

# CITY COUNCIL #32-97

December 8, 1997  
Meeting began at 7:30 p.m.

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**PRESENT:** A regular meeting of Council was held with the following members present: Mayor Brian Sylvester, Councillors Korey Kennedy, Denis Carr, Brian Lynch, Naresh Bhargava, Perry Lalonde, Sheila Airey, Chris Savard, Claude Poirier, André Rivette, and Dean Hollingsworth.

**IN ATTENDANCE:** Richard Allaire, Chief Administrator/Clerk, Paul Fitzpatrick, Assistant C.A.O./Manager, Economic Development, Frank McDonald, Graham Dart, Fern Hamelin, Dave Fielding, Steve Alexander, Hilda Seguin, Kenneth Gauthier, Christine Lefebvre, and Denise Labelle-Gelinas, Recording Secretary.

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## INVOCATION

Richard Allaire

## ADDITIONS/DELETIONS

## DISCLOSURE OF INTEREST

Councillor André Rivette declared a Pecuniary Interest on Communication Item #8, Staffing Request, Social Services, because, his wife is employed with Social Services.

Councillor Chris Savard declared a Pecuniary Interest on Communication Item #4, Council Write-Offs and Adjustments, because a number of adjustments deal with a property at 1 Water Street East which is owned by his employer, Cadillac Fairview.

## PRESENTATIONS

### #1. Mr. James Shea

Mayor Sylvester formally recognized Mr. James Shea for his thirteen years of dedication in providing Clergy for invocation prior to all Council meetings. Mr. Shea was originally selected in 1984 during the City's Bicentennial year as a result of his role as Chairman of the Bicentennial Inter-Faith Committee, and has now tendered his resignation.

On behalf of Council, Mayor Sylvester presented Mr. Shea with a commemorative plaque.

**#2. S.D. & G. Historical Society - Wood House Museum**

Mr. R.E. Gregory, President of the S.D. & G. Historical Society provided Council with a brief history surrounding the Wood House Museum and their plans for the relocation of it to Lamoureux Park.

This project was expressed some twenty years ago and over those years this project was supported by the Waterfront committee and the Official Plan. The Wood House Museum is owned by Domtar Fine Papers and should be donated to the Society within the next two years. A total budget of \$1,600,000.00 will be required to complete the project.

In conclusion, Mr. Gregory requested that a member of City Council be appointed to the Community Museum Steering Committee and that the City place the relocation of the United Counties Museum on the capital budget, and that they commit one third of the cost in trust (\$500,00.00) conditional on the Historical Society in conjunction with the Waterfront Development Committee and Cornwall City Planning raise the balance of the funds from senior levels of government and the public.

It was moved by Councillors Naresh Bhargava and Brian Lynch that this request be received.

MOTION CARRIED

**#3. Cornwall Sign Project**

On behalf of all of City Council, Mayor Sylvester recognized the generous donation of goods, support and professional services from members of local business and industry who helped with the erection of a new and enhanced City sign at the Brookdale entrance in Highway #401.

Mayor Sylvester recognized the following local businesses who contributed a total of \$49,000.00 of their valuable time and resources to make this image enhancement project a reality:

- Sign It
- Rosemount Design Group
- Laplante Welding
- Bruce Grant Construction
- Cornwall Electric
- Barry Latreille Electric
- Cornwall Gravel Co.Ltd.
- Grant Ready Mix Ltd.
- Menard's Rona Home Centre
- Parterra Landscape Design and Site Planning
- Digirolamo Builders Supplies
- MacGregor Crane Service
- Coping Strategies
- Hec's Tree and Backhoe Service
- Standard Freeholder
- Cornwall Chamber of Commerce
- Centra Gas
- Meldrum Surveying Ltd.

## ADOPTION OF MINUTES

It was moved by Councillors Brian Lynch and Naresh Bhargava that the Committee of Council minutes of November 24, 1997 be approved as presented.

MOTION CARRIED

It was moved by Councillors Chris Savard and Claude Poirier that the City Council minutes of November 24, 1997 be approved as presented.

MOTION CARRIED

It was moved by Councillors André Rivette and Perry Lalonde that the minutes of the Inaugural Meeting of December 2, 1997 be approved as amended.

MOTION CARRIED

## COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

It was moved by Councillors Brian Lynch and Dean Hollingsworth that the 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 147-1997 to 154-1997 inclusive, be given first reading.

MOTION CARRIED

### BY-LAWS - First Reading

- 147-1997 A by-law to designate the property known municipally as 146 Chevrier Avenue and commonly referred to as the Nativity School as of architectural, historical and contextual value or interest.
- 148-1997 A by-law to enter into a two season, three party agreement with Domtar and Leader Sports to operate Big Ben Ski Hill.
- 149-1997 A by-law to appoint members of Council to act from time to time in the place and stead of the Head of Council.
- 150-1997 A by-law to assume municipal services constructed under the terms of a Subdivision Agreement with Nemrac Development for Sunrise Acres, Phase V.
- 151-1997 A by-law to assume municipal services constructed under the terms of a Subdivision Agreement with ZAT Brock Investments Incorporated for Northdale Terrace, Phase I.
- 152-1997 A by-law to authorize the 'sole shareholder', being the Corporation of the City of Cornwall, to approve the articles of amendment of Cornwall Electric.

- 153-1997 A by-law to authorize the Mayor and Clerk to enter into an agreement respecting fire protection services on Cornwall Island.
- 154-1997 A by-law to authorize the Mayor and Clerk to sign documents relative to the Colts Contract as a result of a change of ownership of Cornwall Colts.

## **DELEGATIONS**

## **RESOLUTIONS**

## **CONSENT AGENDA**

Councillor Claude Poirier requested that Consent Item "C" be moved to Communications as Item #11.

It was moved by Councillors Denis Carr and André Rivette that the Consent Agenda be approved as amended.

MOTION CARRIED

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### **A. Service Club Council of Cornwall & District**

That Council declare Sunday, December 14, 1997 as Service Club Day in the City of Cornwall.

### **B. Petition, Eighth Street**

That the petition from residents of Eighth Street regarding old "clay" sewer lines, and the condition of the street be referred to Administration.

### **C. Nativity School**

Moved to Communications as item #11.

## COMMUNICATION

### 1. Quarterly Report

It was moved by Councillors Brian Lynch and Sheila Airey that Council apply proceeds from the M.T.O. grant to shortfalls in revenue and over expenditures as required to negate a deficit in 1997.

It was moved by Councillors Claude Poirier and Denis Carr that this matter be deferred until such time as Council has had the opportunity to review the full impact of the 1998 budget deliberations, obtain a full account of expenditures through the year 1997, and a report as to the disposition of the \$650,000.00 and the result of tender savings.

MOTION CARRIED

### 2. One-Way Street Network Review

It was moved by Councillors Denis Carr and Naresh Bhargava that the report from the Traffic Engineer under date of November 27, 1997 be received.

MOTION CARRIED

### 3. Street Closing

It was moved by Councillors Sheila Airey and André Rivette that Council approve the Street closure scheduled for February 6 and 7, 1998 and again for the scheduled Cornfest festivities during the second weekend of August on an annual basis.

MOTION CARRIED

### 4. Council Write-Offs / Adjustment

*Having declared a pecuniary interest, Councillor Chris Savard left the room and did not take part in the discussion or vote.*

It was moved by Councillors André Rivette and Claude Poirier that Council authorize the tax write-offs / adjustments.

MOTION CARRIED

*Councillor Chris Savard returned.*

5. **1997 Municipal Election Update**

It was moved by Councillor Brian Lynch and Naresh Bhargava that:

Council endorse the following:

1. all voting stations shall be staffed by two workers; one DRO and one Poll Clerk;
2. larger voting stations shall be reviewed and re-divided to better receive the electorate;
3. voter notification letter format shall be reviewed for better visibility and logical distribution by owner name. If Canada Post is unable to provide format required, other options will be examined;
4. additional voting locations will be identified; and
5. a resolution be forwarded to the Province, whereby the City petition the Provincial Government to return to a door to door enumeration or any other method that would provide a more accurate voter list for municipal elections of the year 2000. And furthermore, that this resolution be forwarded to the Minister of Finance, A.M.O., A.M.C.T.O., our local Member of Parliament, our local Member of Provincial Parliament for endorsement.

It was then proposed by Councillors Chris Savard and Brian Lynch that the main motion be amended as follows:

- i) That Administration provide a report to explore the financing of additional machines over the next three years and additional information on letter vs. card mail outs; and
- ii) That six months prior to the next election, a listing of all polling stations be identified.

AMENDMENT CARRIED

MAIN MOTION CARRIED AS AMENDED

6. **Tender 97-T56 - Supply of Screened Topsoil**

It was moved by Councillors Claude Poirier and Sheila Airey that this tender be awarded to City & District Steeplejacks, St. Andrews West, Ontario at the total bid price of \$37,450.00 being the lowest bid meeting the tender specifications.

MOTION CARRIED

7. **Tender 97-T62** - Tractor Backhoe, complete with operator

It was moved by Councillors Denis Carr and André Rivette that this tender be awarded as outlined in the report from the Purchasing Agent under date of November 28, 1997.

MOTION CARRIED

8. **Staffing Request - Social Services**

*Having declared a Pecuniary Interest, Councillor André Rivette left the room and did not take part in the discussion or vote.*

It was moved by Councillors Chris Savard and Perry Lalonde that council authorize the Manager, Social Services to fill the vacancy of Computer Operator II as soon as feasibly possible.

MOTION CARRIED

*Councillor André Rivette returned.*

9. **Cornwall Electric**

It was moved by Councillors Brian Lynch and Claude Poirier that Council receive the report from the Manager, Finance under date of December 4, 1997.

MOTION CARRIED

10. **Investment Policy**

It was moved by Councillors Denis Carr and Perry Lalonde that Council approve the Policy governing the investment for excess funds.

It was moved by Councillors Naresh Bhargava and Dean Hollingsworth that this matter be deferred until the regular meeting of January 12, 1998.

MOTION TO DEFER CARRIED

11. **Nativity School**

It was moved by Councillors Claude Poirier and Brian Lynch that Council advise the Catholic School Board that the City has no need for Nativity School, and that Council endorses the project with Centre Charles Emile Claude to use the building as a Community Francophone Centre.

MOTION CARRIED

**ADOPTION OF THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE**

**BY-LAWS - Second Reading**

It was moved by Councillors Sheila Airey and Perry Lalonde that the Committee of the Whole be adopted as reported and that by-laws 147-1997 to 154-1997 inclusive, be given second reading.

MOTION CARRIED

**BY-LAWS - Third Reading**

It was moved by Councillors Brian Lynch and André Rivette that by-laws 147-1997 to 154-1997 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. Ambulance Service

It was moved by Councillors Claude Poirier and Chris Savard that:

WHEREAS the Province of Ontario has approved Bill 152 which confirms the downloading of the ambulance service to the Municipality; and

WHEREAS the Province has also indicated that it will divest itself of the Provincially operated Cornwall Ambulance Service in 1998, and will ask for proposals from interested parties; and

WHEREAS there may be significant benefits in the Municipality of Cornwall assuming the Cornwall Ambulance Service.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT we advise the Minister of Health and his officials that before any offers or proposals are requested to deliver the Cornwall Ambulance Service from 1998 to the year 2000; and

THAT this Municipality be granted the first right of refusal for this most important essential service.

MOTION CARRIED

#2. Hiring of City Residents

It was moved by Councillors André Rivette and Korey Kennedy that:

WHEREAS the unemployment rate in the City of Cornwall is 12% +; and

WHEREAS the taxpayers of Cornwall will be asked to absorb the cost of down loading from Mega Week that will create more financial burden on the taxpayers of the City of Cornwall.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Manager, Human Resources give Council, at its next meeting of January 12, 1998, a report on a new hiring practice and the legalities on the following issues that would see the following changes on hiring of an NEW EMPLOYEES.

1. That the Corporation of the City of Cornwall will give "preference" to City Residents who are "qualified".
2. That, if at any time it is deemed necessary to hire outside the City, it is clearly understood that condition of employment would be that the employee would take up residence in the City of Cornwall.
3. That before any Non-Resident is hired, the Manager, Human resources must give a report to Council on the reasons why the department has made the decision to not fill the position with a City resident.

(Definition of a City resident: a person who lives in the City of Cornwall.)

Note: all existing employees would be exempt from this policy.

MOTION CARRIED

#3. Quarterly Meeting

It was moved by Councillors Brian Lynch and Naresh Bhargava that Cornwall City Council meet with M.P.P. John Cleary and M.P. Bob Kilger on a quarterly basis to discuss issues and projects of concern and interest to our community. and *Noble Villeneuve, Minister of Agriculture & Trade.*

MOTION CARRIED

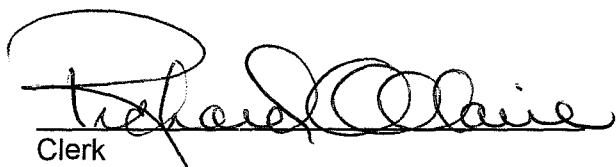
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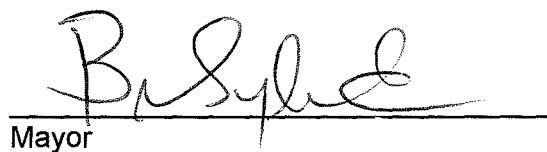
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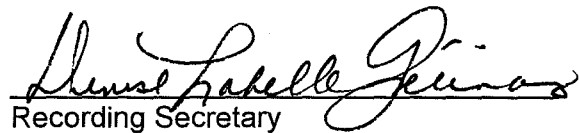
It was moved by Councillors Brian Lynch and André Rivette that Cornwall City Council hold a public meeting early in 1998 prior to the City budget deliberations to ascertain from Cornwall residents the services and levels of services they expect, the levels of taxation and user fees they can accept, their priorities for capital projects, and their recommendations for cost savings and revenue generating activities, etc.

MOTION CARRIED

The meeting adjourned at 9:20 p.m.

  
Clerk

  
Mayor

  
Recording Secretary