

CITY COUNCIL #09-96

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

ABSENT: Alderman Susan Carter.

IN ATTENDANCE: Mr. R. Allaire, Chief Administrator / Clerk, Mr. F. Hamelin, Assistant Chief Administrator / Manager Public Works, Rob Orchin, Bill de Witt, John de Ronde, and D. Labelle-Gélinas, Deputy Clerk/Recording Secretary.

INVOCATION

Father Jacques Labelle, Nativity Co-Cathedral Church

DISCLOSURE OF INTEREST

PRESENTATION

ADOPTION OF MINUTES

It was moved by Aldermen Brian Lynch and Chris Savard that the regular Council minutes of March 11, 1996 be adopted as circulated.

MOTION CARRIED

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

It was moved by Aldermen Naresh Bhargava and Brian Sylvester 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 041-1996 to 049-1996 inclusive be given first reading.

MOTION CARRIED

BY-LAWS - First Reading

- 041-1996 A by-law to authorize the Mayor and Clerk to sign the 1995 Service Agreement between Glen Stor Dun Lodge and the Ministry of Health.
- 042-1996 A by-law to authorize the Mayor and Clerk to sign an agreement between the City, on behalf of Glen Stor Dun Lodge, and Ottawa Regional Hospital Linen Service for a five year service contract.
- 043-1996 A borrowing by-law in the amount of \$575,000.00 to provide financing for the reconstruction of a highway, and the reconstruction of a highway, and the reconstruction of existing watermain, storm and sanitary sewer services on Pitt Street from Fifth Street to Sixth Street.
- 044-1996 A borrowing by-law in the amount of \$505,000.00 to provide financing for the reconstruction of a highway, and the reconstruction of existing watermain, storm and sanitary sewer services on Pitt Street from Sixth Street to Seventh Street.
- 045-1996 A borrowing by-law in the amount of \$620,000.00 to provide financing for the reconstruction of a highway, and the reconstruction of existing watermain, storm and sanitary sewer services on Pitt Street from First Street to Water Street.
- 046-1996 A borrowing by-law in the amount of \$50,000.00 to provide financing for the construction of a sidewalk on Third Street from St. Felix Street to Glengarry Boulevard and the construction of a sidewalk on McConnell Avenue from Twelfth Street to Lemay Street.
- 047-1996 A borrowing by-law in the amount of \$1,000,000.00 to provide financing for the construction of a flood reduction system, complete with storm sewers, ditch inlets, sanitary sewer reinstatement, watermain reinstatement, road reinstatement and all associated restorations and appurtenances on Eleventh Street between Captain MacDonald Road and 30 metres east of Hebert Street.
- 048-1996 A borrowing by-law to provide for the borrowing of \$175,000.00 to provide financing for the reconstruction of a storm sewer in Lamoureux Park from Water Street and 200 metres south of Water Street.
- 049-1996 A by-law to amend by-law 010-1994, being a by-law appointing members of Council to Boards, Committees and Commissions. (Cornwall Arts Board and Board of Health).

DELEGATIONS

#1. Mr. Paul Lefebvre - Re-assessment of Municipal Taxes

Mr. Paul Lefebvre, President and Managing Director of the Best Western Parkway Inn and representative of the Cornwall Hotel, Motel and Restaurant Association was present this evening to discuss concerns on a re-assessment tax increase between 5% and 37%.

Mr. Lefebvre indicated that such an increase would severely affect its memberships' ability to compete in a competitive marketplace and hinder their ability to maintain and improve their facilities.

It was further noted that they would be appealing their assessment. Mr. Lefebvre continued to indicate that properties in Cornwall paid higher municipal taxes than other comparable sized municipalities in Ontario.

In conclusion, Mr. Lefebvre asked Council to consider the following:

1. That City Council undertake a review of all factors that affect municipal taxes in Cornwall to determine if we are indeed competitive with other comparable municipalities in Ontario.
2. That Council approve a four year phase in of increases as was given to property owners who experienced a 10% or more increase following the last re-assessment.
3. That the Economic Development Office play a greater role in determining the impact of re-assessment on the commercial sector in the future.

It was then moved by Brian Lynch and Chuck Charlebois that this matter be received and referred to Administration for a report.

MOTION CARRIED

#2. Cornwall Legion - Armouries Mr. Angelo Lebano and Mr. Ernie Pain

Mr. Angelo Lebano, President of the Royal Canadian Legion, and Mr. Ernie Pain, Zone Commander of District G-4, appealed to Council for unanimous support in their efforts to convince the Minister of National Defence that they not close the Cornwall Armouries due to excessive operating costs.

The Royal Canadian Legionnaires wish to operate the Armouries at a much lower cost and are asking that Mayor Martelle and Aldermen make every effort possible to convince the Minister, during his visit to Cornwall this upcoming Thursday, of the viability of this proposal.

In conclusion, Mayor Martelle indicated that Council would support their request and indicated these intentions would be relayed by him personally to the Minister.

It was then moved by Aldermen Dick Aubry and Naresh Bhargava that this delegation be received.

MOTION CARRIED

RESOLUTIONS

- #10-96 It was moved by Aldermen Chris Savard and Brian Sylvester that the Council of the Corporation of the City of Cornwall authorize the Clerk and Treasurer to submit a petition for subsidies under the Public Transportation and Highway Improvement Act for expenditures made during the year 1996 for public transportation for physically disabled persons.

MOTION CARRIED

- #11-96 It was moved by Aldermen Naresh Bhargava and Denis Carr that the Council of the Corporation of the City of Cornwall authorize the Clerk and Treasurer to submit a petition for subsidies under the Public Transportation and Highway Improvement Act for expenditures made during the year 1996 for public transportation.

MOTION CARRIED

CONSENT AGENDA

It was moved by Aldermen Claude Poirier and Brian Sylvester that the Consent Agenda be approved as presented.

MOTION CARRIED

A. RESIDENTS OF CORNWALL & AREA HOUSING AUTHORITY

That the petition received from residents of the Cornwall & Area Housing Authority regarding garbage collection (dumpsters) and a request for a tax rebate be referred to Administration.

B. CANADIAN PUBLIC HEALTH ASSOCIATION

That the request from the Canadian Public Health Association to proclaim May 12, 1996 as Canada Health Day in Cornwall be approved.

C. S.D. & G. HISTORICAL SOCIETY

That Council support the creation of a Year 2000 committee and that the Historical Committee approach various municipal service clubs to assist with celebration preparations and its endorsement to the writing of Cornwall's history for the year 2000.

D. PRESCOTT-RUSSELL, GLENGARRY AND CORNWALL COMMUNITY CORRECTIONAL SERVICES INC.

That the request to use the name Cornwall in its incorporated title be approved.

COMMUNICATION

1. HOLY CROSS BOULEVARD

It was moved by Aldermen Brian Sylvester and Brian Lynch that:

- * A 40 kn/h speed limit be introduced where necessary as part of "traffic Calming" initiatives on Holy Cross Boulevard from Dean Drive to Hamilton Crescent, or portions thereof, for evaluation on a trial basis; and
- * That parking be prohibited on Holy Cross Boulevard (corner restrictions) in the vicinity of Anthony Street.

MOTION CARRIED

2. TENDER #10-96 - SUPPLY OF BEDDING PLANTS & HANGING BASKETS

It was moved by Aldermen Brian Sylvester and Claude Poirier that the supply of bedding plants and hanging baskets be awarded to Freeland Flowers, Maxville, Ontario at a total bid price of \$11,498.33 including all taxes being the low bid meeting the tender specifications.

MOTION CARRIED

3. CORNWALL ENERGY EFFICIENCY TEAM (CEET) ECOLOGY PARK / COMMUNITY GARDEN PROPOSAL

It was moved by Aldermen Naresh Bhargava and Brian Lynch that Council approve the Ecology Park / Community Garden project as outlined in the report from the Waterfront and Parks Planner under date of March 19, 1996.

It was then moved by Aldermen Claude Poirier and Brian Lynch that the motion be amended and that Administration provide Council with an update on the status to a previous request by Bill Gallant on a floral project.

AMENDMENT CARRIED

**MAIN MOTION CARRIED
AS AMENDED**

ADOPTION OF THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

BY-LAWS - Second Reading

It was moved by Aldermen Brian Sylvester and Chris Savard that the Committee of the Whole be adopted as reported and that by-laws 041-1996 to 049-1996 inclusive, be given second reading.

MOTION CARRIED

BY-LAWS - Third Reading

It was moved by Aldermen Brian Sylvester and Brian Lynch that by-laws 041-1996 to 049-1996 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

#69. Fee Listings - Parks, Recreation and Convention Services

NEW BUSINESS

#1. **Tender #08-1995, Office Products**

It was moved by Aldermen Dick Aubry and Chris Savard that:

WHEREAS Council has received a letter from Glenan Distributors Ltd.; and

WHEREAS the letter asks for certain information.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Administration prepare a report for the next meeting, and that Mr. Fraser be asked to make a presentation to Council, and that we promote local purchases rather than outside, using just-in-time inventory.

MOTION CARRIED

#2. Pay Equity / Social Contract


It was moved by Aldermen Chuck Charlebois and Chris Savard that the C.A.O. and Human Resource Department bring back a report on pay equity status. This request is made because of a March 20, 1996 letter from C.U.P.E. 3251 and their national representative, Mr. Andre Lamoureux. Human Resources should also give us a brief verbal report as to what happens after the social contract.

MOTION CARRIED

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at ^{9:08 p.m.} 9:30 p.m.


Clerk


Recording Secretary


Mayor