

December 23, 1974
7:10 p.m.

The regular 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, D. Webster, F. Guindon, K. Bough, A. Lebano, J. Pescod and M. Holden.

P R E S E N T A T I O N S

Mayor Lumley said that he was very pleased to present Mr. M.A. Boyer with a gold pocket watch and chain on behalf of the City of Cornwall. The Mayor pointed out that this was a "special gift for a special man". Mr. Boyer had been with the City for 27 years starting August 18, 1947 until November 8, 1974.

Mr. Boyer expressed his appreciation to the Mayor and Council. He informed them that he and his wife are very happy in their new endeavour. He wished the old and new Council, Mayor Lumley and Mayor-Elect G. Parisien every success and the compliments of the season.

Next Mayor Lumley presented a certificate to George Assaly for having served four years as Chairman of the Tourist & Convention Bureau. The Mayor thanked Mr. Assaly for his contribution to the municipality.

Mr. Assaly thanked Council and the Mayor and hoped that the Tourist & Convention Bureau would continue to function and wished the Bureau well whether they were under the City, independently, with the Chamber of Commerce or with the Seaway Valley Tourist Council.

Mayor Lumley was also pleased to make a further presentation to five girls, members of the Senior Girls Bowling team in Cornwall who recently won the 1974 Youth Bowling Championships held in Ottawa. The girls were each presented with a silver pin and their coach with a pair of cufflinks. They all signed the City's Golden Book. Their names were:- Anne-Marie Charlebois, Francine Charlebois, Suzanne Bouleric, Ellen Woods, Nicole Lemire and Ron Snyder their coach.

And, finally the Mayor took pleasure in presenting a silver pin to Kathy Prosser in recognition of her victory in the 3000 metre race at the Canadian Junior Track and Field Championship. Miss Prosser signed the City's Golden Book as well.

The Mayor spoke on behalf of Council acknowledging the achievements of these athletes. He thanked them all for bringing this tremendous honour to the City of Cornwall.

Adoption of Minutes - Moved by Alderman Pescod, seconded by Alderman LeBlanc that the minutes of the Council Meeting of December 9, 1974 be adopted as received. Carried.

Alderman Lebano pointed out that under Adoption of Minutes, of the Council meeting held December 9, 1974, page 1901, second paragraph, that there was an error and the first two sentences should read as follows: "The method of distribution of Council agenda and other relevant material is to be considered by the 1975-6 Council. Upon questioning of Alderman Lebano, Mayor Lumley advised that the application for assistance under the New Horizons Program has been submitted to the Federal Government but, as yet, no firm decision has been made".

Alderman Lebano further stated that with respect to the Family Housing on 4th Street consideration should be given to the neighbours' views before a decision is made.

Alderman Lebano also mentioned that he had received several complaints with regard to the Restaurant and Pool Hall on Pitt Street, page 1907 of December 9, 1974 minutes. The Mayor indicated that there had been several official complaints and that charges have been made. At this point, Alderman Guindon advised that it was his understanding that a license had been granted to this business for a six month probation period. Alderman Guindon was advised that this matter would be looked into.

Alderman LeBlanc asked the Chief Administrator in connection with Transit on page 1908, if there had been any consideration given to having the buses operate from 6:00 a.m. instead of 6:15 a.m. The Chief Administrator advised that it has been discussed with the Transit Manager and it will be coming back to Council.

C O M M U N I C A T I O N S

Regional Municipality of Waterloo : Regional Chairman and Chairman of the Grand River Disaster Relief Fund expressing thanks for City contributions - Moved by Alderman Lebano, seconded by Alderman Pescod that the letter be filed. Carried.

Seaway Valley Snowmobile Assoc. Inc.: Signing of certain City streets for use of snowmobiles crossing to trails - Alderman Lebano asked Mr. Adams whose responsibility it would be to pay for the signs and for their installation. Mr. Adams advised that the City would make and install the signs and then bill the Seaway Valley Snowmobile Assoc.

Alderman Bough questioned whether there would be any conflict with the signs because the snowmobilers would have to use the St. Lawrence right of way including Brookdale, Boundary Road and Pitt Street. Will stop signs be installed to ensure that they come to a full stop? Will all snowmobilers recognize these signs?

Alderman Pescod inquired about the City's liability if there should be an accident. Alderman Guindon further pointed out that the school boards would also be involved because their trails run across their property. Mr. Adams said that the legal obligations of the City was a good point and that perhaps this matter should be turned over to the Chief Administrator for further study.

Moved by Alderman Lebano and seconded by Alderman Guindon that this matter be referred to the Chief Administrator and that the legal aspects be looked into. Carried.

P E T I T I O N S

#444 - Maurice Emard et al - Watermain on Laflin Street from Oran Ave. to Lot 73, R.P. 240

#445 - Maurice Emard et al - Sanitary sewer on Oran Ave. from existing sanitary manhole on Oran Ave. to northerly approximately 220' to Laflin St. and on Laflin St. from Oran Ave. to Lot 73, R.P.240.

Moved by Alderman Bough and seconded by Alderman Pescod that Petitions #444 and #445 be referred to the Engineering Department. Carried

R E P O R T SCornwall Planning Board

Moved by Alderman Pescod, seconded by Alderman Lebano that the minutes of the meeting of November 20, 1974 be adopted as received.

Carried.

Committee of the Whole

Moved by Alderman Guindon, seconded by Alderman Samson that the minutes of the meeting of December 9, 1974 be adopted as received.

Carried.

Chief Administrator's report on downtown parking

Moved by Alderman Lebano, seconded by Alderman LeBlanc that the report be approved. Carried.

Alderman Bough asked whether cars would be entering and leaving on Pitt Street and leaving on First Street only. He also asked if there would be a sign or barrier to indicate this. It was agreed that the Chief Administrator would look into this.

Chief Administrator's recommendation re agreement with Dominik, Thompson, Laframboise & Mallette for architectural services for the Civic Centre

Moved by Alderman Guindon, seconded by Alderman Samson that Rule 48 be suspended and that Mr. J. Bredin be allowed to speak. Carried.

Mr. Bredin came to Council to ask that a second look be taken regarding the site of the Civic Complex. Mr. Bredin felt that the Civic Complex would be better situated north of Water Street and asked that no restraints be placed on the architects regarding the site. Mayor Lumley told Mr. Bredin that they had already looked into the site north of Water Street before deciding on the canal lands. He said that the Horovitz Park area was too small and that the City would have to close off one or two streets and purchase and vacate properties adjacent to the park which would take at least another year. The Mayor said with all due respect that each site had been thoroughly investigated. Aldermen Lebano, LeBlanc and Samson also agreed that all areas had been fully investigated before a decision had been made and that the Civic Complex should be built on the site Council had agreed upon.

Alderman Webster asked if written approval had been received from the Provincial government regarding the re-allocation of funds. Mayor Lumley advised Alderman Webster that he had received verbal approval from Mr. J. White and that written approval would be coming shortly. Alderman Webster asked that the minutes read that Mayor Lumley has spoken with Mr. White and that approval had been given for re-allocation of funds.

The Mayor pointed out that Mr. White and Mr. Irvine are vitally concerned with the cost but stressed that they would like to see the project started. The Mayor said that it was very difficult to get the two governments to agree. Alderman Webster said that he would like to see the City approach the two levels of government for additional funds. Alderman Lebano felt that there had been enough discussion. He pointed out that when he was in Ottawa his interpretation of Mr. White's conversation was to get on with the job and if there are any problems to go back to the Province. Mayor-elect Parisien who had also attended this meeting in Ottawa was asked if he had interpreted the conversation this way and he agreed. Alderman Lebano indicated that he would like to see everything in writing. Alderman Leger wanted it clearly indicated that at no time did he say that he was against the Civic Complex. He further pointed out that there had been nothing political intended and also would like to see that additional funds be asked for. The Mayor agreed and advised that they are asking for additional funds.

Alderman Guindon said that he felt it was every taxpayer's right to come to Council to speak and he took exception to the way Mr. Bredin had been treated by Council. Alderman Bough agreed with Mr. Guindon that Mr. Bredin had the right to be heard but felt that it was too late to turn back now. Alderman Lebano agreed that Mr. Bredin had every right to speak but did not like the inference that he has no respect for Mr. Bredin.

Mr. Bredin spoke again repeating his previous request that the site for the complex be looked into a second time. He pointed out that the motives of his request are 100% for the citizens of Cornwall and felt that even if it were to take another month, if it were to save the City money it would be advantageous to do so.

The Mayor reiterated that this had been looked into time and time again and said that he respected Mr. Bredin's opinion. The Mayor thanked Mr. Bredin for coming to speak before Council.

Moved by Alderman Bough, seconded by Alderman Samson that the Chief Administrator's report recommending the entering into agreement with Dominik, Thompson, Laframboise & Mallette for architectural services for the Civic Centre be accepted. Carried.

Chief Administrator's report asking Council to consider passing resolution requesting additional funds from C.M.H.C. to carry out Urban Renewal Program.

The Chief Administrator pointed out that officials of C.M.H.C. have indicated that now is the time to make application for the additional funds and that the new Council will still have an opportunity to go ahead with this new program.

Moved by Alderman Guindon, seconded by Alderman Samson that the Chief Administrator's report re urban renewal request be approved. Carried.

Director of Engineering Services - recommending that City construct watermain on Marlborough between 5th and 6th St.

Mr. Adams advised that funds are available for this project.

Moved by Alderman Pescod, seconded by Alderman LeBlanc that the recommendation be adopted. Carried.

Chief Administrator's recommendation authorizing appointment of Civic Centre Project Manager - M.S. Thompson & Associates

Alderman Bough inquired whether there would be a conflict of interest having the architect as project manager. The Chief Administrator advised that this firm has not chosen someone yet but are still looking. He assured Council that they are looking for a senior professional.

Moved by Alderman Guindon, seconded by Alderman LeBlanc that the Chief Administrator be authorized to give a letter of intent and to negotiate an agreement covering project manager services with

M.S. Thompson & Associates. Carried.

R E S O L U T I O N S

#82 - City of Sarnia - To enable municipalities to compel observance of any Stop-Work Order without recourse to higher authorities.

Moved by Alderman Lebano and seconded by Alderman Pescod that the resolution of the City of Sarnia be endorsed.

Carried.

B Y - L A W S

1st and 2nd readings

1731 - Authorize entering into agreement with Provincial Government to convey easement to City in connection with Central Western Sanitary Sewer as constructed by the Ministry on our behalf.

1732 - Authorize entering into agreement with Snetsinger Estate for the leasing of land to be used for parking lot at the south-west corner of Pitt and First Streets.

1733 - Authorize entering into agreement with Stenan Developments Ltd. for the leasing of land to be used for parking lot at the south-west corner of Second and Sydney Streets.

1734 - Authorize entering into agreement with Dominik, Thompson, Laframboise & Mallette for architectural services for Civic Centre.

Moved by Alderman LeBlanc and seconded by Alderman Samson that the by-laws be read a first and second time. Carried.

By-laws - 3rd reading

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Moved by Alderman Holden, seconded by Alderman LeBlanc that the by-laws be read a 3rd time, passed, signed and sealed. Carried.

N E W B U S I N E S S

The Mayor spoke briefly, highlighting some of the accomplishments during the last three years.

He mentioned the infrastructure grants; civic complex; Combustion-Engineering; eastern industrial park; 15 new industries; expansion of existing buildings, 6% expansion coming from local industries and the City's purchase of 474 acres of raw land to develop as a tourist attraction. The Mayor gave Alderman Webster credit for stepping in and acting as Industrial Commissioner and receiving no pay for these duties.

Cornwall's potential is good. Since 1972 unemployment figures have gone from 20% to 4.8% and the young people coming out of school have been absorbed into the area's working force.

There were 1,100 housing starts and the financial reserve grew from \$80,000 to over \$1 million dollars. There has been a tax decrease 3 years in a row and pointed out that no other city the size of Cornwall has had this benefit for 3 years in a row. Also the City will benefit from the 1975 assessment. He credited Mr. R. Hamilton for doing a great job for the City.

He said that his first priority had been to keep construction going - senior citizens high rise of 150 units and a commitment for 150 more as well as a day care centre. Montreal Road when completed will change the image of the community.

He emphasized that the people you acquire are most important. For example, the Chief Administrator, Director of Planning, Director of Engineering and Comptroller. The system is right if allowed to work.

The taking over of the transit system was a significant decision for Council.

He had no recommendations to offer to the new Council except that the key to everything that had been done was because of the team effort. He had also received great cooperation from the Province of Ontario and the Federal Government thanks to Lucien Lamoureux and Fern Guindon. He was glad that the municipality was able to honour these two gentlemen while they were still alive.

He felt the news media had done a fantastic job reporting on the City because they are our spokesmen and it is their job to report and criticize which is a very difficult task.

The best is yet to come because the money is there and the quality of life will definitely improve for the citizens of Cornwall.

He wished Mayor-Elect G. Parisien and the new Council good luck and thanked the present Aldermen as well as the outgoing Aldermen, A. Clement, D. Webster, G. Leger and D. Fawthrop and the Administration.

Mother's Allowance

Alderman LeBlanc asked Miss Flanigan to clarify what had happened at the City Hall Annex.

Miss Flanigan emphasized that the doors were opened at the Annex and not closed as reported in the newspaper. She

further pointed out that the service clubs have used an office in her building for years (as granted by City Council) but have always had their own telephone, their own secretary and their own screening committee. The Mother's Allowance applications were screened by their own staff and not by Miss Flanigan's. The only area covered by the City are marginal income and welfare cases. Miss Flanigan said that she is not afraid to meet with these people (M.A.S.H.) as her staff has done nothing wrong.

Alderman Leblanc asked Miss Flanigan if she had been told if there was a lack of funds and she advised that the Service Club Council was running short of funds and that they were giving priority to minimum wage earners.

It was asked why these people were not informed that they would not be on the list this year. Miss Flanigan stressed that the City has no say or control over this. The decision not to give the Christmas vouchers was made by the Service Club Council.

Miss Flanigan was asked if there was any possibility of having the food vouchers taken from the City's budget and she replied that there were no funds available and that the mothers would be receiving their normal cheques.

Sidewalk Plowing

Alderman Samson asked if it were possible to have both sides of the streets plowed in heavily populated areas. The Chief Administrator advised as he understands it, that Council had passed a resolution to the effect that only one side of the street would be cleaned and this has been adhered to. He advised that he has spoken with the City Engineer to see if it is feasible to clean on both sides.

After some discussion the Mayor said that perhaps the Chief Administrator should look into the possibility of having both sides cleaned.

Moved by Alderman Samson, seconded by Alderman LeBlanc that the Chief Administrator look into and prepare a report regarding the possibility of cleaning both sides of the street.

Carried.

Alderman Samson at this time wanted to say that he was very proud to be on City Council with the Mayor and other Council members. He felt that a lot had been accomplished in the last 3 years.

Water Sample

Alderman Guindon referred to a recent newspaper report about asbestos fibres being found in the water supply. He requested the Chief Administrator to determine if at all possible where the sample, with respect to Cornwall, was taken.

Service Club Council

Alderman Guindon would like to see that Service Club Council be used instead of just Council. He pointed out that the newspaper had made it appear that it was City Council and not the Service Club Council that screened the applications for Christmas vouchers.

Snowpiling

Alderman Guindon made reference to complaints regarding snowpiling and that he was aware that there was a problem with a snowblower and hoped that repairs could be made as soon as possible.

Mother's Allowance

Alderman Bough brought up the subject again, questioning Miss Flanigan if the people concerned understood that the City was not responsible and she replied that she has tried to explain her position and the City Council's position.

Alderman Lebano expressed his concern regarding the incident involving the Mother's Allowance and the Service Club Council. He asked if there was further assistance available and it was pointed out to him that the Service Club Council is presently exploring other avenues. Miss Flanigan advised that special assistance and family aid has been provided for by the City.

Transit Manager

Alderman Bough asked if there was further consideration being given to the hiring of a Transit Manager. The Chief Administrator advised that a number of advertisements have been placed including trade publications and that there should be a Transit Manager on staff by March or April. He also advised that a cut-off arrangement was not necessary because of arrangements with Cornwall Electric to look after this for six months.

Cabinet Meeting in Ottawa

Alderman Lebano made reference to the Cabinet meeting in Ottawa December 11, indicating that strong presentation was made by the Mayor-Elect and that the City had been well received and that they had an opportunity to meet with several Ministers.

Road behind Holiday Inn

Alderman Lebano asked about the snow removal from the road behind the Holiday Inn and was informed that the City was looking into it.

M.S. Martin

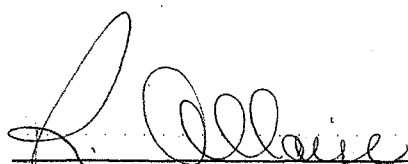
Alderman Pescod inquired about the litigation between M.S. Martin and the City relative to the Canal Lands development. The Chief Administrator asked that with the approval of Council they discuss this matter in private.

Appreciation

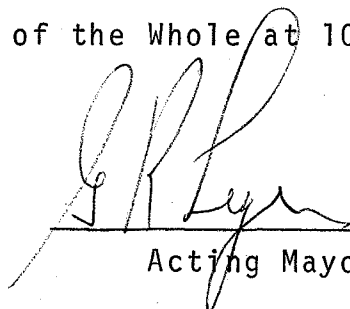
Aldermen Lebano and Holden expressed their thanks and appreciation to the Mayor and Aldermen Webster, Clement, Leger and Fawthrop and the other Council members for being part of a successful team.

Adjournment

On motion of Alderman Lebano, seconded by Alderman Samson, Council adjourned into Committee of the Whole at 10:00 p.m.



Acting Clerk



Acting Mayor