



SPECIAL COUNCIL # 29

Monday, October 1, 2001
Meeting began at 7:00 p.m.

PRESENT: A Regular Council meeting was held this evening with the following members present: Mayor Brian Sylvester, Councillors Naresh Bhargava, Donald Deebank, Dean Hollingsworth, Korey Kennedy (arrived 7:30 p.m.) and Perry Lalonde, Claude Poirier (arrived at 7:10 p.m.) and André Rivette

ABSENT: Councillors Denis Carr, Susan Carter, Syd Gardiner

ADMINISTRATION: Cecil Vincent, Chief Administrative Officer; Denise Labelle-Gélinas, City Clerk; and the following Management Personnel: Stephen Alexander, Susan Cain, Deborah Daigle, Roger Desjardins, David Dick, and Fernand Hamelin

The Mayor called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

AGENDA

Moved by Councillors Perry Lalonde and Naresh Bhargava that the agenda be approved as presented.

Motion Carried

RESULTS OF PRIORITY SESSION

Action 6: Legislated and Non-Legislated Services

Moved by Councillors Andre Rivette and Don Deebank

1. That the Management Team review all programs that are discretionary or supportive presently offered by the Corporation;
2. That over the next two years, all services reviewed be assessed on the value of who can best provide the program, such as:
 - Contracting out;
 - Partnering with outside agencies;
 - Maintained and offered by the Corporation;
3. That, once completed, the review also identify the pros and cons of the services being:
 - Corporately driven;
 - Privately driven; or
 - Entrusted to individual departments.

Motion Carried

Action 7 : Identify Current Environmental Status of Lands within City and Potential Options for the Promotion of Remediation Activities and Potential Redevelopment Methodologies

Moved by Councillors Andre Rivette and Don Deebank

1. That a more detailed site identification program be completed by Municipal staff with assistance from a summer student in 2002;
2. That Council approve funding of \$6,000 in the 2002 planning budget to hire a student for data input on sites;
3. That staff meet with MOEE within three months to identify information available from that Ministry;
4. That the City monitor the evolution and implementation of pending legislative changes, and use new tools available to encourage redevelopment and report back on implementation by January, 2002;
5. That the City take a leadership approach in encouraging redevelopment of sites both through approvals and in remediation approaches;
6. That the City require the best remediation available for environmental and industrial sites, and ensure that remediation is done in the context of encouraging and accommodating practical reuse of sites;
7. That Council consider deferred taxes to encourage development and offset remediation costs.

Motion Carried

Action 8: Options to Expand Efforts in Revitalizing the Downtown Core and Neighbourhoods

Moved by Councillors Perry Lalonde and Don Deebank

1. That Council direct staff to continue to participate actively in broad based revitalization efforts through participation in, and development of partnerships with others;
2. That Council set a capital budget allocation of a minimum of \$500,000 per annum for redevelopment and reinvestment in public domain facilities and infrastructure beyond normal infrastructure reinvestment and that specific older neighborhoods be targeted for this reinvestment;
3. That staff report back on specific areas by October of 2002;
4. That the City continue with a strong property standards program;
5. That the City use funding programs and property acquisitions where necessary to facilitate redevelopment of buildings and sites;
6. That Council direct staff to develop a broader renaissance type housing renovation program on a 50/50 basis with property owners, and this be expanded to include commercial properties.

It was then moved by Councillors Andre Rivette and Dean Hollingsworth that the main motion be amended as follows:

Item #2 ~ Public Domain facilities be identified as "*only city owned facilities and land*"; and

Item #6 ~ That Council direct staff to develop a broader renaissance type housing renovation program on a cost shared basis with property owners, and this be expanded to include commercial properties.

**The Amendment CARRIED; and
The Main Motion Carried as amended**

Action 9: Retirement Community

Moved by Councillors Naresh Bhargava and Andre Rivette

1. That the retirement community concept be included as part of the Economic Development Strategic Plan (EDSP) project which is to be completed by the Fall of this year;
2. That the City take appropriate actions to ensure implementation of the recommendations that come as a result of the EDSP, conditional on resources being available.
3. That we investigate the development of a "planned senior residential development" within the City and report back to Council by July 2002.

Motion Carried

Action 10: Information Technology

Moved by Councillors Dean Hollingsworth and Don Deebank

Whereas Information Technology (IT) provide all users with effective and efficient tools to manage information; and

Whereas, in order to maintain a leadership capacity, to maximize our valuable time and to take advantage of the opportunities available through IT, it is important to implement this proposed action plan without delay;

Now Therefore Be It Resolved:

1. That this report be supported ~~for immediate implementation;~~
2. That the respective departments provide a more detailed report on their specific requirements;
3. That a review of the IT needs be conducted annually in order that the Corporation also proportionally advance with IT's continual evolution;
4. That each department/section be instructed to produce a cost estimate and financing approach for their IT requests for consideration by Council during the 2002 Budget deliberations.

It was then moved by Councillors Naresh Bhargava and Claude Poirier that the main motion be amended and that Item #1 remove "*for immediate implementation*" and replace it with "**and received**"

**The amendment Carried; and
The main motion carried as amended**

Action 11: To Develop a Plan to Facilitate the Identification of “Quality of Life” Initiatives and the Process for Accessing Funding for these Initiatives

This issue was dealt with and approved at the August 13, 2001 meeting. As follows:

That Council adopt the following items as a process to clarify the “quality of life” initiatives surrounding the investment income and the access to these funds:

1. That Council adopt the new guidelines as outlined in the CAO Report #5-01 report.
2. That Council re-adopt the Model to Protect the Progress Fund Principal.
3. That Council adopt a one year delay in the use of the investment income of the Progress Fund, hence ensuring that the funds will be available for any projects approved.
4. That Council repeal By-law No. 084-2000, a by-law to establish the Progress Fund as a Discretionary Reserve Fund.
5. That Council pass By-law 128-201 to establish the investment income from the principal of the Progress Fund as a Progress Fund Investment Income Reserve.
6. That Council pass By-law 125-2001 to establish the balance of the net proceeds from the sale of Cornwall Electric as the Progress Fund.
7. That a special meeting of Council be called to review all applications received.
8. That Council adopt a time frame and schedule, as outlined in the CAO #05-01 report.
9. That Council adopt the application form, as attached “Schedule G” in the CAO #05-01 report.
10. That Council authorize staff in the Spring of each year to solicit applications for use of the investment income from the Progress Fund.

Action 12: Create or Reopen Tourist Attractions

Moved by Councillors Perry Lalonde and Andre Rivette:

1. That the City of Cornwall make a formal request/presentation to Ontario Power Generation to reopen the “Visitors’ Centre” at the facility and reinstate the tours that were held in the past.
2. That the City of Cornwall, in cooperation with Cornwall and Seaway Valley Tourism, identify possible partnerships to facilitate the reopening of the “Power Dam” attraction;
3. That the City of Cornwall explore, through the Economic Development Department, Cornwall and Seaway Valley Tourism and the Cornwall Chamber of Commerce possible joint ventures to establish new or improved tourist attractions, festivals, etc. and report back to Council no later than May 1, 2002.

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It was then moved by Councillors Andre Rivette and Perry Lalonde that a fourth item be included in the recommendation as follows:

4. That Administration identify municipal facilities for tourist attraction and aggressively seek partnerships with private enterprises to market these facilities.

The amendment Carried ; and
The main motion Carried as amended

ADJOURNMENT: 7:45 p.m.



Denise Labelle-Gélinas
Clerk



Brian Sylvester
Mayor

