

**Cornwall, Prince Edward Island
Regular Meeting of Council
Wednesday, April 21, 2021
4:30 PM**

Present: Mayor Minerva McCourt – presiding
Deputy Mayor Cory Stevenson
Councillor Elaine Barnes
Councillor Corey Frizzell
Councillor Jill MacIsaac
Councillor Shane McGuigan

Also: Kevin Coady – Chief Administrative Officer
Shelley Rector – Manager of Corporate Services
Tracey MacLean – Engagement Coordinator

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor McCourt called the meeting to order at 4:30pm
There were three members of the public present

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Councillor Barnes moved, seconded by Deputy Mayor Stevenson, that the agenda be approved as circulated with the following amendment: move Planning to 7) and Infrastructure to 8).

Motion Carried

DISCLOSURE OF PECUNIARY OR OTHER CONFLICT OF INTEREST

Nil

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

- a) **March 17, 2021 Regular Council Meeting:** Councillor Barnes moved, seconded by Deputy Mayor Stevenson, that the Minutes of March 17, 2021 Regular Council Meeting be approved as circulated.
- b) **March 31, 2021 Special Meeting of Council:** Deputy Mayor Stevenson moved, seconded by Councillor Barnes, that the Minutes of March 31, 2021 Special Meeting of Council be approved as circulated.

Motion Carried

BUSINESS ARISING

Nil

PRESENTATIONS

Nil

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES / RESOLUTIONS:

INFRASTRUCTURE

Reports & Resolutions: The Committee did not meet in March.

I-04-2021 NR Lagoon Berm Stabilization (2021)

Moved by Councillor **Elaine Barnes**
Seconded by Councillor **Shane McGuigan**

Whereas: The Town of Cornwall Water and Sewer Utility infrastructure requires significant upgrades; including rehabilitation of the North River Lagoon cell #2 berm in order to make repairs and extend the life of the lagoon system,

And Whereas: The Investing in Canada Infrastructure Plan (ICIP) program has funding available for such projects,

Therefore, be it Resolved: That the Town of Cornwall approve applying to the Investing in Canada Infrastructure Plan fund for the North River Lagoon Berm Rehabilitation project in the amount of \$227,648.16 which represents 73.33% of the estimated total eligible costs of the project.

Motion Carried

I-05-2021 Main Street Water Main (2022)

Moved by Councillor **Elaine Barnes**
Seconded by Councillor **Shane McGuigan**

Whereas: The Town of Cornwall Water and Sewer Utility infrastructure requires significant upgrades; including the upsizing and extension of the watermain on Main Street.

And Whereas: This project is designed to bring water from the new wellfield to the core of Cornwall and connect to the water transmission main going to the water tower in the business park, thereby providing greater fire protection to the commercial areas of Main Street,

And Whereas: The extension of the service will allow for future development within the Town,

And Whereas: The Investing in Canada Infrastructure Plan (ICIP) program has funding available for such projects,

Therefore, be it Resolved: That the Town of Cornwall approve applying to the Investing in Canada Infrastructure Plan fund for the water main upsizing and extension project in the amount of \$2,302,014.81 which represents 73.33% of the estimated total eligible costs of the project.

Motion Carried

I-06-2021 New Water Tower at Wellfield (2023)

Moved by Councillor **Elaine Barnes**
Seconded by Councillor **Shane McGuigan**

Whereas: The Town of Cornwall Water and Sewer Utility infrastructure requires significant upgrades; including expanding the Town’s water storage and this project will allow the Utility to expand the capacity and the sustainability of the water system and provide sufficient water pressure to residents,

And Whereas: The Investing in Canada Infrastructure Plan (ICIP) program has funding available for such projects,

Therefore, be it Resolved: That the Town of Cornwall approve applying to the Investing in Canada Infrastructure Plan fund for a New Water Tower at the New Wellfield in the amount of \$2,685,044.68 which represents 73.33% of the estimated total eligible costs of the project.

Motion Carried

PLANNING COMMITTEE
Reports & Resolutions:

PL-02-2021 West River Estates Street Name “Morgan Street”

Moved by Councillor **Jill MacIsaac**
Seconded by Councillor **Cory Stevenson**

Whereas: The Town of Cornwall was asked to name a new street in the West River Estates Subdivision;

And Whereas: The Town of Cornwall is responsible to assign street names and civic addresses within its jurisdiction under the *Emergency 911 Act*;

And Whereas: The Town of Cornwall confirmed with the Provincial 911 administrative office that **Morgan Street** would be an acceptable name.

Therefore, be it Resolved: That Council approve that the new street within West River Estates Subdivision be named **Morgan Street**.

Motion Carried

PL-03-2021 Extension of Sewer Service, Primrose Point

Moved by Councillor **Jill MacIsaac**
Seconded by Councillor **Cory Stevenson**

Whereas: The Town of Cornwall received a sub-division application from A&R Adventures Inc. for the Primrose Point Subdivision;

And Whereas: The Developers have requested to extend the existing sewer services available along Osprey Drive;

And Whereas: The Developers continue to work with the neighboring property owners to secure the required secondary egress;

Therefore, be it Resolved: That the Town enter into a development agreement with A&R Adventures Inc. to allow the extension of the existing sewer services on Osprey Avenue at the Developers cost with the understanding that this in no way guarantees approval of any additional lots at this time.

Motion Carried

COMMITTEE OF COUNCIL – Deputy Mayor Cory Stevenson

(i) FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION

Reports & Resolutions

a) Comparative Income Statement – Due to the recent passing of the budget, there was not a statement included this month.

b) Resolutions:

FA-18-2021 Reserve Funds Bylaw – 2nd Reading

Moved by Councillor **Corey Frizzell**
Seconded by Councillor **Corey Stevenson**

Whereas: The Prince Edward Island *Municipal Government Act* (MGA) requires the passage of a Reserve Fund Bylaw should a municipality desire to establish reserve funds,

And Whereas: The Town of Cornwall desires to establish reserve funds in the future and does not currently have an approved reserve fund bylaw,

And Whereas: The Town of Cornwall Bylaw #2021-02, A Bylaw to Establish and Manage Reserve Funds was read and approved a first time at the regular council meeting on March 17, 2021,

Therefore Be it Resolved: That Town of Cornwall Bylaw #2021-02, A Bylaw to Establish and Manage Reserve Funds be read and approved a second time.

Motion Carried

FA-19-2021 Reserve Funds Bylaw – Formal Adoption

Moved by Councillor **Corey Frizzell**
Seconded by Councillor **Corey Stevenson**

Whereas: The Prince Edward Island *Municipal Government Act* (MGA) requires the passage of a Reserve Fund Bylaw should a municipality desire to establish reserve funds,

And Whereas: The Town of Cornwall desires to establish reserve funds in the future and does not currently have an approved reserve fund bylaw,

And Whereas: The Town of Cornwall Bylaw #2021-02, A Bylaw to Establish and Manage Reserve Funds was read and approved a first time at the regular council meeting on March 17, 2021,

And Whereas: The Town of Cornwall Bylaw #2021-02, A Bylaw to Establish and Manage Reserve Funds was read and approved a second time at the regular council meeting on April 21,

2021,

Therefore Be it Resolved: That the Town of Cornwall Bylaw #2021-02, A Bylaw to Establish and Manage Reserve Funds be hereby formally adopted.

Motion Carried

FA-20-2021 Capital Plan

Moved by Councillor **Elaine Barnes**

Seconded by Councillor **Corey Frizzell**

Whereas: The Town of Cornwall is required to have a 5 year capital expenditure plan to access capital infrastructure funding from senior levels of government and to ensure the prudent and efficient use of capital funds,

And Whereas: A capital plan is a dynamic planning document which needs to be kept current on an annual basis,

Therefore, be it Resolved: That the Town of Cornwall approve the updated and attached Capital Plan, for the fiscal years 2022/23 – 2025/26, with total proposed capital expenditures of \$17,960,674.

Motion Carried

Councillor MacIsaac left the meeting at 4:47pm

FA-21-2021 Bill C-21

Moved by Councillor **Corey Frizzell**

Seconded by Councillor **Cory Stevenson**

Whereas: Bill C-21 is Government of Canada legislation introduced on February 16, 2021 in the House of Commons,

And Whereas: If passed by Parliament, Bill C-21 will give municipalities across Canada the authority to regulate handguns in their respective municipality through bylaws restricting their possession, storage, and transportation,

And Whereas: Municipal governments have never had responsibility for gun control laws in Canada and such authority may create a patchwork of bylaws and regulations between differing municipalities and communities,

And Whereas: The Town of Cornwall considers that consistent gun control legislation across Canada is preferable to a patchwork gun control regime,

Therefore, Be it Resolved: That the Town of Cornwall is opposed to the portion of Bill C-21 pertaining to the delegation of firearms control authority to municipal governments,

And, Be it Further Resolved: That a copy of this resolution be forwarded to:

- Prince Edward Island's elected federal representatives,
- the leaders of the federal and PEI provincial political parties,
- the federal Minister of Public Safety,
- the Federation of Canadian Municipalities, and

- the Federation of PEI Municipalities.

Motion Carried

FA-22-2021 Crime Stoppers Donation

Moved by Councillor **Elaine Barnes**
Seconded by Councillor **Corey Frizzell**

Whereas: PEI Crime Stoppers is a registered non-profit organization established to assist in crime prevention and the promotion of safer communities across PEI and is in its 32nd year of operation,

And Whereas: PEI Crime Stoppers is a benefit to the residents of the Town of Cornwall and relies completely upon donations to fund its operations,

Therefore, be it Resolved: That the Town of Cornwall donate one hundred and fifty dollars to PEI Crime Stoppers to assist in their ongoing operations in furtherance of crime prevention and the promotion of safer communities.

Motion Carried

Councillor MacIsaac returned to the meeting at 4:54pm

(ii) MUNICIPAL SERVICES
Monthly Reports were included in the package.

1) Reports & Resolutions

(a) Humane Society Report

(b) Fire Department Report

(c) Police Report – Mayor McCourt noted that the RCMP presence in the Town has been great and Councillor Barnes noted that it is nice to see the RCMP posts on Twitter regarding the police presence and fines being issued for unsafe driving.

(d) Bylaw Enforcement

(e) Transit – CAO Coady will invite Mike Cassidy out to a future meeting for a discussion. There will be a press release for the new buses in the near future.

(f) Engagement

iii) PARKS & RECREATION

a) Report: The March update was included in the package.

i. Councillor Frizzell would like staff to look into options to provide washroom facilities at the Terry Fox Sports Complex. The matter will be added to the next Parks and Recreation meeting agenda.

b) Resolutions:

PR-08-2021 Sunrise Cove Greenspace

Moved by Councillor **Corey Frizzell**
Seconded by Councillor **Shane McGuigan**

Whereas: The Town of Cornwall in consultation with residents and businesses, developed a Parks, Recreation and Open Spaces Master Plan with an overall implementation horizon of twenty years,

And Whereas: The Town of Cornwall is desirous of enabling greater public waterfront access for residents and visitors on lands owned by the Town of Cornwall and such lands were identified in the adopted Parks, Recreation, Open Spaces Master Plan, with one area for phase one implementation being the Sunrise Cove greenspace,

And Whereas: The Town of Cornwall, in conjunction with a number of local neighbourhood residents, has developed a plan (attached to this resolution) for a park for the greenspace which includes a walking path, gazebo, benches, natural barrier free playground equipment, community gardens, shoreline protection, and landscaping using plants, shrubs and trees native to Prince Edward Island,

And Whereas: The Investing in Canada Infrastructure Plan (ICIP) program has funding available for such projects,

Therefore, be it Resolved: That the Town of Cornwall apply to the ICIP program for funding in the amount of \$274,237 representing 73.33% of the eligible costs of this project,

And, be it Further Resolved: That the Province of PEI Department of Environment, Energy and Climate Action shall be consulted and engaged for this project, and the project shall only proceed upon that's department's approval.

Motion Carried

CORRESPONDENCE

- a) QEH Foundation– Thank you to the Town for their \$250 donation

OTHER BUSINESS

- Mayor McCourt noted that the by-election will take place May 17th and encourages residents to come forward to help the Town grow.
- As part of Volunteer Appreciation week, Mayor McCourt thanked the Citizens on Patrol group for their dedication as well as all volunteers who give so generously of their time.
- Councillor Frizzell thanked all the sport coaches who, due to their love of the game, dedicate themselves to coaching our youth.
- Deputy Mayor Stevenson congratulated John Doucette of East Wiltshire School on recently receiving the “Extra Mile Award”.
- Councillor Frizzell wished his daughter Carmella a Happy 7th Birthday on April 22nd.
- Staff noted that the FPEIM Virtual AGM will take place Monday, April 26th if there is anyone else that would like to sign up. Former Councillor Peter Meggs

will be presented with the Bruce Yeo Memorial Award during the meeting.
Congratulations to Peter, it is well deserved.

IN CAMERA

Nil

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 5:04pm.

MINERVA MCCOURT
MAYOR

KEVIN COADY
CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER