

Cornwall, Prince Edward Island

**Regular Meeting of Council
Thursday, March 19, 2015 at 7:30 PM**

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

CALL TO ORDER

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

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

It was moved by Councillor Meggs and seconded by Councillor Dawson the agenda was approved as circulated. Motion Carried.

CORNWALL & AREA WATERSHED GROUP

Josh Lindsay and Karalee McAskill made a brief presentation to Council and explained the importance of the Watershed within the Municipality.

MINUTES

It was moved by Councillor Dawson and seconded by Deputy Mayor Ramsay the Minutes of February 18, 2015 be approved with a revision. Motion Carried.

It was moved by Councillor Meggs and seconded by Councillor MacIsaac the Minutes of March 4, 2015 Planning Public Meeting be approved as circulated. Motion Carried.

It was moved by Deputy Mayor Ramsay and seconded by Councillor Meggs the Minutes of March 4, 2015 Public Meeting be approved as circulated. Motion Carried.

BUSINESS ARISING

Nil

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES / RESOLUTIONS

1. UTILITY COMMITTEE - Councillor Irene Dawson

The report was included in the package.

WS 01-2015, PIF Sewer Upgrades

Moved by Councillor Irene Dawson
Seconded by Deputy Mayor Gary Ramsay

RESOLVED:

The Town of Cornwall approve submitting an application under the Provincial Infrastructure Fund for sewer upgrades.

CARRIED

WS 02-2015, PIF Water Upgrades

Moved by Councillor Irene Dawson
Seconded by Deputy Mayor Gary Ramsay

RESOLVED:

The Town of Cornwall approve submitting an application under the Provincial Infrastructure Fund for water system upgrades.

CARRIED

WS 03-2015, GT-DA, GT-MS Infrastructure Servicing Plan

Moved by Councillor Irene Dawson
Seconded by Deputy Mayor Gary Ramsay

RESOLVED:

The Town of Cornwall approve submitting an application under the Direct Allocation Fund (Gas Tax); and an application under the Municipal Strategic Component (Gas Tax) for an Infrastructure Servicing and Development Plan.

CARRIED

2. PLANNING BOARD COMMITTEE – Councillor Peter Meggs

The report was included in the package.

Councillor Meggs reported Planning Board discussed an application the Town received for a proposed change to the Development Scheme in the Riverview Place Subdivision, PID 684621. A public meeting was held and notification letters were sent to property owners within 150 meters and Planning Board considered feedback from consultant Robert Griffiths.

PI 04-2015, Riverview Place Subdivision, PID 684621

Moved by Councillor Peter Meggs

Seconded by Deputy Mayor Gary Ramsay

WHEREAS The Town and Riverview Place Inc. entered into a Subdivision Agreement and a Development Agreement both dated April 17, 2012 and an Amending Agreement dated November 21, 2012; and a second Amending Agreement dated September 17, 2014; and

WHEREAS the Town received an application to amend the Development Concept found in the April 17, 2012 appended to the Development Agreement as Schedule “B”; and

WHEREAS notification was given to residents within 150m of the subject property and the proposed amendments were presented at a public meeting on March 4, 2015 as per the requirements of the Zoning and Subdivision Control Bylaw;

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Town enter a Third Amending Agreement with Riverview Place Inc., which would approve a new Development Concept and subsequent Survey Plan which would subdivide lots 16, 17 and 18 to create a total of 12 lots.

CARRIED

3. PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE – Councillor Irene Dawson

The report was included in the package.

Councillor Dawson noted the Town received a bill for sidewalk snow removal for February for approximately \$15,000.

4. PARKS AND RECREATION COMMITTEE – Councillor Jill MacIsaac

The report was included in the package.

Councillor MacIsaac noted there will be a Easter Pancake Breakfast on April 4, 2015 at the Civic Centre.

Councillor MacIsaac noted a request has been forwarded to Communities 13 Inc. to consider additional walking track hours. Councillor MacIsaac expressed interest in joining the Communities 13 Board.

5. FINANCE COMMITTEE– Councillor Peter Meggs

The report was included in the package.

On behalf of Councillor Barnes, Councillor Meggs thanked the Mayor, Council and staff for the time and effort in developing the 2015 budget.

Councillor Meggs was pleased to note the Town is maintaining the commercial and non-commercial tax rates established in 2013 and the Utility rates established in 2014. Councillor Meggs noted with the continued support of the Federal and Provincial Governments, the Town is planning several small capital projects for 2015 which include improvements to the

Candlelight sewer pumping station and the Meadowbank wells.

Councillor Meggs added the Town intends to use the Capacity Building component of the Gas Tax Program to complete a study on Transportation, Stormwater Management, and a Utility Servicing Strategy. This is a significant step in the Town strategically allocating resources for the next 15 years.

Councillor Meggs noted it is also the Town's intention to invest \$50,000 in the Skatepark, using 50% matching funds and to replace the Events Sign at the North River intersection with an electronic sign.

F 01-2015, Town Operating Budget

Moved by Councillor Peter Meggs

Seconded by Councillor Jill MacIsaac

RESOLVED:

The attached 2015 operating budget for the Town of Cornwall with Revenues and Expenditures of \$3,008,181 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, 2015 to December 31, 2015 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, 2015 to December 31, 2015 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, 2015 to December 31, 2015 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 02-2015, Utility Operating Budget

Moved by Councillor Peter Meggs
Seconded by Councillor Irene Dawson

RESOLVED:

The attached 2015 operating budget for the Town of Cornwall Water and Sewer Utility with Revenues and Expenditures of \$1,078,504 be adopted; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED:

That the Cornwall Water and Sewer Utility Corporation rates for 2015 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

CARRIED

6. ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE – Deputy Mayor Gary Ramsay

The report was included in the package.

Deputy Mayor Ramsay noted that he, along with Mayor McCourt and the CAO met with Harry MacLellan (Stratford Citizens on Patrol) with the intent of reviving the COP in Cornwall.

Deputy Mayor Ramsay noted the Town continues to consider the Non Domestic Pesticide authority now available to municipalities. Staff is working on a draft Bylaw and public forums are being considered by the Capital Area municipalities. Kevin added a date has been set for Municipalities to discuss Non Domestic Pesticide authority.

F 01-2015, Humane Society Contract

Moved by Deputy Mayor Gary Ramsay
Seconded by Councillor Jill MacIsaac

RESOLVED:

The Town of Cornwall sign a contract with the PEI Humane Society for the provision of services with the Town for the period April 1, 2015 – March 31, 2018 as per the attached contract.

CARRIED

7. COMMUNICATION

Kevin reported the Town has received a draft copy of the 2014 Financial Statements from MRSB. The final copy will be distributed to Council for approval.

8. OTHER BUSINESS

Councillor Dawson gave a brief update of her recent FCM meeting in Edmonton.

Mayor McCourt thanked Council and staff for their hard work with the budget.

9. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 8:35 pm.

MINERVA MCCOURT
MAYOR

KEVIN MCCARVILLE
CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER