in a report dated August 30, 1995, for a total bid price of \$31,361.22.

**MOTION CARRIED**

12. **TENDER #53-95** - Aluminum Bodied Diesel Van

It was moved by Aldermen Chuck Charlebois and Brian Sylvester that this tender be awarded to Surgenor GMC Truck, Ottawa, Ontario, at a total bid price of \$95,962.90 including all taxes being the low bid meeting the tender specifications.

**MOTION CARRIED**

13. **TENDER #56-95** - Installation of four ground water monitoring wells.

It was moved by Aldermen Brian Lynch and Brian Sylvester that this tender be awarded to Gilles Bourgeois Wells Drilling, St. Albert, Ontario, at a total bid price of \$9,171.18 including all taxes being the low bid meeting the tender specifications.

**MOTION CARRIED**

14. **OPEN HOUSE - PURCHASING**

It was moved by Aldermen Chuck Charlebois and Chris Savard that the Purchasing Department hold an Open House at the Civic Complex during the week of October 23, 1995.

**MOTION CARRIED**

## **ADOPTION OF THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE**

### **BY-LAWS**

#### **Second Reading**

It was moved by Aldermen Brian Sylvester and Chirs Savard that the Committee of the Whole be adopted as reported and that by-laws 131-1995 to 141-1995 inclusive, be given second reading.

**MOTION CARRIED**

**BY-LAWS**                      **Third Reading**

It was moved by Aldermen Brian Lynch and Denis Carr that by-laws 131-1995 to 141-1995 inclusive, be taken as read a third time and finally passed.

MOTION CARRIED

**REPORTS FROM AD HOC COMMITTEES OF COUNCIL**

**NOTICES OF MOTION**

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

**NEW BUSINESS**

1.                      **Environmental Trust Fund**

It was moved by Aldermen Chuck Charlebois and Brian Lynch that the City Solicitor be directed to proceed with the legal work necessary to establish an Environmental Trust Fund to be administered by the St. Lawrence River Institute of Environmental Sciences.

That all the monies approved to date for the Institute be transferred to the Environmental Trust Fund as soon as the legal work has been completed and the balance of funds be transferred per year as capital budgets are approved.

That a sum of approximately \$50,000.00 be released immediately to cover costs associated with the establishment of the Institute during the next few months while the trust fund is being established.

MOTION CARRIED

2.                      **1996 Budget - Municipal Funding**

It was moved by Aldermen Denis Carr and Chuck Charlebois

WHEREAS City Council has on many occasions stated its commitment to maintain taxes at current levels

WHEREAS we face further reductions in the level of funding from senior levels of government together with the loss of tax revenue due to plant and business closures

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council through the office of the Chief Administrator communicate to all agencies, organizations and government services that receive municipal funding the following -

"The most optimistic scenario for the next budget year is that municipal funding would be maintained at 1995 levels, it is more probable that funding levels to your organization could be reduced by as much as 20%. We would ask that you communicate to Council, through the Chief Administrator, the measures you will be employing to offset this reduction in funding.

MOTION CARRIED

3. **Banning Lap Dancing**

It was moved by Mayor Ron Martelle and Chris Savard that administration in collaboration with the City Solicitor investigate the legalities of implementing a by-law which will in effect constitute banning lap dancing at Adult Entertainment establishments within the jurisdiction of the City of Cornwall and have such information available before City Council for the Council meeting of September 25, 1995.

MOTION CARRIED

4. **Littering By-law**

It was moved by Mayor Ron Martelle and Chuck Charlebois that administration in collaboration with the City Solicitor investigate and determine the perimeters of our littering by-law in order to clarify the enforceability of said by-law.

MOTION CARRIED

5. **General Welfare Assistance Subsidy**

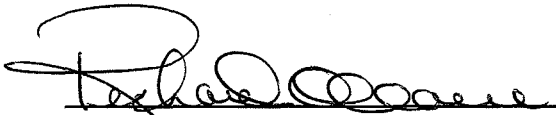
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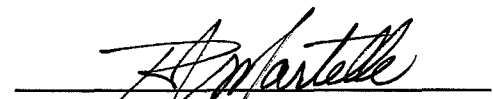
WHEREAS the elimination of the GWA 10% subsidy to municipalities with over 3.5% of the population on social assistance will have a major negative impact on the City of Cornwall's budget in 1995 and 1996 resulting in a loss of revenue of \$1,261,000;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Cornwall City Council request the Provincial Government to maintain the GWA 10% subsidy to municipalities with over 3.5% of the population on social assistance.

MOTION CARRIED

Adjournment: 10:10 p.m.

  
Clerk

  
Mayor

  
Recording Secretary