

**Cornwall, Prince Edward Island
Council Minutes**

July 18, 2007

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

CALL TO ORDER:

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 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, Tammy Pigott; 6 residents.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

Councillor Gallant moved, Councillor Lannan seconded,

that the agenda as circulated prior to the meeting be the agenda.

MOTION CARRIED 2007-07-1474

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF June 20th, 2007 REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL:

Councillor Easter moved, Councillor Gallant seconded,

that the Minutes of June 20th , 2007 be approved with noted changes.

MOTION CARRIED 2007-07-1475

BUSINESS ARISING

Mayor MacFadyen informs Council that he spoke with Ron MacKinley and was assured that lights will be installed on the TCH at the Cornwall Business Park and Madison Heights subdivision.

PLANNING BOARD - Deputy Mayor Easter

Deputy Mayor Easter reports the regular monthly meeting was held on July 9th , 2007.

Councillor Easter moved, Councillor Lannan seconded;

Be it resolved the Town of Cornwall approve a variance allowing 5 Stephanie Drive to have a square footage not less than 5500 square feet and frontage of 44 feet thereby allowing it to be divided from 3 Stephanie Drive.

MOTION CARRIED 2007-07-1476

Councillor Easter moved, Councillor Beer seconded;

Be it resolved the Town of Cornwall grant preliminary approval to Hillside Meadows subdivision, Phase 2, being lots 22-28, 30-45, 67, 72-74, and 87 represented by ISE Ltd. Drawing number 7068, dated June 25th, 2007 and Lots 68, 96, and 102-107 represented by ISE Ltd. Drawing number 7068-P2, dated July 5th, 2007.

and

Be it further resolved final approval will be given subsequent to developer adhering to all conditions contained in a subdivision agreement between the Town and the developer.

MOTION CARRIED 2007-07-1477

Councillor Easter moved, Councillor Lannan seconded;

Be it resolved the Town of Cornwall approve payment to Bert Trepanier in the amount of \$3,810.00 for construction activity on parcel 245662 relating to permit C-18-07 as agreed to by the parties. Note: Funds will be allocated from reserve accounts 2823 (\$1,626.44) and 2970 (\$2,183.56) to cover this expenditure.

MOTION CARRIED 2007-07-1478

Councillor Hunt asks if the developer of Hillside Meadows subdivision is planning on putting in sidewalks. Councillor Easter notes he is sure the developer would like to have sidewalks but is unlikely to be putting them in at his own cost. The subdivision does plan for trails and green space.

Mayor MacFadyen notifies Council that he is hoping to discuss the property maintenance bylaw in the coming months. The length of time it takes to resolve a complaint is long and may need to be changed. Council agrees a review should be done.

Councillor Dawson inquires about the subdivision policy wording regarding parkland dedication in a minor subdivision in the Planning Board minutes. Councillor Easter explains this has to do with single lot subdivision, that after a certain point of single subdividing we need a conceptional plan for the entire original parcel.

UTILITY - COUNCILLOR IRENE DAWSON:

Councillor Dawson reports the regular monthly meeting was held on June 25th, 2007.

Councillor Dawson notes there has been no movement on the request for expanding the town water system beyond town boundaries.

The Committee is in the process of receiving more details and reports from Town staff and CBCL regarding the pumping capacity at our wells and importance of the Northgate well field.

Councillor Dawson reports there has been no more activity on the provincial government's request for a wireless internet tower installation.

Overdue accounts have been looked at by both the CAO and Councillor Dawson and while it seems large, a lot of these accounts are from properties that are not actually connected. The Committee will look into possibilities for collecting these overdue accounts.

It was confirmed four(4) properties still have service suspended.

Councillor Easter asks for clarification on the money owed to the town from the Primrose

subdivision. Councillor Dawson clarifies that as previously agreed , the Town receives \$ 1,000 as each lot is sold. When future phases are approved the utility will request full payment of remaining funds owing at the time of approval, not as lots are sold.

Councillor Easter noted it took a long time to reinstate the lawns on the York Point Road. The construction crew came in this week to repair the lawns and gravel the sides of the road however, the ditches were done a month ago and have already grown back.

TRANSPORTATION AND SAFETY - COUNCILLOR MARLENE HUNT:

Councillor Hunt reports that Kellow Drive and MacEwen Lane have been resurfaced; Jewell Road has not been resurfaced to date and the committee is looking into the situation.

Children playing signs have been installed.

The sidewalks on York Point Road are being constructed, Councillor Hunt spoke with Ron MacKinley regarding the safety issues of the construction traffic on this road when turning into the subdivision. The Town has raised these concerns with the engineer and has been reassured the sidewalk is being constructed properly.

Councillor Hunt notes that she is getting positive feedback from residents regarding the new sidewalks in the town.

Councillor Hunt has received information from iTrans regarding a possible meeting with steering committee July 26th 2007.

Councillor Dawson asks if iTrans plans on meeting with the steering committee then the public without meeting with Council. Kevin advises he received an e-mail today which outlines dates that they could possibly meet with Council prior public meeting.

COMMUNITY SERVICES LIAISON COMMITTEE - COUNCILLOR PARKER BEER:
Humane Society monthly report was circulated.

RCMP monthly report was circulated.

Councillor Dawson notes the procedure for dealing with skunk issues, as she has been getting many calls from residents regarding this problem. This is something that should be added to the newsletter for the residents information.

Councillor Dawson informs Council of a problem she encountered with some youth disrespecting an animal.

Councillor Dawson adds that she is receiving a very positive response from residents regarding identification tags for pets within the town and the responsibilities of the pet owners.

Councillor Easter asks if there has been more information received on the status of the cap site. Councillor Dawson informs there is nothing new to report on it and it is continuing to work well out of the Ferry Road Centre. The Committee will be coming forth with a recommendation to Council when more information is available to make a decision.

Councillor Easter also asks if there has been any decision on increasing the rent for the Cornwall Lions & Curling Clubs. Councillor Beer notes there is nothing new to report as his Committee has not met since last month's Council meeting.

Councillor Easter inquires about the report from the fire department regarding a summary of emergency calls. Kevin informs we have asked for it several times but have not received anything to date.

Councillor Lannan inquires about the York Point Community Centre status and future possibilities for the building. Council discusses the Community Centre and their options for making a decision on the status of the building, financial obligations,

review of the building study previously done and possibility of having a new study done. Councillor Beer noted his committee has not met recently but would be discussing this item at their next meeting.

PARKS & RECREATION - COUNCILLOR KENT LANNAN:

Councillor Lannan reports the regular monthly meeting was held on July 11th, 2007.

Councillor Lannan informs Council that the Committee has decided to change the program withdrawal policy to include special circumstances. It allows more flexibility but still has restrictions. A copy of the new policy was circulated in the Council packages.

Trees have been planted as a barrier to cut down on noise coming from the turf fields in the future. Also, the lighting company was consulted regarding some lighting concerns on the turf field. The committee has decided at this time to leave it as is, as not to compromise the lighting in the playing area.

Melanie McCourt has been hired as Facility Coordinator, she is looking after the bookings for the fields as well as starting a drop in and play program on the fields for children. This position is mostly government funded.

The summer day camp is up and running with 77 full time children, and 11 full time teens as well as some part time children.

The pool is open for the season, and has been quite busy the last few days with the warmer weather.

A master plan is being made for the trails and Kim is also working on having the trails put on the new town maps.

The U-14 National Soccer tournament is still on for 2008. The town's contribution for the tournament will be to supply the turf fields free of charge. This will save the town from contributing to the tournament in other more costly ways and will also help promote the turf fields and Cornwall businesses.

Canada Day was a great success and plans are underway for Cornfest at the end of September.

Trail repairs are being worked on and park entrance signs are ready to be posted at Lowther Park. Two soccer nets have been placed in Primrose Park for the residents to use.

A memorial bench is being constructed at Lowther Park in memory of Logan MacLean. The bench should be completed by the end of July.

Councillor Easter expresses concern with giving the turf fields away free of charge to the U-14 National Soccer Tournament in 2008. Councillor Lannan explains that the committee believes that the best way to have exposure to the fields and most cost effective way for the town to be involved in the tournament. The tournament will take place during a low usage time on our fields so we are not losing out on other rentals at this time. Councillor Hunt asks if the committee could send a notice to the users of the field to inform them that this will be taking place.

Councillor Easter asking about surveying stakes at the turf field. ICS has those in as there are still some deficiencies regarding water drainage. Kevin adds that the town has requested John Miodowski (Eastern School Board) to look into the issue and have not heard anything further to date.

FINANCE & ADMINISTRATION - COUNCILLOR ERNEST GALLANT

Councillor Gallant reports that revenue is down, mostly due to the monies from summer day camp have not been collected yet. The Town's professional fees are higher than budgeted due to overruns on accounting on the audit.

Councillor Easter mentions that it would be beneficial to know as soon as possible in order to prepare for the 2008 budget any programs that Committees are considering eliminating or adding.

Council discusses the importance of volunteers within the town and their role in planning special events and other activities.

COMMUNICATION - MAYOR MACFADYEN

Mayor MacFadyen announces the new Town of Cornwall map is nearly finished and should be printed and ready for Council and residents shortly. The town information brochure was included on the back of the map.

Council agrees to hold a Committee of Council meeting on Tuesday, July 31st, 2007 4:15pm.

OTHER BUSINESS:

Councillor Dawson notes a letter received from Thompson Insurance and passes it on to the Mayor and CAO for review.

Councillor Easter shares concerns he has received from a resident regarding the health of the trees and shrubs around the new town hall.

Councillor Easter also asks about the lights at the new town hall and if the sensors are working properly. Kevin assures Council they are working as they should for the most part.

Councillor Easter would like to extend a thank you to all staff and volunteers for a great Canada Day celebration.

Councillor Hunt notes that there are no flowers around the town sign coming into Cornwall this year.

Resident Hillard Muttart addresses Council regarding intentions for an entrance at the new ball fields at Eliot River and also intentions for the surrounding property. Mayor MacFadyen assures him we are in discussions with the Department of Transportation on these matters.

Muttart also inquires about the future intersection at the business park. Councillor Easter says this is a priority in order to get more businesses into the park as well as future development in the Madison Heights subdivision.

Muttart inquires about a rumor the government garage may relocate to the Cornwall Business Park. Mayor MacFadyen informs there has been no formal request received to date.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 9:18 PM by Mayor Patrick MacFadyen on motion of Councillor Gallant & Hunt.

PATRICK MACFADYEN
MAYOR

KEVIN MCCARVILLE
ADMINISTRATOR