

**Cornwall, Prince Edward Island  
Council Minutes**

**October 20, 2009**

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A public meeting of residents of the Town of Cornwall was held in the Cornwall Civic Centre, Cornwall, Prince Edward Island on Tuesday, October 20, 2009.

**CALL TO ORDER:**

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Mayor Patrick MacFadyen. Mayor MacFadyen welcomed residents and introduced himself, Council, CAO Kevin McCarville and Recreation Manager Kim Meunier.

Mayor MacFadyen noted the meeting was called to provide residents an opportunity to provide input on the 2010 budget and proposed renovations to the Cornwall Civic Centre.

**ATTENDANCE**

Present were: Mayor Patrick MacFadyen, Deputy Mayor Charles Easter; Councillors Marlene Hunt, Kent Lannan, Irene Dawson, Ernest Gallant, Administrator, Kevin McCarville; Recreation Manager, Kim Meunier; Recording Secretary, Stephanie Cairns and 30 residents.

Regrets: Councillor Parker Beer.

**TOWN OF CORNWALL: PUBLIC MEETING**

The meeting was advertised in the Charlottetown Guardian on October 10th and October 17th, 2009.

Mayor MacFadyen advised residents of current projects within the Town which include Phase II of the Sports Field, a new sidewalk on the Trans Canada Highway, a new lift sewer station on the Ferry Road and a sewer extension on the Meadowbank Road, as well as a renovated Civic Centre.

**BUDGET**

At this point Mayor MacFadyen calls on Councillor Ernie Gallant, Chair of Finance and Administration.

Councillor Gallant thanks the Mayor and CAO for their hard work on obtaining grants/funding for the Town. Councillor Gallant adds the Town is in good shape for 2010, however it will be hard to have a balanced Utility budget for 2010 without increasing rates.

### **CORNWALL CIVIC CENTRE**

CAO Kevin McCarville reported on the current status of the Civic Centre. Some of these include a leaking roof, the parking lot is too small and in terrible condition, accessibility, the building is not up to fire safety code, wiring is inadequate, the location of the ice plant is not sufficient, the condition of the swimming pool change rooms are unacceptable.

It was noted the Town has held discussions with 4 user groups of the Civic Centre. These groups include the Cornwall Curling Club, the Cornwall Lions Club, the Cornwall Parks and Recreation Dept., and the Cornwall and Area 50+ Club.

Council has also been approached by individuals about space in a renovated facility.

Kevin adds the Town has been approved under the Building Canada Fund for \$2,000,000 to renovate the Civic Centre. 1/3 Federal, 1/3 Provincial and 1/3 Municipal.

The Town requested estimates for both a renovated Civic Centre using the current footprint and for a new addition on the south end of the building using the same square footage. In both scenarios a sprinkler system has been included as an option.

The meeting was advised:

- an addition on the south end will be more costly than a renovation.
- a renovation will impact all users in 2010 or whenever the renovation occurs.
- if the decision is to renovate and construction is planned for 2010, timelines are already tight.

The meeting was opened to the public.

Paul Durant comments on the Curling Club located in the facility. More spectator seating is required, there is no kitchen facility to provide food for banquets and bonspiels and the roof leaks. He adds a new Civic Centre would be a much more viable option.

Ernie Stavert thanks the Town for their support with the current users of the facility. He adds they are getting by but certainly wishes for a better facility.

Janet Luxton Dockendorff would like to see a change in the driveway to the Town Hall/Library. She feels there are too many turns in the driveway.

Wayne Smith, Lions Club, would like to see the groups utilizing the facility to work together and requests a bigger kitchen/banquet facility.

Mark MacDonald indicates the Curling Club is financially responsible and create economic spinoffs within the Town.

Bonnie MacLean would like Council to consider the youth when renovating the Civic Centre. Two options would be a bowling alley or pool tables.

Philip Acorn asks Council to consider other facilities within the Town to see what types of programs are being offered, ie banquets.

Bruce MacIsaac adds the idea of a new building is exciting but the financial cost needs to be considered. He encourages Council to have public meetings and feels the public should be able to view a concept plan before a final decision is made.

Krista Weeks adds it's great for everyone to work together and feels it is important for the youth to have a place in this facility.

Hillard Muttart feels the parking needs to be rectified.

George Lowther, Lions Club, has concerns with a renovated Civic Centre and the condition of the building in 10 years. He adds there should be something for the youth as well as an updated viewing area for curling spectators.

Glen Fullerton feels the Town is very fortunate to have a curling club within the Town. He adds he has traveled to curling clubs across the country with his daughters and reminds Council that curling has a great economic spinoff.

John DeLuca, President of Cornwall Curling Club, adds a renovation to the Civic Centre would have a huge impact on the Curling Club. In November, 2010, Cornwall will be co-hosting an international event. This opportunity comes along every 10 years and would unfortunately have to be canceled if the Curling Club was unavailable at this time.

Colleen Ramsay is a non resident, however utilizes the Town's facilities. She feels that if there were proper acoustics at the Civic Centre, Ceilidh's and music events/concerts could be held at the Centre.

**ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting adjourned at 8:10 pm.

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PATRICK MACFADYEN  
MAYOR

KEVIN MCCARVILLE  
CAO