

Cornwall, Prince Edward Island

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

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

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor McCourt called the meeting to order.

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

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

MINUTES

It was moved by Councillor Meggs and seconded by Deputy Mayor Ramsay the Minutes of February 15, 2017 be approved as circulated. Motion carried.

BUSINESS ARISING

Nil

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES / RESOLUTIONS

1. UTILITY COMMITTEE – Deputy Mayor Gary Ramsay

Deputy Mayor Ramsay reported on Councillor Dawson's behalf, and it was noted that the Committee did not meet this month.

Deputy Mayor Ramsay noted the tenders are out for Phase 1 of water main upgrades on Trans-Canada Highway, and for Pond Street Lift Station.

Deputy Mayor Ramsay noted Fix a Leak Week is March 20 – 26. The City of Charlottetown, Towns of Stratford and Cornwall have partnered to promote Fix a Leak Week to encourage the public to find and repair leaks in their homes or businesses to help conserve water.

Deputy Mayor Ramsay noted the 2016 Water Report for the Utility is now available on the Town's website.

2. PLANNING BOARD – Councillor Peter Meggs

The report was included in the Council Package.

Councillor Meggs noted the Department of Transportation, Infrastructure and Energy approved the right in/ out for CAMCO's three proposed apartment buildings fronting on the TransCanada.

Councillor Meggs noted the developer's tender are going out for the Hyde Pond Campus of Care work. Councillor Meggs added the Committee discussed the storm water infrastructure on the proposed development.

3. PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE - Councillor Shane McGuigan

Councillor McGuigan noted that the Committee did not meet this month.

Councillor McGuigan noted snow removal season is coming to an end, and staff will work with the contractor on any issues and complaints received to improve service for next year.

Councillor McGuigan noted, a resolution will be brought forward in April to allocate Gas Tax for the sidewalks and sewer projects.

4. PARKS & RECREATION COMMITTEE – Councillor Peter Meggs

Councillor Meggs reported on Councillor MacIsaac's behalf.

The report was included in the Council Package.

Councillor Meggs noted registration for Winter programs is winding down and the Spring program guide should be finalized by March 16.

Councillor Meggs noted SnowFest was held February 15 – 18. Weather was an issue in the early part of the event however the events that ran were well received. Councillor Meggs commended staff and volunteers on their hard work.

Councillor Meggs noted a Family Day event was held on Islander Day, February 20. There were approximately 60 – 70 participants throughout the day.

Councillor Meggs noted the Youth Centre at East Wiltshire School is scheduled to open on March 27, 2017.

Councillor Meggs noted the Town received a letter from the West River United Church requesting the Town create 20 or more parking spaces at the end of Scott Street and Cornwall Road. The Committee does not support this request due to green space being lost which is utilized by Town programs and neighboring daycares.

5. FINANCE COMMITTEE– Councillor Shane McGuigan

Councillor McGuigan reported on Councillor Barnes' behalf.

Councillor McGuigan noted the 2016 audit is ongoing and we anticipate receiving a draft copy

of the 2016 Financial Statements from MRSB in April.

Councillor McGuigan noted we anticipate making the Town`s annual donations to the School Breakfast Programs and other organizations.

Councillor McGuigan noted we are pleased to partner with Charlottetown and Stratford in accessing the Federal Public Transit Infrastructure Fund in 2017. This will allow the Town to install five (5) bus shelters this year if approved.

Councillor McGuigan noted the Town has been advised a former employee`s dispute with our insurance company has been resolved after almost (7) years of negotiation.

F 02-2017, Town Operating Budget

Moved by Councillor McGuigan

Seconded by Deputy Mayor Ramsay

RESOLVED:

The attached 2017 operating budget for the Town of Cornwall with Revenues and Expenditures of \$ 3,266,085 be adopted; and

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, 2017 to December 31, 2017 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 resident corporation; or \$1.12 per \$100 of assessment where the owner is a non-resident person or a non-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, 2017 to December 31, 2017 as per the provisions of the *Real Property Tax Act*.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED:

That a Municipal Tax Rate for bona fide farm properties be rebated \$0.20 per \$100 of assessment for farm buildings in the Town of Cornwall for the period of January 01, 2017 to December 31, 2017 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

CARRIED

F 03-2017, Utility Operating Budget

Moved by Councillor McGuigan
Seconded by Deputy Mayor Ramsay

RESOLVED:

The attached 2017 operating budget for the Town of Cornwall Water and Sewer Utility with Revenues and Expenditures of \$ 1,094,527.00 be adopted; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED:

That the Cornwall Water and Sewer Utility Corporation rates for 2017 be as follows:

1. Unmetered water rate shall be \$265.00 per unit per year;
2. Sewerage rate shall be \$ 251.00 per unit per year;
3. Vacant serviced lots be charged \$38.12 per year for sewer and \$43.60 per year for water.

Metered water rate shall be: a consumption charge of 75 cents per cubic meter (minimum \$265.00 per year) plus a meter base charge listed;

2" Meter	\$194.60/year
1 & ½" Meter	\$120.66year
1" Meter	\$93.87/year
¾" Meter	\$73.80/year
5/8" Meter	\$67.23year

CARRIED

F-04-2017 ~ Utility Loan

Moved by Councillor McGuigan

Seconded by Deputy Mayor Ramsay

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Town of Cornwall refinance loan # 020494583378 for the Cornwall Water and Sewer Utility with the National Bank for a 10 year fixed rate at 3.0% (+/-) with a 10 year amortization period.

CARRIED

6. ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE– Deputy Mayor Gary Ramsay

The report was included in the Council Package.

7. COMMUNICATION

Mayor McCourt proclaimed March 26 to be Purple Day as a global effort dedicated to promoting Epilepsy Awareness in countries around the world.

Mayor McCourt noted Eliot River School will be moving forward with the installation of solar panels.

8. OTHER BUSINESS

Deputy Mayor Ramsay attended the Closing Ceremonies of 55+ Games. The executive of the Games expressed kind words for the Town and staff.

Deputy Mayor Ramsay also attended Canadian Forces Liason Council Presentation for employers. Don Leary of Leary's Independent won Best Practices for Employee Support as he allows staff to take time off for Military events. There were 630 business entered across Canada, he goes to Ottawa in May for presentation. Congratulations Don!

G 01-2017, FCM Board Member

Moved by Councillor Meggs
Seconded by Councillor McGuigan

RESOLVED:

WHEREAS FCM's Board of Directors is comprised of elected municipal officials from all regions and sizes of communities to form a broad base of support to carry the municipal message to the federal government; and

WHEREAS FCM's Annual Conference and Trade Show will take place June 1-4, 2017, during which time the Annual General Meeting will be held and followed by the election of FCM's Board of Directors;

BE IT RESOLVED that Council of the Town of Cornwall, endorse Councillor Irene Dawson to stand for election on FCM's Board of Directors for the duration of one year; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Council assumes all costs associated with Councillor Irene Dawson attending FCM's Board of Directors meetings.

CARRIED

9. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 8:00pm.

MINERVA MCCOURT
MAYOR

KEVIN MCCARVILLE
CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER