

**Cornwall, Prince Edward Island
Regular Meeting of Council
Wednesday, September 15, 2021
4:30 PM**

Present: Mayor Minerva McCourt – presiding
Deputy Mayor Cory Stevenson
Councillor Elaine Barnes
Councillor Corey Frizzell (via phone)
Councillor Judy Herlihy
Councillor Jill MacIsaac

Also: Kevin Coady – Chief Administrative Officer
Tracey MacLean – Engagement Coordinator

Regrets: Councillor Shane McGuigan

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor McCourt called the meeting to order at 4:30pm
There were no 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 additions:

- Deputy Mayor Stevenson requested to add the Village Green and the gate at Eliot River
- Councillor Barnes requested to add an Events Committee update
- Councillor Frizzell requested to discuss new Covid-19 protocols

Motion Carried

DISCLOSURE OF PECUNIARY OR OTHER CONFLICT OF INTEREST

Nil

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

a) **August 18, 2021, Regular Council Meeting:** Councillor Herlihy moved, seconded by Councillor Barnes, that the Minutes of August 18, 2021, Regular Council Meeting be approved as circulated.

Motion Carried

BUSINESS ARISING

Nil

PRESENTATIONS

CAO Coady noted that Mike Cassidy from Trius Transit would be out for next week's Committee of Council meeting.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES / RESOLUTIONS:

INFRASTRUCTURE

Reports & Resolutions

- a) **Minutes** – September 2, 2021. Councillor Barnes thanked everyone that attended the Infrastructure meeting. Councillor Barnes updated Council on the recent boil order which was put in place after a private contractor depressurized the water causing the order to be put in place until two clean samples were received.
- b) **Resolutions**

I-12-2021 MSC Application Sludge Removal Cornwall Lagoon

Moved by Councillor **Elaine Barnes**
Seconded by Councillor **Judy Herlihy**

Whereas: The Town of Cornwall Water and Sewer Utility infrastructure requires continual upgrades; including sludge removal from the Cornwall Lagoon,

And Whereas: The Municipal Strategic Component of the Canada Community Building Fund (CCBF) has funding available for such projects, and the MSC now has different levels of funding that may be approved, which levels range from 50% funding to 100% funding on the first \$500,000 of a project and 50% on any portion exceeding \$500,000,

And Whereas: It is not known in advance if funding will be approved or at which level funding may be approved,

Therefore, be it Resolved: That the Town of Cornwall Council approve applying to the MSC of the Canada Community Building Fund for the Cornwall Lagoon sludge removal project in the amount of \$556,338.78 the estimated total eligible costs of the project that may be funded under the MSC,

And be it Further Resolved: That the Town of Cornwall will appropriate sufficient funds in the 2022/23 capital budget to fund any municipal portion of costs subject to receiving sufficient information from the Canada Community Building Fund program.

Motion Carried

I-13-2021 MSC Application (Joint) Consultant for Capital Area Utility Study

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

Whereas: There have been ongoing discussions among the capital area municipalities' (Cornwall, Charlottetown, Stratford) mayors/councils and staff regarding the eventual establishment of a Capital Area Water/Sewer Commission, and these discussions have arrived at a point where more concrete information and data is required to move these discussions forward,

And Whereas: It has been recommended by the CAO's of the three municipalities that a consultant be engaged to study the matter and provide the required foundational information required for such an endeavor,

And Whereas: The application would be similar to other joint initiatives with the three communities and be cost shared on a pro-rated basis per the populations of the communities,

And Whereas: The Municipal Strategic Component of the Canada Community Building Fund has funding available for such studies,

Therefore, be it Resolved: That the Town of Cornwall approve applying, in conjunction with Charlottetown and Stratford, to the Municipal Strategic Component of the Canada Community Building Fund for the Capital Area Utility Commission Study in the amount of two hundred thousand dollars (\$200,000) the estimated total eligible costs of the project exclusive of HST; with the Town of Cornwall portion not to exceed twenty thousand dollars exclusive of HST regardless of the degree of funding, if any, approved under the MSC.

Motion Carried

PLANNING COMMITTEE

Reports & Resolutions:

- a) **Minutes** – September 1, 2021
- b) **Resolutions** – Nil

Councillor MacIsaac noted that a Public Meeting with take place on September 29, 2021, at the APM Centre. The drafts of the Official Plan and Zoning Bylaw will be posted on the Town's website.

COMMITTEE OF COUNCIL – Deputy Mayor Cory Stevenson

(i) FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION

Reports & Resolutions

- a) **Minutes** – August 11, 2021
- b) **Comparative Income Statement** – Included in the package
- c) **Resolutions**

FA-37-2021 – Courageous Companions Donation

Moved by Councillor **Cory Stevenson**
Seconded by Councillor **Judy Herlihy**

Whereas: Courageous Companions of Canada provides service dogs at no charge to injured veterans and first responders in Canada, is a 100% volunteer driven organization, and have requested that the Town of Cornwall purchase an advertising space in their Courageous K9 magazine,

And Whereas: The Town of Cornwall values the service provided by Canadian veterans and first responders and wishes to assist in the provision of no charge service dogs to injured veterans and first responders,

Therefore, be it Resolved: That the Town of Cornwall purchase a colour business card ad in the Courageous K9 magazine for the amount of two hundred and ninety-five dollars (\$295.00) plus applicable HST.

Motion Carried

FA-38-2021 Energy Efficiency Day

Moved by Councillor **Cory Stevenson**
Seconded by Councillor **Judy Herlihy**

Whereas: Improving energy efficiency is a clean and low-cost way to meet the Town of Cornwall’s needs, avoid pollution, and improve comfort and health while reducing energy costs;

And Whereas: Implementing energy efficiency and other clean energy policies and programs can help boost economic opportunities and job creation while continuing to move Cornwall toward a sustainable future;

And Whereas: Smarter energy use reduces the amount of electricity needed to power our lives, which helps avoid power plant emissions that can harm our health, pollute our air, and warm our climate;

And Whereas: Energy efficiency makes our homes and workspaces healthier, safer, and more comfortable;

And Whereas: A nationwide network of energy efficiency groups and partners has designated the first Wednesday in October as national Energy Efficiency Day;

Therefore, be it Resolved: That the Town of Cornwall proclaims the first Wednesday in October as “ENERGY EFFICIENCY DAY” in the Town and urges residents to join us in supporting moving toward more energy efficiency now and in the future.

Motion Carried

FA-39-2021 National Day of Truth and Reconciliation, September 30th

Moved by Councillor **Cory Stevenson**
Seconded by Councillor **Elaine Barnes**

Whereas: The Truth and Reconciliation Commission (TRC) released its final report on June 2, 2015, which included 94 Calls to Action to redress the legacy of residential schools and advance the process of Canadian reconciliation;

And Whereas: The recent discoveries of remains and unmarked graves across Canada have led to increased calls for all levels of government to address the recommendations in the TRC’s Calls to Action;

And Whereas: All Canadians and all orders of government have a role to play in reconciliation;

And Whereas: Recommendation #80 of the Truth and Reconciliation Commission called upon the federal government, in collaboration with Aboriginal peoples, to establish, as a statutory holiday, a National Day for Truth and Reconciliation to ensure that public commemoration of the history and legacy of residential schools remains a vital component of the reconciliation process;

And Whereas: The Federal Government has announced September 30th, 2021, as the first National Day for Truth and Reconciliation (National Orange Shirt Day) and a statutory holiday, and the Province of Prince Edward Island has also announced that this day will be a Provincial Holiday;

Therefore, be it Resolved: That the Town of Cornwall declares September 30th, 2021, and each September 30th thereafter, as the Day for Truth and Reconciliation (National Orange Shirt Day) in the Town of Cornwall and it shall be observed as a municipal holiday.

Motion Carried

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

1) Reports & Resolutions

(a) Humane Society Report

(b) Fire Department Report – no report

(c) Police Report – Mayor McCourt commented that the RCMP remain busy in the Town. CAO Coady reported that Minister Fox has advised that the province has received the Draft Policing Study report and will be distributing it to the Municipalities for comment once it has been reviewed.

(d) Bylaw Enforcement

(e) Transit

(f) Engagement

iii) PARKS & RECREATION

a) Minutes: August 25, 2021

b) Report: August report included in the package.

c) Resolutions

PR-38-2021 CHANGE Program – Donation of Space

Moved by Councillor **Corey Frizzell**

Seconded by Councillor **Judy Herlihy**

Whereas: The Town of Cornwall is a community that values the physical and mental health and wellness of its residents,

And Whereas: The Town of Cornwall is committed to developing and investing in strategies that promote participation in recreation, leisure, artistic, educational, and social activities among its residents,

And Whereas: Over the past year the Town of Cornwall provided space at no cost to the

Canadian Health Advanced by Nutrition and Graded Exercise (CHANGE) program,

And Whereas: The CHANGE program is offered at no cost to, and was well received by, residents of the Town, and the CHANGE program is interested in running the program in Cornwall for another year and have requested that the Town again provide space at no cost to the program,

Therefore, be it Resolved: That the Town of Cornwall provide space at no cost to the CHANGE program for another one-year period in 2021/2022.

Motion Carried

Councillor Frizzell noted that this is a very worthwhile program and Marilyn Barrett did a great presentation.

CORRESPONDENCE

Nil

OTHER BUSINESS

- Village Green has requested a letter of support from the Town for their one-year anniversary celebration. The event and plans require approval by the CPHO and PEI Fire Marshall. Deputy Mayor Stevenson, Councillor MacIsaac and Councillor Frizzell noted the brewery has been a great addition to the Town. The Town will provide a letter of support subject to CPHO and Fire Marshal approval.
- Deputy Mayor Stevenson requested an update on the gate at Eliot River and after some discussion it was recommended that a letter be sent to Minister Jameson requesting that a swipe card system be installed at the gates.
- Events Committee update: Councillor Barnes reported that the Events Committee met regarding the upcoming Day of Truth and Reconciliation and Cornfest activities. More details to follow.
- Names for sub-committee resident members will be sent out September 20, 2021.
- Covid: Councillor Frizzell requested an update on Covid procedures. Considering the recent increase in Covid-19 cases, the age group of the players involved as well as the number of out of province players in the upcoming Atlantic's being hosted at the Terry Fox Complex, it was decided that masks would be mandatory at all outside recreational facilities except when players are on the fields.
- Crossing Guard: Staff reported that a new crossing guard has been hired and a potential sub has been identified. Thank you to Infrastructure Supervisor Billy Ramsay for filling in until a replacement was found.
- Mayor McCourt noted that she spoke with Basil Favaro and the Knights of Columbus had another successful BBQ and now have the funds to outfit 30 children for the winter.
- Deputy Mayor Stevenson welcomed Chuckies Sports Excellence to Cornwall and reminded everyone to exercise your right to vote.
- Mayor McCourt advised that the Cenotaph Service would be taking place on Sunday, September 19 at 2pm.

IN CAMERA

Nil

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 5:11pm.

MINERVA MCCOURT
MAYOR

KEVIN COADY
CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER