



SPECIAL COUNCIL #13-2003

Thursday, March 27, 2003
Meeting began at 5:00 p.m.

- PRESENT:** A Special Council meeting was held this evening with the following members present: Mayor Brian Sylvester, Councillors Susan Carter, Perry Lalonde, Dean Hollingsworth, Denis Carr, Syd Gardiner, Naresh Bhargava, Claude Poirier and André Rivette.
- REGRETS:** Councillors Donald Deebank and Korey Kennedy
- ADMINISTRATION:** Denise Labelle-Gelinas, City Clerk and the following Management Personnel: Stephen Alexander, Ken Bedford, David Fielding, Fernand Hamelin, Paul Fitzpatrick.
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Mayor Brian Sylvester called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Moved by Councillors Perry Lalonde and André Rivette that Agenda #13-2003 be approved as presented.

Motion Carried

DISCLOSURES

Members of the Eastern Ontario Catholic School Board were invited to the meeting in order to discuss issues surrounding the construction of the proposed new catholic high school.

The following members were present:

Chairman and Trustee of the Board, Ron Eamer, Chuck Adams, Vice Chair, Greg McNally, Director of Education, Brian Landry, principal of the New School, Gordon Greffe, Brian Perkins, Anne Perron, Jacques Michaud and Denis Sabourin, Trustee.

REPORTS ON NEW HIGH SCHOOL FOR THE EASTERN ONTARIO CATHOLIC SCHOOL BOARD

Mayor Brian Sylvester provided opening statements on the issue at hand and indicated, through a report prepared by the Chief Administrator that the appropriate approach to this issue would be for the Township/School Board to provide the City with evidence to the fact that the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing has concluded that the proposed site can meet the various Provincial planning and environmental guidelines as was requested for the past number of months.

Should the provision of services be the only issue remaining to allow the Province to approve the site, with whatever site conditions it may be imposing, Council can consider the request for services on that basis. To discuss the provision of services without having the Province's position that the site does or can be configured to meet all Provincial guidelines would be premature. This is especially true when considering the fact that the City applied those same guidelines in raising its own objections to the OMB.

Mayor Sylvester continued to read that the only way to quickly resolve this issue may be to initiate a tripartite meeting between the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing, the Township of South Glengarry and the City of Cornwall with the School Board invited as an interested party, if the MMAH permits it.

Chairman Ron Eamer then took the floor, with an extensive presentation of the School Board's position on the site selection and construction of the proposed new school. Chairman Eamer requested Council's support in helping them achieve their goal for September 2004 opening.

The School Board is seeking Council's conditional approval to provide them with the supply of water and sewer, on a revenue generated basis, which would help them meet one of the requirements under the compatibility study required by MMAH and at the same time save the Board \$40,000.00 by circumventing the hydrogeological survey required.

Following a comprehensive discussion and question period between Council members and the Board representatives, it was moved by Councillors Denis Carr and Perry Lalonde that:

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the City agree in principle to supply water only to the proposed new high school for the eastern Ontario Catholic School Board at a minimum of full cost recovery; and

That this agreement meet all of the various provincial planning and environmental guidelines set out by MMAH; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT their final agreement be subject to Council approval and that the Ministry confirm in writing to the City of Cornwall that the application meets zoning and provincial guidelines.

Succeeding additional discussion on the proposed motion, it was again moved by Councillors Denis Carr and Perry Lalonde that this motion be tabled to the Regular meeting of April 14th.

A recorded vote on tabling the motion resulted as follows:

For: Councillors Denis Carr, André Rivette, Perry Lalonde, Claude Poirier and Mayor Brian Sylvester

Against: Councillors Sue Carter, Dean Hollingsworth, Syd Gardiner, Naresh Gardiner

Regrets: Councillor Donald Deebank and Corey Kennedy.

Motion to Table Carried

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It was further moved by Councillors Claude Poirier and Sue Carter that a tripartite meeting between the Ministry of Municipal Affairs, the Township of South Glengarry and the City of Cornwall with the School Board invited as an interested party, if permitted by MMAH, be organized to discuss these very important issues.

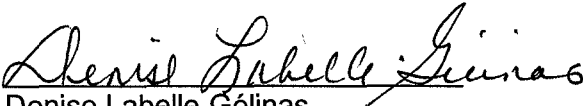
A recorded vote on this motion resulted as follows:


For: Councillors Denis Carr, André Rivette, Perry Lalonde, Claude Poirier Sue Carter, Dean Hollingsworth, Syd Gardiner, Naresh Gardiner and Mayor Brian Sylvester

Regrets: Councillor Donald Deebank and Korey Kennedy.

Motion Carried

Adjourned: 7:10 p.m.


Denise Labelle-Gélinas
City Clerk


Mayor Brian Sylvester
Mayor

