

Cornwall, Prince Edward Island

**Special Meeting of Council
Wednesday, March 12, 2014 at 6:30 PM**

Mayor **Glen ‘Barney’ Fullerton presiding**
Present: **Deputy Mayor Corey Frizzell**
 Councillor Irene Dawson
 Councillor Peter Meggs
 Councillor Minerva McCourt
 Councillor Marlene Hunt
 Councillor Parker Beer
Also: **Kevin McCarville – Chief Administrative Officer**
 Stephanie Cairns - Administrative Assistant

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Fullerton called the meeting to order and welcomed those in attendance.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES / RESOLUTIONS

1. FINANCE & ADMINISTRATION- Councillor Minerva McCourt

Councillor McCourt thanked the Mayor, Councillors and staff for the time and effort in developing the 2014 budget. Councillor McCourt noted the difficulty in achieving a balanced budget.

Councillor McCourt is pleased to announce the Town is maintaining the Commercial and Non-Commercial tax rates established in 2013.

Councillor McCourt added our Utility customers will see a modest increase of \$18 per year in their water and sewer rates for a Single Family Dwelling, it was noted this is the 2nd time since 1995 that Utility rates have increased.

Councillor McCourt noted this budget does reflect a considerable additional cost for Policing (about 18% over 2013). Cost sharing a civilian position combined with our direct contract has resulted in an additional \$70,000 being budgeted compared to 2013.

Councillor McCourt added with the continued support of the Federal and Provincial Governments, the Town is planning several Capital projects for 2014 which include sidewalk installation on MacArthur Drive and James Street as well as sewer upgrades in the James Street area. The Town also intends to use the Capacity Building Component of the Gas Tax program to complete a study on transportation, stormwater management, trails, and a water servicing strategy. Councillor McCourt added it is also the Town’s intention to upgrade the Skatepark and to purchase equipment for Penzie Lynn Park.

FA 03-2014, Town Operating Budget

Moved by Councillor McCourt
 Seconded by Councillor Frizzell

RESOLVED:

The attached 2014 operating budget for the Town of Cornwall be adopted:

Revenues	\$ 2,842,579
Expenditures	\$ 2,842,579
Surplus	\$ 0

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a Municipal Tax Rate of \$0.46 per \$100 of assessment be levied against all non-commercial property in the Town of Cornwall for the period of Jan 01, 2014 to December 31, 2014 as per the provisions of the *Real Property Tax Act*, save and except:

The non-commercial component of property which is owned by a non-resident person or non-resident corporation where the Municipal Tax Rate shall be \$0.92 per \$100 of assessment;

The non-commercial component of hotels and motels where the Municipal Tax Rate shall be: \$0.66 per \$100 of assessment where the owner is a resident person or a resident corporation;

The non-commercial component of apartment buildings containing three or more units where the Municipal Tax Rate shall be \$0.66 per \$100 of assessment where the owner is a resident person or a resident corporation; or \$1.12 per \$100 of assessment where the owner is a non-resident person or a non-resident corporation.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a Municipal Tax Rate of \$0.96 per \$100 of assessment be levied against commercial property in the Town of Cornwall for the period of January 01, 2014 to December 31, 2014 as per the provisions of the *Real Property Tax Act*.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a Municipal Tax Rate for bonafide farm properties be rebated \$0.20 per \$100 of assessment for farm buildings in the Town of Cornwall for the period of January 01, 2014 to December 31, 2014 as per the provisions of the *Real Property Tax Act*.

NOTE: For the purposes of this resolution, 'non-resident person' and 'non-resident corporation' applies to property owners as described in Section 24 of the Real Property Tax Act Regulations.

Councillor Hunt questioned the Mayor in calling this Special Meeting.

Mayor Fullerton replied he called this special meeting in accordance with the Town's Bylaw and the Town's Policies & Procedures. He added Councillor Hunt had ample time to question the budget and did not do so.

Councillor Meggs feels this is a very solid and sensible budget, however very disappointed with the Transit line in the budget, ending public transit in Cornwall by this summer. Councillor Meggs added his disappointment that the budget does not include another modified means of

public transportation within the Town.

Councillors Beer, Frizzell, McCourt and Dawson voted for the Motion

Councillors Hunt voted against the Motion.

Councillor Meggs abstained.

CARRIED

FA 04-2014, Utility Operating Budget

Moved by Councillor McCourt

Seconded by Councillor Dawson

RESOLVED:

The attached 2014 operating budget for the Town of Cornwall Water and Sewer Utility be adopted:

Revenues	\$ 1,045,733
Expenditures	\$ 1,045,733
Surplus/Deficit	\$ 0

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Cornwall Water and Sewer Utility Corporation rates for 2014 be as follows:

1. Unmetered water rate shall be \$253.00 per unit per year;
2. Sewerage rate shall be \$ 239.00 per unit per year;
3. Vacant serviced lots be charged \$36.30 per year for sewer and \$41.50 per year for water.

Metered water rate shall be: a consumption charge of 71 cents per cubic meter (minimum \$253.00 per year) plus a meter base charge listed;

2" Meter	\$185.33/year
1 & ½" Meter	\$114.92/year
1" Meter	\$89.40/year
¾" Meter	\$70.28/year
5/8" Meter	\$64.03/year

Councillors Beer, Meggs, Dawson, Frizzell and McCourt voted for the Motion.

Councillor Hunt voted against the Motion.

CARRIED

2. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 6:45 pm.

GLEN 'BARNEY' FULLERTON
MAYOR

KEVIN MCCARVILLE
CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER