

**Cornwall, Prince Edward Island
Council Minutes**

March 21, 2007

The regular meeting of Cornwall Town Council was held in Council Chambers on Wednesday, March 21st, 2007.

CALL TO ORDER:

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 P.M. by Mayor Patrick MacFadyen.

ATTENDANCE & REGRETS:

Present were: Mayor Patrick MacFadyen, Deputy Mayor Charles Easter; Councillors Marlene Hunt, Kent Lannan, Parker Beer, Irene Dawson, Ernie Gallant; Administrator, Kevin McCarville; Recording Secretary, Geneen Bergman and two residents.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

Councillor Dawson moved, Councillor Hunt seconded, that the agenda as circulated prior to the meeting be the agenda.

MOTION CARRIED 2007-03-1442

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF February 21st, 2007 REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL:

Deputy Mayor Easter moved, Councillor Lannan seconded, that the Minutes of February 21st, 2007 be approved as printed and amended as follows:

On page 1485 under "Street Maintenance" delete "harmful gases they release." and replace with "the amount of CO₂ that is used to illuminate the lights";

On page 1486 under "Street Maintenance" remove "normally put the lights on..." and replace with "normally install the lights and...";

On page 1490 under "Recreation" replace "if it is a..." with the word "for" and delete sentence number three"; and

On page 1490 under "Communication" add "hosted by the Province and the FPEIM".

MOTION CARRIED 2007-03-1443

BUSINESS ARISING

Council agreed the minutes could be condensed.

PLANNING BOARD - Deputy Mayor Easter

Deputy Mayor Easter reports the regular monthly Planning Board meeting was held March 12th, 2007.

Deputy Mayor Easter noted documentation regarding the Transportation Master Plan has been forwarded to the Department of Transportation. Janice was advised the Province commissioned a study to examine safety issues and the study would take a few months to complete. The Department of Transportation would then be able to review the Transportation Master Plan.

Deputy Mayor Easter briefly discussed the possibility of pursuing a noise bylaw in the Town. Mayor MacFadyen also noted a bylaw regarding noise could help to solve some issues.

Deputy Mayor Easter advised Planning Board held a special meeting this evening at 6:30 p.m to consider a re-zoning request.

Deputy Mayor Easter moved, Councillor Lannan seconded, WHEREAS an application has been received from Neil MacFadyen to re-zone Parcel No. 585810, Be it resolved that Council authorize Planning Board to call a public meeting to consider re-zoning Parcel No. 585810 from a Commercial Zone to Multiple Family Residential (R3.)

MOTION CARRIED 2007-03-1444

Deputy Mayor Easter noted the information just received would need to be clarified regarding this issue. Planning Board will not be holding a public meeting unless required.

Deputy Mayor Easter advised Council he received a petition this evening regarding opening James Street to MacArthur Drive and advised it would be brought forward when the Department of Transportation is reviewing safety concerns within the Town.

Councillor Dawson stated that she would support this initiative.

Deputy Mayor Easter noted that the Storm Water Management Plan was next on the agenda for Planning Board.

UTILITY - COUNCILLOR IRENE DAWSON:

Councillor Dawson reported that her Committee met with the engineers (CBCL) on February 26th. A priority issue for the Town according to the Department of Environment is that the Town complete a major upgrade to the Cornwall lagoon in 2008, which could be a cost of \$800,000.

Councillor Dawson noted the Town will not be purchasing mobile generators and staff has been asked to consider other back up power options.

CBCL is considering options for increasing contact time for chlorine and water at the East Wiltshire wells as there is little time for the chlorination to take effect given the proximity of the customers.

Councillor Dawson advised CBCL are reviewing the Towns water usage records for 2006 to determine the need for each well.

Councillor Dawson stated discussions regarding easements are pending with several property owners.

TRANSPORTATION AND SAFETY - COUNCILLOR MARLENE HUNT:

Councillor Hunt reported that iTRANS Consulting Company will be in Cornwall during the week of April 10th to tour the area and to get started on the transit study.

Councillor Hunt reported that during the initial meeting just the Committee and the Chief Administrative Officer will be in attendance. Mayor MacFadyen noted it would be important for Council to have a chance to attend a meeting with iTRANS.

COMMUNITY SERVICES - COUNCILLOR PARKER BEER:

Cornwall Civic Centre

Councillor Beer reported discussions are ongoing regarding future usage of the Cornwall Civic Centre. Discussions regarding the possibilities of a Visitor Information Centre or events for the younger seniors in the Community are ongoing.

Councillor Beer noted the Curling Club has rights to use the facility until 2008. The Lions Club has rights to use the building dating back to 1977. The Committee would like to see additional revenue generated to assist with the annual operating cost. It will take some time to resolve the issues.

Several Councillors expressed an interest in having a recommendation on the Civic Centre brought forward within six months.

Councillor Beer moved, Councillor Dawson seconded, be it resolved that Council agrees to provide the Community Services Liaison Committee adequate time for research and development of programs which may utilize the Cornwall Civic Centre prior to making a determination on the future of this facility.

MOTION CARRIED 2007-03-1445

Nay - Deputy Mayor Easter

Councillor Dawson noted the intent is to give everyone enough time to do what is required. This is a solid compromise for everyone.

Cornwall Town Hall

A request from the Cornwall Library Arts Circle to have a hanging art rack installed on the wall in the common area outside the Library has been approved with the understanding the Town reserves the right to rescind the privilege and the Town of Cornwall insurance policy doesn't cover privately owned works of art.

Staff has been directed to relocate the Cap Site to the library according to the original intention of the building. Staff will coordinate the move with the Cap Site and Library Officials.

York Point Community Centre

Staff has reviewed an evaluation of the Centre and the Town's commitment with the Women's Institute has been reviewed with legal counsel.

The Committee has decided no further activity will occur at this facility until the building has been renovated. How or when to renovate the facility has not been discussed. The Town will meet with the Women's Institute to consider an alternative location for their functions.

Other

An RFP is being issued for banking services with the intention of bringing a resolution to the May Council meeting.

A meeting is being arranged with the North River Fire Department to discuss their interest in having fire rated water available in the Town.

Deputy Mayor Easter asked if the Town attended a meeting held by the Fire Department to review financial statements with the Community held in early March. Kevin was not aware the meeting was held. Deputy Mayor Easter also suggested the Town request a copy of the report regarding fires attended in the Community if one has not already been received.

Humane Society Report

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

R.C.M.P. Report

The RCMP report for the month of February was circulated.

Deputy Mayor Easter is pleased with the additional information contained in the RCMP report

PARKS & RECREATION - COUNCILLOR KENT LANNAN:

Councillor Lannan expressed his thanks to the Recreation staff for volunteering their time to help with Snowfest activities. As well, he would like to acknowledge and thank the large number of people/businesses who sponsored and or made a donation for this event.

Councillor Gallant commented that he would like to see more public participation as volunteers.

Councillor Hunt enjoyed attending the events and meeting many of the residents.

FINANCE & ADMINISTRATION - COUNCILLOR ERNIE GALLANT

Councillor Gallant noted a final draft of the budget has been circulated to Council.

Councillor Gallant asked it be noted that the donation made to the Schools Breakfast programs will be revisited in April.

2007 Town Budget

Councillor Gallant moved, Deputy Mayor Easter seconded, Be it Resolved that the 2007 budget for normal Town operations in the amount of \$2,276,840.00 be adopted as the General Account Budget for the Town of Cornwall for the year 2007

MOTION CARRIED 2007-03-1446

Municipal Property Tax Rate - Non-Commercial Properties, Commercial Properties & Bonafide Farm Properties - 2007

Councillor Gallant moved, Deputy Mayor Easter seconded,

Be it Resolved that the Municipal Property Tax Rate for non-commercial properties for 2007 be set at 66 cents per \$100.00 assessment; the Municipal Property Tax Rate for commercial properties for 2007 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 2007-03-1447

Water/Sewer Utility Budget - 2007

Councillor Dawson moved, Councillor Gallant seconded, Be it Resolved that Council accept the operating budget in the amount \$809,200.00 for the Cornwall Water & Sewer Utility Corporation and it be adopted for the year 2007.

MOTION CARRIED 2007-03-1448

Water/Sewer Utility Rates - 2007

Councillor Dawson moved, Councillor Gallant seconded, Be it Resolved that Council approve the Cornwall Water and Sewer Utility Corporation rates for 2007 as follows:

1. Unmetered water rate shall be \$238.00 per unit per year;
2. Sewerage rate shall be \$212.00 per unit per year;
3. Metered water rate shall be :
a consumption charge of 66 cents per cubic meter (minimum \$ 238.00 per year) plus a Meter Base Charge as listed;

2" Meter \$174.36/year
1 & ½" Meter \$108.12/year
1" Meter \$84.12/year
¾" Meter \$66.12/year
⅝" Meter \$60.24/year
4. Vacant serviced lots be charged \$35.00 per year for sewer and \$40.00 per year for water.

MOTION CARRIED 2007-03-1449

Deputy Mayor Easter asked for clarification regarding the meter rates. Councillor Dawson explained the change is from .64 to .66 per cubic meter for consumption.

New Deal Funding

Councillor Dawson moved, Councillor Gallant seconded, Be it Resolved that New Deal for Cities and Towns funding for the Town of Cornwall in the amount of \$ 165,674.00 be allocated to the Water and Sewer Utility.

MOTION CARRIED 2007-03-1450

Municipal Rural Infrastructure Funding

Councillor Lannan moved, Councillor Hunt seconded, Be it Resolved that the Town of Cornwall amend our MRIF application Sports Fields - Phase 2, being project number 15689, to include a baseball field, a softball field, walking trails and sidewalks and that this amended application is the Town's first priority

MOTION CARRIED 2007-03-1451

Bank Loan

Councillor Gallant moved, Deputy Mayor Easter seconded, Be it Resolved that the Town of Cornwall refinance loan number 020333500977 by extending the amortization period by five years and locking in the rate at 5.25% for 10 years

MOTION CARRIED 2007-03-1452

FPEIM Board Representative

Deputy Mayor Easter moved, Councillor Beer seconded, Be it resolved that the Town of Cornwall nominate Councillor Irene Dawson as the Queens County representative for Town/City on the FPEIM Board of Directors

MOTION CARRIED 2007-03-1453

COMMUNICATION - MAYOR MACFADYEN

Mayor MacFadyen and Councillor Gallant commented on the public meeting regarding the budget, noting it went well and several ideas for future meetings were noted.

Mayor MacFadyen reported he met with Gail Shea, Minister of Transportation and Public Works today regarding the proposed intersections on the Trans Canada Highway at Eliot River School and the Business Park.

OTHER BUSINESS:

Councillor Dawson reminded Council of the upcoming Federation of Prince Edward Island Municipalities 50th Annual Meeting and asked that all attend.

Deputy Mayor Easter made Council aware of a program being offered by the Province for a tree planting program.

One resident in attendance advised Council he appreciated being able to attend the Council meetings and he realizes that a lot of work lies ahead for Council.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 9:15 PM by Mayor Patrick MacFadyen on motion of Councillors Dawson and Beer.

PATRICK MACFADYEN
MAYOR

KEVIN MCCARVILLE
ADMINISTRATOR