

CITY COUNCIL NO. 22-71

September 13, 1971.

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 Bough that Alderman Carrara be excused from attendance at this evening's meeting. Carried.

DELEGATIONS

Ontario Conference on Local Government - After hearing from Mr. Joe E. Gunn, Executive Manager of the Chamber of Commerce, it was moved by Alderman Pescod, seconded by Alderman Bough that Council endorse and ask the citizens to take an interest in municipal politics by attending a series of lectures sponsored by the Chamber of Commerce to be held at St. Lawrence College each Wednesday evening from October 6th to November 10th. Carried.

Fifteenth Street West - Mr. Fred Bagley stated that he was speaking on behalf of a delegation of ratepayers living on Fifteenth Street West; Mr. J. Swift, representing students of General Vanier Secondary School and Mr. Edward Boutin who would speak as a pedestrian living on Norman Avenue.

Mr. Bagley inquired as to the delay in the City providing a road and sidewalk on Fifteenth Street, pointing out

that some two years ago, a petition had been forwarded to the City asking for these services. Mr. Bagley complained that roads in good condition were being widened while students going to the schools in the Fifteenth Street area were forced to walk in mud. The delegation was informed that an increased allocation of funds was provided for in the budget this year for storm sewers. It is hoped that construction of pavements may receive priority next year. Mr. Swift suggested that the street should have been paved when General Vanier School was constructed five years ago. Noting that the petition is 23rd on the list, Alderman Lebano suggested that, because of the large volume of traffic, priorities should be changed and a temporary road constructed at this time on Fifteenth Street from Norman Avenue to Cumberland Street and a storm sewer installed at a later date. Alderman Guindon asked that the storm sewer be constructed now in order that the City may proceed with the pavement next year. In Alderman Brunet's opinion, the sidewalk should be put in this year instead of a temporary road with the storm sewer and pavement to be constructed later. Alderman Cameron indicated that, as schools in this area are attended by students living on other streets east of Pitt Street and the northern section of the City as well as the immediate area, the sidewalks should have priority.

Moved by Alderman Lebano, seconded by Alderman Bough that the question of servicing this area of the City be considered at the next meeting of the Public Works Committee. Carried. Alderman Lebano is to be invited to attend the meeting.

The delegation was advised by Mayor Kaneb that they would be welcome to attend this meeting to be held on September 21st at 7:00 p.m.

Mayor Kaneb thanked members of the delegation for presenting its views to Council this evening.

Adoption of Minutes - Moved by Alderman Gauthier, seconded by Alderman Pescod that the Council minutes of a meeting held August 30th be adopted as received. Carried.

COMMUNICATIONS

1. Chamber of Commerce - Ontario Conference on Local Government - Moved by Alderman Guindon, seconded by Alderman Cameron that the letter be filed. Carried.
2. HMCS Ottawa - Letter of Thanks - Moved by Alderman Fawthrop, seconded by Alderman Gauthier that the letter be filed. Carried.
3. National Farmers Union - Permission to sell tickets - Moved by Alderman Clement, seconded by Alderman Guindon that the National Farmers Union be granted permission to sell tickets on a sno-jet within the City. Carried.
4. Department of the Environment - Noise pollution - Moved by Alderman Pescod, seconded by Alderman Clement that Mr. J. C. Thatcher, Deputy Minister, Department of the Environment, be advised that the City is still concerned about the undue noise caused by the operation of motorcycles and asks that legislation be implemented to control this type of noise pollution. Carried.

5. Department of Municipal Affairs - Joint Planning Proposal - Moved by Alderman Clement, seconded by Alderman Gauthier that His Worship Mayor N. Kaneb and Alderman J. Pescod act as the City's representatives to a steering committee to explore the possibility of a joint Planning Board. Carried.

PETITIONS

PE #17-71 - R. Johnston & others - Requesting one-way traffic southerly on Amelia Street between Ninth Street and Cornwallis Avenue

Moved by Alderman Gauthier, seconded by Alderman Guindon that the petition be referred to the Public Works Committee. Carried.

REPORTS

Report re Composite Fire Service No. 1-71 - Moved by Alderman Webster, seconded by Alderman Brunet that the report be adopted as received. Carried.

Alderman Webster suggested that a small Fire Committee be set up by Council.

Report on Printing of Voters List, Tender No. 38-71 -

Moved by Alderman Clement, seconded by Alderman Guindon that Charbonneau The Printer be awarded the tender for the printing of the voters list at a price of 5.8¢ per name. Carried.

Answering Alderman Lebano, Mr. Boyer replied that it may not be too difficult to obtain a correct voters list for the City as the local Assessment Department had conducted a census here prior to receiving the new Assessment Act. He went on to state that, once the voters list has been compiled, the citizens

will be asked to check the list and request that their name be added or any changes made within 14 days from the date the list is posted.

Report re Joint Planning Area No. 1-71 - Moved by Alderman Pescod, seconded by Alderman Bough that the report be received. Carried.

E.M.O. Report - Moved by Alderman Bough, seconded by Alderman Webster that the report be adopted as received.

Mayor Kaneb concurred with Alderman Bough that Mr. George Tyo has done considerable work since his appointment as co-ordinator and especially in the compilation of this report.

Summary of Engineer's Report to Council No. 10-71 - Moved by Alderman Gauthier, seconded by Alderman Cameron that the report be adopted as received. Carried.

RESOLUTIONS

RE #81-71 - City of St. Thomas - Conservation Authority Grants

RE #82-71 - City of Sarnia - Supplementary subsidy for a municipal incentive work programme

Moved by Alderman Lebano, seconded by Alderman Gauthier that the resolutions from the City of St. Thomas and the City of Sarnia be endorsed. Carried.

BY-LAWS

By-law No. 1114 - To authorize the Mayor and Clerk to execute a lease and agreement between the City and C. & W. Food Concessions

1115 - To authorize the Mayor and Clerk to execute an Offer to Purchase between the City Mrs. Etoila Crites

1116 - To authorize the reconstruction of storm and sanitary sewers on Montreal Road from Arthur Street to McConnell Avenue

1117 - To provide for 1971 supplementary road expenditures re transit operations

Moved by Alderman Gauthier, seconded by Alderman Guindon that the by-laws be read a first and second time. Carried.

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

NEW BUSINESS

"Keep Ontario Clean Week" - Moved by Alderman Gauthier, seconded by Alderman Guindon that Council is in agreement with the City declaring "Keep Ontario Clean Week" from September 12th to September 18th. Carried.

Prime Minister's Visit - Mayor Kaneb complimented Mr. C. F. Adams, the Public Works Department, Police Department and all those who participated in making the visit to Cornwall, of Prime Minister Pierre Elliott Trudeau, a reality. The Mayor congratulated all citizens in the manner in which they received the Prime Minister and his party.

Justice Administration Building - Mayor Kaneb reported that, last Friday, he, Alderman Cameron, Mr. M. A. Boyer and representatives of the firm of Dominik, Laframboise, Thompson and Mallette met in Toronto with Mr. A. R. Dick, Deputy Minister and Mr. A. A. Russell, Inspector of Legal Offices of the Department

of the Attorney-General and also Mr. T. R. Hilliard, Deputy Minister and Mr. Gray of the Department of Public Works.

Mayor Kaneb stated that he is pleased to announce to Council that the first meeting of negotiations with the Department progressed very well and that negotiations will continue and that the Justice Department is definitely a commitment to the civic complex.

Poulin and Stobek Properties - Mr. Boyer reported that O.M.B. approval has been received to rezone from Commercial 10 to Residential 20, land owned by Mr. Robert Poulin at the corner of Leitch Drive and Hamilton Crescent; also approval to the rezoning from Commercial 41 to Commercial 42, property owned by Stobek International Truck Centre Limited at the corner of Tollgate Road and Pitt Street.

Highway Improvement Act - Mr. Boyer reported that he has been advised by the Minister of Transportation and Communications of major changes made recently in the Highway Improvement Act. Under one of the amendments, the Minister is not required to approve expenditure by-laws but instead the Minister will advise each municipality of the amount allocated to it for the year. Also, the amendment provides for two advance payments of subsidy in place of the one previously allowed. There will be two advance payments for subsidy - one to be made on or after April 1st and the second on or after July 1st with the percentage allowed increased to 30 percent and 60 percent respectively.

Municipal Act Amendment - Mr. Boyer advised Council that, under a recent amendment to the Municipal Act, the Municipality will be permitted to tax St. Lawrence College of Applied Arts and Technology provided a by-law to this effect is passed by City.

Moved by Alderman Fawthrop, seconded by Alderman Clement that a by-law, to authorize the taxing of this college, be prepared. Carried.

Judge John Latchford - Members of Council asked that a letter of condolence be sent to the family of the late Judge John Latchford. Judge Latchford was a former lawyer in the City.

Prime Minister's Visit - Alderman Brunet pointed out that he had spoken to Prime Minister Trudeau in both English and French and the Prime Minister replied only in French and, as a result, his speech was not recorded in the press. Alderman Brunet stated that the Prime Minister had said that the City is not eligible for grants if people receiving welfare assistance are permitted to work.

Snowmobiles - Alderman Brunet inquired as to whether the municipality was considering passing a by-law regulating the operation of snowmobiles in the City.

Meetings with School Boards - Alderman Brunet suggested that the City meet at least twice a year with members of the School Boards.

Fire Marshall's Report - Alderman Brunet suggested that the Fire Marshall's report be made available to the press and ratepayers.

Task Force Report - Mayor Kaneb reported that he will be meeting with Alderman Clement, Mr. W. L. Courville and members of the Task Force this Saturday and final arrangements will be made to set up a public meeting in St. Columban's Hall on September 22nd. A press conference, to this effect, is to be held in the Council Chambers this coming Wednesday.

Canal Lands - Answering Alderman Webster, Mayor Kaneb noted that further negotiations on the disposition of canal lands is presently in the hands of Honourable L. Lamoureux and Mr. Malcolm of the Seaway Authority.

Construction Work on Thirteenth Street - Alderman Guindon referred to the inconvenience caused to motorists due to the construction work presently being carried out on Thirteenth Street between Cumberland Street and Brookdale Avenue. He was advised that it should take approximately another two weeks to complete the work.

Sidewalk on Thirteenth Street - Answering Alderman Guindon as to why the City is not continuing the sidewalk on the south side of the Thirteenth Street extension, Mr. Adams pointed out that the petition has asked for a sidewalk on the north side in this area. He also advised Alderman Guindon that there is no policy as to the exact location of the sidewalk in relation to the curb but, because of snow removal and considering the possibility of having to widen the street, the City prefers to keep the sidewalks as close to private properties as possible.

Canal Lands - Alderman Cameron asked that the City try and get a report and meet again with the Seaway Authority prior to the end of Novevember in order to finalize negotiations for the

acquisition of the canal lands.

Core Redevelopment Committee - Alderman Cameron reported that the property owners, who could be affected by the Downtown Mall, have been asked to contribute an amount of money in accordance with the frontage of their building. To date, he went on to state, there has been better than 80 percent participation. He trusted that, when Council is asked to consider this question, they will be as sincere as the land owners.

Elm Trees - Answering Alderman Bough, Mr. Adams stated that, under a tender awarded some time ago, the company is presently working removing dead elm trees. He suggested that any complaints of this nature be reported to Mr. J. Henderson at the workshop.

Conliffe Avenue - Alderman Lebano thanked the Engineer for commencing work on the cul de sac on Conliffe Avenue and stated that the people along the street are most appreciative of this work.

Fifteenth Street Traffic - Alderman Lebano referred to the heavy traffic on Fifteenth Street due to construction work on Thirteenth Street. He suggested that the Police Department try to control the traffic flow and the speed with which vehicles are travelling along this street.

Development of Riverfront - Alderman Holden reported that the Raisin Region Conservation Authority is presently acquiring lands along the riverfront in the Gray's Creek area and that he will ask Mr. Chalk to make available to Alderman Lebano, a full progress report as to what has taken place to date.

Transport Company - Alderman Holden referred to the many complaints he has received due to a transport company which is operating a truck depot 24 hours a day on Second Street West in the area of Brookdale Avenue. He went on to state that excessive noise is created by repair work, changing of tires and the separating of the cab from the van. The Police Chief and Mr. Adams have been asked to look into this problem.

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

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

Committee of the Whole Report No. 21-71 - Moved by Alderman Clement, seconded by Alderman Cameron that the report be adopted as received. Carried.

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


Clerk


Mayor