



Minutes
Cornwall City Council

Meeting #: 2020-10
Date: Tuesday, April 7, 2020, 5:00 PM
Location: City Hall, Council Chambers, 360 Pitt Street, Cornwall,
Ontario, K6J 3P9

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

Attendance	Maureen Adams, CAO	Bill Lister, EMS Chief
Administration:	Manon L. Levesque, City Clerk	Stacey Ferguson, Administrator,
	Geoffrey Clarke, General	Social and Housing Services
	Manager, Corporate Services	Steven Golden, Administrator,
	Mark A. Boileau, General	Glen Stor Dun Lodge
	Manager, Planning,	Emma Meldrum, Public
	Development and Recreation	Information Coordinator
	Tracey Bailey, General	
	Manager, Financial Services	

Chair: Bernadette Clement, Mayor
Prepared By: Manon L. Levesque, City Clerk

1. Roll Call

Mayor Bernadette Clement called the Special Council Meeting to order at 5:05 p.m.

2. Opening

We acknowledge that we are gathering on the traditional territory of the Mohawk people of Akwesasne.

3. Adoption of Agenda

Moved By: Claude E. McIntosh, Councillor

Seconded By: Elaine MacDonald, Councillor

Motion to adopt the Agenda for the Special Meeting of Council of Tuesday, April 7, 2020.

Motion Carried

4. Disclosure of Interest

1. Carilyne Hébert, Councillor - Disclosure of Interest

Council Carilyne Hébert declared a conflict with part of the Social and Housing Services presentation as she is the Executive Director of the Social Development Council of Cornwall and Area, an agency which may benefit from the Social Services COVID-19 Relief Fund.

2. Maurice Dupelle, Councillor - Disclosure of Interest

Councillor Maurice Dupelle declared a conflict with part of the Social and Housing Services presentation as he works for Community Living Glengarry, an agency which may benefit from the Social Services COVID-19 Relief Fund.

5. Committee of the Whole

Moved By: Dean Hollingsworth, Councillor

Seconded By: Todd Bennett, Councillor

Motion to move into Committee of the Whole.

Motion Carried

6. Presentations and Reports

1. COVID-19 Update April 7, 2020, 2020-211-CAO

(a) Maureen Adams, CAO, began with an introduction about some of the measures taken by Administration in an effort to reduce exposure and prevent the potential spread of the virus and maintain a safe environment for employees and residents.

(b) Geoff Clark, General Manager, Corporate Services, spoke about absences and self-isolation due to the Pandemic. He spoke about the lay-offs that have occurred, redeployment of employees, special accommodations for employees in order to abide by the physical distancing requirements in the workplace.

(c) Bill Lister, Chief, Paramedic Chief, spoke about the Paramedics' role in education and the efforts made to protect the health care system. He spoke about testing for COVID-19 coronavirus being administered by the Paramedics and the treatment of patients in an effort to keep them home and eliminating the need to go to the hospital.

(d) Danny Aitkman, Chief, Cornwall Police Service, indicated that dispatchers are asking a series of screening questions, prior to dispatching an officer to a call. All police personnel have been issued Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) to be put on when a person they are interacting with displays signs of a fever, cough, or difficulty breathing. Additionally CPS are processing some calls for service over the telephone instead of having an officer attend. Chief Aitkman also spoke about their role in the enforcement of Provincial Emergency Orders.

(e) Steven Golden, Administrator, Glen Stor Dun Lodge, indicated that the Home was closed and locked up and that Outreach Programs and group activities had been cancelled. He spoke about the preventative measures taken and about staff and patient screening. Mr. Golden indicated that, although a few patients had exhibited flu-like symptoms, testing for COVID-19 had come back negative.

(f) Len Tapp, Division Manager, Transit Services, indicated that the service to residents had been reduced by 70%, that there was a

maximum of eight passengers per bus, that entry was at the back door for riders but that the front door was being used for riders with special needs and disabilities. Mr. Tapp spoke about how the service was to be used for essential travel and that drivers were not collecting the fare from passengers.

(g) Stacey Ferguson, Administrator Social and Housing Services, announced that the Cornwall and SD&G had recently been allocated \$4.3 Million for COVID-19 relief for residents and agencies. She indicated that the Community Information Line continues to operate Monday to Friday 8:30-4:30 for resident inquiries. She indicated that there were 33 daycare spaces for children of Emergency Workers and that Ontario Works had a one-time funding for families. She also spoke about an increase to child tax credits and GST payments.

(h) Mark A. Boileau, General Manager, Planning, Development and Recreation, indicated that both the Planning Division and Economic Development were business as usual as they were preparing for better days ahead. Mr. Boileau indicated that businesses were relying on the Choose Cornwall website for updates and that the site had experienced five times the traffic. He spoke about virtual home inspections and about By-law Enforcement Officers assisting the Cornwall Police Service in enforcing the Provincial Emergency Orders. Mr. Boileau indicated that buildings are closed to the public, with staff continuing to work from their offices and balanced with working remotely. Recreation is beginning to work outdoors in some situations (pools, tennis courts, ball field preparations, etc.).

(i) Tracey Bailey, General Manager, Financial Services, provided an update on the deferral of the collection of property taxes, deferral of education tax remittances and the postponement of the 2020 assessment update. Ms. Bailey touched on the financial impacts of the COVID-19 Pandemic to the 2020 Municipal Budget. She noted that regular business continues for Accounts Receivable, Accounts Payable and Purchasing. Tenders, Requests for Proposals and Purchase Orders continue to be issued for goods and services. Purchases are reviewed with the CAO and approved through her delegation of authority from Council.

7. Adjournment

The next Regular Public Meeting of Council is unknown at this time.

Moved By: Syd Gardiner, Councillor

Seconded By: Carilyne Hébert, Councillor

Motion to adjourn the Special Meeting of Council at 7:40 p.m.

Motion Carried

Manon L. Levesque, City Clerk

Bernadette Clement, Mayor