

CITY COUNCIL - #4-76

February 2, 1976.
7:00 p.m.

A special meeting of 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, B. Lynch, R. Pearson, G. Samson, A. LeBlanc, R. Aubry.

Logo Colours - Mr. Jordan presented to Council, a series of colour schemes to be used for the Civic Complex logo. He indicated that it would be preferable to have more than one colour scheme to go with different stock. Alderman Samson suggested the adoption of colour combinations Red and Blue, to depict the participation of both senior levels of government through infrastructure. Alderman Keen indicated that the city colours should be retained. Alderman Aubry approved of the suggestion to have a series of colour schemes. This would provide for every eventuality and give flexibility for future uses.

Moved by Alderman Aubry, seconded by Alderman Lynch that Council adopt the series of colour schemes as presented by the Civic Complex Manager. Carried.

Alderman Bough stated that it was important that Council be in unity in choosing a colour scheme for the logo to be placed on the outside walls of the Civic Complex.

Capital Budget - Mayor Parisien explained to Council that this meeting was to be of an explanatory nature, but that if any aldermen wished to adopt any part of the budget, they could do so.

The Chief Administrator informed the aldermen that this report was reviewed with the department heads last week. He explained that the layout as shown on the report could be changed in its order of priority if it was

Council's wish. He stated that the level of spending was \$1,500,000.00, excluding waterworks and in addition, he had set up a capital out of revenue in the amount of \$867,000.00 bringing the maximum amount in 1976 to approximately \$2,350,000. without increasing our expenditures in the Revenue Fund. He explained that perhaps Council would like to review every category shown and if so, the Department Head responsible for each would be available for comments or explanations.

Montreal Road - Mr. Meikle explained to Council that this was reconstruction of sidewalks and pavements for Montreal Road from Marlborough St. to St. Felix Street. The amount of \$436,000.00 did not include the request made by the East Cornwall Business Men's Association. Several aldermen expressed concern that the street would be closed during the Olympics. Mr. Meikle explained that it could cost the city an additional \$30,000. if the work started was to be stopped for duration of the Olympics.

Land Acquisition - It was moved by Alderman Pescod, seconded by Alderman LeBlanc that only the property on Sydney Street between Thirteenth and Pitt Streets, in the amount of \$40,000.00 be considered in the 1976 Budget. Carried.

Sidewalks - Alderman Bough was informed that the sidewalks on Lisieux St. from Fourteenth to Fifteenth Streets was near a school. Alderman Keen suggested that the sidewalks and pavement on Walton Street between Lefebvre and Anthony Streets be done at the same time. It was the consensus of Council that the projects listed be retained for further consideration.

Sanitary Sewers - Local Improvement Projects

Alderman Holden asked how many homes would be served on Pacific Avenue and Pacific Lane. It was indicated that perhaps 10 to 15 units would be served, but that the administration would prepare a report for the next budget meeting. Mr. Meikle indicated that Briar Hill from

Elgin to Alguire should be removed from the list of projects. Also that if the project for Toll Gate Road from Vincent Massey Drive to W. Limit of Lot 17 was done, the owners would pay a 60% share. This petition was received later than the others listed. It was the consensus of Council that all projects listed be retained for further consideration.

Sanitary Sewers - Engineering Department

Mr. Meikle indicated that Marleau from Cornwall Storage & Warehousing should be corrected to Boundary Road from Marleau to Cornwall Storage & Warehousing and that this project was not a priority item and could be considered in 1977. Mr. Adams explained to Council that Air Refiners are considering expansion and would pay local improvement charges. Alderman Pearson indicated that he would like a firm commitment to this effect. It was the consensus of Council to retain all projects listed for further consideration.

Storm Sewers - Local Improvement Projects

Alderman Lebano stated that perhaps Council should consider doing half of projects listed this year. Alderman Pescod suggested that storm sewers and pavements be considered together and perhaps later when Council is in a better position to assess the situation. It was the consensus of Council to retain all projects listed for further consideration.

Storm Sewers - Engineering Department

Mr. Meikle informed Council that the \$35,000.00 shown for the Walton Street project was the city's portion of the cost. Heavenly Homes is to pay the balance of the cost. It was the consensus of Council that all the projects listed be retained for further consideration.

Permanent Pavements - It was the consensus of Council that all the projects listed be retained for further consideration.

Fire Department - The Fire Chief informed Council that the salvage truck was ten years old and was overloaded with equipment. Also, that the floor was

just about ready to collapse. The two staff cars are seven years old and require extensive repairs. Alderman LeBlanc suggested the possibility of leasing two vehicles and perhaps a savings could be made. The Chief Administrator indicated that a report would be available for the next meeting. It was the consensus of Council to retain the projects listed for further consideration.

Parks & Recreation - The administration was asked to prepare a report on the feasibility of leasing a building, rather than build one. Both items listed to be considered further.

Public Works - Mr. Walsh indicated that a sand/salt protection building should be considered an investment, as the city could save \$4000.00 or more per year. He also indicated that there was an order received from the Ministry of Labour not to spray paint at the location presently being used. Alderman LeBlanc suggested that perhaps the facilities at the new transit building could be used. Both items listed are to be retained for further consideration.

Transit - Mr. Robertson explained that the item listed at \$95,000.00 comprised of \$90,000.00 for the purchase of 6 new buses and \$5,000.00 for tires. Both items are to be retained for further consideration.

N.I.P. - Mr. Courville indicated that the revised figure for the 1976 Budget is to be \$12,000.00 and for 1977, \$188,000.00. The \$12,000.00 is for land acquisition in the bridge area.

Trunk Sewers - Upper Fly Creek

Mr. Meikle explained that there was a substantial amount of planning and design necessary before tenders could be called. An estimate is being prepared to be shown on the current budget for this purpose. Alderman Samson asked whether this work could be done in several stages, reducing the cost per stage and perhaps this way things could get started. Alderman Pescod was told that an investigation would be made to determine

what type of subsidy would be available. Alderman Lebano indicated that this was a major sewer artery designed to service the City's Northern portion.

Urban Renewal - Mr. Ismaily informed Council that the total for 1976 should be \$25,000.00. The items listed are to be retained for further consideration.

Infrastructure - Mr. Adams indicated that the money allocated for land on Brookdale from Water St. to Maple was for the acquisition of four properties. This expenditure was approved in principle through a report from Mr. Engels earlier in 1975.

Mr. Adams went on to indicate that the \$35,000.00 shown for the Filtration Plant was also approved in principle earlier by Council.

Concern was expressed by most aldermen over the revised budgeted figure of \$898,000.00 for the Civic Complex. Alderman Samson indicated that perhaps with all the construction going in other areas of the city, perhaps sufficient fill could be hauled to the Complex site, thus alleviating the cost of extra fill. The Chief Administrator indicated that a report would be prepared on this matter for the next budget meeting. Alderman Lebano asked if Wintario could not assist. Mayor Parisien explained that a request has been made to the Honourable R. Welsh, Minister of Culture & Recreation, for a meeting. Mr. Jordan informed Council that \$448,978. had already been committed through the award of tenders. The Chief Administrator indicated that monies may be available through bank interests, grants and re-allocation of infrastructure funds, once the infrastructure program is completed. However, at this time, none of these funds are available. He simply wished to convey to Council that there was a possibility of getting some revenue for the completion of the Complex. Alderman Samson suggested that a

\$100.00 a plate dinner be organized to help raise money.

Moved by Alderman Lynch, seconded by Alderman Pescod that the additional semi permanent seats (1500) in the amount of \$180,000.00 be deleted from the budget. Carried.

Mr. Jordan indicated that he had hoped Council would have delayed removing the seats until a report would be available outlining if there are any savings in purchasing all the seats at one time, rather than separate them.

Rule 1:11 Moved by Alderman Pescod, seconded by Alderman LeBlanc that Rule 1:11 be suspended and that the meeting be continued after 11:00 p.m. Carried.

Special Projects -

Mr. C.F. Adams informed Council that since the last Council meeting, \$8,000. for painting could be removed from the tender to renovate the Kinsmen Municipal Building. Alderman Lynch asked for a report re Day Care. The Chief Administrator indicated that a report is forthcoming and will indicate all possibilities relating to the Day Care section.

Moved by Alderman LeBlanc, seconded by Alderman Guindon that Long Sault Construction be awarded Tender #71-75, Alterations to Municipal Building at 412 Fifth St. East, in the amount of \$103,325.00. Carried.

Alderman Lynch asked that if the request of the Library Board was turned down, perhaps Council would consider setting aside \$100,000.00 per year as a reserve fund for the library. The Chief Administrator indicated that the municipality had the power to create a reserve for that purpose.

It was moved by Alderman Bough, seconded by Alderman Lebano that for the next draft of the budget, \$100,000.00 be placed in a reserve for sinking funds from capital out of revenue. Carried.

Moved by Alderman Lebano, seconded by Alderman Holden that budgeted amount for the Hotel Dieu Hospital be split at \$33,000.00 for each of the years 1976 and 1977. Carried.

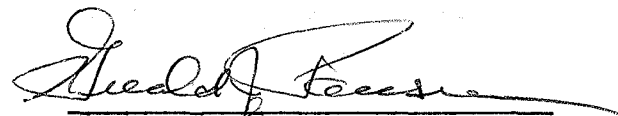
Moved by Alderman Guindon, seconded by Alderman LeBlanc that the amount of \$115,000.00 be committed to the East Cornwall Business Men's Association for their Business Improvement District plan. Carried.

Alderman Samson declared his interest in the matter and refrained from discussing and voting.

Waterworks - Mayor Parisien stated that these projects may have to be completed in stages and perhaps Council should consider what to do during this year, where it will serve the most to the north end residents. He cautioned that the commitments made in this matter and for M.O.T.T.I. are approximately \$1,500,000.00 and this amount will reflect in the general water rates. It was suggested that a further report be made for the next meeting, encompassing the views expressed this evening.



City Clerk



Mayor