

CITY COUNCIL NO. 9-70

April 13, 1970.

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

Assessment Administration Course - His Worship Mayor N. Kaneb welcomed students of the Assessment Administration Course of the St. Lawrence College who were in attendance at this evening's meeting.

DELEGATIONS

Meals-on-Wheels - Mrs. Jean Scott, Chairman of Meals-on-Wheels, was present with other representatives of this group. Mrs. Scott informed members of Council that there are 75 volunteers participating in the project and that this week, 10 recipients have received a total of 50 hot meals, which meals are prepared at the Cornwall General Hospital and delivered to the home. One hot meal a day is delivered for five days at a cost of 60 cents per meal which money is turned over to the hospital. The service, she noted, is used by elderly, handicapped and post-operative patients. Money has been donated to the group although more is required. The main purpose of the delegation appearing before Council, however, is to acquaint members of this work and ask for moral support of members of Council.

Mayor Kaneb congratulated the volunteers and extended his thanks and appreciation on behalf of his colleagues and citizens of the City in pioneering this project and in providing services to less fortunate individuals.

Rental of Office Space - Mr. M. S. Thompson, who was present with Mr. Laframboise of that firm, explained to Council, facts re rental of office space to the Provincial Assessment Department. Mr. Thompson stated that he was concerned about a statement made recently in Council which indicated that there was a conflict of interest between the firm and its dealings with Council when it arranged for rental of office space while being retained by the City for the building of the Municipal Complex. He pointed out that, in September 1969, the Provincial Department of Public Works had advertised for office space and, at this time, the firm had submitted its tender. The building, he noted, required no civic capital expenditure and no grants or subsidies were received. Taxes to the City increased by a very large amount. Various members of Council replied to Mr. Thompson, assuring him that there was definitely no conflict of interest and that the City, by delaying building, was in no position to offer office space at the time required by the Provincial Department..

It was stated that the opinion expressed in Council was that of one alderman and certainly not the thinking of other members of Council - rather Mr. Thompson was commended for his foresight in erecting such a prestige building which indicated his interest and confidence in the growth of the City.

Alderman Brunet stated that, what was printed in the paper, was possibly the result of remarks made by him stating that the City could not expect to rent space in any new building to the Assessment Department as a lease was already signed for ten years with Thompson Associates and that he was pleased to see this firm rent the space as the Department could have located outside the City.

Parking Authority - Mr. H. Hertz, Chairman of the Parking Authority, in support of his address to Council, presented a brief report with attached 1969 and 1970 Budget. Mr. Hertz notified members of Council that the Authority meets the first Wednesday in each month and that notice of these meetings, which are open to the public, is given on the bulletin board in the entrance to the administration building. Minutes of the meeting are available in the Treasurer's Department. All actions taken by the Authority are governed by the Municipal Act and in certain cases, must be approved by Council.

The recent by-law approved by the Authority and submitted to Council asks that two men, presently employed in meter maintenance, be permitted to issue parking tickets which would relieve the Police Department of this duty. The by-law also provides for an increase in parking rates in order to offset operational costs.

At the request of Alderman Holden, the Authority is to consider the legality of permitting owners of cars to obtain a City licence when such cars are used for business purposes and providing the owner pays a business tax and the name of his

business imprinted on the vehicle. It was brought out that the two Merchants' Associations are meeting this week. It was therefore felt that Council should defer passing the parking by-law until after this meeting when the opinion of the merchants can be obtained.

Transit System - Messrs. C. I. Bacon, F. Fairweather and D. Seymour came before Council to request a change in bus routes.

Mr. Fairweather read from a letter which indicated that the Company could expect a loss in transit operation in 1970 of over \$240,000. The company has made a study of bus usage and, as a result, is asking Council to approve a reduction in bus service to help offset the loss. Alderman Pescod stated that the Transit Committee is in agreement with this reduction in service as the only means of offsetting the high cost of operation and, at the same time, provide a service to the citizens. Alderman Clement asked the Committee, when meeting with the Company, to consider the erection of extra shelters in areas where there would be longer delay in service. Aldermen Bough & Guindon declared their interest and refrained from discussing on the s

Service Station Permit - Mr. Fernand Loiselle who had applied for a gasoline permit for a service station on Eleventh Street between Cumberland and Brookdale Avenue again inquired from Council as to when his application may be approved. He was advised that a by-law, governing gasoline outlets, is presently being studied by the City Solicitor.

Amalgamated Transit Workers' Union No. 946 - Moved by Alderman Bough, seconded by Alderman Guindon that Mr. Fred

Bonneville be permitted to address Council on behalf of the Amalgamated Transit Workers' Union No. 946. Unanimously adopted.

Mr. Bonneville, spoke on behalf of a delegation who was present with him, expressed the Union's concern over the proposal of the Company to reduce bus service which could cause a layoff of personnel. He agreed that the Company has to take some action but that men should not have to be laid off. He asked that the Transit Committee keep the Union informed of any action taken by them and requested that the Committee, when possible, include representatives of the Union at its meetings. Alderman Pescod replied that the Committee, as well as the Company, is concerned with the possible layoff of busdrivers. However, it is imperative that, if bus service is to be provided, that a curtailment of service must be realized.

Adoption of Minutes - Moved by Alderman Bough, seconded by Alderman Gauthier that the Council minutes of meeting held March 23rd be adopted as received. Unanimously adopted.

COMMUNICATIONS

1. Department of Social & Family Services - Resolution re amalgamation of welfare services
2. Department of Highways - Tender No. 7-69
3. Honourable Fern Guindon - Endorsement of resolutions
Moved by Alderman Pescod, seconded by Alderman Guindon that letters no. 1, 2 & 3 be filed. Unanimously adopted.
4. Bell Canada - Grant of Easement - Moved by Alderman Gauthier, seconded by Alderman Clement that Bell Canada be granted

an easement on Blocks "A" & "B", Part of Lot 1, Concession 1, Registered Plan No. 273. Unanimously adopted.

5. Albert Martin - Resignation from Committee of Adjustment - Moved by Alderman Lebano, seconded by Alderman Holden that the resignation of Mr. Albert Martin of the Committee of Adjustment be accepted and that a letter of appreciation be forwarded to him. Unanimously adopted.

Members of Council were asked to consider a replacement for Mr. Martin in order that an appointment can be made at the next meeting.

6. Herman Nyland - Snow Clearing

7. Emergency Measures Organization - Condition of Fallout Shelters

Moved by Alderman Webster, seconded by Alderman Bough that letters no. 6 & 7 be filed. Unanimously adopted.

8. The Mall Merchants' Association - Direction Sign

Moved by Alderman Gauthier, seconded by Alderman Brunet that Council decline to grant permission to the Mall Merchants' Association to erect a sign on the east side of Boundary Road at the intersection of Second Street on property owned by the City. Unanimously adopted.

PETITIONS

PE #7-70 - Armand Bazinet & others - Storm Sewer on Fourteenth Street from west of Lisieux Street to Lot 65

PE #8-70 - Armand Bazinet & others - Pavement on Fourteenth Street from west of Lisieux Street to Lot 65

PE #9-70 - Gary McDougall & others - Pavement & Storm Sewer on Guy Street from Lasalle Road to Marleau Avenue

Moved by Alderman Holden, seconded by Alderman Guindon that Petitions No. 7, 8 & 9 be referred to the City Engineer for consideration and report. Unanimously adopted.

REPORTS

Finance Committee Reports No. 3-70; 5-70; 6-70 and 7-70 - Finance Committee Report No. 4-70 is deferred to be considered in the Committee of the Whole meeting.

Finance Committee Report No. 8-70 was deleted from the agenda.

Moved by Alderman Fawthrop, seconded by Alderman Pescod that Finance Committee Reports No. 3, 5, 6 & 7 be adopted as received. Unanimously adopted.

Alderman Carrara asked that Mr. S. E. Fennell look into the legality of having the minutes of Board of Commissioners of Police meetings included in the packs prepared for Council.

Referring to Report No. 7-70, Alderman Brunet declared that he took strong exception to the fees charged by Mr. L. McLaren, Real Estate Agent and suggested that a structure of fees be obtained from the various Real Estate Agents.

Cornwall Tourist and Convention Bureau No. 3-70 - Moved by Alderman Webster, seconded by Alderman Lebano that the report be adopted as received. Unanimously adopted.

Parks and Recreation Committee No. 4-70 - Moved by Alderman Lebano, seconded by Alderman Bough that the report be adopted as received. Unanimously adopted.

Anti-Pollution Committee No. 4-70 - Moved by Alderman Carrara, seconded by Alderman Gauthier that the report be adopted

as received. Unanimously adopted.

Public Works Committee No. 5-70 - Moved by Alderman Gauthier, seconded by Alderman Pescod that the report be adopted with the deletion of item #6(e) O.H.C. Senior Citizens Building. Unanimously adopted.

Insurance Committee No. 2-70 - Moved by Alderman Gauthier, seconded by Alderman Brunet that the report be received.

Moved by Alderman Fawthrop, seconded by Alderman Carrara that the minutes of the Insurance Committee meeting be adopted subject to further review by the Committee. Unanimously adopted.

Clerk-Administrator's Report No. 4-70 - Moved by Alderman Gauthier, seconded by Alderman Bough that the report be adopted as received. Unanimously adopted.

Clerk-Administrator's Report No. 7-70 - Moved by Alderman Guindon, seconded by Alderman Cameron that the report be adopted as received. Unanimously adopted.

Report on Three-Wheel Mechanical Street Sweeper Tender No. 2-70 - Moved by Alderman Gauthier, seconded by Alderman Guindon that the tender of Sicard Inc. of Montreal be accepted at a price of \$15,289.00 for a three-wheel mechanical street sweeper. Unanimously adopted.

Report on Fire Department Uniform Clothing Tender No. 7-70 - Moved by Alderman Gauthier, seconded by Alderman Clement that the tender for Fire Department Uniform Clothing be awarded on the basis and in the manner as set out in a report

of March 31st, submitted by Mr. W. F. Ainslie and Chief L. Carriere. Mr. R. J. Hamilton is to make available to each member of Council, the total costs involved in the tender with the breakdown of costs of these separate items.

Progress and Planning Report No. 4-70 - Moved by Alderman Gauthier, seconded by Alderman Pescod that the report be adopted as received. Unanimously adopted.

Building Report No. 1-70 - Moved by Alderman Gauthier, seconded by Alderman Guindon that the report be adopted as received. Unanimously adopted.

Summary of Engineer's Report No. 1-70; 2-70 - Moved by Alderman Gauthier, seconded by Alderman Pescod that the reports be adopted as received. Unanimously adopted.

Fire Department Report No. 2-70 - Moved by Alderman Guindon, seconded by Alderman Gauthier that the report be adopted as received. Unanimously adopted.

Fire Prevention Bureau Inspection Report No. 2-70 - Moved by Alderman Guindon, seconded by Alderman Webster that the report be adopted as received. Unanimously adopted.

Report re Tenders for Debentures - Mr. Hamilton reported verbally on the meeting for the opening of tenders for debentures which was held on April 13th.

Moved by Alderman Fawthrop, seconded by Alderman Clement that the City accept the tender of Cliche & Associates Ltee.

at a price of \$99.54 for the sale of debentures. Unanimously adopted.

RESOLUTIONS

RE #30-70 - City of Chatham - That marijuana remain under the Food and Drug Act

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

RE #31-70 - City of London - To ban the use of non-returnable soft drink bottles

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

BY-LAWS

By-law No. 862 - To auth. execution of Offer to Purchase with Philip Laundry (Laundrie)

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

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Moved by Alderman Lebano, seconded by Alderman Clement that the by-law be read a Third Time, Passed, Signed and Sealed. Voting against the motion were - Aldermen D. A. Fawthrop and D. Webster. The motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS

Resolution No. 15-70 - For the information of members of Council, a report was submitted indicating that nine municipalities endorsed and two municipalities did not endorse the City's resolution on property tax.

By-law Nos. 859/70 and 860/70 - Moved by Alderman Guindon, seconded by Alderman Carrara that the by-laws be given a Third Reading. An amendment to the motion was made by Alderman Lebrano, seconded by Alderman Clement that the passing of both by-laws be deferred until the next meeting. Voting against the amendment were - Aldermen Carrara, Fawthrop, Guindon and Holden. The amendment carried and the motion was defeated.

Playground - Alderman Carrara asked that the Parks and Recreation Committee consider the possibility of having the property on the east side of St. Felix Street between Montreal Road and Walton Avenue used as a small playground. There is presently a building erected on the property which is used by the Boy Scouts.

Garbage Pick-up - Alderman Carrara asked that the contractor consider picking up garbage at the St. Lawrence High School before the students go to classes.

Debris - Alderman Carrara asked that we investigate the pile of debris which has accumulated behind the Central Hotel.

Gonzaga School - Alderman Brunet asked that it be recorded that, at no time, did he suggest that the City spend between \$40,000 and \$50,000 for renovations with ownership to be retained by the School Board but rather that the City attempt to obtain ownership of this building.

Health Services - Moved by Alderman Brunet, seconded by Alderman Bough that the Administrator meet with Miss McBeth of V.O.N. to explore the feasibility of having the V.O.N. visit the homes of City employees when they are off of work due to illness. Unanimously adopted.

1970 Budget - Alderman Fawthrop reported that a number of Finance Committee meetings have been held and the budgets of the various departments have been reduced. He now asked direction and co-operation from all members of Council. Mayor Kaneb replied that he would call a Committee of the Whole meeting for April 20th at 7:00 p.m. to fully discuss the current budget and the 1970 mill rate.

Air Pollution - Alderman Guindon suggested that the Anti-Pollution Committee work with the adjoining municipalities to combat air pollution.

Parking on Bergin Avenue - Alderman Guindon asked that consideration be given to improving parking conditions on Bergin Avenue, as the manner in which cars are now parked, makes it extremely difficult to turn off of Montreal Road onto Bergin Avenue.

Meetings with Members of Parliament - Alderman Guindon stated the he was astounded to hear that there was a meeting held yesterday. He felt that, as a member of Council, he should be invited when outside organizations are attending these meetings especially when members of Parliament are present.

Urban Renewal Committee - Alderman Guindon inquired as to when a chairman would be appointed to the Urban Renewal Committee which has recently been set up.

Moved by Alderman Fawthrop, seconded by Alderman Webster that Alderman Bough, as vice-chairman of the Finance Committee, act as a member on the Urban Renewal Committee.

The three members of this committee are to appoint their own

chairman.

Social Service Department - Alderman Guindon inquired as to whether the Social Service Department has any authority to take away licences from persons receiving welfare assistance. In his opinion, this power is given only to the Courts and the Department of Transport.

Sewers in V.L.A. Subdivision - Alderman Holden stated that he had been approached by citizens living in the V.L.A. Subdivision as to whether it is possible for the two groups on either side of the street to put in their own sewer and pay for it themselves. Mr. Adams replied that the owners would have to put on a plan of subdivision before the municipality could permit it.

Claims - Alderman Brunet referred to a party living on Elm Street who had damaged his car extensively when the road collapsed under his car. He was advised by the Adjustment Company that it was an "act of God" and claims of this type could not be paid.

The Company did suggest, however, that the claim be forwarded to Spino Construction Company. Alderman Brunet asked that some assistance be given to this gentleman. The Mayor stated that he would call the insurance agent and ask that the file be re-opened.

Transit System - Alderman Pescod notified members of Council that the representatives from the Cornwall Street Railway are prepared to meet with members in Committee of the Whole this evening, at which time, any questions may be asked of the Company.

Zoning By-law - Alderman Lebano inquired as to the zoning on Second Street West. He was advised to defer taking any further action until the ruling of the Ontario Municipal Board has been received.

Construction Companies - Alderman Holden referred to the practice whereby the City carries out normal maintenance repairs after the construction companies have left the City and bills the company for this work. He questioned as to whether the City, in accepting this responsibility, could be held liable for any damages sustained by car owners. He was advised that the solicitor would have to study this matter.

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

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

Committee of the Whole Report No. 9-70 - Moved by Alderman Fawthrop, seconded by Alderman Pescod that the report be adopted as received. Unanimously adopted.

By-No. 863 - To authorize the sale of part of Lot "D", Conc. 1 to Forged Steel Valve Corporation

Moved by Alderman Clement, seconded by Alderman Gauthier that the by-law be read a First, Second and Third Time, Passed, Signed and Sealed. Unanimously adopted.

Adjournment - Moved by Alderman Webster, seconded by Alderman Bough that Council adjourn.


Clerk


Mayor