



SPECIAL BUDGET MEETING COUNCIL #35

Monday, December 2, 2002
Meeting began at 6:00 p.m.

PRESENT: A regular Council meeting was held this evening with the following members present: Mayor Brian Sylvester, Councillors Susan Carter, Denis Carr (arrived at 6:15 p.m.), Donald Deebank, Korey Kennedy (arrived at 6:15 p.m. and left at 9:00 p.m.) Syd Gardiner, Perry Lalonde, Naresh Bhargava, Claude Poirier and André Rivette.

ABSENT: Councillors Dean Hollingsworth

ADMINISTRATION: Cecil Vincent, Chief Administrative Officer, Denise Labelle-Gélinas, City Clerk; and the following Management Personnel: David Dick, Stephen Alexander, Susan Cain, Tracey Poirier

Mayor Brian Sylvester called the meeting to order at 6:10 p.m.

DISCLOSURE OF INTEREST ~ Nil

OUTSIDE AGENCY PRESENTATIONS

1. Cornwall & Seaway Valley Tourism Council

Ms Linda Bowers, President and Mike Lalonde, Executive Manager introduced the budget on behalf of the Board of the Cornwall & Seaway Valley Tourism Council. The budget presentation indicates that their request is the same municipal fee-for service as requested in 2002 at an approved funding formula of \$158,987.00.

Their presentation indicated their desire to maintain the same funding formula as 2002 in order to proceed with special projects that would allow them to operate a tourist information kiosk at the new 12 Flags Travel Centre.

It was moved by Councillors Denis Carr and Don Deebank that funding in the amount of \$10,000 identified in the 2002 budget that has not been expended be refunded to the municipality.

A recorded vote resulted as follows:

For: Councillors Naresh Bhargava, Donald Deebank, Korey Kennedy, Claude Poirier, André Rivette, Denis Carr, Syd Gardiner and Perry Lalonde,

Against: Councillor Susan Carter and Mayor Brian Sylvester

Motion Carried

2. Cornwall Regional Airport

Mr. Yvan Gravel, Chairman of the Regional Airport was on hand this evening to present the Commission's budget. Mr. Gravel reflected on expenses that would permit the Commission to continue airport operations. The budget further addressed issues of an ongoing level yet did not reflect any large capital or long term planning. Loss of revenue from Pem-Air, recently declaring bankruptcy, impacted on the Commission's revenue loss.

The Council indicated to Mr. Gravel, that they would enjoy receiving details on chartered flights recorded on their log records, in addition to possible revenues that may be derived from the Pem-Air hangar.

It was moved by Councillors Denis Carr and Syd Gardiner that the Department of Economic Development prepare a report on the use of the Airport and what benefits it brings to the City of Cornwall.

Motion Carried

It was further requested by the Council, that Mr. Gravel identify other communities like Cornwall that have community airports and that he provide comparison values on usage and fees and how much budget dollars these Commissions receive from their surrounding communities.

3. Local Architectural Conservation Advisory Committee (LACAC)

Mr. Dennis Carter-Edwards presented an executive summary as to the goals set by the LACAC in so far as the promotion, preservation, restoration and enhancement of heritage properties and also the promotion of heritage recognition and awareness. Mr. Carter-Edwards indicated that they wished to continue project initiatives such as their website, information on designated property and the heritage within this community.

The total 2003 proposed budget submission was presented at \$12,500.00 in comparison to the 2002 approved budget at \$9,550.

It was moved by Councillors Denis Carr and Syd Gardiner that the Local Architectural Conservation Advisory Committee be allowed to complete their 2002 project on the Pitt St. Architectural Project at an estimated price of \$3,000, that these dollars be identified and carried over to the 2003 encumbered dollars and that the overall 2003 budget submission be reduced by \$3,000 for an overall submission of \$9,500.00.

A recorded vote resulted as follows:

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

Motion Carried

4. S. D. & G. Historical Society

Mr. Ian Bowering, Curator to the S.D. & G. Historical Society made the presentation of the Society's 2003 budget submission. Mr. Bowering indicated their 2003 budget submissions did in fact address a reduction of 4% or \$4,280 as requested to make the total request for 2003 \$102,720.00. The Society is not requesting any additional capital funding and they plan to raise or contribute \$72,880 to operate and restore the City's Community Museum.

5. **Raisin Region Conservation Authority**

Mr. Jacques Legault, Secretary-Treasurer and Mr. Andre Houde, were on hand this evening to make the Authority's 2003 budget submission. The estimated levy for the Raisin Region Conservation Authority for the year 2003 will be approximately \$290,000.00 which represents an overall increase of 4% over the 2002 approved budget.

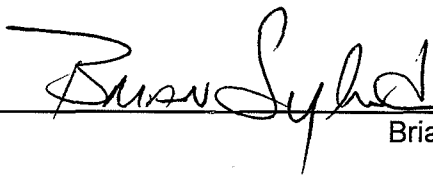
6. **Cornwall Regional Art Gallery**

Ms Sylvie Lizette made the presentation on behalf of the Cornwall Regional Art Gallery. Ms Lizette restated the gallery's difficulty in maintaining their status quo as a result of diminishing funding in the Lottery events that they conduct. These events provide additional dollars required to them and it was their estimate that without these much needed funds, the gallery may be facing closure in the very near future.

Council members, once again, discussed a possible relocation for the Art Gallery that would assist them in their operating costs.

ADJOURNMENT: 9:15 p.m.


Denise Labelle-Gélinas
City Clerk


Brian Sylvester
Mayor

