

**Cornwall, Prince Edward Island
Council Minutes**

February 15, 2006

The regular meeting of Cornwall Town Council was held in the Council Chambers on Wednesday, February 15, 2006.

CALL TO ORDER:

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 P.M. by Mayor Jack Kelly.

ATTENDANCE & REGRETS:

Present were: Mayor Jack Kelly; Deputy Mayor Peter Meggs; Councillors Ann Doucette, Irene Dawson, Michael Zinck, Parker Beer, Minerva McCourt; Kevin McCarville, Administrator; Stephanie Cairns, Recording Secretary; and three residents.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

Councillor Zinck moved, Councillor Meggs seconded, that the agenda as circulated prior to the meeting be the agenda.

MOTION CARRIED 2006-02-1356

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF JANUARY 18, 2006 REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL:

Councillor McCourt moved, Councillor Meggs seconded that the Minutes of January 18, 2006 Minutes be approved as circulated.

MOTION CARRIED 2006-02-1356

Councillor Dawson was pleased to know that Gary Drake has received his Level II Certificate for Water Distribution.

**PUBLIC RELATIONS, FINANCE & ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE - COUNCILLOR
MICHAEL ZINCK:**

Report & Resolutions:

Finance Committee has reviewed the Draft 2005 audited statements and a copy will be provided to all Councillors by this Friday or at the next Committee of Council meeting scheduled for Monday, February 20th.

The Draft 2006 Budget has been reviewed and will be provided to Councillors before the Committee of Council meeting on Monday, February 27th.

RCMP Report

The RCMP Annual report has been circulated to Council for review. The monthly report for January was circulated. Highway Traffic Act warnings have doubled and Highway Traffic Act charge has increased considerably which signifies more patrolling within the Town.

Humane Society Report

The Humane Society animal control report for the month of January was circulated. The Humane Society has offered a three year option to provide their services to the Town. Finance has reviewed this and will probably move forward on this as it is a substantial savings. This will also be reviewed with the 2006 budget.

ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE - COUNCILLOR ANN DOUCETTE:

Report & Resolutions

The regular monthly meeting was held on January 31, 2006. All were in attendance, including Adam Clark, Engineer with CBCL.

21 Sobey Drive

CBCL advised the lateral to 21 Sobey Drive is a 3/4" plastic pipe and recommends replacing it with a 1" copper pipe.

Sewer Servicing Study

Upgrade Cornwall Treatment Facility: CBCL would not recommend any treatment upgrades to the Cornwall Lagoon until a performance audit is undertaken to determine the actual influent quality and peak flows study.

Backup Power for Pumping Stations: The ideal solution would be to install diesel generators at each pumping station site. This can be very costly so another option would be to install transfer switches and use a portable generator.

Ferry Road to John Street Trunk Main Upgrade: CBCL recommends replacing the 200 mm trunk main from Brookside Dr. to the junction manhole on James St. with a larger sewer line in order to provide increased capacity. The estimated cost to replace this section of trunk main is \$160,000.

Add Aeration to North River Treatment Facility: CBCL agrees the recently decommissioned blowers at the North River Treatment Facility be replaced.

Borden Property

Investors are interested in the Borden property (248831). Utility needs to decide how this area should be serviced if it were to be developed.

Fire Department Request

Kevin received a verbal request from Don MacEwen, North River Fire Department, asking if the Town would consider extending fire rated water from the Cornwall Vet Clinic (TCH) to Meadowbank Road. Kevin has asked the Fire Department for a written request. CBCL gave an estimated cost of \$310,000 which includes running laterals under the TCH to the Ferry Road and Meadowbank Road.

New Deal Money

Utility was provided with a schedule showing how much money the Town would be receiving for the next five years through the New Deal Money Plan.

Rate Study

Utility has hired TSI Associates Inc. to perform a rate study on the Utility's water and sewer rates at a cost not to exceed \$6000. including tax.

2006 Budget

Utility reviewed the draft 2006 budget. Kevin met with Wayne Beaton on February 2nd to review the 2005 Draft Financial Statements.

PLANNING BOARD COMMITTEE - DEPUTY MAYOR PETER MEGGS:

Report & Resolutions:

The regular monthly meeting was held on February 7th, 2006

North River Rink

The Town received a request indicating interest in purchasing this property and plans include setting up retail and a storage type operation. Janice will ask the developer for more information on intentions for the use of the property and clarification of details including proposed use, hours of operation and traffic issues.

Workshop

There is a Sustainable Planning Workshop scheduled for March 10, 2006 at the Stratford Town Centre and to contact the FPEIM to register.

1st Reading - Amendments to Town of Cornwall Zoning & Subdivision Control (Development) Bylaw #403E

Councillor Peter Meggs moved, Councillor Zinck seconded, BE IT RESOLVED that Council give first reading to Bylaw 403E a bylaw to amend the Cornwall Zoning & Subdivision (Development) Bylaw

MOTION CARRIED 2006-02-1358

PARKS & RECREATION COMMITTEE - COUNCILLOR MINERVA MCCOURT:

Report & Resolutions:

The regular monthly meeting was held on January 30th, 2006.

Budget Review

Brief review of the Parks and Recreation proposed budget was presented.

PID 248831

A developer is interested in this property (248831). The land size is 144.4 acres and the Town receives 10% for parkland dedication.

Poolside Park Pool

The deck requires repair to the value of approximately \$8000. The Committee felt it would be best to complete minor repairs until we determine the exact future of the Civic Centre.

Youth Forum

Scheduled for February 16 from 9:30-11:00 am at East Wiltshire School in partnership with the Eastern School Board to discuss future programming for youth. Mayor Kelly asked Councillor McCourt to send his regrets as he is unable to attend due to prior commitments.

Sports Field

The tender for the Sports Fields and Lighting were in The Guardian today.

Special Olympics

The Town received a donation request for \$850. The Committee agreed to pass on this amount but will look into other ways of support.

55+ Winter Games

The Town received a request for a donation but recreation agreed to pass since the funds in the donation budget have already been allocated.

Councillor Dawson commented that several residents have contacted her regarding the entrance to the APM Centre off Lowther Drive. Apparently they're not able to see the sign in the dark. Councillor McCourt will pass this on to her committee.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Mayor Kelly had nothing to report.

OTHER BUSINESS

Meetings

Kevin advised there will be Committee of Council Meetings on February 20th and 27th to discuss 2005 Financial Statements and to review the 2006 budget. The meetings will be at 7:00 pm. Kevin advised the tenders for the Town Hall and for the Sports Field close at the end of the month, March 2nd has been set as the evening for Council to review the tenders.

Turf Tender

The tender for the supply and installation of the turf being done by invited bids is out of Mr. Eldridge's office in Montreal. To ensure we're following the requirements of the MRIF program we have sent a copy of this proposal to Government officials to verify the requirements.

Lowther Drive

Councillor Dawson received a complaint about pot holes on Lowther Drive. Town Staff will follow up on this.

Town Hall

Councillor Dawson moved, Councillor Beer seconded,

Whereas the residents of the Town of Cornwall are supportive of an improved facility for Town Staff and Administration; and

Whereas the residents of the Town of Cornwall are not opposed to a new Town Hall; and

Whereas the residents of the Town of Cornwall have spoken by approximately 50% signing a petition disagreeing with the projected cost of a \$2,000,000 Town Hall Project; and

Whereas the residents of Cornwall are pleading with the Town Mayor and Town Council to consider other more palatable solutions;

Be it resolved that the Town of Cornwall rescind Motion #2006-01-1355 which gave approval for a building permit for a new Town Hall facility located at 39 Lowther Driver. (PID 703413)

Discussion,

Councillor Dawson further explained the reasons why she feels it is necessary to take this route and asks for the Mayor's and Council support on this. There are 3,257 eligible voters within the Town of Cornwall. At our last municipal election 1,370 did

vote which equates to 41%. The petition that was circulated throughout the Town had well over 50% of the eligible bonafide voters.

Councillor Dawson feels so compelled to ask for support on this motion since she feels it is such an unpleasant situation for everyone to be in when there is now a Resident's Committee who is collecting money from the residents to fight the Town for the proposed Town Hall.

MOTION DEFEATED

Councillors Dawson and Beer voted in favor of the motion.

Councillors Zinck, Meggs, McCourt and Doucette voted against the motion.

Councillor Beer stated he receives lots of calls from residents that can't believe they have to put up their own money to fight the Town against the proposed Town Hall.

Correspondence

Councillor Zinck read a letter the Town received from ADI stating it was a pleasure working with the Town and Staff for the past five years.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 8:05 PM on motion of Councillor Doucette.

JACK KELLY
MAYOR

KEVIN MCCARVILLE
ADMINISTRATOR

STEPHANIE CAIRNS
RECORDING SECRETARY