



REGULAR COUNCIL # 14

Monday, February 25, 2002
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 Naresh Bhargava, Denis Carr, Susan Carter, Donald Deebank, Syd Gardiner, Dean Hollingsworth, Korey Kennedy, Perry Lalonde, Claude Poirier and André Rivette

ADMINISTRATION: Cecil Vincent, Chief Administrative Officer; Denise Labelle-Gélinas, City Clerk; and the following Management Personnel: Stephen Alexander, Susan Cain, Debora Daigle, Graham Dart, Roger Desjardins, David Dick, Diane Dumoulin, Paul Fitzpatrick and Fernand Hamelin

Mayor Brian Sylvester called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m.

INVOCATION: Reverend Brad Montsion, Fountaingate Christian Assembly

ADDITIONS/DELETIONS/CORRECTIONS

DISCLOSURE OF INTEREST

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

Moved by Councillors Syd Gardiner and Andre Rivette that Council go into the Committee of the Whole and that all Minutes, Presentation, Delegation, Resolution, Consent/Correspondence, Reports and By-laws 023 to 029, 2002 be referred to that Committee; and that the agenda of the Committee of the Whole for the meeting of February 25th, 2002 be approved.

A recorded vote resulted as follows:

For: Councillors Naresh Bhargava, Denis Carr, Susan Carter, Donald Deebank, Syd Gardiner, Dean Hollingsworth, Korey Kennedy, Perry Lalonde, Claude Poirier, André Rivette and Mayor Brian Sylvester

Motion Carried

GENERAL CONSENT

ADOPTION OF MINUTES

The following minutes were presented for adoption. There being no corrections noted, the minutes stand as approved.

1. That the Committee of Council Meeting # 03-02 dated February 11, 2002 be approved and verified correct;
2. That the Regular Council Meeting # 10-02 dated February 11, 2002 be approved and verified correct.
3. That the Special Committee of Council Meeting # 04-02 dated February 12, 2002 be approved and verified correct.
4. That the Special Council Meeting # 11-02 dated February 12, 2002 be approved and verified correct.
5. That the Special Council Meeting # 12-02 dated February 19, 2002 be approved and verified correct.
6. That the Special Committee of Council Meeting # 05-02 dated February 20, 2002 be approved and verified correct.
7. That the Special Council Meeting # 13-02 dated February 20, 2002 be approved and verified correct.

PRESENTATION

1. **Projection of Future Financing Position 2002 to 2006**

Through a power point presentation, Mr. Cecil Vincent, Chief Administrator, provided Council members with an overview of The City of Cornwall's existing financial pressures that are rendering the 2002 Budget Deliberation process more difficult than in previous years. Mr. Vincent indicated that expenditures were increasing at a faster rate than revenues; effects of downloading of previously provincially delivered services to municipalities; financial cost of the Service enhancements of Land Ambulance; and the extra costs related to Social Housing Transfer .

Financial pressures also included annual cost increases as a result of contract negotiations, (wages and benefits, approx. 2% per year); cancellation of the OMERS holiday which added an additional expense of \$300,000 in 2002 and \$500,000 in the years of 2003 and 2004; effects of inflationary pressures on the balance of the budget; reductions in provincial transfers (CRF) and the erosion of the City's assessment base through application of market based assessment valuation process.

Comparable values were provided by graph formation which indicated year over year changes for wages and benefits, impact of loss of OMERS holiday, comparative residential tax rates, the growth in taxation revenue; the assessment base versus building permits issued; budget constraints and the related impact of inflation.

Mr. Vincent continued to provided the projected Budget shortfalls until the year 2006 and the equivalent tax revenue to finance the budget shortfall. Several options were presented to assist the Council in its budget deliberations and how to face the difficulties the Corporation is now facing. Essentially, Mr. Vincent indicated that borrowing would simply delay the tax requirement and would add to the final costs of services. Less than 40% of City services were adjustable and of this, wages represent only 32% of the costs. In order to reduce expenditures by \$1 million, the City would have to reduce its staff level by 15%.

In continuing, Mr. Vincent stated that payroll costs would continue to impact budgets at a rate of at least 3+% as a tax rate impact yearly; assessment growth had averaged less than 1% as a tax rate impact over the last 10 years; other budget costs would be at least equal to inflation, more likely double of 3+%.

At this rate, some suggestions brought forward are to eliminate, reduce service levels in non-mandated services, i.e. snow clearing, recreation, planning or transit; increase taxes annually; debt financing; assessment growth and/or all of the above.

2. Heart of the City

It was moved by Councillors Andre Rivette and Susan Carter that an additional five minutes be provided for the presentation.

Motion Carried

With a power point presentation, Mr. Bryan Merkley updated Council members on an action plan titled "Heart of the City" and their committee's hope to re-connect the downtown business improvement area to development occurring within the City by using the "unique character" to promote growth and activity within the City and to pedestrianize and balance the type of development within the urban core.

Mr. Merkley provided an update of their development to-date and their proposed 2002 agenda which would include an open air market, fundraising, development of a business plan, traffic flow analysis, the development of the Cornwallis and King George Site and an S.D. & G. Factory Outlet Mall.

At the conclusion of the presentation, it was moved by Councillors Susan Carter and Andre Rivette that Council receive this presentation.

Motion Carried

DELEGATION

BY-LAWS

That By-laws no. 023 to 029, 2002 having been read a first time be considered as having been read a second time:

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| 023-2002 | A by-law to appoint Sherry-Lyn Hill and Clarence Robertson as by-law enforcement officers for the Cornwall Square |
| 024-2002 | A by-law to enter into a Service Agreement with the Ministry of Community and Social Services for the Case Verification Process Workload Funding Strategy |

- 025-2002 A by-law to dedicate a parcel of land as a public highway under the Public Transportation and Highway Improvement Act, and name it East Ridge Drive
- 026-2002 A by-law to enter into a 2000 Long-Term Care Facility Agreement with the Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care, on behalf of the Glen Stor Dun Lodge
- 027-2002 A by-law to enter into an Agreement with the Arthritis Society for the provision of space at the Glen Stor Dun Lodge for the purpose of holding a rheumatology clinic
- 028-2002 A by-law to authorize the execution of a tax arrears extension agreement for roll number 050-001-22500 pursuant to Section 8 of the Municipal Tax Sales Act , R.S.O. 1990, c.60.
- 029-2002 A by-law to further amend By-law No. 751-1969, the Zoning By-law as amended of the City of Cornwall, being a by-law respecting the use of land and the use and location of buildings to allow for the establishment of a commercial garage to the service garage and car sales outlet municipally located at 1642 Birmingham Street

CONSENT / CORRESPONDENCE

A. Road Salts

That Council approve the Municipality of Huron East's resolution which requests that the Government of Canada not add road salts to the list of CEPA toxic substances but rather seek to engage stakeholders in cooperative dialogue aimed at achieving the stated environmental goals while at the same time preserving public safety on winter roadways.

B. Daycare Services

That Council receive the City of Clarence-Rockland's resolution to petition the Government of Ontario to declare daycare services an essential service within the Province and that unionized daycare personnel not be given the right to strike.

C. Save the Children Tag Day

That Council grant the Cornwall Branch of Save the Children Canada permission to hold a Tag Day on Saturday, June 1, 2002.

D. Easter Seal Month

That Council endorse the Easter Seal Society's request and proclaim March 2002 as Easter Seal Month in the City of Cornwall.

E. Juno Beach Centre Canadian Museum Memorial Brick Kiosks

That Council endorse the Stormont, Dundas and Glengarry Highlanders' request and purchase a group brick at a cost of \$2,500 to commemorate the participation of the over 3,000 men who came from the City of Cornwall and from the United Counties of Stormont, Dundas and Glengarry and who served in the S.D.&G. Highlanders during World War II.

F. 2003 Municipal Law Enforcement Officers' Association Conference

That the correspondence informing Council that the City of Cornwall has been selected as the site for the 2003 Municipal Law Enforcement Officers' Association Conference which will be held from September 8 to 11, 2003 be received for information purposes.

G. Staff Replacement - Machine Operator I (*moved for discussion*)

H. Staff Replacement - Waterworks Pipefitter I (*moved for discussion*)

I. P.A.C. Report No. 01-2002, February 18, 2002

Review of an application for a Zoning By-law Amendment to permit the establishment of a commercial garage on the site legally described as Lots 97 and 98, Registered Plan No. 220 and municipally known as 1642 Birmingham Street.

1. That the site be rezoned from Commercial 51 (COM 51) zone to Commercial 51 (COM 51) zone with a site specific exception to permit a commercial garage;
2. That no derelict or unserviceable cars be parked on site; and
3. That the Planning Department receive direction from PAC to revisit the 1992 Study which proposed to redesignate the Birmingham, Pitt and Emma Street areas as Commercial.

General Consent Motion

Moved by Councillors Don Deebank and Korey Kennedy that all items listed under the General Consent portion of this agenda be approved as presented.

A recorded vote resulted as follows:

For: Councillors Naresh Bhargava, Denis Carr, Susan Carter, Donald Deebank, Syd Gardiner, Dean Hollingsworth, Korey Kennedy, Perry Lalonde, Claude Poirier, André Rivette and Mayor Brian Sylvester

Motion Carried

RESOLUTIONS / BUSINESS ARISING FROM NOTICE OF MOTION

REPORTS from UNFINISHED BUSINESS

1. Staff Replacement - Probationary Firefighter

PS # 02-2002 Moved by Councillors Andre Rivette and Claude Poirier

1. That Council approve the hiring of a Probationary Firefighter;
2. That the candidate be selected from the existing short list.

A recorded vote resulted as follows:

For: Councillors Denis Carr, Susan Carter, Donald Deebank, Syd Gardiner, Dean Hollingsworth, Korey Kennedy, Perry Lalonde, Claude Poirier, André Rivette and Mayor Brian Sylvester

Against: Councillor Naresh Bhargava

Motion Carried

COMMUNICATIONS/REPORTS

1. Service Agreement - MCSS - CVP

SSS # 08-2002 Moved by Councillors Perry Lalonde and Andre Rivette that Council endorse By-law 024-2002 authorizing the Mayor and Clerk to sign a Service Agreement with the Ministry of Community and Social Services for the Case Verification Process Workload Funding Strategy.

A recorded vote resulted as follows:

For: Councillors Naresh Bhargava, Denis Carr, Susan Carter, Donald Deebank, Syd Gardiner, Dean Hollingsworth, Korey Kennedy, Perry Lalonde, Claude Poirier, André Rivette and Mayor Brian Sylvester

Motion Carried

2. 2001 Annual Report

SSS # 09-2002 Moved by Councillors Susan Carter and Korey Kennedy that Council receive this report for information purposes.

A recorded vote resulted as follows:

For: Councillors Naresh Bhargava, Denis Carr, Susan Carter, Donald Deebank, Syd Gardiner, Dean Hollingsworth, Korey Kennedy, Perry Lalonde, Claude Poirier, André Rivette and Mayor Brian Sylvester

Motion Carried

3. Council Write-offs/Adjustments

FI # 017-2002 Moved by Councillors Don Deebank and Andre Rivette that Council authorize tax write-offs/adjustments/vacancies as per listing.

A recorded vote resulted as follows:

For: Councillors Naresh Bhargava, Denis Carr, Susan Carter, Donald Deebank, Syd Gardiner, Dean Hollingsworth, Korey Kennedy, Perry Lalonde, Claude Poirier, André Rivette and Mayor Brian Sylvester

Motion Carried

4. Seaway Bridge Issues

PHS # 08-2002 Moved by Councillors Claude Poirier and Korey Kennedy

1. That City Council take a formal position in that it does not support moving the international crossing location from the current corridor and to make that position known to the expected review process; and
2. That the City participate in the Low Level Bridge Environmental Assessment as detailed in this report.

A recorded vote resulted as follows:

For: Councillors Naresh Bhargava, Denis Carr, Susan Carter, Donald Deebank, Syd Gardiner, Dean Hollingsworth, Korey Kennedy, Perry Lalonde, Claude Poirier, André Rivette and Mayor Brian Sylvester

Motion Carried

5. Waste Water Treatment Plant

EEC # 07-2002 Moved by Councillors Andre Rivette and Susan Carter that City Council approve the funding of the repairs to the centrate tank at the Waste Water Treatment Plant at a cost of \$35,000 to be funded from the Working Reserves.

Moved by Councillors Perry Lalonde and Denis Carr that this matter be deferred until the next budget meeting.

A recorded vote for the deferral resulted as follows:

For: Councillor Naresh Bhargava, Denis Carr, Syd Gardiner and Perry Lalonde
Against: Councillors Susan Carter, Donald Deebank, Dean Hollingsworth, Korey Kennedy, Claude Poirier, André Rivette and Mayor Brian Sylvester

Motion to defer DEFEATED

A recorded vote on the original motion resulted as follows:

For: Councillors Susan Carter, Donald Deebank, Dean Hollingsworth, Korey Kennedy, Perry Lalonde, Claude Poirier, André Rivette and Mayor Brian Sylvester

Against: Councillor Naresh Bhargava, Denis Carr and Syd Gardiner

Motion Carried

TENDER and REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL BLOCK

Moved by Councillors Don Deebank and Andre Rivette that Council approve the requests for proposal listed within this block:

➡ **Request for Proposal 02-R01 - Economic Development Strategic Plan**

That R.F.P. 02-R01 be awarded to GGA Management Consultants, Toronto, Ontario at the total bid price of \$44,940 plus out of pocket expenses not to exceed \$4,000.

➡ **Request for Proposal 02-R02 - Greenup Retrofit Study - Civic Complex**

That R.F.P. 02-R02 be awarded to Engineering Interface Limited, North York, Ontario at the total bid price of \$17,815.50.

➡ **Request for Proposal 02-R03 - Insurance/Risk Management**

That RFP No. 02-R03 be awarded for a five (5) year term to OMEX, Toronto, Ontario at the total premium price of \$539,393.00 for the first year and subject to satisfactory annual premium negotiations for the following four (4) years.

A recorded vote resulted as follows:

For: Councillors Naresh Bhargava, Denis Carr, Susan Carter, Donald Deebank, Syd Gardiner, Dean Hollingsworth, Korey Kennedy, Perry Lalonde, Claude Poirier, André Rivette and Mayor Brian Sylvester

Motion Carried

**ITEMS SEPARATED FOR
DISCUSSION**

G. Staff Replacement - Machine Operator I

MWS # 06-2002 Moved by Councillors Perry Lalonde and Susan Carter that Council approve the filling of the Machine Operator I position.

It was then Moved by Councillors Andre Rivette and Naresh Bhargava that this matter be deferred until after budget deliberations.

A recorded vote on the deferral resulted as follows:

For: Councillors Naresh Bhargava, Don Deebank, Syd Gardiner, Korey Kennedy and Andre Rivette

Against: Councillors Denis Carr, Susan Carter, Dean Hollingsworth, Perry Lalonde, Claude Poirier and Mayor Brian Sylvester

Motion to defer DEFEATED

A recorded vote on the original motion resulted as follows:

For: Councillors Denis Carr, Susan Carter, Don Deebank, Dean Hollingsworth, Perry Lalonde, Claude Poirier and Mayor Brian Sylvester
Against: Councillors Naresh Bhargava, Syd Gardiner, Corey Kennedy and Andre Rivette

Motion Carried

H. Staff Replacement - Waterworks Pipefitter I

MWS # 07-2002 Moved by Councillors Claude Poirier and Perry Lalonde that Council approve the filling of the Waterworks Pipefitter I position.

It was then moved by Councillors Naresh Bhargava and Andre Rivette that this matter be deferred until after Budget deliberations.

A recorded vote on the deferral resulted as follows:

For: Councillors Naresh Bhargava, Don Deebank, Syd Gardiner, Corey Kennedy and Andre Rivette
Against: Councillors Denis Carr, Susan Carter, Dean Hollingsworth, Perry Lalonde, Claude Poirier and Mayor Brian Sylvester.

Motion to defer DEFEATED

The Main motion CARRIED

NEW BUSINESS

1. R.V. Park and Dumping Station

Moved by Councillor Syd Gardiner, seconded by Councillor Donald Deebank, that:

Whereas the City of Cornwall continually seeks to increase the flow of traffic to the downtown core; and

Whereas the BIA and Le Village are also always seeking to increase the traffic to the downtown core to attract shoppers and make use of their outstanding services;

Therefore be it resolved that City Administration investigate the possibility of an R.V. park and dumping station overlooking the marina and water front on the east side of the Cornwall Civic Complex parking lot.

A recorded vote resulted as follows:

For: Councillors Naresh Bhargava, Susan Carter, Donald Deebank, Syd Gardiner, Perry Lalonde, Claude Poirier, André Rivette and Mayor Brian Sylvester
Against: Councillors Denis Carr, Dean Hollingsworth and Corey Kennedy

Motion Carried

2. Co-Located Arena

Moved by Councillors Korey Kennedy and Dean Hollingsworth that:

WHEREAS, the Bob Turner Memorial Arena and Si Miller Arena are becoming more costly to operate and manage on an annual basis as they both are aging arenas; and

WHEREAS, it is more costly to manage two separate arenas than a co-located arena; and

WHEREAS, there may be a savings by combining both rinks into a co-located arena; and

WHEREAS, there may be a lack of prime time ice for various groups and organizations presently; and

WHEREAS, we, the Corporation of the City of Cornwall, encourage youth, adults and seniors alike to partake in a healthy lifestyle;

Now Therefore Be It Resolved that Council authorize Administration to prepare a report on the feasibility of the following:

1. Various cost designs and location for the new triple pad arena, with consideration of establishing a single ice sheet in conjunction with the Bob Turner Arena;
2. Cost comparison of the long term and short term financial effects of maintaining the Bob Turner and Si Miller Arenas as opposed to building and operating either the new triple pad arena or single ice sheet in conjunction with the Bob Turner Arena;
3. The option of condemning the Si Miller Arena and auctioning off certain artifacts from the former Arena;
4. The option of turning the Si Miller into a museum;
5. Selling the Si Miller off to a private citizen(s) or group(s);
6. That a parking analysis be done for the Cornwall Civic Complex and surrounding area, taking into consideration the possibility of a pay-for-parking lot on the Si Miller property, if the Si Miller is condemned;
7. Also that this possible change dealing with the arenas be discussed with our present tenants and organization and that their points of concern be taken into consideration. Included in this report will be the information on the rental costs for the new triple pad arena or single ice sheet in conjunction with the Bob Turner and that no contracts will be broken.

A recorded vote on this motion resulted as follows:

For: Councillors Dean Hollingsworth and Korey Kennedy

Against: Councillors Naresh Bhargava, Denis Carr, Susan Carter, Don Deebank, Syd Gardiner, Perry Lalonde, Claude Poirier, Andre Rivette and Mayor Brian Sylvester.

Motion DEFEATED

BY-LAWS - Third and Final Reading

Moved by Councillors Andre Rivette and Syd Gardiner that By-laws 136-2001 and 023 to 029-2002 listed on the agenda for third reading be taken as read a third time and finally passed.

136-2001 A by-law authorizing the signing of a Subdivision Agreement between the Corporation of the City of Cornwall and Northwoods Glen Development Corporation for Phase VI of Northwoods Glen Subdivision

A recorded vote resulted as follows:

For: Councillors Naresh Bhargava, Denis Carr, Susan Carter, Donald Deebank, Syd Gardiner, Dean Hollingsworth, Korey Kennedy, Perry Lalonde, Claude Poirier, André Rivette and Mayor Brian Sylvester

Motion Carried

NOTICE OF MOTION

UNFINISHED BUSINESS LISTING

CONFIRMING BY-LAW

Moved by Councillors Andre Rivette and Perry Lalonde that By-law 030-2002 being a by-law to confirm the proceedings of the Council of the Corporation of the City of Cornwall at its meetings held on Tuesday, February 12, Tuesday, February 19, Wednesday, February 20, 2002, Monday, February 25, 2002 having been read a first, second and third time be now taken as read and passed.

A recorded vote resulted as follows:

For: Councillors Naresh Bhargava, Denis Carr, Susan Carter, Donald Deebank, Syd Gardiner, Dean Hollingsworth, Korey Kennedy, Perry Lalonde, Claude Poirier, André Rivette and Mayor Brian Sylvester

Motion Carried

ADJOURNMENT: 10: 45 p.m.


Denise Labelle-Gélinas
City Clerk


Brian Sylvester
Mayor

