



REGULAR COUNCIL #01

Monday, January 8, 2001
Meeting began at 7:30 p.m.

PRESENT: A Regular Council meeting was held this evening with the following members present: Mayor Brian Sylvester, Councillors Denis Carr, Susan Carter, André Rivette, Dean Hollingsworth, Syd Gardiner, Don Deebank, Claude Poirier, Korey Kennedy and Naresh Bhargava.

ABSENT: Councillor Perry Lalonde

ADMINISTRATION: Cecil Vincent, Chief Administrative Officer, Denise Labelle-Gelinas, Deputy City Clerk and the following Management Personnel: David Fielding, Graham Dart, Fernand Hamelin, Stephen Alexander, Dave Dick, Christine Lefebvre.

INVOCATION ~ James Megill Chaplain of the Legion and Air Force Wing

ADDITIONS / DELETIONS / CORRECTIONS Nil

Bylaw 016-2001 A Bylaw to appoint an Acting City Clerk pro-tempore for the City of Cornwall.

DISCLOSURE OF INTEREST Nil

PRESENTATIONS

#1 Staff Award - Gayle Sinfield, Aquatic Coordinator

Mrs. Christine Lefebvre and Mr. Stephen Alexander stood before City Council this evening to recognize and honour Gayle Sinfield, municipal employee and Aquatic Coordinator on recent award of the Bar to Service Medal presented by the governor's Investiture at Queen's Park on December 6, 2000 by the Honorable Hilary Weston, Lieutenant governor for the Province of Ontario.

Mrs. Sinfield has worked for the City for the last 20 years and is currently the municipal Aquatic Coordinator. In addition to the recent recognition, Mrs. Sinfield won the Water Smart Award in 1996 for her outstanding contribution to public education in this community.

In conclusion, Mayor Brian Sylvester on behalf of the Council presented Mrs. Sinfield with a certificate of recognition.

ADOPTION OF MINUTES

It was moved by Councillors Andre Rivette and Corey Kennedy that the Regular Council Meeting minutes #28-2000 dated , December 11, 2000 be approved as amended.

Motion Carried

It was moved by Councillors Naresh Bhargava and Syd Gardiner that the Committee of Council Meeting minutes #22-00 dated December 11, 2000 be approved as presented.

Motion Carried

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

It was moved by Councillors Naresh Bhargava and Susan Carter 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 001-2001 to 016-2001 inclusive be given first reading.

Motion Carried

BY-LAWS - First Reading

- 001-2001 A Bylaw to replace and repeal Bylaw 154-2000 a Bylaw to permit the Corporation of the City of Cornwall to register a Lien and to provide and subsequently administer municipal funds to the identified home owners under the Renaissance Housing Renovations Program.
- 002-2001 A Bylaw to authorize the borrowing of up to \$38,500,000.
- 003-2001 A bylaw directing and enacting the manner in which the 2001 interim levy authorized by Chapter 5, Section 370 and 371 of the Municipal Act, R.S.O. 1990, as amended by Sections 24 and 25 of Bill 140, 2000.
- 004-2001 A bylaw to declare certain real property surplus described as 2107 Second Street West.
- 005-2001 A Bylaw to enter into a Lease Extension at 111 Water Street East with Public Works and Government Services Canada.
- 006-2001 A Bylaw to adopt, ratify and confirm the proceedings of the Council of the Corporation of the City of Cornwall at its meeting held on the 4th day of December, 2000 and on the 11th day of December, 2000.

- 007-2001 A Bylaw to amend Bylaw 158-2000 which by-law is to appoint members of Council to Boards, Committees, and Commissions for this term of Council; December 2000 to December 2003.
- 008-2001 A Bylaw to authorize the execution of a tax arrears extension agreement pursuant to Section 8 of the Municipal Tax Sales Act, 1990, R.S.O. 1990, c.60.
- 009-2001 A Bylaw to repeal Bylaw 134-2000 and a Bylaw to re-enter into a lease agreement with St. John's Presbyterian Church for the property described as being part of Lot Number 15 on the north side of First Street in the City of Cornwall, in the County of Stormont.
- 010-2001 A Bylaw to enter into a Site Plan Agreement for property located at Part ½ lot 7 Concession 2, McConnell Avenue - Garage Villeneuve owner.
- 011-2001 A Bylaw to enter into a Site Plan Agreement for property located at 605 Education Road - Minimax Transportation.
- 012-2001 A Bylaw to enter into a Site Plan Agreement for property described as Part of Lot 4, Concession 1, City of Cornwall and more specifically Part 1 on Plan 52R-6004, subject to easement described as Part 2 on Reference Plan 52R-4415 - (The TDL Group Ltd.)
- 013-2001 A Bylaw to enter into a Site Plan Agreement for property described as Part of the West Half of Lot c, Part of the East half of Lot C and Part of Lot D, concession 1, designated as Parts 1, 2 and 3 on Plan 52R-5584. (Owner Johns Manville Canada.Inc)
- 014-2001 A Bylaw to enter into a Site Plan Agreement for property described AS Part Block "A" Plan 258, Concession 2 - Owner McDonald's Restaurants of Canada Limited.
- 015-2001 A Bylaw to enter into a Site Plan Agreement for property described as Concession 2, Part of Lot 8, City of Cornwall more particularly known as 355 Balmoral Avenue and owned by Oscar Ladouceur & Son Limited.
- 016-2001 A Bylaw to appoint Denise Labelle-Gélinas as Acting City Clerk pro-tempore for the City of Cornwall.

DELEGATIONS

Katimavik Committee - Presentation made by Frédéric DeChamplain

Mr. DeChamplain stood before City Council to introduce himself as project leader in the City of Cornwall for a youth program called Katimavik, funded by Canada's Government through the Department of Canadian Heritage.

As Canada's national youth corps, Katimavik-OPCAN's mission is to foster the personal development of our nation's young people through a challenging program of volunteer community work, training and group interaction. The objectives of the program is to contribute substantially to the personal, social and professional development of the participants who will be young Canadians aged 17 to 21 and to promote community service; and to offer a diversified experience fostering a better understanding of the Canadian reality.

In conclusion to the presentation, Mr. DeChamplain indicated that the work partners for this program in Cornwall are: the City of Cornwall, St. Lawrence River Institute of Environmental Services, le Centre de santé communautaire de l'Estrie, partir d'un bon pas, la Radio communautaire Cornwall-Alexandria, and l'ACFO.

It was then moved by Councillors Claude Poirier and Andre Rivette that this matter be received.

Motion Carried

RESOLUTIONS

Having **NO Seconder** to the motion, this matter was not debated and no motion was provided

#001-2001 Elected Members of Council - Various Council Committees

WHEREAS no present legislation exists on how elected members of Council are selected to sit on various Council committees; and

WHEREAS past practices do not necessarily mean that this is the best mechanism for making these appointments; and

WHEREAS elected Council members should have the ability to actively participate in the appointments selection; and

WHEREAS Council should introduce a policy giving direction on how elected members are to be appointed to various Council committees.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT COUNCIL ADOPT THE FOLLOWING POLICY:

1. That the City Clerk provide the Mayor elect and Councillors elect, no later than the third Monday of November following election day, a list of existing committees which identify the present elected Council members.
2. That the Councillors elect meet with the Mayor elect on the fourth Monday of November following election day to finalize the appointments.
3. That the selection process provide that the Mayor identify those committees to which the Mayor's office is legislated to be appointed to, and include his/her other choices and that those selections become final.
4. That the selection process further provide that all other elected members participate by having the City Clerk randomly pick all elected members names with the first name picked as having the first choice of appointment and that the subsequent names picked will follow in numerical order.
5. This random selection will then proceed in reverse order until all elected members have subsequently had an opportunity to participate in the process and that all appointments have been finalized (i.e. 1,2,3...3,2,1...1,2,3...etc...)
6. That the final selection of the appointments be introduced to Council at its inaugural meeting in the form of a By-law.
7. That this policy be implemented immediately, and that Council repeal By-law 158-2000.

CONSENT

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

Motion Carried

- A. **Federation of Canadian Municipalities - Membership Fee** (Moved to Communication #9 on this evening's agenda)

B. 2001 Membership Fees - Association of Municipalities of Ontario

That Council endorse membership fees in the amount of \$7,697.78 for period of January, 2001 to December 31, 2001 (2000 fee \$7,696.22) be approved.

C. County of Renfrew

That Council's receive the County of Renfrew's resolution requesting that the Federal Government of Canada intervene and require a full Federal Government environmental assessment review be done on the Adams Mine.

D. Association of Ontario Road Supervisors ~ (Moved to Communication #8 on this evening's agenda)

E. S.D. & G. Cornwall Shrine Club

That Council approve the S.D. & G. Cornwall Shrine Club to hold their annual Shrine Circus on Tuesday, June 26, 2001.

F. Staff Replacement - Garage Assistant Supervisor PW Report #01-01

That the replacement for the position of Garage Assistant Supervisor be approved in the Public Works Department.

G. Staff Replacement - Machine Operator II PW Report #02-01

That the replacement for the position of Machine Operator II be approved in the Public Works Department.

H. Staff Replacement - Receptionist - Clerk Department DC Report #01-01

That Council authorize the replacement of the Receptionist position effective immediately.

I. Staff Replacement - Secretary Clerks Department DC Report #02-01

That Council approve the replacement of the Secretary position in the Clerk Department.

J. **Staff Replacement - Recruitment and Staff Development.** **HR Report #27-00**

That Council approve the replacement of the Recruitment and Training Officer position with a Recruitment and Job Development Officer position as outlined in this report.

COMMUNICATIONS

1. **Communication Needs** **PW Report #35-00**

It was moved by Councillors Naresh Bhargava and Claude Poirier that Council consider an expenditure of \$50,000.00 for a Communication Needs Analysis during the 2001 Capital Budget deliberations.

It was then moved by Councillor Denis Carr and Claude Poirier that this matter be postponed for two weeks until the Council enter Capital Budget deliberations.

The motion to postpone CARRIED

2. **Property Standards Appeal Committee** **PRS Report #48-00**

It was moved by Councillors Councillor Dean Hollingsworth and Susan Carter that Council adopt the attached procedures from the Property Standards Committee.

Motion Carried

3. **Tender No. 00-T67 - Sludge & Grit Haulage - WWTP** **PU Report #01-01**

It was moved by Councillors Don Deebank and Syd Gardiner that Tender 00-T67 be awarded for a two (2) year period to A.B. Cartage, Long Sault, Ontario as follows:

- Item 1 - 15 M3 containers dewatered biosolids - \$79.50 per load
- Item 2 (a) - one (1) 4 cu. yd. container garbage/grit/screenings - \$69.00 per container
- 2 (b) - removal of garbage from Administration Building - \$24.00 per container

plus applicable taxes being the only bid received meeting the tender specifications.

Motion Carried

4. **Tender No. 00-T70 - Supply of Bedding Plants**

PU Report #02-01

It was moved by Councillors Andre Rivette and Susan Carter that Tender 00-T70 be awarded to Canadian Tire Garden Centre, Cornwall, Ontario at the total bid price of \$20,823.63 being the lowest bid meeting the tender specifications.

Motion Carried

5. **Unspent Funding - Tenders**

It was moved by Councillors Andre Rivette and Claude Poirier that Council approve the amounts requested in Tenders 00-T72, Supply of Various Traffic Signs and 00-T30 - Purchase of Office Furniture be transferred to reserves for the year ended December 31, 2000 and that the cost of these purchases be financed out of this reserve account in 2001.

Motion Carried

6. **Tender No. 00-T72 - Supply of Various Traffic Signs**

PU Report #03-01

It was moved by Councillors Andre Rivette and Naresh Bhargava that Tender 00-T72 be awarded to Summum Signs, Ottawa, Ontario at the total bid price of \$15,830.21 being the lowest bid meeting the tender specifications.

Motion Carried

7. **Tender No.00-T30 - Purchase of Office Furniture**

PU Report #04-01

It was moved by Councillors Andre Rivette and Susan Carter that this tender be awarded as follows: Items 1 to 4 to Future Office Products at a total bid price of \$7,736.05 and Items 5 to 9 to Chenier Office Interiors Inc. at a total bid price of \$5,769.55.

Motion Carried

8. **Association of Ontario Road Supervisors**

Moved by Councillor Denis Carr and Claude Poirier that Council support and endorse the scheduled Municipal Trade Show to be held at the Cornwall Civic Complex on June 4th and 5th of the year 2002 and that municipal road supervisors and the commitment of municipal personnel be allowed to work with the various committees that will be required to ensure that Eastern Ontario puts on a show second to none and that Administration be requested to obtain detailed information on which services will be required.

Motion Carried

9. **Federation of Canadian Municipalities - Membership Fee**

Moved by Councillor Don Deebank and Denis Carr that Council endorse membership fees in the amount of \$4,887.85 for period of April 1, 2001 to March 31, 2002 (2000 fee \$4,745.49) be approved.

Motion Carried

ADOPTION OF THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

By-laws - Second Reading

It was moved by Councillors Andre Rivette and Denis Carr that the Committee of the Whole be adopted as reported, and that by-laws 001-2001 to 016 - 2001 inclusive be given second reading.

Motion Carried

By-laws - Third Reading

It was moved by Councillors Denis Carr and Syd Gardiner that by-laws 001 - 2001 to 016 - 2001 inclusive be given third and final reading.

Motion Carried

REPORTS FROM AD HOC COMMITTEES OF COUNCIL

NOTICES OF MOTION

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS

1. **Amalgamation**

It was moved by Councillors Andre Rivette and Claude Poirier that:

WHEREAS Municipal amalgamation is occurring all around us; and

WHEREAS There is a possibility that amalgamation or some form of merger could occur and that could see our progress fund being swallowed up through amalgamation or mergers with other communities.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that

- 1) Council instruct the CAO to investigate the intentions of Municipal Affairs Officials concerning our area as far as future amalgamation or mergers.
- 2) That the CAO get in writing from Municipal Affairs Officials their interpretation of the possibility of Cornwall protecting the progress fund for the sole benefit of the residents of the City of Cornwall within the present boundaries if amalgamation or some sort of a municipal merger is forced on us by the province.
- 3) That the CAO bring back an action plan for the protection of the progress fund for the sole benefit of the taxpayers of Cornwall within the present boundaries.

A recorded vote resulted as follows:

FOR: Mayor Brian Sylvester, Councillors Don Deebank, Denis Carr, Susan Carter, Claude Poirier, Andre Rivette and Syd Gardiner.

AGAINST: Councillors Corey Kennedy, Naresh Bhargava and Dean Hollingsworth

Motion Carried 7 to 3

2. **Project Truth**

Moved by Mayor Brian Sylvester and Councillor Denis Carr

WHEREAS Project Truth, an investigation into allegations of child sexual abuse, has been ongoing for the last three years; and

WHEREAS Project Truth Investigators have indicated on several occasions that the investigation is complete or near completion; and

WHEREAS Project Truth Investigators were to issue a report on the status of the investigation near the end of October 2000; and

WHEREAS this investigation continues to receive public attention; and

WHEREAS we all want a thorough and exhaustive investigation; and

WHEREAS if the investigation has concluded, that the appropriate Ministry of the Province of Ontario indicate when a final report is to be presented, or if the investigation is to continue, indicate when we can expect an interim report be presented.

Motion Carried

3. **Compensation Review**

It was moved by Councillors Don Deebank and Andre Rivette that:

WHEREAS there has not been a compensation review carried out for elected officials for a number of years; and

WHEREAS a compensation review should be carried out by a Committee of Citizens; and

WHEREAS the Committee of Citizens should report its findings to City Council.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

1. The Mayor be authorized to recruit a Committee of Citizens comprised of no less than three (3) and no more than five (5) members, to undertake a compensation review for elected officials.
2. The Mayor shall report his selection of citizens to the City Council at the meeting of January 22, 2001 for approval.
3. The Committee of Citizens shall complete and prepare a final report for City Council within forty-five (45) days of the appointments.

A recorded vote resulted as follows:

FOR: Mayor Brian Sylvester, Councillors Don Deebank, Susan Carter, Denis Carr, Andre Rivette, Claude Poirier and Naresh Bhargava

AGAINST: Councillors Korey Kennedy, Syd Gardiner and Dean Hollingsworth

Motion Carried 7-3

Adjournment: 9:40 p.m.



Denise Labelle-Gélinas
Deputy City Clerk



Brian Sylvester
Mayor