

CITY COUNCIL NO. 16-72

May 23, 1972.  
7:00 p.m.

A Special Meeting of City Council was held this evening with the following members present: His Worship Mayor E. C. Lumley, Aldermen G. Leger, A. LeBlanc, G. Samson, A. Clement, D. Webster, D. Fawthrop, F. Guindon, G. Cameron, K. Bough, A. Lebano, J. Pescod and M. Holden.

Adoption of Minutes - Moved by Alderman Pescod, seconded by Alderman Leger that the Council minutes of the meeting held May 9th be adopted as received. Carried.

Rule '48' - Moved by Alderman Lebano, seconded by Alderman LeBlanc that Rule '48' be suspended. Carried.

Reduction in School Mill Rate - Mr. R. Carrara, on behalf of himself and people in his area, registered strong objection to what he had read in the local press that the City would possibly stabilize the mill rate this year rather than pass on to the taxpayers, a decrease in mill rate, realized by the local school boards. He noted that, if the saving was not passed on to the individual, the City would be using the money for industrial development, while, in his opinion, a decrease in the mill rate at this time could assist the senior citizens, low income earners and young couples paying on a home. Mayor Lumley replied that all members of Council are vitally concerned with our senior citizens and, further, part of the reason on Council being elected is to make the best

decision for the citizens as a whole. He advised Mr. Carrara that further discussion on this matter will take place later this evening.

COMMUNICATIONS

1.       Treasurer of Ontario - Appointment to OMERS Board -  
Moved by Alderman Lebano, seconded by Alderman Clement that a letter of thanks be forwarded to Honourable D. McKeough for his appointment of Mayor Lumley as a member of the OMERS Board. Carried.
  
2.       Department of Municipal Affairs - Proposed Lower St. Lawrence Planning Program - Alderman Pescod explained at some length what had transpired since last year when City Council met with neighbouring municipalities to discuss the possible formation of a joint planning board for this area. He indicated that the Provincial Government is strongly favouring regional planning and Council would be wise to consider and form part of such an area at this time. He brought out the particular need in the City's case as we have four miles of common border along the eastern section of the City and seven miles along the Township of Cornwall on the northern boundary. He also brought out the fact that a number of similar problems exist in these three municipalities and could much better be dealt with jointly. The Cornwall Planning Board would still function as a subsidiary board of any joint board. All matters dealing with the City only would be forwarded to and considered by that board.

After some discussion, it was moved by Alderman Webster, seconded by Alderman Clement that -

1. Council is in agreement that a joint planning area and board should be established subject to mutually acceptable cost-sharing and representation formulae.

2. (a) Council recommends the engagement of J. L. Richards and Associates as the consulting firm to be employed for this project.

(b) Council accepts in principle, the cost-sharing suggestion put forward by the Department of Treasury, Economics and Intergovernmental Affairs and suggests that, if there are any other areas of concern, they should be negotiated further.

(c) Council suggests that further negotiations take place regarding the number of representatives from each municipality in an endeavour to reducing the total number of members of the joint board. The motion carried.

3. Eastcourt Developments Limited - Completion of services on Third, Champlain and Glengarry, R.P. 315 - Moved by Alderman Lebano, seconded by Alderman Pescod that the City obtain a legal opinion on the contents of this letter. Carried.

4. A.R.C. Industries - Rental of Property - Moved by Alderman Cameron, seconded by Alderman Leger that A.R.C. Industries be permitted to place a building on an area of land, being the extension of Ninth Street, just north of the Tourist Information Bureau. It is understood that the building is to be used as an outlet to sell their products and will be removed at the end of this summer. Carried.

5. Cornwall Planning Board - Meeting with Council -  
 Moved by Alderman Pescod, seconded by Alderman  
 Cameron that Mayor Lumley and Mr. William Mack decide on a  
 suitable date for Council and the Planning Board to meet.  
 Carried.

PETITIONS

PE #25-72 - Lionel Tessier & Others - Sanitary Sewer on  
 Right-of-Way from corner of Sixth and Marlborough  
 Streets easterly to 516 Sixth Street East

Moved by Alderman Bough, seconded by Alderman  
 Lebano that the petition be referred to the Engineering  
 Department. Carried.

REPORTS

Committee of the Whole No. 11-72 - Moved by  
 Alderman Cameron, seconded by Alderman Samson that the report  
 be adopted as received. Carried.

Finance Committee No. 12-72 - Moved by Alderman  
 Fawthrop, seconded by Alderman LeBlanc that the report be  
 adopted as received. Carried.

Alderman Webster suggested that the City obtain  
 additional services from the YM-YWCA rather than granting a  
 full write-off of taxes.

Tourist and Convention Bureau No. 10-72 - Moved by  
 Alderman Webster, seconded by Alderman Cameron that the  
 report be received. Carried.

Community Transportation and Power Committee No. 4-72 -  
 Moved by Alderman Cameron, seconded by Alderman Samson  
 that the report be adopted as received.

Alderman Bough expressed his concern for bus service to Glen-Stor-Dun Lodge. He indicated that the Board is considering providing additional parking space at the rear of the building and, as a result, a turning area for a bus should be available in front of the building. Alderman Lebano recalled that, two or three years ago, he went on record as asking that free passes be provided for senior citizens.

An amendment to the motion was made by Alderman Webster, seconded by Alderman Fawthrop that the minutes be adopted with the following amendment re Item No. 3 under the Traffic Items for Approval - "restricted times will be Monday to Friday from 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon for a distance of 80 feet." The amendment carried and the motion was defeated.

Referring to traffic item no. 5, Alderman Leger noted that no parking is to be permitted on the east side of Dunbar Avenue at anytime because of the bus turn around. However, he referred to the problems such as exhaust fumes from the bus, being encountered by residents in this area due to the considerable length of time a bus is parking in front of a private home.

Fire Committee No. 1-72 - Moved by Alderman LeBlanc, seconded by Alderman Lebano that the report be adopted as received. Carried.

Alderman Guindon joined the meeting at this time.

It was moved by Alderman Guindon that By-law No. 341, 1967 be amended to permit the use of fireworks but not firecrackers within the City. There was no seconder to the motion.

Social Services Committee No. 4-72 - Moved by Alderman Guindon, seconded by Alderman Samson that the report be adopted as received. Carried.

Parks and Recreation Committee No. 8-72 - Moved by Alderman Lebano, seconded by Alderman Webster that the report be adopted as received. Carried.

Referring to the request for a peoples' park, Alderman Lebano stated that he, Mr. Miller and the Administrator of the YM-YWCA had met with this committee and it was the unanimous opinion that Horovitz Park should not be used in this manner. Further, the suggestion to use Memorial Park for this purpose was also turned down by the Parks and Recreation Committee. A suggestion that the group approach the School Board for use of school grounds was not acceptable to the group.

Alderman Bough cautioned against confusing this group of people with another youth group who are working out of St. Paul's Church and are hoping to work with senior citizens. It is possible that, as the church has not a large area of grass, they will be, at times, using Horovitz Park.

Thanks were extended to Messrs. C. Laroche, R. Eadie, Mr. M. A. Boyer and Alderman Webster for their work in producing an official symbol to pay tribute to the Royals Hockey Club who recently were awarded the Memorial Cup. A letter of appreciation is to be sent to Mr. Eadie.

Moved by Alderman Lebano, seconded by Alderman LeBlanc that this be the official symbol to be used by the City and businesses in their stamp meters, on letterhead, etc. Carried.

Report on Traffic Line Markings, Tender No. 11-72 -

Moved by Alderman Guindon, seconded by Alderman Clement that the City re-tender for traffic line markings, in accordance with this report submitted by Mr. W. F. Ainslie, dated May 9th. Carried.

Report on Gasoline, Tender No. 24-72 - Moved by

Alderman Guindon, seconded by Alderman Samson that the tender of Golden Eagle Canada Limited be accepted at 35.95¢/IG for 78,000 gallons of gasoline. Carried.

Report on Weed Cutting, Tender No. 25-72 - Moved by

Alderman Guindon, seconded by Alderman Leger that the tender of Mr. Myles J. Chisholm be accepted for weed cutting at a total net price of \$4,358.64. Carried.

Report on Gravel and Crushed Stone, Tender No. 27-72 -

Moved by Alderman Guindon, seconded by Alderman Clement that the tender be awarded in accordance with the recommendation of Messrs. W. F. Ainslie and C. F. Adams under report of May 9th. Carried.

RESOLUTIONSRE #43-72 - City of Stratford - Boards of Arbitration -

Moved by Alderman Pescod, seconded by Alderman LeBlanc that the resolution from the City of Stratford be endorsed. Carried.

RE #44-72 - City of Stratford - Pensions for municipal employees

Moved by Alderman Lebano, seconded by Alderman Guindon that the resolution from the City of Stratford be endorsed. Carried.

BY-LAWS

- By-law No. 1249 - Appointing members to the Court of Revision for the City of Cornwall
- 1250 - To fix the levy for the 1972 taxes, including school taxes and to provide for the payment of the taxes by instalments
- 1251 - To authorize the Mayor and Clerk to sign an agreement between the City, Breadalbane Holdings Limited and present owners of Lots on Plan No. 319 (no sidewalks)
- 1252 - To regulate the use of swimming and wading pools in the City
- 1253 - To authorize the Mayor and Clerk to sign a subdividers agreement between the City and 254024 Investments Limited
- 1254 - To stop up and close Donihee Street from the north side of Tenth to the east side of Cooper Street, as shown on Plan 134
- 1255 - To stop up and close Tenth Street from the west side of Larin Avenue to a point 220 feet west, as shown on Plan 134

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

Moved by Alderman Webster, seconded by Alderman Guindon that Mr. L. P. Stidwill be appointed Chairman of the Court of Revision. Carried.

Referring to By-law No. 1250, 1972, Mayor Lumley read from a prepared report which was made available to the members of the p indicating that the City has decided to keep the mill rate stable this year and the funds realized by a decrease in mill rates by the two school boards will be used to purchase and service industrial land. The Mayor went on to state that, for the small savings that might accrue to any taxpayer, the money could be better utilized in the City's attempt to attract industry

to locating here.

By-law No. 1249 - Appointing members to the Court of Revision for the City of Cornwall

1251 - To authorize the Mayor and Clerk to sign an agreement between the City, Breadalbane Holdings Limited and present owners of Lots on Plan No. 139

1252 - To regulate the use of swimming and wading pools in the City

1253 - To authorize the Mayor and Clerk to sign a subdividers agreement between the City and 254024 Investments Limited

Moved by Alderman Webster, seconded by Alderman

Cameron that the by-laws be read a Third Time, Passed, Signed and Sealed. Carried.

By-law No. 1250 - To fix the levy for the 1972 taxes, including school taxes and to provide for the payment of the taxes by instalments

Moved by Alderman Fawthrop, seconded by Alderman

Clement that By-law No. 1250, 1972 be read a Third Time, Passed, Signed and Sealed. Unanimously adopted.

Alderman Pescod stated that he took exception to a statement reported in the local press and attributed to a member of the School Board that the City, last year, took which might have been a saving to the taxpayer and used the money for municipal purposes and that the City would have used the money for some ulterior purpose if the O.M.B. had not permitted it. He suggested that this inaccuracy be corrected. Answering Alderman Pescod, Mr. Hamilton stated that part of the land owned by the Copeland Estate was purchased by the City through the sale of debentures and, as the land was sold, the money was diverted into the general

revenue fund in the year of sale as a reduction of debt charges in that particular year.

Mayor Lumley reported that an excellent meeting was held with representatives from the City and the two School Boards.

Alderman Lebano suggested that, possibly, the Mayor, Alderman Fawthrop, Messrs. M. A. Boyer and R. J. Hamilton review the decision of Council with the news media in order to fully familiarize the citizens with the action taken by Council in stabilizing rather than reducing the mill rate this year.

#### NEW BUSINESS

Information on Mill Rate - At the request of Alderman Guindon, small plasticized cards, setting out the school and general mill rates, are to be made available to the aldermen.

Regional Development Program - Moved by Alderman LeBlanc, seconded by Alderman Leger that Aldermen Clement, Webster and Lebano attend a meeting on June 1st in Peterborough when a phase one analysis of the Lake Ontario region of Ontario's overall regional development program is to be released.

Hiring of Police Constables - Alderman LeBlanc stated that men have been interviewed for the position of police constables which, he felt, was contrary to the policy of Council. The Mayor answered Alderman LeBlanc by stating that the Police Commission authorized the Police Chief to conduct interviews for police constables as the Police Department is under-staffed and further, provision has been made in the budget for hiring of extra constables.

Traffic Lights - Alderman Samson inquired as to when we may expect installation of traffic lights at Thirteenth and Pitt Streets and Eleventh and Sydney Streets. He was advised that the required blueprints have been submitted to the department for approval of design for lights at Thirteenth and Pitt Streets and, as the lights are presently in stock, they will be erected as soon as departmental approval is received. With respect to lights at Eleventh and Pitt Streets and Ninth and Sydney Streets, plans are presently being prepared to forward to the department.

C.N.R. Tracks - The Mayor reported that it is hoped that C.N.R. will have the tracks removed on Brookdale Avenue in the area of Tenth Street by the time the tourist season opens.

Assessment and Tax Information - Alderman Cameron stated that he had received complaints regarding the inability to obtain even a rough estimate of assessment on a building being constructed and the resulting taxes that could be expected which information is required when obtaining a mortgage. Mr. Boyer is to contact Mr. Faye in order to resolve this problem.

Thirteenth and Pitt Streets - The Police Chief is to be asked to have an officer stationed at the corner of Thirteenth and Pitt Streets at 12:00 noon and 5:00 p.m. until such time as lights are installed at this intersection.

Glen-Stor-Dun Lodge - Moved by Alderman Fawthrop, seconded by Alderman Lebano that Alderman Bough be authorized to meet with the Counties indicating that the City is prepared

to accept accommodation at the lodge for City residents when such accommodation is available rather than having a definite number of beds allocated for City use; and further that a three year agreement be signed with the Counties rather than for a period of five years. Carried.

In this manner, the City will then be assessed for the actual number of bed days that City residents occupy in the lodge.

Justice Administration Building - Alderman Bough advised Council that, due to a delay in obtaining necessary equipment, the formal opening of the new Justice Administration Building will be postponed from July 1st to August 7th.

Senior Citizens Complex - Alderman Bough stated that he had been in contact with both Ontario Housing Corporation and the local Housing Authority and was advised that, because of the number of applications on file and the senior citizens who are interested in obtaining such accommodation, there is a distinct possibility that the City will be making application for another senior citizens building.

Wolves in eastern section of the City - Alderman Bough stated that he had been asked to bring up the problem of wolves which have been seen in the area of Anthony and Holy Cross Streets. He noted that Mr. Lascelle and police officers have been called to the area but there would appear to be a question as to whose responsibility it is to rid the area of these animals. Mr. Boyer assured Alderman Bough that he would contact the Police Chief to investigate this matter.

Adjournment - On motion of Alderman Guindon,  
seconded by Alderman Clement, Council adjourned at 11 p.m.

M. A. Boyer  
Clerk

Frank C. Guindon  
Mayor