

**Cornwall, Prince Edward Island
Council Minutes**

September 20, 2006

The regular meeting of Cornwall Town Council was held in the Council Chambers on Wednesday, September 20, 2006.

CALL TO ORDER:

The meeting was called to order at 7:34 P.M. by Mayor Jack Kelly.

ATTENDANCE & REGRETS:

Present were: Mayor Jack Kelly; Deputy Mayor Peter Meggs; Councillors Ann Doucette, Michael Zinck, Parker Beer, Irene Dawson; Minerva McCourt; Kevin McCarville, Administrator; Tammy Pigott, Recording Secretary; and 3 residents.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

Councillor Zinck moved, Councillor Meggs seconded, that the agenda as circulated prior to the meeting be the agenda.

MOTION CARRIED 2006-09-1410

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF August 16, 2006 REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL:

Councillor Doucette moved, Councillor Meggs seconded that the Minutes of August 16, 2006 be approved as circulated.

MOTION CARRIED 2006-09-1411

Councillor Meggs notes that in the last minutes he had asked if the Town was satisfied with the clean up the province did with Hyde Park; it was actually the Town that did the clean up after the big storm.

Councillor Dawson notes a few typing corrections to be made.

Councillor Dawson questions comments on no complaints from residents regarding the sewer line back up on Waterview Drive. Councillor Doucette notes that the issue was resolved and no complaints have been made since.

**PUBLIC RELATIONS, FINANCE & ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE - COUNCILLOR
MICHAEL ZINCK:**

Humane Society Report

The Humane Society animal control report for the month of August was circulated. Officers patrolled the Town four times and received three complaints. All complaints have been resolved; 2 licenses were issued this month.

RCMP Report

The RCMP report was circulated along with a letter to Council regarding new officer (Dave Swansburg). Councillor Zinck announces that the new officer will start October 1st, 2006. Councillor Zinck has spoken with Staff Sargent Neil Smith and Constable Dave Swansburg regarding the Town's expectations. The grant for the D.A.R.E program has been received by the RCMP.

Councillor Zinck reports that 3 officers were in attendance for the Cenotaph ceremony on September 17th, 2006.

Councillor Zinck notes that traffic violations were down for the month as well as for the overall year; however, seatbelt violations were up. The officers are out and active on these issues.

Financial Report

Regular meeting was held on September 11th, 2006.

Councillor Zinck reports a surplus is now projected for 2006. Primarily this is due to additional recreation revenues, reduced interest costs and reduced policing costs. The Town saved money with the RCMP officer start date being delayed from July 1st to October 1st, 2006.

Kevin reports there is also a \$38,000 surplus in recreational salaries for the year due to a lower number of summer staff being hired, as well as more frequent closure of the pool; the Teen coordinator position is also being completely covered by the province.

Official Town Hall opening is set for November 29th, 2006 and Councillors are asked to submit to the office the names of those they want invited.

Councillor Meggs questions maintenance and repairs budget for sports fields. Kevin to forward a print out of report but notes that some of it will be for the purchase of owl decoys to help with the seagull problem on the fields, as well as locks for the gates.

Councillor Dawson asks what UPEI is doing about the seagull problem. Kevin informs Council that UPEI never had issues with seagulls to our knowledge but Dave Acorn will follow up with UPEI maintenance.

Councillor Meggs also asks what Cst. Swansburg's prior position was with East Wiltshire school. Councillor Zinck responds Cst. Swansburg was the school's resource person as well as an active traffic member. This experience will definitely help with his new position.

Reports & Resolutions

Councillor Zinck brought forward the following resolutions:

Councillor Zinck moved, Councillor Meggs seconded, the Town of Cornwall accept the design submitted by Lori Bernard for the Town of Cornwall flag.

MOTION CARRIED 2006-09-1412

Councillor Zinck moved, Councillor Doucette seconded, the Town of Cornwall submit the following as the Town's proposed Capital projects for the Capital Investment Plan under the New Deal for Cities and Communities.

- A. Eliot Park water extension \$800,000
- B. Brookside Drive/James Street sewer replacement \$165,000
- C. TCH sidewalk, Centennial to Kellow Drive \$175,000
- D. Generators for sewer pumping stations \$100,000
- E. Cornwall Lagoon upgrade \$300,000
- F. Fire rated water, James Street to Meadowbank Rd \$325,000
- G. York Point Road sewer extension \$200,000
- H. New water supply \$500,000
- I. Cornwall Business Park \$400,000
- J. Sidewalks \$150,000
- K. Sewer line replacement - James Street to TCH \$100,000

MOTION CARRIED 2006-09-1413

ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE - COUNCILLOR ANN DOUCETTE:

No Regular monthly meeting was held this month and nothing to report. Councillor Doucette adds there will be a long agenda for next meeting.

PLANNING BOARD COMMITTEE - DEPUTY MAYOR PETER MEGGS:

Councillor Meggs reports that regular monthly Planning Board meeting was held September 12th, 2006.

Greening Spaces & Nursery Area

The Town will receive funding from the province for "Greening Spaces". Town staff will review the Community Gardens, Town & Country and other suitable park spaces to determine the best spot for the nursery.

Borden Property Subdivision - Phase 2

Councillor Meggs notes that Phase 1 was approved by Council, following configuration by the developer of a 500 foot buffer given the property is adjacent to agricultural land. The Official Plan encourages Council to maintain effective buffers between intensive agricultural activities and residential areas. Effectively, nothing has changed since Council approved the configuration of Phase I. Approving Phase 2 as proposed would be inconsistent.

Councillor Meggs moved, Councillor Doucette seconded, The Town of Cornwall deny the request to grant preliminary approval to Phase 2 to subdivide a portion property number 248831, located to the east of the York Point Road, into 11 single family home lots, as indicated on ADI Limited drawing # 6009-7, dated June 1, 2006.

MOTION DEFEATED 2006-09-1414

Councillor Dawson notes the following and puts forward a new resolution.

- The property is zoned R1 - single family homes are an "as of right use" and have been since 1996. It was always the intention of the Town that this land be developed residentially.
- This is orderly development, consistent with the Official Plan goal of increasing the Town's assessment base.
- This is consistent with the Official Plan policy of encouraging residential development to locate in and adjacent to built up core areas.
- There is a perceived land use conflict with the Dockendorf property, however some land use conflicts are inevitable when we have a growing community. The official plan states it is our goal to minimize conflicts, not eliminate them. I feel Council has done a good job of minimizing conflicts, this is a case where some conflict cannot be avoided.
- This is an adequate buffer.

Councillor Dawson moved, Councillor Zinck seconded,

Be it resolved that Council grant preliminary approval to Phase 2, a subdivision of parcel # 248831 into 11 single family dwelling lots located on the east side of the York Point Road as shown on ADI Limited drawing #6009-7, dated June 1, 2006.

MOTION CARRIED 2006-09-1415

Council had discussed this issue prior to Council meeting. Councillors Doucette & Meggs have voted against this motion.

Developing and Divesting Public Land

Councillor Meggs advised that the Parks Committee recently considered deeding over of park land held in public trust from the Town to individual owners. Planning Board has reviewed the issue and decides that a policy should be developed.

Councillor Meggs moved, Councillor Zinck seconded, Be it resolved that The Town of Cornwall develop a policy and process for divesting land held in public trust.

MOTION CARRIED 2006-09-1416

Councillor Dawson notes that this is not an unique situation and developing a policy should not be too hard to resolve.

Transportation Master Plan Public Meeting

Public meeting to be held at the Civic Centre September 25th at 7:00 pm and all Council is encouraged to attend.

Former North River Arena Property

Councillor Meggs informs Council that Janice spoke with McQuaid's and was advised that the church located in the parking lot will be gone by November 1st.

Building Permits Councillor Dawson notes that any wording changes to the building permits should be done without any fees from the solicitor as the current form has already been approved by the lawyers

McKenna Subdivision

Councillor Meggs notes that Janice had received a request for a street name change in the McKenna subdivision but this request was denied. It was denied because the word simply did not exist in the English dictionary. Councilor Doucette believes the Town does have a bylaw that states it must be a proper English word in order to be approved.

PARKS & RECREATION COMMITTEE - COUNCILLOR MINERVA MCCOURT:

Report & Resolutions

Councillor McCourt reports the regular monthly meeting was held on August 31, 2006.

Official Opening of Sports Fields

Councillor McCourt extends thanks to all those who attended and volunteered for the official opening of the Sports Fields; it was a great success.

Summer Camp

Councillor McCourt reports that the numbers were down a little from last year but with a higher demand for part time campers everything worked out. It was a summer of learning with many challenges overcome.

Trails

Councillor McCourt informs Council that the Hillside Meadows trail has been started; also the rubber leftover from the turf fields will be tested on the trail in Community Gardens.

Fall programs

Fall programs are going well with a lot of participants. Program Leaders, Gillian Claybourne, Krista Bruce and Teen Coordinator, Jennifer Jeffrey attended the three school's meet the teacher nights to keep up good relationships with the teachers and parents.

Reports Waterview Dr. Access

Councillor McCourt states that a letter has been sent to Mr. Prebinski. The letter indicates that the Town has looked at the Waterview access and would not be developing another access to the shore at this time.

Teen Coordinator and Special Events Reports

Teen Coordinator and Special Events reports were circulated. Councillor McCourt adds that students at East Wiltshire are interested in creating a Youth Council to put forth ideas for the town's youth. All Council members are encouraged to attend the first meeting of the Youth Council to be held on Tuesday, September 26th.

Christmas Tree Lighting

Councillor McCourt informs Council that the Christmas tree lighting will be held at the new Town Hall this year.

Cornfest

Cornfest will take place September 29th - October 2nd, 2006. A Volunteer Appreciation ceremony will take place Thursday, September 28th at the Civic Centre during the official opening of Cornfest 2006.

Recreation Van

Councillor McCourt advises that they are looking into sign options for the van and these will be brought back to Council at next meeting.

Communities 13

Communities 13 general meeting will be held Tuesday, September 26th; all Council is encouraged to attend.

Next meeting

The next recreation meeting will be held on Tuesday, September 26th rather than Thursday, September 28th due to the Cornfest.

Other

Councillor Dawson questions what kind of Christmas lights display is the town planning to get. Michael suggests that it is a display similar to that of Charlottetown; however a much smaller scale. The recreation department is looking into getting more information and it will be brought to finance and council.

Councillor Dawson would also like to note that it is not the 1st Annual Volunteer Appreciation night as stated in the recreation minutes. There have been other appreciation ceremonies held for town volunteers in previous years.

Councillor Meggs notes that Jennifer Jeffrey's presence at the meet the teacher night did encourage more youth and parents to get involved.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Mayor Jack Kelly notes he has nothing to report this month.

OTHER BUSINESS

Councillor Meggs extends a sincere thank you to those who served on the flag committee. Councillor Zinck will get these names and give formal thanks next month.

Kevin notes that the town hall should be ready in one month.

Correspondence

Mayor Kelly informs Council that a letter has been sent to Ted Grant of the Mikinduri Children of Hope to inform them that Peter Meggs will not longer be sitting on that board. Councillor Meggs notes that it was a good experience and he really enjoyed it but due to time constraints he felt it was time to move on.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 8:20 PM by Mayor Jack Kelly on motion of Councillor Anne Doucette.

JACK KELLY
MAYOR

KEVIN MCCARVILLE
ADMINISTRATOR

TAMMY PIGOTT
RECORDING SECRETARY