

CITY COUNCIL #14-74

June 3, 1974.

7 p.m.

A Special Meeting of City Council was held this evening with the following members present - 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.

Acting Mayor

In the absence of Mayor Lumley, who was out of town on business, Alderman Guindon, as Acting Mayor for the month of June, chaired the meeting.

DELEGATIONSMr. J. St. Denis - Transit in City

Mr. Jos St. Denis addressed Council on behalf of the senior citizens with respect to the transit operation within the municipality. He complained that the bus service is very poor with numerous breakdowns and on four occasions the passengers had to be transferred to other buses. In many instances there was a considerable period of time before another bus arrived in sub-zero weather. Mr. St. Denis recalled that due to lack of brakes while travelling down Guy Street when the road was icy, the bus missed crashing into the window of a house only by sliding into a frozen snow bank. He noted that several of the buses had no buzzers and only one door would open which made it most difficult to leave the bus when passengers were standing in the aisle. Tonight Mr. St. Denis pointed out that he travelled on one of the new buses which was very clean and equipped with a fire extinguisher and a first aid kit. However, the steps were very high making it difficult for elderly people. He asked why no extra buses are provided at the Brookdale Shopping Plaza during the Christmas and Easter seasons. Often buses at these times are 20 minutes late and then not always able to pick up all passengers which necessitated a 40-minute wait for some people. He also complained that some of the corners where people are getting off the buses are very dark which is quite dangerous as one could very easily slip under the bus.

Alderman Lebano assured Mr. St. Denis that he stood in support of the statement made by him and further that he had made his views known in this respect at the last Council meeting.

Alderman Cameron stated that he did not question what Mr. St. Denis said and that two additional buses have been put into use within the last couple of weeks. He agreed that the steps did seem a little high. The City, Alderman Cameron advised, is presently undertaking a full study of transit services and the possibility of providing 15-minute service. A report should be forthcoming within the next month.

Moved by Alderman Clement, seconded by Alderman Samson, that the remarks of Mr. St. Denis be referred to the Transit Committee. Carried.

Adoption of Minutes

Moved by Alderman LeBlanc, seconded by Alderman Leger, that the minutes be adopted with the motion with respect to the Eastern Industrial Park to read "moved by Alderman Lebano, seconded by Alderman LeBlanc, that the two streets dedicated as highways under By-law 1640, 1974 be named White Street and Jamieson Street." Carried.

Alderman Lebano stated that remarks made at the last Council meeting with respect to transit were not recorded in the minutes. In his opinion any suggestion of any importance made by members of Council should be recorded in the minutes.

Alderman Webster felt that many historical events could be commemorated in naming the two streets in the Industrial Plaza and that we did not have to name them after people living out of town.

Mr. Adams advised that the City Solicitor had suggested that we call for new tenders for watermain extension on Wallrich Avenue, Ninth Street and Saunders Drive, and that tenders will be called within the next two weeks.

Council was advised that the City dump is open from 6 a.m. to 6 p.m. six days of the week and no charge is made for material taken to the dump in cars, cars pulling trailers or station wagons. It was suggested that the City could consider removing the \$1 fee when a resident brings material in a half-ton truck in order to encourage people to

clean up their properties.

COMMUNICATIONS

1. Canadian National Institute for the Blind - Letter of Thanks

Moved by Alderman Pescod, seconded by Alderman Cameron, that the letter be filed. Carried.

Alderman Webster inquired as to whether the various organizations were advised that grants may not be given next year.

Alderman Lebano suggested that all organizations be advised at the same time to submit their proposals early in the year in order that Council may make a decision prior to their budgets being drawn up.

PETITIONS

PE #16-74 - Steven Leduc & others - Swimming Pool in Mattice Park

Moved by Alderman Clement, seconded by Alderman Samson, that the petition be received. Carried.

It was noted that this area is to be included in a report covering the NIP Program to be submitted later this evening by Messrs. C.F. Adams and W.L. Courville.

REPORTS

Committee of the Whole #16-74

Moved by Alderman LeBlanc, seconded by Alderman Leger, that the report be adopted. Carried.

Alderman Pescod advised that he has contacted the Canadian Legion and that a new president will be installed on June 15th. However, the president now in office has been appointed chairman of the committee to work with the City on repairs to the Cenotaph and that it is expected that a meeting will be called some time next week.

Budget Committee #3-74

Moved by Alderman Clement, seconded by Alderman Webster, that the report be received and adopted. Carried.

The Clerk advised that the City has paid its share to date to the Northeastern Ontario Municipal Association and that no commitment has been made by the municipality for 1974.

Alderman Lebano advised that the Budget Committee had not considered making the automobile now used by the Commissioner of Development available to anyone else.

Alderman Clement suggested that it could possibly be used by the Director of Engineering Services as he will have use for an automobile.

Alderman Guindon inquired as to whether there could be a cost factor involved or whether the car was leased on a month-to-month basis.

Council was advised that the Provincial Government had advised withholding a grant to the Children's Aid Society at this time. Therefore, the City had included in the contingency fund any money that might be given to this organization this year. A meeting is to be set up between the Children's Aid Society and the Budget Committee to study this question.

Rept. re Temporary Pavement on Marleau, Fifteenth & others - Misc. #4-74

Moved by Alderman Samson, seconded by Alderman Leger, that the report be received. Carried.

Mr. Walsh explained that the alternatives referred to in the last paragraph of his report would apply to permanent pavements which come under the Commissioner of Development.

Mr. Adams advised that he is preparing a report setting out three or four alternatives as to how to handle permanent pavement giving consideration to the large backlog of petitions now on file.

Alderman Lebano stated that it is most frustrating to residents living on streets which have only gravel roads because of the severe dust problem.

Traffic Operations Study Progress Report No. 2-74

Moved by Alderman Cameron, seconded by Alderman Samson, that the report be received. Carried.

Recreation Department Monthly Progress Report #3-74

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

Alderman Lebano pointed out that there will be a major expenditure next year as a new roof will be needed at the Bob Turner Memorial Centre.

Cornwall Centre Road, Tender #15-74

Moved by Alderman Pescod, seconded by Alderman LeBlanc, that the tender of Louis Bray Construction in the amount of \$224,625.50 be accepted. Carried.

Mr. Adams advised that he has spoken to the County Engineer and the Ministry of Transportation and Communications and that the Ministry is satisfied with the recommendation and that they will be giving a 75% subsidy on this work.

Report on Fire Department Manning #2-74

Moved by Alderman Bough, seconded by Alderman Holden, that the report be considered this evening in Committee of the Whole. Carried.

RESOLUTIONS

RE #36-74 - Municipal Engineers Association - Lack of adequate supervision & inspection of the construction of of sanitary sewers, sewage treatment plants and water works on private property

RE #37-74 - Municipal Engineers Association - Environmental approval of the design and fabrication of equipment

Moved by Alderman Lebano, seconded by Alderman Clement, that the resolutions from the Municipal Engineers Association be endorsed. Carried.

BY-LAWS

By-law No. 1656 - To name White Street in Eastern Industrial Park

1657 - To name Jamieson Street in Eastern Industrial Park

1658 - To authorize the temporary closing of part of Pitt Street for vehicular traffic (Can-Am Day Promotion June 8th)

1659 - To authorize the Mayor and Clerk to sign a subdividers agreement between the City and Lionel Grant

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

By-law No. 1658 - To authorize the temporary closing of part of Pitt Street for vehicular traffic

1659 - To authorize the Mayor and Clerk to sign a subdividers agreement between the City and Lionel Grant

Moved by Alderman Lebano, seconded by Alderman Samson, that the by-laws be read a third time, passed, signed and sealed. Carried.

NEW BUSINESS

Cleanup Week

Alderman Holden asked that consideration be given to extending Cleanup Week when special trucks would be used for pickup. He stated that he had received requests of this nature due to inclement weather.

Bicycle Licences

Alderman Holden stated that he had been approached by a number of persons who found that the \$3 fee was quite a burden for licensing each bicycle when a family owns a number of them. He suggested not making the fee mandatory but rather optional to those persons who wished to buy a licence and thus be afforded protection should their bicycle be lost.

Moved by Alderman Holden, seconded by Alderman Lebano, that the City Police Department defer taking any action at this time until further investigation is carried out due to the large number of bikes in some families.

Alderman Guindon pointed out that obtaining a licence must be made mandatory in order that the police may obtain the name of every bicycle owner as they must check the owner's name against the person driving the bike.

Aldermen Samson and LeBlanc suggested a set licence fee per family rather than obtaining a licence for each bicycle.

Council was advised that Chief Landry carried out a survey of various municipalities across the Province and as a result had recommended the \$3 licence fee for each bicycle. This fee would not completely cover administrative costs.

Alderman Fawthrop joined the meeting at this time.

Alderman LeBlanc asked for a recorded vote with the following results -

<u>FOR</u>	<u>AGAINST</u>
Aldermen M. Holden	Aldermen J. Pescod
A. Lebano	K. Bough
A. Clement	G. Cameron
G. Leger	D. Webster
A. LeBlanc	D. Fawthrop
G. Samson	F. Guindon

The result was a tie vote and the motion was lost.

Senior Citizens

Mayor Lumley advised Alderman Lebano that he had received an invitation to participate in Senior Citizens Week from June 16th to 22nd. The request of the Seaway Valley Citizens Club to have the coloured lights on during the week had been referred to Mr. G. Walsh for his opinion.

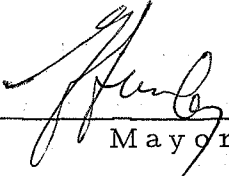
Fires

Chief Carriere agreed with Alderman Lebano that the number of fires during the first half of this year has increased over the number that occurred last year, especially fires caused by vandalism or fires of a criminal nature. All major fires are investigated by the Fire Marshal with one fire still being under investigation.

Adjournment

On motion of Alderman Lebano, seconded by Alderman Leger, Council adjourned into Committee of the Whole at 8:35 p.


Clerk


Mayor