

CITY COUNCIL NO. 6-73

March 12, 1973.
7 p.m.

A Regular Meeting of City Council was held this evening when the following members were 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 and J. Pescod.

Excused from Meeting

On motion of Alderman Bough, seconded by Alderman Leger, Alderman Holden was excused from attendance at the meeting. Carried.

Joel Derouin

Mr. Joel Derouin was in attendance at the meeting as a guest of Alderman Fawthrop. Mr. Derouin has brought many honours to the City of Cornwall and Alderman Fawthrop felt that his music teachers, Miss R. Laberge and Miss G. Lavoie, should be complimented. He advised that Mr. Derouin would be appearing on CBC television at 8:30 p.m. on Thursday.

Mr. Derouin stated that he felt it was honour to have been invited to this meeting and expressed the hope that everyone would watch the program on Thursday.

Certificates

Mr. Boyer presented a certificate to Mr. Richard Allaire of his staff for successfully completing the Advanced Municipal Administration Course. He stated that the course was a difficult one and that Mr. Allaire had done very well. He felt that the Department would benefit from his knowledge.

Alderman Pescod presented a certificate to Mr. H. Palfrey for services as a member of the Raisin Region Conservation Authority. He expressed Council's appreciation and stated that Mr. Palfrey's assistance would be missed. Mr. Palfrey stated that it had been a pleasure to serve on the Authority and that he had always tried to represent the City well.

Alderman Lebano, in presenting a certificate to Mrs. Marion Taylor, expressed his appreciation for her contribution to the City's Recreation Program while serving as a member of the Parks and Recreation Committee.

Mayor Lumley presented a certificate to Mr. Wm. Mack and thanked him on behalf of Council and the citizens of Cornwall for doing an excellent job as a member of the Planning Board.

Mr. Jean Forget, who was also scheduled to receive a certificate for serving on the Planning Board, was unable to attend because he is on holidays. In a letter dated March 9th, Mr. Forget thanked Council for their gesture.

Others scheduled to receive certificates but unable to attend this evening's meeting are Mr. C.T. Guilbeault for serving on the Parks and Recreation Committee, Mr. E. Lauzon for service on the Planning Board and Mr. R.C. Adams for serving on the Committee of Adjustment. Mr. C.F. Adams was asked to deliver the certificate to his father, R.C. Adams, and to relay Council's sincere appreciation for his contribution.

Flooding Conditions

A group of residents living in the vicinity of Eleventh, ^{P Ave} Grant and Miron were in attendance. They had no spokesman and Mayor Lumley therefore asked Alderman Clement to speak on their behalf. Alderman Clement stated that considerable damage had been caused by flooding conditions the previous Thursday and a number of residents were not aware of the procedure to be followed in order to claim damages from the City. This situation exists every year and in his opinion, residents cannot afford such an expense every year.

The Clerk outlined the procedure to be followed in the event of an accident or occurrence where it is felt the City is liable. He pointed out that this procedure is laid down in the Statutes of Ontario and is not a policy of Council. The City cannot admit liability; that decision is up to the adjuster. If a claim is refused by the insurance company, then action can be taken against the City.

Alderman Lebano stated that there are other sections in the City experiencing flooding conditions. Home-owners pay taxes to the City and when their basements are flooded, they are told by the insurance company that the City is not liable. This problem is encountered every year and in his opinion warrants investigation.

Alderman Samson stated that in many cases the complainants are still waiting for the adjuster to visit the premises.

The Clerk advised that if the people concerned bring in their claims personally, they would be processed as soon as possible.

DELEGATIONS

Cornwall Branch, Canadian Mental Health Association - Financial Assistance

Mr. Vern Abernethy, President of the Cornwall Branch addressed Council. Copies of a prepared brief had previously been distributed to the Members of Council. Mr. Abernethy added that the brief would give Council an idea of what the Association is doing. Several projects are already in operation. However, the Association needs funds and does not know how to proceed to obtain funds. Mr. Abernethy stated that the Association would like some help from Council as to what would be the best method of approaching provincial and federal authorities requesting assistance.

On motion of Alderman Lebano, seconded by Alderman Clement, the matter was referred to the Finance and Community Services Committees jointly. Carried.

Adoption of Minutes

Moved by Alderman Leger, seconded by Alderman Samson, that the minutes of the February 27th meeting be adopted as received. Carried.

Alderman Lebano again asked that the clause in the tender specifications with respect to the hiring of local labour be reworded to provide adequate protection for local people.

Mayor Lumley stated that he and the Clerk would look into the matter.

Referring to the OWRC rebate, Alderman Webster stated that the whole situation should be reviewed with provincial authorities in an attempt to bring the rate down so that taxpayers can benefit at the beginning of the year and not get a rebate the following year. In his opinion the rate is too high. Mayor Lumley asked members of Council to forward any suggestions to the Treasurer so that all information can be coordinated. If the situation warrants, the Treasurer can then dispatch a letter to the OWRC. Mr. Hamilton reminded Council that the City has a signed contract with the OWRC which is reviewed every five years.

COMMUNICATIONS

1. Advisory Task Force on Housing Policy - Schedule of Meetings

Moved by Alderman Lebano, seconded by Alderman LeBlanc, that His Worship Mayor Lumley and Alderman J. Pescod make a presentation to the task force on behalf of Council. Carried.

Alderman Pescod advised that a draft of the brief should be completed the following day. He felt that not much could be added by way of personal presentation because housing development is taking place in Cornwall as evidenced by tonight's resolution requesting 100 geared-to-income family units and another 90 senior citizens units being finalized.

2. Seaway Valley Travel Council - Per Capita Grant for 1973

Moved by Alderman Bough, seconded by Alderman Samson, that the letter be filed. Carried.

3. Financial Secretary, Local 212 - Letter of Appreciation

Moved by Alderman Lebano, seconded by Alderman Guindon, the letter was ordered filed. Carried.

PETITIONS

- PE #7-73 - G. O'Dair & R. Payette - Storm Sewer on Lasalle from Guy to Alice
- PE #8-73 - Mrs. A. Tough & others - Sanitary Sewer on Dundee From Alguire to westerly limit of Lot 211, Plan 240
- PE #9-73 - R. Godard & R.E. Bowman - Storm Sewer on Lemay from St. Michel to Lot 75, Plan 242

Moved by Alderman Samson, seconded by Alderman LeBlanc, that the petitions be referred to the City Engineer. Carried.

REPORTSFinance Committee #6-73

Moved by Alderman Fawthrop, seconded by Alderman Webster, that the report be adopted as received. Carried.

Canal Lands Development Committee #2-73

Moved by Alderman Lebano, seconded by Alderman Cameron, that the report be adopted as received. Carried.

Tourist and Convention Bureau #4-73

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

External Transportation - Ad Hoc Harbour Committee #1-73

Moved by Alderman Clement, seconded by Alderman Leger, that the report be adopted as received. Carried.

Civic Complex Committee #6-73

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

Alderman LeBlanc advised that Mr. B. Bertrand had asked to be taken off the Civic Complex Committee because of a heavy workload. Mr. Lucien Lalonde, Manager of the Chamber of Commerce and a member of the Tourist and Convention Bureau had been asked to replace Mr. Bertrand.

Alderman Webster took exception to the fact that the Tourist and Convention Bureau had not been requested to appoint one of its membership to the Committee.

The Mayor reminded Alderman Webster of Council's understanding of making its own appointments in an effort to obtain people who were best qualified to sit on the various committees.

Replying to Alderman Fawthrop, Alderman LeBlanc advised that very few written questionnaires are ever returned. For this reason the Committee decided on a telephone survey of a number of homeowners. The cost of a written questionnaire was also considered. Mayor Lumley added that we did not have sufficient information to include in a written survey. The telephone survey will at least provide the general feeling of the taxpayers. The final decision will still rest with Council. He felt that qualified people were doing a fine job on the City's behalf.

Community Transportation and Power Committee #2-73

Moved by Alderman Cameron, seconded by Alderman Pescod, that the report be adopted as received. Carried.

Replying to Alderman Guindon, Mayor Lumley stated that it is proposed to issue parking metre permits to only those station wagons which are commercially designated with appropriate lettering. Alderman Bough was of the opinion that problems could be eliminated by enforcing the existing by-law which provides that the permit allows one-hour parking at any one spot.

Alderman Fawthrop suggested that a brief should be prepared by the Treasurer and/or the Engineer with respect to maintenance costs of metres, extra cost of snow removal, etc.

Alderman Samson was concerned over the fact that the City is not making money on metres and yet is considering purchasing land to provide a parking lot with more metres. He was informed that it is part of a program to eliminate parking on main streets which can only be done by providing off-street parking. Copies of the report on Downtown Parking is to be distributed to all members of Council within the next few days.

Report on Fire Department Clothing, Tender #7-73

Moved by Alderman LeBlanc, seconded by Alderman Leger, that the report be adopted as received. Carried.

Planning Board #2-73

Moved by Alderman Pescod, seconded by Alderman Bough, that the report be adopted as received. Carried.

Replying to Alderman Guindon, Alderman Pescod stated that a report from Professor Barker with respect to rezoning on Brookdale along with other recommendations were tabled and will be considered after the position of Planner has been filled.

Report re Seaway Valley Travel Council, Misc. #1-73

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

Alderman Bough expressed surprisethat the matter had not been referred to the Finance Committee.

Alderman Webster explained that as a result of this recommendation an association will be formed that will promote the Seaway Valley and the City on a larger scale, matching grants being available from the Province. Mayor Lumley added that meetings have been held with the Three United Counties and the Counties of Leeds and Grenville and if any of the conditions as contained in the report are not met then the City has no commitment. There is some degree of urgency involved since the Seaway Valley Travel Council would have to start canvassing for funds if the proposal does not become reality.

Verbal Report re Horovitz Park Pool

Alderman Lebano reported that a meeting had been held with Dr. Peters. He advised that the pool does not conform to Provincial regulations and that Council should consider the possibility that the pool will not be allowed to reopen. He added that Dr. Peters had been receptive to the City's presentation and will report back once he has met with his superiors.

RESOLUTIONS

RE #17-73 - City of St. Catharines re Water levels of the Great Lakes System

Moved by Alderman Webster, seconded by Alderman Samson, that the resolution from the City of St. Catharines be endorsed in principle. Carried.

RE #18-73 - City of Brantford re Supplementary pensions offered by OMERS

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

RE #19-73 - Gty of London re Automatic Sprinkler Systems

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

RE #20-73 - City of Cornwall

Moved by Alderman Lebano, seconded by Alderman Bough, that the Council support the Senior Citizens Lawn Bowling Executive in their application for a grant under the New Horizons Program. Carried.

RE #21-73 - City of Cornwall

Moved by Alderman Lebano, seconded by Alderman Bough, that the Council support the Senior Citizens in their application for a grant re a drop-in centre under the New Horizons Program. Carried.

RE #22-73 - City of Cornwall

Moved by Alderman Pescod, seconded by Alderman LeBlanc, that Ontario Housing Corporation be requested to provide rental housing accommodation on a rental-gear-to-income basis for the citizens in the City of Cornwall, such rental housing accommodation to comprise 100 family units;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this development be in two stages of 50 units each, the first stage to be developed immediately and stage two to be developed immediately upon completion and occupancy of phase one;

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED that the Corporation of the City of Cornwall hereby undertakes and agrees to contribute 7½% percent of any annual loss arising out of the operation of the said building. Carried.

RE #23-73 - City of Cornwall

Moved by Alderman Pescod, seconded by Alderman Leger, that Ontario Housing Corporation be requested to provide rental housing accommodation on a rental geared-to-income basis for senior citizens in the City of Cornwall, such rental housing accommodation to comprise 140 units;

AND THAT the Corporation of the City of Cornwall hereby undertakes and agrees to contribute 7½% of any annual loss arising out of the operation of the said building. Carried.

BY - LAWS

- By-law No. 1410 - To provide for the annual remuneration of Members of Council
 1411 - To regulate the use of motorized snow vehicles
 1412 - To authorize the Mayor and Clerk to execute an Offer to Purchase between the City and Cornwall Electric (Lots 20-21-22, n.s. Ninth, Glebe Subdivision)
 1413 - To authorize the Mayor and Clerk to execute an Offer to Purchase between the City and Mabel Jane Speer (Pt. 18, n. of Third)

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

Alderman Bough declared his interest and refrained from speaking or voting on any motions.

The Clerk explained that the salaries to members of Council as authorized by By-law 1410 will remain in effect until such time as a new by-law is passed to increase same. Any increase is not automatic and must be ratified by by-law.

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Moved by Alderman LeBlanc, seconded by Alderman Cameron, that the by-laws be read a third time, passed, signed and sealed. Carried.

NEW BUSINESSVoting on Motions

Alderman Samson suggested that when a vote is taken on a motion, the vote of any absent Alderman should be recorded as a vote against the motion. The Clerk explained that seven members of Council constitute a quorum and a majority vote carries. Without a quorum there is no meeting.

It was moved by Alderman Guindon, seconded by Alderman Leger, that votes against any motion be recorded.

Alderman Bough pointed out that the motion was against Council's Rules of Procedure and should not be entertained unless it is intended to amend the by-law. The mover and seconder withdrew their motion.

It was moved by Alderman Guindon, seconded by Alderman Samson, that every vote in Council be recorded. The motion was defeated.

Municipal Maintenance Management Program

Alderman Bough announced that a special meeting of the Public Works Committee would be held on Thursday and all members of Council were invited to attend. Mr. McLean of the City of Oshawa would be at the meeting at the Committee's request to speak of the Municipal Maintenance Management Program.

Committee of Adjustment

Alderman Bough inquired as to what was involved in minor variances considered by the Committee of Adjustment. The Clerk explained that a minor variance is one which will not adversely affect the neighbourhood and which is not for personal gain or profit. He also outlined the procedure followed by the Committee upon receipt of an application.

Parks and Recreation Meeting

Alderman Lebano announced that the Parks and Recreation Committee meeting will be held on March 28th, a week later than usual.

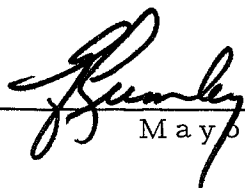
St. Lawrence College

Alderman Lebano took exception to a statement made in a recent letter to the editor by an instructor at St. Lawrence College that Cornwall was 20 years behind the rest of the Province. In his opinion a lot of people are enjoying the benefits and salaries that came with St. Lawrence College, an indication that the City is not lagging behind.

Adjournment

On motion of Alderman Leger, seconded by Alderman Lebano, Council adjourned into Committee of the Whole at 9:45 p.m.


Clerk


Mayor