

CITY COUNCIL NO. 21-71

August 30, 1971.

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

Adoption of Minutes - Moved by Alderman Gauthier, seconded by Alderman Webster that the Council minutes of a meeting held August 9th be adopted as received. Carried.

COMMUNICATIONS

1. Captain G. Coutu - Letter of Thanks - Moved by Alderman Guindon, seconded by Alderman Bough that the letter be filed. Carried.
2. St. Lawrence & Ottawa Valleys Health Unit - Lease - Justice Administration Building - Moved by Alderman Webster, seconded by Alderman Guindon that the letter be received. Carried.
3. Department of Municipal Affairs - Central Business District, Urban Renewal Project - Moved by Alderman Pescod, seconded by Alderman Gauthier that the letter be filed. Carried.
4. Minister of Transportation and Communications - Interim Petitions for Subsidy - Moved by Alderman Lebano, seconded by Alderman Guindon that the letter be filed. Carried.

PETITIONS

PE #16-71 - Yvonne Menard & Others - Property at 22 Ninth St. West
Moved by Alderman Gauthier, seconded by Alderman Bough that the petition be referred to the Public Works Committee. Carried.

REPORTS

Finance Committee No. 15-71 - Moved by Alderman Bough, seconded by Alderman Pescod that the report be adopted as received. Carried.

Cornwall Tourist and Convention Bureau No. 5-71 - Moved by Alderman Webster, seconded by Alderman Gauthier that the report be received. Carried.

Core Redevelopment Committee No. 9-71 - Moved by Alderman Bough, seconded by Alderman Guindon that the report be adopted as received. Carried.

Report re Excavating and Installing Storm Sewers, Tender No. 29-71 - Moved by Alderman Gauthier, seconded by Alderman Pescod that Council accept the tender of West Front Construction Limited at a price of \$95,713.04 for the excavating and installing of storm sewers on various City streets. Carried.

Report re Rental of Vehicles, Tender No. 31-71 - Moved by Alderman Gauthier, seconded by Alderman Lebano that the tender for the rental of vehicles for the Public Works, Parks and Recreation and Social Services Departments be awarded in the manner as contained in the report of August 10th, signed by Messrs. W. F. Ainslie and A. M. Ismaily. Carried.

Alderman Bough suggested that, due to the increased rental costs, consideration should, in future, be given to the purchase of these vehicles.

Report re Concession at Cornwall Community Arena, Tender No. 32-71 - Moved by Alderman Clement, seconded by

Alderman Brunet that the report of August 10th, covering Tender No. 32-71, be referred to the Parks and Recreation Committee for study and a more detailed report. Carried.

Alderman Lebano indicated the willingness of his committee to study these tenders again but, in his opinion, if the tender was awarded in any other manner, Council could be open to criticism.

Mayor Kaneb left the meeting at this time and was replaced by Alderman K. Bough.

Board of Review Hearing - Alderman Lebano verbally reported on the Board of Review hearing which was held in the City on August 23rd. Alderman Fawthrop acted as a member of the Board. Mr. R. J. Hamilton presented the City's application and was supported by Aldermen A. Lebano and D. Webster.

Miss B. Graham, Director of Child Welfare, Ontario Department of Social and Family Services, compared costs of the local agency with that of other Children's Aid Societies in the province.

In its presentation, the City pointed out that, under the Municipal and Child Welfare Acts, the City has no authority in the amount of money that shall be paid to the local society each year. It was also brought out at the hearing that various municipal associations have said they are not satisfied with the present set-up and are requesting certain changes such as a re-distribution of services to be provided by the municipality and the society.

Alderman Lebano went on to state that the City Committee felt that, if the report of the Board does not contain recommendations made by the City representatives, it is expected that a minority report will be submitted to the Minister.

O.M.A. Convention - Mr. Boyer reported verbally on the O.M.A. Convention he attended from August 22nd to August 25th. One of the most important items considered at the convention was the amalgamation of the O.M.A. and the Ontario Mayors and Reeves Association which is to come into effect on January 1, 1972. 150 resolutions were considered by the association. Some of the more important resolutions were that the province take over, from the Children's Aid Society, those areas involving wardship and adoption; that certain functions of the Children's Aid Societies should be merged with Municipal Social Services; also dealing with social welfare, it was recommended that Municipal Social Service Departments should be handled by Provincial-Regional offices.

Bill 127, being an amendment to the Assessment Act, was considered at the convention. The main highlights of this amendment, Mr. Boyer related, are that all Municipal assessments are to be frozen as of 1970 to and including 1974 for tax billing in 1975. The only changes to be made during that period of time will be additions to the roll which shall be the responsibility of the Clerks of the municipalities. Assessments are not to be increased for additions or repairs to a building up to an amount of \$2,500.

As a result of a new assessment roll not being prepared each year, Mr. Boyer went on to state that it will be most difficult to prepare a voter's list. The Association is concerned with the changes as contained in Bill 127 and it was decided at the convention that a resolution to this effect will be forwarded to the Premier of Ontario.

Mr. Boyer related that one of the most interesting sessions was hearing Mr. Grisholm speak on transit operations. Mr. Boyer assured Alderman Pescod that he had taken extensive notes on this address and these would be made available to him.

The question of payment of pensions to members of Council is to be discussed at the next executive meeting of the Association.

Mr. Boyer closed his comments by stating that he had been re-elected as a member of the O.M.A. for another term of office.

Alderman Bough asked that Council assist the Clerk's Department in every way possible in order to see that each person eligible to vote is placed on the voter's list prior to the election and suggested that possibly, the services of info-dial might be used in this connection. Mr. Boyer suggested the purchase of a meter stamp and also an advertisement to be placed in the buses making people aware of the forthcoming election and asking their co-operation in seeing that their name is on the voter's list this fall.

Alderman Clement thanked Alderman Bough for acting as the City's representative at the convention and congratulated Mr. Boyer on his re-election as a member of the executive.

Moved by Alderman Guindon, seconded by Alderman Gauthier that the Administrator be authorized to proceed with the purchase of a meter stamp and the necessary advertising in order to make the citizens aware of the forthcoming election to prevent problems from arising on election day. The motion was withdrawn and Mr. Boyer is to submit a report to the next Finance Committee meeting.

BY-LAWS

- By-law No. 1105 - To provide for the 1971 expenditures on roads or streets in the City (Supplementary) - \$275,000.00
- 1106 - Authorizing the Mayor and Clerk to convey certain lands to Leopold Lauzon and Rita Lauzon (closing of Newark Street)
- 1107 - Authorizing the Mayor and Clerk to convey certain lands to Edward and Yvonne Cardinal (closing of Newark Street)
- 1108 - Temporary Loan re By-law No. 1023/71 - \$9,826.13
- 1109 - Temporary Loan re By-law No. 1079/71 - \$6,922.11
- 1110 - Temporary Loan re By-law No. 1080/71 - \$3,875.43
- 1111 - Temporary Loan re By-law No. 1081/71 - \$7,403.85
- 1112 - Temporary Loan re By-law No. 1082/71 - \$23,668.07
- 1113 - To fix the date of nomination of candidates for Council and the day for polling; to fix the time for the opening and closing of polls; to provide for advance polls for municipal elections and to provide for the first meeting of Council

Moved by Alderman Clement, seconded by Alderman Guindon that the by-laws be read a First and Second Time. Carried.

- By-law No. 1023 - To authorize the construction of a 10-inch diameter sanitary sewer on Princess from Riverdale to approximately 135 ft. west of Pescod - \$9,826.13
- 1079 - To authorize the construction of a sidewalk on Thirteenth Street from Daly to Churchill - \$6,922.11
- 1080 - To authorize the construction of a sidewalk on Anthony from First to Second - \$3,875.43

- By-law No. 1081 - To authorize the construction of extensions to the Waterworks System on Oran from Vincent Massey Drive to Laflin - \$7,403.85
- 1082 - To authorize the construction of extensions to the Waterworks System on Laflin from Brookdale to Oran - \$23,668.07
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Moved by Alderman Gauthier, seconded by Alderman Guindon that the by-laws be read a Third Time, Passed, Signed and Sealed. Carried.

NEW BUSINESS

Elections at Large - Alderman Brunet inquired as to the status of the petition which had been presented to the City prior to the last election and questioned as to whether the petition has sufficient signatures to be valid at this time.

Alderman Brunet was assured that the petition will be again studied to see that it is in order for a by-law to be

passed to permit placing this question before the electors this fall.

Justice Administration Building - Alderman Brunet referred to a recent editorial in the local press questioning as to whether the Provincial Court would move into the Justice Administration Building when completed or would retain the space they are presently using at St. Columban's Hall. He stated that he wished to go on record that he was under the impression that the Department of Justice indicated that they would move into the building and this was the only reason he had supported the building of the complex.

Alderman Guindon stated that the Ontario Municipal Board has approved the sale of debentures for the cost of the building and further that the Public Works Department have been negotiating for some time with the City. He went on to state that, on September 4th, a representative from Toronto will be meeting here and, as far as he is concerned, we have the Provincial Court as a tenant.

Royals Hockey Club - Moved by Alderman Clement, seconded by Alderman Webster that the Parks and Recreation, Tourist and Industrial Committees together place a one page ad in the Royal Hockey Club brochure.

Alderman Webster stated that, in his opinion, the City should be placing only one advertisement in the program and there should not be a page taken by both the Mayor, on behalf of Council; and a Committee of Council. The motion was withdrawn and the request is to be again discussed.

Lacrosse Club Sign - Alderman Lebano paid recognition to the owner of the Anchor Motel who has recently erected large lacrosse sticks to its building in an effort to promote Cornwall which has the world's largest lacrosse factory.

Junior B Lacrosse Championship - Alderman Lebano suggested that Council congratulate Mr. Sonny Herrington and his executive for bringing the Junior B Lacrosse Championship to Cornwall.

Boat Tours - Alderman Lebano asked that the Tourist Committee consider having tours next year in the Lake St. Francis area.

Ten Percent Surcharge - Alderman Lebano asked that strong representation be made to Prime Minister Trudeau and Honourable Lucien Lamoureux in asking support from the government in opposing the recent legislation of the United States in imposing the ten percent surcharge on imports.

CJSS Radio Station - Alderman Lebano praised the CJSS Radio Station which is to commence 24 hour radio programming. He felt that this was a positive move by the company in a prosperous community. He further reported that, inquiring from 25 businessmen, he had been told by 23 of these people that business has considerably improved this year.

H.M.C.S. Ottawa - Alderman Guindon asked that a letter of thanks be forwarded to the Commander of the H.M.C.S. Ottawa for inviting the members of Council to board the ship when it was here last week.

Snowblower - Answering Alderman Webster, Mr. Adams stated that tenders have been called for the purchase of a snowblower.

Water Resources Commission - Mr. Boyer reported that Council, at its last meeting, had received a letter from the Water Resources Commission suggesting that they continue to bill the City on a quarterly basis for the City's sewage program. Mr. Boyer further reported that Messrs. C. F. Adams and R. J. Hamilton have now considered the letter and are agreeable with the billing to be continued on this basis.

Zoning Amendment - Mr. Boyer reported that the Ontario Municipal Board has approved the request of Mr. M. Matheson for rezoning from Residential to Commercial, part of his property on Fourth Street East provided no access is permitted to Munroe Avenue.

Moved by Alderman Gauthier, seconded by Alderman Guindon that, in accordance with the recommendation of the Board, an amending by-law be prepared. Carried.

Attendance at Meeting - Alderman Bough thanked the spectators for attending this evening's meeting and suggested that they come back to the next regular meeting and bring a neighbour.

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

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

Committee of the Whole Report No. 20-71 - Moved by Alderman Pescod, seconded by Alderman Guindon that the report be adopted as received. Carried.

Visit of Prime Minister Trudeau - Mayor Kaneb reported that it is expected Prime Minister Trudeau will be arriving in front of the Flamingo Motel on September 11th and will be holding a public meeting at General Vanier Secondary School. Mayor Kaneb stated that tickets will be made available to members of Council and that he will be given an opportunity of addressing the Prime Minister for a period of time from five to eight minutes. The subject matter must be on a national level and not geared to municipal conditions only. He asked the aldermen if they have any questions which they wish submitted to the Prime Minister, to advise him as his speech must be forwarded to the Prime Minister one week prior to the meeting. He went on to state that he is presently working with the Industrial Commissioner and will be approaching labour and industry for any specific points they wish brought out. The meeting will then be open to the public and questions will be received by the Prime Minister from the floor.

Justice Administration Building - Answering Alderman Clement, Mayor Kaneb stated that he, Alderman Pescod and the local architect together with City officials had met with various government representatives in Toronto regarding leasing of space to the Provincial Government for courts and that he will be reporting further on this matter at the September meeting.

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

W. Boyer
Clerk

J. Kaneb
Mayor