

REGULAR COUNCIL #39-2007

Monday, November 26, 2007
Meeting called to order at 7:30 p.m.
City Hall - 360 Pitt Street, Cornwall

PRESENT: Mayor Bob Kilger
Councillor Mark MacDonald
Councillor Guy Léger
Councillor Elaine MacDonald
Councillor André Rivette
Councillor Bernadette Clément
Councillor Glen Grant
Councillor Denis Carr
Councillor Kim Baird
Councillor Denis Thibault

REGRETS: Councillor Syd Gardiner

ADMINISTRATION: Paul W. Fitzpatrick, Chief Administrative Officer
Denise Labelle-Gélinas, CMO, City Clerk
Manon Poirier, Acting Deputy Clerk
Stephen Alexander, General Manager, Planning, Parks and Recreation
Robert Menagh, Manager, Human Resources (arrived at 8:30 p.m.)
Normand P. Levac, General Manager, Infrastructure and Municipal Works
Len Tapp, Division Manager, Transit Services
Barry Coleman, Chief Building Official and By-law Enforcement Supervisor
Chief Myles Cassidy, Manager, Emergency Medical Services
Members of Cornwall Transit

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

INVOCATION Père Marc Piché
Église Ste-Thérèse de Lisieux

NATIONAL ANTHEM Assembly

ADDITIONS / CORRECTIONS / DELETIONS - None

DISCLOSURE OF INTEREST - None

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

Moved by Councillors Bernadette Clément 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 177-2007 to 185-2007 be referred to that Committee and that the Agenda of the Committee of the Whole for the meeting of Monday, November 26, 2007, be approved.

Motion Carried

GENERAL CONSENT

ADOPTION OF MINUTES

The Minutes of the Regular Council Meeting #38-2007 of Tuesday, November 26, 2007, were presented for adoption. There being no corrections noted, the Minutes stand approved.

PRESENTATIONS

1. Comprehensive Transit Review

Mr. Richard Pucinni from Dillon Consulting Limited presented the results of the recently conducted Comprehensive Transit Review in order to assess all aspects of the service, to determine the Transit needs of the residential sector and to recommend a five-year Business Strategy for the Transit system.

Mr. Pucinni discussed the purpose and objectives of the review, the study contents regarding the convention and the Handi-Transit services, the public consultation process. Mr. Pucinni also spoke about the benefits of a public transit system, the existing services in Cornwall and the manner in which Cornwall compares to other municipalities. Mr. Pucinni then summarized the issues and opportunities as they relate to the Conventional Route Service, the Handi-Transit Service and the Community Bus Service. Future directions were then presented for the Conventional Transit Routes, Community Bus Service and Handi-Transit Service.

Recommendations were presented with respect to marketing and promotion and partnerships including St. Lawrence College with the introduction of a new "U Pass" and taxi operators.

Mr. Pucinni also reviewed the fare strategy. The next steps in this process are to implement service changes early in 2008, implement low cost / high payback marketing strategies, pursue U-Pass opportunities with St. Lawrence College (target September 2008), implement accessible taxis in Cornwall, negotiate service agreements with adjacent municipalities and initiate discussions with school boards to increase their use of Cornwall Transit.

Moved by Councillors Mark MacDonald and André Rivette to refer the Comprehensive Review to Administration for report.

Motion Carried

2. Transit Committee

Étienne St-Aubin, Chair of the Transit Committee, presented the Committee's plan for the future. The Transit Committee agrees with most of the recommendations made by Dillon Consulting Ltd. through the Comprehensive Review including the introduction of a 30 minute service, improvement to routes and connections, progressively introduce new sized buses and developing innovative approaches such as a U Pass.

Mr. St-Aubin indicated that the Committee had a few different ideas regarding the fare structure such as the introduction of a new children's category where students up to grade 6 would travel free of charge and of a new Community Pass which would be administered by our Department of Social and Housing Services. The Committee is unable to support a fare increase of 30% for seniors.

The Transit Committee views the Transit Service to be a instrument of economic development, a instrument of social development and an instrument of environmental protection.

Moved by Councillors Bernadette Clément and Kim Baird that the Transit Committee's recommendations be referred to Administration for report.

Motion Carried

Moved by Councillors Mark MacDonald and Bernadette Clément that Administration's report address, in particular, issues such as the increase in fares being subsidized by the Department of Social and Housing Services through partnership, Sunday service for Handi-Transit users and U-Pass being incorporated to include City employees.

Motion Carried

DELEGATIONS - None

1. Ontario Society for the Prevention fo Cruelty to Animals (SPCA) SD&G Branch

Tanya Firmage, Branch Manager of the Stormont, Dundas and Glengarry Branch of the Ontario SPCA, addressed Council in order to discuss the overpopulation of stray cats in the City of Cornwall and to request a City By-law. Ms. Firmage indicated that over 2,000 cats are received at the SDG Branch per year, an increase of 78% since 2001. In trying to capture stray cats, people have been bitten by the animals and Ms. Firmage believes that these occurrences pose a public health concern.

Moved by Councillors Glen Grant and Mark MacDonald that the earlier report on this issue be re-circulated for information purposes.

Motion Carried

It was then moved by Councillors Denis Carr and André Rivette that Council's representatives on the Board of Health bring this issue to the Ontario Health Unit so that it may investigate funding possibilities to assist in controlling the overpopulation of stray cats.

Motion Carried

BY-LAWS

- 177-2007 A By-law to further amend By-law 069-1969 as amended - Schedule XIII, Prohibited Turning Movements, intersection of Boundary Road and Tenth Street;
- 178-2007 A By-law to appoint Stephen Fournier as the Independent Investigator for The Corporation of the City of Cornwall pursuant to Sections 8, 9, 10 and 239.1 of the Municipal Act, 2001, as amended;
- 179-2007 A By-law to release the Option to Repurchase in favour of The Corporation of the City of Cornwall as described in Instrument No. S195830;
- 180-2007 A By-law to further amend By-law 164-2005 being a By-law to Govern the Proceedings of the Council of The Corporation of the City of Cornwall;
- 181-2007 A By-law to authorize The Corporation of the City of Cornwall to enter into a Lease Agreement with 132 Second Street East Ltd. to house municipal departments;
- 182-2007 A By-law to authorize the conveyance of land on Vincent Massey Drive (ROW) at Brookdale Avenue;
- 183-2007 A By-law to declare certain real property surplus, lands legally described as Part Lot 12, Concession 1, City of Cornwall, County of Stormont, now designated as Part 1 on Reference Plan 52R-4073;
- 184-2007 A By-law to further amend By-law 069-1969, as amended - Schedule II, Parking Restrictions, Part of Boundary Road;
- 185-2007 A By-law to further amend By-law 069-1969, as amended - Schedule XII, Designated Traffic Lanes, by adding and repealing parts of Brookdale Avenue with respect to the Brookdale road widening project.

CONSENT

1. Tag Day - Proclamation

Pursuant to Report CL #43-2007 prepared by Denise Labelle-Gélinas, CMO, City Clerk, under date of November 20, 2007:

- (a) That Council allow the SD&G Army Cadets a Tag Day on Saturday, December 8, 2007, in the City of Cornwall that will help the Cadet Corps raise funds for equipment and activities; and
- (b) That Council proclaim Sunday, December 9, 2007, as "Service Club Day" in the City of Cornwall to help raise funds for the Children's Christmas Fund.

ADOPTION OF GENERAL CONSENT

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

Motion Carried

RESOLUTIONS / BUSINESS ARISING FROM NOTICE OF MOTION - None

REPORTS FROM UNFINISHED BUSINESS

1. Amended Code of Conduct Policy Manual *(Item #39-2007 from Unfinished Business Listing)*

Moved by Councillors Denis Carr and André Rivette that Council endorse the Revised Code of Conduct Policy Manual, previously entitled Corporate Policy Manual and that Council endorse the following new policies:

- (a) Sale and Disposition of Municipal Lands (previously through By-law 069-2003);
- (b) Procurement of Goods and Services (previously through By-law 141-2004); and
- (c) Treatment of Properties that do not sell at Municipal Tax Sales, pursuant to Report CL #35-2007 (Resolution 23-2007) prepared by Denise Labelle-Gélinas, CMO, City Clerk, under date of September 26, 2007

Motion Carried

2. Court Security Cost and Downloaded Programs *(Item #38-2007 from Unfinished Business Listing)*

Moved by Councillors André Rivette and Guy Léger that Council receive Report CL #40-2007 prepared by Manon L. Poirier, Deputy Clerk, under date of November 2, 2007, for information purposes.

Motion Carried

3. Destination Marketing Fee *(Item #51-2007 from Unfinished Business Listing)*

Moved by Councillors Guy Léger and Denis Thibault that Council endorse the "Destination Marketing Fee" initiative as presented by Cornwall & Seaway Valley Tourism and the Cornwall Hotel Association pursuant to Report CAO #13-2007 prepared by Paul W. Fitzpatrick, Chief Administrative Officer, under date of November 16, 2007.

Motion Carried

COMMUNICATION / REPORTS

1. Procedural By-law - Notice Provisions

Moved by Councillors Glen Grant and Bernadette Clément that Council endorse the revisions to By-law Proceedings of the Council through By-law 180-2007 pursuant to Report CL #41-2007 prepared by Denise Labelle-Gélinas, CMO, City Clerk, dated of November 1, 2007.

Motion Carried

2. Central Start EMS System

Moved by Councillors André Rivette and Elaine MacDonald that Council receive Report EMS #09-2007 prepared by Chief Myles Cassidy, Manager, Emergency Medical Services, under date of October 31, 2007, for information and that Council endorse the "Central Start" methodology in the delivery of Emergency Medical Services.

Motion Carried

TENDERS AND REQUESTS FOR PROPOSAL - None

NEW BUSINESS - None

1. Upgrade to Highway 138

Moved by Councillors André Rivette and Mark MacDonald

WHEREAS the Council of The Corporation of the City of Cornwall endorsed a Resolution on March 26, 2007, requesting that funding be given to Stormont, Dundas and Glengarry to allow for a major upgrade to Highway 138 that would allow better access to major markets in the Ottawa area; and

WHEREAS the said Resolution was forwarded to MP Guy Lauzon, to MPP Jim Brownell and to all Municipalities in Stormont, Dundas and Glengarry requesting their support; and

WHEREAS there has been numerous fatalities on that Highway since our initial Resolution because of its poor condition; and

WHEREAS there is a need to get action to address the dangers of this stretch of Highway.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council request Administration to prepare a petition that could be signed by all Residents in SD&G geographical area and that a copy of this petition be made available at City Hall and any other locations that Administration deemed appropriate and that all other municipalities in SDG be asked to do the same; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT, early in the new year, this petition be formally presented to both our MP and our MPP requesting they bring this strong message for funding upgrade to address this killer Highway.

Motion Carried

2. Le Village and Downtown Snow Clearing

Moved by Councillors Elaine MacDonald and Bernadette Clément

WHEREAS, between them, the street plows and sidewalk plows create a formidable barrier of ice and snow between the street and sidewalks, leaving the stores virtually in-accessible to drivers;

WHEREAS during this season, when our merchants need to register records sales, let us not create a safety hazard and a disincentive for people to shop in Le Village and Downtown;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the City's outside crews be instructed to make removal of this unsightly and unsafe barrier a priority this winter.

Motion Carried

PASSING OF BY-LAWS - Third and Final Reading

Moved by Councillors Denis Carr and Kim Baird that By-laws 177-2007 to 185-2007 inclusive, listed on the Agenda for third reading be taken as read a third time and finally passed.

Motion Carried

AD HOC COMMITTEES - None

Councillor Elaine MacDonald indicated that the Pesticide Advisory Committee will be hosting a Town Hall meeting on Wednesday, December 5, 2007, 7:00 p.m., at the Cornwall Civic Complex, Galleries 1 and 2.

NOTICE OF MOTION - None**UNFINISHED BUSINESS LISTING****CONFIRMING BY-LAW**

Moved by Councillors Bernadette Clément and Glen Grant that By-law 186-2007 being a By-law to confirm the proceedings of the Council of The Corporation of the City of Cornwall at its meetings held on Tuesday, October 9, 2007, having been read a first, second and third time be now taken as read and passed.

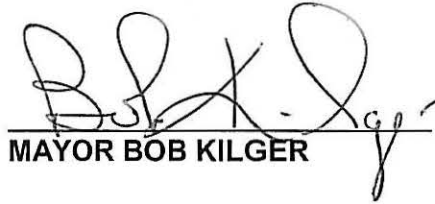
Motion Carried

ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Councillors Mark MacDonald and Guy Léger that the Regular Council Meeting of Monday, November 26, 2007, be adjourned at 9:45 p.m.



DENISE LABELLE-GÉLINAS
CITY CLERK



MAYOR BOB KILGER



MANON POIRIER
DEPUTY CITY CLERK