

**Cornwall, Prince Edward Island
Council Minutes**

October 15, 2008

The regular meeting of Cornwall Town Council was held in Council Chambers on Wednesday, October 15, 2008.

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 Kent Lannan, Marlene Hunt, Ernie Gallant, Irene Dawson, Parker Beer; Administrator, Kevin McCarville; Administrative Assistant, Stephanie Cairns and four members of the public.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

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

MOTION CARRIED 2008-10-1561

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF SEPTEMBER 17, 2008 REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL:

Deputy Mayor Easter moved, Councillor Gallant seconded, the Minutes of September 17, 2008 be approved as circulated.

MOTION CARRIED 2008-10-1562

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF MAY 13, 2008 PUBLIC MEETING:

Councillor Gallant moved, Councillor Dawson seconded, the Minutes of May 13, 2008 be approved as circulated.

MOTION CARRIED 2008-10-1563

BUSINESS ARISING:

There was no business arising from the Minutes.

PLANNING BOARD - DEPUTY MAYOR CHARLES EASTER

The report was included in the Council package.

Deputy Mayor Easter reports Eliot River School submitted an application to erect signs promoting the Scream Park in six different areas within the Town. These signs would be off premise therefore non-conforming to the Bylaw. The Committee had discussed other advertising options including the Town Event sign, the North River Fire Dept. sign, as well as the Towns newsletter and website.

Deputy Mayor Easter suggests, under the circumstances, allowing the signs for this particular event. Councillors Dawson, Gallant, Beer, and Hunt agree.

Councillor Lannan adds the Town has spent thousands of dollars on Town beautification and has worked very hard on Town street scape. Councillor Lannan states that Planning Board would have to justify allowing off-premise signs for one event but not for another. He adds he has received much positive feedback on the Towns beautification and the overall appearance of the Town.

Councillor MacFadyen encourages Planning Board to review the Signage Bylaw.

Deputy Mayor Easter reports the Sunrise Cove subdivision is nearing completion. Final approval could be given this week.

Deputy Mayor Easter moved, Councillor Lannan seconded, Council grant a 3 foot variance for the flankage yard for part of PID 945477, located at 1 and 3 Park View Court.

MOTION CARRIED 2008-10-1564

Deputy Mayor Easter moved, Councillor Lannan seconded, Council approve a variance for 24.7% lot coverage, including the deck, for PID 871699, located at 110 Cornwall Road.

MOTION CARRIED 2008-10-1565

Deputy Mayor Easter moved, Councillor Lannan carried, Council approve a variance for 20% lot coverage for PID 920330, located at 10 Krista Lane.

MOTION CARRIED 2008-10-1566

The Town received a request for a special permit use for a 5 day used vehicle sale at the North River Flea Market site. The consensus of Planning Board was to have the permit issued with special conditions.

UTILITY - COUNCILLOR IRENE DAWSON

Councillor Dawson reports flushing of the water lines is ongoing and should be completed next week.

The East Wiltshire wells are still not operating. Work on the church expansion has progressed to the point of testing the wells at East Wiltshire. The Utility hopes to have them operational before the end of October.

Testing of the wells in River Point Estates continues. Unacceptable counts are still being received, however, the UV system allows them to continue operating. Outstanding utility issues in the Sunrise Cove subdivision have been addressed to the Utility's satisfaction.

Councillor Dawson reports the incremental cost of sizing the watermain extension to Poplar Island to allow for future connections to Cornwall will be known this fall.

The final billing for 2008 has been completed. It appears the Utility is very close to being on budget. Electricity costs will be higher than anticipated.

TRANSPORTATION AND SAFETY - COUNCILLOR MARLENE HUNT:

The report was included in the Council package.

Councillor Hunt reports the number of transit users is increasing by the week.

Repairs to the sidewalk on the Trans Canada Highway have been completed and we have been advised the guard rail will be installed in the near future.

Requested upgrades to street lighting have not been completed. Staff will follow up with Maritime Electric on this issue.

Speed Limit and Children Playing signs will be requested for John Street.

Councillor Hunt will be preparing a letter to the Hon. Ron MacKinley requesting Provincial funding for the MacArthur Drive sidewalk project in 2009.

Councillor Lannan requests to have crosswalks painted before winter.

COMMUNITY SERVICES LIAISON COMMITTEE - COUNCILLOR PARKER BEER

The Humane Society monthly report was included in the package. The RCMP report was distributed prior to the meeting.

PARKS & RECREATION - COUNCILLOR KENT LANNAN:

The report was included in the Council package.

Turf Field revenue is down \$2,000.00 from 2007.

The Club House needs to be winterized at a cost of approximately \$2,000.00.

The Town hosted the U-14 Soccer Nationals from Oct. 6 - Oct. 13.

The MacKinley Park playstation has not been operational for most of the summer due to problems with the structure. The replacement equipment is expected to arrive soon.

The Dept. of Highways has removed some dead trees from the ditches along the Trans Canada Highway.

The Town has accepted the quote from Clarks Bobcat Service for construction of the trails at Madison Heights, Lowther Park, the Business Park and the Turf Field at a cost of \$33,000. plus GST.

The Committee discussed reconstructing the Maintenance Dept. in 2009. They felt crews should be assigned to specific tasks for more efficiency.

The Ferry Road Centre will be hosting a Community Haunted House Halloween party for children on October 28th. Students from the Sport & Leisure program at Holland College will be hosting a Halloween party for the After School program on October 30th.

Doiron Landscaping completed work on flowerbeds and shrubs at the Town Hall. The estimated cost for Doiron to maintain all flowerbeds as well as the Town Hall for 2009 is \$6000.00.

The Committee reviewed complaints received from CAMBA re: field maintenance for the 2008 season.

The Recreation Department accounts receivable is approximately \$9000.00, mostly from Summer Day Camp in 2007. The Committee discussed sending the overdues to a Collection Agency.

Councillor Lannan advises on the possibility of relocating the dog park as well as the Cap Site.

FINANCE & ADMINISTRATION - COUNCILLOR ERNEST GALLANT

The financial statements were included in the package.

Councillor Gallant requests for all committees to prepare a 2009 draft budget as the end of the year is nearing.

Councillor Gallant moved, Deputy Mayor Easter moved, the Town of Cornwall award the Integrated Community Sustainability Plan Project to Baker Consulting Inc. at a cost of \$46,180.00 taxes included.

MOTION CARRIED 2008-10-1567

Councillor Gallant advises the salary review has started.

COMMUNICATION - MAYOR MACFADYEN

Mayor MacFadyen reports he is pleased with the spin off business created within the Town from the Soccer Nationals.

Mayor MacFadyen and the CAO met with representatives of the Business Community through the Chamber of Commerce. Three of the key issues discussed were signage, public transit, and finding workers.

Lighting options for the new Town sign were discussed.

OTHER BUSINESS

Councillor Dawson advises the date for the semi-annual FPEIM meeting has not been set. All of Council are encouraged Council to attend when the date is set.

The Halloween curfew will be 8:00 pm.

Councillor Hunt was pleased to represent the Town at the official opening of the park at St. Francis of Assissi Parish.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 9:00 pm.

PATRICK MACFADYEN
MAYOR

KEVIN MCCARVILLE
CAO