

**Cornwall, Prince Edward Island  
Regular Meeting of Council  
Wednesday, December 20, 2023  
4:30 PM**

**Present:** Mayor Minerva McCourt – presiding  
Deputy Mayor Jill MacIsaac  
Councillor Steven Campbell  
Councillor Corey Frizzell  
Councillor Judy Herlihy  
Councillor Cory Stevenson

**Also:** Kevin Coady – CAO  
Tracey MacLean – Community/IT/HR Coordinator

**Regrets:** Councillor Elaine Barnes

**CALL TO ORDER**

Mayor Minerva McCourt called the meeting to order at 4:30pm. Mayor McCourt held a moment of silence to honor all the suffering and loss that Islanders have endured recently. There was no public in attendance.

**LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT** Read

**APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA**

Deputy Mayor MacIsaac moved, seconded by Councillor Frizzell, that the agenda be approved as circulated with the additions of 15 a and b – Correspondence by Councillor Stevenson.

**Motion Carried**

**DISCLOSURE OF PECUNIARY OR OTHER CONFLICT OF INTEREST**

Nil

**APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES**

a) **November 22, 2023, Regular Council Meeting:** Deputy Mayor MacIsaac moved, seconded by Councillor Frizzell that the minutes of November 22, 2023, Regular Council Meeting be approved as circulated.

**Motion Carried**

**BUSINESS ARISING**

Nil

**GUESTS/PRESENTATIONS/PETITIONS/DECLARATIONS**

Nil

**REPORTS OF COMMITTEES / RESOLUTIONS:**

**COMMITTEE OF COUNCIL**

**a) Minutes/Reports:**

- i) **Minutes – November 15, 2023** - included in the package.

**b) Resolutions:**

**COC-29-2023 – PEI Connectors – Letter of Support**

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

**Whereas:** PEI Connectors is a program run by and under the Greater Charlottetown Area Chamber of Commerce of which the Town of Cornwall is a member;

**And Whereas:** The PEI Connectors program provides support services to businesses owned and operated by immigrant entrepreneurs and connects job seekers, new Islanders and new graduates, to business and community leaders fostering partnerships within communities, including the Town of Cornwall;

**And Whereas:** Federal funding for the PEI Connectors program is up for renewal and the Town desires to express support for the continuation of this funding and the program;

**Therefore, be it Resolved:** The Town of Cornwall send a letter of support, to the Greater Charlottetown Area Chamber of Commerce, for the continuation of the PEI Connectors program.

**Motion Carried**

Councillor Frizzell noted that he has worked closely with this group in the past and it is a great program.

**COC-30-2023 – Alzheimer Society - Donation**

**Moved by Councillor**        **Cory Stevenson**  
**Seconded by Councillor**    **Steven Campbell**

**Whereas:** More than 2,800 Prince Edward Islanders are living with Alzheimer’s or another dementia;

**And Whereas:** The Alzheimer Society of Prince Edward Island has a breadth of expertise and experience in assisting Islanders, and provides information, resources, education, support and counselling to those afflicted and their families;

**And Whereas:** The Town of Cornwall desires to assist the Society in their work;

**Therefore, be it Resolved:** That the Town of Cornwall donate two hundred and fifty dollars to

the Alzheimer Society of Prince Edward Island.

**Motion Carried**

Councillor Campbell noted that having a parent with Dementia, his family has a personal connection to the Alzheimer’s Society. They provide great resources to those that need it.

**COC-31-2023 – CHANCES Donation**

**Moved by Councillor        Steven Campbell**  
**Seconded by Councillor    Cory Stevenson**

**Whereas:** C.H.A.N.C.E.S. will again be supporting approximately 140 vulnerable families over the upcoming holiday season and they have been successful in past years in the provision of essentials such as food and clothing to these families;

**And Whereas:** The holiday season is a particularly difficult time for many who struggle throughout the year to meet the basic needs of their families;

**And Whereas:** C.H.A.N.C.E.S. is requesting financial support for this initiative and recognizes that the generosity of individuals and businesses is key to supporting families, especially children at this time of year;

**Therefore, be it Resolved** that the Town of Cornwall donate two hundred and fifty dollars to C.H.A.N.C.E.S. to assist in their continued work in the Town.

**Motion Carried**

**COC-32-2023 – Royal Canadian Legion – Ad Purchase**

**Moved by Councillor        Cory Stevenson**  
**Seconded by Councillor    Steven Campbell**

**Whereas:** The Royal Canadian Legion Prince Edward Island Command annually publishes the “Veterans Service Recognition Book” which recognizes Islanders, including Cornwall residents, who have served in Canada’s military;

**And Whereas:** Funds raised through this publication also assist the Legion in the delivery of its many other ongoing community initiatives;

**Therefore, be it Resolved:** That the Town of Cornwall purchase a 1/10-page full colour ad, for the cost of three hundred and thirty dollars including HST, in the Royal Canadian Legion annual “Veterans Service Recognition Book”.

**Motion Carried**

### **COC-33-2023 – QEH “Friends for Life” Donation**

**Moved by Councillor**        **Corey Frizzell**  
**Seconded by Councillor**    **Steven Campbell**

**Whereas:** The Queen Elizabeth Hospital (QEH) annual “Friends for Life” campaign this year is raising funds for a CT Scanner required for the emergency department;

**And Whereas:** The QEH is the primary health care facility for the residents of the Town of Cornwall and the Town is an annual donor to the annual Friends for Life Campaign;

**Therefore, be it Resolved:** That the Town of Cornwall donate \$500 to the annual QEH Friends for Life campaign.

**Motion Carried**

### **COC-34-2023 – Guaranteed Basic Income Pilot Project**

**Moved by Councillor**        **Judy Herlihy**  
**Seconded by Councillor**    **Jill MacIsaac**

**Whereas:** The PEI Working Group for a Livable Income (WGLI) participated in the development of “A Proposal for a Guaranteed Income Benefit for Prince Edward Island” which draft was completed in March 2023, and which has since been provided to the Province of PEI;

**And Whereas:** The Town of Cornwall supports, in principle, the proposition of a Guaranteed Livable Basic Income in Canada;

**Therefore, be it Resolved:** That the Town of Cornwall encourages the Province of PEI and the Government of Canada to engage in discussions and negotiations regarding the possibility of the establishment of a Guaranteed Livable Basic Income in Canada, with the Province of PEI serving as a jurisdiction for a pilot project of the initiative.

**Motion Carried**

### **ENVIRONMENT AND SUSTAINABILITY**

- a) **Minutes/Reports:** November 20, 2023 – included in package. The Committee did not meet in December.
- b) **Resolutions:** Nil

### **MUNICIPAL AND EMERGENCY SERVICES**

- a) **Minutes/Reports:**

- i) **Minutes** – The Committee did not meet in December. Councillor Frizzell provided the following updates:
    - Transit numbers continue to increase, which is great to see. Councillor Campbell noted that he followed the 9pm bus one night and 5 or 6 people got off at the stop by Good’s Independent.
    - Thanks to all of our partners and shareholders for all the work this year and best wishes for the holidays and new year.
    - CAO Coady noted that Mike Cassidy and Aaron Campbell will present at the January meeting.
  - ii) NRRFD, RCMP, Bylaw, Humane Society, Transit Reports
- b) **Resolutions:** Nil

### **PARKS AND RECREATION**

- a) **Minutes/Reports:**
  - i) **Minutes – November 8, 2023**, included in the package. The Committee did not meet in December. Councillor Stevenson provided the following updates:
    - Currently waiting for event data. Many thanks to Council, staff, residents, and volunteers that helped make all the events successful. It takes a lot of time and hard work to put these events together.
    - The Decorating Contest has been extended to January 1<sup>st</sup> to give a chance for residents to get out and take in all the great decorations and vote for their favorite.
    - Shout out to Greg Lucas for the Light Tours, everyone enjoyed their time.
    - Funding is in place for the new scoreboards for the Terry Fox Complex and they have been ordered.
    - Councillor Frizzell noted that the parade was amazing, well done and safe. Kudos to staff, traffic safety personnel and participants.
- b) **Resolutions:** Nil

### **PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT**

#### **Reports & Resolutions:**

- a) **Minutes/Reports:**
  - i) **November 1, 2023** – included in the package.
- b) **Resolutions:**

**PL-36-2023 – Development Bylaw Amendment #422D – 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading**

**Moved by Councillor Corey Frizzell**

**Seconded by Councillor Cory Stevenson**

**Whereas:** Council has considered the Town of Cornwall Official Plan policy statements regarding servicing, commercial and residential zoning and developments and the criteria for Official Plan and Bylaw amendments under Section 22 of the Development Bylaw, including comments from the Public;

**And Whereas:** Town of Cornwall Zoning and Subdivision Control (Development) Bylaw #422D, a Bylaw to amend the Town of Cornwall Zoning and Subdivision Control (Development) Bylaw #422, was read and approved for the first time at the Town of Cornwall regular council meeting held on November 22, 2023;

**Therefore, be it Resolved:** That the Town of Cornwall Zoning & Subdivision Control (Development) Bylaw #422D, a Bylaw to Amend the Town of Cornwall Zoning & Subdivision Control (Development) Bylaw #422, is hereby read and approved for a second time.

**Motion Carried**

**PL-37-2023 - Development Bylaw Amendment #422D – Formal Adoption**

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

**Whereas:** Council has considered the Town of Cornwall Official Plan policy statements regarding servicing, commercial and residential zoning and developments and the criteria for Official Plan and Bylaw amendments under Section 22 of the Development Bylaw, including comments from the Public;

**And Whereas:** Town of Cornwall Zoning and Subdivision Control (Development) Bylaw #422D, a Bylaw to amend the Town of Cornwall Zoning and Subdivision Control (Development) Bylaw #422, was read and approved for the first time at the Town of Cornwall regular council meeting held on November 22, 2023;

**And Whereas:** Town of Cornwall Zoning and Subdivision Control (Development) Bylaw #422D, a Bylaw to amend the Town of Cornwall Zoning and Subdivision Control (Development) Bylaw #422, was read and approved a second time at the Town of Cornwall regular council meeting held on December 20, 2023;

**Therefore, be it Resolved:** That the Town of Cornwall Zoning & Subdivision Control (Development) Bylaw #422D, a Bylaw to Amend the Town of Cornwall Zoning & Subdivision Control (Development) Bylaw, is hereby formally adopted as a Bylaw of the Town of Cornwall.

**Motion Carried**

## **PL-38-2023 – Change of Use – 73 Main Street**

**Moved by Councillor Corey Frizzell**  
**Seconded by Councillor Steven Campbell**

**Whereas:** the Town received a Change of Use Application to change the use of a portion of the building at 73 Main Street (PID No. 453654) (the “Property”) to Institutional Building for the purpose of establishing a childcare facility; and

**Whereas:** Council considered the Official Plan and the Town of Cornwall Zoning and Subdivision Control (Development) Bylaw #422, and noted the proposed use is appropriate and all other relevant provisions of the Bylaw have been met;

**Therefore, Be It Resolved That:** Council grant approval of the *Change of Use* to Institutional Building for a portion of the building, as shown on a site plan included with the Change of Use Application, subject to obtaining a license to operate such a childcare facility and entering into a Development Agreement with the Town.

### **Motion Carried** **PUBLIC WORKS**

**a) Minutes/Reports:**

- i) Minutes – November 22, 2023,** included in the package. Councillor Campbell was unable to attend the last meeting but provided the following updates:
  - There was discussion on winter maintenance, 2024 paving list and lighting on the AT trails.

**b) Resolutions: Nil**

### **WATER/SEWER UTILITY**

**a) Minutes/Reports:**

- i) Minutes – November 6, 2023,** included in the package.

**b) Resolutions: Nil**

### **CORRESPONDENCE**

- Councillor Stevenson passed along condolences to all that have endured tragedy and loss recently.
- Councillor Stevenson thanked Fadi Rashed, Jeff MacKinley, Santa’s Angels, Gifts from the Heart and any other associations that help families at Christmas. There is a growing need every year and it’s wonderful that there are so many people and organizations to help.
- Councillor Frizzell passed along deepest condolences to all the families that have suffered with the recent tragedies.

- Councillor Frizzell wished everyone a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year. He expressed his happiness with how well Council has been operating and working together to get things done.
- Mayor McCourt wished everyone a Merry Christmas but also noted all the sadness and tragedy that people have gone through this season. It is her hope to bring kindness to residents and that they feel listened to by herself and Council.
- Mayor McCourt thanked CAO Kevin Coady for his leadership and staff for all their dedication and hard work. Looking forward to a great 2024.
- Councillor Campbell appreciated the moment of silence for all who have lost loved ones having recently lost a family member and for those who have suffered with the recent tragedies. Sending well wishes to those who have to work over the holidays and thanks to Citizens on Patrol for their dedication to the Town.
- Councillor Campbell thanked the Mayor, Council, and staff for helping him learn the ropes over the last year. He loves being on Council.
- New Year's Levee will take place on January 1<sup>st</sup> 1:30-3pm at Cornwall Town Hall.

**OTHER BUSINESS**

Nil

**IN CAMERA**

Nil

**ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 5:07pm.



MAYOR



CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER