

**Cornwall, Prince Edward Island  
Council Minutes**

**August 15, 2007**

The regular meeting of Cornwall Town Council was held in Council Chambers on Wednesday, August 15th, 2007.

**CALL TO ORDER:**

The meeting was called to order at 7:35 pm by Mayor Patrick MacFadyen.

**ATTENDANCE & REGRETS:**

Present were: Mayor Patrick MacFadyen, Deputy Mayor Charles Easter; Councillors Marlene Hunt, Kent Lannan, Parker Beer, Irene Dawson, Ernest Gallant, Administrator, Kevin McCarville; Recording Secretary, Stephanie Cairns; five members of the public.

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA:**

Councillor Easter moved, Councillor Gallant seconded, that the agenda as circulated prior to the meeting be the agenda.

**MOTION CARRIED 2007-08-1479**

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF July 18th, 2007 REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL:**

Councillor Dawson moved, Councillor Lannan seconded, that the Minutes of July 18th, 2007 be approved.

**MOTION CARRIED 2007-08-1480**

**BUSINESS ARISING**

There was no business arising from the Minutes.

**PLANNING BOARD - DEPUTY MAYOR EASTER**

Deputy Mayor Easter reports Planning Board met on August 8th, 2007. Councillor Easter notes the Minutes should read seconded by Charles, not Doug.

Planning Board reviewed a request for a variance to the side yard of a proposed duplex dwelling located at 2-4 Parkview Court (PID 945477). The developer originally requested a 20% variance, after discussion the board agreed on a 10% variance.

Councillor Easter moved, Councillor Lannan seconded; be it resolved the Town of Cornwall grant the application to provide a minor variance to permit a side of yard of 9 feet to the duplex dwelling to be constructed on lot 14, 2-4 Parkview Court, PID 945477 in the Hillside Meadows Subdivision.

**MOTION CARRIED 2007-08-1481**

**UTILITY - COUNCILLOR IRENE DAWSON:**

Councillor Dawson reports Utility did not have their regular monthly meeting, however there is a meeting scheduled for Monday, August 20th at 4:30.

Councillor Dawson noted staff and Town engineers will be meeting on August 16th with representatives from the Province to further discussions on use of the water reservoir as a base for wireless internet service to Provincial Government locations in the Town.

Comments have been received from Greatario, builders of the reservoir. As well, a draft agreement between the Town and Province to facilitate this initiative has been received. The Utility anticipates making a decision on this matter at the August 20th meeting.

Councillor Dawson reports videoing and flushing of sewer lines has been completed. Water line flushing will take place over the next month.

The audit on the 2006-2007 New Deal project has been completed and forwarded to the Infrastructure office.

Councillor Dawson stated Utility has received \$177,000.00 from the developer of Sunrise Cove subdivision as per our subdivision agreement. Further payments will be received as claims for construction on the York Point Road project come in. The water and sewer lines for the subdivision have passed their testing. Completion and testing of the pumping stations is pending.

Staff anticipate activating the water system in River Pointe Estates within the next month as the first home in this development nears completion.

The Utility is well within our budget projections for the year. Cash flow continues to be an issue as we are interim financing the York Point Road project.

Councillor Easter inquires into the antennas on the water tower and asks if a study was completed prior to the installation of the antenna presently on the tower. Kevin advised a study was completed and noted the antennas are similar, however to protect the Town and the Utility it would be best to have it reviewed by the builders of the tower.

At July's Council meeting Councillor Easter inquired into the delay of completion of work on the York Point Road. Councillor Dawson advised since the lawns were seeded she didn't inquire any further into the delay.

**TRANSPORTATION AND SAFETY - COUNCILLOR MARLENE HUNT:**

Councillor Hunt reports Transportation and Safety met on August 15th, 2007.

Councillor Hunt is disappointed to report the Town was not awarded funding under the MRIF application for a sidewalk on the Trans Canada Highway.

The Committee believes future applications for sidewalk funding should be separated from other initiatives. The Committee believes there is more than \$1,000,000.00 worth of sidewalk work required in the Town.

Councillor Hunt reports after speaking with the Hon. Ron MacKinley, she is disappointed to report resurfacing of the Jewell Road will not be completed this year.

Councillor Hunt notes staff advised a guardrail separating the skateboard park/play structure from the entrance to the Town Hall/APM Centre will be constructed soon.

We are still expecting a mid September date for an Open House on the options for public transit in Cornwall. Due to delays the Infrastructure Secretariat has been requested to extend the September 30th deadline for funding applications for public transit to November 30th.

The next scheduled Transportation & Safety Committee meeting is scheduled for September 11th, 2007 at 4:00 pm.

Councillor Easter comments on Councillor Hunt's report regarding the application on sidewalks and confirmed the Committee would need to make a recommendation to Council on this matter. Councillor Hunt agreed.

Councillor Dawson commented on Councillor Hunt's statement of over \$1,000,000.00 of sidewalk work required within the Town, noting this amount is extremely high.

**COMMUNITY SERVICES LIAISON COMMITTEE - COUNCILLOR PARKER BEER:**

The Committee will be meeting with the York Point Women's Institute early next week to discuss the York Point Community Centre.

***Humane Society Report***

Humane Society monthly report was circulated.

### ***RCMP Report***

RCMP monthly report was circulated.

Councillor Easter inquires into the report from the fire department regarding a summary of emergency calls. Councillor Beer advised nothing has been received to date.

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

Councillor Lannan reports the regular monthly meeting was held on August 8th, 2007.

Councillor Lannan reports deficiencies in grading between the field and the properties on Appleby have been addressed. As well, with the cooperation of the Eastern School Board and Dept. of Transportation and Public Works, a swale has been put in place to drain water away from the properties on the lower end of Appleby.

Deficiencies in the end zones (sod not growing) and the area north of the soccer field where it is washing out are being addressed.

Councillor Lannan reports the drainage system under the fields was videoed several weeks ago and revealed minor deficiencies where the tile field connect with the manholes which will be repaired at no cost to the Town.

Councillor Lannan advises the Committee will have projections for 2007 annual rentals for Council's September meeting. Fall soccer leagues and football are now confirming their schedules. The lack of change room facilities makes it challenging for us to secure home games for Holland College.

The Committee, recognizing the Town covered the costs of pressure washing the last home on either side of Hilltop Drive because of last years construction, believes the time has past where this work can be held responsible for the appearance of residences and is not prepared to pay for the cleaning on any more homes.

Councillor Lannan notes the Committee recognizes concerns from the residents of 15 Appleby Lane  
re: people crossing their property to access the sport fields. The area will be marked in the future.

Councillor Lannan reports Summer Day Camp is running smoothly with the average number of issues being raised by parents and addressed by the department. More so than previous years, the department is facing a number of challenges finding and keeping staff.

The pool was closed for a weekend due to rips in the liner. Pool staff has been excellent with very few issues being referred to Kim and/or Jennifer.

Councillor Lannan confirms the Committee has agreed Cornfest would be offered to the Lion's Club. Lion's Club members have been contacted and will advise by August 16th on their decision for running this event.

Councillor Lannan advises the MacLean Memorial bench is now located at Lowther Park in memory of Logan MacLean. A small ceremony will be scheduled later this month.

The Committee has allocated its full \$2,000 for donations for 2007.

Councillor Lannan notes the Committee's disappointment that no decision has been made on the Town's MRIF application. It's unlikely anything related to this application will proceed in 2007.

Councillor Lannan reports the Committee is considering funding options for trail construction this fall. Recognizing there may be a projected surplus for 2007, due in part to reduced expenditures in Parks and Recreation. The Committee will revisit this matter in September.

Councillor Easter asked if the rips in the pool liner were due to vandalism or just regular wear and tear. Councillor Lannan advised to the best of our knowledge it was just regular wear.

Councillor Easter requested a brief description of the Summer Day Camp program. Councillor Lannan reviewed the particulars noting there are approximately 80 children registered.

There are also approximately 10-12 special needs children with one-on-one workers whose positions are wage subsidized.

#### **FINANCE & ADMINISTRATION - COUNCILLOR ERNEST GALLANT**

Councillor Gallant reviewed the Financial Statements. Revenue is on budget as of August 9th, 2007.

The next scheduled Finance and Administration meeting is September 17, 2007 at 4:30 pm.

Mayor MacFadyen requested to have the minutes distributed prior to the next Council meeting.

Councillor Easter inquired into the implementation of new billing procedures for 2008 whereby an annual utility bill will be mailed with quarterly payments required.

Councillor Dawson expressed concerns re: severely delinquent accounts and collecting payment from residents that are not connected to the Town's Utility.

**COMMUNICATION - MAYOR MACFADYEN**

Mayor MacFadyen thanks everyone for their submissions to the newsletter and advises the newsletter should be distributed very soon.

Staff continues to work on the completion of the Town map and noted it should be finalized within the next couple of weeks.

Mayor MacFadyen received a request from the group opposing the development of Upton Farm. A letter of support was requested from the Town of Cornwall seeking the Town's support for leaving Upton Farm as a green space. After discussion it was agreed this is not a Town matter as the property is not within the Town's boundaries.

Mayor MacFadyen advised he is still lobbying the government for a new medical facility in Cornwall. Dr. David Stewart is celebrating his 30th anniversary within the Town and an Open House is scheduled on August 30th at his office located at the Cornwall Medical Centre.

**OTHER BUSINESS:**

Councillor Hunt moved, Councillor Lannan seconded; whereas the Town of Cornwall wishes to preserve and enhance the environment, and Whereas the Town of Cornwall supports the elimination of plastic shopping bags, Be it resolved the Town of Cornwall encourages residents and the business community to promote a bring your own bag program when shopping in the Town.

Councillor Hunt adds this resolution is clearly for educating and promoting the use of cloth bags within the Town. Several local businesses have already been contacted and appear to be on board to the bring your own bag program.

**MOTION CARRIED 2007-08-1482**

Councillors Lannan and Dawson voted against the motion.

Resident Hillard Muttart addresses Council regarding the vacant lot located next to the Civic Centre located on Seymour Drive and offered to sell the lot if the Town is interested.

Resident Muttart added he would like to see another senior's complex within the Town as well as a senior friendly/nursing home.

Councillor Easter adds there is no shortage of building lots within the Town and suggests looking at other developments within the Town.

**ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting adjourned at 8:45 PM by Mayor Patrick MacFadyen on motion of Councillor Hunt & Lannan.

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PATRICK MACFADYEN  
MAYOR

KEVIN MCCARVILLE  
ADMINISTRATOR