

CITY COUNCIL NO. 5-71

March 9, 1971.

A Regular Meeting of City Council was held this evening with the following members present: His Worship Mayor N. Kaneb, Aldermen L. Gauthier, R. Carrara, A. Clement, R. Brunet, D. Webster, F. Guindon, G. Cameron, A. M. Lebano, J. Pescod and M. Holden.

Paul E. Laurin - His Worship Mayor N. Kaneb extended thanks to Mr. Paul Laurin upon his retirement from the City as a member of the Cornwall Fire Department for the past 26 years. Mr. Laurin was wished many happy years of retirement and presented with a certificate, gold watch and pin.

George Harrop - His Worship Mayor N. Kaneb, on behalf of the citizens, presented Mr. George Harrop with a certificate, in recognition of his four years as a member of the Cornwall Planning Board.

DELEGATIONS

Civic Waterfront Redevelopment Committee - Mr. Cyril Page reviewed very briefly, the aims of this Committee and asked City Council to delay, for at least 30 days, any action on disposition of surplus canal lands owned by the St. Lawrence Seaway Authority.

Adoption of Minutes - Moved by Alderman Gauthier, seconded by Alderman Clement that the minutes of meeting held February 22nd be adopted as received. Unanimously adopted.

COMMUNICATIONS

1. Ontario Municipal Board - Temporary Approval to Zoning By-law - Moved by Alderman Cameron, seconded by Alderman Guindon

that the letter be filed. Unanimously adopted.

2. D. D. Diplock - By-law No. 956, 1970 - Moved by Alderman Cameron, seconded by Alderman Guindon that the letter be filed. Unanimously adopted.

3. Cornwall Minor Hockey Association - Letter of Thanks
Moved by Alderman Cameron, seconded by Alderman Guindon that the letter be filed. Unanimously adopted.

4. Raisin Region Conservation Authority - Auditor's Report - Moved by Alderman Holden, seconded by Alderman Webster that the letter with attached Auditor's Report be adopted as received. Unanimously adopted.

Replying to Alderman Lebano, Alderman Holden pointed out that the Authority has been studying the waterfront along the eastern section of the City and, at the last meeting, it was decided to purchase the whole parcel of land and now have to obtain appraisals on the property.

5. Ronald J. Adams - Rezoning of property west of Glengarry Boulevard - Moved by Alderman Guindon, seconded by Alderman Gauthier that the letter be referred to the Cornwall Planning Board. Unanimously adopted.

REPORTS

Public Works Committee No. 4-71 - Moved by Alderman Gauthier, seconded by Alderman Brunet that the report be adopted as received. Unanimously adopted.

Report re Winter Control Misc. #3-71 - Moved by Alderman Gauthier, seconded by Alderman Guindon that the report be received. Unanimous.

Alderman Carrara suggested that another method be investigated to pay for the excessive snow removal costs this year rather than an increase of one mill on this year's mill rate. He felt that this year's snowfall created an emergency situation and should be handled in an emergency way.

Aldermen Lebano and Cameron agreed with Alderman Carrara and felt that other means, such as the levying of a special assessment, should be explored and that we investigate what government grants might be available.

Moved by Alderman Cameron, seconded by Alderman Clement that we accept the report provided that we investigate other methods of raising the money and provided a grant is available. The motion was withdrawn.

Moved by Alderman Webster, seconded by Alderman Guindon that the City purchase a snow blower at an approximate cost of \$30,000 to be paid over a three year period and provided delivery can be made within one week. Unanimously adopted.

Moved by Alderman Webster, seconded by Alderman Guindon that the amount of the deficit incurred by the heavy snowfall this year be referred to the Finance Committee to see if another section of the budget can absorb/rather than increase the mill rate. ^{the cost} Unanimously adopted.

Core Redevelopment Committee No. 1-71 - Moved by Alderman Cameron, seconded by Alderman Lebano that the report be adopted as received. Unanimously adopted.

Technical Co-ordinating Committee No. 2-71 - Moved by Alderman Pescod, seconded by Alderman Cameron that the report be

adopted as received. Unanimously adopted.

Report re Street Flusher, Tender No. 4-71 - Moved by Alderman Brunet, seconded by Alderman Carrara that the tender for a street flusher be awarded to Mobile Tank Industries in accordance with the recommendation as contained in this report, dated February 16th. Voting against the motion was Alderman Gauthier. The motion carried.

Report re Cast Iron Mechanical Joint Water Pipe, Tender No. 7-71 - Moved by Alderman Gauthier, seconded by Alderman Pescod that the tender for Cast Iron Mechanical Joint Water Pipe be awarded in the manner as contained in this report, dated March 2nd. Unanimously adopted.

Moved by Alderman Carrara, seconded by Alderman Brunet that the Department of Consumer and Corporate Affairs be asked to investigate the similarity of price between Canron Limited and Stanton Pipes Limited. Unanimously adopted.

Report re Swimming Pool Charges, Misc. No. 2-71 - Moved by Alderman Gauthier, seconded by Alderman Pescod that the report be adopted as received. Unanimously adopted.

Cornwall Planning Board No. 2-71 - Moved by Alderman Pescod, seconded by Alderman Gauthier that the report be adopted as received. Unanimously adopted.

Alderman Brunet felt that there was a certain urgency in passing a by-law, governing the location of mobile homes as, in his opinion, some people could only afford this type of accommodation.

RESOLUTIONS

RE #23-71 - City of Windsor - Amendment to the Day Nurseries Act

Moved by Alderman Holden, seconded by Alderman Webster that the resolution from the City of Windsor be filed.

Unanimously adopted.

RE #24-71 - Moved by Alderman Carrara, seconded by Alderman

Gauthier that the City Council still supports the zoning of 70-80 acres of land owned by Pfizer Holdings as Residential 20, which zoning is contained in By-law No. 751, 1969. Unanimously adopted.

RE #25-71 - Moved by Alderman Pescod, seconded by Alderman Webster

that the City Council petition the Department of High^yways for subsidy under the provisions of The Highway Improvement Act on expenditures made during the year 1970 in the amount of \$902,523.29.

Unanimously adopted.

BY-LAWS1st & 2nd Reading

By-law No. 1015 - To amend the Zoning By-law (M. Jean Cameron)

Moved by Alderman Carrara, seconded by Alderman Gauthier that By-law No. 1015 be given first and second reading. Unanimously adopted.

By-law No. 1016 - To amend the Zoning By-law (Milton M. Matheson)

Moved by Alderman Holden, seconded by Alderman Guindon that By-law No. 1016 be given first and second reading. The motion carried.

By-law No. 1017 - To amend the Zoning By-law (William Peter Wright)

Moved by Alderman Lebano, seconded by Alderman Guindon that By-law No. 1017 be given first and second reading. The motion carried.

By-law No. 1018 - To amend the Zoning By-law (Irene Alguire)

Moved by Alderman Lebano, seconded by Alderman Guindon that By-law No. 1018 be given first and second reading.

Unanimously adopted.

By-law No. 1019 - Temporary Loan re By-law No. 981/70 - \$111,667.82

1020 - To authorize the execution of a proposal and estimate of costs and its submission to the Minister of Highways for the widening and re-alignment of Second Street

1021 - To provide for the 1971 expenditures on roads or streets in the City - \$1,037,365.00

1022 - Supplementary By-law to provide for the 1971 expenditures on roads or streets in the City - \$310,130.00

1023 - To authorize the construction of a 10-inch diameter sanitary sewer on Princess Street from Riverdale Avenue to approximately 135 feet west of Pescod Avenue - \$9,826.13

1024 - To authorize the construction of a concrete pavement on Thirteenth Street between Pitt and Sydney extended - \$103,481.45

Moved by Alderman Gauthier, seconded by Alderman Guindon that the by-laws be given first and second reading.

Unanimously adopted.

By-law No. 1025 - To amend the Zoning By-law (Domtar)

Moved by Alderman Guindon, seconded by Alderman Carrara that By-law No. 1025 be given first and second reading.

Unanimously adopted.

3rd Reading

By-law No. 881 - Adopting a redevelopment plan for the Central Business District

981 - To authorize the widening and reconstruction of certain sections of Second Street being a Highway Connecting Link pursuant to an agreement with the Province of Ontario- \$111,667.82

3rd Reading Cont'd.

By-law No. 1008 - Authorizing the Mayor and Clerk to sign an agreement between the City and Canadian National Railway Company

1019 - Temporary Loan re By-law No. 981/70 - \$111,667.82

1020 - To authorize the execution of a proposal and estimate of costs and its submission to the Minister of Highways for the widening and re-alignment of Second Street

1021 - To provide for the 1971 expenditures on roads or streets in the City - \$1,037,365.

1022 - Supplementary By-law to provide for the 1971 expenditures on roads or streets in the City - \$170,130.00

Moved by Alderman Gauthier, seconded by Alderman Carrara that the by-laws be read a Third Time, Passed, Signed and Sealed. Unanimously adopted.

By-law No. 1015 - To amend the Zoning By-law (M. Jean Cameron)

Moved by Alderman Gauthier, seconded by Alderman Clement that By-law No. 1015 be read a Third Time, Passed, Signed and Sealed. Unanimously adopted.

By-law No. 1016 - To amend the Zoning By-law (Milton M. Matheson)

Moved by Alderman Holden, seconded by Alderman Gauthier that By-law No. 1016 be read a Third Time, Passed, Signed and Sealed. The motion carried.

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Moved by Alderman Gauthier, seconded by Alderman Carrara that By-law No. 1017 be read a Third Time, Passed, Signed and Sealed. The motion carried.

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Moved by Alderman Lebano, seconded by Alderman Guindon that By-law No. 1018 be read a Third Time, Passed, Signed and Sealed. Unanimously adopted.

By-law No. 1025 - To amend the Zoning By-law (Domtar)

Moved by Alderman Guindon, seconded by Alderman Carrara that By-law No. 1025 be read a Third Time, Passed, Signed and Sealed. Unanimously adopted.

NEW BUSINESS

Public Buildings - Moved by Alderman Carrara, seconded by Alderman Guindon that all public buildings, owned by the City, be placed under the administration of a Public Property Committee. The motion was withdrawn.

Moved by Alderman Carrara, seconded by Alderman Cameron that the administration of public buildings be referred to the Administrator and Department Heads for study and report to Council. Voting against the motion was Alderman Lebano. The motion carried.

Snow Storm - Alderman Lebano expressed his gratitude to members of the press, radio, police and snow-removing crews who assisted in various ways during the very heavy snow storm last week. He noted that, while many people showed prejudice against the operation of snowmobiles within the City, the operators should be thanked for the great assistance offered by them.

Brookdale Avenue - Alderman Lebano referred to an article in the press, stating that the Tourist Bureau is considering recommending changing the name of Brookdale Avenue to Cornwall Drive. He suggested that McConnell Avenue be also considered by possibly renaming McConnell Avenue to East Cornwall Drive and Brookdale Avenue to West Cornwall Drive.

Snowmobile Operators - Alderman Brunet asked that a letter of appreciation be forwarded to Mr. Bernard McDonald of the local snowmobile club and also the club from Ingleside, who assisted the City during the recent heavy snow storm. He pointed out that the clubs have exhausted their funds and possibly the City could consider making a grant for services rendered.

Snow Removal by Firemen - Alderman Brunet suggested that firemen be employed to remove snow from around the hydrants. Mr. Boyer reported that he discussed this question with C.U.P.E. and they have registered a grievance and also another reason no change is recommended at this time is that the Fire Department has no equipment to do this type of work.

Assessment of Lands - Alderman Brunet referred to the practice of certain persons in holding large tracts of land for speculation. He felt that the taxes derived from the City were too low in relation to the selling price asked by these property owners. Alderman Brunet stated that Mr. Baldwin of the local Regional Assessment office had referred to the Assessment Act, in which a municipality may appeal against the assessment of any lands that it feels is assessed too low.

Lands at Fourth Street and McConnell Avenue - Alderman Brunet referred to a letter forwarded on January 26th by the City Engineer to the Religious Hospitallers of St. Joseph, indicating the City's interest in acquiring all the lands at the northeast corner of Fourth Street and McConnell Avenue. He noted that, in 1967, we had forwarded a letter to the Sisters indicating our interest in this land.

By-law Enforcement Officer - Alderman Brunet referred to the need for the City to have a By-law Enforcement Officer. He pointed out that there are only three licensed rooming houses in the City. He referred to a building at 221 First Street East, as being a fire trap and has no licence to operate a rooming house although payments are made by our Social Service Department for persons who reside there.

Alderman Brunet stated that he will submit a motion at the next meeting of Council asking for the appointment of a By-law Enforcement Officer.

Garbage Contract - Alderman Brunet informed Council that men who are picking up garbage may be laid off, as with the purchase of a new packer, only one man is required which operation required three men before. Lay off of these men, he felt, would lead to a strike. Alderman Brunet referred to the recent notice in the local press advising citizens that garbage is picked up between 4:00 a.m. and 12:00 noon. He contended that garbage has been picked up prior to 4:00 a.m. which left householders with uncollected garbage. Alderman Brunet also referred to the City's policy of inserting notices in the local press. Mr. Boyer replied that a directive re insertion of notices in the press had gone out to Department Heads today.

Emergency Telephone Number - Alderman Clement suggested that one emergency number be provided whereby citizens could call to obtain services when an emergency arises.

Renaming of Street - Alderman Clement suggested that consideration be given to renaming Boundary Road to Cornwall Drive East rather than changing the name of McConnell Avenue as indicated earlier this evening by Alderman Lebano.

Land on McConnell Avenue - Referring to property on McConnell Avenue which Alderman Brunet had spoken of earlier this evening, Alderman Clement pointed out that, it was at the time Alderman Brunet had suggested that the property owners give the land for \$1.00, that the people got interested in the land and took options on it.

Snow Removal - Alderman Cameron explained that he had criticized the Public Works Department but, at the same time, wanted to extend his appreciation for the excellent job carried out during the recent heavy snowfall.

Snowmobile Association - Alderman Cameron explained that the Snowmobile Association have collected \$2.00 for membership from each member which gives a total of \$1,200 and, in his opinion, they did not want anything from the City. He further stated that the Public Works Committee showed a great deal of wisdom when they delayed making a policy banning snowmobiles.

Lighting on Overpass - Alderman Guindon asked that St. Lawrence Power be made aware of the light that has burned out on the northern section of the Pitt Street Overpass.

Renaming of Brookdale Avenue - Alderman Guindon voiced his objection to the changing of the name of Brookdale Avenue. He pointed out that such a change could be costly in the erection of new street signs and also the necessity for changing deeds and other legal documents.

Convention Centre - Alderman Guindon took strong objection to the suggestion from the Tourist Bureau that the Cornwall Armouries be turned into a convention centre. He reminded Council that the Armouries is one of the few that has not closed down and that the

building is being fully utilized at the present time.

Ontario Good Roads Convention - Alderman Guindon expressed his appreciation for having been given the opportunity of attending the Ontario Good Roads Convention. He stated that gave Alderman Carrara information on pollution. Discussed at the convention was transportation and transit problems. Alderman Guindon stated that he had taken the question up with Mr. McNab and the possibility of obtaining Provincial subsidies.

Moved by Alderman Guindon, seconded by Alderman Carrara that Mayor Kaneb be authorized to send a letter to Mr. A. T. C. McNab, Deputy Minister of the Department of Highways and Transport, asking that he call a meeting with representatives of his Department and operators of transit systems throughout the Province. Unanimously adopted.

Renaming of Brookdale Avenue - Alderman Holden stated that he has lived on Brookdale Avenue for over forty years and that a number of residents have lived there all their lives and did not want the name of the street changed and are prepared to forward a petition to Council, if necessary. Alderman Webster informed Alderman Holden that the minutes of the Tourist Bureau will be presented to Council at its next meeting and the thinking of the Bureau in suggesting that the name be changed will be explained at that time.

Snow Storm - Alderman Webster informed Council that he had received many favourable comments, from persons outside the City who were stranded here during the snow storm, on the fine job the City did in plowing the streets. He paid special thanks to the Public Works Department and also the Police Department for the terrific job done by the members.

Alderman Gauthier recommended that a letter of thanks be sent to C.F.M.L., C.J.S.S. and the press for the services they rendered to the City advising the citizens of the condition of the roads, etc.

Changes in Provincial Cabinet - Mayor Kaneb stated that he had forwarded a letter of congratulations to Honourable William Davis upon his appointment as Premier of Ontario and also to various other Ministers who had recently received new appointments in the Government. The Administrator read replies to these letters from Honourable William Davis, Honourable A. A. Wishart, Minister of Financial and Commercial Affairs, Honourable T. L. Wells, Minister of Social and Family Services and Honourable C. MacNaughton, Minister of Department of Highways and Transport. Also received was a letter from Honourable J. P. Robarts who recently resigned as Premier of Ontario.

Snow Storm - His Worship Mayor N. Kaneb expressed thanks to the news media, including public recognition to City employees who came to work last Thursday and Friday. He paid special tribute to Public Works employees who worked so hard under trying conditions to restore the City/after the blizzard. He also recognized the two radio stations, the local newspaper, the snowmobile club and other snowmobile owners and all citizens who co-operated with the Public Works and Police Departments in co-ordinating their efforts which showed that we can accept a challenge and come out on top.

Lotteries - The Administrator reported that the Provincial Government has now authorized pool-lotteries. The municipal Council will deal with each application and recommend it or not. Mr. Boyer also stated that the municipality will receive a refund of 50 percent of Provincial lottery licence fees already paid to the Province and will, in the future, receive a similar refund.


Adjournment - Moved by Alderman Guindon, seconded by Alderman Gauthier that Council adjourn into Committee of the Whole.

Following a meeting of the Committee of the Whole, Council reconvened.

Committee of the Whole Report No. 5-71 - Moved by Alderman Cameron, seconded by Alderman Gauthier that the report be adopted as received. Unanimously adopted.

Adjournment - Moved by Alderman Lebano, seconded by Alderman Pescod that Council adjourn.


Clerk


Mayor