



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

Meeting #: 2021-11  
Date: Thursday, April 8, 2021, 5:00 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, Justin Towndale, Councillor, Eric Bergeron, Councillor

Regrets: Todd Bennett, Councillor

Attendance Administration: Maureen Adams, CAO, Manon L. Levesque, City Clerk, Geoffrey Clarke, General Manager, Corporate Services, Mark A. Boileau, General Manager, Planning, Development and Recreation, Tracey Bailey, General Manager, Financial Services, Bill Lister, EMS Chief, Mellissa Morgan, Manager, Social and Housing Services, Steven Golden, Administrator, Glen Stor Dun Lodge, Jeff Weber, Fire Chief,

Guests: Jeannette Despatie, Cornwall Community Hospital CEO, Dr. Paul Roumeliotis, EOHU Medical Officer of Health, MPP Jim McDonell, MP Eric Duncan

**1. Roll Call**

**2. Opening**

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

**3. Adoption of Agenda**

Moved By: Syd Gardiner, Councillor

Seconded By: Glen Grant, Councillor

Motion to adopt the agenda as presented.

Motion Carried

**4. Disclosures of Interest**

There were no Disclosures of Interest.

**5. Committee of the Whole**

Moved By: Carilyne Hébert, Councillor

Seconded By: Claude E. McIntosh, Councillor

Motion to go into the Committee of the Whole.

Motion Carried

**6. Presentations and Reports**

**1. COVID-19 Update by Community Leaders, 2021-07-CAO**

a. Jeannette Despatie, Cornwall Community Hospital CEO, provided an update on the status of the hospital in relation to COVID-19. Ms. Despatie stated that the situation at the hospital is unprecedented, creating a strain on its resources and personnel. CCH initiated a directive to reduce or postpone elected services in the hospital to free up resources. Currently, CCH is ranked 17th out of all Ontario hospitals for being the most likely to run out of ICU spaces.

b. Dr. Paul Roumeliotis, Medical Officer of Health, indicated that the EOHU region is seeing a steep increase in the number of COVID-19 cases and provided a breakdown on the current cases.

EOHU has administered 10,100 doses of the vaccine in Cornwall to date and the Cornwall clinic will be relocating to the Benson Centre as of April 10. The health unit will host two vaccine clinics per week where an additional 2,000 doses is anticipated to be administered.

c. Council, together with the local health officials, voiced their concerns to MPP Jim McDonell regarding ICU capacity, why Cornwall has not been designated as a 'hotspot' and the lack of vaccine clinics in Cornwall-based pharmacies. Mr. McDonell took note of the concerns and will follow-up with his provincial contacts.

## **7. Adjournment**

The next Regular Public Meeting of Council will be held on Monday, April 12, 2021.

Moved By: Carilyne Hébert, Councillor

Seconded By: Maurice Dupelle, Councillor

Motion to adjourn the Special Meeting of Thursday, April 8, 2021 at 6:15 p.m.

Motion Carried

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Manon L. Levesque, City Clerk

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Bernadette Clement, Mayor