

**Cornwall, Prince Edward Island  
Council Minutes**

**March 16, 2006**

The regular meeting of Cornwall Town Council was held in the Council Chambers on Wednesday, March 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 7 residents.

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA:**

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

**MOTION CARRIED 2006-03-1359**

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF FEBRUARY 15, 2006 REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL:**

Councillor Doucette moved, Councillor McCourt seconded that the Minutes of February 15, 2006 be approved as circulated.

**MOTION CARRIED 2006-03-1360**

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

Councillor Zinck reviewed the 2006 Budget highlights.

- General Government budget total \$2,085,840.00
- A 5 cent decrease in tax rates in 2006 is being proposed. New rates are 66 cents per \$100 of assessment for non-commercial properties and 81 cents per \$100 of commercial assessment
- There are no increases in planning or recreation fees
- The 2006 budget includes funding for an additional RCMP police officer

- Utility budget total \$816,900
- Utility rates remain unchanged in 2006. The rates are the same now as they were in 1996
- \$1.7 million sports field project will be completed in 2006. We anticipate work beginning in late April with turf fields being playable in August. Two-thirds of the funding for this project comes from the Federal and Provincial Governments under the MRIF program
- Town is moving ahead with a new administration building, estimated cost of project is \$1.7 million
- Other proposed Capital projects include improvements to recreation facilities (van, basketball pad, trails, equipment for skate park). Also, \$175,000 from previous years surplus has been allocated for sidewalk construction from Centennial Drive to Kellow Drive
- The Town has allocated \$248,500 New Deal Money for 2006 and 2007 to water and sewer projects

### **2005 Town Financial Statements**

Councillor Michael Zinck moved, Councillor Ann Doucette seconded, that Council accept the 2005 financial statements for the General Account as prepared by our auditor, Beaton Fitzpatrick Murray

#### **MOTION CARRIED 2006-03-1361**

### ***2006 Town Budget***

Councillor Michael Zinck moved, Councillor Ann Doucette seconded, that the 2006 budget for normal Town operations in the amount of \$2,085,840.00 be adopted as the General Account Budget for the Town of Cornwall for the year 2006

#### **MOTION CARRIED 2006-03-1362**

Councillors Dawson and Beer voted against the motion.

Councillors Zinck, Meggs, McCourt and Doucette voted in favor of the motion.

Municipal Property Tax Rate - Non-Commercial Properties, Commercial Properties & Bonafide Farm Properties - 2006

Councillor Michael Zinck moved, Councillor Ann Doucette seconded, that the Municipal Property Tax Rate for non-commercial properties for 2006 be set at 66 cents per \$100.00 assessment;

the Municipal Property Tax Rate for commercial properties for 2006 be set at 81cents per \$100.00 of assessment;

the Municipal Property Tax Rate for bonafide farm properties be rebated at the rate of 26 cents per \$100.00 of assessment for farm buildings

**MOTION CARRIED 2006-03-1363**

Councillors Dawson and Beer voted against the motion.

Councillors Zinck, Meggs, McCourt and Doucette voted in favor of the motion.

Water/Sewer Utility - 2005 Financial Statement:

Councillor Ann Doucette moved, Councillor Irene Dawson seconded, that Council accept the 2005 Financial Statements for the Cornwall Water & Sewer Utility Corporation as prepared by our auditor, Beaton Fitzpatrick Murray

**MOTION CARRIED 2006-03-1364**

***Water/Sewer Utility Budget - 2006:***

Councillor Ann Doucette moved, Councillor Irene Dawson seconded, that Council accept the operating budget in the amount \$816,900. 00 for the Cornwall Water & Sewer Utility Corporation and it be adopted for the year 2006.

**MOTION CARRIED 2006-03-1365**

***Water/Sewer Utility Rates - 2006***

Councillor Ann Doucette moved, Councillor Irene Dawson seconded, that Council approve the Cornwall Water and Sewer Utility Corporation rates for 2006 for residence/properties in the Town to be set as follows:

1. unmetered water for single family home units at rate of \$230.00;
2. Single family home units at rate of \$220.00 for sewer;

3. Units over/under single family homes for sewer be in proportion to units allocated at the rate of \$220.00 per unit for sewer;
4. Unmetered units over single family homes for water be in proportion to units allocated at the rate of \$230.00 per unit for water
5. Units metered for water be set at:
  - a. Meter Base Charge shall be as listed plus usage or consumption charge at rate of 64 cents per cubic meter;

#### Cornwall Utility Meter Size Rates

2" Meter \$43.59/quarter \$174.36/year  
1 & ½" Meter \$27.03/quarter \$108.12/year  
1" Meter \$21.03 /quarter \$84.12/year  
¾" Meter \$16.53/quarter \$66.12/year  
⅝" Meter \$15.06/quarter \$60.24/year

6. Vacant serviced lots be charged \$50. per year for one service and \$75. per year for two services;

#### **MOTION CARRIED 2006-03-1366**

##### ***Sports Fields***

It was moved by Councillor Zinck, seconded by Councillor Doucette the Town of Cornwall award the Sports Fields and lighting tender - Contract 052631 - to Island Coastal Services Ltd. in the amount of \$1,052,061.45, GST included.

#### **MOTION CARRIED 2006-03-1367**

It was moved by Councillor Zinck, seconded by Councillor Doucette the Town of Cornwall award the Sports Fields - Supply and Installation of turf - Contract 576961 - to Grandview Landscape Group in the amount of \$576,961.00, Tax included.

#### **MOTION CARRIED 2006-03-1368**

##### ***Town Hall***

It was moved by Councillor Zinck, seconded by Councillor McCourt the Town of Cornwall award MacLean's Construction the tender for construction the Cornwall Town Hall at a cost of \$1,622,000 as per their tender dated February 28, 2006 pending the completion of the IRAC hearing with a decision favorable to the Town.

#### **MOTION CARRIED 2006-03-1369**

Councillors Dawson and Beer voted against the motion.

Councillors Zinck, Meggs, McCourt and Doucette voted in favor of the motion.

***RCMP Report***

The RCMP report for the month of February was circulated as well as a letter from S/Sgt. Neil Smith advising of issues within the Town. Highway Traffic Act Charges have increased significantly from February 2005 to February 2006.

***Humane Society Report***

The Humane Society animal control report for the month of February was circulated.

**ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE - COUNCILLOR ANN DOUCETTE:**

***Report & Resolutions:***

The regular monthly meeting was March 6, 2006.

***21 Sobey Drive***

Councillor Doucette advised the water pressure issue has been resolved.

***Rate Study***

Staff has forwarded the necessary documentation to Bob O'Rourke.

***Borden Property***

Councillor Doucette advised that Utility agreed the best location for the lift pump would be at the southern edge of the Borden property on the York Point Road.

***Extension of Services***

Councillor Doucette advised that Utility is in agreement to extending water and sewer services to a property immediately outside Town boundaries on the Meadowbank Road. If the Town's services are not extended the owners will receive a septic permit from the Province. Given the proximity of this development to Town wells on Westwood School property the Utility believes the extension of services is in our best interests. Discussions on cost sharing this project will take place in the near future. Kevin advised CFIA as well as the Community of Meadowbank have to be onside with this. These parties have not signed on to an agreement yet so the Town is not doing any work with design or spending funds. A question was asked re: water services available and Kevin stated services are already across the street.

### ***Capital Projects***

Utility has agreed to move forward with two capital projects in 2006 which consists of the upgrade to the sewerline from Brookside Drive to James Street (estimate \$165,000) and the purchase of a diesel generator and switching capabilities for the Ferry Road, Candlelight and Warren Grove pumping stations (estimated at \$50,000).

New Deal Money is being allocated to Utility for 2005-06 and 2006-07 which represents \$248,500.

### ***East Wiltshire Wells***

One of the wells at East Wiltshire has been down for some time due to counts in the water. Discussions with Dept. of Environment and CBCL are ongoing.

### ***Sidewalks***

The Committee has agreed to move forward with the design work and tender call for a sidewalk on the TCH from Kellow to Centennial which is estimated at \$175,000 and will be paid from prior years surplus.

### ***Legal Action***

McQuaid legal action has been postponed until May 9, 2006.

## **PLANNING BOARD COMMITTEE - DEPUTY MAYOR PETER MEGGS:**

### ***Report & Resolutions:***

Planning Board held two meetings last month.

### ***PID 245860***

The Town received an application from Frank Hughes to add a garage measuring 24 x 30 feet to his existing house.

Councillor Meggs moved, Councillor McCourt seconded, Council approve a side yard variance to permit a minimum side yard of 5 feet for Frank Hughes on PID # 245860.

## **MOTION CARRIED 2006-03-1370**

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JACK KELLY  
MAYOR

KEVIN MCCARVILLE  
ADMINISTRATOR

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STEPHANIE CAIRNS  
RECORDING SECRETARY