

CITY COUNCIL NO. 1-74

January 14, 1974.
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, A. Clement, G. Samson, D. Fawthrop, D. Webster, G. Cameron, F. Guindon, A. Lebano, K. Bough and M. Holden.

Excused from Meeting - Moved by Alderman Lebano, seconded by Alderman LeBlanc that Alderman J. Pescod be excused from attendance at this evening's meeting. Carried.

Adoption of Minutes - Moved by Alderman Leger, seconded by Alderman Cameron that the Council minutes of the meeting held December 27, 1973 be adopted as received. Carried.

Alderman Lebano suggested that we make use of the local news media to advise people when the City crews will be working in certain areas on snow removal. Mayor Lumley replied that Mr. Adams and Inspector Landry have been discussing the possibility of permitting parking on only one side of certain streets during the winter months and it is quite possible some permanent arrangements can be worked out to facilitate efficient removal of snow. At this time, signs have been erected temporarily indicating parking on one side only.

COMMUNICATIONS

1. Canadian Heart Fund - Blitz - Moved by Alderman Clement, seconded by Alderman Cameron that the Ontario Heart Foundation, Cornwall Chapter, be permitted to hold a City wide blitz on Tuesday, February 5th. Carried.
2. Community Chest Association - Exemption from property tax - Moved by Alderman Bough, seconded by Alderman Lebano that

the Cornwall Community Chest Association be given a grant in the amount of the tax on property known as municipal number 14 First Street West. Carried.

3. Big Brothers of Cornwall & District - Request for Grant - Moved by Alderman LeBano, seconded by Alderman LeBlanc that the letter be referred to the Finance Committee. Carried.

4. Kinsmen Club of Cornwall - Bingo Lottery - Moved by Alderman Holden, seconded by Alderman LeBlanc that the Kinsmen Club of Cornwall be granted permission to conduct a bingo lottery on Cable 11 from January 29th to March 5th. Carried.

REPORTS

Committee of the Whole No. 27-73 - Moved by Alderman Guindon, seconded by Alderman LeBlanc that the report be adopted as received. Carried.

Finance Committee No. 1-74 - Moved by Alderman Fawthrop, seconded by Alderman Webster that the report be adopted as received. Carried.

Mr. Adams explained to Council that the article dealing with Central Western Sanitary Trunk Sewer covering purchase of pumps and controls and an auxiliary power supply generator was as a result of a request that the Public Works be allowed to purchase this equipment on a quotation basis for the following reasons -

- a) that there are very few suppliers of the equipment being sought, in fact, only two suppliers in Eastern Canada for the pumps and controls and four recognized suppliers for the motor generating equipment;
- b) saving of time between the public tendering and the quotation system would result in a saving of a six to eight week time period on tendering and a reduction of waiting time for

hard-to-get pieces of equipment, thus allowing Public Works to proceed with planning and construction earlier than mid-year 1974.

Alderman Samson suggested that all members of Council meet with officials of the YM-YWCA. Alderman Fawthrop replied that two or three representatives of this organization is to meet with the committee this coming Thursday noon, however, any member of Council is welcome to attend. Following this committee meeting, there could be a meeting with Council if it is deemed necessary.

Alderman Guindon voiced his objection to what has transpired since the City acquired the Capitol Theatre as he believed once this building had been taken over by the City, then any recommendations as to its usage should be considered by the Public Works Committee. Alderman Fawthrop replied that the Finance Committee felt the theatre would only deteriorate if not used and, further, there would be no revenue coming in. Therefore, the committee could see nothing wrong in calling for tenders. It was pointed out that no guidelines have been set as to the usage of the building but that further consideration will be given when tenders are received and, at that time, recommendations will be submitted to Council.

Environmental Control Committee No. 1-74 - Moved by Alderman Guindon, seconded by Alderman Samson that the report be adopted as received. Carried.

Replying to Alderman LeBlanc, Alderman Guindon noted that Mr. Amell of the Air Management Branch is presently working on the cause of the odours in the area of Second Street and Danis Avenue and stated that the problem should be rectified within three months from the date the complaint was received.

Report re Raisin Region Conservation Authority Gray's Creek

Proposal - Misc. #1-74 - Moved by Alderman Lebano, seconded by Alderman Leger that the report be received. Carried.

Fire Chief Report #6-73 - Moved by Alderman Lebano, seconded by Alderman Samson that the report be adopted as received. Carried.

BY- LAWS

By-Law No. 1562 - To authorize borrowing to meet current expenditures - \$9,000,000.00

1563 - To authorize the Mayor and Clerk to execute an Offer to Purchase between the City and Loblaw Leased Properties Limited (Widening of Augustus)

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

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

Cornwall Resource Centre - Mrs. Jean MacMillan, Consumer Consultant, Cornwall Resource Centre, presented to Council, a letter with accompanying material requesting financial assistance from the City to continue operation of this enterprise.

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

NEW BUSINESS

Yearly Report - Mayor Lumley stated that he will defer, at this time, submitting the usual Mayor's report to Council and the citizens as he will be able to make more intelligent observations once we have received information on the amount of infrastructure grant we may expect to receive and various other government announcements.

Bus Service - Alderman LeBlanc stated that he had received complaints regarding operation of City buses. Alderman Cameron advised that Mr. A. J. McDonald is to meet with members of his committee this week and members of Council are invited to attend. He also pointed out that the buses are to be inspected during this week by the Ministry of Transport.

Parking Meters - Answering Alderman Samson, Mayor Lumley stated that a parking meter supervisor would possibly take into consideration, when noting that a meter had expired, the inability of a person to reach the meter because of the heavy accumulation of snow. However, he pointed out that the rates for use of parking meters are controlled by a City by-law.

Street Lights - Alderman Samson complained that certain street lights were not in operation and was advised by Mr. Adams that the company has a man who checks the lights periodically. Also, the police report to the company if any lights are burned out.

Capitol Theatre - Alderman Guindon inquired as to where the funds are coming from for the maintenance work that is being carried out at the Capitol Theatre and also the heating of the building as the City's application for a L.I.P. grant has not been received. He further suggested that a report should have been presented to the Public Works Committee as to whether the City will be operating a theatre in this building. He contended that an opinion received from the City Solicitor to the Clerk should have been presented to Council and not to the Arts Development Committee. Mr. Adams pointed out that the Public Works Department is presently liable only for providing heat, electrical power and building maintenance of the theatre with a budget to be set up in 1974.

Sidewalk Plowing - Alderman Guindon was advised that outside of the main arteries, the sidewalks on side streets are being plowed on one side only. Therefore, the plowing on Seventh Street between Gloucester and Marlborough Streets is being carried out in the same manner as the rest of the City.

Street Lights - Alderman Bough advised that, under the maintenance program of Cornwall Electric, street lights are changed Monday, Wednesday and Friday of each week.

Capitol Theatre - Alderman Bough stated that a gentleman from the National Arts Centre will visit the Capitol Theatre building this week to provide the committee with information as to its best usage.

Store Hours - The news media was asked to provide adequate coverage to the visit of Honourable George Kerr this week who will be conducting a hearing at the New Parkway Hotel to receive the comments of the merchants and other citizens as to their views on standard store closing hours throughout the province.

Voting Machines - The Clerk is to obtain information as to the feasibility of purchasing or renting voting machines to be used in the 1974 municipal elections.

Garbage Collection - Alderman Lebano suggested that the Engineer look into the possibility of curtailing garbage collection to one day a week in the winter time which could quite possibly effect a considerable saving.

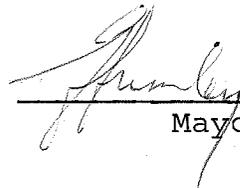
Domtar Ski Hill - Alderman Lebano noted the large number of adults and children who have been attracted to the Domtar ski hill which should continue to grow in the future. The Cornwall Ski Club has been particularly active in this area.

Infrastructure Grant - Alderman Lebano suggested Mayor Lumley arrange for a joint announcement to be made in the Capitol Theatre building by the three levels of government when the amount that the City will be receiving in infrastructure grant is to be made public. He further asked that consideration be given to a suitable civic luncheon and, possibly, a civic holiday declared. Mayor Lumley replied that these suggestions

have already been discussed but the manner of releasing any press coverage will be determined by Honourable D. C. Jamieson and Honourable J. White.

Adjournment - On motion of Alderman Guindon, seconded by Alderman Bough, Council adjourned at 8:40 p.m.


Clerk


Mayor