

CITY COUNCIL #16-76

May 10, 1976
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, R. Pearson, R. Aubry, G. Samson, A. LeBlanc and B. Lynch.

Rule 2 - Moved by Alderman Lebano, seconded by Alderman Keen that Mr. G.B. Markell be permitted to speak to Council this evening.

Adoption of minutes - Moved by Alderman Samson, seconded by Alderman Cameron that the minutes of the meeting of April 26th be adopted as received. Carried.

Alderman Lebano notified Council that he will be speaking on behalf of Greater York at the O.M.B. Hearing to be held here.

Moved by Alderman Lynch, seconded by Alderman Pearson that the minutes of the Committee of Council of April 26th be adopted as received. Carried.

Moved by Alderman Lebano, seconded by Alderman Pescod that the minutes of the meeting of April 26th be adopted as received. Carried.

Moved by Alderman Pearson, seconded by Alderman Guindon that the minutes of the meeting of May 4th be adopted as received. Carried.

Alderman Lebano stated that some auditors have expressed the opinion that the City is being financially persecuted because of our system of financial setup and that, although the treasurer was acting C.A.O., our system should have been able to control this type of thing. He trusted that we would not get involved in a similar manner again.

Delegations -

G.B. Markell - Referring to tender #28-76, Mr. Markell stated he was not against the tenders but what he questioned was the wording 'Famous Players Limited or its equivalent'. He pointed out that for bookings through Famous Players they pay \$100.00 a week whereas the other bidder books himself. He stated he is ready to submit another bid provided that

clause is removed. He asked consideration by Council as a company that has operated here for many years; staff all local people and, on various occasions has made the theatre available to local groups without charge. He also pointed out that a screen, valued at about \$2,000.00, is used at both the Capitol and Palace Theatres; and regular day-to-day maintenance is carried out by themselves. Mr. Markell assured Council there would be no problem in obtaining films from Famous Players as long as he holds a contract with the City. The Chief Administrator advised the members that, in the opinion of our solicitors, the wording as contained in the City tender, did not invalidate the bid from Du Parc Cinema Ltd.

Consent Agenda - Alderman Keen asked that item 3C be placed on the regular agenda with Alderman Samson requesting item 5C also be considered at that time.

Moved by Alderman Pescod, seconded by Alderman Cameron that the following items, as listed on the agenda, be adopted as received -

- 1C Request from Precious Blood Parish, Glen Walter, to sell lottery tickets in Cornwall
- 2C Report from the Director of Public Works on the purchase of a Salt Storage Building, in the amount of \$15,000.
- 4C M.T.C. - advising of an advance payment of subsidy of \$292,500.00.
- 6C Minister of Energy - Robert Saunders Tours
- 7C Kin T.V. Bingo - permission to extend T.V. Bingo

Resolutions -

#43 - that By-law No. 1946, 1975 is according to the Official Plan

Moved by Alderman Pescod, seconded by Alderman Cameron that the resolution be adopted as presented. Carried

Communications and By-laws - Moved by Alderman Lebano, seconded by Alderman LeBlanc that Council go into Committee of the Whole and that communications, petitions and by-laws be referred to that committee and that By-laws No. 2018 to 2027 inclusive be read a first time -

- 2018 - Authorize signing of agreement with Minister of Public Works for dredging at Gray's Creek
- 2019 - Authorize signing of agreement with Paul Jean Giroux covering encroachment at 229-a First St. West
- 2020 - Authorize construction of salt storage building at estimated cost of \$15,
- 2021 - Authorize construction of addition to Public Works Garage
- 2022 - To grant an annual retirement allowance to Hormidas Poirier
- 2023 - To appoint Denis Petry as Chief Building Official
- 2024 - To appoint Jean-Guy Dugas as Building Inspector
- 2025 - Authorize reconstruction of pavement & sidewalks on Montreal Rd. from Marlborough St. to St. Felix St.
- 2026 - To regulate traffic
- 2027 - Restricting the weight of vehicles passing over a bridge

Communications -

1. Memorial Tree Planting Program - report and recommendation by Horticultural Supervisor to implement such a program with recommendation from the Director of Public Works & Chief Administrator

Moved by Alderman Lynch, seconded by Alderman Aubry that the report be adopted as received. Carried. Alderman Aubry stated this was an extraordinary good idea and congratulated the Horticultural Supervisor on this project, which could only add to the enjoyment of the people. He suggested a similar project might be considered for the bi-centennial celebrations in 1986. Referring to the extensive vandalism at Lamoureux Park, Alderman Keen asked that if some type of education in the Secondary Schools might be part of a program to curb this destruction of public property. Mayor Parisien stated that at a meeting of the Police Governing Authorities held last week, great concern was expressed as to how to control and what to do about this problem. It was suggested that citizens become involved in reporting any such incidents; and further that a greater surveillance, especially of Lamoureux Park, be carried out by the police- possibly in civilian clothes.

2. Kinsmen Municipal Centre - report from Commissioner of Development requesting additional work be done at a cost of \$1,181.00 (estimate attached) with recommendation from Chief Administrator

Moved by Alderman Guindon, seconded by Alderman Pescod that the report be adopted as received. Carried. The Commissioner of Development explained that a commitment had been made to renovate two rooms to be used by this group. It was suggested that a rental agreement be signed prior to commencement of renovations.

3. Tender #1-76 - Surfact Reconstruction of Montreal Road - recommendation from Director of Engineering Services & Purchasing Agent to award contract to Dibblee Const. at a price of \$486,768.00. Recommendation endorsed by Chief Administrator

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

4. Multiple Sclerosis Society - requesting amendment to the tag day by-law whereby the Society would be allowed to have a 'Carnation Day' every year on Mother's Day Weekend.

Moved by Alderman Guindon, seconded by Alderman LeBlanc that the request of the society be approved. Carried

5. Tax write-offs & refunds - report from Tax Collector and recommendation from the Chief Administrator for Roll Nos. 1-9-208 to 4-1-109 incl.

Moved by Alderman Lynch, seconded by Alderman Pescod that the report be adopted with the deletion of Roll No. 4-1-254. Carried. It was suggested that procedures be followed to insure that Business Taxes are collected. Alderman Lebano charged that some homeowners are capitalizing on rents charged to those on low income by offering sub-standard accommodations.

6. Tax Write-offs & Refunds - report from Tax Collector and recommendation from the Chief Administrator for Roll Nos. 1-11-38-10 to 6-5-69-10 incl.

Moved by Alderman Pearson, seconded by Alderman Pescod that the report be adopted as received. Carried.

7. Planning Board Minutes - April 28, 1976

After some discussion on item 1 of this report, it was moved by Alderman Pescod, seconded by Alderman Lebano that the report be adopted. Alderman Guindon asked for a recorded vote, with the following results -

For the motion - Aldermen K. Bough, M. Holden, J. Pescod, A. Lebano and R. Aubry. Against the motion - Aldermen G. Cameron, F. Guindon, L. Keen, R. Pearson, G. Samson, A. LeBlanc and B. Lynch. The motion was defeated.

8. Tender #25-76 - Grass Cutting, Designated Areas - report and recommendation from the Director of Public Works & Purchasing Agent to award the contract to Marcel Lavictoire at \$7. per hour with a total cost of \$5,600. for 800 hrs.

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

9. Tender #26-76 - Weed & Fertilizer Spraying-report & recommendation from the Director of Public Works & Purchasing Agent to award the contract to Wagar's Pest Control at a total price of \$1,736.99.

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

10. Tender #27-76 - Grass Cutting - Lamoureux Park - report & recommendation from the Director of Public Works & Purchasing Agent to award the contract to Marcel Lavictoire for item 1 and to L. Nixon & Son for item 2 at total cost of \$5,600.00 and \$1,800.00 respectively.

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

11. Tender #29-76 - Gravel & Crushed Stone - report & recommendation from the Director of Public Works & Purchasing Agent to award the contract to Cornwall Gravel Co. Ltd. at a total price of \$72,950.00.

Moved by Alderman Lebano, seconded by Alderman Pescod that the report be adopted as received. Carried

12. Tender #28-76 - Rental Capitol Theatre - recommendation from Commissioner of Development & Purchasing Agent to rent theatre to Du Parc Cinema Ltd. at a monthly rate of \$2,320.00.

Moved by Alderman Cameron, seconded by Alderman Bough that the tender be awarded to Markell Theatres Ltd. Most members of Council agreed that Markell Theatres have given good service to the community while other aldermen felt we should accept the recommendation of administration or there is no point in calling tenders. Moved by Alderman Aubry, seconded by Alderman Guindon that rule 2 be suspended in order to permit Mr. Gordon Gauthier address Council. Mr. Gauthier, speaking on behalf of Du Parc Cinema,

advised that this company operates a theatre in Ottawa and is presenting a program similar to the other company. He stated the company would use the trained force available in the City; has deposited a certified cheque in the amount of \$25,000. as well as a cheque for the first month and is prepared to provide top flight movies in french and english. Alderman Aubry asked for a recorded vote on the motion to award the tender to Markell's with the following results - For the motion: Aldermen M. Holden, J. Pescod, A. Lebano, K. Bough, G. Cameron, F. Guindon, L. Keen, R. Pearson, G. Samson and A. LeBlanc. Against the motion - Aldermen R. Aubry and B. Lynch. The motion carried.

13. Tender #19-76 - Catch Basin Cleaning - recommendation to award tender to Sanitank at total price of \$6,825.00.

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

14. Filtration Plant - report from Commissioner of Development for modifications.

Moved by Alderman Pescod, seconded by Alderman Cameron that the report be adopted as received. Carried

15. Bilingual Signs "Le Village" - report from Traffic Engineer with recommendations from Chief Administrator

Moved by Alderman Lynch, seconded by Alderman LeBlanc that the street name signs on Montreal Road from Marlborough St. to St. Felix St. be replaced with bilingual signs.

Moved by Alderman Lynch, seconded by Alderman LeBlanc that all street name signs, when being replaced, be bilingual. Carried

16. Tender #22-76 - Operation of Pro Shop at Civic Complex - recommendation of Manager, Cornwall Civic Complex and Purchasing Agent

Moved by Alderman Aubry, seconded by Alderman Lebano that the report be adopted. Carried

- 3C- Report from Director of Public Works on construction of an addition to the Public Works Garage, in an amount of \$35,000.00.

Moved by Alderman Guindon, seconded by Alderman Pescod that the report be adopted as received. Carried. Questioned as to the need for spray painting facilities at Public Works and Transit Bldg., Mr.

Walsh explained that no provision has been made for this type of work at the Transit building at this time.

5C Resolution #44-76 - authorizing Mayor and Clerk to sign a Notice of Application to expropriate land from Mrs. Lavigne - Montreal Road

Moved by Alderman Aubry, seconded by Alderman Lynch that the resolution be approved. Carried. It is understood that Alderman Samson and Mr. Adams are to meet again with Mrs. Lavigne prior to proceeding with expropriation proceedings.

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

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

New Business -

Power Dam Drive - Alderman Pescod informed Council that the area 200 ft. south of Vincent Massey Drive, on Power Dam has now been bulldozed and a fence is to be erected which cleans up this property.

Dog droppings - The Clerk advised that the North York by-law requiring owners to clean-up after their dogs was by a private bill. It was suggested the Clerk of Westmount be contacted with respect to this type of legislation.

Gallery 75 - Referring to correspondence between Gallery 75 and the Civic Complex Manager, Alderman Aubry suggested the group might like to hang paintings by local artists on certain walls to gain exposure.

Pot holes - The Director of Public Works reported that two crews are presently applying cold patch and in about one week's time they will be using hot patch. If their budget permits it, he noted, a number of contractors will be hired for a three week period.

City pool - The Commissioner of Development reported that the pool at the Kinsmen Municipal Building has to be repaired. The City is now awaiting a L.I.P. grant and parts to carry out the work.

Montreal Road project - The Director of Engineering Services advised that work on Montreal Road should be finished by September.

Parking lot on Montreal Rd. - Council was advised that the City has met with B.P. re purchase of their property and will be meeting again this week. A report is to be submitted to Council.

2nd & Anthony Sts. - Alderman LeBlanc asked that the contractor be required to clean up the trash where work is being carried out at 2nd and Anthony St.

Bedford & 1st Sts. - Alderman LeBlanc that the owner of the mobile trailer be made to move it from the lot at Bedford and 1st Streets.

School Taxes - Council was advised that since 1974 municipal Councils have the authority to grant relief on school taxes to senior citizens but this exemption could create many problems.

One-way streets brochure - The brochures explaining the one-way street system are to be printed in both English and French.

Commercial construction - Alderman Samson was advised that nothing further has been heard from Mondey or the owners of the hotel complex at 2nd and Boundary Road.

Bicycle racks - Council was advised that bicycle racks on Pitt Street are provided by the merchants.

Delegations - Alderman Pearson suggested the use of a lectern to be used by persons making a presentation to Council.

Downtown Improvements Workshop - Alderman Pearson referred to the Downtown Improvements Workshop to be held in Toronto on June 29th.

Vicious Dog Act - Information is to be circulated whereby charges may be laid under the Vicious Dog Act if a person is attacked.

Dumping of Garbage - Alderman Lynch stated he was assured by Mr. Courville that he would take action against those responsible for dumping of garbage on Power Dam Drive, which should act as a deterrent to others. He noted that we should endeavour to keep our own properties clean and to report any infringements.

* Sources of revenue - Alderman Lynch suggested that, in addition to a proposed increase in bus fares, other sources of increasing revenue be explored; and that this information be made available for the budget meeting on Thursday night.

* Budget - Alderman Lynch proposed that the establishment of priorities and objectives be an on-going process before budget deliberations to make sure Council is able to meet the needs of the people in the community.

Mondev - Alderman Keen suggested that some action by Council be taken if information is not forthcoming by Mondev by April 28th.

Signs on City property - Alderman Keen referred to the numerous signs on City property e.g. 'worms for sale' which are creating a nuisance.

Water tower - Alderman Guindon suggested that the necessary lights be replaced at this time if we are not painting the tower until fall.

McConnell & 11th and Pitt at Eamers Corners groups - Mayor Parisien advised that information is still being correlated prior to calling a meeting to discuss McConnell & 11th Streets flooding problems.

Moved by Alderman Cameron, seconded by Alderman Guindon that the due date for payment of local improvement charges without interest be deferred, for that area, until a meeting can be called with the ratepayers affected. Carried

Bicycle paths - Alderman Bough indicated his intent to present a map at the Recreation Committee meeting which will show the bicycle paths for 1976.

Seaway Valley Tourist Council - Alderman Bough suggested a savings could be realized by members of Council not receiving duplicate copies of the minutes of the Seaway Valley Tourist Council. As a further means of saving, he suggested controlling long distance calls.

One-way street brochures - The Traffic Engineer advised that every family will be receiving a brochure outlining the proposed one-way streets. The Police and Fire Departments already have limited copies available. Bus routes will be changed one week before the implementation of the one-way street system. The banning of parking on Second Street during certain hours will become effective during the first week of June. It was noted that the City is on a month-to-month basis with Stenan Development for use of their land to provide parking.

Littering - Alderman Lebano asked that administration see that the garbage strewn along Power Dam Drive and the road leading to the City dump is cleaned up. Noting that some pieces of household equipment are thrown along these areas he suggested that a more stringent approach be made to these infractions and a follow up procedure be applied.

Laflin St. sewer - Alderman Lebano complained of the grade of the City sewer which could cause problems to the City and property owners when hooking up to the private sewers. Further, he pointed out that this sewer is going to drain into a vacant lot.

Rule 1.11 - Moved by Alderman Lebano, seconded by Alderman Guindon that Rule 1.11 be suspended and the meeting proceed after 11:00 p.m.

Budget Meeting - Alderman Lebano announced that he would be unable to attend the budget meeting to be held this Thursday.

Capitol Theatre - Referring to the deficit on the operation of the Capitol Theatre last year, Alderman Pescod pointed out that \$17,500.00 of this amount was for municipal taxes plus extraordinary expenses that were incurred in 1975.


Gas line extension - Alderman Pescod referred to the decision of Northern & Central Gas Corporation Limited not to extend its gas lines, and especially the industrial park unless the client is prepared to pay for installation.

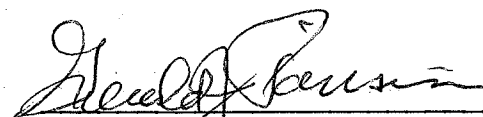
Capitol Theatre roof - The Director of Public Works stated that the condition of the roof at the Capitol Theatre was reported to him as extremely bad. He expected the work to be done in the next few months under the L.I.P. program.

Guindon Park - Mayor Parisien reported that he and the Commissioner of Development met with Hydro officials to discuss widening of the road at the base of the dyke. Hydro indicated they do not want this road interfered with; however, they are prepared to make a survey of the western portion of the dyke for a distance of about 800 ft. The Mayor noted that any work on this road would come under the Infrastructure Grant and must be finished by the end of March.

Cable 11 - Considering a request from Cable 11 to televise Council meetings Council, by a 7 to 5 vote, decided against this.

Hospital confinement - Noting that Alderman Lebano will be entering the hospital this week, Mayor Parisien wished him well and a speedy recovery.


Clerk


Mayor