

**Cornwall, Prince Edward Island  
Regular Meeting of Council  
Wednesday, February 26, 2025  
4:30 PM**

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

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

**Regrets:** Deputy Mayor Jill MacIsaac

**CALL TO ORDER**

Mayor Minerva McCourt called the meeting to order at 4:30pm. There were no members of the public in attendance.

**LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT**

Read

**APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA**

Councillor Frizzell moved, seconded by Councillor Campbell, that the agenda be approved as circulated with the additions of items of other business by Councillor Campbell and Councillor Stevenson.

**Motion Carried**

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

Nil

**APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES**

- a) **January 29, 2025, Regular Council Meeting:** Councillor Stevenson moved, seconded by Councillor Campbell that the minutes of January 29, 2025, Regular Council Meeting be approved as circulated with the addition of lists of names for Christmas events by Councillor Stevenson.

**Motion Carried**

**BUSINESS ARISING**

Nil

**GUESTS/PRESENTATIONS/PETITIONS/DECLARATIONS**

Nil

**REPORTS OF COMMITTEES / RESOLUTIONS:**

**COMMITTEE OF COUNCIL**

a) **Minutes/Reports:**

- i) **Minutes** – January 22, 2025 - included in the package.

b) **Resolutions:**

Councillor Herlihy noted that she would be voting against the Remuneration Bylaw – she is not against the report but feels that it is too early in the term, she feels any changes should be for the next Council.

Copies of the Bylaw were available at the back of the room.

**COC-03-2025 Council Remuneration Review – 1<sup>st</sup> Reading**

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

**Whereas:** Pursuant to the Town of Cornwall Council Remuneration Bylaw, Cornwall Council commissioned an independent review of remuneration and expenses by consultant Jack Novak;

**And Whereas:** The Town of Cornwall Council has determined it is desirous to update the current Town of Cornwall Bylaw #2022-02, the Council Remuneration and Expenses Bylaw, in light of the recently received report;

**And Whereas:** It would be more administratively convenient to replace the previous bylaw in its entirety;

**Therefore, be it Resolved:** That Town of Cornwall Bylaw #2025-01, the Council Remuneration and Expenses Bylaw be read and approved a first time.

**Motion Carried 4-1**

Support letter regarding the City of Charlottetown considering new turf fields. There was discussion on the purpose of the letter and if it would be used for such things as funding applications. Councillor Frizzell noted that it was going to be presented to the City as part of a request to build a turf field.

**COC-04-2025 Support Letter – City Turf Fields**

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

**Be it Resolved:** That the Town of Cornwall Council provide a letter of support to the Charlottetown Privateers for the development of additional turf fields in the City of Charlottetown.

**Motion Carried 5-0**

**COC-05-2025 PEI Legion Command – Ad Purchase**

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

**Whereas:** The Royal Canadian Legion Prince Edward Island Command is celebrating its 67<sup>th</sup> Provincial Biennial Convention May 23-24, 2022;

**And Whereas:** A convention booklet will be distributed to all Branches, delegates and out of Province guests;

**Therefore, be it Resolved:** That the Town of Cornwall purchase an 8 ½ x 11 full page ad, for the cost of \$250 including HST, in the Royal Canadian Legion 67<sup>th</sup> Provincial Convention Booklet.

**Motion Carried 5-0**

**ENVIRONMENT AND SUSTAINABILITY**

a) **Minutes/Reports:**

- i) **Minutes** – The Committee did not meet. Next meeting will take place March 10 at 5:00pm.

b) **Resolutions:** Nil

**MUNICIPAL AND EMERGENCY SERVICES**

a) **Minutes/Reports:**

- i) **Minutes** – The Committee did not meet. Councillor Frizzell provided the following updates:

- Transit showed a slight increase in the previous month and noted that Stratford numbers had decreased.
- Transit remains quite popular in Cornwall.
- Mike Cassidy attended the Committee of Council meeting to provide updates and outline a potential expansion project that would enable transit service within Cornwall.

b) **Resolutions:** Nil

**PARKS AND RECREATION**

a) **Minutes/Reports:**

- i) **Minutes** – The Minutes were not available for the package. Councillor Stevenson provided the following updates:
- Snowfest events were great and very well attended. Some of the highlights included: a packed senior’s lunch and the “Soup”er Bowl Watch Party event. Thank you to the Events Committee, staff, Council, volunteers and to all those that attended.
  - The Mini Sticks League is getting a lot of attention. Cornwall is a role model for program development. Kudos to Manager Kim and her staff.
  - The outdoor rinks have been great and getting a lot of positive feedback from users.
  - The Lowther Park survey will be sent out to residents for feedback.
  - The 55+ Games are happening this week with over 125 participants. Good luck to all. Councillor Barnes would have liked if the flag raising invite would have gone out to all Council and was advised that it was organized by the 55+ group, not the Town.
  - Councillor Campbell noted that the new mascot should be ready by the end of March, just in time for Cornwall’s 30<sup>th</sup> Birthday Celebrations on April 5<sup>th</sup>.
  - Councillor Frizzell noted that he attended a recent soccer meeting where the ER Ramblers, Central Queens and RC United voted to amalgamate the group. He also noted that there were conversations about access to Cornwall fields and wondering what the protocol is for requests. Manager Meunier noted that the department receives multiple requests for the prime slots, and they do their best to divide the slots up fairly with an emphasis on trying to cater to the minor sports groups. The department can usually accommodate about 75% of requests. Councillor Stevenson noted that the Town does it’s best to support minor sports groups. Councillor Barnes and Councillor Frizzell thanked Manager Meunier for the information and her great work on managing the numerous requests. Councillor Frizzell also reported that the Privateers club had a lot of great comments about Cornwall turf and staff.

- ii) **Manager’s Report** – February 2025.

b) **Resolutions:**

**PR-02-2025 Island Pride Curling - Donation**

**Moved by Councillor**        **Steven Campbell**  
**Seconded by Councillor**    **Judy Herlihy**

**Whereas:** The Town of Cornwall allows donations to organizations holding events within Cornwall;

**And Whereas:** The Inaugural Island Pride Curling Speil has requested a donation of \$250 for their event being held February 21-23 at the Cornwall Curling Club to help cover transportation for the event.

**Therefore, be it Resolved:** That the Town of Cornwall will donate \$250 to the Island Pride Speil.

**Motion Carried 5-0**

**PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT**

**Reports & Resolutions:**

- a) **Minutes/Reports:**
  - i) **Minutes** – The Committee did not meet.
  
- b) **Resolutions:** Nil

**PUBLIC WORKS**

- a) **Minutes/Reports:**
  - i) **Minutes:** January 29, 2025 (draft) – included in the package. Councillor Campbell provided the following updates:
    - There was a resident presentation and great discussion on sidewalks.
    - There will be follow up on action items at the April 23 meeting.
  
- b) **Resolutions:** Nil

**WATER/SEWER UTILITY**

- a) **Minutes/Reports:**
  - i) **Minutes:** February 3, 2025 (draft) – included in the package. Councillor Barnes provided the following updates:
    - Thank you to all that attended the WSP presentation on the Cornwall Road

- design. A costing breakdown will follow.
- The new water tower will have “Town of Cornwall” on both sides for better visibility.
  - There was discussion on the utility rate.
  - There was discussion on the Riverpoint well failure and the possibility of connecting to the main system.

b) **Resolutions:** Nil

**CORRESPONDENCE**

Nil

**OTHER BUSINESS**

- Councillor Campbell noted that it is Anti Bullying Day with an emphasis on respect and appreciation to everyone.
- Councillor Campbell congratulated Eliot River School on winning 1<sup>st</sup> Place in the Battery Blitz for the 3<sup>rd</sup> year in a row. The school collected 7121lbs of batteries.
- Councillor Stevenson also spoke of Anti Bullying Day and how it is a good reminder of the team approach to being respectful and nice to others.
- Mayor McCourt congratulated Good’s Independent Grocer on being awarded the Food Safety Award for Atlantic Canada.
- Councillor Frizzell noted that it has been a very sad month of attending several wakes and funerals. Condolences to Michael and Wendy Drake of Cornwall, on the passing of Michael’s dad, Kenny Drake. Condolences to the family of Elmer MacDonald. Elmer was a pillar of the agriculture community of PEI. Condolences to the family of John David Clark on his passing. John was the founder of Superior Sanitation. Lastly, condolences to the family of good friend John Haywood (Black Johnny) who passed away suddenly as the result of an accident while helping a neighbor. Johnny was a great guy and will be missed.

**IN CAMERA**

Nil

**ADJOURNMENT**

Meeting was adjourned at 5:24pm

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MAYOR

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CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER