

**Cornwall, Prince Edward Island
Council Minutes**

March 18, 2009

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The regular meeting of Cornwall Town Council was held in Council Chambers on Wednesday, March 18, 2009.

CALL TO ORDER:

The meeting was called to order at 7:32 pm by Mayor Patrick MacFadyen.

ATTENDANCE & REGRETS:

Present were: Mayor Patrick MacFadyen; Deputy Mayor Charles Easter; Councillors Kent Lannan, Marlene Hunt, Ernie Gallant, Irene Dawson, Parker Beer; Administrator, Kevin McCarville; Administrative Assistant, Stephanie Cairns and eight members of the public.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

Councillor Dawson moved, Councillor Gallant seconded,

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

MOTION CARRIED 2009-03-1596

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF FEBRUARY 18, 2009 REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL:

Councillor Hunt moved, Councillor Beer seconded,

the Minutes of February 18, 2009 be approved as circulated.

MOTION CARRIED 2009-03-1597

BUSINESS ARISING:

There was no business arising from the Minutes.

PLANNING BOARD - DEPUTY MAYOR CHARLES EASTER

The report was included in the Council package.

A letter from the Town's lawyer has been sent to the owner of an alleged dog kennel located at 24 Sobey Drive.

Town staff have received complaints re: parking on the York Point Road on Sundays due to the Flea Market.

Deputy Mayor Easter moved, Councillor Lannan seconded,

Council hereby amends the Town of Cornwall Official Plan by deleting the existing Section 4.3, Residential Policy PR-10 and replacing it with a new Section 4.3, Residential Policy PR-10 as attached.

MOTION CARRIED 2009-03-1598

Deputy Mayor Easter moved, Councillor Lannan seconded,

Council give first reading to Bylaw 403F, a bylaw to amend the Cornwall Zoning & Subdivision (Development) Bylaw.

MOTION CARRIED 2009-03-1599

UTILITY - COUNCILLOR IRENE DAWSON

The Utility met on March 17th, 2009.

The Utility has asked CBCL to assist the Town in developing an Asset Management Plan.

CBCL advised the Utility on the current challenges facing the Ferry Road and Primrose Lift Stations.

The Utility is considering a request from a developer for financial assistance for a sewer lateral. Staff will review past practice to determine how similar situations have been treated.

Notices have been sent to approximately 35 customers with overdue accounts.

Results from recent testing at the Cornwall lagoon have allowed the Utility to scale back the amount of UV treatment at the site. The Utility is looking to scale back the treatment at the blower building. These actions should result in a reduction in hydro bills. The Utility will be reviewing similar options with the North River Lagoon, however savings are not expected to be as high as the building is not as up to date.

Councillor Dawson moved, Councillor Gallant seconded,

Council authorize the Cornwall Water and Sewer Utility to invest up to \$60,000 for an upgrade to the Ferry Road Lift Station.

MOTION CARRIED 2009-03-1600

TRANSPORTATION AND SAFETY - COUNCILLOR MARLENE HUNT:

The report was included in the Council package.

Councillor Hunt reports transit is going well. The schedule is no longer on the Town's website, replacing it is a link to Trius Transit. The Committee hopes to have agreements with the City of Charlottetown and Trius Transit available for approval at the April Council meeting.

Trius will be hosting an Open House at the Town Hall in April to discuss benefits of using transit. It was suggested to host the open house in May as several Councillors will be away in April.

Deputy Mayor Easter requests a monthly report showing the number of transit users be provided to Councillors.

Councillor Hunt believes the posted speed limit on the Meadowbank Road approaching Westwood School should be reduced from 40 km/h to 30 km/h for safety concerns. After discussion, Council agreed the speed limit is acceptable as is.

It is the Committee's intention to relocate four lights within the Community.

Councillor Lannan requested the Committee reconsider its decision to remove the light at the end of Pond Street.

The Committee is considering modifications to the street lighting guidelines and is planning to meet with Maritime Electric officials to discuss options for more efficient lighting.

Councillor Hunt moved, Councillor Gallant seconded,

the Town of Cornwall commit \$125,000 of Town funds and the \$60,000 Public Transit Capital Trust funds to the installation of sidewalk on MacArthur Drive in 2009.

After discussion

Councillor Hunt voted for the motion. Deputy Mayor Easter, Councillors Beer, Dawson, Lannan and Gallant voted against the motion.

MOTION DEFEATED.

COMMUNITY SERVICES LIAISON COMMITTEE - COUNCILLOR PARKER BEER

The Humane Society and RCMP reports were included in the Council package.

The agreement between the Town and the PEI Humane Society is due for renewal. A copy of the proposed agreement was included in the package.

Councillor Beer moved, Councillor Dawson seconded,

the Town of Cornwall accept the three year contract with the PEI Humane Society for the period January 1, 2009 to December 31, 2011.

MOTION CARRIED 2009-03-1601

PARKS & RECREATION - COUNCILLOR KENT LANNAN:

The report was included in the Council package.

The Spring program schedule has been completed and preparations have begun for spring and summer. The Department is planning new one week specialty camps (flag football, soccer, and youth leadership training).

The Department continues to work on partnerships with local daycares on swimming pool usage.

The Finance Committee has approved the request of \$18,500 from the 2008 surplus be allocated to a reserve account for Recreation.

Work on the Trail Master Plan within the Town continues.

Bookings have begun for spring and summer turf rentals. The PEISAA, a new turf user, has bookings for the upcoming season totaling \$10,000.

Work continues on sign sponsorship at the turf fields.

Snowfest was held Feb 27th - Mar 1. Events were successful with the exception of the Much Music Dance.

Sponsorship was down for Snowfest. The Department will try to secure sponsors much earlier for next years event.

The "Let's Give Back" campaign will not be running this year due to lack of interest from community sporting groups.

The Sweetheart Tournament was given a donation of \$500.00 while Sarah Clow and Christina Hennessey, who are attending curling championships in Montreal, were given donations of \$50 each.

The Department met with the Vancouver Olympic 2010 Torch Relay Committee. The torch will be carried through Cornwall on Sunday, November 22nd. The Department will work with this group to organize an event which will be advertised in the Fall Newsletter.

Registration for summer day camp and fall after school programs will begin on April 1st.

The Department is working on an annual marketing plan for programs and pursuing a radio sponsorship package with Ocean 100.

Residents would like to see more open track time at the APM Centre. The Town currently rents 2 hours per week. It was suggested to perhaps move the times to accommodate the current users.

The Town will be submitting our Build Canada application this month.

FINANCE & ADMINISTRATION - COUNCILLOR ERNEST GALLANT

The Financial Statements were reviewed.

The Town's Health and Safety program review has been completed. The Worker's Compensation Board has reviewed the document and accepted the report.

The Committee reviewed the 2008 Financial Statements and the Management letter from BFM. Noting the amount of excess cash available to the Town and the supportive comments from the auditor,

Councillor Gallant moved, Deputy Mayor Easter seconded,

the Town pay the balance owing, \$655,000 (+/-), on the National Bank loan maturing May 5, 2009.

MOTION CARRIED 2009-03-1602

Councillor Gallant moved, Deputy Mayor Easter seconded,

Council accept the Town of Cornwall 2008 Financial Statements as prepared by BFM.

MOTION CARRIED 2009-03-1603

Due to the impending changes in the Financial Statement presentation and the method for reporting Capital assets, and our Financial Coordinator being on leave for one year, the Committee has agreed, with the support of the Community Services Liaison Committee, to extend our service agreement with BFM through 2010.

Councillor Gallant adds the Committee supports the applications of several Town initiatives under the Build Canada Program noting the deadline for this round of applications is April 14th.

COMMUNICATION - MAYOR MACFADYEN

A letter was received from Communities 13 requesting support from the Town for an energy audit at the APM Centre.

Councillor Gallant moved, Councillor Beer seconded,

the Town of Cornwall supports the Communities 13 Inc. application for an energy audit for the APM Centre under the Capacity Building Fund.

MOTION CARRIED 2009-03-1604

Councillor Dawson moved, Deputy Mayor Easter seconded,

the Town of Cornwall adopt the January, 2009 Baker Consulting report "Opportunity Assessment: Integrated, Community-Based Health and Social Support Centre"

MOTION CARRIED 2009-03-1605

Under the Building Canada Fund,

Councillor Gallant moved, Councillor Beer seconded,

the Town of Cornwall apply to the Building Canada Fund for a Multi-Purpose Sports Facility acknowledging the Town is committed to covering its share of the project.

MOTION CARRIED 2009-03-1606

Deputy Mayor Easter suggests adding cross country skiing to the application.

Councillor Dawson moved, Councillor Beer seconded,

the Town of Cornwall apply to the Building Canada Fund for a renovated Cornwall Civic Centre acknowledging the Town is committed to covering its share of the project.

MOTION CARRIED 2009-03-1607

Councillor Dawson moved, Councillor Lannan seconded,

the Town of Cornwall apply to the Building Canada Fund for an upgrade to the Ferry Road Lift Station acknowledging the Town is committed to covering its share of the project.

MOTION CARRIED 2009-03-1608

Councillor Dawson moved, Councillor Beer seconded,

the Town of Cornwall apply to the Building Canada Fund for an extension to the sewer system on the Meadowbank Road acknowledging the Town is committed to covering its share of the project.

Deputy Mayor Easter, Councillors Beer, Lannan, Dawson, Gallant voted for the motion.

Councillor Hunt voted against the motion.

MOTION CARRIED 2009-03-1609

Deputy Mayor Easter moved, Councillor Gallant seconded,

the Town of Cornwall apply to the Building Canada Fund for an upgrade to the York Point Community Centre acknowledging the Town is committed to covering its share of the project.

MOTION CARRIED 2009-03-1610

OTHER BUSINESS Councillor Dawson encourages the Mayor and all Council to attend the upcoming FPEIM Annual General meeting in Montague on April 27th, 2009.

Councillor Dawson and Deputy Mayor Easter send their regrets as they are unable to attend the regular Council meeting in April.

Councillor Lannan received a thank you from the Cornwall and Area Skating Club for the donation from the Town.

Councillor Dawson represented the Mayor at the 55 + Winter Games Closing Ceremony. Councillor Dawson added positive feedback was received including the wonderful facilities and hospitality received from the Town and volunteers.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 8:47 pm.

PATRICK MACFADYEN
MAYOR

KEVIN MCCARVILLE
CAO