

CITY COUNCIL #32-86

November 24, 1986.
7:30 p.m.

The regular meeting of City Council was held this evening when the following were present - His Worship Mayor B. Lynch, Aldermen R. Aubry, D. Carr, C. Charlebois, B. Gallant, G. Grant, T. Green, F. Guindon, R. Lalonde, T. Lalonde, A. LeBlanc, G. Leger and C. Poirier.

INVOCATION

Reverend Tom Bresford of the First Baptist Church gave the invocation.

PRESENTATIONS

Cornwall Electric Rate Revisions - Mr. G. Fairweather introduced the members of his board, Alderman R. Aubry, President, Messrs. N. Bruke, Vice-President, F. Bradley, Treasurer, and A. Bergeron, Director. Mr. Bergeron presented Cornwall Electric's request for electric rate adjustments for the year 1987 in the order of 11.9%. He indicated that the reason for this increase is that St. Lawrence Power has informed Cornwall Electric that the power purchase will increase by 22.2% over the 1986 rates. The substantial increase is the result of a very depressed market for the export of power surplus to Cornwall needs which is sold to the U.S. market. Mr. Bergeron explained that the 11.9% urban residential increase and the 11.3% urban general service increase are lower than needed to meet 1987 cash requirements. However, the cash requirements will be met by withdrawing from the reserve for rate stabilization and contingencies of \$479,000. Were it not for the reserve, the increase requested in 1987 would be approximately 14%. Mr. Bergeron concluded his presentation by advising that the average of the eastern Ontario municipalities is expected to be 20% over the City of Cornwall's 1987 rates.

St. Lawrence Power Rate Revisions - Mr. Guilbeault asked Council to approve an urban residential increase of 11.9% and an urban general service of 11.1%. He indicated that the increase is required to meet increased operating costs and rate increases from his company's two major power suppliers. The reason for the increase from power suppliers is that drastic reductions during 1986 in oil prices has seriously reduced the revenues expected in 1986 and 1987 from export sales.

At the conclusion of these presentations, Mayor Lynch advised that Council would be asked to vote on the proposals under Communications #1 on this evening's agenda.

ADOPTION OF MINUTES

- Moved by Aldermen Charlebois and R. Lalonde that the minutes of the November 6th meeting of City Council be adopted. Carried
- Moved by Aldermen Leger and LeBlanc that the minutes of the November 10th meeting of City Council be adopted. Carried
- Moved by Aldermen Poirier and Guindon that the minutes of the October 21st meeting of Committee of Council be adopted. Carried
- Moved by Aldermen Green and Gallant that the minutes of the October 27th meeting of Committee of Council be adopted. Carried

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

Moved by Aldermen T. Lalonde and Grant that Council go into Committee of the Whole and that all delegations, resolutions, communications and by-laws be referred to that Committee and that By-laws 157 to 164 be given first reading -

- By-law 157 - To appoint members of Council to act from time to time in the place and stead of the head of Council
- 158 - To amend the Traffic By-law (speed limit on Marleau and parking restrictions on Cumberland south of 13th)
- 159 - To authorize the signing of an agreement with the Cornwall Royals Hockey Club
- 160 - To accept from Huguette Stella Dube Part of Lot 19, R.P. 240 designated as Parts 10 and 12, Reference Plan 52R-2820 and to accept from Reynald Zenon Dube part of Lots 20 and 21, R.P. 240, designated as Parts 2, 4, 6 and 8, Reference Plan 52R-2820 (Committee of Adjustment Application B-34-86)
- 161 - To dedicate and name part of Lot 7, Concession 1, designated as Parts 1, 3 and 6 Reference Plan 52R-1839 as McConnell)
- 162 - To authorize the signing of a Consent Agreement re: Cornwall Square
- 163 - To vary the rates with Cornwall Electric
- 164 - To vary the rates with St. Lawrence Power
- Carried

DELEGATIONS

No Smoking By-law - Mr. A.M. Lebano indicated that he was speaking on behalf of numerous ratepayers who are opposed to the No Smoking By-law recently enacted by Council. He stated that he is

fully aware of health problems associated with smoking but he questioned the legality of the by-law under the new Charter of Rights. He added that many businessmen have indicated to him that they pay business tax in this community and create employment and it is felt that they should not be told that their staff and customers cannot smoke in a building that they own or rent. He also expressed concern that this by-law would be unenforceable and that perhaps the by-law in question is not within the legislative ability of the Council. Mr. Lebano concluded his presentation by indicating that these were some of the concerns that had been expressed to him and that it was his wish that Council take them under advisement. There were no questions or motions presented by Council.

Designation of Properties - Mr. D. Carter-Edwards, Chairman of Heritage Cornwall, explained the reasons for designating the following properties - former Grammar School located on the north west corner of Fourth and Sydney; former Chesley's Inn located on the south east corner of First and Augustus; Stormont Cottages 33 to 43 York.

At the conclusion of Mr. Carter-Edwards' presentation it was moved by Aldermen T. Lalonde and Guindon that these three properties be designated under the Heritage Act.

Carried

RESOLUTIONS

#24 - Moved by Aldermen LeBlanc and Charlebois that Council petition the Ministry of Transportation and Communications for interim payment under the Public Transportation and Highway Improvement Act on expenditures made in the year 1986 in the amount of \$3,327,200.

Carried

CONSENT AGENDA

- A. Heritage Cornwall - Receive minutes
- B. Knights of Columbus, 755 - Grant permission to sell raffle tickets in the City
- C. Knights of Columbus, 8459 - Grant permission to sell raffle tickets in the City
- D. Children's Hospital Foundation- Grant permission to sell lottery tickets in the City
- E. Royal Canadian Legion - Grant permission to operate Legion Loto and Nevada in 1987

Moved by Aldermen Leger and Guindon that the Consent Agenda be approved.

Carried

COMMUNICATIONS

1. Electric Rate Revisions 1987 - Moved by Aldermen Aubry and Poirier that Council approve the requests from Cornwall Electric and St. Lawrence Power for rate increases in 1987. Carried
2. Revised Financial Policy #17 - Moved by Aldermen Poirier and T. Lalonde that Council adopt the Policy with an effective date of January 1, 1987. Carried
3. Feasibility Study Francophone Cultural Community Centre
Moved by Aldermen LeBlanc and Poirier that Council support the feasibility study with a grant of \$5,000 subject to conditions as outlined in report dated November 17th from the Chief Administrator. Carried
4. Home for the Aged Proposal - Moved by Aldermen Leger and T. Lalonde that Council authorize the hiring of Peat, Marwick to carry out supplementary work necessary to verify bed needs, program requirements, capital and operating estimates of cost and the preparation of a detailed proposal submission to the Ministry of Community and Social Services for approval of funding of both a capital and operating nature, at a cost not to exceed \$15,000 for professional fees and \$3,000 maximum for expenses. Carried
5. Tax Write-offs and Refunds - Moved by Aldermen Carr and Guindon that the tax write-offs and refunds be approved as recommended by the Tax Collector. Carried
6. Cornwall Square - Moved by Aldermen Charlebois and Grant that Council authorize the signing of a Consent Agreement. Carried
7. Replacement Employee, Planner - Moved by Aldermen Guindon and T. Lalonde that permission be given to refill the position of Planner in order that this vacancy can be advertized as soon as possible. Carried

8. Employee Replacement, Civic Complex - Moved by Aldermen Poirier and T. Lalonde that the position of Maintenance Man, within the Civic Complex function, be refilled as soon as possible. Carried
9. Club Age d'Or Ste-Therese Broadview Park - Moved by Aldermen Poirier and Green that Council concur with the terms of the agreement. Carried
10. Sunday Shopping - Moved by Aldermen Guindon and Aubry that whereas it is necessary to have a common day of rest where families can spend time together; and whereas Sunday has been that traditional day of rest; and whereas Sunday shopping places undue stress on small businesses and on employees; and whereas Sunday shopping could lead to higher costs and higher prices; therefore be it resolved that the Ontario Government enforce the Retail Business Holidays Act (1975). Carried
- Moved by Aldermen LeBlanc and R. Lalonde that the matter be deferred until the Cornwall Police Commission meets with City Council. Defeated
- Moved by Aldermen Charlebois and Guindon that City Council express to the Cornwall Police Commission its strong opposition to the Commission's decision to not enforce the Retail Business Holidays Act and that Council ask the Commission to reverse its decision. Carried

C O U N C I L

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 recommendations for enactment.

Committee of the Whole - Moved by Aldermen R. Lalonde and T. Lalonde that the Committee of the Whole be adopted. Carried

By-laws - Third Reading - Moved by Aldermen Guindon and LeBlanc that By-laws 94, 95 and 157 to 164 as listed for third reading be taken as read a third time and finally passed. Carried

NEW BUSINESS


Financial Policy No. 17 - Moved by Aldermen Carr and Green that the financial support available to groups bidding for conventions to be hosted in Cornwall be clearly outlined and become part of Financial Policy #17. Carried

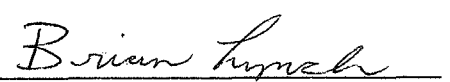
Thematic Project - Moved by Aldermen Gallant and Green that Administration set up a select committee of two members of Council, two persons from Administration and two lay members to immediately begin development of a community-wide major thematic project and that this committee report to Council by February, 1987 with a program proposal. Carried

Snow Removal - Moved by Aldermen Grnat and R. Lalonde that an explanation be provided by Public Works on how they propose to keep the sidewalks clear of snow on Second between Sydney and Augustus where the sidewalk plows plow snow off the sidewalks and the street plows plow it back on the sidewalks due to a narrow and/or obstructed boulevard and how sidewalk clearing can be improved in the more densely populated senior citizen areas where slush and snow left by the plows is slippery. Carried

Cornwall Square - Moved by Aldermen Aubry and Green that whereas the City leases on a long term basis the shopping centre known as Cornwall Square; and whereas the Council of the day, when Cornwall Square was built, got involved for the political objective of ensuring the centre was located downtown versus the periphery of the City; and whereas now that the political objective has long since been realized; therefore be it resolved that Administration prepare a report detailing how the City might divest itself of the Square and would it be prudent to do so. Carried

The meeting adjourned at 8:50 p.m.
COUNCIL ACTION
COMMUNICATIONS (RE)
COMMUNICATIONS (CONSENT)
COMMUNICATIONS (CLOSED)
APPROVED
RECEIVED
FILED
DEFER
COMMENTS _____


City Clerk


Mayor


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