

**Cornwall, Prince Edward Island
Regular Meeting of Council
Wednesday, January 24, 2024
4:30 PM**

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

Also: Kevin Coady – CAO
Tracey MacLean – Community/IT/HR Coordinator
Wendy MacKinnon – Corporate Services Manager

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Minerva McCourt called the meeting to order at 4:30pm. There were eighteen members of the public in attendance.

LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT Read

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Councillor Barnes moved, seconded by Councillor Stevenson, that the agenda be approved as circulated.

Motion Carried

DISCLOSURE OF PECUNIARY OR OTHER CONFLICT OF INTEREST

Nil

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

a) **December 20, 2023, Regular Council Meeting:** Deputy Mayor MacIsaac moved, seconded by Councillor Stevenson that the minutes of December 20, 2023, Regular Council Meeting be approved as circulated.

Motion Carried

BUSINESS ARISING

Nil

GUESTS/PRESENTATIONS/PETITIONS/DECLARATIONS

Squash PEI – Members from Squash PEI presented to Council on the association’s need for more space. The sport has grown in popularity and membership has increased. The group was hoping that with talks of an APM Centre expansion that a space could be included for squash

courts. Council thanked the representatives for attending and for the information provided on their sport. Council however advised that the Town currently is only one of the partners in Communities 13 Inc. Communities 13 Inc. are the owners of the APM Centre, and they should speak with the APM Centre directly on this item.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES / RESOLUTIONS:

COMMITTEE OF COUNCIL

a) **Minutes/Reports:**

- i) **Minutes – December 13, 2023** - included in the package.
- ii) **3rd Quarter Financial Statements** – Deputy Mayor MacIsaac commented that the reports were well done and easy to follow.

b) **Resolutions:** Nil

ENVIRONMENT AND SUSTAINABILITY

a) **Minutes/Reports:** The Committee did not meet - Next meeting in February.

b) **Resolutions:** Nil

MUNICIPAL AND EMERGENCY SERVICES

a) **Minutes/Reports:**

- i) **Minutes – January 3, 2023 (Draft).** Councillor Frizzell provided the following updates:
 - Mike Cassidy attended and reported a 31% increase in 2023. There was a discussion on increasing and expanding services in Cornwall. T3 has been a great partner and always receptive to ideas on improving service to the residents.
 - CAO Coady reported that the Let’s Talk Transit Strategic Plan survey is live on social media.

ii) NRRFD, RCMP, Bylaw, Humane Society, Transit Reports

b) **Resolutions:**

MES-01-2024 ICIP Transit Project Application Amendment

Moved by Councillor Corey Frizzell

Seconded by Councillor Elaine Barnes

Whereas: Transit ridership in Cornwall, and the capital area served by T3 Transit, has increased beyond expectations which poses challenges for T3 transit with the existing fleet;

And Whereas: Cornwall in conjunction with its partners in T3 transit were approved under the Investing In Canada Infrastructure Program (ICIP) for new bus purchases, with three diesel and seven electric buses still to be ordered under the ICIP Program funding;

And Whereas: Cost and delivery times for electric buses have both increased since the time of project approval under the ICIP Program, and in order to have sufficient buses for operational requirements and contain overall costs an amendment to the project is desired;

Therefore, be it Resolved: That the Town of Cornwall, in conjunction with the Town of Stratford and the City of Charlottetown, agree to amend the ICIP project application to six new diesel and three new electric buses.

Motion Carried

MES-02-2024 NREFD Fire Services Contract

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

Whereas: The Town of Cornwall provides fire protection services in the municipality through the North River Rural Community Fire Company (NREFD);

And Whereas: The Town has been in negotiations with the NREFD to come to a written agreement regarding fire and additional services provided in the Town by NREFD, and the cost of those services;

And Whereas: Substantial negotiation between the parties has taken place and a mutually beneficial agreement has been come to between the parties;

Therefore, be it Resolved: That the Town of Cornwall enter into a fire services agreement with the NREFD pursuant to the agreement last considered at the Committee of Council meeting held on January 17, 2024, and attached to this resolution.

Motion Carried

PARKS AND RECREATION

a) **Minutes/Reports:**

- i) **Minutes** – The Committee will meet on January 31. Councillor Stevenson provided the following updates:
 - The Holiday events were well attended and very successful.
 - Tree Lighting – Friday night has better attendance. The weather was great and the light switch as suggested by Councillor Herlihy was a great addition.
 - Breakfast with Santa – thanks to everyone that helped make it a huge success:

Cornwall Connect, NFRD, Blue Heron Cadets, Cornwall Lion's Club, Good's Independent Grocer, volunteers, Council, and staff.

- Trivia – Thanks Greg Lucas for another successful trivia event.
- Holiday Parade and Santa Mingle– Great event with lots of positive feedback. Special thanks to the many float entries for taking the time to make this a great event – Good's Independent Grocer, Hansen Electric, Cornwall Connect, Minister Marl McLane, East Coast Metal Works, Eliot Park, Councillor Stevenson, Councillor Campbell, Councillor Barnes, Councillor Frizzell, Arsenault Bros, CAWG, Eliot River School, Town of Cornwall After School Camp, Cornwall Utility, Stewart Horses, Glen Stewart, U18 Female NR Flames, PEI Military Families, South Shore Enterprises, Pat and the Elephant, West River Municipality.
- Holidays Light Tour – 3 runs this year that stayed in Cornwall to highlight the houses participating in the Holiday Decorating Contest. Congratulations to winners: 1st Place – 41 Eagle Drive; 2nd Place 23 James Street; 3rd Place – tie for 2 Bonavista Drive and 15 Lacardy Drive. There were over 300 votes this year and 13 entries.
- Senior's Christmas Dinner – Another great year, thanks to Sam's Restaurant for a delicious meal and to staff and volunteers including; the Events Sub Committee, Minister Mark McLane, PC Candidate Jamie Fox, Mayor McCourt, Councillors Barnes, Campbell, Herlihy and Stevenson, Cornwall Connect and Hansen's Electric.
- Big thank you to staff, Mayor, Council, local businesses, and Events subcommittee.
- Outdoor rinks are now open, weather permitting. Thanks to staff for all the hard work getting the rinks ready.
- Snowfest takes place in February with a schedule of events being released on Friday. One highlight of the event is Matt McPhee Hypnotist and early sales are going well.

b) **Resolutions:** Nil

PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT

Reports & Resolutions:

a) **Minutes/Reports:**

- i) The Committee did not meet in January. Next meeting will take place February 7.

b) **Resolutions:** Nil

PUBLIC WORKS

a) **Minutes/Reports:**

- i) **Minutes** – The Committee will be meeting tonight with Steve Yeo from the Province in attendance.

b) **Resolutions:** Nil

WATER/SEWER UTILITY

a) **Minutes/Reports:**

- i) **Minutes – January 8, 2023**, included in the package. Councillor Barnes thanked all who were able to attend and provided the following updates:
- The Generator tenders came in higher than expected and will be reviewed and reposted in the new fiscal year.
 - The Water Tower design is near completion.

b) **Resolutions:** Nil

CORRESPONDENCE

Nil

OTHER BUSINESS

- Mayor McCourt passed along condolences to Tracey MacLean on the recent passing of her uncle.
- Councillor Barnes noted that the FPEIM AGM is taking place on April 29 and to let Tracey know if you will be attending.

IN CAMERA

Nil

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 5:08pm.

MAYOR

CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER