



**Minutes**  
**Cornwall City Council**

Meeting #: 2021-05  
Date: Wednesday, February 3, 2021, 2:30 PM  
Location: Zoom  
Chair: Bernadette Clement, Mayor  
Prepared By: Debbie Caskenette, Deputy Clerk

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Attendance Committee Members: Bernadette Clement, Mayor, Claude E. McIntosh, Councillor, Elaine MacDonald, Councillor, Syd Gardiner, Councillor, Dean Hollingsworth, Councillor, Carilyne Hébert, Councillor, Maurice Dupelle, Councillor, Glen Grant, Councillor, Todd Bennett, Councillor, Justin Towndale, Councillor, Eric Bergeron, Councillor

Attendance Administration: Maureen Adams, CAO, Manon L. Levesque, City Clerk, Debbie Caskenette, Deputy Clerk, Geoffrey Clarke, General Manager, Corporate Services, Tracey Bailey, General Manager, Financial Services, Mark A. Boileau, General Manager, Planning, Development and Recreation, Bill Lister, EMS Chief, Bill de Wit, Acting General Manager, Infrastructure and Municipal Works, Jeff Weber, Fire Chief, Mellissa Morgan, Manager, Social and Housing Services, Steven Golden, Administrator, Glen Stor Dun Lodge, James Fawthrop, Manager, Recreation and Facilities, Paul Scrimshaw, Manager, Accounting, Michael Fawthrop, Division Manager, Infrastructure Planning, Carl Goodwin, Division Manager, Environmental, Neil Dixon, Division Manager, Facilities, Len Tapp, Division Manager, Transit, Maurice Rochon, Supervisor, Transit Maintenance, Justin Cordell, Budget and Cash Coordinator, Kathleen Rendek, Project Coordinator

**1. Roll Call**

**2. Opening**

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

**3. Presentations and Reports**

**1. Continuation of the 2021 Budget Deliberations**

**City Facilities Removed from Budget**

Jamie Fawthrop, Manager, Recreation and Facilities reviewed each of the capital projects that were removed from the 2021 Budget.

Projects removed:

- Installation of Energy Meters (\$100,000)
- Outdoor Tennis Court Lighting Replacement and Court Resurfacing (\$110,000)
- Cornwall Civic Complex - Lower Level Washroom Improvement (\$75,000)
- Cenotaph Fencing Replacement (\$45,000)

**Unfinished Business**

Ms. Bailey provided an update on questions raised during the presentations.

Cornwall Public Library

- The Library savings of approximately \$230,000 will be transferred to the City's Working Reserve as per Corporate Policy, Reserves and Reserve Funds.
- The Chief Librarian has indicated to Administration that the Library Board would like to make a presentation to Council to request funding to set up a virtual programming space.

- Ms. Bailey explained that the request for funding would be funded from Working Reserves if approved by Council.

#### Aultsville Theatre

- The Aultsville Theatre had an approved 2020 budget of \$127,000. \$53,000 was not transferred to the Theatre that was related to the rent at St. Lawrence College due to the pandemic closure.

#### Average Residential Tax Increases

- The average residential tax increase over the term of Council is \$222.81 or 9.27% including the phase-in.
- 2019 - \$71.91 or 2.89%
- 2020 - \$76.26 or 3.06%
- 2021 - \$74.64 or 2.9% based on the draft budget

#### **BREAK 4:50 p.m. (Recessed), 5:05 p.m. (Resumed)**

#### **2. Locomotive #17, 2021-05-Infrastructure and Municipal Works**

Moved By: Elaine MacDonald, Councillor

Seconded By: Glen Grant, Councillor

- a. Motion that the City of Cornwall donate Locomotive #17 to the Smith Falls Railway Museum of Eastern Ontario.
- b. Motion that the cost of transporting the locomotive be funded from Working Reserves and to be repaid in 2022 as per Policy.

	<b>For</b>	<b>Against</b>	<b>Abstain</b>
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		
<b>Results</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>0</b>

**Motion Carried (6 to 5)**

**3. Eastern Ontario Agri-Food Network - Request for Funding, 2021-23-Planning, Development and Recreation**

Moved By: Elaine MacDonald, Councillor

Seconded By: Carilyne Hébert, Councillor

- a. Motion to receive Report 2021-023-Planning, Development and Recreation.
- b. Motion to approve a budget allocation for the EOAN for up to \$25,000 per year for 3 years beginning in 2021, subject to an annual presentation and financial report to Council as outlined under Financial Implications, and subject to equal or greater funding from both SDG and Prescott-Russell.
- c. Motion to direct Administration to appoint an Economic Development or Tourism staff member as a resource person to the EOAN for the following 3 years.

Motion Carried

**BREAK 6:25 p.m. (Recessed), 7:10 p.m. (Resumed)**

**4. Budget Adjustments**

Moved By: Todd Bennett, Councillor

Seconded By: Maurice Dupelle, Councillor

- a. Motion that \$45,500 from Parks and Building Repairs for painting at Reg Campbell Park, St. Francis Park and Terry Fox Park be removed from the 2021 Budget.

Motion Carried

## Library Surplus

Moved By: Todd Bennett, Councillor

Seconded By: Justin Towndale, Councillor

- b. Motion that a contribution of \$230,000 be taken from Working Reserves to reduce the 2021 Library Budget.

	<b>For</b>	<b>Against</b>	<b>Abstain</b>
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		
<b>Results</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>0</b>

**Motion Defeated (5 to 6)**

## **CN Rail Property Acquisition – Seventh St W to Ninth St W**

Moved By: Todd Bennett, Councillor

Seconded By: Maurice Dupelle, Councillor

- c. Motion to remove the CN Rail Property Acquisition from Seventh Street West to Ninth Street West from the 2021 Budget.

	<b>For</b>	<b>Against</b>	<b>Abstain</b>
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		
<b>Results</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>0</b>

**Motion Defeated (4 to 7)**

**Playground Program**

Moved By: Justin Towndale, Councillor

Seconded By: Eric Bergeron, Councillor

d. Motion to add the amount of \$108,000 for the Playground Program to the 2021 Budget.

	<b>For</b>	<b>Against</b>	<b>Abstain</b>
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		
<b>Results</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>0</b>

**Motion Carried (6 to 5)**

**Arts in the Park Program**

Moved By: Justin Towndale, Councillor

Seconded By: Eric Bergeron, Councillor

e. Motion to add the amount of \$10,000 for the Arts in the Park Program to the 2021 Budget.

	<b>For</b>	<b>Against</b>	<b>Abstain</b>
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		
<b>Results</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>0</b>

**Motion Carried (7 to 4)**

**BREAK 9:00 p.m. (Recessed), 9:15 p.m. (Resumed)**

**Cornwall Civic Complex Lighting**

Moved By: Justin Towndale, Councillor

Seconded By: Claude E. McIntosh, Councillor

- f. Motion to remove \$125,000 for the Cornwall Civic Complex - Salon Lighting and Lower Concourse Lighting and Ceiling Replacement from the 2021 Budget.

	<b>For</b>	<b>Against</b>	<b>Abstain</b>
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		
<b>Results</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>0</b>

**Motion Defeated (3 to 8)**

**Croquet Club Demolition**

Moved By: Claude E. McIntosh, Councillor

Seconded By: Justin Towndale, Councillor

g. Motion to remove \$40,000 for the Croquet Club Demolition and Site Restoration from the 2021 Budget.

	<b>For</b>	<b>Against</b>	<b>Abstain</b>
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		
<b>Results</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>

**Motion Carried (10 to 1)**

## Waterfront Plan – Park Promotion

Moved By: Justin Towndale, Councillor

Seconded By: Eric Bergeron, Councillor

- h. Motion to remove \$40,000 for the Implementation of the Waterfront Plan - Park Promotion (Guindon) from the 2021 Budget.

	<b>For</b>	<b>Against</b>	<b>Abstain</b>
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		
<b>Results</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>0</b>

**Motion Carried (8 to 3)**

## Waterfront Plan – Park Safety Audit

Moved By: Justin Towndale, Councillor

Seconded By: Eric Bergeron, Councillor

- i. Motion to fund \$15,000 for the Implementation of the Waterfront Plan - Park Safety Audit from the Waterfront Reserve and not the tax base.

	<b>For</b>	<b>Against</b>	<b>Abstain</b>
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		
<b>Results</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>0</b>

**Motion Defeated (3 to 8)**

## Glen Stor Dun Lodge Projects

Moved By: Justin Towndale, Councillor

Seconded By: Eric Bergeron, Councillor

- j. Motion to fund the Glen Stor Dun Lodge projects from the Municipal Buildings Reserve and not the tax base.

	<b>For</b>	<b>Against</b>	<b>Abstain</b>
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		
<b>Results</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>0</b>

**Motion Defeated (2 to 9)**

## Traffic Signal Upgrades

Moved By: Justin Towndale, Councillor

Seconded By: Eric Bergeron, Councillor

- k. Motion to remove \$185,000 for the Traffic Signal Upgrades - Second Street East and McConnell Avenue from the 2021 Budget.

	<b>For</b>	<b>Against</b>	<b>Abstain</b>
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		
<b>Results</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>0</b>

**Motion Defeated (2 to 9)**

## Guindon Park Road Improvements

Moved By: Justin Towndale, Councillor

Seconded By: Eric Bergeron, Councillor

- I. Motion to fund \$25,000 for the Guindon Park Road Improvements from the Federal Gas Tax and not the tax base.

	<b>For</b>	<b>Against</b>	<b>Abstain</b>
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		
<b>Results</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>

**Motion Carried (10 to 1)**

**Council Salary Increment**

Moved By: Justin Towndale, Councillor

Seconded By: Maurice Dupelle, Councillor

m. Motion to remove \$14,000 for the 2021 Salary Increment for Members of Council and defer the 2021 increase to 2022.

	<b>For</b>	<b>Against</b>	<b>Abstain</b>
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		
<b>Results</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>0</b>

**Motion Defeated (5 to 6)**

Moved By: Claude E. McIntosh, Councillor  
Seconded By: Todd Bennett, Councillor

n. Motion to continue the Special Meeting of Council (Budget) past the hour of 11:00 p.m.

A 2/3's majority is required.

	<b>For</b>	<b>Against</b>	<b>Abstain</b>
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		
<b>Results</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>

**Motion Carried (11 to 0)**

**Benson Centre Laser Ice Leveller**

Moved By: Eric Bergeron, Councillor

Seconded By: Claude E. McIntosh, Councillor

- o. Motion to remove \$60,000 for the Benson Centre Laser Ice Leveller from the 2021 Budget.

	<b>For</b>	<b>Against</b>	<b>Abstain</b>
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		
<b>Results</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>0</b>

**Motion Defeated (3 to 8)**

**CN Rail Property Acquisition – Second St W to Seventh St W**

Moved By: Eric Bergeron, Councillor

Seconded By: Justin Towndale, Councillor

p. Motion to remove the CN Rail Property Acquisition from Second Street West to Seventh Street West from the 2021 Budget.

	<b>For</b>	<b>Against</b>	<b>Abstain</b>
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		
<b>Results</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>0</b>

**Motion Defeated (2 to 9)**

## Centretown Intersections

Moved By: Eric Bergeron, Councillor

Seconded By: Dean Hollingsworth, Councillor

- q. Motion to remove \$30,000 for the Centretown - Water Street and Montreal Road Intersections from the 2021 Budget.

	<b>For</b>	<b>Against</b>	<b>Abstain</b>
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		
<b>Results</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>0</b>

**Motion Defeated (2 to 9)**

## Budget Approval

Moved By: Elaine MacDonald, Councillor

Seconded By: Carilyne Hébert, Councillor

r. Motion to approve the 2021 Budget with a tax increase of 2.83%.

	<b>For</b>	<b>Against</b>	<b>Abstain</b>
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	
<b>Results</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>0</b>

**Motion Carried (7 to 4)**

**5. Adjournment**

Mayor Clement adjourned the Budget Meeting of February 3, 2021 at 11:45 p.m.

The next Regular Public Meeting of Council will be held on Monday, February 8, 2021.

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Manon L. Levesque, City Clerk

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Bernadette Clement, Mayor