

COUNCIL MEETING #37-75

November 24, 1975.

7:00 p.m.

A regular meeting of City Council was held this evening with the following members present: His Worship Mayor G. Parisien, Aldermen M. Holden, J. Pescod, A. Lebano, K. Bough, G. Cameron, F. Guindon, L. Keen, B. Lynch, R. Pearson, G. Samson, A. LeBlanc, R. Aubry.

Civic Complex Manager - Mayor G. Parisien presented Mr. J. Jordan to Council Members. Mr. Jordan thanked Council for selecting him as the Complex Manager. He stated that he has been working now for three weeks, and is looking forward to getting the Civic Complex open and operating at a profit.

Adoption of Minutes - Moved by Alderman Pescod, seconded by Alderman Samson that the minutes of Council Meeting #35, November 10th, 1975 be adopted as received. Carried.

Moved by Alderman LeBlanc, seconded by Alderman Guindon that the minutes of Council Meeting #36, November 12th, 1975 be adopted as received. Carried.

Moved by Alderman Lynch, seconded by Alderman Keen that the minutes of Committee of Council #30, November 10th, 1975 be adopted as received. Carried.

Communications and By-laws - Moved by Alderman Lynch, seconded by Alderman Lebano that Council go into Committee of the Whole and that all communications, petitions and by-laws be referred to that committee and that by-laws number 1918 to 1932 inclusive, as listed, be given a first reading -

- 1918 To authorize the Mayor and Clerk to sign, on behalf of the City of Cornwall, a Supplementary Agreement with Stenan Developments Ltd.
- 1919 To authorize the Mayor and Clerk to sign an Agreement between William R. Mack and the City of Cornwall, for renovations to rear portion of YM Building. (now known as Kinsmen Municipal Centre)
- 1920 To authorize the signing of a Lease with St. Felix Parish Boy Scout Troup.

- 1921 To impose conditions of development or re-development of lands or buildings in the City of Cornwall.
- 1922 To authorize the signing of a Deed with Her Majesty the Queen.
- 1923 To dedicate and name Ontario Street and Lemay Street, approved earlier by Council.
- 1924 To extend for one year the Franchise Agreement with Cornwall Electric, approved earlier by Council.
- 1925 To extend for one year the increase of rates with St. Lawrence Power, approved earlier by Council.
- 1926 To authorize the Mayor and Clerk to sign a House Lease with Mrs. Julie Seguin to rent premises at 5 Duncan Street on a monthly basis.
- 1927 To authorize the Mayor and Clerk to sign a Lease for space to be used by the Cornwall & District Association for the Mentally Retarded in the Kinsmen Municipal Centre.
- 1928 To borrow upon debentures \$103,151.03
- 1929 To borrow upon debentures \$278,137.70
- 1930 To borrow upon debentures \$169,265.41
- 1931 To borrow upon debentures \$272,652.46
- 1932 To consolidate by-laws 1928 to 1931 inclusive and 1427/73 \$1,248,751.79.

Alderman Aubry asked why the three items listed on the Committee of Council agenda could not be discussed in open council. Mayor Parisien stated that the letter from the Chamber of Commerce concerning the L.I.P. Grant should be discussed in Closed Council.

It was the consensus of Council that items 2 and 3 be discussed in Open Council, and become items 37-25 and 37-26 under Communications.

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

Resolutions -

#65-75 - City of Cornwall - That the Department of Transportation & Communication be petitioned for interim payment of expenditures in the amount of \$1,926,965.00 up to November 19, 1975.

Moved by Alderman Cameron, seconded by Alderman Pescod that the resolution be endorsed. Carried.

#66-75 - City of Cornwall - That By-law No. 1893/75 is according to the Official Plan of the City of Cornwall. (Dr. McGowan)

Moved by Alderman Pearson, seconded by Alderman LeBlanc that the resolution be endorsed. Carried.

Communications -

37-1 Commissioner of Development - summary of final reports for storm and sanitary sewers, watermains and pavements constructed under various tenders.

Moved by Alderman Guindon, seconded by Alderman Samson that the report be filed. Carried.

37-2 Petition #462 - Martha Dube et al - for the construction of a watermain on Ross Avenue from Cornwall Centre Road to Patrick St.

37-3 Petition #463 - Romolo D'Emilio et al - for the construction of a watermain on Grace Street from McKenzie St. to Patrick St.

37-4 Petition #464 - Robert Miller et al - for the construction of a watermain on Leger Avenue from Cornwall Centre Road Southerly to the dead end.

37-5 Petition #465 - Wm. Wylie et al - for the construction of a watermain on Poirier Avenue from Cornwall Centre Road to Mercier Ave.

37-6 Petition #466 - Wayne Winter et al - for the construction of a watermain on Duval Avenue from Lot 42 R.P. 123 to Cornwall Centre Road.

37-7 Petition #467 - Paul Lauzon et al - for the construction of a watermain on Patrick Street from Grace Street to Ross Avenue.

37-8 Petition #468 - John McMartin et al - for the construction of a watermain on Hilbert Avenue from Johnston Avenue to Johnston Ave.

37-9 Petition #469 - Peter Friesen et al - for the construction of a watermain on Edgar Street from Lot 39 R.P. 209 to Lot 56 R.P. 209.

Moved by Alderman Pescod, seconded by Alderman Lebano that Petition numbers 462 to 469 be received and directed to the Director of Engineering Services. Carried.

The Commissioner of Development reported that the main petition from McKenzie Street has not been received as yet. Alderman Keen asked that a list of streets where a petition for water services in the North end has not been received to date, be provided to Council members.

- 37-10 Director of Public Works & Purchasing Agent - recommending Hec's Tree Service be awarded contract for Tender #70-75, Tree cutting and trimming, and endorsed by the Chief Administrator.

Moved by Alderman LeBano, seconded by Alderman Guindon that Hec's Tree Service be awarded the contract for Tender #70-75 at a total bid price of \$10,610.00. Carried.

- 37-11 Fire Chief - Summary of Final Report on Elevator platform and pump.

Moved by Alderman LeBlanc, seconded by Alderman Samson that the report be filed. Carried.

- 37-12 Transit Manager - Summary of Final Report on buses and service truck.

Moved by Alderman Pescod, seconded by Alderman LeBano that the report be filed. Carried.

- 37-13 Ministry of the Solicitor General - information concerning E.M.O.

It was moved by Alderman Pescod, seconded by Alderman Keen that Rule 2 be waived so as to hear from Mr. George Tyo. Carried.

Mr. G. Tyo, Co-ordinator of Stormont-Dundas & Glengarry and City of Cornwall EMO, answered questions put to him by various aldermen. He advised Council that the Volunteer members help enormously in emergency situations.

Moved by Alderman LeBano, seconded by Alderman LeBlanc that we support the Emergency Measures Organization participation in the 1976/77 Federal Program. Unanimously carried.

- 37-14 Commissioner of Development - recommending the purchase of 0.14 acres of land required for our Waterworks operation, and endorsed by the Chief Administrator.

Moved by Alderman Lynch, seconded by Alderman Cameron that the recommendation be approved. Carried.

- 37-15 Massena Chamber of Commerce - requesting Cornwall Council's support objecting to the 50% increase in the Bridge rates.

Moved by Alderman Pescod, seconded by Alderman LeBlanc that Seaway International Bridge be advised that Cornwall Council strongly objects to the increase, and requests from the Company, an explanation on the need for such a large increase in rates. Mr. E.C. Lumley, M.P. is to be made aware of Council's objection to this proposed rate increase. Carried.

37-16 Cornwall Chamber of Commerce - requests regarding the Santa Claus Parade being held Sunday, November 30th.

Moved by Alderman Guindon, seconded by Alderman Pearson that the requests be approved. Carried.

37-17 United Counties of Stormont, Dundas & Glengarry - expressing thanks and appreciation for transit service provided during recent convention.

Moved by Alderman LeBlanc, seconded by Alderman Aubry that this letter be filed. Carried.

37-18 Transit Manager & Chief Administrator - re radio equipment requirements for buses and service vehicles.

Moved by Alderman Guindon, seconded by Alderman Keen that the recommendation be approved. Carried.

During a general discussion, Alderman Bough inquired what will happen to these portables if, at budget time we can not afford the six buses. Mr. G. Robertson advised that the portables can be used on either the new buses or the old buses.

37-19 Director of Parks & Recreation & Chief Administrator - Report and proposed budget re Big Ben Ski Hill.

Moved by Alderman Aubry, seconded by Alderman Lynch that the report be adopted as received. Carried.

Alderman Pescod declared his interest and refrained from discussing and voting.

37-20 Commissioner of Development - requesting resolution to allow the City to apply to the O.M.B. for an increase of allocation funds for 1975 capital budget purposes, and endorsed by the Chief Administrator.

Moved by Alderman LeBlanc, seconded by Alderman Aubry that the resolution be endorsed. Unanimously carried.

37-21 Chief Administrator - re development of Guindon Park.

After a brief discussion, it was moved by Alderman Aubry, seconded by Alderman Pescod that the recommendation be adopted as received. Carried.

37-22 Commissioner of Development - re Garage Encroachment, RP#207, together with comments from the Chief Administrator.

Moved by Alderman Guindon, seconded by Alderman Keen that the report be adopted as received. Carried.

37-23 Commissioner of Development - recommending City accept offer of Purchase from Mr. & Mrs. E. Regnier, 42, 42A & 44 Edward St. and endorsed by the Chief Administrator.

Moved by Alderman LeBlanc, seconded by Alderman Samson that the City accept the Offer to Purchase from Mr. & Mrs. E. Regnier. Carried.

37-24 Commissioner of Development - recommending the transfer of 3.4 acres of land to the Crown in exchange for part 1 plan 52R-396 being part of the Civic Complex Site.

Moved by Alderman LeBlanc, seconded by Alderman Lynch that the recommendation be approved. Carried.

37-25 Civic Complex Manager - Report on Official Name of the Civic Complex.

Mayor Parisien stated that he was approached by a former Member of Council, who suggested that the new complex be known as a Memorial Centre. He was reminded that the former Athletic Grounds was dedicated as a Memorial Centre, but the name was later changed.

It was moved by Alderman Guindon that the Civic Complex be called Memorial Centre. There was no seconder to the motion.

It was moved by Alderman Cameron that the Civic Complex be called Cornwall Place. There was no seconder to the motion.

Moved by Alderman Aubry, seconded by Alderman Lebano that this report be referred back to Administration and Mr. Jordan, to prepare suitable guidelines for a contest open to the public, to come up with an official name for the Civic Complex. The motion was defeated.

Alderman Pearson asked Mr. Jordan how long this could be deferred. Mr. Jordan explained that there is a lot of promotion to be done, letterhead to be printed, and because of the Christmas holidays coming up, this will delay matters. Mr. Jordan further stated that he is presently negotiating with entertainment such as the Globe Trotters, Ice Capades and Singer Dionne Warwick. He felt that an official name should be given as quickly as possible.

Moved by Alderman Keen, seconded by Alderman Lynch, that the new facility be named Cornwall Civic Complex and that the name also be Centre Civic de Cornwall. The motion carried.

37-26 Civic Complex Manager - Official opening of the Civic Complex

Mr. Jordan explained to Council that he wanted a vote on the choice of entertainment for the opening of the Complex, and stated that the Ice Capades are prepared to appear for the opening. Also, Mr. Jordan informed Council that the opening of the doors and the official opening are two completely different highlights. He further indicated that if the Royals Hockey Team was ready to start in September, they should be able to use the Complex, because the official opening may not be until January 1977.

Alderman Pescod, and Alderman Lynch agreed with Mr. Jordan in that the first attraction should be geared towards family entertainment, such as the Ice Capades. Alderman LeBano suggested one week of festivities, perhaps engaging Lawrence Welk or Guy Lombardo.

Aldermen Lynch and LeBlanc both agreed that the Prime Minister of Canada and the Premier of Ontario be invited to the official opening.

Alderman LeBlanc stated that the people of Cornwall should have the opportunity of going through the building and suggested the use of guides to show the facilities.

It was moved by Alderman Guindon, seconded by Alderman Pearson that the Mayor form a Committee to work with Mr. Jordan on particulars dealing with the official opening of the Civic Complex. Carried.

COUNCIL

The Chairman of the Committee of the Whole reported to Council the actions of the Committee, including the second reading of the by-laws and the recommendations for enactment.

By-laws - 3rd reading - Moved by Alderman Lebano, seconded by Alderman LeBlanc that the by-laws 1918 to 1927 inclusive as listed on the agenda for third reading, be taken as read a third time and finally passed. Carried.

Alderman Bough declared his interest and refrained from discussing or voting on By-law 1924, 1975.

New or Unfinished Business -

Senior Citizen Developments - Mayor Parisien advised Council that the Ministry of Housing have tenders out for both senior citizen housing units. Further, he advised that we have sent a letter to Cornwall Housing Authority requesting that our application to look at these developments together be honoured.

Capital Theatre - Mayor Parisien stated that as requested previously by Council, he met with Mr. G.B. & Eric Markell, and advised them of the concern about the type of movies being shown. The Markell's pointed out that it is a business operation and they are showing the types of films that are making money. The only alternative left, Mayor Parisien advised, is to break the lease with the Capital Theatre, adding that this will not stop the movies being shown, as they will appear elsewhere. Mayor Parisien then suggested we write to the Stormont Christian Council and ask for their co-operation in the censoring of movies. The aldermen agreed that this should be done.

Anti-Inflation Program - Mayor Parisien advised Council members that on Thursday, at 2:00 p.m., the Honourable John Munro will be at St. Columban's Hall, to explain the guide lines of the recent anti-inflation program.

Paper Workers - Mayor Parisien advised that he and Mayors from other municipalities affected by the Paper Workers strikes are meeting with Dr. Bette Stephenson, Ontario Minister of Labour, to try and resolve the strike.

Moved by Alderman Lebano, seconded by Alderman Pearson that the Mayor endeavour to have Management and Labour try and resolve the strike. Carried.

Cornwall Senior Citizens Club - letter requesting the City of Cornwall grant \$2000.00 a year for a period of five years, in order to help defray their expenses.

After a brief general discussion, it was moved by Alderman Guindon, seconded by Alderman Samson that administration be authorized to contact Mrs. Duffy and explain to them the City's position. The City would give them a letter stating that we are in favour of their undertaking. Carried.

Holiday - Mayor Parisien advised that he has had several inquiries as to whether Council is going to consider January 2nd as a municipal holiday.

Moved by Alderman Bough, seconded by Alderman Lynch that January 2nd, 1976, not be declared as a holiday. Carried.

Skating Area - Alderman Aubry asked that administration look into the feasibility of using the canal as a skating area.

Hockey Schools - Alderman Aubry asked for a report on the City run hockey schools. He indicated that a number of Americans are using the facilities, and if it is running at a deficit, our citizens are paying these costs.

Water Street - Alderman Aubry stated that he noticed the stakes set up on Water Street are very close to the Cairn. The Commissioner of Development advised that the contractor made the mistake in the layout and there is a seven foot error at the Memorial. The berm is to be replaced in the Spring.

Transit Facility - Noting that there is some activity at the new Transit Facility Site, Alderman Aubry expressed concern about the trees in the immediate area. The Transit Manager advised that the trees will be moved and re-planted.

Second Street Parking - Alderman Aubry inquired if anything further has developed regarding off-street parking on Second Street. In this same matter, Alderman LeBlanc once again requested that he be advised when a meeting is called to discuss off-street parking on Second Street.

Street Lighting - Alderman LeBlanc inquired who looks after the changing of burned out street lights. The Director of Public Works informed him that we rely on the citizens and the police to report where a light is burned out. Alderman Bough explained that when Cornwall Electric receives a call, the location is recorded and every Monday, Wednesday and Friday, a crew is sent out to replace lights.

Gloucester Street - Noticing that Gloucester Street had one coating of asphalt, Alderman LeBlanc asked if the street could be open to traffic. Mr. C.F. Adams advised that he would check on this.

Sewers & Watermain - Alderman LeBlanc inquired as to when the sewers and watermains are to be extended to the Heavenly Homes development. The Director of Engineering Services is to be asked to look into this matter.

Works Superintendent - Alderman LeBlanc asked the Chief Administrator for a list of the applicants and the reason why the job was given to a person living outside the City. Mayor Parisien advised that under a City by-law, there are certain positions which administration is responsible for.

Property Standards By-law - Alderman Samson informed Council that he had received a call from a person who purchased a property two years ago, and it still has a \$7,000. mortgage. He stated that the City wants this building demolished, and that he can not obtain a permit to carry out repairs which he is prepared to do. The Commissioner of Development indicated he was familiar with this property, and he was informed by Mr. Courville that there is a Hearing being set up to hear this particular case. He further stated that if the owner of the building is willing to bring this building up to the standards of the by-law, Mr. Courville is prepared to go along with this.

Kinsmen Club - Alderman Pearson informed Council that the Kinsmen Club of Cornwall have agreed to purchase a clock for the Civic Complex.

Warrington/Brown Parking Lot - Alderman Pearson requested there be a ribbon cutting ceremony as the official opening of the City's newest parking lot. Alderman Keen suggested that the City should advertise free parking for one weekend, in conjunction with the opening.

Wintario Grant - Alderman Lynch informed Council that on October 31st, the Library Board submitted two applications for Wintario Grants. One application was for the expansion to the present library building and the other application was to increase services available to the French population. To date, the Library Board has not heard anything regarding their applications.

Library Facilities - Alderman Lynch reported that the North Branch Library has been in operation for ten days, and the circulation has been quite high. The Library Board is considering a new location for the East Branch. Mrs. Nyland will be meeting with Mr. Si Miller to discuss a new location, possibly in a City park.

Outdoor rinks - Alderman Lynch requested a list of outdoor rinks from the Director of Parks & Recreation.

United Way Campaign - Concern was expressed by Alderman Lynch because the

United Way is far from reaching their goal in donations.

It was moved by Alderman Lynch, seconded by Alderman Aubry that Council members should go on record urging the people of Cornwall to help in contributions to the United Way. Carried.

Shell Canada - Alderman Guindon asked if administration was able to obtain a better price on the property being purchased from Shell Canada. Mayor Parisien advised that we did get a lower price.

Tree Planting - Alderman Guindon inquired if a letter had been received from the Boy Scouts regarding trees being planted. Mayor Parisien advised no letter had been received. Alderman Guindon informed Council that the Boy Scouts are willing to plant trees in the Guindon Park area, and this could be worked out with the Commissioner of Development. Mayor Parisien suggested that further discussion on this matter be delayed until the request is received.

Transit Ridership - Alderman Guindon asked the Transit Manager what the ridership is as of now. Mr. G. Robertson reported that October 1975 shows an increase of 50,266 over October 1974. He further stated that it would appear we may have an increase of 80,000 for November. Alderman Guindon then inquired if the six additional buses have been ordered. The Chief Administrator advised that we have ordered the buses, however, we now have to wait for the approval of M.T.C.

Management Committee - Alderman Guindon noted that Mr. Doug Webster is now replacing Mr. E.C. Lumley, M.P., as the City representative on the Management Committee. Aldermen Bough and Holden expressed their disappointment in Mr. Lumley being taken off the Management Committee.

School Buses - Alderman Cameron reported that he has been receiving calls from school bus drivers, complaining that cars are not stopping, even though the bus flashers are on. He asked that Mayor Parisien

as a member of the Police Commission, bring this to the attention of the police department. Alderman Holden indicated that some school buses are stopping anywhere and the bus drivers should be requested to stop only where there are regular bus stops.

Social Services - Alderman Cameron noted the very high percentage receiving social service benefits, and suggested that we take a very serious look at this situation.

Taxi Drivers - Alderman Bough advised that he had received calls from certain taxi drivers, who have received parking tickets, because they used certain truck stops, in order to pick up parcels. The taxi drivers feel it is most unfair and wanted to know if something could be done.

L.I.P. Grants - Alderman Bough inquired how the general public can find out who can obtain L.I.P. Grants. Mayor Parisien indicated that the newspaper usually carries coverage on the L.I.P. Grants, and Mr. C.F. Adams advised that Canada Manpower and the office of our Member of Parliament would know all the details.

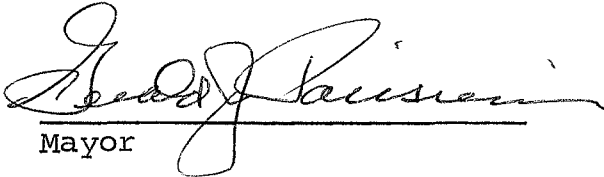
Sewer By-law - Alderman Lebano requested that the Chief Administrator, Commissioner of Development and Director of Public Works review the present sewer by-law, with respect to the non collectable waste section, and report back to Council.

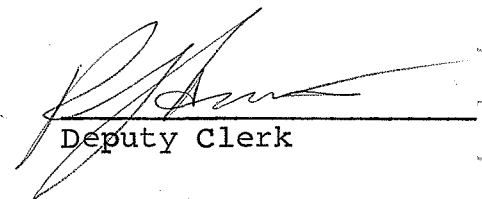
Downtown Development - Alderman Lebano informed Council that the City of Hull has a large development project underway, with Campeau Construction Ltd. He added that perhaps Council should look further, as there could possibly be companies willing to develop the downtown core of Cornwall. Alderman Pescod suggested that perhaps Campeau Construction might be interested in the Cornwall area, because there seems to be problems with the progress of the development in Hull.

Land Banking - Referring to an article in tonight's newspaper regarding the price paid by the City for land in the Eastern end of the City, Alderman Lebano indicated that he was glad to see that Mr. Hamilton, Mr. C.F. Adams and Mayor Parisien corrected any explanations on the value of the land. Alderman Lebano stated further that the agent who made the statement should try and give help and input, instead of trying to tear down everything we do.

Parking Lot - Alderman Pescod inquired about the property behind the old New York cafe, and stated that if it is going to remain vacant, perhaps the City should try to purchase the property. Alderman Pescod also asked what was happening with the property on the North East corner of Augustus & Second Streets.

Committee of Council - Moved by Alderman Holden, seconded by Alderman Aubry that Council adjourn into Committee.

  
Mayor

  
Deputy Clerk