

CITY COUNCIL #11-97

PRESENT: A regular meeting of Council was held with the following members present: Acting Mayor, Brian Lynch, Dean Hollingsworth, Susan Carter, Denis Carr, Naresh Bhargava, Claude Poirier, Chris Savard, and Brian Sylvester, Dick Aubry

ABSENT: Mayor Ron Martelle and Alderman Chuck Charlebois.

IN ATTENDANCE: Richard Allaire, C.A.O./Clerk, Paul Fitzpatrick, Assistant C.A.O./Manager, Economic Development, Stephen Alexander, Sherman Goodwin, Fern Hamelin, Frank McDonald, Doris MacLean, Betty Cousins, Dave Fielding, Gerry McKenna, Kenneth Gauthier.

INVOCATION - Reverend Gordon Finlay, First Baptist Church.

ADDITIONS

DISCLOSURE OF INTEREST

PRESENTATION

#1 **ST. LAWRENCE RIVER INSTITUTE OF ENVIRONMENTAL SCIENCES**

Mr. Tom Kaneb, Director, introduced Dr. David Lean, Chair in Ecotoxicology and Research Director, who indicated that the research and education activities of the Institute involved the participation of 700 students from both of the local School Boards and included a \$40,000 grant for staffing. In addition, 10 students from S. D. & G. participated in the EcoPark project and \$50,000 in wages was also recovered through grants. In closing, Mr. Kaneb once again thanked City Council for their foresight and wisdom in providing funding for the Institute. In addition, he acknowledged an additional \$900,000 in funding through the participation of Dupont of Canada, Domtar Papers, ICI Forest Products, Ontario Hydro, Universal Terminals, and National Science and Engineering Research Council.

#2 **UNITED WAY--KEITH JODOIN**

Acting Mayor Brian Lynch, on behalf of City Council, recognized Mr. Jodoin's 35 years as a fund raiser for United Way. He indicated that, since 1962, Mr. Jodoin has helped to raise more than \$10 million for the needy of this community. As a token of appreciation for Mr. Jodoin's tireless efforts, Mr. Lynch presented him with a Certificate and a City pen.

ADOPTION OF MINUTES

Alderman Denis Carr requested that the word "reviewed" in the last part of the motion of Item #6--Social Services Relocation be corrected by replacing it with the word "terminated."

It was moved by Aldermen Susan Carter and Denis Carr that the Committee of Council minutes of March 10, 1997 be approved as amended.

MOTION CARRIED

Alderman Dean Hollingsworth requested that the Minutes be amended to reflect that he was absent from the Regular Council Meeting of March 10/97.

It was moved by Aldermen Brian Sylvester and Naresh Bhargava that the Council minutes of March 10, 1997, be adopted as amended.

MOTION CARRIED

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

It was moved by Aldermen Brian Sylvester and Claude Poirier 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 027-1997 to 037-1997 inclusive, be given first reading.

MOTION CARRIED

BY-LAWS - First Reading

- 027-1997 A bylaw to enter into a lease agreement with Judy Rose and Debbie Kingston for rental of office space at the Kinsmen Municipal Centre.
- 028-1997 A bylaw authorizing the Mayor and Clerk to sign a Memorandum of Understanding between the City of Cornwall and the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing.
- 029-1997 A bylaw to enter into a lease agreement with Public Works Canada for 111 Water Street East.
- 030-1997 A bylaw to enter into a contract lease agreement with the Returning Officer on behalf of the Office of the Returning Officer for the Federal Election District of Stormont and Dundas.
- 031-1997 A bylaw to amend the City's Traffic Bylaw 069, 1989, as amended, to prohibit parking along the east side of Sydney Street, between Fifth Street and Sixth Street.
- 032-1997 A bylaw to temporarily suspend subsection 5.13 of the Building Bylaw 037, 1994.
- 033-1997 A bylaw respecting the use of French, in addition to English, in notices, forms, and other information provided for municipal elections.
- 034-1997 A bylaw authorizing the use of vote-counting equipment for municipal elections.
- 035-1997 A bylaw to establish dates for an advance vote in municipal elections.
- 036-1997 A bylaw respecting the hours of voting in respect to institutions and retirement homes for municipal elections.
- 037-1997 A bylaw respecting the titles of elected representatives as Mayor and Councillor in both official languages and to repeal bylaw 017, 1997.

DELEGATIONS

#1 - Le Village B.I.A.--Alain Fillion, President

Mr. Fillion indicated that the Le Village B.I.A. is aware that Administration is recommending terminating the lease at the Port Theatre parking lot. He indicated that his group supports terminating the lease but does not support closing the parking lot. The B.I.A.'s proposal is for Le Village to pay to the City of Cornwall \$14,000 annually for the use of the three (3) municipal parking lots, which amount would equal the parking revenues from these lots; and further that a special reserve fund be set up whereby all cash-in-lieu of parking and any monies contributed by Le Village B.I.A. be deposited for future development of new parking lots. This reserve fund should include any monies already paid as cash-in-lieu.

It was moved by Aldermen Denis Carr and Dick Aubry that this delegation be referred to Administration for a report and that the report be prepared in a similar format as the report presented by the Le Village B.I.A. and that the report also include information regarding payments in lieu of parking by existing businesses.

MOTION CARRIED

RESOLUTIONS

CONSENT AGENDA

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

MOTION CARRIED

A. CITIZENS' COALITION AGAINST NOISE

That the request from the Citizens' Coalition Against Noise for the City to declare Wednesday, April 30, 1997 as "International Noise Awareness Day" be approved.

B. TOWNSHIP OF BIDDULPH

That the resolution from the Township of Biddulph requesting the City's endorsement respecting the transfer of the farm tax rebate to the municipal level and urging the Government of Ontario to give its assurance that non-farm and non-managed forestry properties not experience property tax increases as a result of the program transfer be received.

C. ST. LAWRENCE RIVER INSTITUTE OF ENVIRONMENTAL SCIENCES

That the request from the St. Lawrence River Institute of Environmental Sciences for the City to declare the week of April 20-26, 1997 as "Earth Week" be approved.

D. ONTARIO BUILDING OFFICIALS ASSOCIATION

That the request from the Ontario Building Officials Association for the City to observe the week of April 6-12, 1997 as "Building Safety Week in Ontario" be approved.

COMMUNICATION

1. TENDER #51-96, SUPPLY OF SCREENED TOPSOIL

It was moved by Aldermen Chris Savard and Claude Poirier that this tender be awarded to Hec's Tree & Backhoe Service, Cornwall, Ontario, at the total bid price of \$34,641.25, being the lowest bid meeting the tender specifications.

MOTION CARRIED

2. PETITION AGAINST THE INTRODUCTION OF DIAL-A-BUS

It was moved by Aldermen Chris Savard and Brian Sylvester that City Council continue with Dial-A-Bus service evenings after 6:00 p.m. and all hours of operation Saturdays.

It was then moved by Aldermen Brian Sylvester and Naresh Bhargava that the main motion be amended to include that a further report be brought back to Council on ridership volume and cost for service on Saturdays between 8:00 a.m. and 6:00 p.m.

AMENDMENT TO THE MAIN MOTION DEFEATED

MAIN MOTION CARRIED

3. CONDITION OF CAPITOL THEATRE ARTIFACTS

It was moved by Aldermen Brian Sylvester and Claude Poirier that the three recommendations contained in Mr. Bedford's report be approved. Acting Mayor Lynch agreed that the three recommendations would be voted on separately, and the results are as follows:

1. That a group formed of Cornwall LACAC members, any experts retained by LACAC, City Administration, and Provincial Representative(s) examine and select the best examples of the Capitol Theatre Artifacts to be kept.

MOTION CARRIED

2. That a budget of \$12,000 from Reserves be established to cover all costs associated with the uncrating, display, selection, and moving of chosen artifacts to the Library for temporary storage.

MOTION DEFEATED

3. That the group mentioned above be authorized to dispose of the unselected items, as it deems appropriate and if any revenue is generated from the disposal, it be used to replenish the \$12,000 cost mentioned in Recommendation #2.

MOTION CARRIED

4. RESERVES

It was moved by Aldermen Dick Aubry and Dean Hollingsworth that the six recommendations contained in Mr. McDonald's report be voted on separately by recorded vote:

1. That the Tipping Fee Reserve and the Sewage Treatment Expansion Reserve be closed out to the Working Fund Reserve.

YEA

Alderman Dick Aubry
Alderman Susan Carter
Alderman Dean Hollingsworth
Alderman Claude Poirier
Alderman Brian Sylvester
Acting Mayor Brian Lynch

NAY

Alderman Naresh Bhargava
Alderman Denis Carr
Alderman Chris Savard

MOTION CARRIED 6-3

2. That funds generated from Tipping Fees and Sewer Surcharge become General Revenue items.

YEA

Acting Mayor Brian Lynch
Alderman Dick Aubry
Alderman Dean Hollingsworth
Alderman Brian Sylvester

NAY

Alderman Naresh Bhargava
Alderman Denis Carr
Alderman Susan Carter
Alderman Claude Poirier
Alderman Chris Savard

MOTION DEFEATED 4-5

3. That the recycling program be financed from the mill rate.

YEA

Acting Mayor Brian Lynch
Alderman Dick Aubry
Alderman Naresh Bhargava
Alderman Denis Carr
Alderman Dean Hollingsworth
Alderman Brian Sylvester

NAY

Alderman Susan Carter
Alderman Chris Savard
Alderman Claude Poirier

MOTION CARRIED 6-3

4. That the Future Capital Reserves be consolidated into 3 reserves: Buildings, Land, Equipment.

MOTION CARRIED-UNANIMOUS

5. That the Reserve for Inventories be consolidated from 6 reserves to 1 reserve.

MOTION CARRIED-UNANIMOUS

6. That the Reserves and Reserve Funds Policy be amended to reflect the above changes.

YEA

Acting Mayor Brian Lynch
Alderman Dick Aubry
Alderman Denis Carr
Alderman Susan Carter
Alderman Dean Hollingsworth
Alderman Claude Poirier
Alderman Chris Savard
Alderman Brian Sylvester

NAY

Alderman Naresh Bhargava

MOTION CARRIED 8-1

5. **MUNICIPAL ELECTIONS**

It was moved by Aldermen Dick Aubry and Naresh Bhargava to approve the report as presented.

It was then moved by Aldermen Denis Carr and Dick Aubry that the main motion be amended so that the recommendation reads as follows:

That the Clerk be directed to approach both Public and Separate School Boards, advising them that they shall each incur 33 1/3% of the cost of conducting the 1997 Municipal and School Board elections.

A recorded vote resulted as follows:

YEA

Acting Mayor Brian Lynch
Alderman Dick Aubry
Alderman Naresh Bhargava
Alderman Denis Carr
Alderman Dean Hollingsworth
Alderman Claude Poirier
Alderman Chris Savard
Alderman Brian Sylvester

NAY

Alderman Susan Carter

MAIN MOTION CARRIED, 8-1, AS AMENDED

ADOPTION OF THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

BY-LAWS - Second Reading

It was moved by Aldermen Denis Carr and Brian Sylvester that the Committee of the Whole be adopted as reported and that by-laws 027-1997 to 037-1997 be given second reading.

MOTION CARRIED

BY-LAWS - Third Reading

It was moved by Aldermen Chris Savard and Naresh Bhargava that Administration provide a report at the next regular meeting of City Council prior to Bylaw 032-1997 receiving Third Reading.

MOTION CARRIED

It was moved by Aldermen Claude Poirier and seconded by Denis Carr that by-law 027-1997 to 031-1997 and 033-1997 to 037-1997 be taken as read a third time and finally passed.

MOTION CARRIED

REPORTS FROM AD HOC COMMITTEES OF COUNCIL

MEGA-WEEK COMMITTEE:

Alderman Claude Poirier reported that the Committee has met and, under New Business, Council will be asked to take action regarding the Provincial Government announcements. He also indicated that the Committee is exploring the impact the Mega-Week announcements will have on the Corporation and will be reporting further as more information is obtained.

NOTICES OF MOTION

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS

#1 - MEGA-WEEK IMPACT

Moved by Alderman Claude Poirier and seconded by Alderman Chris Savard:

WHEREAS the proposed Provincial announcements of Mega-Week will have a significant impact on the Municipal budget of the City of Cornwall;

AND WHEREAS it is of the utmost importance that Council prepare an action plan to deal with these issues immediately;

AND WHEREAS information from various ministries regarding the impact of these changes at the local level is difficult if not impossible to obtain;

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED that the Premier of Ontario be respectfully requested to direct his Ministers and Ministries to release any or all information that could be utilised to assess the impact of the proposed changes on local municipalities, such as the City of Cornwall, and that a copy of this Resolution be submitted to AMO and the local members of the Provincial Legislature.

MOTION CARRIED

#2 - SURPLUS LANDS AND BUILDINGS

Moved by Alderman Dean Hollingsworth and seconded by Alderman Dick Aubry:

WHEREAS the surplus lands and buildings have no identified use to the City;

AND WHEREAS the City would like to increase revenues;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the City of Cornwall sell all surplus lands and buildings.

MOTION CARRIED

#3 - GLENGARRY BOULEVARD--PEDESTRIAN CROSSING AREA

Moved by Alderman Susan Carter and seconded by Alderman Chris Savard:

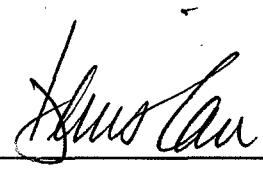
That staff prepare a report reviewing options in place of a pedestrian crossing light on Glengarry Boulevard. These options could include road signs and pavement markings warning traffic of a pedestrian crossing area.

MOTION CARRIED

The meeting adjourned at 9:15 p.m.


Clerk

R. ALLAIRE
Recording Secretary


Mayor
ACTING MAYOR