

CITY COUNCIL NO. 11-70

April 27, 1970.

A Special 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. Webster, F. Guindon, G. Cameron, K. Bough, A. M. Lebano, J. Pescod and M. Holden.

Excused from Meeting - Mayor Kaneb reported that Alderman D. A. Fawthrop had called and asked permission to be excused from attendance at this evening's meeting.

Regional Assessment Department - His Worship Mayor N. Kaneb introduced Messrs. G. Middaugh, Regional Assessment Commissioner; R. Charbonneau, Residential Manager and H. Theoret, Commercial and Industrial Manager.

Mr. Middaugh apologized for his tardiness in appearing before Council but explained that this was due to the vast amount of work in opening the new Assessment Department here and he was also aware that Council had been extremely busy in setting up the budget.

Mr. Middaugh pointed out that the Assessment Department here is serving a population of 138,000 with 50,000 properties to be assessed with an assessment value of \$188,000,000. A true market value of all properties would be realized only in 1975. He suggested that members of Council or the local ratepayers contact the Assessment Department with any problems that may arise and that members of his Department will certainly answer

them to the best of their ability.

Mayor Kaneb noted that, while the City has lost members of the staff to the Assessment Department, it does reflect upon the City, the high calibre of employees who are working for us.

Alderman Lebano contended from the beginning of Provincial takeover of assessment, he considered this a serious mistake although he may be proven wrong over the next few years.

Mr. Middaugh pointed out that a look at the assessment throughout the Province, indicated that something had to be done and, in his opinion, given time, the new assessment set-up should prove most effective throughout the Province.

Adoption of Minutes - Moved by Alderman Gauthier, seconded by Alderman Pescod that the Council minutes of meetings held April 13th and 20th be adopted as received. Unanimously adopted.

COMMUNICATIONS

1. Cornwall Musica School - Request for Tag Day, Nov. 7/70 -

Moved by Alderman Clement, seconded by Alderman Guindon that the Cornwall Musica School be permitted to conduct a Tag Day on November 7, 1970. Unanimously adopted.

2. City of Thunder Bay - Tolls on St. Lawrence Seaway and Welland Canal - Moved by Alderman Carrara, seconded by Alderman Gauthier that the letter be filed. The motion was defeated.

Moved by Alderman Guindon that Mayor Laskin be advised that we agree with his thinking. There was no seconder to the motion.

Moved by Alderman Cameron that we write on behalf of Council, confirming the last paragraph of the letter and indicating to the Mayor that we are in favour of and support his views as contained in the letter. There was no seconder to the motion.

Moved by Alderman Guindon that the letter be acknowledged. There was no seconder to the motion.

Moved by Alderman Cameron that we support the contents of the letter. There was no seconder to the motion.

Moved by Alderman Lebano, seconded by Alderman Brunet that the letter be acknowledged by the Mayor's Office. Unanimously adopted.

3. Department of National Defence - Visit of HMCS Fraser -

Moved by Alderman Carrara, seconded by Alderman Lebano that the letter be referred to the Cornwall Tourist and Convention Bureau. Unanimously adopted.

4. Paul Rouleau - Retail & commercial outlets west side of Pitt Street -

5. D. J. MacDonald - Est. Hugh F. Graveley, Zoning By-law -

Moved by Alderman Pescod, seconded by Alderman Gauthier that letter nos. 4 & 5 be referred to the Cornwall Planning Board. Unanimously adopted.

6. Niagara Grape and Wine Festival - Sponsorship of parade

float - Moved by Alderman Lebano, seconded by Alderman Cameron that the letter be referred to the Cornwall Tourist and Convention Bureau. Unanimously adopted.

7. Department of Social & Family Services - Children's Aid

Society - Moved by Alderman Gauthier, seconded by Alderman Webster

that the letter be filed. Unanimously adopted.

8. Children's Aid Society - Child Care - Moved by Alderman Gauthier, seconded by Alderman Webster that the Administrator check with Miss Flanigan, Welfare Administratrix, to see if she is preparing a resolution in this respect. Unanimously adopted.

9. Father Kent Doe - Miles for Millions

10. J. Graham Day - Sunday operations of motor vehicle transport industry

Moved by Alderman Gauthier, seconded by Alderman Webster that letter nos. 9 & 10 be filed. Unanimously adopted.

PETITIONS

PE #10-70 - Aurel Hachey & Others - Sidewalk on Anthony from First to Second Streets

Moved by Alderman Gauthier, seconded by Alderman Guindon that the petition be referred to the City Engineer for study and report. Unanimously adopted.

REPORTS

Anti-Pollution Committee #5-70; #6-70 - Moved by Alderman Carrara, seconded by Alderman Gauthier that the reports be adopted as received. Unanimously adopted.

Redevelopment Committee No. 1-70 - Moved by Alderman Guindon, seconded by Alderman Cameron that the report be received and filed. Unanimously adopted.

Report on Portland Cement Tender No. 8-70 - Moved by Alderman Gauthier, seconded by Alderman Bough that the tender of Emard Bros. Lumber Co. Ltd. be accepted for 500 bags of portland cement at a price of \$1.38 per 80 lb. bag. Unanimous.

Report on C.I.P.C. Conference - Misc. #2-70 -

Moved by Alderman Carrara, seconded by Alderman Lebano that the report be received. Unanimously adopted

Alderman Lebano commended Alderman Carrara for the fine report prepared by him.

RESOLUTIONS

RE #33-70 - City of Victoria, B.C. - Extension of Canadian off-shore territorial waters

Moved by Alderman Cameron, seconded by Alderman Pescod that the resolution from the City of Victoria, B.C. be endorsed. Unanimously adopted.

RE #34-70 - City of Kingston - Levy by-laws for school taxes

Moved by Alderman Carrara, seconded by Alderman Gauthier that the resolution from the City of Kingston be endorsed. The motion was withdrawn.

Moved by Alderman Clement, seconded by Alderman Lebano that we withhold endorsement of the resolution until we have an opportunity to discuss the resolution with the School Board and the City Solicitor. Voting against the motion were - Aldermen L. Gauthier, R. Carrara and R. Brunet. The motion carried.

BY-LAWS

- By-law No. 868 - To authorize the construction of a Pavement on Fatima from Twelfth to Thirteenth Sts. - \$30,394.07
- 869 - To authorize the construction of a Pavement on Notre Dame from Thirteenth to Fifteenth Streets - \$46,892.83
- 870 - To authorize the construction of a Pavement on Henry from Twelfth to Thirteenth Sts. - \$29,458.84
- 871 - To authorize the construction of a Pavement on Paul from Eleventh to Twelfth Sts. - \$28,052.27
- 872 - To authorize the construction of a Storm Sewer on Notre Dame from Thirteenth St. to 65 feet south of Fifteenth St. - \$15,044.79

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

Unanimously adopted.

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Moved by Alderman Gauthier, seconded by Alderman Guindon that the by-laws be read a Third Time, Passed, Signed and Sealed. Unanimously adopted.

NEW BUSINESS

Provincial Municipal Conference - Mayor Kaneb gave a brief verbal report on the Provincial Municipal Conference which he attended in Toronto on the 22nd, 23rd and 24th of this month. He gave a highlight of the events which took place during the three days.

Mayor Kaneb referred to an editorial in the Standard Freeholder issue of April 27th. He explained that, what he had stated, while attending the Conference, was taken out of context and reported by the local press. At the conference, he had stated that unless the Provincial Government

show the way, how can we, at a municipal level, do things beyond our control.

Pollution of Lake St. Lawrence - Alderman Carrara referred to the pollution of Lake St. Lawrence caused by the number of dead carp along Island No. 1. A biologist, after examining the area, related that this problem was created by the solid freezing over and lowering of the level of the water which, due to the lack of oxygen, caused the death of the fish.

The Mayor replied that he would contact Honourable F. Guindon, pointing out to him, the seriousness of the situation, not only as a pollution problem but also that the City draws its water supply from the lake.

Conference in Cornwall - Alderman Carrara reported that he had been speaking to Honourable R. Welch, Q.C., Provincial Secretary and Minister of Citizenship, regarding a conference to be held in the City. He suggested that a listing of all social services, within the municipality, be obtained.

Employment in the United States - Alderman Carrara referred to the large number of persons being accepted from the United States to work in Canada at a time when there is high unemployment here. On the other hand, persons from Canada wishing to work in the United States, find that it requires from eight to ten months to obtain a visa to work in that country.

Number of Service Stations - Alderman Pescod referred to our present by-law which limits the number of service stations to 68 and referred to the application of Mr. Fernand Loiselle, who recently appeared before Council asking for a licence to operate a service station on Eleventh Street West. Mr. Boyer

reported that he had met with Mr. Fennell regarding the preparation of a new licensing by-law but that it would take some time before all information was obtained. However, he suggested that Council might wish to pass an amending by-law to delete the paragraph under the present by-law which restricts the number of outlets to 67. Council at a recent meeting, had recommended that this change be made.

City Claims - Alderman Holden inquired as to whether we had obtained the Solicitor's opinion as to the City's liability on claims when repair work is carried out by the City and the Contractor billed for the work.

Gray's Creek Area - Alderman Lebano reported that a sub-committee of the Parks and Recreation Committee is holding a meeting this Friday at 2:00 p.m. to discuss the proposed development of the area and a community boathouse at Gray's Creek.

Spring Clean-up - Alderman Lebano asked that the Public Works Committee, in conjunction with its spring clean-up program, give consideration to cleaning the gutters as he noted, in some areas, there is an accumulation of dust up to three inches.

Pot Holes - Alderman Lebano asked that the City place cold patches on the many pot holes in the City.

Boundary Road - Alderman Lebano complained of the broken glass on Boundary Road which condition, he stated, is worse than last year. Mayor Kaneb stated that he would ask Chief Clarke to instruct his policemen to keep a look out in this area.

Claims - Alderman Holden complained of the inability to get satisfaction on claims. He particularly noted the area of Fifth and Cumberland Streets where residents have been waiting for more than a month for action to be taken. In his opinion, the City should not hesitate to prosecute if we cannot get any satisfaction from the Company. Mr. Bruce Grant, Assistant City Engineer, stated that he had been talking to Gore & Storre and was informed that their inspector will be here by May 15th to look into these matters.

Insurance Claims - Alderman Bough stated that he had checked with the City's Insurance Agent and had discussed payment of claims. He noted that many insurance claims are paid and suggested that a local representative from Head Office attend a Council meeting to make members aware of what is covered under the City's Liability Policy; what is a fair claim; what represents liability and what members of Council can do.

Boosting Cornwall - Alderman Bough made reference to a recent sermon delivered by Reverend George Clifford, in which he stated that citizens should take pride in the City. He further stated that if you cannot think positive that you do not think negative.

Holidays - Alderman Bough asked that more recognition be given to the celebration of holidays, within the City. He especially pointed out the lack of interest shown in celebrating Dominion and Labour Day. He suggested that we should try and attract people to the City by celebration of certain holidays and suggested, possibly, a Cornwall Island Day.

General Vanier Representative - Alderman Cameron introduced Mr. Robert Allebone, a student from General Vanier School, who was present at this evening's meeting and will be reporting to the Student Body.

Street Repairs - Making reference to street repairs, etc., Alderman Cameron asked that the City does not hire extra men but do the work over a period of time and stay within the budget.

City Activities - Alderman Cameron mentioned various activities that are available to City residents such as - horse races, snowmobile races and stockcar races.

Mayor Kaneb left the chair at this time and was replaced by Alderman A. Clement.

Earth Day - Alderman Guindon congratulated Alderman Carrara on Earth Day, whereby the students and the City worked together last Saturday. He noted that they did a tremendous job in cleaning up the downtown area and suggested that this activity be repeated every Saturday. Alderman Carrara replied that Earth Day was a program strictly for teachers and students and that the City only co-operated with them.

Firefighters' Agreement - Alderman Guindon noted that it was gratifying to see that the agreement between the City and the Firefighters' Association has been signed. As a member of Council, he extended appreciation to Messrs. M. A. Boyer, R. J. Hamilton and R. N. Douglas and those who participated in the preparation of the agreement.

Ontario Board of Health Convention - Alderman Guindon reported that all members of Council will be extended an invitation

to hear Honourable John Munro as Guest Speaker at the Annual Ontario Board of Health Convention to be held here in the City September 27th and 28th.

Curbing on Second Street East - Alderman Guindon asked that the curbing be replaced on the north side of Second Street from Alice Street easterly to St. Felix Street.

Dead Carp - Alderman Webster reported that the Cornwall Tourist and Convention Bureau meets tomorrow and that a strong protest will be sent to the St. Lawrence Parks Commission re dead carp on Island No. 1. He felt, however, that delay in cleaning up the area might be due to the extra staff being taken on May 1st.

Tender for the Demolition of Buildings at the corner of Sixth & Adolphus Streets - Alderman Brunet brought out that when the tender was awarded for the demolition of the buildings at the corner of Sixth and Adolphus Streets, one building had already been removed. He felt that the building had a certain value and that, if better communication existed between the various municipal departments, the Purchasing Agent would have been aware that this building had been removed from the property.

Mayor Kaneb returned to the meeting at this time.

McConnell Avenue South - Alderman Brunet questioned as to the liability for repairing a sidewalk on McConnell Avenue South. He felt that the City should not have to pay twice for the same job and that the Contractor should be liable for the necessary repairs.

Weed Cutting - Alderman Brunet noted that, while it may be two months away before much weed cutting is done, the City should, at this time, establish a date whereby weeds must be cut within the municipality.

Boathouses - Alderman Brunet referred to the slum area being created where the boathouses are located. He noted that out of 15 boathouses, 8 or 10 are not being used. He asked that the City Engineer endeavour to find out who the owners are and have them clean up the area. He particularly made reference to the waterfront area, lying between McConnell Avenue and Alice Streets.

Municipal Elections - Alderman Brunet stated that it seemed that the Department was in favour of two-year elections for municipalities. In order to bring our elections in line with the elections for School Boards, he questioned as to whether the City should hold an election this year as a possible saving to the taxpayer.

Zoning By-law - Alderman Brunet inquired as to the interpretation of home occupation as contained in the new Zoning By-law. Mr. Fennell replied that this question will be dealt with as a supplementary by-law when the total report is brought in.

Volunteer Fire Department - Alderman Brunet inquired as to when the Mayor would be considering the feasibility of having a Volunteer Fire Department within the Municipality. He felt that the Firefighters' Association Agreement has now been ratified and could be dealt with at

at this time. The Administrator is to present a report on this matter.

Chip Wagon - Alderman Clement referred to the practice of a chip wagon stopping at the corner of Second and Prince Arthur Streets which creates a traffic hazard to students from St. Lawrence High School and a nuisance to area residents. He questioned as to whether it would be possible to have these wagons parked on school property. The problem was referred to the Public Works Committee.

City Market - Alderman Lebano complained of the market being moved behind the Water Street Arena. He felt that the land around the arena was needed, not only by the City but also that part of the property has recently been leased to Glen Productions. Further, he pointed out that the washroom facilities are not suitable. Alderman Gauthier is to check into the matter.

Clean-up Month - Mayor Kaneb stated that, while the month of May is being designated as Clean-up Month, he would ask that special emphasis be put on the last week of the month. He suggested that City Departments, during this week, do a little extra in cleaning up and painting up everything. It was his hope that the principals of the schools might co-operate by having the teachers work with the pupils in special projects.

Industrial Promotion - Mayor Kaneb referred to a meeting held last Thursday with representatives of the Canadian Press and Toronto Star which representatives are to meet with Mr. W. L. Courville tomorrow. The Mayor emphasized that Council

has never attempted to suppress the truth and noted that the news media have been taken on a tour of the City. He pointed out that we start speaking of the many assets the City has and, at all times, put our best foot forward.

Reference was made to a recent meeting held with members of the Press and, at which meeting, a teacher from Cornwall Collegiate & Vocational School was present. At a recent meeting of Council, objection was taken to a presentation made by this teacher which indicated the slow growth of the area. Alderman Clement, who was present at the meeting, stated that an explanation had been received by the teacher which indicated that material used in the school was only part of a program to show the industrial development of the City.

While Alderman Carrara felt that Council owed an apology to the teacher involved; Alderman Clement felt that the matter had been cleared up and acceptable to both Council and the teacher and it was his opinion that we should have the service of teachers on different committees especially the Industrial Committee to help us; it being noted that one teacher is already active on the Anti-Pollution Committee.

Alderman Brunet brought out the fact that, if 20% of the City's labour force is unemployed, this should act as an attraction to industries trying to locate here as they would not have to look elsewhere for employees.

Residents on Fortier Avenue - Moved by Alderman Carrara, seconded by Alderman Cameron that Rule '48' be

suspended in order to allow Mr. Ravary to speak. Unanimously adopted.

Mr. M. Ravary came before Council to again ask for the City's co-operation in having a home next to his condemned. He decried the long period of time that was being taken to solve this problem which had already been looked at by the Board of Health, the Parks and Recreation Committee and the City Solicitor. In support of Mr. Ravary's request, Alderman Guindon pointed out that many reports have been submitted to Council and it is now up to Council to ask the Board of Health to condemn the house. It was brought out at the meeting that, while possibly the home should be condemned, consideration would also have to be given to the people presently living in it. The Mayor assured Mr. Ravary that Council would give further study to this problem.

Adjournment - Moved by Alderman Guindon, seconded by Alderman Gauthier 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. 11-70 - Moved by Alderman Clemeent, seconded by Alderman Holden that the report be adopted as received. Unanimously adopted.

Rule '34' - Moved by Alderman Pescod, seconded by Alderman Holden that Rule '34' be suspended. The motion was passed on a two-thirds majority.

By-law No. 873 - To amend By-law No. 580, 1968
(Service Station By-law)

Moved by Alderman Pescod, 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 Lebano, seconded by Alderman Clement that Council adjourn.

W. M. Boyer
Clerk

W. Kaneb.
Mayor