

CITY COUNCIL NO. 28-73

December 10, 1973.  
7:00 p.m.

A Regular Meeting of City Council was held this evening with the following members present: His Worship Mayor E. C. Lumley, Aldermen G. Leger, A. LeBlanc, G. Samson, A. Clement, D. Webster, D. Fawthrop, F. Guindon, G. Cameron, K. Bough, A. Lebano, J. Pescod and M. Holden.

Presentation of Long Service Certificates - Mayor Lumley stated that it was very gratifying to honour long service employees with the presentation of certificates and pins and called upon the three senior aldermen to make the presentations.

Alderman Fawthrop stated that it was a privilege and honour to present Messrs. Earl Myers and Basil Stone with a 30 year certificate. He thanked them for their dedication to the City on behalf of the citizens and members of Council.

With the presentation of certificates and pins, Alderman Clement expressed congratulations on behalf of the Mayor, members of Council and the citizens for the 25 years of service given to the municipality by the following employees - Leonard Stanley, Calvin Scott, Lucien Laroche, Lucien Villeneuve, Lucien Chartrand. Messrs. Roy Riviere, Albert Seguin and William Doherty were not present to receive their certificates and pins.

Alderman Holden stated it was a pleasure on behalf of the Mayor, members of Council and the citizens to present the awards to the following employees in recognition of 20 years

of service with the municipality" - Duart Weegar, Maurice Allaire, Bruno Belisle and Rene Delage. Mrs. Joyce Jamieson was not present this evening.

Mayor Lumley expressed his personal congratulations to all those who, through the many years of service to the municipality, received certificates this evening.

Recognition of Moe Racine - It is a real honour, Mayor Lumley stated on behalf of everyone in the City of Cornwall to present Mr. Moe Racine with a certificate of merit. The Mayor went on to relate that in his sports endeavours, especially the most recent one as Captain of the Ottawa Rough Riders, Grey Cup Champions, Mr. Racine has brought the City much recognition. Mr. Racine replied that, when he was presented to the Governor General and Premier William Davis, he had stated that it was "not bad for a kid from Cornwall to be up here." He paid tribute to Mr. Art Anderson who gave him a chance to prove himself while attending school here and although he had worked hard, he enjoyed it pointing out that Cornwall means a lot to him. Mayor Lumley extended the honour of signing the Golden Book to Mr. Racine, his wife Donna and his two brothers. Alderman Fawthrop noted that Mr. Ray Boucher on this evening's sportscast, extended congratulations to Mr. Racine who would be honoured by the City of Cornwall. Alderman Fawthrop went on to state that we could not have a better person selling the City of Cornwall than Mr. Moe Racine.

Adoption of Minutes - Moved by Alderman LeBlanc, seconded by Alderman Pescod that the Council minutes of meetings held November 26th and 29th be adopted as received. Carried.

Alderman Guindon asked that it be recorded that, in discussing January 2, 1974 as a proposed holiday, he had made a motion to declare January 2, 1974 as a civic holiday and there was no seconder to the motion. Alderman Lebano suggested that there be more detail in the minutes and that perhaps Council should have a tape recording of the minutes and discussions carried on by telephone and we employ the Hansared method of recording minutes as used in the Provincial and Federal Governments.

#### COMMUNICATIONS

1. Cornwall Electric - Extension of franchise and revision of rates -
2. St. Lawrence Power - Extension of franchise and revision of rates -

Moved by Alderman Cameron, seconded by Alderman Webster that the letters be received and the report re franchise agreements listed as #9-73 on this evening's agenda be received and adopted. Alderman Bough declared his interest and refrained from discussing the matter or voting on the motion. Carried.

Alderman Lebano strenuously objected that the proposed electrical increases were discussed by such a small committee when the changes affect the total population and suggested that all members of Council should have been asked to attend any meetings. Alderman Guindon concurred with Alderman Lebano pointing out also

that this Council should be concerned with matters affecting the City only and not the adjoining municipalities. Mr. G. Fairweather, who was in attendance this evening with Mr. C. T. Guilbeault, explained that all figures submitted in the report pertained to the municipality and his company was presently negotiating with the two adjoining townships for rate increases as they affect the municipalities. Answering Alderman Holden, Mr. Fairweather explained that Ontario Hydro, together with his company, determines the rate to be applied to cottages - as any building not used as a full-time residence. Replying to Alderman Fawthrop, Mr. Fairweather stated that there is no uniform rate structure throughout the province. Rates here are determined by how much money is required by the companies to operate. Some municipalities obtain their power directly from Ontario Hydro and would possibly have a lower rate.

After further discussion by members of Council, it was decided that there really wasn't much of a choice at this time and the existing franchise agreements should be extended for a one year period and that the City continue to consider the possibility of setting up a Public Utilities Commission.

3. Ministry of Treasury, Economics and Intergovernmental Affairs - Municipal tax assistance to elderly homeowners -

Moved by Alderman Leger, seconded by Alderman Lebano that the letter be referred to the Finance Committee. Carried.

4. N. D. Warner & Associates - Long term disability insurance programme - Moved by Alderman Fawthrop, seconded by Alderman Lebano that the letter be referred to the Finance Committee. Carried.

It was pointed out that when various specifications were received by the Insurance Committee, there were three or four not considered as they were not according to the specifications.

RE #91-73

5. Emergency Measures Organization - Re-instatement of grants - Moved by Alderman Guindon, seconded by Alderman LeBlanc that the Council of the Corporation of the City of Cornwall petitions The Honourable James Richardson, Minister of National Defence to re-instate the full amount of Emergency Measures Organization grants for 1974 - 75 and succeeding years on the grounds that

- (a) It is far easier to maintain the present skeleton staffs than to re-create one after the present one has been disbanded, and
- (b) That this is an essential liaison activity for the handling of emergencies in a municipality of any size.

The motion carried.

6. T. R. Leger - Letter of acceptance & appreciation - Moved by Alderman Guindon, seconded by Alderman Bough that the letter be filed. Carried.

PETITIONS

PE #52-73 - W. J. Owen & others - Sanitary Sewer on Cadeb from Lot 1, Plan 237 southerly to Lot 9, Plan 237

Moved by Alderman Pescod, seconded by Alderman Clement that the petition be referred to the City Engineer for study and report. Carried.

REPORTS

Arts Development Committee #6-73; #7-73 - Moved by Alderman Bough, seconded by Alderman Pescod that the reports be adopted as received.

Alderman Lebano reminded Alderman Bough that he had received no reply to a suggestion made by him that he believed Mr. Henry Goldsmith to be highly qualified and willing to accept nomination on this committee.

Alderman Fawthrop took objection to the recommendation of hiring a manager to operate the Capitol Theatre until the City first obtains a complete financial analysis by the Treasurer. He felt that the Theatre might be better closed at this time and that the committee should wait until we receive information as to what, if any, grant we might expect to receive. Alderman Bough replied that a meeting had been arranged with Mr. Hamilton this past Friday but the meeting was cancelled as the Treasurer was unable to attend.

Aldermen Bough and Pescod withdrew their motion to adopt the report and asked that the reports be considered in Committee of the Whole.

Cornwall Planning Board No. 12-73 - Moved by Alderman Pescod, seconded by Alderman Leger that the report be adopted as received. Carried.

Referring to the zoning of Brookdale Avenue, north of Thirteenth Street, Alderman Pescod pointed out that, since Professor Barker made a recommendation some time ago, this area has taken on a residential aspect particularly in view

of a large apartment complex which has recently been erected. Further, the Subdivisions Section in Toronto is of the opinion that, in comparison with other municipalities in Ontario, this City has too large an area already zoned for commercial usage.

Alderman Lebano stated that he had submitted a list of six persons who he was suggesting as possible members to the Property Standards Committee. He urged other members of Council to similarly submit names to the Board.

Speaking on the proposed visit of members of the Ministry of Treasury, Economics and Intergovernmental Affairs to Cornwall early next year, Alderman Lebano suggested that a formal presentation be made to the members of the 12 items that we wish to discuss with them and that they be taken on a tour by the Chairman of the Board and the Planning Director to visit the areas in question.

Alderman Lebano further strongly recommended to Council that the members concur with his thinking that all members presently serving on the Planning Board be re-appointed in 1974.

Report re Franchise Agreement #9-73 - This report was received and adopted earlier this evening when letters #1 and #2 were considered.

Cornwall Tourist and Convention Bureau #13-73 -

Moved by Alderman Samson, seconded by Alderman Webster that the report be received. Carried.

Alderman Guindon stated that he agreed with the recommendation of the Bureau and Mr. Carrara is certainly

deserving of a vote of thanks from Council for the work he so diligently carried out as Chairman of the Laborfest Committee and he trusted that a celebration of a similar nature would be held next year.

Alderman Samson advised that it is expected the Cornwall Tourist and Convention Bureau will pay for any deficit incurred by the Laborfest celebration. Alderman Webster suggested that a small committee be formed to encourage holding some of the events in connection with the 1976 olympics here in the City.

Seaway Valley Regional Tourist Council - Nov. 21/73 -

Moved by Alderman Samson, seconded by Alderman Webster that the report be received. Carried.

RESOLUTIONS

RE #88-73 - City of Guelph - Increased powers to some municipalities

Moved by Alderman Pescod, seconded by Alderman Cameron that the resolution from the City of Guelph be endorsed. Carried.

Alderman Webster noted the larger number of grants being made available by the province to regional governments and suggested that information be obtained from other municipalities in order that we might be prepared when, as it would seem likely, regional government is implemented in this section of the province.

RE #89-73 - City of St. Catharines - Annual certification of superintendents in charge of apartment buildings with more than 10 living units

Moved by Alderman Clement, seconded by Alderman Bough that the resolution from the City of St. Catharines be endorsed. Ca

RE #90-73 - City of Cornwall

Moved by Alderman Samson, seconded by Alderman Guindon that the Ministry of Transportation and Communications designate the following streets as a main thoroughfare - Ninth Street from Cumberland to Brookdale Avenue. Carried.

BY-LAWS

By-law No. 1550 - Temporary Loan re By-law No. 1509/73 - \$261,551.53

1551 - Appointing members to the Cornwall Public Library Board (Judge Michael J. Fitzpatrick)

1552 - To amend the Traffic By-law

1553 - To declare certain tax Registration Lands to be required by the City of Cornwall for its own purposes (Samuel Fortier, Fortier Avenue)

Moved by Alderman Leger, seconded by Alderman Samson that the by-laws be read a First and Second Time. Carried.

By-law No. 1509 - To authorize the construction of extensions to the waterworks system on Pitt Street from Tollgate Road to McKenzie Avenue - \$261,551.53

1550 - Temporary Loan re By-law No. 1509/73 - \$261,551.53

1551 - Appointing members to the Cornwall Public Library Board

1552 - To amend the Traffic By-law

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

NEW BUSINESS

Sports Recognition - Alderman Lebano asked that a standard procedure be adopted by Council where all people who have attained recognition in sports be honoured by the City. He

noted that, while Mr. Racine's contribution to sports has been a tremendous community asset and certainly brought a great deal of publicity to the City, other persons such as Ron Ward, Chuck Harrison and his son, Vincent Lebano had contributed much in the sports field. Mayor Lumley replied that the only informal policy that seems to have been followed over the years would be to give recognition to a Cornwallite who was a member of a Canadian championship team.

Christmas Parking - Alderman Cameron tabled a letter from the President of the Downtown Shopping Centre Association asking that consideration be given to withdrawing the payment of meter rates during certain hours on December 13th, 14th, 15th, 20th and 24th, inclusive. In return, the Association would be prepared to contribute an amount of between \$50 - \$75 to offset loss of revenue.

Moved by Alderman Cameron, seconded by Alderman LeBlanc that, on December 24th, no parking rates apply in the downtown and east Cornwall business areas. The motion was defeated.

Moved by Alderman Guindon, seconded by Alderman Samson that no parking rates apply to all meters throughout the City on the dates and times as set out in the letter from the Downtown Shopping Centre Association with this association and the East Cornwall Businessmen's Association being asked to pay for the loss of revenue in the two business areas. The motion was withdrawn.

Moved by Alderman Cameron, seconded by Alderman Pescod that the Downtown Shopping Centre Association be advised that the letter has been received too late to fully consider the question and that the City is unable to accede to its request. The motion carried.

Tenth and McConnell Avenue Intersection - Mr. Adams advised that the Public Works Department has ordered a set of guard rails to be installed on the curb along the east side of McConnell Avenue at its intersection at Tenth Street.'

Alderman Lebano inquired as to a report he had submitted last summer with respect to this intersection and was advised that the City had obtained a legal opinion which suggested that the City could be held liable if his suggestion was to be put into effect. Alderman Holden was advised that it would cost approximately \$25,000 to redesign the intersection and actually the City has no legal liability for the many damages that have resulted at various times to a home in this area.

Moved by Alderman Clement, seconded by Alderman Holden that Mr. Adams investigate the possibility of the City acquiring the Kerr property. Carried.

Fly Creek Project - The Mayor suggested to Alderman Samson that a written report be prepared to be presented at a special press conference as to the inability of the City to carry out the installation of the Fly Creek sewer system, at this time.

Bus Shelters - Alderman Cameron advised that the City is presently awaiting delivery of the bus shelters and that the cement has already been installed.

Erection of Pole at 33/Prince Arthur Street -

Alderman Samson stated that there was objection to Cornwall Electric installing a pole in front of a second driveway at 33 Prince Arthur Street. Mr. Adams stated that he was checking this problem with the traffic engineer, however, the second driveway is identifiable only during the winter and would not be recognized as such during the summer months. It was further brought out that, under Cornwall Electric's agreement with the municipality, the company has authority to install lights for distribution of power.

Winter Parking - Alderman LeBlanc complained that the Police Department was enforcing winter parking regulations although the streets were completely clear of snow.

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

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

Committee of the Whole No. 26-73 - Moved by Alderman Pescod, seconded by Alderman Cameron that the report be adopted as received. Carried.

Adjournment - Moved by Alderman Leger, seconded by Alderman Guindon that Council adjourn at 10:15 p.m.

W. B. Boyer  
Clerk

J. H. Guindon  
Mayor