

CITY COUNCIL NO. 16-70

June 8, 1970.

A Regular Meeting of City Council was held this evening with the following members present: His Worship Mayor N. Kaneb, Aldermen L. Gauthier, A. Clement, R. Brunet, D. A. Fawthrop, D. Webster, F. Guindon, G. Cameron, K. Bough, A. M. Lebano, J. Pescod and M. Holden.

Excused from Meeting - Moved by Alderman Gauthier, seconded by Alderman Clement that Alderman R. Carrara be excused from attendance at this evening's meeting as he is out of the City on municipal business. Unanimously adopted.

Girl Guides - His Worship Mayor Kaneb welcomed to this evening's meeting, approximately 12 Girl Guides from the Nativity Division.

Alderman Clement introduced his daughter, Claire Clement, who, in turn, introduced Miss Maureen O'Neil, group leader. Miss O'Neil expressed her thanks to members of Council for allowing the Girl Guides to attend tonight's meeting.

Retirements - His Worship Mayor Kaneb, on behalf of members of Council and the citizens of Cornwall, expressed appreciation for the valuable service rendered by Mr. Ernest Tessier who is retiring after 25 years of service with the municipality. Mr. Tessier was presented with a certificate, pin and watch.

Mayor Kaneb expressed his regret that Mr. Garnet Morpaw was retiring after 25 years of service due to a disability. Mayor Kaneb extended thanks to Mr. Morpaw for his 25 years of

faithful service to the City and presented him with a certificate, pin and watch.

25 Year Certificates - Mayor Kaneb thanked the following employees for carrying out their work so efficiently over the past 25 years and trusted that they would enjoy many more years of work, in service to the ratepayers of the City - Morris Antoine, Charlie Snetsinger, Euclide Contant, Percy Riviere, Everette Lalonde, Earl Myers, John Michaud and Basil Stone.

20 Year Certificates - Mayor Kaneb also presented certificates to the following employees who have completed 20 years of service to the City, which record, the Mayor noted, is something to be proud of - Rheal Meilleur, Harry Levere, Emile Parent, Paul St. Denis, Roger Casselman, Vincent Ceasor, Aurel Carriere and Miss Helena Daley.

Ontario Fire Prevention Poster Contest - Fire Chief L. Carriere presented certificates and awards to the following six grade five pupils for the Ontario Fire Prevention Poster Contest - Andre Lalonde, St. Felix School; Charles MacDonald, St. Ann School; Steven Brodie, Sir John Johnson Public School; Cindy Saucier, Vincent Massey Public School; Debbie Cheetham, Vincent Massey Public School and Claire O'Brien, St. Ann School.

Mayor Kaneb extended congratulations to the students and parents of the children for the outstanding job done. He also commended Chief Carriere for his interest in the program and all the work carried out by him in this respect.

DELEGATIONS

Jean Forget - Mr. J. Forget addressed Council on behalf of his client who is interested in operating a "funland", either in the downtown area or the Eastcourt Mall.

Mr. Forget pointed out that, under the City's present by-law, a fee of \$10.00 per day is required which would demand an amount of \$3,650.00 to be paid by his client. He stated that the operation would be on a permanent basis and employ three or four persons. Mr. Forget pointed out that various municipalities have this type of amusement and charge a licence fee of \$100.00 a year. Mayor Kaneb assured Mr. Forget that he would take the request under advisement.

Marcel Bourgon - Mr. M. Bourgon presented a Brief, dated June 8th and addressed Council on behalf of the East Cornwall Business Men's Association.

Mr. Bourgon stated that the Association, after due consideration of the matter, is asking for complete removal of parking meters on Montreal Road.

Replying to Alderman Cameron, Mr. Bourgon felt that parking could be controlled by a police officer affixing a ticket to each parked car advising them that parking is permitted for one hour and, if they wish to park longer, please use the parking lots. A police officer could pass the area once every hour and if he noticed a car was overparked, he would then place an official parking ticket on the car. He further pointed out that there are over 300 off-street parking places and 17 streets running off of Montreal Road where cars may be parked.

In Mr. Bourgon's opinion, there would be a loss of revenue to the Parking Authority by removing the meter heads but,

on the other hand, there would be no expense in repairing the meters and also no time would be spent in collecting meter money. He also asked that a fine of \$1.00 be imposed for overparking rather than the present \$2.00. He asked that the suggestions requested by the merchants be at least put into operation for a period of six months or longer and, if it was found that this method does not work out, then the Association will try to find another solution.

Alderman Lebano questioned the wisdom of retaining meters in the downtown shopping area and removing them along Montreal Road; also the City could be creating a precedent by removing meters completely from one area. Replying to Alderman Clement, Mr. Bourgon stated that, in his opinion, the removal of meters would be of help not only to the merchants but to the many customers throughout the whole City and outlying areas who shop in east Cornwall. In answer to Alderman Pescod, Mr. Bourgon stated that, in his opinion, the moving of traffic on Montreal Road was no problem and while the Association is asking to have meters removed, the merchants would certainly want parking to be retained on the street.

Alderman Brunet asked that Council make a decision tonight and stated that he had been advised that, if the meters are removed and it is then found necessary to re-install them, the merchants will pay the costs for this work and that he will get a written consent to this effect from the Association. Mayor Kaneb pointed out that, in his opinion, consideration should be given to the opinion of the Parking Authority and the

Police Department as both these bodies are involved in the question now under discussion. In this respect, Mr. Bourgon stated that a copy of the Brief had not been made available to the Parking Authority but he would have a copy given to the members. Alderman Gauthier offered to fully discuss the matter at the Public Works Committee meeting which is being held this week.

Mayor Kaneb thanked the Association for presenting the Brief and assured the members that the request will be taken under advisement.

Drop-In Centre - Mayor Kaneb, on behalf of members of Council, welcomed Mrs. L. Smith and a number of young people from the Drop-In Centre, who were present at this evening's meeting.

1969 Financial Statements - Messrs. Wm. Brace, Dick and Dawson were in attendance at this evening's meeting to review with Council, the audited financial statements of the City for 1969.

Mr. Brace briefly explained the various statements contained in the report prepared by his firm. He noted an increase in costs in temporary borrowing due to a higher interest rate and delay in selling debentures. He noted substantial increase in outstanding taxes which is now up to over ten percent of the annual tax revenue which, at one time, was around six percent. It was pointed out that the taxes owing to the municipality were mostly 1969 taxes and not 1967 or 1968. Mayor Kaneb noted the good financial position of the City which has been indicated by the last sale of debentures which sold at 99.51.

Mayor Kaneb, on behalf of members of Council, thanked Mr. Brace for his comments and constructive criticism offered. Mr. Brace, in turn, stated that his firm appreciates the ready co-operation of all members of the City staff and stated that it was a pleasure to work with them.

Adjournment - Moved by Alderman Guindon, seconded by Alderman Gauthier that Council adjourn for ten minutes.

Council reconvened.

Adoption of Minutes - Moved by Alderman Clement, seconded by Alderman Gauthier that the Council minutes of meetings held May 25th and June 1st be adopted as received. Unanimously adopted.

COMMUNICATIONS

1. Property Owners & Ratepayers' Association - Elections at Large - Moved by Alderman Gauthier, seconded by Alderman Webster that the letter be filed. Unanimously adopted.
2. Cornwall Committee Oddfellows & Rebekahs - Tag Day, May 29, 1971 - Moved by Alderman Fawthrop, seconded by Alderman Guindon that the Cornwall Committee Oddfellows and Rebekahs be authorized to conduct a Tag Day on May 29, 1971. Unanimously adopted.
3. Lord Mayor of London - Letter of Thanks - Moved by Alderman Bough, seconded by Alderman Clement that the letter be filed. Unanimously adopted.
4. Northern & Central Gas Corp. Ltd. - Hearing July 13th - Moved by Alderman Lebano, seconded by Alderman Fawthrop that the letter be filed with it being noted that the City Solicitor has submitted a letter of objection on behalf of the City. Unanimously adopted.

5. Downtown Shopping Centre Association - Moved by Alderman Clement, seconded by Alderman Gauthier that the letter be referred to the Parking Authority. Unanimously adopted.

PETITIONS

PE #16-70 - Robert Laframboise & Others - Storm Sewer on Guy Street from Eleventh to Twelfth Streets

PE #17-70 - Robert Laframboise & Others - Pavement on Guy Street from Eleventh to Twelfth Streets

PE #18-70 - Robert Laframboise & Others - Sanitary Sewer on Guy Street from Eleventh to Twelfth Streets

PE #19-70 - Robert Laframboise & Others - Watermain on Guy Street from Eleventh to Twelfth Streets

PE #20-70 - Robert Laframboise & Others - Sidewalk on Guy Street from Eleventh to Twelfth Streets

PE #21-70 - R. Amell & Others - Cleaning of vacant lots at northeast corner of Larin Avenue

Moved by Alderman Gauthier, seconded by Alderman

Guindon that Petitions Nos. 16, 17, 18, 19, 20 and 21 be referred to the City Engineer for study and report. Unanimously adopted.

REPORTS

Finance Committee No. 9-70 - Moved by Alderman Fawthrop, seconded by Alderman Webster that the report be adopted as received. Alderman M. Holden voted against the motion. The motion carried.

Referring to the items dealing with garbage contract and garbage fees, Alderman Bough asked that the Public Works Committee discuss these questions at the meeting to be held this week.

Referring to the Children's Aid Society grant, Alderman Holden noted that it would seem impossible for the Society to operate on this figure and that there will be a deficit at the end of the year. He further stated that it is likely the Society will

be asking for a hearing from the Department. He also noted the interest rates being paid for borrowing purposes as the Society's budget has not yet been approved by the Department.

Insurance Committee No. 3-70 and No. 4-70 -

Moved by Alderman Bough, seconded by Alderman Guindon that the reports be adopted as received. Unanimously adopted.

Transit Committee Report - Alderman Pescod reported verbally on a meeting of the Transit Committee held this afternoon with representatives from the Ontario Department of Highways. The Committee was advised that subsidies up to 75% of the costs of a transit, transportation or combined studies is available from the Department, provided certain procedures are followed.

Moved by Alderman Pescod, seconded by Alderman Gauthier that the Transit Committee be authorized to appoint a Technical Co-ordinating Committee and that this committee select a consulting firm and that the committee be authorized to engage the consulting firm to make an appraisal of the City's transit system, costs of which are estimated between \$500.00 and \$1,000.00 with 25% of the costs to be paid by the City. Unanimously adopted.

It was recommended that the Technical Co-ordinating Committee be composed of representatives of Council to be named by the Mayor, traffic section of the Police Department, Cornwall Planning Board, Parking Authority, Department of Highways and the City Clerk-Administrator. The Cornwall Street Railway

Light & Power Company is to be asked to have a representative to act in an advisory capacity to attend the meetings when so requested by the committee. Aldermen Bough and Guindon declared their interests and refrained from discussing or voting on the matter.

Alderman Fawthrop left the meeting at this time.

Parks and Recreation Committee No. 6-70 - Moved by Alderman Lebano, seconded by Alderman Holden that the report be adopted as received. Unanimously adopted.

Referring to the meeting of the committee with the Optimist Club, Alderman Gauthier pointed out that the Public Works Department has no fill available and any fill required would have to be purchased.

Referring to item #3 in the Administrator's Report, Alderman Lebano suggested that this cost should come out of the Parks and Recreation Committee budget even if it should be necessary to defer doing other work.

Anti-Pollution Committee No. 10-70 - Moved by Alderman Gauthier, seconded by Alderman Guindon that the report be adopted as received. Unanimously adopted.

Public Works Committee No. 6-70 - Moved by Alderman Gauthier, seconded by Alderman Guindon that the report be adopted as received. Unanimously adopted.

Alderman Lebano asked that the Public Works Committee consider the necessary repairs caused by the breaking up of the pavement of Cornwall Centre Road in the area of the Summer Heights Golf Course. He also asked the committee to consider a renewal programme for sidewalks, as he pointed out, some sidewalks are 20, 30 and 40 years old.

Cornwall Tourist & Convention Bureau No. 5-70 -

Moved by Alderman Webster, seconded by Alderman Cameron that the report be adopted as received. Unanimously adopted.

Report on Sodding of Various City Boulevards,

Tender No. 9-70 - Moved by Alderman Gauthier, seconded by Alderman Pescod that the tender of Mr. Fernand Halle be accepted for Field Sod at a total price of \$13,200.00. Unanimously adopted.

Report on Weed Cutting Along Various City Rights of Way, Tender No. 12-70 - Moved by Alderman Gauthier, seconded by

Alderman Cameron that the tender of Mr. Myles J. Chisholm be accepted for weed cutting at a total price of \$2,880.00. Unanimously adopted.

Report on Resurfacing of Various City Streets, Tender

No. 20-70 - Moved by Alderman Gauthier, seconded by Alderman Pescod that the tender of Cornwall Gravel Company Limited for the resurfacing of various City streets be accepted at a total price of \$79,565.75. Unanimously adopted.

Report on Replacement Engine for Fire Pumper, Tender

No. 21-70 - Moved by Alderman Guindon, seconded by Alderman Gauthier that the tender of Harper Detroit Diesel Limited be accepted for a Ford V-8 Gas Engine at a total price of \$3,850.00. Unanimously adopted.

Summary of Engineer's Report to Council No. 4-70 -

Moved by Alderman Gauthier, seconded by Alderman Pescod that the report be adopted as received. Unanimously adopted.

Report on condemnation Vacant Dwelling Sites on Lot

1, R.P. 207 - Misc. No. 3-70 - Moved by Alderman Gauthier, seconded by Alderman Guindon that the report recommending the demolition of a residence owned by Mr. P. Gignac at the corner of Eleventh Street and Captain MacDonald Road be adopted as received. Unanimously adopted.

Cornwall Planning Board No. 5-70 - Moved by Alderman Pescod, seconded by Alderman Guindon that the report be adopted as received. Unanimously adopted.

RESOLUTIONS

RE #40-70 - Township of Sandwich West - Daylight Saving Time

Moved by Alderman Webster, seconded by Alderman Guindon that the resolution from the Township of Sandwich West be filed. Unanimously adopted.

RE #41-70 - City of Sarnia - Ontario Municipal Employees Retirement System

Moved by Alderman Lebano, seconded by Alderman Cameron that the resolution from the City of Sarnia be endorsed. Unanimously adopted.

RE #42-70 - City of Cornwall - That a joint fund account be opened at the Cornwall Branch of the Toronto-Dominion Bank

Moved by Alderman Lebano, seconded by Alderman Guindon that a joint fund account be opened at the Cornwall Branch of the Toronto-Dominion Bank. Unanimously adopted.

RE #43-70 - City of Brockville - Narcotic Control Act

Moved by Alderman Lebano, seconded by Alderman Webster that the resolution from the City of Brockville be endorsed. Unanimously adopted.

RE #44-70-City of Belleville - Pollution Control

Moved by Alderman Cameron, seconded by Alderman Pescod
that the resolution from the City of Belleville be filed.

Unanimously adopted.

BY-LAWS

By-law No. 886 - To authorize the signing officers for the joint
fund account

887 - To grant an annual retirement allowance payable
monthly to Mr. Garnet Morpaw

888 - To grant an annual retirement allowance payable
monthly to Mr. Lloyd Myers

889 - To grant an annual retirement allowance payable
monthly to Mr. Ernest Tessier

890 - To authorize the pulling down of unsafe building

Moved by Alderman Clement, seconded by Alderman Gauthier
that the by-laws be read a First and Second Time. Unanimously
adopted.

By-law No. 874 - To authorize the borrowing upon debentures to
pay part of the cost of the construction of
Brookdale Avenue Combined Sewer - \$194,978.94

886 - To authorize the signing officers for the joint
fund account

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monthly to Mr. Garnet Morpaw

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monthly to Mr. Lloyd Myers

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Moved by Alderman Guindon, seconded by Alderman Bough
that the by-laws be read a Third Time, Passed, Signed and Sealed.
An amendment to the motion was made by Alderman Lebano, seconded
by Alderman Clement that Council defer passing By-law No. 888.

The amendment carried and By-law No. 88 was removed from the agenda.

NEW BUSINESS

Meeting with Charlottenburgh Council - Mayor Kaneb reported that the meeting scheduled for tomorrow afternoon with the Township of Charlottenburgh has been cancelled at the request of the Township Council.

Telephone Survey - Mr. Boyer reported that the Bell Telephone Company has commenced a survey of telephone usage within the administration building with a view to reducing the cost. He further reported that, from information obtained from the Bell Telephone Company, the 911 Emergency Service is out of the question at this time and may not even be possible until 1985.

Road Conditions - Alderman Guindon asked that action be taken to improve the pavements on Thirteenth Street between Brookdale Avenue and Cumberland Street and Cornwall Centre Road. Mr. Adams noted that new roads are necessary in these areas and that the costs for such work was deleted by Council from the budget.

Pavement at Sydney and Sixth Streets - Alderman Guindon asked that the City replace the portion of the sidewalk on Sydney Street from the property line to the travelled portion of the road on Sixth Street which was never completed since the sewer work was finished.

Norman Park - Alderman Cameron asked that the remainder of Norman Park be fenced as persons using the park are going through the backyards of four of the houses on Newark Avenue. Alderman Lebano stated that this was a condition at all parks but there is no money in the budget for this purpose, however, a snow fence

might prove a temporary solution.

Moved by Alderman Cameron, seconded by Alderman Guindon that approximately 200 feet of fencing be installed provided sufficient money is available in the reserve fund established under Section 28 of The Planning Act.

Unanimously adopted.

Alderman Holden suggested that the cost of fencing City parks should be shared on a 50 - 50 basis with the property owners.

Lion's Club Convention - Alderman Lebano commended Alderman Webster who, through the efforts of the Lion's Club and the Cornwall Tourist & Convention Bureau, were successful in bringing the convention to Cornwall in 1973.

Meeting with Charlottenburgh Council - Alderman Lebano stated that it was very imperative that we hold a meeting with Charlottenburgh Council. He advised members of Council that he had been talking with Mr. A. Chalk and was assured by him that there are very substantial subsidies available by the Raisin Region Conservation Authority for development of park areas. The Mayor replied that he was hopeful that a meeting would take place in the near future.

Endurance Race - Alderman Lebano congratulated the Cornwall Tourist & Convention Bureau, whom, he stated, deserved a great deal of credit for the endurance race which was attended by approximately 600 people.

Obnoxious Weeds - Moved by Alderman Brunet, seconded by Alderman Gauthier that property owners be advised that obnoxious weeds must be cut immediately. Alderman Cameron voted against the

Displays on City Streets - Alderman Brunet stated that he had been asked about the display of merchandise on City streets. He suggested that, if someone should get hurt by bicycles or vegetable racks, the City could be sued because we have allowed obstacles on the streets.

Moved by Alderman Brunet, seconded by Alderman Gauthier that the City's Insurance Agent be asked to consider this matter. Unanimously adopted.

Elections at Large - Replying to Alderman Brunet, Mr. Boyer stated that, if the municipality was to change to elections at large, it would be necessary to pass a by-law prior to November 1st of the year in which the elections are taking place.

Volunteer Firefighters - Answering Alderman Brunet, Mr. Boyer indicated that a report on volunteer firefighters is to be submitted at this evening's Committee of the Whole meeting.

Filling in of Canal - In answer to Alderman Brunet, Mayor Kaneb stated that the question of filling in the canal is one of the problems that is now being considered by the Task Force. He further stated that he was speaking to Honourable L. Lamoureux and was advised that Honourable Lamoureux had met with Honourable D. McEachran and was told that matters are still under review.

Tax Collections - Alderman Brunet suggested that it is often most difficult for small property owners to pay their property taxes and noted that, after three years of arrears, the property may be put up for tax sale. He suggested that a little more leniency be shown towards a small property owner and, at the same time, the Tax Collector endeavour to collect outstanding taxes from larger

companies.

Sam Pond Property - Alderman Brunet reported that Mr. Sam Pond has located a residence in St. Andrews where he is moving. However, he suggested that the City pay his costs to appear before the Committee of Adjustment in order to obtain a consent which would permit the building of a duplex on his property on Tollgate Road.

Property on Guy Street - Answering Alderman Clement, Mr. Adams stated that the vacant lot on the east side of Guy Street, north of Fifth Street is owned by Elm Hill Company and the City has only an easement across the land. Alderman Clement suggested that the Company be made to clean up the property. The question was referred to the Public Works Committee.

By-law No. 859, 1970 - To amend the Traffic By-law

Moved by Alderman Guindon, seconded by Alderman Clement that the by-law be read a Third Time, Passed, Signed and Sealed. An amendment to the motion was made by Alderman Lebano, seconded by Alderman Cameron that the by-law be referred to the Board of Commissioners of Police and Parking Authority for a report to be submitted to the next meeting of City Council. The amendment carried. The motion was defeated.

Mr. Daigneault asked that he be invited to attend the Police Commission and Parking Authority meetings when this question is discussed. He was assured by Mayor Kaneb that he and Mr. Sommers and the Parking Authority Chairman will be invited to attend the meeting of the Board of Commissioners of Police.

Volunteer Firefighters - In answer to a submission, dated March 10, 1969, of Alderman Brunet, Fire Chief L. Carriere read from a report, dated May 5, 1969. Alderman Brunet contended that the figures, as contained in the report, only substantiate his argument that, if the Fire Department was to use volunteers, savings could be realized. He further stated that one reason he is against the Fire Department, as it now operates, is because so many of the firefighters are carrying on other jobs which deprive others from obtaining work.

Alderman Clement mentioned the three hospitals in Cornwall who were recently accredited upon which the grants are based. The inspector, at that time, made special reference to the wonderful co-operation which exists between the Fire Department and the hospitals.

Mayor Kaneb suggested that the Chief's report be placed on the agenda of the next Committee of the Whole meeting.

Adjournment - Moved by Alderman Guindon, seconded by Alderman Gauthier that Council adjourn into Committee of the Whole.

Following a meeting of Committee of the Whole, Council reconvened.

Committee of the Whole Report No. 15-70 - Moved by Alderman Lebano, seconded by Alderman Gauthier that the report be adopted as received. Unanimously adopted.

Adjournment - Moved by Alderman Guindon, seconded by Alderman Cameron that Council adjourn.


Clerk


Mayor