

CITY COUNCIL #03-98

January 26, 1998
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 Corey 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, Sherman Goodwin, Hugh O'Reilly, Toni Repa, Kenneth Gauthier, Roger Desjardins, Ken Bedford, and Denise Labelle-Gelinas, Recording Secretary.

INVOCATION

Reverend Gordon Finlay

ADDITIONS/DELETIONS

1. Consent Item "H", United Way; and
2. Communication Item #1, Emergency Funding.

DISCLOSURE OF INTEREST

Nil

PRESENTATIONS

#1. Long Service Presentations

Mr. Graham Dart, Manager of Human Resources introduced to Council the process that would be used in order to recognize Municipal employees who have given the corporation continuous long service.

He called upon the Fire Chief, Mr. Hugh O'Reilly, who in turn provided Council with a brief history on two recipients who are being recognized this evening; Mr. Richard Allaire, Chief Administrator / Clerk and Captain Bob Tourangeau, who have been employees of the Corporation for 30 years.

Mayor Sylvester presented both employees with a long service pin and certificate marking the occasion.

ADOPTION OF MINUTES

It was moved by Councillors Brian Lynch and Korey Kennedy that the Committee of Council minutes of December 8, 1997 be approved as presented.

MOTION CARRIED

It was moved by Councillors Naresh Bhargava and Perry Lalonde that the City Council minutes of December 8, 1997 be approved as amended.

MOTION CARRIED

It was moved by Aldermen André Rivette and Brian Lynch that the Special Committee of Council minutes of December 15, 1997 be approved as presented.

MOTION CARRIED

It was moved by Aldermen Denis Carr and Korey Kennedy that the Special Council minutes of December 15, 1997 be approved as presented.

MOTION CARRIED

It was moved by Aldermen André Rivette and Naresh Bhargava that the Special Committee of Council minutes of January 15, 1998 be approved as presented.

MOTION CARRIED

It was moved by Aldermen Claude Poirier and Chris Savard that the Special City Council minutes of January 15, 1998 be approved as presented.

MOTION CARRIED

It was moved by Aldermen Sheila Airey and Perry Lalonde that the Special Committee of Council minutes of January 20, 1998 be approved as presented.

MOTION CARRIED

It was moved by Aldermen Korey Kennedy and Brian Lynch that the City Council minutes of January 20, 1998 be approved as presented.

MOTION CARRIED

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

It was moved by Councillors Denis Carr and André Rivette 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 001-1998 to 006-1998 inclusive, be given first reading.

MOTION CARRIED

BY-LAWS - First Reading

001-1998 A by-law to authorize the Mayor and Clerk to sign a Service Contract with the Ministry of Community and Social Services on behalf of the Municipality.

- 002-1998 A by-law to authorize the borrowing of up to \$38,500,000.00.
- 003-1998 A by-law to repeal by-law 063-1997, a by-law to amend by-law 141-1993, being a by-law to approve Cornfest Festivities by the Downtown Business Improvement Area.
- 004-1998 A by-law to enter into a one year lease agreement with Huron Hockey School for the rental of office space on the third floor of the Civic Complex.
- 005-1998 A by-law to authorize the Mayor and Clerk to sign a Memorandum of Understanding with Canada-Ontario Business Service Centre.
- 006-1998 A by-law to amend by-law 146-1997 appointing members of Council to Boards, Committees, and Commissions for this term of Council; December 1997 to November 2000. (Board of Health - Councillor Claude Poirier replacing Councillor Denis Carr).

DELEGATIONS

RESOLUTIONS

CONSENT AGENDA

It was moved by Councillors Brian Lynch and Sheila Airey that the Consent Agenda be approved as presented.

MOTION CARRIED

A. CRIME STOPPERS

That Council declare the month of January 1998 as Crime Stoppers Month in the City of Cornwall.

B. FEDERATION OF CANADIAN MUNICIPALITIES

That Council approve the membership fees to the Federation of Canadian Municipalities in the amount of \$4,550.69 for the period April 1, 1998 to March 31, 1999 based on a total population of 47,403 (1997 fee was \$4,525.15).

C. ASSOCIATION OF MUNICIPALITIES OF ONTARIO

That Council approve the membership fees to the Association of Municipalities of Ontario in the amount of \$7,609.69 for the period of January 1, 1998 to December 31, 1998 (1997 fee was \$6,987.90).

D. TOWNSHIP OF COLBORNE

That Council receive the resolution from the Township of Colborne requesting the endorsement of a resolution pertaining to the contamination of ground water caused by E-Coli bacteria.

E. GLEN THEATRE PRODUCTIONS SOCIETY INC.

That Council declare the week of February 9th to the 14th, 1998 as "Theatre Week" in the City of Cornwall.

F. THE KIDNEY FOUNDATION OF CANADA

That Council declare the month of March 1998 as Kidney Month in the City of Cornwall, and that Council approve the request to conduct a door-to-door campaign in the City of Cornwall during March 1998.

G. THE HEART AND STROKE FOUNDATION OF ONTARIO

That Council approve the conduct of the Cornwall and District Chapter of the Heart and Stroke Foundation's annual campaign for fund raising in the month of February, 1998.

H. UNITED WAY

That Council approve the request from the United Way to use the boat launch area in Lamoureux Park for the Second Annual Polar Bear Dip on Saturday, February 14, 1998.

COMMUNICATION

1. EMERGENCY RELIEF FUNDING

It was moved by Councillors Claude Poirier and Naresh Bhargava that the City of Cornwall communicate to the citizens of Cornwall that of the \$750,000.00 granted to the Municipality to assist local citizens for emergency purposes, \$625,000.00 has been distributed to date.

The remaining amount of \$125,000.00 has been set aside to assist those who are disabled or shut-in.

We ask that those citizens who are still in need to apply to the Emergency Disaster Relief Committee.

MOTION CARRIED

2. **RESIDENCY REQUIREMENT - HIRING PRACTICE**

It was moved by Councillors Brian Lynch and Chris Savard that the Corporation of the City of Cornwall continue the practice of hiring the best qualified and suited individual when hiring from outside of the Municipality.

It was moved by Councillors Denis Carr and Perry Lalonde that this report be tabled until additional clarification on City residency could be provided for review.

MOTION TO TABLE CARRIED

3. **TENDER EXEMPTION - FIRE DEPARTMENT'S COMMUNICATIONS**

It was moved by Councillors André Rivette and Chris Savard that Council authorize the Fire Chief to negotiate a fire-year agreement with Canpage Communications to provide communications services for the Cornwall Fire Department.

MOTION CARRIED

4. **DESIGN & CONSTRUCTION SUPERVISION OF THE RENOVATION WORK AT THE JUSTICE BUILDING**

It was moved by Councillors Naresh Bhargava and Korey Kennedy that Council approve the services of The Thompson Rosemount Group for the design and construction supervision of the renovation work at the Justice Building, at an upset limit cost of \$80,954.00 plus G.S.T.

It was then moved by Councillors Claude Poirier and Sheila Airey that this matter be postponed until the next regular meeting of Council.

MOTION TO POSTPONE CARRIED

5. **TENDER 97-T60** - Supply of polyelectrolytes

It was moved by Councillors Brian Lynch and Sheila Airey that this tender be awarded to Allied Colloids (Canada) Inc., Brampton, Ontario at the total bid price of \$100,740.50 being the only bid meeting the tender specifications.

MOTION CARRIED

6. **TENDER 97-T61** - Supply of electrical services

It was moved by Councillors Denis Carr and Claude Poirier that this tender be awarded to Bergeron Electric Limited, Cornwall, Ontario at the hourly rate of \$27.00 for Item #1; \$9.20 for Year 1 Apprentice, \$11.50 for Year 2, \$13.80 for Year 3, \$16.10 for Year 4, \$18.40 for Year 5 and 15% markup on any/all material used on job meeting the tender specifications.

MOTION CARRIED

7. **TENDER 97-T64** - Supply of Liquid Chlorine & Sodium Hypochlorite

It was moved by Councillors Denis Carr and Sheila Airey that this tender be awarded as follows: Item 1 to Stanchem Inc., Lachine, Quebec at the total bid price of \$59,989.51, and Item 2 to Swish, Kingston, Ontario at a total bid price of \$1,526.60 meeting the tender specifications.

MOTION CARRIED

8. **WOOD HOUSE MUSEUM**

It was moved by Councillors Brian Lynch and André Rivette that Council conditionally support a move of the Wood House Museum and its subsequent expansion, as set out in items #1 and #2 of Section "E" of the report from the Senior Planner under date of January 5, 1998. (Item #1: That City Council conditionally commit up to \$500,000.00 to the Wood House Museum move and expansion based on all other required monies being raised by a public Fund Raising Committee and other levels of government. The monies could be set aside as part of the five-year Capital Plan. Item #2: A Community Museum Steering Committee (C.M.S.C.) be formed including one Councillor as a member. Members of the original Wood House Museum Relocation Feasibility Committee could form the rest of the new Committee.)

MOTION CARRIED

9. **PLANNING AND PERMITS STAFFING CHANGES**

It was moved by Councillors Claude Poirier and Denis Carr that Mary Joyce-Smith be posted to the Planning position vacated by Mark Boileau, and her previous position of Zoning and Site Plan Coordinator be filled in the normal fashion.

MOTION CARRIED

10. **GLENGARRY BOULEVARD - TRAFFIC CONCERNS**

It was moved by Councillors Brian Lynch and Sheila Airey that increased regular and systematic Police enforcement of speed limits in the Lochiel, Glengarry and Holy Cross neighborhoods and throughout the City be recommended to the Police Services Board by Council.

MOTION CARRIED

11. **COMMERCIAL TAX PHASE-IN PROGRAM**

It was moved by Councillors Sheila Airey and Korey Kennedy that the existing phase-in practice not apply to commercial properties for the interim tax bills and that Administration provide Council with a report on phase-in based on the new values prior to the final billing for 1998.

It was moved by Councillors Naresh Bhargava and Chris Savard that this report be tabled until the next regular Council meeting and that the Business Community be contacted in writing in order to provide feedback opportunity for Council's review.

MOTION TO TABLE CARRIED

12. **CANADA-ONTARIO BUSINESS SERVICE CENTRE (COBSC)**

It was moved by Councillors Brian Lynch and Korey Kennedy that Council authorize the Mayor and Clerk to sign a MOU between the City of Cornwall and Industry Canada respecting a regional Canada-Ontario Business Service Centre site in Cornwall.

MOTION CARRIED

13. **INVESTMENT POLICY**

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

MOTION CARRIED

It was then moved by Councillors Naresh Bhargava and Claude Poirier that two people be required to sign the authorization of investment.

MOTION CARRIED

14. **EMPLOYEE INSURANCE NEEDS**

It was moved by Councillors Brian Lynch and Sheila Airey that Council authorize retaining Mosey & Mosey for a 3-year period as benefit consultants to provide the services outlined in their response to RFP 97-R11 and other such services as needed and negotiated.

MOTION CARRIED

15. **DIAL A BUS**

It was moved by Councillors Sheila Airey and Claude Poirier that City Council reinstate previous fixed route service on Saturdays, from first service in the morning until 6:00 p.m. and continue Dial-a-Bus operations from 6:00 p.m. onwards; and that Dial-a-Bus service be maintained Monday to Friday from 6:00 p.m. onwards; and that the Transit Department provide City Council with an assessment of Dial-a-bus after one year of operation.

MOTION DEFEATED

ADOPTION OF THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

BY-LAWS - Second Reading

It was moved by Councillors Naresh Bhargava and Sheila Airey that the Committee of the Whole be adopted as reported and that by-laws 001-1998 to 006-1998 inclusive, be given second reading.

MOTION CARRIED

BY-LAWS - Third Reading

It was moved by Councillors Claude Poirier and Denis Carr that by-laws 001-1998 to 006-1998 inclusive, be taken as read a third time and finally passed.

MOTION CARRIED

REPORTS FROM AD HOC COMMITTEES OF COUNCIL

It was proposed by Councillors Denis Carr and Naresh Bhargava that Mayor Brian Sylvester and Councillor Claude Poirier be designated as Council's two voting delegates and attend the A.M.O. Conference this upcoming February 6, 1998.

MOTION CARRIED

NOTICES OF MOTION

RESIDENCY / Hiring Practices

It was proposed by Councillors Denis Carr and Perry Lalonde that:

City residents have in past practice been awarded the position when individuals of equal ability have applied for a position of employment. This past practice should now be included in the City's hiring policy.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS

#1. DISASTER FUNDING RELIEF

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

WHEREAS the provincial government has no requirement for local matching funding for the \$50 million first stage of financial assistance to individuals, farmers, and businesses affected by the recent ice storm; and

WHEREAS the provincial government for future financial assistance requires some matching funding from local fundraising by the local disaster relief committee; and

WHEREAS the magnitude of the disaster and the poor economic situation in our community will make it very difficult for the local disaster relief committee to raise sufficient funds in this disaster area to meet the community's needs.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Cornwall City Council request the provincial government to remove the requirement for local matching funding for future disaster relief in eastern Ontario.

MOTION CARRIED

#2. COMPUTERS - YEAR 2000

It was moved by Councillors Naresh Bhargava and Brian Lynch that Administration provide a report at the earliest, if the City's Computer System, including Police and other services funded by the City, will be affected by what is generally known as Y2K problems and, if so, how they propose to handle it.

MOTION CARRIED

#3. ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT

It was moved by Councillors Dean Hollingsworth and André Rivette that:

WHEREAS as Council is always looking for ways to enhance the performance of the Economic Development Department; and

WHEREAS more people in the Economic Development can only improve that Department's success.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Administration report on the possibility of hiring more people in the Economic Development Department to be remunerated on a commission only basis.

MOTION CARRIED

#4. CORNWALL CIVIC COMPLEX

It was moved by Councillors Dean Hollingsworth and Chris Savard that:

WHEREAS City Council is determined to provide the best service for the lowest price; and

WHEREAS the Cornwall Civic Complex has cost the municipality hundreds of thousands of dollars annually.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Administration review the best use of the Civic Complex including the possible sale or lease of the Complex and report back to Council.

MOTION DEFEATED

#5. TRAFFIC ACCESS BARRIERS

It was moved by Councillors Denis Carr and Sheila Airey that:

WHEREAS as City work crews and other utility work crews are often required to place barriers limiting traffic access to a particular street or roadway; and

WHEREAS, even though the barriers are placed for the protection of all, motorists often ignore them thereby placing themselves and the crews in danger.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Administration investigate and report to Council how this situation can be improved.

MOTION CARRIED

#6. PROVINCIAL DOWNLOADING

It was moved by Councillors Brian Lynch and André Rivette that:

WHEREAS the provincial government's downloading announcement of December 12, 1997 expecting our municipality to cut its operating budget by 1.7% is not revenue neutral as promised by the provincial government; and

WHEREAS the provincial government is downloading social housing and social assistance onto the municipalities, programs which redistribute income and which should be funded by the province from the progressive income tax.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Cornwall City Council inform the Premier of Ontario of its objection to a downloading exercise that is not revenue neutral and that dumps income redistribution programs onto municipal property taxes which are regressive and too narrow to support them.

MOTION CARRIED

#7. BUDGET CONTROLS

It was moved by Councillors Denis Carr and Sheila Airey that:

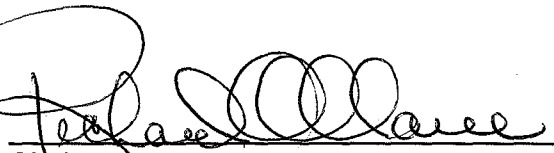
GIVEN that Council and Administration have not yet set dates for the 1998 budget deliberations; and


GIVEN that we are now almost four weeks into the new year.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Administration relate to Council how departments will be budgeted and what controls are in place.

MOTION CARRIED

The meeting adjourned at 11:00 p.m.


Clerk


Mayor


Recording Secretary