
**BUDGET SESSION #03-2006
PUBLIC MEETING OF COUNCIL #46-2005**

The Corporation of the City of Cornwall

Monday, December 5, 2005
Meeting began at 6:00 p.m.
Council Chambers, City Hall
360 Pitt Street

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- PRESENT:** Mayor Phil Poirier, Councillors Joël Côté, Glen Grant, Jacques Lemire, Mark MacDonald, Denis Moquin, Perry Lalonde (arrived at 6:10 p.m.), Leslie O'Shaughnessy and Chris Savard
- REGRETS:** Councillor Naresh Bhargava
- ABSENT:** Councillor Korey Kennedy
- ADMINISTRATION:** Fernand Hamelin, Acting Chief Administrative Officer, Denise Labelle-Gélinas, City Clerk, Manon Poirier, Stephen Alexander, David Dick, Tracey Bailey, Paul Scrimshaw, Debora Daigle, Barry Coleman, Anne-Marie Fobert-Poirier, Donna Ferguson and Paul Fitzpatrick

ADOPTION OF THE SPECIAL BUDGET AGENDA

Moved by Councillors Jacques Lemire and Glen Grant to adopt the Special Budget Agenda as presented.

Motion Carried

BUDGET REVIEWS

1. Cornwall Community Museum

Natalie Menard, Manager, spoke about the successes of the Museum, about its bilingual programs for schools, its special events, international visitors and its Cornwall Community Hospital Fundraiser activities.

Mr. Ian Bowering, Managing Curator, spoke about the continued public support, donations and volunteerism. Mr. Bowering asked Council for a letter of support in order to obtain funding in the amount of \$35,000 from the federal government for retrain of two additional persons.

Letter of Support

Moved by Councillors Joël Côté and Leslie O'Shaughnessy that the SD&G Historical Society be provided with the requested letter of support.

Motion Carried

2. Heritage Cornwall

Mr. Dennis Carter-Edward was not available for this evening's Agenda

3. Cornwall Regional Airport Commission

Mr. Yvan Gravel presented the Cornwall Regional Airport Commission Operating and Capital Budgets.

4. Raisin Region Conservation Authority

Messrs. Roger Houde and Jacques Legault presented the Raisin Region Conservation Authority proposed budget for 2006. Mr. Houde spoke about special programs and capital projects. Mr. Houde went through the line by line budget and the differences from 2005 and 2006.

5. Cornwall and Seaway Valley Tourism

Messrs. Mark Jesmer and Michel Lalonde presented the Cornwall & Seaway Valley Tourism budget for 2006. Mr. Lalonde spoke about the new Visitors' Statistics (1.3 M visitors), the Ontario Tourism Strategy programs and the tours of the Cornwall Jail. Mr. Lalonde then went through some changes between the 2005 and 2006 budget.

6. Cornwall Public Library

Ms. Dawn Kiddell presented the Cornwall Public Library budget for 2006. Ms. Kiddell spoke about the various programs offered to the public at the Library and the Strategic Plan for 2006 - 2008. Ms. Kiddell also spoke about repairs required to the building as well as accessibility issues and pointed out changes between the 2005 and 2006 budget.

7. Eastern Ontario Health Unit

Dr. Robert Bourdeau was not available for this evening's Agenda. Councillor Leslie O'Shaughnessy indicated that the Eastern Ontario Health Unit 2006 budget has not yet been prepared but indicated that the budget will be coming in at a 0% increase.

8. Cornwall Heart of the City

Mr. Denis Carr indicated that the Cornwall Heart of the City budget for 2006 will be available by the end of the year. Mr. Carr spoke about the OSTAR grant and special programs undertaken by the HOTC.

9. Cornwall Regional Art Gallery

Ms. Sylvie Lizotte was not available for this evening's Agenda.

Planning and Housing Services

(a) Social Housing

Debora Daigle presented the Social Housing Administration and Transfers budget for 2006.

10. Cornwall and Area Housing Authority

John Robinsin, Peggy Coulton and Marie-Paule Ravary presented the 2006 Cornwall and Area Housing Authority budget. The presenters pointed out changes in the 2006 in their respective areas.

Local Housing Increase

Moved by Councillors Joël Côté and Perry Lalonde that line 6152 be increased by \$26,770 for a total of \$4,009,004 and that the said increase be taken from Reserves. Accordingly, line 0724 "Contribution from Reserves" will be decreased by the said amount of \$26,770 for a new amount of \$973,270.

Motion Defeated

Local Housing Increase (Less Mileage)

Moved by Councillors Jacques Lemire and Perry Lalonde that line 6152 be increased by \$19,770 for a total of \$3,962,534, eliminating the requested increase of \$7,000.00 for mileage, and that the said increase be taken from Reserves. Accordingly, line 0724 "Contribution from Reserves" will be decreased by the said amount of \$26,770 for a new amount of \$980,270.

Motion Defeated

Local Housing Increase (Less Mileage)

Moved by Councillors Chris Savard and Leslie O'Shaughnessy that line 6152 be increased by \$19,770 for a total of \$3,962,534, eliminating the requested increase of \$7,000.00 for mileage and that the increase not be taken from Reserves.

Deferral

Moved by Councillors Mark MacDonald and Perry Lalonde that this matter be deferred.

Motion to Defer Carried

Corporate-Wide Mileage

Moved by Councillors Mark MacDonald and Glen Grant that Administration be directed to prepare a report for a corporate-wide increase to mileage and for a cost analysis on leasing vs. paying mileage on employees' vehicles.

Motion Carried

(b) Building Services

Stephen Alexander presented the Planning's Building Services and Parking Enforcement budgets for 2006.

Employees Assistance Program

Moved by Councillors Denis Moquin and Jacques Lemire that Council reduce the Budget by \$101,126 and \$26,965 for EAP Benefits which Administration had budgeted for twice.

Motion Carried

ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Councillors Perry Lalonde and Joël Côté that the Budget Meeting of Monday, December 5, 2005, be adjourned at 9:10 p.m.

Motion Carried

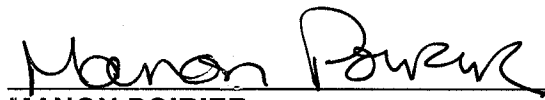
NEXT MEETING

In-Camera Budget Meeting	Saturday	December 10, 2005	9:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m.
Open Budget Meeting	Saturday	December 10, 2005	10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

NOTE Saturday's Budget Meeting will resume at the point of Adjournment of the last departmental meeting.


DENISE LABELLE-GÉLINAS
CITY CLERK


PHIL POIRIER
MAYOR


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