

REGULAR COUNCIL #24-98

Monday September 14, 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 Sheila Airey, Denis Carr, Perry Lalonde, Chris Savard, Korey Kennedy, Claude Poirier, André Rivette, Dean Hollingsworth, Brian Lynch, and Naresh Bhargava.

ADMINISTRATION: Richard Allaire, Chief Administrator/Clerk, David Fielding, Assistant Chief Administrative Officer/Manager, Engineering & Environment Services, Frank McDonald, Graham Dart, Fernand Hamelin, Stephen Alexander, Linda Giesel, David McDonald, and Denise Labelle-Gélinas, Recording Secretary.

INVOCATION ~ Reverend Monseigneur Rejean Lebrun - Nativity Co-Cathedral

ADDITIONS/DELETIONS

It was moved by Councillors Brian Lynch and André Rivette that By-law 091-1998 be included on this evenings Agenda.

Motion Carried

DISCLOSURE OF INTEREST - Nil

PRESENTATIONS

1. **Heritage Community Recognition Award to Mr. Jack Haines**

Mr. Denis Carter-Edwards was called upon to introduce and formally recognize Mr. Jack Haines, on behalf of the Ontario Heritage Foundation for his selections and achievement in having been successful in refurbishing and keeping the Heritage of Cornwall's former Courtaulds Head Office on Montreal Road. The Heritage Community Recognition Program focuses on individual efforts and provides a provincial showcase to encourage others to preserve, protect and promote Ontario's rich and varied heritage.

Mayor Sylvester continued to present Mr. Haines with a recognition achievement certificate and a lapel pin in appreciation of his heritage conservation achievement.

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ADOPTION OF MINUTES

It was moved by Councillors Korey Kennedy and seconded by André Rivette that Council approve the Regular City Council Meeting #21-98 of August 10, 1998 as presented.

Motion Carried

It was moved by Councillors Naresh Bhargava and seconded by Brian Lynch that Council approve the Special Regular Meeting #22-98 of August 31, 1998 as presented.

Motion Carried

It was moved by Councillors André Rivette and seconded by Perry Lalonde that Council approve the Special Committee of Council Meeting #28-98 of August 31, 1998 as presented.

Motion Carried

It was moved by Councillors Brian Lynch and seconded by Sheila Airey that Council approve the Special Regular Meeting #23-98 of September 8, 1998 as presented.

Motion Carried

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

It was moved by Councillors Naresh Bhargava and seconded by Sheila Airey 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 084-1998 to 091-1998 be given first reading.

Motion Carried

BY-LAWS - First Reading

- 084-1998 A By-law to amending By-law 145-1994 known as a by-law regulating Tag Days within the City of Cornwall.
- 085-1998 A By-law to amend By-law 102-1979 respecting park lands and that this By-law be known as "**Dogs in Parks**"
- 086-1998 A By-law to repeal and replace By-law 110-1983 to establish fees for the processing of applications made in respect of planning matters.
- 087-1998 A By-law to authorize the acquisition of Part 1 of Plan of Survey 52R-5665 - Demontigny and Vincent Massey Drive.
- 088-1998 A By-law authorizing the sale of land known as Part of the East 1/23 of Lot B, Part of Lot C and Part of the West 1/2 of Lot D, Concession D - to Metrus Properties Limited.
- 089-1998 A By-law to amend the Signs By-law 057-1998 (signs in parks).
- 090-1998 A By-law to name and dedicate land as a public highway under the Public Transportation and Highway Improvement Act, and naming it Demontigny Street.
- 091-1998 A By-law to authorize the sale of land municipally known as 3000 Marleau Ave.

DELEGATIONS

#1. Mr. Kevin Murray - Dogs in the Park

Mr. Murray reported his research results on other municipalities that allowed dogs in the parks and the communication campaign done by the municipalities in an effort to have the public comply with a Scoop and Poop By-law.

In conclusion to his delegation, Mr. Murray requested that Council not pass By-law 085-1998 nor approve the report's recommendation until such time where he has completed his research.

Following questions from Council members it was moved by Corey Kennedy and André Rivette that the delegation be received.

Motion Carried

#2. Mr. Guy Willis - Community Coalition on Taxation

Mr. Willis, representing the Coalition Committee spoke before Council this evening in an attempt to encourage Council to reduce the overall tax increase by 8% in 1998 and a following 8% for upcoming years.

Mr. Willis continued to re-iterate what he believed to have led our municipality into the tax crisis we are now faced with and described the situation as diminishing resources while tax bite is increasing, and ratepayers being choked to death. He indicated that residents, businesses and industries are bleeding and that property tax is being referred to as the silent killer.

The Community Coalition on Taxation believes that Cornwall, as a community, is going to face economic chaos where people will lose their homes, and businesses will no longer be able to survive. The Coalition Community asked Council to immediately identify and implement the best combination of those short term actions plans that would generate the greatest taxation relief, and long term action plans that would develop new business plan to be prepared by professionals with the assistance of a task force.

In conclusion, Mr. Willis indicated that the Coalition Committee believed that competitive property tax rates would attract and retain industries, businesses and residents.

Following extensive debate by Council members, it was moved by Councillors Brian Lynch and Sheila Airey that this report be received.

Motion Carried

#3. Mr. Rick Saaltink - Project 2000

Mr. Saaltink, Chairman of Project 2000's Steering Committee stood before Council this evening and presented an executive summary detailing the selected and preferred site location.

Further studies to the Complex site commissioned the preparation of three concept design drawings. The committee within its review recommends the preferred site as the east side of the Complex. The selection of the site's primary reasons are that it promotes a 'one stop recreation service', distributes parking load throughout the various Complex parking lots, provides more activity in and around the Complex and builds on the original intention for the building as a community asset.

In conclusion to Mr. Saaltink's delegation and Council's questions, it was moved by Brian Lynch and Denis Carr that Council approve the location site attached to the east side of the Civic Complex.

Motion Carried

RESOLUTIONS

#013-1998 It was moved by Councillors André Rivette and Perry Lalonde that:

WHEREAS the Ontario Municipal Employee Retirement System (OMERS) provided for a contribution holiday for employees and employers for a one (1) year period;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Municipality of the City of Cornwall utilize the 1999 portion of the OMERS savings to provide an early retirement incentive to employees;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Administration bring back to Council a report for the first meeting of November of 1998 prior to 1999 outlining options available for such a plan for the continued funding of this plan.

It was then moved by Councillors Korey Kennedy and Chris Savard that Resolution 13-98 be deferred until budget deliberations.

Motion Carried

#014-1998 It was moved by Councillors Claude Poirier and Korey Kennedy that:

WHEREAS the Council of the Corporation of the City of Cornwall, by resolution of Council on the 31st of August, 1998 authorized the placement of \$33,339,146.26 with Scotia Capital which monies represent the present value of existing future debt payments of \$41,088,369; and

WHEREAS the placement of these monies requires that the Corporation open a bank account with the Bank of Nova Scotia;

NOW THEREFORE the Council of the Corporation of the City of Cornwall authorize the Manager of Finance to open a bank account in the Corporation's name at the Bank of Nova Scotia to receive the interest at principal payment on the debt repayment.

Motion Carried

CONSENT AGENDA

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

Motion Carried

A. **Optimist Club of Cornwall**

That Council approve the request to host the Valley Shows Midway from September 30th to October 4th inclusive in the East Parking Lot of the Eastcourt Mall on Second Street East.

B. **The Masonic Association of Eastern District**

That Council approve the request to declare the week of October 25th to November 1st as Masonic Awareness Week.

C. **Cancer Support Network**

That Council approve the request to declare the week of September 21st to September 27th inclusive as Prostate Cancer Awareness Week.

D. **S.D. & G. Resource Centre for Injured Workers**

That Council approve the request to hold a Tag Day on the last Saturday of May on an annual basis, and approve the final reading of By-law 084-1998.

E. **Veterans Affairs of Canada**

That Council recognize the week of November 5th to November 11th inclusive as Veterans' Week.

F. **Canadian Public Health Association**

That Council approve the request in declaring the week of October 25th to November 1st, 1998 as a National Immunization Week within our community.

G. **Traffic Light Petition**

That Council refer this item to the Traffic Engineer for future report.

H. **Community Parks Week**

That Council declare the week of October 1st to October 7th inclusive as Community Parks Week 1998.

I. **Cornwall Seventh Day Adventist Church**

That Council approve the request to solicit funds from the Citizens of Cornwall from September 15th to October 15th inclusive for the Adventist Disaster and Relief Agency.

COMMUNICATION

1. **Community Coalition on Taxation**

It was moved by Councillors Claude Poirier and Brian Lynch that Council receive the report from the Manager of Finance under date of September 11, 1998.

Motion Carried

It was moved by Councillors Claude Poirier and Brian Lynch

- that Administration prepare a report for the September 28th Council Meeting on methods available to appealing the municipalities significant assessment loses; and
- that the report entertain actions to bring assessment gains that are not presently on the assessment rolls.

Motion Carried

It was moved by Councillors André Rivette and Sheila Airey

- that there be a freeze on hiring any full time positions budgeted for in 1998 unless Council decide if the position is needed; and
- that all non-contracted capital projects remaining in 1998 be frozen until after the meeting of September 28th.

Motion Carried

2. **Justice Building Renovation Project**

Council did not review this matter.

3. **Notice of Water Supply Shut-off**

It was moved by Councillors Denis Carr and Perry Lalonde that Council approve the report from Manager of Public Works.

Motion Carried

4. **Curling Club Presentation**

It was moved by Councillors Claude Poirier and Denis Carr that Council receive the report from the Manager of Planning and Recreation Services under date of September 8, 1998.

Motion Carried

5. **Dogs in Parks**

It was moved by Councillors Denis Carr and Perry Lalonde that this report be postponed until Mr. Murray has provided the Clerk's office with the results of his full survey.

Motion Carried

6. **Tender 98-T46 ~ Purchase of Computer Equipment - Glen Stor Dun Lodge**

It was moved by Councillors Perry Lalonde and Denis Carr that this tender be awarded to Info Avenue Inc., Alexandria, Ontario at the total bid price of \$8,662.95 being the lowest bid meeting the tender specifications.

Motion Carried

7. **Tender 98-T47 ~ Supply of 10 Electric Beds & Mattresses - Glen Stor Dun Lodge**

It was moved by Councillors Denis Carr and Perry Lalonde that this tender be awarded to Futuremed, Concord, Ontario at the total bid price of \$15,480.00 which includes the higher quality mattresses.

Motion Carried

8. **Recognition of Retiring Employees**

It was moved by Councillors Denis Carr and Corey Kennedy that Council receive the report from the Manager, Human Resources under date of September 2, 1998.

Motion Carried

ADOPTION OF THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

BY-LAW - Second Reading

It was moved by Councillors Brian Lynch and seconded by Perry Lalonde that the Committee of the Whole be adopted as reported and that By-laws 084-1998 to 091-1998 be given second reading.

Motion Carried

BY-LAWS - Third Reading

It was moved by Councillors Korey Kennedy and seconded by Chris Savard that By-law 084-1998, 086-1998 to 091-1998 be given third reading.

Motion Carried

REPORTS FROM AD HOC COMMITTEES OF COUNCIL

NOTICES OF MOTION

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS

1. Infrastructure around Cornwall General

It was moved by Councillors André Rivette and seconded by Claude Poirier that:

WHEREAS Cornwall General Hospital will be delivering all acute care, mental health and short-term local rehab and sub-acute care; and

WHEREAS the amount of hospital visits should dramatically increase;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that Administration conduct an impact study for the area surrounding the hospital that would determine if there will be need to upgrade our infrastructure in that area and the cost to the City.

Motion Defeated

2. Council Rep on Emergency Preparedness Committee

It was moved by Councillors Korey Kennedy and seconded by Claude Poirier that:

WHEREAS the City's Emergency Preparedness Committee has a member of Council sitting on it; and

WHEREAS during the recent Ice Storm that committee member was not invited to sit in during the Emergency Meeting dealing with the crisis; and


WHEREAS the Councillors were not able to be informed on what was transpiring, and what was going to be transpiring during that emergency; and

WHEREAS Cornwall's Municipal Council have a duty to answer and bring the concerns of his electorate and aid them during a time of an emergency;


NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that from this date forward the Councillor appointed by the Mayor to sit on the City's Emergency Preparedness Committee be appointed to take part in the City's Official Emergency Plan to report to the Board his/her fellow colleagues questions and concerns. As the Councillor appointed can be the relayer of the information and decisions made to and from his colleagues and board report back to the electorate in order to ease there concerns.

Motion Defeated

Adjourned 10:40 p.m.


Clerk


Mayor


Recording Secretary