

CITY COUNCIL NO. 31-70

November 23, 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. A. Fawthrop, D. Webster, F. Guindon, G. Cameron, K. Bough, A. M. Lebano, J. Pescod and M. Holden.

DELEGATIONS

Mr. Howard Meadd - Mr. Meadd, as the City's representative on the Suburban Roads Commission, addressed Council briefly on the work of this body. He pointed out that the Commission is made up of one member appointed by the City, one by the United Counties and the third to be agreed upon by the two members so appointed. There is 38.9 miles of road under the jurisdiction of the Commission and the amount of money to be spent is based on one-half mill of taxation of the City which is 25 percent of the total budget. The counties contribute a similar amount and the Department of Highways 50 percent. The road along St. Andrews and Martintown, leading onto Highway 401 and Power Dam Drive have been resurfaced this year. The Black River bridge is to be replaced next year and also the road is to be widened on both sides of the bridge. Mr. Meadd went on to state that the Commission does not own any land or property except a sander. The Commission employs the County staff and equipment for which the Counties is paid \$600.00 a year; also a payment of \$200.00 is made for partial use of

equipment stored in the building at St. Andrews.

Mayor Kaneb thanked Mr. Meadd and stated that he appreciated the information submitted to Council this evening.

Rule '48' - Moved by Alderman Cameron, seconded by Alderman Webster that Rule '48' be suspended in order to hear Mr. R. D. Kalil. Unanimously adopted.

Mr. Kalil, President of the Chamber of Commerce, read from a brief, dated November 23rd, indicating the various activities of the Chamber over the past year. He also submitted a proposed budget for the year 1971 of this Association.

Moved by Alderman Fawthrop, seconded by Alderman Carrara that the report be submitted to the Finance Committee. Unanimously adopted.

Mayor Kaneb welcomed all those in attendance at this evening's meeting and trusted that they would enjoy the proceedings of Council.

Adoption of Minutes - Moved by Alderman Gauthier, seconded by Alderman Pescod that the Council minutes of meeting held November 9th be adopted as received. Unanimously adopted.

Communications

1. Student Government, St. Lawrence College - Cornwall Canal - Moved by Alderman Clement, seconded by Alderman Carrara that the letter be filed. Unanimously adopted.

Moved by Alderman Clement, seconded by Alderman Holden that we approach Honourable L. Lamoureux to contact the Minister responsible, asking that the City be provided with a set of proposed plans to show the work to be done along the City's waterfront. Unanimously adopted.

Alderman Lebano noted that some citizens think that this Council and the previous one have not considered this area. He pointed out, however, that four years ago, Council had studied the waterfront as far down as Gray's Creek. Since that time, we have signed a Beach Agreement and he stated we will continue to see that this land is developed.

Alderman Gauthier asked that the Task Force consider a dry dock along the waterfront. He felt that such an undertaking by the many citizens who have been laid off and are unable to find any work, would be appreciated.

Mayor Kaneb reminded Council that, some time ago, the City submitted 15 points to the Seaway Authority and, since that time, the Task Force has come into being and last week, the Federal Government announced the deepening and improving of the harbour and also that funds are available for the improvement on the south side of the canal bank.

Alderman Bough asked that, when the waterfront area is considered, a joint public meeting be held with Federal and Seaway representatives, service clubs and the Chamber of Commerce to review our thoughts and wishes and those of the citizens for the development of the land.

2. S. L. McLaren - Rezoning - Brookdale Avenue

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Moved by Alderman Carrara, seconded by Alderman Gauthier that the letters be filed. Unanimously adopted.

At the request of Alderman Cameron, Mr. Fennell explained that, following the Hearing of the Ontario Municipal Board last spring, temporary approval was given to the Zoning

By-law and, at the same time, the Board suggested that Council and the Planning Board reconsider a number of matters that were set out in the decision. The Planning Board considered and brought in a report which was passed by Council and a by-law sent to the Ontario Municipal Board.

Mr. Fennell noted that a number of difficulties have arisen and directives have been sent out by the Department and the Board has now stated that, before final approval is given, another Hearing will be held which will likely take place on February 17, 1971. He advised Council that, if they wish to pass further amending by-laws, this is their prerogative. One of the matters that the Board asked Council to consider was the zoning of Mr. McLaren's land. If Council wishes to deal with this rezoning, the by-law would be sent to the Board for approval and, in his opinion, it would be dealt with at the time of the Hearing. One other way, Mr. Fennell pointed out, that Council could deal with Mr. McLaren's request, is to have a complete separate Zoning By-law. Handling the request in this manner, however, would involve many implications and, in his opinion, would be very undesirable. The Mayor stated that he would ask for a third reading of the by-law this evening.

3. Eastern Ontario Development Council - Annual Fall Conference - Moved by Alderman Lebano, seconded by Alderman Clement that the letter be filed. Unanimously adopted.

The Mayor asked that, if any members of Council wished to attend the conference, they advise either he or the Administrator.

4. Knights of Columbus, Council 5068 - Permission to sell tickets

6. Knights of Columbus, Council 755 - Permission to sell raffle tickets

Moved by Alderman Lebano, seconded by Alderman Cameron that permission to sell tickets within the City be granted to the Knights of Columbus, Council 5068 and the Knights of Columbus, Council 755. Alderman Bough voted against the motion. The motion carried.

REPORTS

Technical Co-ordinating Committee No. 14-70 -

Moved by Alderman Pescod, seconded by Alderman Cameron that the report be adopted as received. Unanimously adopted. Alderman Guindon declared his interest and refrained from voting on the adoption of the report.

Technical Co-ordinating Committee No. 16-70 - Moved

by Alderman Pescod, seconded by Alderman Fawthrop that the report be received and adopted, which report was read by the Clerk. Unanimously adopted.

Alderman Pescod reviewed the instructions given to this Committee at a meeting of Council held on October 28th and indicated that the Committee feel that they have carried out instructions as given by Council at that time.

Alderman Guindon declared his interest and refrained from discussing or voting on the report.

The Committee discussed in some detail, the various clauses of the proposed agreement especially items number 6 and 9(b) of the agreement.

Answering Alderman Lezano, Mr. Fennell stated that paragraph 6(d) of the agreement provides that the signing of the agreement shall be subject to the assent of the electors, a private bill or an amendment to Section 88a of The Municipal Act.

Replying to Alderman Brunet, Alderman Pescod stated that the City could operate the transit system for one year at a slight saving but, after that, there would be a deficit. Further, it was the feeling of the Committee that, if an agreement could be made with a private company to operate an acceptable service at a price which would not incur too large a deficit, then we should go for a private operation. This opinion seemed to be shared by the majority of Council.

Alderman Bough inquired as to whether Council has approval to operate the transit system next year. He was advised by Mr. Fennell that a vote of the electors or O.M.B. approval may be necessary especially if the Municipality is going to incur a financial debt beyond the life of this Council. Council may need a private bill or a special legislation, similar to that obtained by the City of Windsor. Mr. Fennell noted, however, that if the City wishes to operate for one year and will not incur a debt beyond that time, then Council may do so.

Alderman Pescod notified Council that a report had been prepared by Cornwall Street Railway indicating figures should the City wish to operate the buses for an interim period. This report outlined the rental rate for garage and maintenance facilities as well as for use of the buses.

Mayor Kaneb recognized Mr. Donald Seymour and his contribution made to the Committee. He stated that, as a consultant, Mr. Seymour had given expert advice and guidance to the Committee.

Alderman Bough, on behalf of himself and the citizens, thanked the Committee for the tremendous amount of time given to the study of the transportation system and the recommendation made by the members.

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

Council reconvened and Alderman Pescod extended his thanks to all members of the Technical Co-ordinating Committee especially Aldermen Fawthrop, Cameron, Mayor Kaneb, Messrs. M. A. Boyer, C. F. Adams, R. J. Hamilton and Mr. S. E. Fennell and the secretary who attended the meetings; also Mr. Donald Seymour who gave such valuable advice to the Committee. Mayor Kaneb joined with Alderman Pescod in extending thanks and stated that, as Mayor, he would like to publically recognize the Committee, the consultants and Group of Five who assisted the Committee with their extensive background and knowledge of the transit system.

Anti-Pollution Committee No. 15-70 - Moved by Alderman Carrara, seconded by Alderman Gauthier that the report be adopted as received. Unanimously adopted.

Alderman Bough stated that he was grateful to the citizens in their endeavours to combat pollution and he also extended appreciation to Mr. C. F. Adams and his staff for the work carried out by them.

Alderman Carrara referred to an error in the minutes and stated that the Committee had sent a letter to Air Management Branch and not C.I.L. asking that corrective action be taken.

Alderman Carrara further pointed out that work to combat pollution has been carried out at the Hotel Dieu Hospital and other plants to improve the situation. He felt that Cornwall has done as much or possibly more than municipalities of comparable size in controlling pollution.

Insurance Committee No. 5-70 - Moved by Alderman Fawthrop, seconded by Alderman Cameron that the report be adopted as received. Unanimously adopted.

Tourist and Convention Bureau No. 9-70 - Moved by Alderman Webster, seconded by Alderman Bough that the report be received. Unanimous.

Parks and Recreation Committee No. 13-70 - Moved by Alderman Lebano, seconded by Alderman Clement that the report be adopted as received. Unanimously adopted.

Finance Committee No. 15-70 - Moved by Alderman Fawthrop, seconded by Alderman Webster that the report be adopted as received. Unanimously adopted.

Referring to the tax arrears, it was brought out that three accounts were liable for a very large share of the outstanding taxes.

Report re McLaren's Brief No. 4-70 - Moved by Alderman Lebano, seconded by Alderman Holden that the report be adopted as received. Unanimously adopted.

Moved by Alderman Bough, seconded by Alderman Brunet that, as a manner of courtesy, a copy of this report be sent to Mr. L. McLaren. Unanimously adopted.

Report re Sale of Obsolete Equipment, Tender No.

44-70 - Moved by Alderman Gauthier, seconded by Alderman Guindon that the items as set out in the tender be sold to the following persons:

Amell Auto Wreckers - Items 2, 4 and 15

John Lascelle - Items 11, 12 and 16

Robert Roy - Item 7

Willard Seguin - Item 5

Maloney Construction - Items 1 and 17

Claude Sabourin - Item 6

Town of Alexandria - Item 18

Unanimous.

The other items contained in the tender are to be retained by the City.

Report re Steel Building, Tender No. 45-70 - Moved by Alderman Lebano, seconded by Alderman Webster that the report be adopted as received. Unanimously adopted.

The Clerk read a letter from Mr. John Entwistle of November 23rd, acknowledging an error in not having the tender signed and that the price, as submitted by the Company, still stands.

Moved by Alderman Lebano, seconded by Alderman Webster that the tender for steel building with canopy, floor slab, interior work, all accessories be awarded to John Entwistle Construction Limited at a price of \$19,164.00. Unanimously adopted.

Aldermen Bough and Cameron indicated their disapproval to the manner in which the tender was submitted in not having it signed and suggested that Mr. Entwistle be advised that, in future, he must conform with all regulations in submitting a tender.

RESOLUTIONS

RE #66-70 - City of Woodstock - Contribution by Provincial Institutions to municipalities providing services

Moved by Alderman Guindon, seconded by Alderman Clement that the resolution be endorsed. Unanimously adopted.

BY-LAWS

By-law No. 975 - Amendment to Zoning By-law (Domtar)

Moved by Alderman Bough, seconded by Alderman Guindon that By-law No. 975, 1970 be placed on the agenda for third reading. Unanimously adopted.

By-law No. 976 - To authorize the signing of an agreement with the Cornwall Street Railway for the supply of electrical power and freight switching service

977 - To authorize the signing of an agreement with the St. Lawrence Power Company for the supply of electrical power

978 - To authorize the signing of a Lease with the St. Lawrence & Ottawa Valleys Health Unit

979 - To authorize the execution of an agreement with Ontario Housing Corporation re Senior Citizens Housing Project

980 - To amend the Zoning By-law (Maurice Blanchard, Tollgate Road & McConnell Avenue)

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

By-law No. 975 - Amendment to Zoning By-law (Domtar)

Moved by Alderman Carrara, seconded by Alderman Brunet that the by-law be read a Third Time, PASSED, SIGNED and SEALED.

Alderman Cameron asked for a recorded vote with the following results:

FOR - Aldermen R. Carrara, R. Brunet, K. Bough, and F. Guindon

AGAINST - Aldermen L. Gauthier, A. Clement, D. Fawthrop, D. Webster, G. Cameron, A. Lebano and M. Holden

The motion was defeated.

Alderman Pescod declared his interest and did not vote on this by-law.

Moved by Alderman Lebano, seconded by Alderman Gauthier that the City receive more clarification as to the use to which this area of land will be put. Unanimously adopted.

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

NEW BUSINESS

Family Housing Units - Misc. #5-70 - Moved by Alderman Fawthrop, seconded by Alderman Webster that the previous motion

made by Council at a meeting held November 9th and referred to in Letter No. 1 of that meeting, be rescinded. Unanimously adopted.

Moved by Alderman Guindon, seconded by Alderman Carrara that the report of November 23rd, signed by Mr. R.C. Adams, Chairman of a special appointed committee, be received and read by the Clerk. Unanimous.

Moved by Alderman Lebano, seconded by Alderman Cameron that the 60 family housing units on Brookdale Avenue North be named "Westgate Court". The motion carried.

Newsy Lalonde - Mayor Kaneb advised members of Council that the services for Mr. Newsy Lalonde will be held in Montreal this week and that the funeral cortege is to be met at the Quebec border by the O.P.P. and escorted to the City. The City Police will than escort the body for burial at St. Columban's Cemetery at 11:30 a.m. on November 24th. The Mayor asked that as many members of Council as possible attend the burial service.

In recognition of the outstanding contribution to sports made by Mr. Lalonde, Mayor Kaneb asked that the Parks and Recreation Committee consider naming the Water Street arena as a Newsy Lalonde arena and, in this respect, a motion was made by Alderman Guindon, seconded by Alderman Lebano that the Parks and Recreation Committee give consideration to this request. Unanimously adopted.

Parking Space - Mr. Boyer reminded members of Council that parking space has now been provided behind the Fire Station and City Hall for the Mayor and three members of Council when they visit City Hall during daytime.

Office Space - Mr. Boyer reported that the proposed changes in office space are presently taking place and that space is now available to members of Council for their use.

Boxing Day - Moved by Alderman Bough, seconded by Alderman Guindon that December 26th be declared as Boxing Day in the City of Cornwall. Unanimously adopted.

No action was taken by Council at this time to declare January 2, 1971 as a civic holiday.

Howard Smith Credit Union Office - Alderman Lebano notified members of Council that the Howard Smith Credit Union has opened a new office on Second Street West. Honourable L. Lamoureux and Honourable F. Guindon are to be present and it is also expected that certain company officials and credit union officials will be here for the opening ceremonies.

Plumbing and Electrical Work - Alderman Lebano asked that everyone doing plumbing and electrical work in the City, be given an equal opportunity to participate in carrying out work required by the Municipality. He pointed out that this did not seem to be the present practice. He stated that he was told by Mr. Adams that a new system is to be implemented by the City.

Voters' List - Moved by Alderman Lebano, seconded by Alderman Clement that whereas the voters' list is prepared from the last revised assessment roll;

AND WHEREAS under this system it is not possible to provide a complete and accurate list of voters on election day;

AND WHEREAS the Municipal Elections Committee, appointed by Honourable Darcy McKeough, has recommended the abandonment of the assessment records as the basis for the listing of eligible voters within a municipality and, in preference, recourse be had to the enumeration process, and further recommended that the provisions for the issuance of certificates to vote should be appreciably broadened so that any person having the requisite qualifications could obtain a certificate to vote;

NOW, THEREFORE, be it resolved that the City of Cornwall petition the Province of Ontario to make whatever legislative changes may be necessary to provide that the municipal voters' list be prepared by the process of enumeration, and that the Municipal Clerk be authorized to issue certificates to vote to any person having the requisite qualifications;

And be it further resolved that this resolution be sent to other municipalities, the local member of the Legislative Assembly and the Ontario Municipal Association requesting their endorsement and support. The motion was withdrawn.

Mr. Boyer spoke in support of the resolution and stated that a similar resolution had been endorsed by the Committee, as set up to study election procedures and also by the Clerks in Ontario. He went on to state that, on election day, the Clerk is entitled to give a Clerk's Certificate but only if a person is listed in the last revised assessment roll. In the past, the assessors checked the rolls and a certificate, if one was warranted, was issued. At the present time, it is not known

whether the assessors will be present on the day of the election and, as a consequence, it may take hours to search for one-half dozen names.

Mayor Kaneb noted that the Minister is presently studying the compilation of municipal voters' lists and Council, after a brief discussion, asked that Mr. Boyer and Mayor Kaneb explore the question further.

Industrial Show - Alderman Cameron stated that he was disturbed to see that CJSS and CFML did not participate in the Industrial Show held at the Cornwall Armouries last week, whereas WYBG of Massena was there.

Closing of Street - Alderman Cameron asked that the Parks and Recreation Committee consider recommending the closing of the south end of Poirier Street from Mercier Avenue to the fencing of the public school. He pointed out that, if the City acquires Lot 71, Registered Plan 173, they will obtain about 28,000 square feet of land which is needed and, at the same time, supply services, to this area.

Courtaulds Credit Union - Answering Alderman Carrara, Mr. Adams acknowledged that the zoning on First Street permits the operation of a credit union office.

Courtaulds Canada Limited - Alderman Carrara referred to the pending layoff at Courtaulds and stated that the first notice given to employees was that the layoff would be from December 3rd to January 21, 1971. Since that time, another notice has been given which does not indicate any callback time.

Committee of the Whole Report No. 27-70 - Moved by Alderman Cameron, seconded by Alderman Bough that the report be adopted as received. Unanimously adopted.

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

M. Boyer
Clerk

A. Kaneh
Mayor