

Cornwall, Prince Edward Island

**Regular Meeting of Council
Wednesday, February 15, 2017 at 7:30 PM**

Mayor **Minerva McCourt presiding**
Present: **Deputy Mayor Gary Ramsay**
 Councillor Shane McGuigan
 Councillor Irene Dawson
 Councillor Elaine Barnes
 Councillor Peter Meggs
Regrets: **Councillor Jill MacIsaac**
Also: **Kim Meunier – Acting Chief Administrative Officer**
 Stephanie Cairns – Administrative Assistant

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor McCourt called the meeting to order.

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

It was moved by Councillor Barnes and seconded by Deputy Mayor Ramsay the agenda be approved as circulated. Motion carried.

MINUTES

It was moved by Councillor Meggs and seconded by Councillor Barnes the Minutes of January 18 be approved as circulated. Motion carried.

BUSINESS ARISING

Nil

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES / RESOLUTIONS

1. PLANNING BOARD - Councillor Peter Meggs

The report was included in the Council Package.

Councillor Meggs noted the Town received a request to convert a semi-detached dwelling to a single-family home, being PID 469577, 39-41 Hilltop Drive.

PL 02-2017, Development Agreement

Moved by Councillor Meggs
Seconded by Deputy Mayor Ramsay

BE IT RESOLVED the Town of Cornwall enter a Development Agreement (attached) to confirm the conversion of a semi-detached to a single-family home.

CARRIED

Councillor Meggs noted it is the Committee's intention for the Mayor to call a public meeting in the Spring to bring forward possible bylaw amendments.

2. PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE - Councillor Shane McGuigan

The report was included in the Council Package.

Councillor McGuigan reported the Committee is considering options to access the dog park. The current access is limited due to the existing incline to the park.

Councillor Dawson entered the meeting at this time.

3. PARKS & RECREATION COMMITTEE – Councillor Jill MacIsaac

Councillor Meggs reported on Councillor MacIsaac's behalf.

The report was included in the Council Package.

Councillor Meggs noted SnowFest is scheduled for Feb 15-Feb 20. Events include a pancake breakfast, a Senior's Lunch & Learn and a Family Movie Night.

Councillor Meggs noted correspondence has been received from the Eliot River Ramblers based on Council's decision to raise facility rates for Cornwall Minor Sport Groups.

Councillor Barnes added she was extremely disappointed with CBC's article regarding the increase in rates. She added the story did not contain all the facts and was one-sided.

3. UTILITY COMMITTEE – Councillor Irene Dawson

The report was included in the Council Package.

Councillor Dawson noted King's County Construction submitted a revised claim to CBCL asking for approximately \$23,000 in extras. Staff is waiting to hear from CBCL on the revised claim.

Councillor Dawson reported to balance the budget, staff recommends increasing utility rates by \$24 annually. Councillor Dawson added the last increase to Utility rates was in 2014. The Operating Budget will be forwarded to Finance for review.

Councillor Dawson noted the Utility has been asked to renew the Conditional Management Plan at the Cornwall Lagoon for the management of shellfish harvesting in the conditionally classified harvest areas adjacent to the wastewater treatment plant. The Utility recommends Council enters a new 5-year agreement.

WS 01-2017, Cornwall Lagoon (CMP)

Moved by Councillor Dawson
Seconded by Councillor Barnes

WHEREAS the Canadian Shellfish Sanitation Program (CSSP) is delivered by three federal

institutions, Fisheries and Oceans Canada, Environment and Climate Change Canada and the Canadian Food Inspection Agency. The CSSP provides reasonable assurance that molluscan shellfish are safe for consumption, thus supporting the industry and providing confidence for Canadians and export markets. A Conditional Management Plan (CMP) between CSSP federal partner institutions, province, municipality outlines the roles and responsibilities of the signatories' in the event of a Waste Water Treatment Plant (WWTP) release/discharge incident;

AND WHEREAS this CMP provides enhanced management of the bivalve molluscan shellfish harvest waters adjacent to the WWTP located at Cornwall, PEI;

BE IT RESOLVED the Town of Cornwall adopt the Conditional Management Plan for the water adjacent to the Cornwall Wastewater Treatment Plant and the Mayor and CAO be authorized to formalize the Agreement between the Town, Environment and Climate Change Canada, Fisheries and Oceans Canada, the Canadian Food Inspection Agency and the PEI Department of Communities, Land and Environment.

CARRIED

5. FINANCE COMMITTEE– Councillor Elaine Barnes

The report was included in the Council Package.

Councillor Barnes noted the Committee reviewed 2017 budget items for which the Finance Committee is responsible for.

F 01-2017, York Point Historical Society

Moved by Councillor Barnes

Seconded by Councillor McGuigan

BE IT RESOLVED the Town of Cornwall rebate the annual municipal property tax assessed on Parcel ID # 248971, being 346 York Point Road.

CARRIED

Councillor Barnes noted the Committee agreed to extend the contract with our current photocopier provider.

6. ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE– Deputy Mayor Gary Ramsay

The report was included in the Council Package.

Deputy Mayor Ramsay noted the Committee reviewed the draft 2017 Administration Committee budget requests which will be forwarded to the Finance Committee.

A 01-2017, Public Transit Infrastructure Fund

Moved by Deputy Mayor Ramsay
Seconded by Councillor Dawson

WHEREAS the Town of Cornwall is party to an agreement with the City of Charlottetown, Town of Stratford and Trius Transit to operate a seamless transit service in the three municipalities; and

WHEREAS there is additional funding available in the federal Public Transit Infrastructure Fund for capital upgrades and the Transit Coordinating Committee has identified the need for additional shelters, signage and technology for improved customer service.

BE IT RESOLVED that the Town of Cornwall supports the application to the Public Transit Infrastructure Fund in the amount of \$448,320 (net of federal HST), of which 25% is the municipal share (\$112,082), of which 10% is the Town of Cornwall's share (\$11,208).

CARRIED

A 02-2017, Joint Ownership and Usage Agreement

Moved by Deputy Mayor Ramsay
Seconded by Councillor Dawson

WHEREAS the Town of Cornwall is party to an agreement with the City of Charlottetown, Town of Stratford and Trius Transit to operate a seamless transit service in the three municipalities; and

WHEREAS Cornwall, Stratford and Charlottetown recently purchased eleven (11) busses from the City of Calgary to ensure the efficient operation of this service;

BE IT RESOLVED that the Town of Cornwall Council accepts the Joint Ownership and Usage Agreement (attached) authorizes the Mayor and CAO to affix their signatures to the Agreement.

CARRIED

7. COMMUNICATION

Mayor McCourt acknowledged this is Family Violence Prevention Week.

Mayor McCourt noted the 55+ Winter Games Official Opening will be February 20 at 10:00 am.

Mayor McCourt added SnowFest starts today and encourages all to attend.

Mayor McCourt thanked all the volunteers and staff that helped with the Sweetheart Hockey Tournament at the APM Centre last weekend.

Mayor McCourt noted she attended the Henan New Year at the Civic Centre.

8. OTHER BUSINESS

Councillors Meggs and Dawson attended the funeral for Mr. Art Howard. Mr. Howard's family was pleased with the write up in The Guardian about him.

Councillor Barnes noted she attended a Basic EMO Course in Montague and encourages Council to attend future sessions.

Councillor Dawson noted she received a phone call today from a resident upset with the sidewalk not being cleared today. Councillor Dawson advised she would bring her concerns forward to the Public Works Committee.

Councillor Dawson sends her regrets as she will not be at March's Council meeting as she will be away.

9. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 8:25 pm.

MINERVA MCCOURT
MAYOR

KIM MEUNIER
ACTING CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER