

March 22, 1976
7:00 p.m.

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

Ontario Championships - Congratulating Maureen Pinkos and Patrick Lajoie in their recent participation in the Ontario Championships in Guelph, Mayor Parisien had them both sign the Golden Book and presented them with a momento of the City. Maureen swam to two gold and a silver medal; with Patrick winning a bronze medal. Maureen is the holder of four Eastern Ontario records; with Patrick holding two such records.

Messrs. Dwayne Hollingsworth and Gerry Grady were each presented with a certificate for services to the citizens of Cornwall - Mr. Hollingsworth as a member of the Raisin Region Conservation Authority and Mr. Grady as a member of the Seaway Valley Tourist Council and the Tourist and Convention Bureau.

Adoption of Minutes - Moved by Alderman Samson, seconded by Alderman Cameron that the minutes be adopted as received. Carried

Moved by Alderman Keen, seconded by Alderman LeBlanc that the minutes of the meeting of the Committee of Council of March 8th be adopted as received. Carried

Moved by Alderman Lynch, seconded by Alderman Guindon that the minutes of the meeting of the Committee of Council of March 11th be adopted as received. Carried

Delegations - Mr. Michael Larsky, a former operator of boat tours in the 1000 Islands, approached Council with plans to carry out a similar venture along the St. Lawrence. He believed this operation would develop the waterfront and combine some of the scenic attractions which the City has; together with giving a history of Cornwall and the area.

He asked the City for a lease of land in the Lamoureux Park area where they could do their own improvements, build a dock, ticket booth, parking lot, construct a road into the area and erect signs of good design. The boat would be 65 ft. and seat 140 people. In addition to the two hour tours, they would provide evening cruises, where entertainment would be had. If warranted, Mr. Larsky stated, he is then prepared to provide a boat to seat 350 to 400 persons and develop, at his own expense, public washrooms and lighting in the area. He stressed the need to be in operation for the 1976 season; and indicated the Seaway Authority is prepared to give its approval one day after Council, for a sub-lease. Suggestions received from Council were that the R.C.A.F. Association, local power squadron, Downtown merchants, Chamber of Commerce, Ministry of the Environment and Ministry of Health be contacted; opinion of our engineer and solicitor be obtained; a dyke wall be constructed and determine where the access road should be. Mr. Larsky stated that he is prepared to work with the City to determine the location of the access road; that fuelling would take place at the Cornwall Harbour where they would also use the pump-out station; and that washrooms are provided on the boat. Mr. Larsky was advised to investigate the entrance to the bay of large boulders; and, as alternative sites, it was suggested that he might wish to consider the waterfront behind the Civic Complex or in the area where the Raisin Region Conservation Authority is dredging. It was moved by Alderman Aubry, seconded by Alderman Lebano that the City accept, in principle, Mr. Larsky's proposal and that it be turned over to administration to work out the details and bring back a firm recommendation covering the technical points that have been raised this evening. Carried. It was suggested that other cities be contacted.

Consent Agenda - Moved by Alderman Aubry, seconded by

Alderman Bough that the following items, as listed on the Consent Agenda, be adopted as received -

- 10-1C Royal Canadian Air Cadets - requesting a Tag Day on June 25, 1977
- 10-2C Resolution #33-76, Cornwall - authorizing the Commissioner of Finance to make use of a mechanical device to sign cheques
- 10-3C Resolution #34-76, Hawkesbury - that A.M.O. bear the costs for travelling, lodging, meals and other out-of-pocket expenses incurred by the members of the Board of Directors while attending meetings

Resolutions -

- #31 - Cornwall - that City Council requests the Provincial Government to continue the O.H.R.P. program

Moved by Alderman Lynch, seconded by Alderman Pearson that Council endorse the resolution. Carried

- #32 - Cornwall - to allow a discharge of lien or charge to Mr. & Mrs. Geo. Perras

Moved by Alderman Lebano, seconded by Alderman LeBlanc that Council endorse the resolution. Carried

Communications and By-laws - Moved by Alderman Samson, 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-law No. 1982 to 1993, as listed, be given a first reading -

- 1982 - to dedicate land as a highway and name it Mack Drive
- 1983 - to dedicate land as a highway and name it Copeland Street
- 1984 - To establish a Community Recreation Centre at Bob Turner Memorial Centre
- 1985 - To establish a Community Recreation Centre at Mattice Park
- 1986 - To establish a Community Recreation Centre at Cornwall Civic Complex, cultural centre
- 1987 - To establish a Community Recreation Centre at Cornwall Civic Complex, skating arena

- 1988 - To authorize entering into agreement with Canadian Red Cross Society for Homemaker Services
- 1989 - To authorize signing of Offer to Purchase for property known as Mr. Vinyl Siding on Pitt St.
- 1990 - To authorize signing of agreement with V.O.N.
- 1991 - Authorizing Clerk or Commissioner of Finance or Comptroller to sign affidavits under the Land Speculation Tax Act
- 1992 - To enter into agreement with Ministry of Housing for the purpose of selecting areas for redevelopment in Bridge Area
- 1993 - To authorize entering into subdividers agreement with Norma Grant

Communications -

- 10-1 Firefighters Association - requesting use of Cornwall Community Arena on June 24th free of charge

Moved by Alderman Cameron, seconded by Alderman Keen that the Association be charged \$350.00 for the use of the Arena. Carried

- 10-2 Tender #28-76 - Day Care Equipment - Moved by Alderman Guindon, seconded by Alderman Lynch that the report be approved. Carried

- 10-3 Tender #29-76 - Rental one automobile - Civic Complex Manager and Purchasing Agent recommending Parkway Country Dodge

Moved by Alderman Bough, seconded by Alderman LeBlanc that the report be adopted as received. Carried

- 10-4 Report from the Clerk & Chief Administrator re policy established by City of Belleville relating to resolutions received from other municipalities

Moved by Alderman Lynch, seconded by Alderman Aubry that resolutions be forwarded to A.M.O.; Government Departments involved and our local M.P./M.P.P. It was suggested that resolutions of particular importance to our municipality be submitted to Council once a month.

- 10-5 One-Way Street System - recommendations from Traffic Engineer and Chief Administrator for alterations to earlier approved report

Moved by Alderman Lynch, seconded by Alderman Keen that the report be adopted as received. Alderman Samson asked that the report be studied further before deciding. Moved by Alderman Aubry, seconded by Alderman Lynch that the question be put to the floor. The motion carried.

The motion of Aldermen Lynch and Keen carried.

10-6 Petition from residents on Alice Street between Marleau and Lasalle refusing a temporary pavement

Moved by Alderman Lebano, seconded by Alderman Cameron that the report be adopted as received. Carried. Alderman Samson asked that Alice Street be kept well graded and salted. He objected to the petition being placed on the bottom of the list should the petitioners accept a temporary road at this time.

10-7 Mayor of Kapuskasing - Moved by Alderman Keen, seconded by Alderman Lebano that the letter be filed. Carried. Alderman Keen commended the Mayor on his efforts in trying to resolve the strike of the paperworkers.

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.

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

By-laws - 3rd reading - Moved by Alderman Lynch, 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 Business - Day Care Centres -

Mayor Parisien notified Council that a letter from the Ministry of Community and Social Services asked that each municipality establish one rate for municipally operated Day Care Centres. The rate established for each Centre, within the City, is \$9.19.

Special Programs Edition - Answering Alderman Aubry, Mayor Parisien stated that he was not asked for his comments in the special programs edition of the Standard-Freeholder.

Industrial Park - Moved by Alderman Aubry, seconded by Alderman Keen that the new industrial park be named Edison Industrial Park. After much discussion it was moved by Alderman Bough, seconded by Alderman Guindon that the question be put to the floor. The motion of Aldermen Aubry and Keen was defeated. Moved by Alderman Lebano, seconded

by Alderman Guindon that the area be called Cornwall Industrial Park. The motion carried.

Recreation Committee - Moved by Alderman LeBlanc, seconded by Alderman Samson that appointments to the Recreation Committee be considered in Council. The motion was defeated.

Pump on Anderson Drive - Alderman LeBlanc asked for costs on operation of mobile diesel pump on Anderson Drive that is rented by City. Noting that an out-of-town firm owns the equipment, he suggested that we could rent from a local dealer.

B.I.D. - Alderman LeBlanc asked that the Director of Engineering Services submit to Council the final plans on the B.I.D. area.

Elgin Street - Mayor Parisien advised Alderman Samson that McNeeley and Associates are presently compiling reports on the Elgin Street flooding.

City Positions - Alderman Samson stated he was glad to see posting of jobs in various departments.

4 Montreal Rd. - Alderman Samson pointed out that the owner of the building at 4 Montreal Road has rented all the space in the building with no help from the City; whereas Mondev is asking for commitments from the municipality.

Car Allowance - Alderman Samson suggested that all department heads should use their own cars and the City pay on a mileage basis.

Industrial Development Committee - Alderman Lynch asked whether we could obtain a report from the new Industrial Commissioner as to his opinions on the appointment of an Industrial Development Committee. Alderman Lynch stated he believed we need new strategy for attracting new industries and the Commissioner will need all the assistance he can get in this job.

Social Services - Alderman Lynch referred to a resolution passed a month ago in the Provincial Government to reconsider the 5.5 ceiling for social services to include municipal welfare. He felt this unfair for slow-growth areas and could produce an increase in municipal taxes. He suggested the province assume complete responsibility for welfare; that we learn the position of A.M.O. and that we obtain a report from the Director of Social Services.

Outdoor rinks - Alderman Lynch suggested that the City make arrangements with the Boards of Education whereby the City would make outdoor rinks at the school, to be maintained by the schools. He felt maximum usage of the rinks would be assured with the students using them during the day as part of the physical education program and the general public using them in the evening and week-ends.

Historical Society - Alderman Lynch referred to the list of names received from the Historical Society to be considered when the City is naming streets, etc. He asked that the Conseil de Vie Francaise also be asked to submit names.

Committees - Alderman Lynch expressed his pleasure in the large number of names received from Cornwall citizens indicating their willingness to serve on City committees. He commended Alderman Aubry for the way he has publicized this. Alderman Aubry congratulated the Standard-Freeholder for their assistance in this matter.

Centennial Choir and Friends Group - Alderman Lynch congratulated the Centennial Choir and Friends Group for their ability and in raising their own funds for their forthcoming tour. He recommended that Council provide both groups with small gifts to present to where they will be going.

Sewers in north-end - Alderman Keen questioned the lateness in which property owners in the north-end were billed for sewers. In a memo from the Commissioner of Development to the Chief Administrator it was explained that the previous billing was for hook-up from the road to their

residence not a Local Improvement charge.

Sewer charges - Alderman Guindon asked about the method of arriving at Local Improvement charges on corner lots. He noted that the owner of property at Leger and Mercier had been charged for sewer on Mercier although his charges would have been less if charges had been levied against his land on Leger.

Environmental Control Committee - Alderman Guindon asked the Administrator to see that certain members of Administration attend the next Environmental Control Committee meeting on April 6th.

Flooding - Referring to the recent flooding in the Elgin Street area, Alderman Guindon asked if administration could prepare cost factors as to a temporary solution, if any, to this problem. He also cited the Rita, Cooper, Roy and Christie areas as prone to flooding and asked if something could be done to eliminate this problem.

Potholes - Alderman Cameron asked that potholes be filled, noting especially one on Wellington Street.

Social Services - Alderman George Cameron cautioned against requesting that the Government completely take over Social Services. Centralization can often lessen the rights of local government, he noted.

Local Improvement charges - Alderman Cameron pointed out that sewers in the northend were commenced around 1972 and costs should have been on the tax bill for 1973. Many lots have been since sold and there is no way a person can find out if these charges are outstanding.

Arts Development Committee - Alderman Bough reminded members of Council of the annual Arts Development Committee meeting to be held Tues. evening at 'Gallery 75' at 8:00 p.m. with wives being invited.

Papermakers Strike - Alderman Bough congratulated Mayor Parisien on his efforts to end the strike of the paperworkers.

United Way - Referring to a recent letter from the United Way, Alderman Bough suggested that the City should participate in the formation of a Social Planning Committee.

Proposed Bus Rate Increase - Alderman Bough voiced his objection to an article in the local press indicating that bus fares could increase by .05¢. He suggested administration put a stop to this practice, pointing out that such a recommendation must come from Council.

1976 Budget - Council was advised that it will be another month when the 1976 budget is ready for presentation to Council.

Flooding - As a temporary means to alleviate flooding, Alderman Lebano suggested the possibility of putting in a backhoe and draining out the Fly Creek. He suggested the Director of Public Works or Director of Engineering Services attend the next meeting of the Raisin Region Conservation area. He asked that administration be very careful not to give out building permits in flood plane areas.

Wintario grants - Alderman Lebano stated the Raisin Region Conservation Authority will be applying for Wintario grants for the Greys Creek area for development of recreational facilities.


Closing of hospital rooms - Alderman Lebano informed Council that he has made personal representation to Hon. W.G. Davis, Hon. D. McKeough and Hon. F. Miller objecting to the manner in which hospital facilities have been curtailed. He believed the hospital boards should have been contacted prior to any announcement.

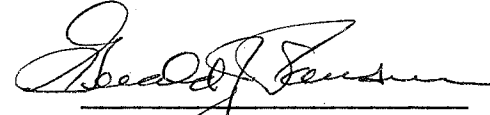
Potholes - Alderman Lebano asked a member of Public Works to make a tour of the City to ascertain the potholes and have them filled.

Flooding - As a means of alleviating flooding, particularly in the McConnell and Eleventh St. area, Alderman Holden suggested the Quebec authorities be contacted with respect to controlling the water level in the St. Lawrence between the Cornwall generating station and Beauharnois.

Oil Prices - Referring to the 1975 increase in the price of crude oil, Alderman Holden noted the likely increase in natural gas. He asked that Council's views be made known to the Minister of Energy and the Association of Municipalities of Ontario.

Boat Houses - Moved by Alderman Keen, seconded by Alderman
Bough that the Commissioner of Development inform the owners that they
will not be required to move their boat houses at Gray's Creek at this
time. Carried.


Clerk


Mayor