

JOINT MEETING OF CITY COUNCIL
WITH CHARLOTTENBURGH TOWNSHIP AND
RAISIN REGION CONSERVATION AUTHORITY NO. 10-71

May 6, 1971.

To His Worship the Mayor
and Members of City Council.

Gentlemen:

Members of City Council met this evening with Reeve A. Gadbois and all members of Charlottenburgh Township Council and Mr. S. Crawford, Chairman, and members of the Raisin Region Conservation Authority. Members of City Council in attendance were: His Worship Mayor N. Kaneb, Chairman, Aldermen L. Gauthier, R. Carrara, A. Clement, R. Brunet, D. Webster, F. Guindon, G. Cameron, K. Bough, A. M. Lebano, J. Pescod and M. Holden.

Also in attendance were: Messrs. M. A. Boyer, C. F. Adams, W. L. Courville and B. Wilson, City Solicitor.

Mayor Kaneb welcomed members from Charlottenburgh Council and those in attendance from the Raisin Region Conservation Authority and thanked them for attending this evening's meeting in order to discuss various mutual problems.

Boundary between Municipalities - Reeve Gadbois recalled that, last year when his Council met with City Council, the boundary between the two municipalities had not been completely resolved and the question was left with the solicitors from both municipalities to finalize.

The Reeve stated that he believes there is a one-foot reserve of land on the east side of Boundary Road between the railway track and Highway 401, which is being reserved by the City. He stated that, until this land becomes part of the road, the Department will not issue a quieting order.

Mayor Kaneb recalled that a few years ago, the City had endeavoured to extend Second Street beyond Boundary Road through Charlottenburgh. He pointed out that 90 percent provincial grants were available at that time, however, the Township would only approve the work if the remaining 10 percent of costs were borne by the City. The City, the Mayor pointed out, could not build a road in the neighbouring municipality and thus the road was never extended. Furthermore, the Mayor stated, the Department did not look favourably upon one road in two municipalities due to provincial subsidies and maintenance costs.

Alderman Clement reminded those present that the Township of Charlottenburgh have passed a resolution that they would have nothing to do with the building of Boundary Road and, as a result, the City completed this work.

The Mayor noted that this Council will honour any commitment by a previous Council and, if the Township has any industrial prospects, the City will not refuse access. Answering Mayor Kaneb, Reeve Gadbois stated that he expects the Official Plan of the Township will be approved shortly and that there should be no problem as the land, abutting the City property, is shown as industrial. Alderman Clement stated that the Industrial Committee had agreed to open three entrances where required in the Copeland Farm but these would be access roads, not streets. He reminded

members of the Township Council that both Councils should co-operate as the City could have industries locate near the boundary where we would require Township land to install services ~~on~~. Mayor Kaneb suggested that, when the Township receives approval to its Official Plan, another meeting be held. Mr. Adams stated that the fence line from Tenth Street North to Highway 401 is on the boundary, as established by the Surveyor General of Ontario in 1968.

Gray's Creek Development - Alderman Lebano related how Council had started three years ago to develop the waterfront from Bryden Avenue to the eastern limits of the City. He went on to state that the City has now asked assistance from the Raisin Region Conservation Authority in acquiring properties along the shoreline. It is the City's proposed future plans for development of the area - removal of boathouses along the waterfront to be replaced by a community boathouse, parking area, planting of trees and shrubbery, filling in the bay, building a marina and, as a long range plan, to have the causeway built to the western section of Pilon Island which area could be developed for recreational purposes.

At this point, Mr. Crawford produced a letter from the Department of Energy and Resources Management indicating that the Authority should acquire more land than the Copeland property, which, in the opinion of Mr. Chalk, would be an additional 25 to 30 acres.

It was therefore moved by Alderman L. Gauthier, seconded by Councillor R. Lefebvre that the City of Cornwall and the Township of Charlottenburgh request the Raisin Region Conservation

Authority to negotiate for that property located on the east bank of the Gray's Creek to the north of Highway No. 2 and also to the lands on both sides of the creek (between the City park on the west and the industrial area on the east) to the south of Highway No. 2, down to the St. Lawrence River.

Unanimously adopted.

Alderman Guindon joined the meeting at this time.

Mr. Chalk advised that the Copeland Estate has given the Authority two months extension on its option to purchase the 70 acres of land.

Mr. Palfrey inquired as to whether the City would consider releasing, at a nominal sum, two parcels of land, to the Conservation Authority for development. Mayor Kaneb suggested that the Industrial Committee meet with the Authority to discuss this request.

Renaming of Boundary Road - With all respect to the proposal of the East Cornwall Businessmen's Association, Reeve Gadbois stated that this road was named back in 1963 so the people coming off Highway 401 now realize this as an entrance to the municipality. To change the name to Cornwall Drive, he went on to state, does not mean anything. He suggested that, if the name of the road was changed at this time, the motorists would drive right by the City. Alderman Webster noted that the suggestion had been made at a meeting of the Tourist Bureau and is a trend being followed by different municipalities. The Bureau had suggested that Brookdale Avenue be renamed but, when this idea was not acceptable to Council, the east Cornwall merchants asked that

Boundary Road be designated as Cornwall Drive. The feeling of the Bureau and that of other cities is that the name of the municipality given to one of the connecting links, causes less confusion to people driving along the highway.

Naming of Highway No. 2 - Reeve Gadbois pointed out that his Council is very concerned about the Department's proposal to name Second Street, from Marlborough Street to Boundary Road, as Highway No. 2, rather than the present designation which indicates Highway No. 2 from Second Street along Marlborough Street to Montreal Road. His Council, he stated, believe that, should Second Street be named Highway No. 2, motorists would reach Boundary Road and then turn off onto Highway 401, completely ~~by-passing~~ Charlottenburgh Township.

Alderman Clement suggested petitioning the Minister of Tourism that a sign be erected on Highway 401, indicating that this road, as well as McConnell Avenue, lead into the business section of the City, also giving access to provincial parks. Mayor Kaneb asked that the Reeve consider requesting his Council to pass a similar resolution.

Alderman Guindon concurred with Alderman Carrara that Highway No. 2 should be shown as a scenic route. It was pointed out that this practice was followed at different points as far as Brockville. Reeve Gadbois replied that his Council has been endeavouring to have the Department designate the area as such but has not been too successful. He asked that City Council, together with Charlottenburgh Council submit a joint request to the Department of Highways to designate, as

a scenic route, Highway No. 2 in this area.

Lighting at City Entrances - Mayor Kaneb advised that the City has recently submitted a request asking that lighting be installed at the three entrances to the City. Reeve Gadbois explained that his Council had sent a request to the Department three or four years ago and again last year and that they will again pass a resolution to be forwarded to the Department. He agreed that the Boundary Road interchange is of prime concern to the Township but he would like to see all entrances lighted.

Pollution of the St. Lawrence River - Reeve Gadbois stated that, when submitting a resolution on water pollution to the Department of Energy and Resources Management, he would be asking support from the City, Lancaster Village and Lancaster Township, pointing out the pollution problem in the St. Lawrence River. In this respect, the Reeve stated that he would arrange a meeting of the four municipalities within two weeks. Mayor Kaneb pointed out that the responsibility of cleaning the river was both the Federal and Provincial Governments. Alderman Carrara offered to make available to the Committee, a copy of a brief that was submitted by the Anti-Pollution Committee to the government a short time ago.

Reeve Gadbois referred to a weed-cutting machine which, while effective, is very costly and, in his opinion, the Federal Government should purchase such a machine and cut the weeds in the river from this area down to the Quebec border. Mr. Palfrey reminded the members that cutting the weeds alone will not solve the problem but that the government will have to put in a break-water to increase the flow of water.

Municipal Planning - Mayor Kaneb advised those present that the Planning Branch of the Department of Municipal Affairs is anxious to meet with the municipalities. Noting that many representatives of the Townships were present this evening as members of the Conservation Authority, he asked that they bring this message to their Councils and suggest that the Department be requested to meet with their Council. He noted that representatives of the Planning Branch are meeting with City Council and the Cornwall Planning Board on May 13th and one question that has already been asked is whether this Council is interested in meeting with other municipalities. Mayor Kaneb stated that, in his opinion, the various municipalities must work together.

Mayor Kaneb expressed his thanks to members of the Charlottenburgh Township Council and the Raisin Region Conservation Authority for meeting with Council this evening to discuss many mutual problems.

Adjournment - Moved by Alderman Guindon, seconded by Alderman Gauthier that Council adjourn.


Clerk


Mayor