

CITY COUNCIL NO. 17-73

July 23, 1973.
7:00 p.m.

A Special 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, D. Webster, D. Fawthrop, F. Guindon, K. Bough, A. Lebano, J. Pescod and M. Holden.

Excused from Meeting - Moved by Alderman Leger, seconded by Alderman Samson that Aldermen G. Cameron and A. Clement be excused from attendance at this evening's meeting. Carried.

Presentation of Certificate - On behalf of fellow members of Council, Mayor Lumley offered congratulations to Mr. M. A. Boyer and presented him with a plaque conferring the title of Certified Municipal Clerk by the International Institute of Municipal Clerks.

Adoption of Minutes - It was moved by Alderman Pescod, seconded by Alderman Samson that the Council minutes of meetings held July 9th, Nos. 15 and 16-73 be adopted as received. Carried.

COMMUNICATIONS

1. Ministry of Treasury, Economics and Intergovernmental Affairs - Lower St. Lawrence Planning Area - It was moved by Alderman Pescod, seconded by Alderman LeBlanc that the letter be filed. Carried.
2. Kinsmen Club of Cornwall - Permission to sponsor circus - Moved by Alderman Bough, seconded by Alderman Guindon that the Kinsmen Club of Cornwall be granted permission to sponsor the Garden Brothers Circus on August 2nd in the Water Street arena. Carried.
3. Township of Cornwall - Lower St. Lawrence Planning Area - Moved by Alderman Pescod, seconded by Alderman LeBlanc that the Mayor, Chairman of the

Planning Board and one lay member be appointed as the City's representatives to the Lower St. Lawrence Planning Board. The motion was withdrawn with the request to be considered at the next meeting of Council.

4. Cameron Real Estate Ltd. - National Grocers property - Council recommends that this letter be considered when Resolution No. 60 is dealt with this evening.

5. Raisin Region Conservation Authority - Canal Lands - Moved by Alderman Leger, seconded by Alderman Samson that the letter be referred to the Canal Lands Development Committee. Carried. Aldermen Pescod and Lebano stated that, as the City's representatives, they did not vote for the resolution.

PETITIONS

PE #30-73 - Claude Belanger & others - Storm Sewer on Holy Cross Blvd. from Anthony to Lot 70, R.P. 243

Moved by Alderman Bough, seconded by Alderman LeBlanc that the petition be referred to the City Engineer. Carried.

PE #31-73 - Mrs. J. Whitney & Others - Noise and dust on Frontenac Street

Moved by Alderman Guindon, seconded by Alderman Leger that the petition be referred to the Environmental Control and Community Transportation and Power Committees. Carried.

REPORTS

Committee of the Whole #14-73 - ~~14-73~~

Moved by Alderman Webster, seconded by Alderman Samson that the report be adopted with the first paragraph on page 622 to read as follows -
"It was moved by Alderman Samson, seconded by

Alderman Guindon that Mr. Sam Abraham be advised by registered letter that unless a reply is received within ten days, a letter will be forwarded to the Planning Branch withdrawing our request for rezoning of his property on the southwest corner of McConnell Avenue and Tollgate Road. Carried.

Committee of the Whole No. 15-73 - Moved by Alderman Webster, seconded by Alderman Samson that the report be adopted as received. Carried.

Finance Committee No. 12-73 - Moved by Alderman Fawthrop, seconded by Alderman Webster that the report be adopted as received. Carried.

In reply to Alderman Guindon for more information on the reports tabled by Messrs. C. F. Adams and R. J. Hamilton, Alderman Fawthrop stated that Messrs. C. F. Adams and M. S. Thompson have been asked to attend the meeting of the Finance Committee to be held tomorrow evening.

Canal Lands Development Committee (Ad Hoc Committee) #6-73 - Moved by Alderman Lebano, seconded by Alderman Guindon that the report be adopted as received. Carried.

Mr. Adams reported that it is expected Mr. Knox will meet with the committee next week.

Parks and Recreation No. 7-73 - Moved by Alderman Lebano, seconded by Alderman LeBlanc that the report be adopted as received. Carried.

Summary of Engineer's Report to Council No. 9-73 - Moved by Alderman Bough, seconded by Alderman Guindon that the report be adopted as received. Carried.

Seaway Valley Regional Tourist Council, May 23rd, June 6th and June 20th, 1973 - Moved by Alderman Samson, seconded by Alderman Webster that the reports be adopted as received. Carried.

RESOLUTIONS

RE #60-73 - City of Cornwall

Moved by Alderman Lebano, seconded by Alderman LeBlanc that the City of Cornwall acquire National Grocers land by expropriation, if necessary, and the Clerk-Administrator be authorized to instruct the solicitors to take necessary steps accordingly.

Alderman Lebano stated that he was going to make a brief comment on the letter from Cameron Real Estate Ltd. shown on this evening's agenda as Letter No. 4. He pointed out that he was speaking, not only as a member of Council but as Chairman of a committee appointed by Council - Parks and Recreation Committee. As Chairman, he stated that he would like to challenge the first sentence of the letter in which he is spotlighted as a member of the committee and, in his opinion, feels that it challenges himself as Chairman and other members in what they are trying to do as a committee. He believed that there was an inference as to his ability as Chairman of the Committee and representative of the people as to his integrity and honesty. He pointed out that all recommendations are supported by the majority of members of Council.

He stressed the fact that, as a member of Council, he has always been a strong promoter for the need of housing but also he is of the opinion that there are areas in the City not conducive to housing projects but which areas lend themselves to recreational facilities. He related that many cities throughout the province expend large amounts of money to repossess and tear down buildings to give back to the people, the environment and facilities that are rightfully theirs. Alderman Lebano further stated that he was quite disturbed when he received his Council agenda and a little disappointed with what he felt was happening in the background.

He reiterated that it was not his intention to jeopardize any building projects in the community but that the purchase of the land by the City had been discussed a number of years ago by Council and committees and negotiations carried on with National Grocers. As a result of the recommendation from Council at its last meeting, a letter had been forwarded to Mr. Martin of that company and, as no reply had been received by the end of last week, he phoned Mr. Martin and was advised that a group of developers in the City were interested in this land.

The City for many years, he went on to state, felt that there was a severe need for park facilities in this area because of the density of population. The only areas presently available, he noted, are Memorial Park and King George Park which are not geared to activities of small children, middle aged or older people. Alderman Pescod asked that a representative from Cameron Real Estate Board or Brunet Bros. Ltd. be permitted to speak and was so granted permission by the Chairman.

Mrs. Cameron, as the person who signed the letter, offered a public apology to Alderman Lebano stating that the letter should have read as Chairman of the Committee. She went on to explain that there was no question of Alderman Lebano's integrity and she feels he does his best, however, she pointed out that specialists in this field have zoned this parcel of land as Residential 20. Also, Ontario Housing Corporation feels it is an excellent area for this type of development.

Answering Alderman Holden, Mrs. Cameron replied that, early in the spring of this year, she had started to work on this land as a prime area for development and was not aware that Council was trying to obtain ownership of the property.

Mr. Adams informed Council that Ontario Housing Corporation had listed the property with others when it was looking at properties in 1969 but had not spoken to the City in 1972 or 1973 with respect to utilizing this property.

Alderman Lebano stressed that he had received a verbal option from National Grocers at a meeting attended by Messrs. C. F. Adams and Si Miller. Mr. Martin assured the City that it would have first right of refusal. In support of this commitment, Alderman Lebano read from a letter written by Mayor Lumley on April 30th to Mrs. H. McMahan indicating that the City has been negotiating for two months for acquisition of the National Grocers property for park development.

Replying to Alderman Pescod, Mr. Brunet stated that his proposal is to be submitted to C.M.H.C. tomorrow but he would rather not answer at this time as to whether the sale has been closed with the company.

Various aldermen expressed the opinion that, if the City went to expropriation, the offer of ~~\$100,000.00~~ made by Brunet Bros. Ltd. to the company would be considered and the City is not prepared to pay such a high price for acquisition of this land. Therefore, possibly, the City should withdraw its offer so as not to present any roadblock in the way of the developer.

Mrs. Cameron informed Council that Mr. Martin should not be blamed for any decision made by National Grocers in dealing with Brunet Bros. Ltd. as they met with company officials in Toronto.

As a result of the thinking of members of Council, Aldermen Lebano and LeBlanc now withdrew their motion.

RE #61-73 - City of Cornwall

Moved by Alderman Leger, seconded by Alderman LeBlanc that Monday, August 6, 1973 be

proclaimed a civic holiday in the City of Cornwall.
Carried.

BY-LAWS

- By-law No. 1477 - To authorize the construction of extensions to the Waterworks System on Dundee from Alguire to Elgin and on Elgin from Dundee to Lot 141, R.P. 240 - \$25,259.96
- 1478 - To authorize the construction of extensions to the Waterworks System on Fortier from George to Tollgate and on George from Fortier to Tollgate and on Tollgate from George to Fortier - \$46,333.37
- 1479 - Temporary Loan re By-law No. 1373/73 - \$18,135.80
- 1480 - To levy an annual tax upon Correctional Institutions
- 1481 - To levy an annual tax upon Public Hospitals
- 1482 - To increase the tax payment from \$25 to \$50 for each student attending St. Lawrence College
- 1483 - To amend By-law No. 808/69 (Waterworks By-law)
- 1484 - To authorize Mayor and Clerk to sign a supplemental agreement with Allan J. McDonald Ltd. (transit)
- 1485 - To amend By-law No. 860/70 (parking meters)
- 1486 - To amend Zoning By-law (Second Street West, Robertson)
- 1487 - To amend Zoning By-law (J. Cadieux)
- 1488 - To amend Zoning By-law (11th & Paul Sts.)
- 1489 - To name Marleau Avenue

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

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

NEW BUSINESS

Transit Operation - Moved by Alderman Bough, seconded by Alderman Samson that Cornwall transit will not be operated on Monday, August 6, 1973. Carried.

Alguire Property - The Administrator notified Council that Ontario Housing Corporation has signed an Offer to Purchase with the City for the acquisition of the Alguire property on First Street West.

Rezoning of McConnell & Tollgate Road

Property - A letter of July 19th from Mr. Sam Abraham was referred to the Planning Board on motion of Alderman Lebano, seconded by Alderman Samson. The motion was withdrawn.

Moved by Alderman Lebano, seconded by Alderman Samson that Council approve the application of Mr. Sam Abraham for the rezoning to COM. 11, of property owned by him at the corner of McConnell Avenue and Tollgate Road. Carried.

Exit to Highway 401 - Alderman Webster complained that there is no exit for eastbound traffic from Power Dam Drive to Highway 401. This problem causes hardship for tourists who turn on to the service road. Ald. Webster suggested that the problem be brought to the attention of Honourable Claude Bennett who is expected to visit the City in the near future.

Danis Avenue and Gray's Creek Area -

Alderman Webster asked that the weeds and scrub trees be cleaned out in the area of Danis Avenue and Gray's Creek. He suggested the possibility of using students who are presently engaged in cleaning up the canal bank.

Mayor Lumley left the meeting at this point and the meeting was chaired by Alderman Fawthrop.

Curbing on Ninth Street West - Alderman Guindon asked that curbing be installed on the north side of Ninth Street between Pitt and Augustus Streets. Mr. Adams is to take this matter under advisement.

The Mayor returned to the meeting at this time and Alderman Fawthrop vacated the chair.

Minimum Standards By-law - Alderman Lebano was assured that the final draft of the minimum standards by-law should be ready no later than the first of September. However, public meetings are to be held which might require possible revisions.

Tennis Courts - Alderman Lebano notified Council that Mayor Lumley has received permission from Ontario Housing Corporation to use the former Dominion Store property as a tennis court during this summer.

Senior Citizens Complex - Alderman Lebano inquired as to when the 140 units will be erected for the senior citizens and suggested that, as there is a waiting list of some 200, possibly, the City should make application for another building.

Visit of Honourable Claude Bennett -

Mayor Lumley advised that he has had no further communication with respect to the visit of Honourable Claude Bennett on August 22nd at 10 a.m. He pointed out that obviously Mr. Bennett will only be available a few hours as he is scheduled to be in Brockville at 2 p.m.

Noise and Dust Pollution - Alderman Holden referred to the petition submitted by residents in the area of Frontenac, Walter and King Streets complaining of the dust and noise. He stated that much of the problem was caused by trucks parking in an area which has not been asphalted and creates a great deal of dust. He suggested that a by-law be prepared to require trucks to park overnight in proper terminals. Mayor Lumley suggested that the City approach the property owners to oil these parking lots.

By-law No. 1490/73 - To prohibit parking of trucks on Marlborough Street - Moved by Alderman Samson, seconded by Alderman LeBlanc that By-law No. 1490, 1973 be given First, Second and Third Reading. Carried.

Weed Growth - Alderman Guindon was asked to contact Alderman LeBlanc or Mr. S. McCaskill with respect to the fire hazard created by the growth of hay in the area of Eleventh Street, near the wartime housing.

Detour on Brookdale and Vincent Massey -

Referring to letters received from businesses located in the Lasalle Shopping Centre, Mr. Adams stated that he is presently consulting with the Minister as to the best possible means of solving this problem.

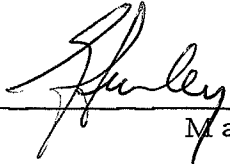
Environmental Control Committee - Moved

by Alderman Lebano, seconded by Alderman LeBlanc that Mayor Lumley and Alderman Guindon appoint an ad hoc committee of the Environmental Control Committee to set up terms of reference. Carried.

Adjournment - On motion of Alderman Samson,

seconded by Alderman LeBlanc, Council adjourned at 9:50 p.m.


Clerk


Mayor