



Minutes Cornwall City Council

Meeting #: 2020-05
Date: Wednesday, February 5, 2020, 2:30 PM
Location: Council Chambers,
Chair: Bernadette Clement, Mayor
Prepared By: Debbie Caskenette, Deputy Clerk

Attendance	Bernadette Clement, Mayor	Maurice Dupelle, Councillor
Committee	Claude E. McIntosh, Councillor	Glen Grant, Councillor
Members:	Elaine MacDonald, Councillor	Todd Bennett, Councillor
	Syd Gardiner, Councillor	Justin Towndale, Councillor
	Dean Hollingsworth, Councillor (arrived 3:20 p.m.)	Eric Bergeron, Councillor
	Carilyne Hébert, Councillor	
Attendance	Maureen Adams, CAO	Jeff Weber, Deputy Fire Chief
Administration:	Manon L. Levesque, City Clerk	Melissa Morgan, Supervisor, Social and Housing Services
	Debbie Caskenette, Deputy Clerk	Steven Golden, Administrator, Glen Stor Dun Lodge
	Geoffrey Clarke, General Manager, Corporate Services	Len Tapp, Division Manager, Transit Services
	Mark A. Boileau, General Manager, Planning, Development and Recreation	Carl Goodwin, Division Manager, Environmental Services
	Tracey Bailey, General Manager, Financial Services	Michael Fawthrop, Division Manager, Infrastructure Planning
	Bill deWit, Acting General Manager, Infrastructure and Municipal Works	James Fawthrop, Manager, Recreation Services
	Pierre Voisine, Fire Chief	Charles Bray, Deputy Chief Building Official
	Bill Lister, EMS Chief	Emma Meldrum, Public Information Coordinator
	Paul Scrimshaw, Manager, Accounting Services	Bob Peters, Manager, Economic Development (arrived 5:00 p.m.)
	Justin Cordell, Budget Coordinator	

1. Opening

The Mayor acknowledged that we gather on the traditional territory of the Mohawk people of Akwesasne.

2. Acting Mayor

3. Roll Call

4. Adoption of Agenda

Continuation as the outlined agenda adopted on February 3, 2020.

5. Disclosure of Interest

Councillor Eric Bergeron disclosed a conflict of interest related to the Municipal Grants component as his employer receives funding from the Municipal Grants Program.

Councillor Carilyne Hébert disclosed a conflict of interest related to the operating budget for Social and Housing Services as her employer, the Social Development Council, receives funding under their programs.

6. Committee of the Whole

7. Presentations and Reports

1. 2020 General Taxation Budget, 2020-240-Financial Services

Review of the Operating Budget.

Tracey Bailey, Chief Financial Officer provided an overview of the pie charts illustrating operating expenditures associated with the delivery of services and the funding sources for the services delivered by the Corporation.

A review each department's operating budget was undertaken.

New Staffing Position

Moved By: Todd Bennett, Councillor

Seconded By: Carilyne Hébert, Councillor

Motion to add funds to the 2020 Budget to create a staff position in support of the City's Strategic Plan.

Motion Carried

Moved By: Carilyne Hébert, Councillor
Seconded By: Justin Towndale, Councillor

Motion to defer and direct Administration to prepare a report on the proposed Strategic Support position and bring back to Council at the March 23, 2020 meeting.

Motion Carried

Moved By: Dean Hollingsworth, Councillor
Seconded By: Syd Gardiner, Councillor

Motion to add \$60,000 to the Council Budget to accommodate the potential Strategic Support position.

Motion Carried

6:45 p.m. (Recessed), 7:30 p.m. (Reconvened)

Moved By: Glen Grant, Councillor
Seconded By: Elaine MacDonald, Councillor

Motion to approve the 2020 Budget with a tax increase of 3.06 per cent.

Recorded	For	Against	Abstain
Bernadette Clement, Mayor		X	
Claude E. McIntosh, Councillor		X	
Elaine MacDonald, Councillor		X	
Syd Gardiner, Councillor		X	
Dean Hollingsworth, Councillor		X	
Carilyne Hébert, Councillor	X		
Maurice Dupelle, Councillor		X	
Glen Grant, Councillor	X		
Todd Bennett, Councillor		X	
Justin Towndale, Councillor		X	
Eric Bergeron, Councillor		X	
Results	2	9	0
Motion Defeated (2 to 9)			

Discussion continued with motions related to both operating and capital budgets.

Budget Adjustments

Moved By: Eric Bergeron, Councillor

Seconded By: Justin Towndale, Councillor

Motion that \$100,000 for the Small Diameter Culvert Replacement be funded from the gas tax reserve and not the tax base.

Motion Defeated

Moved By: Eric Bergeron, Councillor

Seconded By: Justin Towndale, Councillor

Motion that \$100,000 for the Pole Replacement Program be funded from gas tax reserve and not the tax base.

Motion Defeated

Moved By: Eric Bergeron, Councillor

Seconded By: Dean Hollingsworth, Councillor

Motion that \$75,000 for the Big Ben Ski Making Equipment be removed from the 2020 Budget.

Motion Defeated

Moved By: Eric Bergeron, Councillor

Seconded By: Claude E. McIntosh, Councillor

Motion that \$60,000 for the Benson Centre Laser Ice Leveller be removed from the 2020 Budget.

Motion Defeated

Moved By: Eric Bergeron, Councillor
Seconded By: Dean Hollingsworth, Councillor

Motion that \$40,000 for the Outdoor Bleacher Replacement be removed from the 2020 Budget.

Motion Defeated

Moved By: Eric Bergeron, Councillor
Seconded By: Syd Gardiner, Councillor

Motion that \$110,000 for the Outdoor Tennis Court Lighting Replacement and Court Resurfacing be removed from the 2020 Budget.

Motion Defeated

Moved By: Justin Towndale, Councillor
Seconded By: Dean Hollingsworth, Councillor

Motion that \$100,000 for the Benson Centre Outdoor Playstructure be removed from the 2020 Budget and the funds reallocated to the next playstructure on the priority list.

Motion Defeated

Moved By: Eric Bergeron, Councillor
Seconded By: Dean Hollingsworth, Councillor

Motion that \$5,000,000 for the Arts and Culture Centre Renovations be removed from the 2020 Budget.

Motion Defeated

Moved By: Eric Bergeron, Councillor
Seconded By: Claude E. McIntosh, Councillor

Motion that \$2.9 million for the Fire Headquarters and Training Centre project be removed from the 2020 Budget.

Motion Defeated

Moved By: Justin Towndale, Councillor
Seconded By: Eric Bergeron, Councillor

Motion that \$120,000 for the Off-Road Bike Path on Haulage Road funded from the gas tax reserve be removed and \$100,000 be reallocated to the Small Diameter Culvert Replacement.

Motion Defeated

Moved By: Eric Bergeron, Councillor
Seconded By: Dean Hollingsworth, Councillor

Motion that the Councillors` expense budget be reduced by 50%.

Motion Defeated

Moved By: Carilyne Hébert, Councillor
Seconded By: Elaine MacDonald, Councillor

Motion to reconsider and approve the 2020 Budget with a 3.06% residential tax increase.

Recorded vote requiring a 2/3's majority.

Recorded	For	Against	Abstain
Bernadette Clement, Mayor	Y		
Claude E. McIntosh, Councillor	Y		
Elaine MacDonald, Councillor	Y		
Syd Gardiner, Councillor	Y		
Dean Hollingsworth, Councillor	Y		
Carilyne Hébert, Councillor	Y		
Maurice Dupelle, Councillor	Y		
Glen Grant, Councillor	Y		
Todd Bennett, Councillor	Y		
Justin Towndale, Councillor	Y		
Eric Bergeron, Councillor		X	
Results	10	1	0

Motion Carried (10 to 1)

7. Adjournment

The next regular public meeting of Council will be held on Monday, February 10, 2019.

Moved By: Maurice Dupelle, Councillor

Seconded By: Todd Bennett, Councillor

Motion to adjourn the special meeting of Wednesday, February 5, 2020 at 10:15 p.m.

Motion Carried

Manon L. Levesque, City Clerk

Bernadette Clement, Mayor