

CITY COUNCIL #25-74

October 3, 1974  
7:00 p.m.

To His Worship the Mayor  
and Members of City Council.

Gentlemen:

Your City Council met today with the following members present - Acting Mayor G. Samson, Chairman, Aldermen A. Clement D. Webster, F. Guindon, G. Cameron, K. Bough, A. Lebano, J. Pescod and M. Holden.

Acting Mayor Samson read a notice that was inserted in the local press advising citizens that a Public Hearing will be held regarding Neighbourhood Improvement Program on October 3 at 7:00 p.m. Mr. Courville explained that this Hearing is a requirement, established by the Federal and Provincial Governments to make it an official part of the N.I.P. report.

With the aid of plans Mr. Courville pointed out the area being considered for development under the program and the present and proposed extended Mattice Park. He noted that a larger area for development had been submitted to the governments, but they had suggested a smaller one. However, Mr. Courville felt that development of this area should reflect on the original larger area.

The Neighbourhood Improvement Program report contains recommendations of the N.I.P. Area Citizens Committee, which report was approved by Council on September 23, subject to any revisions that may be made tonight or not later than 10:00 a.m. tomorrow. The report is then to be sent to the

Provincial Government and finally will be sent to the Federal Government.

The Mattice Park area was decided on by Council as meeting the requirements of the senior levels of government, as being a residential area in need of re-development. The area, it was noted, comprises Albert, William, McConnell and Montreal Roads with a very high density population. The Citizens Committee and Council are recommending that Mattice Park should be extended from one acre to three acres, southerly to William Street with acquisition of the necessary properties. The present pool is to be extended to include a wading pool. Change rooms are to be installed and the park fenced in. Water and sewer mains are to be upgraded with streets curbs, boulevards and sidewalks to be re-constructed. It is expected that in the future Duncan Street will be closed.

Those citizens present this evening were asked if they had any objections or any complaints against the recommendations as contained in the report and particularly against the installation of a pool in Mattice Park. Mr. G. A. Plouffe inquired as to the location of the proposed Senior Citizens Complex and was advised that if the complex is built in one of the areas under study by O.H.C. it will be only four blocks west of the development area. Mr. For and Mr. Plouffe also questioned the need for two large swimming pools within such a small area and were told that there are definitely no plans for a swimming pool in the proposed Civic Complex.

Objecting to a pool in such a small park area Mr. Plouffe was advised of the City's intention to acquire additional land and enlarge the park. Also the size of the pool conforms to the standards as set down by the Ministry of Community and Social Services. Mr. W. O. Villeneuve, on 19 Duncan Street expressed concern as to the nearness of the pool to his home, which could necessitate in the selling of his home to the City. He was advised that after a study of various areas, the Mattice Park area was chosen and the Citizens Committee agreed that it is an area in need of re-development, also the installation of a pool under the N.I.P. program would qualify for a 75% subsidy. Mr. Villeneuve also pointed out the problem of the numerous half lots in this section of the City. Mr. Courville stated that the whole question of overcrowding will be a question of priority when considering low rental housing; also improvements could be made under the R.A.P. program. Mr. Courville assured Mr. Villeneuve and Mr. Plouffe that he would be pleased to meet with them tomorrow afternoon.

At this point Mr. Courville introduced the members of the area Citizens Committee as Mr. V. Sabourin, Chairman; Messrs. A. Forbert, L. Lalonde, W. Larkin, L. Poirier, R. Belanger and Mr. D. Piquette, who were present this evening; also Ms. E. Evans and H. Bouvier. All members of Council agreed with Mr. Courville that these people may be assured that they are going to be dealt with fairly by the Municipality; and asked that consideration should be given when re-locating, to the

type of dwelling that they are accustomed to living in.

Mr. Forbert stated that he is certain that many of the residents will be prepared to move once a Senior Citizens Complex becomes available to them. It was moved by Alderman LeBlanc, seconded by Alderman Clement that phase one, as recommended in the report prepared by Mr. W. L. Courville for the N.I.P., committee and dated September 19, 1974 be adopted. Carried.

Christmas Lights

As the result of a request received by the Chief Administrator, it was moved by Alderman Guindon, seconded by Alderman Lebano that decorations be installed and lights turned on in the downtown and Montreal Road areas commencing December 1. Carried.

Adjournment

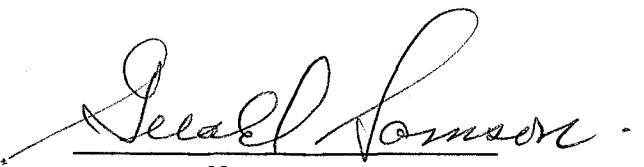
Moved by Alderman Guindon, seconded by Alderman LeBlanc that Council adjourn into Committee of the Whole. Carried.

Following the meeting of Committee of the Whole, Council re-convened.

Committee of the Whole

Moved by Alderman Pescod, seconded by Alderman Holden that Committee of the Whole, #29-74, be adopted as received. Carried.

  
Clerk

  
Mayor