

CITY COUNCIL NO. 7-73

March 26, 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, G. Cameron, A. Lebano, J. Pescod and M. Holden.

Excused from Meeting - Moved by Alderman LeBlanc, seconded by Alderman Lebano that Aldermen Bough and Clement be excused from attendance at this evening's meeting with Council also being advised that Alderman Samson would be present later this evening.

Adoption of Minutes - Moved by Alderman Pescod, seconded by Alderman Cameron that the Council minutes of the meeting held March 12th be adopted as received. Carried.

In answer to Alderman Lebano, Mr. Adams reported that a study on flooding conditions throughout the City will be made available to members of Council at the next meeting.

Alderman Lebano once again deplored the idea of workers living in Quebec being hired within our municipality. It was his belief that other municipalities had enacted by-laws to prevent such occurrences. However, Mr. Boyer pointed out that he is not aware of any such by-laws in force in Ontario.

With respect to Horovitz Park, Alderman Lebano reported that the problems pertaining to the pool will be discussed at the forthcoming Parks and Recreation Committee

meeting. However, it would seem that whatever action is decided upon, heavy expenditure will result.

Alderman Samson joined the meeting at this time.

COMMUNICATIONS

1. Canadian Transport Commission - Corridor Passenger-Train Services - Moved by Alderman Cameron, seconded by Alderman Leger that the letter be referred to the External Transportation Committee. Carried.
2. Ontario Housing Corporation - Rent geared-to-income family units - Moved by Alderman Pescod, seconded by Alderman LeBlanc that the letter be filed. Carried.
3. Ontario Hydro - Sale of approximately 500 acres of land to City - Moved by Alderman Webster, seconded by Alderman Guindon that the letter be referred to the City Engineer. Carried.
4. Ontario Anti-Poverty Organization - Forum on Workmen's Compensation - Moved by Alderman Leger, seconded by Alderman LeBlanc that the letter be filed with Mayor Lumley reporting that he had advised Mr. Jodoin that the letter would be placed on the agenda of this evening's meeting. Carried.

PETITIONS

PE #10-73 - L. Bissonnette & others - Sanitary Sewer on Hilbert from south limit to north limit

PE #11-73 - E. Jennings & others - Storm Sewer on Eleventh Street from east side of McConnell Avenue to Fly Creek

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

REPORTS

Committee of the Whole No. 5-73 - Moved by Alderman Lebano, seconded by Alderman Guindon that the report be adopted

as received. Carried.

Finance Committee No. 7-73 - Moved by Alderman Fawthrop, seconded by Alderman Webster that the report be adopted as received. Carried.

The Clerk explained that, under The Municipal Act, it is not necessary to list taxes as being written off or refunded although there are very few taxes written off or a refund given to the owner. In some instances, there has been an error in the rolls, buildings have been demolished by fire or for various other reasons. It has never been the policy of Council to list names in such cases with the Mayor suggesting that, if Council wished more information, possibly the reason for the write-off or refund could be listed in the minutes. Further, fuller explanations could be obtained by any alderman attending the Finance Committee meeting or contacting the Tax Collector in his office.

Social Services Committee No. 2-73 - Moved by Alderman Leger, seconded by Alderman Guindon that the report be adopted as received. Carried.

Public Works Committee No. 4-73 - Moved by Alderman Pescod, seconded by Alderman Cameron that the report be adopted with the deletion of paragraph two under 'new business' with it now being moved by Alderman Pescod, seconded by Alderman Holden that the City engage Clark and Brown Consultants to carry out a study on waste disposal methods on condition that the cost of the study is eligible for subsidy. Carried.

With respect to the resolution re half loads by-law, the Mayor reported that he had found out the heavier trucks have more axles and, therefore, the load is distributed more evenly. It would, therefore, not be necessary for the City to forward a resolution to the Ministry.

Environmental Control Committee No. 3-73 - Moved by Alderman Guindon, seconded by Alderman Samson that the report be adopted and received with the attached report on sludge disposal, as submitted by Mr. E. G. Myers, to be received only. Carried.

Alderman Guindon proposed that, in matters relating to the proposed ski hill, there should be an interchange of all correspondence between the Ministry, Domtar and the City in order that all parties involved may be kept up to date. Letters were read, one of February 16th received by Domtar from the Ministry and a further letter of March 19th written by Mr. Ben. Stidwill to the Ministry. City Council decided that Aldermen Guindon, Leger, Webster and Samson meet with Domtar to discuss the development of the ski hill. With respect to sludge disposal and the problem created in the township from the City's sewage treatment plant, the Mayor stated that he could arrange a meeting with the Reeve of Charlottenburgh. Alderman Holden suggested the possibility of having an O.W.R.C. representative present at that time.

Civic Complex Committee No. 7-73 - Moved by Alderman LeBlanc, seconded by Alderman Samson that the report be adopted as received. Carried.

Report re Traffic Line Marking, Tender No. 5-73 - Moved by Alderman Cameron, seconded by Alderman LeBlanc that the tender for traffic line marking of City streets be awarded to Dومتrec Limited at a total price of \$15,050.00. Carried.

Inaugural Meeting of Raisin Region Conservation Authority - February 28/73 - Moved by Alderman Cameron, seconded by Alderman LeBlanc

that the report be adopted as received. An amendment to the motion was made by Alderman Fawthrop, seconded by Alderman Guindon that the report be received only. The amendment carried and the motion was defeated.

It was brought out that, while the total equalized assessment for the City is 72 percent and the proposed levy only 42 percent, there is still a 50 percent increase in the City's share to be paid to the Authority in 1973. Alderman Lebano is to again discuss the budget at the next meeting of the Authority pointing out the municipality's reluctance to accept such a large increase and further, he is to obtain their 1974 forecast of expenditures and report this information to the next meeting of Council.

RESOLUTIONS

RE #24-73 - County of Peel - Children's Aid Societies in Ontario

Moved by Alderman Leger, seconded by Alderman Guindon that the resolution from the County of Peel be endorsed. Carried.

RE #25-73 - City of Cornwall

Moved by Alderman Lebano, seconded by Alderman LeBlanc that Ontario Housing Corporation be requested to provide rental housing accommodation for families on a geared-to-income basis in the City of Cornwall, such accommodation to comprise two consecutive and equal phases, each to consist of 16 two-bedroom, 24 three-bedroom, 6 four-bedroom and 4 five-bedroom units as indicated in the analysis of applications dated March 6, 1973;

The Corporation of the Municipality of Cornwall hereby undertakes and agrees to contribute 7½% of any annual loss arising out of the operation of the said family housing. Carried.

RE #26-73 - City of Cornwall

Moved by Alderman Cameron, seconded by Alderman Guindon that the statement of proposed expenditures for public transportation and highway improvements for the year 1973 in the total amount of \$2,476,031.00 be adopted. Carried.

RE #27-73 - City of Cornwall

Moved by Alderman Cameron, seconded by Alderman Guindon that the Corporation of the City of Cornwall request an allocation of subsidy moneys in the amount of \$65,000.00 for Transit Operating Expenditures for the year 1973. Carried.

BY-LAWS

By-law No. 1414 - To stop up and close a pedestrian walkway (5-ft. pedestrian lane running easterly from Baldwin to southwest corner of Block "A", Plan 150)

1415 - To levy the rate of taxation for general purposes for the City of Cornwall for the year 1972

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

By-law No. 1415 - To levy the rate of taxation for general purposes for the City of Cornwall for the year 1972

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

NEW BUSINESS

A.M.O. Conference - Mr. Boyer reminded members of Council of the Association of Municipalities of Ontario conference to be held August 19th - 22nd at the Royal York Hotel and that registration forms are available in his office.

Advisory Task Force - Alderman Pescod advised that at the last meeting of Council, Mayor Lumley and he were directed to make a presentation on behalf of Council to the Advisory Task Force on Housing Policy. He pointed out that, while a brief has been prepared, it is now impossible for either the Mayor or himself to make personal representation at the meeting. He reported that a copy of the brief has been forwarded to Kingston and suggested that another member of Council attend the hearing on behalf of the municipality.

Street Cleaning - Alderman Lebano was advised by Mr. Adams that the Public Works Department has today started using the flusher.

Van for Disabled - Alderman Lebano stated that he had been approached by Reverend Kent Doe asking that members of Council consider giving leadership towards financing a van for disabled persons. He stated that \$365.00 has already been realized towards the purchase price and suggested that, possibly, a service club might assist in purchasing the vehicle.

Civic Complex Survey - Alderman Cameron stated that he was not in agreement with the survey being undertaken to determine whether a civic complex should be erected and, in particular, with the public not being asked to indicate whether they are a tenant or the owner of the premises.

Assessment - Alderman Cameron asked that the Clerk find out whether there would be a difference in assessment on a building erected without a basement to the assessment on one with a full basement. Mr. Boyer replied that, in 1974, the full assessment

based on market value will be placed on every building to determine the 1975 taxes. Also questioned was the manner in which valuation would be placed on an older building which had not been sold for some years.

Agricultural Zoning - Alderman Cameron expressed fear that the City might be forced to purchase the 1000 acres of land along the south bank of the Raisin River which has been zoned agricultural and, under the Zoning By-law, cannot be used for development. Alderman Pescod pointed out that, if the land has no value for industrial purposes, he could not see the City becoming involved in its purchase.

Passenger Train Service - Referring to Letter No. 1 on this evening's agenda, Alderman Guindon inquired as to whether it is the City's intention to submit a brief as he would like to see a follow-up to a letter submitted a short time ago by the City. The Mayor advised that, as a result of a letter written by him, the situation has been rectified.

Phosphate Free Detergents - Alderman Guindon referred to the most enlightening address given by Mr. D. Rawlings at the last meeting of the Environmental Control Committee. He stated that he would certainly recommend Mr. Rawlings as a guest speaker for any service club with consideration being given by any worthy organization to follow up on a fund raising project as detailed by Mr. Rawlings at the committee meeting.

Emma Avenue Sewer - Alderman Guindon referred to the trouble being encountered by residents on Emma Avenue where a new sewer was installed last year. He pointed out that some of the connections going into the homes have been broken and, as a

result, basements are being flooded.

Garbage Pick-up - Moved by Alderman Fawthrop, seconded by Alderman Webster that the extra collections for garbage and refuse be advanced this year from the first two weeks of May to the last two weeks of April due to the early spring weather.

Flooding - Alderman Samson referred to the problems being faced by persons on Eleventh Street East due to flooding from the Fly Creek. He was reminded that Mr. Adams is submitting a report on flooding conditions at the next Council meeting.

Urban Renewal - Alderman Samson complained that the City has not undertaken any urban renewal development to date in the eastern area of the City. Mr. Adams pointed out that this work is a five year project and Council has decided what projects would be undertaken during that period of time.

Watermain Shutoffs - Mr. Adams explained to Alderman LeBlanc that it would be of little value to mark where the watermain shutoffs are in the Glenview Heights area as it is necessary to use a five foot key to shut off the water at the main. However, a full plan of the area is available at the Public Works Department and, with a telephone call to the department, the information would be readily available and a person dispatched to turn off the water.

Appointment of Foreman - Alderman LeBlanc inquired as to why a person residing outside the City limits had been hired as a foreman. Mr. Adams explained that three members from the existing staff were interviewed for the position and, as a result, the position was advertised with 14 applications being received.

Later, a small committee was set up and, following the interviews, three men were considered. Mr. Adams noted that, while the person hired now works for a construction company in Ottawa, he is from the Cornwall area and, because of his educational background and experience, was considered the best person for the job. Further, as a result of a course taken, he will be recognized as a certified Civil Engineer Technologist this summer.

Adjournment - On motion of Alderman Cameron, seconded by Alderman Pescod, Council adjourned into Committee of the Whole at 9:00 p.m.

M. W. Boyer
Clerk

George C. Gumbel
Mayor