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CITY COUNCIL #10-81

March 31, 1981
7 p.m.

A Special Meeting of City Council was held this evening when the following members were present - His Worship Mayor G. Parisien, Aldermen D. Armstrong, R. Aubry, G. Cameron, F. Guindon, R. Lalonde, A. Lebrano, A. LeBlanc, G. Leger, J. Pescod, J. Samis, G. Samson and W. Wise.

Board of Health

Messrs. Charbonneau, Jodoin, Demers and Dr. Peters were in attendance to present the Board's 1981 budget.

Mr. Jodoin presented the budget by providing City Council with actual costs for 1980 and estimated costs for 1981. After having answered all questions, Mr. Jodoin requested that Council support their request for contributions in the amount of \$158,399 for 1981.

Day Care Review

Council reviewed extensive reports prepared by the Chief Administrator and the Commissioner of Finance.

It was moved by Aldermen Leger and Samis that clause 1 of the existing policy which reads "mothers should not be encouraged to work outside the home unless a valid reason exists" be deleted.

Carried

Moved by Aldermen Pescod and Aubry that:

1) Council accept Mr. Cunningham's conclusion that our present policies must be revised to reflect a more prominent role by the municipality as a planner and co-ordinator of services, while providing some level of service as a provider; ensure the interaction of the public and private sector in providing these services where in the private sector would be encouraged to handle the infants and toddlers up to the toilet trained age, with the municipality and the public sector being involved for toilet trained toddlers and all pre-schoolers.

2) Council accept Mr. Cunningham's conclusion that we must be prepared to enter into a contracting out subsidy program with respect to infants and non-toilet trained toddlers, ensuring in that contracting out service that institutional charges would be based on actual or near actual per diem rates, and that the municipality in this contracting out provision be in a position to ratify applications by adjudication to ensure that acceptable rates are in place. In this contracting out area, Council must ensure that in dealing with the private sector, equal access to all will be available and further that all standards of service and definition of programs must be, in these contracted out areas, to the level of service that the municipality, as a provider, desires.

3) the municipality can implement a program, based on current requirements within the municipality, utilizing the existing two facilities available to the corporation and as a result no additional building is needed.

4) Richelieu be designated as a francophone and bilingual day care and that Kinette be designated as an anglophone and bilingual day care and that the following pro forma be used -

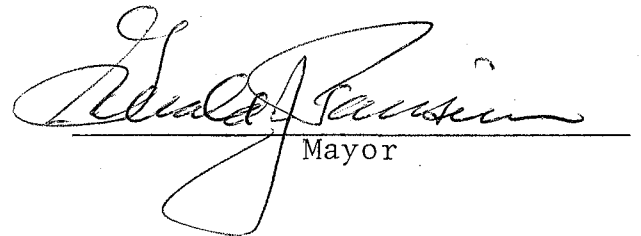
	<u>Richelieu</u>	<u>Kinette</u>	<u>Total</u>
Bilingual	28	10	38
Anglophone	--	35	35
Francophone	<u>22</u>	<u>--</u>	<u>22</u>
	50	45	95

5) the recommended modification of our present practices to do away with the public sector accommodating infants and non-toilet trained toddlers in any program that Council may wish to implement could not be done overnight, due to present enrolments and staff levels and must be implemented on a phased-in basis.

An amendment was moved by Aldermen Samis and Leger that recommendation #4 above be voted on separately. The amendment was defeated and the motion carried.

The meeting adjourned at 9:50 p.m.


Clerk


Mayor