

REGULAR CITY COUNCIL #18-98

Monday June 22, 1998
Meeting began at 7:30 p.m.

101/98

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

ADMINISTRATION: Richard Allaire, Chief Administrative Officer/City Clerk, David Fielding, Assistant Chief Administrative Officer/Manager, Engineering & Environment Services, Paul Fitzpatrick, Frank McDonald, Graham Dart, Fernand Hamelin, Stephen Alexander, Hilda Seguin, Hugh O'Reilly and Sherman Goodwin.

INVOCATION

Reverend Brad Montsion - Fountaingate Christian Assembly.

ADDITIONS/DELETIONS

1. Staff Replacement - Clerk 1-Billing & Collection (Finance Department)

It was moved by Councillors Denis Carr and seconded by Sheila Airey that this item be placed as Item #11, Communication.

DISCLOSURE OF INTEREST - Nil

PRESENTATIONS

1. Ontario Winter Games Legacy Awards - Jill Proctor

Mrs. Jill Proctor, Chair of the Ontario Winter Games Legacy Award, was present this evening to honour a male and a female student in Cornwall, in the County of Stormont, Dundas and Glengarry who are pursuing post secondary studies and who have demonstrated athletic achievements; leadership; community involvement; and academic achievement with a minimum of 70% average.

Seventeen candidates were nominated for 1998 and the two successful candidates were Sarah Mano of St. Lawrence High School and Pierre Tranchemontgne of St. Lawrence High School. Mayor Brian Sylvester presented these two students with a commemorative plaque. These two students have also earned a \$1,000.00 bursary.

2. Project 2000

Mr. Henrik Saltink, Chair of Project 2000 and Ian Bowering, Woodhouse Museum were introduced by Mr. Chuck Charlebois, Chair of the Waterfront Committee.

Mr. Saltink indicated that the construction of a new aquatic facility by the Year 2000 was on schedule. He was pleased to announce that both the Project 2000 and Woodhouse Museum Relocation Projects were combining their efforts to raise funds to assist them. He was hoping to raise \$500,000 over two (2) years in corporate sponsors.

Mr. Bowering indicated that the Woodhouse Museum may be relocated to Lamoureux Park this fall. Domtar has donated the money and with millennium grants and the historical fundraising and possible sale of historical assets, the project will be fully funded.

Mayor Sylvester and Councillors thanked Mr. Charlebois and the two groups for their tremendous efforts towards these projects and are looking forward to the completion of them.

3. Cornwall Electric - 1998 Power Rate Increase

Mr. Ron Bergeron, President, Tim Bertrand and Robert Winn presented to Council a report which highlights a large reduction in power consumption with the result that the estimated income in 1997 being \$2 million, the actual income was \$1 million. Mr. Bergeron indicated that the company must raise revenues in order to remain solvent while still meeting the extra \$2.3 million obligation that must be paid to Cedar Rapids Transmission in 1998 and a further \$1.7 million in 1999. The Board of Directors is requesting a 5.22% increase effective July 1, 1998 followed by an expected increase of 3% on July 1, 1999.

Following discussions and questions from members of Council, it was moved by Councillors Claude Poirier and Sheila Airey that a rate increase of 5.22% effective July 1, 1998 be approved.

Motion Carried

It was then moved by Councillors Sheila Airey and Perry Lalonde that By-law 065-1998, a By-law to vary the rates with Cornwall Street Railway Light and Power Company Ltd. be given first reading.

Motion Carried

ADOPTION OF MINUTES

It was moved by Councillors Claude Poirier and seconded by Denis Carr that Council approve the Regular City Council Meeting #17-98 of June 8, 1998 as presented.

Motion Carried

It was moved by Councillors André Rivette and seconded by Sheila Airey that Council approve the Committee of Council Meeting #22-98 of June 8, 1998 as presented.

Motion Carried

It was moved by Councillors Perry Lalonde and seconded by Korey Kennedy that Council approve the Special Committee of Council - Budget Meeting #23-98 of June 15, 1998 as presented.

Motion Carried

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

It was moved by Councillors Denis Carr and seconded by André Rivette 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 063-1998 to 065-1998 be given first reading.

Motion Carried

BY-LAWS - First Reading

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| 063-1998 | A By-law authorizing the signing of a Subdivision Agreement between the City of Cornwall and Noyar Developments Inc., on Part of Lot 4, Concession 2, City of Cornwall. |
| 064-1998 | A By-law to appoint David J. Paterson as Municipal Law Enforcement Officer. |
| 065-1998 | A By-law to vary the rates with Cornwall Street Railway Light and Power Company Ltd. |

DELEGATIONS

1. Storm Sewer Project - Eamers Corners

Messrs. Leo Courville and Bill Boyer represented the Eamer's Corners Storm Sewer Association.

Mr. Courville indicated that this group is in favour of this project proceeding. His group's concern is the financial burden that will fall on the residents of this area. He indicated that city staff have advised that each resident will incur a cost of \$1,200.00 to \$2,400.00 for lateral connections. Mr. Courville raised a series of questions that he would like the Engineering Department to answer. He further asked that before Council approves any approach toward financing this project, it examines the sources and relative contribution of those sources to the problem.

Mr. Boyer advanced that if this project is approved as presented by the Engineering Department, a 100% increase in their taxes will be imposed in the year the sewer connection is made. However, if the City absorbs the total cost of connections, it will represent a tax increase of approximately \$4.50 per average homeowner. He asked that Council not impose a financial burden to the residents of Eamers's Corners until all matters have been addressed.

Following the presentation and questions being asked by members of Council, it was moved by Councillors André Rivette and seconded by Brian Lynch that the delegation presentation be received with a report from the Engineering Department to follow.

Motion Carried

RESOLUTIONS

CONSENT AGENDA

It was moved by Councillors Korey Kennedy and seconded by Perry Lalonde that Council approve the Consent Agenda as presented.

Motion Carried

A. Recreation Advisory Committee

It was moved by Councillors Korey Kennedy and seconded by Perry Lalonde that Council approve the minutes of March 18, 1998 as presented.

Motion Carried

B. The Religious Hospitallers of St. Joseph Health Centre of Cornwall-Lifeline

It was moved by Councillors Korey Kennedy and seconded by Perry Lalonde that Council approve the request to conduct a raffle lottery for the Lifeline Program of the Hotel Dieu Hospital.

Motion Carried

COMMUNICATION

1. Tender 98-T23-Miscellaneous Trucking & Labour

It was moved by Councillors André Rivette and seconded by Brian Lynch that this tender be awarded to Malyon's Excavation Ltd. at the total bid price of \$13,241.25 being the second lowest bid meeting the tender specifications.

Motion Carried

2. Tender 98-T17-Weed Cutting Along Various City Right-of-Ways

It was moved by Councillors Korey Kennedy and seconded by Naresh Bhargava that this tender be awarded to K.D. Land Upgrading, Cornwall, Ontario at the total bid price of \$7,259.48 being the lowest bid meeting the tender specifications.

Motion Carried

3. Tender 98-T30-Supply of One (1) Aluminum Diesel Van

It was moved by Councillors Sheila Airey and seconded by Chris Savard that Plan #2 of this tender be awarded to Cornwall Freightliner, Cornwall, Ontario at the total bid price of \$113,850.00 being the only bid received meeting the tender specifications.

Motion Carried

4. Tender 98-T31-Four Wheel Drive, Hydrostatically Diesel Tractor

It was moved by Councillors André Rivette and seconded by Korey Kennedy that Plan #2 of this tender be awarded to Carriere & Poirier Equipment Ltd., Alfred, Ontario at the total bid price of \$26,162.50 being the lowest bid meeting the tender specifications.

Motion Carried

5. Tender 98-T34 - Single Axle Truck c/w Specified Attachments

It was moved by Councillors Sheila Airey and seconded by Claude Poirier that Item 2 of Plan 2 of this tender be awarded to Cornwall Truck Centre, Cornwall, Ontario at the total bid price of \$131,100.00 being the only bid received meeting the tender specifications.

Motion Carried

6. Tender 98-T35-Supply of Paint and Sundry Supplies

It was moved by Councillors Brian Lynch and seconded by Perry Lalonde that this tender be awarded to Glidden Paints, Cornwall, Ontario at a total bid price of \$7,774.84 including taxes being the lowest bid meeting the tender specifications.

Motion Carried

7. Tender 98-T36-Refurbishing of Buses

It was moved by Councillors Claude Poirier and seconded by Perry Lalonde that this tender be awarded to National Refurbishing Inc., Milton, Ontario at the total bid price of \$341,583.32 being the lowest bid meeting the tender specifications.

Motion Carried

8. Wastewater Treatment Plant - Purchase of Mixing Equipment

It was moved by Councillors Dean Hollingsworth and seconded by Naresh Bhargava that Council support the report from the Assistant Manager, Engineering & Environmental Services date of June 16, 1998 and;

1. That Council approve a trial program for the utilization of a mixing device to be provided by INDACHEM for a thirty (30) day period.
2. That Council approve the purchase of the mixing unit at a purchase price of \$25,190.00 (excluding taxes) if the trial is successful in reducing the chemical usage for phosphorous removal by a minimum of 10%.

Motion Carried

9. Telecommunications - "Smart Community"

It was moved by Councillors Claude Poirier and seconded by Denis Carr that Council approve the report from Mayor Brian Sylvester under the date of June 16, 1998 and;

1. That Council approve the development of a Smart Community initiative and that the Mayor's office and Administration identify the most effective manner in which to address this issue.
2. The 1998 current budget be increased by \$20,000.00 to undertake this project.

Motion Carried

10. KPMG Study - "The Competitive Alternative"

It was moved by Councillors Denis Carr and seconded by Claude Poirier that Council receive the report from the Manager, Economic Development under the date of June 16, 1998.

Motion Carried

11. Staff Replacement-Clerk 1-Billing & Collection (Finance Department)

It was moved by Councillors Claude Poirier and seconded by André Rivette that Council approve the report by the Manager of Finance dated June 22nd, 1998 for the replacement of Clerk 1 - Billing Collections.

Motion Carried

ADOPTION OF THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

BY-LAWS - Second Reading

It was moved by Councillors Naresh Bhargava and seconded by Brian Lynch that the Committee of the Whole be adopted as reported and that by-laws 063-1998 be given second reading.

Motion Carried

BY-LAWS - Third Reading

It was moved by Councillors André Rivette and seconded by Perry Lalonde that by-laws 018-1998 and by-laws 063-1998 to 064-1998 inclusive be given third reading.

Motion Carried

REPORTS FROM AD HOC COMMITTEES OF COUNCIL

1. Mega Week Committee

Councillor Claude Poirier reported that the Task Force dealing with Fair Assessment Act is continuing its meetings with interested groups and will be presenting a final report at the July 13th, 1998 Council meeting.

The Joint Liaison will be meeting later this week with the United Counties Joint Liaison Committee to try and finalize a Consolidated Municipal Service Management Agreement.

NOTICES OF MOTION

WHEREAS Dial-a-Bus on Saturday's has resulted in a substantial decline in ridership and revenue on Saturday's; and

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the City introduce fixed route service on Saturday's with one hour service frequency from 7:00 a.m. until 6:00 p.m. and continue Dial-a-Bus service from 6:00 p.m. until 11:45 p.m. - (Councillor Brian Lynch).

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS

1. Spending by Department - Financial Commitments

It was moved by Councillors Denis Carr and Chris Savard that:

BE IT RESOLVED that Administration prepare a report detailing spending by department and financial commitments made by department year-to-date.

Motion Carried

2. Shut-off of Water Supply-Ringing of a Bell

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

WHEREAS the City Public Works Department alerts residents to a shut-off of water supply by ringing a bell; and

WHEREAS residents have complained that in summer months with windows and doors closed they don't hear the bell.

BE IT RESOLVED that a better system of informing the public be developed.

Motion Carried

3. Dogs Prohibited in Lamoureux Park

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

BE IT RESOLVED that Administration provide Council with a report on the feasibility of altering the Dog By-law which prohibits dogs to enter Lamoureux Park.

Motion Carried

4. MFOA Model Request for Extension of Tax Class Setting Deadlines

It was moved by Councillors Claude Poirier and Denis Carr that:

BE IT RESOLVED that the Municipality of the City of Cornwall requests a Minister's order pursuant to Clause 2 (3.2) (a) of the Assessment Act for an extension of the deadline for adopting tax classes. Consistent with Subsection 2 (3.3) (a) 2 of the Act the total duration requested for the extension order is 30 days.


Motion Carried

5. Mega Week Committee


It was moved by Councillors Claude Poirier and Brian Lynch that Councillor André Rivette be appointed to the Mega Week Committee.

Motion Carried

ADJOURNED: 10:20 p.m.


Clerk


Mayor


Recording Secretary