

**Cornwall, Prince Edward Island  
Council Minutes**

**October 17, 2007**

The regular meeting of Cornwall Town Council was held in Council Chambers on Wednesday, October 17, 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, Ernest Gallant, Irene Dawson; Recording Secretary, Stephanie Cairns.

Regrets: Administrator, Kevin McCarville

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA:**

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

**MOTION CARRIED 2007-10-1489**

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF SEPTEMBER 19th, 2007 REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL:**

Councillor Hunt moved, Deputy Mayor Easter seconded, that the Minutes of September 19th, 2007 be approved.

**MOTION CARRIED 2007-10-1490**

Councillor Gallant comments on the Minutes being vague in particular areas. Mayor MacFadyen commented several months ago it was mentioned Minutes were too detailed and it's hard to find a happy medium. Deputy Mayor Easter notes he thought they were well done.

**BUSINESS ARISING**

Mayor MacFadyen questions if Phase 7 of Primrose Point includes a cul-de-sac. Deputy Mayor Easter advises the Town is still waiting for a revised drawing from the developer.

## **PLANNING BOARD - DEPUTY MAYOR EASTER**

Deputy Mayor Easter reports Planning Board met on October 9th, 2007.

Deputy Mayor Easter reports an application has been received from Cornerstone Baptist Church to rezone a portion of Parcel 245225 from A1 to PSI. A meeting has been scheduled with the members of the Board in order to obtain further information and discuss options. Mayor MacFadyen comments it's in the Town's best interest to promote business within the Town and perhaps discuss different options/locations with the Board members.

Deputy Mayor Easter reports David and Cathy Livingstone will retain ownership of the said burial ground located on the Ferry Road.

Deputy Mayor Easter advises there is nothing to report re: an application to develop a 4 unit townhouse located at 11 Seymour Drive (PID 723841).

Planning Board continues work on the Storm Water Master Plan as well as work on the Well Field Protection Plan.

Deputy Mayor Easter advises the developer of Sunrise Cove has requested the Town to consider a pond, that was formed due to water gathering, remain in the subdivision. The Town Planner will confirm with the Town's lawyer any liabilities the Town might incur if a pond were constructed in the subdivision.

Council discussed pros and cons of the pond, such as liability issues, increase of insects, an ice pond in the winter, as well as an aerator in the pond and at whose cost to purchase/maintain the pump.

Deputy Mayor Easter reports Mr. Pot's has applied for a building permit to move his existing house to 86 Keri Drive (PID 246884).

Deputy Mayor Easter advised there is nothing to report re: unlicensed car dealership located at 502 Trans Canada Highway (PID 247742).

Deputy Mayor Easter notes Planning Board will be reviewing the Property Maintenance Bylaw in the near future.

Deputy Mayor Easter reports Phase 2 of Hillside Meadows is near completion. Council was advised a house was being built without a permit. The Town sent the developer a letter advising them of this. Phase 2 should be approved within the next week.

## **UTILITY - COUNCILLOR IRENE DAWSON**

Councillor Dawson apologizes to Council for arriving late this evening.

Councillor Dawson advises Utility should be well within budget expectations. Revenues are up about \$10,000, mostly on metered water. Expenditures appear to be \$20,000 under budget.

Councillor Dawson notes flushing of water lines should be completed this week.

Councillor Dawson reports the Utility Infrastructure in Sunrise Cove and Hillside Meadows is nearing acceptance by the Utility.

Councillor Dawson advises the fact we no longer test water from the Primrose wells is the reason the expense for water tests is down compared to 2006.

Councillor Dawson notes overdue accounts are higher than this time last year. A push will be put on either the end of this month or early November. Councillor Dawson advises Kevin and Danielle met with City of Charlottetown Finance staff re annual billing and was advised this is not an effective way to collect utility accounts and advised the Town not to pursue this method.

Councillor Dawson reports CBCL has started work on the Cornwall lagoon project.

Deputy Mayor Easter suggests offering discounts to customers that pay before their bill is due.

Deputy Mayor Easter advises Kevin mentioned about a month ago there is some extra staff available to do work within the Town. One suggestion was clearing trees on or near easements to prevent future problems from tree growth occurring.

## **TRANSPORTATION AND SAFETY - COUNCILLOR MARLENE HUNT:**

Councillor Hunt reports Transportation and Safety did not meet since the September Council meeting but a conference call was held with Wally Beck from iTrans Consulting. The Committee has accepted the final report from iTrans - hard copies will be delivered in the near future.

We are suggesting the report be made available to the City of Charlottetown, Trius Tours and the Taxi Association as they will be an integral part of any future discussions on this initiative. As well, we need to consider forwarding a letter to the Infrastructure Secretariat expressing Cornwall's interest in transit and accessing funding for the purchase of a bus.

Councillor Hunt urged the Mayor and all Councillors to give a Public Transit System in Cornwall connected to the system in Charlottetown the green light. Noting Public

Transit is a necessity, Councillor Hunt believes the silent majority in Cornwall will support Public Transit and this is the time to jump aboard the bus. Councillor Hunt noted the following:

Advantages to Public Transit in Cornwall:

1. It will reduce the need for families to have two or three vehicles, thus saving money for families in the long run.
2. It will bring more business to Cornwall as workers will be able to get here in a cost effective way.
3. People who do not drive or choose not to will be able to live in Cornwall without being confined.
4. It will be good for the environment which is the key issue globally and within Canada.
5. Due to the interest in the environment the time is now to access funding from the government.
6. Financial support for operating costs is a possibility.
7. Financial support for infrastructure is a possibility.

Disadvantages to Public Transit in Cornwall:

1. Operating costs are expensive.
2. A life style change such as Public Transit will take time for residents to embrace.
3. Public promotion and education will be necessary.
4. Effort by all will be required to make Public Transit work.

Councillor Hunt advises that Council's vote on Public Transit will be publicly recorded.

Deputy Mayor Easter requests to have the costs re: Public Transit available before Council votes.

He inquires if a Transit system is not approved by Council, is there a lesser system available. Councillor Hunt advises there is no alternative plan.

Councillor Gallant advises he has not received any emails/correspondence re: public transit comments that he requested from Councillor Hunt at the September, 2007 Council meeting.

Council discussed the application process to apply for funding for the public transit system.

Councillor Dawson comments the Town should only submit an application if the Town is committed to Public Transit. Councillor Dawson also adds she has received dozens of phone calls from Cornwall residents advising they do not wish to have the public transit system.

Mayor MacFadyen adds if Council doesn't approve a public transit system this year, public transit may be reviewed again in the future.

There was discussions about the Transit Study being made available to the public. Council agreed that if Stratford releases the study then Cornwall would as well. Council agreed the study was paid for by tax payers dollars and should be readily available to the public.

**COMMUNITY SERVICES LIAISON COMMITTEE - COUNCILLOR PARKER BEER:**  
***Humane Society Report***

Humane Society monthly report was circulated.

***RCMP Report***

RCMP monthly report was circulated. Constable Swansburg is being transferred on October 31, 2007. To date, his replacement has not been assigned.

Deputy Mayor Easter requests updates re: York Point Community Hall. Councillor Dawson advises she met with several members of the York Point Women's Institute to discuss the status of the York Point Hall. Councillor Dawson reports she did plan to meet with a retired construction engineering consultant to discuss the structural status of the York Point Hall, however was unable to meet with him. Councillor Gallant suggests deeding the land to the Women's Institute if the Town doesn't require it.

Deputy Mayor Easter adds the Town should maintain the property.

Councillor Gallant comments on rentals/usage at the Cornwall Civic Centre. Councillor Gallant discusses an event being held at the Civic Centre with no charge to rent the hall. There was some confusion as to who was hosting the event, the Recreation Department or a private individual. Councillor Gallant is looking for direction from the Committee on clarification in the future in similar cases.

Deputy Mayor Easter adds he would like to see a recommendation from the Community services Liaison Committee on future plans for the Civic Centre. He suggested group(s) who occupy the building pay the operating costs.

Councillor Dawson requests to have a letter sent from the Mayor, on behalf of the Town, to Constable Swansburg expressing the Town's appreciation for his work within the Town and copied to the detachment.

Councillor Lannan adds he spoke with Constable Swansburg and thanked him for his work with the Town. He adds Constable Swansburg advised his replacement has been confirmed and the announcement will be made soon.

Councillor Gallant requests an estimate to install a sliding door between the Council chambers and the adjacent room.

Mayor MacFadyen adds he received a phone call from a resident about the grass not being cut at the old CFCY field. The Town has maintained this property in the past up until the last few months. Councillor Lannan adds the property has since been cut. Mayor MacFadyen requests the Committee review the maintenance of properties owned by the Town.

Deputy Mayor Easter adds he would like to see the Town purchase the land adjacent to the Town Hall, presently not being maintained by the owners. Therefore, this property would be included in our Town landscape.

**PARKS & RECREATION - COUNCILLOR KENT LANNAN:**

Councillor Lannan reports the paid usage on the turf facility remains the same although usage by the Eastern School District has increased from last year. This causes concerns as paid staff are on site during all bookings. The Committee will review issues that arose over the year and identify solutions before the facility opens in 2008.

Councillor Lannan notes staff continue to follow up with outstanding balances.

Councillor Lannan reports the Recreation Coordinator competition closed on October 5, 2007. 22 applicants applied for the position. It is anticipated this person will begin with the Department around November 5, 2007.

The Committee wishes to fill the Assistant Recreation Programmer position and two Program Leader positions immediately.

The Department will be holding the following events:

Cornwall Ceilidh- October 18

Halloween Event- October 25

Councillor Lannan reports the Committee discussed plans for park area in Sunrise Cove. Given the layout of the land and the proximity of existing active parks, the allocated green space in this subdivision will be utilized for a passive park. This includes park benches and a picnic area.

Councillor Lannan moved, Councillor Hunt seconded, that Council create and staff an Assistant Recreation Coordinator position, and staff the (two) Program Leader positions.

**MOTION CARRIED 2007-10-1491**

Councillor Gallant congratulates the Recreation Committee for their initiative on the upcoming Ceilidh.

Deputy Mayor Easter inquires into the costs to have a staff person at the Turf Facility during operation. Councillor Lannan didn't have an exact figure, however advised some costs are covered by grants. Councillor Dawson was certain when the agreement was signed with the Eastern School District there would be no costs to the Town when the Eastern School Board occupied the Turf Facility.

Councillor Dawson requests clarification on the recreation job titles.

#### **FINANCE & ADMINISTRATION - COUNCILLOR ERNEST GALLANT**

Councillor Gallant reviews the Financial Statements.

Councillor Gallant reports projections for Recreation will be about \$20,000 more than what the original income was projected while recreation expenses look like they will be about \$45,000 less than originally projected.

Councillor Gallant commented on the format for the Pre Budget Public meeting that will be chaired by Kevin McCarville. Kevin will be giving a brief overview then will open the meeting to the public. Councillor Gallant advises the meeting will be recorded.

#### **COMMUNICATION - MAYOR MACFADYEN**

Mayor MacFadyen thanks Council for attending a meeting with the Premier and Minister of Transportation and Public Works and a representative from Community and Cultural Affairs.

Mayor MacFadyen felt the Town displayed to the Premier and his party the seriousness of projects within the Town and are thankful for the work that has been done within the Town, including the new intersection on the Trans Canada Highway in front of the Business Park.

Mayor MacFadyen advises he will be meeting with Health Minister, Doug Currie, regarding a Medical Facility in Cornwall.

Mayor MacFadyen comments on having a microphone at public meetings and noted negative feedback from residents who were unable to hear at the last meeting which didn't have a sound system.

Mayor MacFadyen advises the Pre Budget Public meeting is designed to get public feedback from residents within the Town.

Mayor MacFadyen encourages all Committees to submit a report for the upcoming Newsletter.

Mayor MacFadyen advises he requested to have in the newsletter a clear indication as to the responsibilities of the different levels of government as residents are coming to him with issues that should be directed to either the Provincial or Federal Government.

**OTHER BUSINESS:**

Deputy Mayor Easter advises the Semi Annual FPEIM meeting is scheduled for Saturday, November 17 in Abram's Village.

Councillor Gallant encourages members of Council to attend the Ceilidh on October 18 at 7:30 pm.

Councillor Dawson sends her regrets and will be unable to attend the Ceilidh as she has prior commitments.

The Halloween curfew will be 8:00 pm which will be advertised in the Guardian.

**ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting adjourned at 9:26 pm by Mayor MacFadyen on motion of Councillor Gallant and Dawson

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PATRICK MACFADYEN  
MAYOR

KEVIN MCCARVILLE  
ADMINISTRATOR