

**Cornwall, Prince Edward Island  
Council Minutes**

**April 18, 2007**

The regular meeting of Cornwall Town Council was held in Council Chambers on Wednesday, April 18th, 2007.

**CALL TO ORDER:**

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 P.M. by Mayor Patrick MacFadyen.

**ATTENDANCE & REGRETS:**

Present were: Mayor Patrick MacFadyen, Deputy Mayor Charles Easter; Councillors Marlene Hunt, Kent Lannan, Parker Beer, Irene Dawson, Administrator, Kevin McCarville; Recording Secretary, Tammy Pigott; 1 resident. Regrets: Councillor Ernest Gallant

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA:**

Councillor Dawson moved, Councillor Hunt seconded, that the agenda as circulated prior to the meeting be the agenda.

**MOTION CARRIED 2007-04-1454**

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF March 21st, 2007 REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL:**

Councillor Dawson moved, Deputy Mayor Easter seconded, that the Minutes of March 21st, 2007 be approved as printed and amended as follows:

On page 1492 Councillor Dawson notes that the Utility Committee will not be the committee to look after the noise pollution bylaw. The sentence will be removed from the minutes.

On page 1493 delete "and then the meeting will be public" from second paragraph of Councillor Hunts report.

**MOTION CARRIED 2007-04-1455**

**BUSINESS ARISING**

Councillor Beer advises the Town has spoken with the Women's Institute regarding no longer using the York Point Community Centre. The Institute is considering using either the Town Hall or Civic Centre for their functions.

Councillor Beer advises Council the movement of the Cap Site to the Town Hall has been put on hold pending confirmation of funding levels for the Cap Site. Should

adequate funding be received the committee will consider recommending the Cap Site remain at the Ferry Road Centre.

Councillor Dawson asks for clarification on Transportation Master Plan being forwarded to the Department of Transportation and the Province commissioned to do a study on safety issues. Deputy Mayor Easter explains they are two different studies. Mayor MacFadyen adds the Town is doing the Master Plan Study in cooperation with the province.

Councillor Lannan advises Council, if an election is called, there will not be a public announcement on the MRIF application until after the election.

#### **PLANNING BOARD - Deputy Mayor Easter**

Deputy Mayor Easter reports the regular monthly meeting was held on April 3rd, 2007.

Deputy Mayor Easter notes minutes have been amended regarding the rezoning of 67 Macarthur Drive, Parcel 585810; a public meeting is not required at this time.

Deputy Mayor Easter notifies Council that Planning Board is reviewing concerns noted on a petition requesting James Street be opened up for one way traffic to John Street/MacArthur Drive. It will be further reviewed as part of the Transportation Master Plan.

#### **UTILITY - COUNCILLOR IRENE DAWSON:**

Councillor Dawson reports CBCL continues to consider options for increasing the contact time for chlorine at the East Wiltshire well site. CBCL also met with Town maintenance staff and are continuing their assessments of water consumption at the respective wells. Town Staff are meeting on Thursday, April 19th with the North River Fire Department to discuss fire rated water for identified areas of the town.

Overdue accounts are to be priority in May and June.

Councillor Hunt asks about nitrate levels in our water tests. Kevin informs that they are not on our monthly reports, however, they are included in the larger tests done a couple times a year. We have never had an alarm on these chemical tests.

Deputy Mayor Easter questions the new sewer force main on the York Point Road, it looks to be on the opposite side of the road than the others; he was under the assumption that the sewer & water were not on the same side. Kevin to get more information and inform Council.

**TRANSPORTATION AND SAFETY - COUNCILLOR MARLENE HUNT:**The Transit Steering Committee met on April 10th in Cornwall. Stratford & Cornwall will be treated separately in the study. The study is to be completed late June, early July. A special Council meeting will be held at the end of the study to meet with iTRANS. Councillor Hunt informs Council that iTRANS has raised concern with the ability of both towns to afford the system.

Mayor MacFadyen raises concerns that iTRANS is not going to meet with Council before the end of the study. Kevin notes that iTRANS is going to gather the information and prepare a draft report for Council.

Council expresses concern that they would like to meet with iTRANS before the study is complete.

Councillor Hunt informs Council that new streetlights have been installed in the last few days. .

**COMMUNITY SERVICES - COUNCILLOR PARKER BEER:**

Councillor Dawson reinforced Councillor Beers comments about the Cap Site remaining at the Ferry Road Centre until such time as funding levels are determined. She noted discussions were held with the CAO and Recreation Director prior to the Committee taking this position. Councillor Dawson also notes that the responsibility and maintenance of the equipment will become that of the Town if it is moved into our building.

***York Point Community Centre***

Council discusses concerns of closing the York Point Community Centre and the options for the Women's Institute to use other facilities . The Committee decides to keep building locked and at a later date revisit the issue. The Women's Institute have been notified and other options have been suggested to them.

***Humane Society Report***

Councillor Lannan informs Council that he has received a lot of complaints on loose dogs; he suggests more education be given to the public on the matter. Councillor Dawson suggests hiring a student through a government grant ensuring all dogs in the Town are licensed.

***RCMP Report***

Councillor Lannan notes that Cst. Swansburg is doing a great job and has a wonderful effect on the children in the community.

## **PARKS & RECREATION - COUNCILLOR KENT LANNAN:**

Councillor Lannan reports the regular monthly meetings was held on April 11th.

### ***Turf Fields***

Councillor Lannan reports that the turf fields weathered very well over the winter and are up and running for the season. Many hours have already been booked; the Eliot River Ramblers should be signing their contract this week.

### ***Donation Policy***

The Parks & Recreation Committee put forth a resolution to amend the donation policy.

Councillor Dawson asks for clarification for the amendment on having a club president that will be able to apply for the funding. Kevin explains that it is club president or equivalent. Councillor Dawson also expresses concerns with the limitations on donations given to those traveling within the Maritimes.

Councillor Lannan moved, Councillor Hunt seconded, that Council amend the Recreation donation policy, section 1.5, as follows:

Subject to budget limitations the following donations will be authorized if the application is approved.

- a. For travel within PEI, no donation will be made.
- b. For travel to Maritime Provinces no donation will be made.
- c. For travel to Newfoundland a donation will be made of \$50.00 per person to a maximum of \$200.00 per organization per year.
- d. For travel to Quebec or Ontario a donation will be made of \$50.00 per person to a maximum of \$200.00 per organization per year.
- e. For travel to provinces west of Ontario a donation will be made of \$100.00 per person to a maximum of \$200.00 per organization per year.
- f. For travel to the United States a donation of \$75.00 per person to a maximum of \$200.00 per organization per year.
- g. For international travel (excluding the United States) a donation will be made of \$100.00 per person to a maximum of \$200.00 per organization per year.
- h. For hosting an event in the Town of Cornwall a donation will be made to the maximum of \$200.00 per organization per year.

i. The maximum any individual can receive per year is one hundred dollars.

The Club President (or equivalent) must be the one that applies for the donation.

#### Policy Review

This policy shall be reviewed by the Parks and Recreation Committee 3 years from the date of coming into effect and every 3 years thereafter.

### **MOTION CARRIED 2007-04-1456**

Councillor Beer asks about the lights being on at the turf fields when no one is using it. Councillor Lannan explains that the lights are only on when someone is using it and a staff person is there when the fields are in use. A log is kept of when the lights are turned on and off.

#### ***Park Maintenance***

Primrose Point residents are being sent a park survey to ask them what they would like to see in their park space. Originally they did not want equipment; however many new residents have moved into the area and it is possible they feel differently..

#### ***APM Centre***

Councillor Lannan informs Council that a letter was sent to the APM Centre informing them we are decreasing our hours of rental time to 10 hours a week effective September 2007. The APM Centre is looking at reducing our discount and a meeting is scheduled to discuss the issue.

#### ***Special Events Co-ordinator***

The Town is looking to fill this position for a 6 month period. This is to give staff time to evaluate the position in order to maximize the responsibilities.

#### ***Minor Ball***

Town has approved CAMBA's request for a \$3,000 field improvement grant this year; however it will be cut next year and the Association was given this notice. The Town has also reinstated the \$5 per player maintenance fee this year.

#### ***Youth Employment***

Councillor Lannan informs Council that on suggestion of Councillor Hunt all causal recreation staff will be given a copy of the Service Canada's Youth Employment Standards Act.

#### ***Events***

Councillor Lannan reports that the Easter Egg Hunt was a great success with about 45 children taking part even with the snow that arrived. Upcoming events include: The

Annual Fishing Derby will be held Saturday, May 19th and the Cornwall Classic road race will be Saturday, June 9th.

Councillor Lannan attended the Atlantic major midget hockey tournament and sat in on the banquet on behalf of the Mayor and they were very thankful for the donation and support from the Town.

A thank you note also received from the skating club for the donation towards their annual light show.

### ***Eliot River Ramblers Association***

Deputy Mayor Easter questions the signed agreement regarding the responsibilities of the Town. Councillor Lannan explains that the Ferry Road Centre will be available to them for their registrations and meetings; office staff will be helping with late registrations for the association this year as we do with minor ball.

Council had a discussion on the rates and discounts given to the Soccer Association and the responsibility of the maintenance of the fields, washroom facility, canteen and clubhouse.

Discussion was also held regarding the security and liability responsibilities of the Town for persons on the turf fields. Council agrees the Town should look into this issue and get more information.

### **FINANCE & ADMINISTRATION - DEPUTY MAYOR CHARLES EASTER**

Deputy Mayor Easter reports that the insurance premiums have gone down this year and the committee agreed to increase the deductible on the properties from \$2,500 to \$5,000 thereby reducing the premium another \$1,043/year.

### ***Donations***

Deputy Mayor Easter reviews donations that have been approved after the budget was past.

### **RESOLUTIONS**

Deputy Mayor Easter states that the Town would like to go ahead and purchase the new maintenance trucks as previously discussed. \$26,000 was put in a reserve account last year from the insurance money received for the lost Chev truck and is being used towards the purchase of the truck.

Deputy Mayor Easter moved, Councillor Dawson seconded, the Town of Cornwall accept the Hillside Motors quote on a ½ ton truck and a 4x4 truck at a cost of \$40,678.45 GST excluded.

**MOTION CARRIED 2007-04-1457**

Deputy Mayor Easter moved, Councillor Lannan seconded, the Town of Cornwall accept the Good Equipment Ltd. Quote of \$15,392.18, GST excluded, for a 31 horsepower, 72" grass mower.

**MOTION CARRIED 2007-04-1458**

Deputy Mayor Easter notifies Council the National Bank requires Council to pass the following resolution. It is to reaffirm the Towns' guarantee on the Business Park financing. The original motion was passed on April 22, 2002.

Deputy Mayor Easter moved, Councillor Lannan seconded, be it resolved that the Town of Cornwall be and is hereby authorized to guarantee the payment of all sums of money which Cornwall Business Park Inc., the Customer owes or in the future may owe to the Bank up to an amount of one million, four hundred thousand dollars (\$1,400,000.) in principal, interest, costs and incidental charges.

**MOTION CARRIED 2007-04-1459**

Deputy Mayor Easter notes that last month a resolution was past to lock the 10 year loan interest rate in at 5.25 %, it was actually locked in at 5.34%.

**COMMUNICATION - MAYOR MACFADYEN**

Mayor MacFadyen informs Council that he has met with Dr. Stewart regarding health in the community. We have received a request from the Province to meet with Council on physician recruitment and community needs.

Mayor MacFadyen met with Minister Shea regarding an intersection at the entrance to the Business Park. MLA Ron MacKinley has also raised the issue in the legislature. The response was negative as Government believes there is not enough traffic to warrant an intersection. A possible round about on the TCH by Eliot River School did receive some positive interest from the government.

**OTHER BUSINESS:**

Councillor Dawson is wondering about the minutes and the time line it takes to be released to the public and posted on the website. Kevin suggests that perhaps only the resolutions passed at the meeting be posted immediately. Kevin to look into it and report back to Council.

Councillor Lannan requests a "Children playing" sign be put up on the Ferry Road. Councillor Hunt informs that the request has been sent to the province for this.

Mr. Freddy Yammie, Cornwall Roadhouse, approached Mayor and Council regarding his ongoing issues outlined in the March minutes. Mayor MacFadyen agrees to look at

this issue in more detail and that it will be discussed at the Committee of Council meeting next week. Council asks for more documentation and information prior to Tuesdays meeting. Mayor MacFadyen recognizes that time is an issue for Mr. Yammie and understands his concerns.

**ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting adjourned at 10:04 PM by Mayor Patrick MacFadyen on motion of Councillors Dawson & Beer.

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PATRICK MACFADYEN  
MAYOR

KEVIN MCCARVILLE  
ADMINISTRATOR