

CITY COUNCIL #2- 75January 20, 1975
7:00 p.m.

A Special 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, F. Guindon, L. Keen, R. Pearson, R. Aubry, G. Samson, A. LeBlanc and B. Lynch.

Adoption of minutes - Moved by Alderman Keen, seconded by Alderman Lebano that the minutes of the meeting of January 13th be adopted as received. Carried. It was noted that one of the suggestions of Alderman Bough is to read 'sale of debentures locally' and that of Alderman Pescod-'He referred to the energy crisis in electricity'.

Communications & By-laws -

Moved by Alderman Pescod, seconded by Alderman Guindon 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 No. 1741 through 1746 inclusive, as listed, be given first reading -

1741 - Authorize Mayor and Clerk to sign agreement with St. Lawrence Power Co. & Cornwall Street Railway for use of subway duct system

1742 - Provide interim levy on whole real estate and business assessment and to establish the installment dates

1743 - Amend appointing by-law 1736, 1975 by adding to the appointment of the Lower St. Lawrence Planning Board the names "chairman and vice-chairman of the Cornwall Planning Board"

1744 - Authorize the Mayor and Clerk to enter into agreement with S.D. & G. County Roman Catholic School Board

1745 - Amend Zoning By-law 751, 1969, deleting "a private club" in Section 02-2-2 and in Section 02-3-2 from Residential Zones 20 & 30 respectively (approved earlier by Council)

1746 - By-law adopting the N.I.P. redevelopment plan, as approved earlier by Council

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLECommunications -

1 - Ontario Heart Foundation - asking permission of Council to have a door-to-door blitz on Tues. February 18th

Moved by Alderman Lebano, seconded by Alderman Lynch that

Ontario Heart Foundation be granted permission to conduct a 'blitz' on Tuesday, February 18th. Carried

2 - Cornwall Regatta Committee - Moved by Alderman Holden that the City defer making any payment until the current budget is set. There was no seconder to the motion. Moved by Alderman Guindon, seconded by Alderman Lebano that \$1,500.00 be advanced to the Cornwall Tourist and Convention Bureau as part of its 1975 budget. Carried

Alderman Aubry reported that, at a recent meeting he attended, some discussion took place between the executive and directors of the Chamber of Commerce and the Tourist and Convention Bureau and that by the end of this week probably a decision will be made as to what group will be responsible for tourist promotion within the City.

3 - Canada Safety Council - Safe Driving Week 1974 - no fatal traffic accidents in City.

Moved by Alderman Lebano, seconded by Alderman Samson that the letter be filed. Carried

4 - Report of Chief Administrator re Raisin Region Conservation Authority 1973 levy

Moved by Alderman Lebano, seconded by Alderman Pescod that the City pay an additional \$13,905.00 to the Raisin Region Conservation Authority, being an adjustment in the 1973 levy. Carried

5 - Report from Chief Administrator - tender for Solid Waste Collection

Several discussions were held on this matter. Mr. Walsh was commended by several alderman for the quality of the report. Alderman Aubry questioned the possibility of 12 hr. shifts rather than 7 hr. shifts. The Chief Administrator replied that 12 hr. shifts were not predominant in other cities and that the extra hrs. could possibly be harmful to the equipment. Alderman Lebano stated that he was against two shifts or longer hours but that he would like to see the possibility of collections be between 6:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m. Alderman Pescod questioned the validity of the tender if a new site is used. The Chief Administrator reported

that the calling of tenders is on the basis of the existing site or within city limits. Alderman Guindon suggested that an ad hoc committee be formed to study the possibility of a new site. Alderman Keen supported the recommendation of Alderman Lebano that the 6:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. collection be considered. It was thus moved by Alderman Keen, seconded by Alderman Lynch that Council concur with the report and call tenders on basis outlined and also look into the possibility of 6:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. collection. Carried

6 - Report from Chief Administrator - to enter into agreement with Mr. J. Lascelle for Animal Control Services

Moved by Alderman Guindon, seconded by Alderman Lebano that the City enter into an agreement with Mr. John Lascelle for animal control services for a period of three years at a cost of \$10,000.00 per year. Carried

7 - Report from Chief Administrator - Y.M.-Y.W.C.A. Building

Alderman Aubry questioned the liability of \$65,000.00 as shown on report. The Chief Administrator informed Council that this amount should be changed to \$71,000.00. Alderman Lynch complimented the Chief Administrator on the decisive manner in which he has handled this matter and went on to ask if the Chief Administrator knew what rent will be charged to the Y.M.-Y.W.C.A. He replied that rentals had not been established. Alderman Lebano stated that he felt that if, and when, the City acquire the building the name should be changed and that he thought that whether business or social groups were using the facilities, they should pay the going rate. It was moved by Alderman Guindon and seconded by Alderman Pescod that Council approve of the report subject to the compliance of the items listed in the report and that a further clause be included to indicate that the City will be responsible for the heating and any other basic necessities of maintenance of the building until such time as the City has actually acquired the building.

8 - Report from Director Public Works - Asbestos Fibres in water supply

Moved by Alderman Lebano, seconded by Alderman Guindon that the report be adopted as received. Carried. It was suggested that the Ministry be asked to take a sample of the water before and after it has gone through the Filtration Plant, with costs for analysing to be borne by the Government.

9 - Report from Director Public Works - sidewalk snow clearing

Moved by Alderman Pescod, seconded by Alderman LeBlanc that the report be adopted for information only. Carried. Alderman Pescod indicated that a certain area (on Second St. between York St. and West Front School) had not been cleared of snow during last storm. Alderman Guindon expressed his opinion that snow removal would be completed on alternate sides every year but that this was not being done. Mr. Walsh explained that a few years ago it had been agreed that sidewalks would be cleared of snow on an alternate side every year, but after analyzing the situation and determining different problems such as having to re-route because the snow plows are equipped to push snow away from properties it was decided that a better job could be done under the present system.

By-Laws -

Moved by Alderman Guindon, seconded by Alderman Samson that By-laws 1741 through 1746 inclusive be read a second time. Carried.

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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.

Committee of the Whole - Moved by Alderman Holden, seconded by Alderman Lynch that the report be adopted as received. Carried

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

NEW OR UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Ontario tradesmen - Rather than attend the meeting to be held in Belleville, Mayor Parisien was instructed to write to The Honourable J. MacBeth pointing out the problems encountered by local tradesmen when persons outside the province are permitted to work here/

Truck rates - Council was advised that the Director of Economic Development is to meet with industrialists to develop data and prepare a report on truck rates. Council will then be asked to determine what steps should be taken.

Family Housing Development - Mayor Parisien made available to each member of Council, a copy of a letter submitted on behalf of residents in the Fourth and Gloucester Streets area, objecting to a family housing development in that area.

Public Library addition - Alderman Lynch reported that the Library Board is asking to meet with Council to discuss plans for an addition to the Simon Fraser Library.

Snowmobiles - The Chief Administrator advised that a report should be submitted shortly to Council on proposed intersection signs leading to snowmobile trails.

Fire Dept. hiring procedure -- It was explained that hiring in the Fire Department is done through the services of Manpower along with a review of other applications on file. Screening is done by the Fire Chief and Director of Personnel.

Bus service for senior citizens - The Chief Administrator agreed that a report on fares to be charged senior citizens using City buses could be made a priority item and a report submitted to Council within three or four weeks.

Youth Arena - Alderman Pearson inquired as to what money had been allocated in previous budgets for an Youth Arena.

Civic Complex - The Chief Administrator informed Council that preliminary work has commenced and tenders will close on Feb. 4th for piling.

Good Roads Association - Alderman Pearson inquired as to whether anyone is attending the Good Roads Association. The Chief Administrator replied that the decision is being left with Council.

Snow Blower - Mr. Walsh advised that the snow blower has been sent to Montreal for preventive maintenance work.

Senior Citizens Housing - Alderman Pearson was informed that applications are approved by Cornwall Housing Authority for Senior Citizens Housing.

Augustus Street - Mr. Meikle noted that Augustus Street from Water to First Street should be open this week.

Jr. 'A' Hockey League - Alderman Samson pointed out that there was no representative of Council at the Water Street Arena at the Jr. 'A' Hockey League game. Further, he stated, on February 13th a team from Pennsylvania will be playing here. Mayor Parisien replied that no invitation had been received and that he or another member of Council would be pleased to attend if invited.

Retirement - Inquiring whether any recognition had been given Mr. Leo St. Denis upon his retirement from the City, the Chief Administrator advised Alderman Samson that there is a policy governing retirements and that he will check with the Personnel Director.

Project Management - Council was informed that the Project Manager was hired by Council under a letter of intent and that an agreement will be signed possibly in a couple of weeks. The Project Manager, the Chief Administrator explained, acts as general manager on behalf of the City, to see that all work is properly carried out.

E.M.O. - Council was advised that E.M.O. will be operating out of an office in a building at Pitt and Third Street, commencing March 1st.

Justice Bldg. Parking lot - The Chief Administrator was asked to look into the possibility of making the Justice Bldg. parking lot available to the public on Friday night and all Saturday.

Eastern Ontario Amateur Football Assoc. - Alderman LeBlanc told Council that this is the first time the annual convention of the Eastern Ontario Amateur Football Association is being held in the City and asked that Council grant them \$100.00. The request was referred to the Tourist and Convention Bureau.

Water Street Arena - Alderman Aubry complained of the overcrowding and smoking permitted during a circus sponsored by the Cornwall Firefighters Association last year. The Chief Administrator is to look into the matter.

Handbook - The Chief Administrator was requested by Alderman Aubry to supply persons attending Council meetings with a handbook to include a schematic showing seating arrangement and names of Council members; simplified organizational chart with a brief description of how this Council operates.

Complaints - The Chief Administrator explained the procedure followed when complaints are received from taxpayers.

Management Committee - Mayor Parisien informed Council that he is meeting this week, for the first time, with the Management Committee and has been assured that complete information will be made available to him on the Infrastructure grants. Alderman Lebano requested that the Mayor consider the need for a small ad hoc committee for the civic complex.

Education costs - Answering Alderman Lebano, Mayor Parisien acknowledged that he had no information on the Minister of Education's statement about a mill increase pertaining to education, other than that given out by the news media.

Answering Alderman Lebano

Taxi Service -/Mayor Parisien notified Council that the Police Commission has been studying the possible need for extra taxicabs to ensure adequate service.

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Snow Blowers - Alderman Bough asked that when the City is considering the purchase of new equipment for clearing sidewalks that snow blowers be considered.


Telephone Service - Alderman Bough asked Council to note the change in service by Bell Canada, whereby assistance in obtaining unlisted numbers must go through Hull and questioned whether this means would be adequate to our citizens.

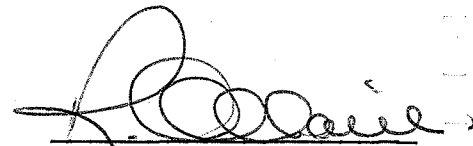
Infrastructure grant - The Chief Administrator stated he has today received a letter from Hon. White with respect to infrastructure grants and that he will make a copy available to each member.

Canal lands - Alderman Guindon was advised that no reply has yet been received from the Federal Government on the City's proposal to acquire 16 acres of canal lands.

Solid Waste - Alderman Guindon suggested an ad hoc committee be formed to meet with Counties Council to discuss solid waste.

Letters re transit - Alderman Guindon referred to letters apparently received at City Hall and not yet passed on to Council. He also made reference to staff visiting other municipalities without Council being made aware. The Chief Administrator stated that staff has to visit other places from time to time in order to produce more meaningful reports to Council and that valuable information can be gained from such visits.


Mayor


Acting Clerk