

**REGULAR COUNCIL #01-2007**

Monday, January 8, 2007  
Meeting called to order at 7:30 p.m.  
City Hall - 360 Pitt Street, Cornwall

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**PRESENT:** Mayor Bob Kilger, Councillors Mark MacDonald, Guy Léger, Elaine MacDonald, André Rivette, Bernadette Clément, Glen Grant, Denis Thibault, Denis Carr, Kim Baird and Syd Gardiner

**ADMINISTRATION:** Paul W. Fitzpatrick, Chief Administrative Officer, Denise Labelle-Gélinas, City Clerk, David Dick, Christine Lefebvre, Robert Menagh, Fernand Hamelin, Susan Cain, Normand Levac, Debora Daigle, Bill Lister and Donna Derouchie.

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Mayor Bob Kilger called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m.

**INVOCATION** Denise Labelle-Gélinas - City Clerk

**NATIONAL ANTHEM** Assembly

**ADDITIONS / CORRECTIONS / DELETIONS**

**DISCLOSURE OF INTEREST**

**COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE**

Moved by Councillors Glen Grant and André Rivette that Council go into the Committee of the Whole and that all Minutes, Presentations, Delegations, Resolutions, Consent/Correspondence, Reports and By-laws 001 to 013, 2006 inclusive be referred to that Committee and that the Agenda of the Committee of the Whole for the meeting of Monday, January 8, 2007, be approved.

**Motion Carried**

## GENERAL CONSENT

### ADOPTION OF MINUTES

The Minutes of the Regular Council Meeting #33-2006 of Monday, December 11, 2006, and of the Special Meeting #34-2006, of Thursday, December 14, 2006, were presented for adoption. There being no corrections noted, the Minutes stand approved.

### PRESENTATIONS

#### 1. Cornwall Carbon Reduction Initiative

Mr. Naresh Bhargava provided a power point presentation to the Council suggesting that the City of Cornwall become the first Canadian city to implement a community-wide carbon reduction plan. Members of the Cornwall Carbon Reduction Initiative presented were Dr. Jeff Riddell, Messrs Pat Finucan, John St. Marseille and Tom Manley who were also on hand.

It was indicated that the Team's objective is to come up with a list of different actions residents and businesses alike could implement to reduce carbon emissions.

Mr. Bhargava indicated that with growing interest on environmental issues, the time was right for residents of Cornwall to take the initiative to show other communities that we are prepared to do our share in reducing global warming.

In conclusion to the presentation, Mr. Bhargava indicated that an endorsement of the pursuit of a carbon reduction strategy would require a \$5,000 funding allocation to pay for the research and writing of grant applications that would assist creating a carbon reduction program for Cornwall.

Moved by Councillors Syd Gardiner and Glen Grant that this matter be forwarded to Budget Negotiations for discussion.

Following further discussions by members of Council, Councillors Gardiner and Grant requested that the motion be rescinded and duly endorsed by members of the Council, after which the following motion was introduced.

Moved by Councillors Denis Carr and Guy Leger that this subject matter be referred to Administration for report at its next regular meeting of January 22, 2007.

**Motion Carried**

### DELEGATION

#### 1. Goodfood Box Program - Centre de santé communautaire de l'Estrie

Stéphanie Hemmerick, Health Promoter  
Annie Gingras, Community Organiser

Ms Hemmerick and Gingras, representatives of "Centre de santé communautaire de l'Estrie" engaged in a bilingual presentation detailing their Good Food Box program, which is a non profit community initiative offering local neighbours an opportunity to purchase a variety of fresh, nutritious fruits and vegetables at cost prices.

The program is currently managed by a number of community volunteers involving the Eastern Ontario Health Unit, Canadian Mental Health Association, P.A.L. - The People's Alternative Link Life Skill Program and Centre de formation et d'éducation aux adultes de l'Est Ontarien. Essentially, the program identifies itself as a large buying club with centralized buying and coordination which provides customers an opportunity to place a once a month order for the goods, based on their size of family and preference.

The presentation was made to bring awareness to the community and more importantly requesting that the City of Cornwall join their program and act as their banker. The Banker's role would be to open a separate bank account where the project coordinators would have access to make deposits; ensure that the coordinator has access to the amount deposited in order to verify the order of the site coordinators and subsequently place the overall order; receive the receipts from the overall order on a monthly basis; issue reimbursements for any missing purchases required for the project and distribute the bank statements to the partners.

The Program requires access to the account via on-line banking and additionally, the banker and program coordinator would have access to the amount of the deposits and expenses.

Following the presentation, it was moved by Councillors Denis Carr and Denis Thibault that this matter be referred to Administration for future report.

**Motion Carried**

## **BY-LAWS**

- 001-2007 A By-law directing and enacting the manner in which the 2007 interim levy authorized by Section 317 of the *Municipal Act, 2001* is to be collected by The Corporation of the City of Cornwall ;
- 002-2007 A By-law to authorize temporary borrowing until taxes are collected and other revenues are received for the current year by The Corporation of the City of Cornwall ;
- 003-2007 A By-law to authorize the spending of expenditures in the current year prior to the adoption of the operational budget of The Corporation of the City of Cornwall ;
- 004-2007 A By-law to provide for the supply and distribution of potable water and to set rates for consumers of The Corporation of the City of Cornwall ;
- 005-2007 A By-law to set the 2007 sewage service rates for The Corporation of the City of Cornwall ;
- 006-2007 A By-law to authorize The Corporation of the City of Cornwall to enter into a ten-year (10) Lease Agreement with Cornwall Aero Modellers (*See Communication Item #1*) ;
- 007-2007 A By-law to appoint Scott McFadzen, an employee of Capital Security Services, as By-law Enforcement Officer for the Cornwall Square and to repeal the appointment of Roxanne Lajoie ;

- 008-2007 A By-law to amend By-law 158-2001 and to include a Schedule of fee to the Agreement between The Corporation of the City of Cornwall and the Eastern Ontario Health Unit for the sewage system management ;
- 009-2007 A By-law to appoint members of Council to Boards, Committees, and Commissions for the term of Council of December 2006 to November 2010;
- 010-2007 A By-law to repeal By-law 173-2005 and to appoint William G. Wagoner as By-Law Enforcement Officer for The Corporation of the City of Cornwall ;
- 011-2007 A By-law to authorize The Corporation of the City of Cornwall to register a lien and to provide and subsequently administer municipal funds to the identified home owners under the Renaissance Housing Renovations Program ;
- 012-2007 A By-law to authorize the execution of a Tax Arrears Extension Agreement for roll number 030-003-05000 pursuant to Section 378 of the *Municipal Act 2001* ; and
- 013-2007 A By-law to repeal By-laws 124-2004 and 227-2004 and to authorize The Corporation of the City of Cornwall to enter into a Lease Agreement with the Township of North Stormont for the operation of a Land Ambulance Base .

## CONSENT

1. **Membership - Association of Municipalities of Ontario**  
That Council approve the payment of Membership Invoice from the Association of Municipalities of Ontario for the period of January 1, 2007, to December 31, 2007, in the amount of \$9,497.83 (amount paid in 2006 was \$9,202.57).
2. **Membership - Cornwall and Area Chamber of Commerce**  
That Council approve the payment membership Invoice from the Cornwall and Area Chamber of Commerce for 2007 in the amount of \$434.60 (amount paid in 2006 was \$438.70).
3. **Membership - Federation of Canadian Municipalities**  
That Council approve the payment Membership Invoice from the Federation of Canadian Municipalities for the period of April 1, 2007, to March 31, 2008, in the amount of \$5,394.24 (amount paid in 2006 was \$5,257.32).
4. **Petition - Reconstruction of Charles Street**  
(moved to Communication for discussion)
5. **Proclamation - Black History Month**  
That Council proclaim the month of February, 2007, as "Black History Month" in the City of Cornwall in commemoration of the bicentenary of the Abolition of Slavery Act in 1807 in order to reflect on the struggles of the past, the progress we have made and also the challenges that remain.

**6. Staff Replacements**

That Council approve the hiring of a part-time Janitor / Pool Operator, a Health Care Aide and Storekeeper / Buyer as recommended through report HR #01-2007 prepared by Robert Menagh, Manager, Human Resources, under date of January 8, 2007.

**7. Domiciliary Hostel - Personal Needs Benefit Increase**

(moved to Communication for discussion)

**8. Changes in the Day Nurseries Act  
Social Support Services**

That Council receive Report SSS #02-2007 prepared by Monique Gunn, ECE, Division Manager, Child Care Services, under date of December 19, 2006.

**9. Child Care - Income Testing  
Social Support Services**

(moved to Communication for discussion)

**ADOPTION OF GENERAL CONSENT**

Moved by Councillors Denis Carr and Denis Thibault that all items listed under the General Consent portion of this Agenda be adopted as amended.

**Motion Carried**

**RESOLUTIONS / BUSINESS ARISING FROM NOTICE OF MOTION**

To be considered by separate motion.

***RÉSOLUTIONS / AFFAIRES ÉMANANT DES AVIS DE MOTIONS***

*Pour être considéré selon une motion séparé.*

**01-2007 AFMO Conference**

Moved by Councillors Syd Gardiner and Bernadette Clément

**WHEREAS** L'Association francophone des municipalités de l'Ontario (AFMO) held its annual conference in Cornwall in 2004; and

**WHEREAS** AFMO representatives were well received and suggested that they would choose Cornwall as a preferred sight every fourth year.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT** an invitation from the Mayor's Office, in conjunction with the approval of Council and a supporting letter from Cornwall and Seaway Valley Tourism be sent, inviting AFMO to hold its 2008 conference in the City of Cornwall.

**Motion Carried**

**REPORTS from  
UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

NONE

**COMMUNICATION //REPORTS****1. Cornwall Aero Modellers  
Engineering, Environmental and Construction Services**

Moved by Councillors Glen Grant and Kim Baird that Council extend the Lease Agreement with the Cornwall Aero Modellers for a second ten-year period, expiring on December 31, 2016, by endorsing By-law 006-2007. Report EECS #01-2007 prepared by Neil Dixon, Waste Management Supervisor, under date of December 21, 2006.

**Motion Carried****2. Ontario Municipal Partnership Fund (OMPF) - Funding Update  
Financial Services**

Moved by Councillors Denis Carr and Glen Grant that Council receive Report FI #01-2007 and encourage continued discussion with the Ministries of Finance and Municipal Affairs and Housing to ensure that the City of Cornwall receives fair funding allocations under the Ontario Municipal Partnership Fund. Report prepared by David Dick C.A., Manager, Financial Services, under date of January 2, 2007.

A recorded vote resulted as follows:

For: Councillors Elaine MacDonald, Guy Léger, André Rivette, Bernadette Clément, Glen Grant, Denis Thibault, Denis Carr, Kim Baird, Syd Gardiner and Mayor Bob Kilger.

Against: Councillor Mark MacDonald

**Motion Carried****3. Petition - Reconstruction of Charles Street (moved from Consent for discussion)**

Moved by Councillors Syd Gardiner and Elaine MacDonald that Council refer the petition received from residents of the Charles Street neighbourhood to Administration for future report. The petition is requesting that Charles Street between Surgenor Street and Riverdale Avenue be considered for reconstruction in 2007.

**Motion Carried**

**4. Domiciliary Hostel - Personal Needs Benefit Increase  
Social Support Services**

(moved from Consent for discussion)

Moved by Councillors Glen Grant and André Rivette that Council receive report SSS #01-2007 for information purposes. Report prepared by Susan Cain, BA SocSc, Manager, Social Support Services, under date of December 19, 2006.

**Motion Carried**

**5. Child Care - Income Testing  
Social Support Services**

(moved from Consent for discussion)

Moved by Councillors André Rivette and Glen Grant that Council receive Report SSS #03-2007 for information purposes. Report prepared by Monique Gunn, ECE, Division Manager, Child Care Services, under date of December 19, 2006.

**Motion Carried**

**TENDER and REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL BLOCK**

**1. Tender 06-T53 - Collection and Disposal of Household Hazardous Waste**

Moved by Councillors Elaine MacDonald and Glen Grant that Tender 06-T53 be awarded for a three-year period to Drain-All Ltd., Ottawa, Ontario, at the total yearly bid price of \$34,900.50 (yearly net cost to the Corporation - \$32,925.00) being the best bid meeting the tender specifications. Report PU #01-2007 prepared by Paulette Heard, CMTC, Purchasing Agent, under date of December 13, 2006.

**Motion Carried**

**2. Tender 06-T54 - Tractor Backhoe with Operator**

Moved by Councillors André Rivette and Denis Carr that Tender 06-T54 be awarded as follows to:

- (a) Item 1 - Waterworks to 1202832 Ontario Inc., (Bob Buiting), Cornwall, Ontario @ \$37.50/hr.;
- (b) Item 2 - Sewers to Hec's Tree & Backhoe Service, Cornwall, Ontario @ \$39.00/hr.; and
- (c) Item 3 - Roads to 1202832 Ontario Inc., Cornwall, Ontario @ \$37.50/hr.

The bidders will be called in order on an "as required" basis as follows:

- (a) Item 1a - Waterworks to: 1202832 Ontario Inc., (Bob Buiting), Cornwall, Ontario @ \$37.50/hr.;  
Hec's Tree & Backhoe Service, Cornwall, Ontario @ \$44.00/hr.;
- (b) Item 2a - Sewers to: 1202832 Ontario Inc., (Bob Buiting), Cornwall, Ontario @ \$40.50/hr.;

- Hec's Tree & Backhoe Service, Cornwall, Ontario @ \$44.00/hr.;
- Malyon Excavation Ltd., Cornwall, Ontario @ \$45.00/hr.;
- (c) Item 3a - Roads to: Hec's Tree & Backhoe Service, Cornwall, Ontario @ \$36.00/hr.;
- 1202832 Ontario Inc., (Bob Buiting), Cornwall, Ontario @ \$37.50/hr.;
- Malyon Excavation Ltd., Cornwall, Ontario @ \$45.00/hr.;
- Mel Valade Backhoe Service , St. Andrews West, Ont. @ \$53.00/hr.;
- (d) Item 4a - Others to: Hec's Tree & Backhoe Service, Cornwall, Ontario @ \$36.00/hr.;
- 1202832 Ontario Inc., (Bob Buiting), Cornwall, Ontario @ \$37.50/hr.;
- Malyon Excavation Ltd., Cornwall, Ontario @ \$45.00/hr.;
- Mel Valade Backhoe Service, St. Andrews West, Ont @ \$53.00/hr.
- plus GST being the best bid meeting the tender specifications.

Report PU #04-2007 prepared by Paulette Heard, CMTC, Purchasing Agent, under date of December 14, 2006.

**Motion Carried**

**3. Tender 06-T55 - Supply of Refuse / Waste Containers**

Moved by Councillors Denis Carr and Guy Léger that Tender 06-T55 be awarded for a two-year period to A.B. Cartage, Cornwall, Ontario.

Report PU #03-2007 prepared by Paulette Heard, CMTC, Purchasing Agent, under date of December 13, 2006.

**Motion Carried**

**4. Tender 06-T56 - Tea Room - Roof Replacement at Glen Stor Dun Lodge**

Moved by Councillors Syd Gardiner and Glen Grant that Tender 06-T56 be awarded to D.R. Devine Roofing & Sheet Metal Ltd., Ottawa, Ontario, at the total bid price of \$62,752.00 (net cost to the Corporation - \$59,200.00) being the best bid meeting the tender specifications.

Report PU #06-2007 prepared by Paulette Heard, CMTC, Purchasing Agent, under date of December 13, 2006.

**Motion Carried**

**5. Tender 06-T57 - Supply of Bedding Plants and Baskets**

Moved by Councillors Bernadette Clément and Kim Baird that Tender 06-T57 be awarded to Freeland Flowers, Maxville, Ontario at the total bid price of \$14,758.89 (net cost to the Corporation - \$13,982.11) being the best bid meeting the tender specifications.

Report PU #02-2007 prepared by Paulette Heard, CMTC, Purchasing Agent, under date of December 13, 2006.

**Motion Carried**

## **NEW BUSINESS**

### **1. Economic Development - Monthly Report**

Moved by Councillors André Rivette and Denis Thibault

**WHEREAS** a strong Economic Development Department is the key to attracting new employers for Cornwall; and

**WHEREAS** Councillors during the recent municipal election indicated that City Council should be prepared to take a more pro active approach dealing with issues related to our Economic Development; and

**WHEREAS** A strong team of Council Members have been chosen for the Cornwall Economic Development Strategic Plan Implementation Advisory Committee; and

**WHEREAS** It is important that all members of Council play an active role in understanding the needs and concerns of the department.

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that The Manager of our Economic Development Department prepare a monthly written report for the Committee of Council Agenda (In-Camera). The report would give Council information on employers looking at Cornwall for job creation and what actions the Economic Development Department has taken to attract new job development to the City for that month.

A recorded vote resulted as follows:

For: Councillors Mark MacDonald, Guy Léger, André Rivette, Bernadette Clément, Glen Grant, Denis Thibault, Denis Carr, Kim Baird, Syd Gardiner and Mayor Bob Kilger.

Against: Councillor Elaine MacDonald

**Motion Carried**

### **2. Competitive Disadvantage**

Moved by Councillors Mark MacDonald and André Rivette

**WHEREAS** our community lost out when Canadian Tire announced it would build a distribution facility in Québec; and

**WHEREAS** we are at a competitive disadvantage, especially when it comes to competing with companies in Western Québec; and

**WHEREAS** three main disadvantages are:

1. The Quebec government has allowed tax breaks to Commercial Developers;
2. Quebec Hydros commercial power rates are 30% cheaper than Hydro One Ontario;
3. Quebec allows double full sized semi-trailers on their highways. (Source-energypulse.net)

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that The Council of the City of Cornwall meet with our MPP Jim Brownell and inform him of these issues; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that The Corporation inform MPP Brownell that the City wants these issues addressed and brought to the attention of the Ontario Government.

**Motion Carried**

### 3. Tax Study - City of Brockville

Moved by Councillors Denis Carr and Denis Thibault

**WHEREAS** there has been much discussion and media attention given to the recent tax study conducted by the City of Brockville; and

**WHEREAS** the study claimed that Cornwall had the highest property taxes of the communities listed.

**BE IT RESOLVED** that administration prepare a report comparing the services delivered by each municipality and the cost of providing these services to the tax-payer, sewer and water and education taxes to be included in the survey.

**Motion Carried**

### **PASSING OF BY-LAWS - Third and Final Reading**

Moved by Councillors Guy Léger and Glen Grant that By-laws 001 to 013, 2006 inclusive, listed on the Agenda for third reading be taken as read a third time and finally passed.

**Motion Carried**

### **NOTICE OF MOTION**

### **CONFIRMING BY-LAW**

Moved by Councillors Syd Gardiner and Elaine MacDonald that By-law 014-2007 being a By-law to confirm the proceedings of the Council of The Corporation of the City of Cornwall at its meetings held on Monday, January 8, 2007, having been read a first, second and third time be now taken as read and passed.

**Motion Carried**

### **ADJOURNMENT**

Moved by Councillors Denis Thibault and Denis Carr that the Regular Council Meeting of Monday, January 8, 2007 be adjourned at 9:10 p.m.

  
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DENISE LABELLE-GÉLINAS  
CITY CLERK

  
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BOB KILER  
MAYOR