

CITY COUNCIL #31-74

December 9, 1974

To His Worship the Mayor
and members of City Council

The 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, G. Samson, A. Clement, D. Webster, F. Guindon, G. Cameron, K. Bough, A. Lebano, J. Pescod and M. Holden.

Recording of minutes - Alderman Lebano inquired as to whether Council would agree to having the meeting recorded, as well as minutes taken. It was moved by Alderman Lebano, seconded by Alderman Guindon that the minutes be recorded. Carried

Adoption of Minutes. - Moved by Alderman Pescod, seconded by Alderman LeBlanc that the minutes of the meetings of November 12th and 28th be adopted as received. Carried

The method of distribution of Council agenda and other relevant material is to be considered by the 1975-6 Council. Mayor Lumley advised that the application for assistance under the New Horizons Program, has been submitted to the Province but, as yet, no firm decision has been made. The Mayor went on to report that the Government has stated that they would give very serious consideration to granting a subsidy should the senior citizens decide to relocate in the Y.M.-Y.W.C.A. building. The president of the association, however, has indicated that they would not be interested in such an arrangement. It was suggested that a letter of thanks be forwarded to Brookshell for the election notice the company inserted in the local press.

COMMUNICATIONS

Gulf Oil Canada Ltd. - Self-serve & Carwash - Brookdale & 7th

Moved by Alderman Leger, seconded by Alderman Pescod that the request of the company be denied. An amendment to the motion was made by Alderman Holden, seconded by Alderman Samson that the request be held

in abeyance until the report on traffic operations is received. Carried

K.E. Eves - Damages to buildings on 5th St. East -

Moved by Alderman Clement, seconded by Alderman Bough that the City implement Plan B, as contained in the report of W.A. Knight on Public Transit - McConnell Route. Carried

J.L. Cook - Canada Savings Bonds - Moved by Alderman Pescod, seconded by Alderman A. LeBlanc that the letter be filed. Carried

S.E. Fennell - Maryborough Ave. - Moved by Alderman Bough, seconded by Alderman Lebano that the City take action, as recommended by the solicitor. An amendment to the motion was made by Alderman Cameron, seconded by Alderman Pescod that the City defer taking any action. The amendment carried.

Ministry of Housing - Neighbourhood Improvement Program -

Moved by Alderman LeBlanc, seconded by Alderman Holden that the letter be filed. Carried

Armand Lafrance - Lots 5 - 5a, Reg. Plan 146 - Moved by

Alderman Lebano, seconded by Alderman Leger that the recommendation of November 20th of the Chief Administrator be accepted. Carried

Hon. Wm. G. Davis - Cabinet Meeting in Ottawa - Dec. 11th -

Various aldermen expressed their disappointment at not having received a copy of the letter earlier in order that a brief might have been submitted by the municipality. Alderman Lebano stated that he will be attending the meeting and wished to make it clear that, if he speaks, he will be speaking as an individual member of Council. At the time of the meeting, Alderman Lebano went on to state, he will endeavour to obtain a reaffirmation from the Minister that an additional one or two million dollars is available from the Province to the City. After receiving opinions from members of Council, it was moved by Alderman Leblanc, seconded by Alderman Samson that a meeting of Council be convened Tuesday, December 10th to consider a draft brief from the Chief Administrator relative to the following points - senior citizens residence, Housing

Authority, infrastructure, Urban Renewal program, proposed industrial park waste disposal and weeds in Lake St. Francis. Carried

E.M.O. - Disaster Exercise - Moved by Alderman Leblanc, seconded by Alderman Guindon that the correspondence be filed. Carried

Alderman Lebano thanked all concerned, as an exercise of this nature could prove very invaluable if there is ever a disaster.

Columbia Finishing Mills - Lack of sewer facilities - Moved by Alderman Pescod, seconded by Alderman Leblanc that the work be proceeded with under Alternate A, as recommended in the report of December 4th of the Commissioner of Development. An amendment to the motion was made by Alderman Lebano, seconded by Alderman Guindon that the work be deferred until consideration is given by the new Council. The amendment carried. It was suggested that the company be approached to see if they are receptive to absorbing the total costs.

Kinsmen Club - T.V. Kingo

Knights of Columbus - Charity Draw

Canadian Legion - 1975 Draws

Moved by Alderman Guindon, seconded by Alderman Leblanc that the three requests be approved. Carried

REPORTS

Adjustment of Tax Roll - Moved by Alderman Bough, seconded by Alderman Samson that Council approve the write-offs and refunds, in accordance with the report of November 18th of the Tax Collector. Carried

Intersection of 1st and McConnell Ave. - Moved by Alderman Leblanc, seconded by Alderman Guindon that the report be returned to the Traffic Engineer. Carried.

Alderman LeBlanc stated that he had suggested 4-way stop to the Traffic Inspector as a means of improving traffic conditions at this intersection. Alderman Bough suggested cutting some of the trees on McConnell to improve the line-of-site.

Hoople - Wallrich truck route - Moved by Alderman Pescod,

seconded by Alderman Holden that the recommendations as contained in the report of November 12th of the Traffic Engineer be approved. Carried

Dover & Lafayette parking lots - Moved by Alderman Lebano, seconded by Alderman Leblanc that an agreement be entered into with Stenan Developments Ltd. in accordance with the terms of the report of the Chief Administrator, dated December 6th. Carried

Family Housing - Gloucester & 4th St. - Moved by Alderman Lebano, seconded by Alderman Guindon that the 1975-6 Council give consideration to the proposal of O.H.C. to erect a Family-Housing Development on Fourth Street east. Carried

Moved by Alderman Leger, seconded by Alderman Pescod that Ontario Housing Corporation be requested to provide rental housing accommodation on a rental geared-to-income basis for senior citizens in the east end of the City, such rental housing accommodation to comprise 150 units. Carried

Urban Renewal Program - Mayor Lumley informed Council that he doubted very much if the City would have any trouble in obtaining 75% funding from the two senior levels of government, on the \$200,000. over expenditure on the Urban Renewal Program. Further, the Mayor reported that a meeting will be held in Ottawa on the 12th to consider the full financing necessary to complete the study. If the two governments are prepared to cost share the remainder of the program, then it will be up to the new council to decided whether to proceed with phase 5.

Referring to a recent article in the local press, Alderman Lebano stated he strongly objected to this type of reporting, which is derogatory to all members of Council. He questioned as to how the press came in possession of the report, which had not yet been presented to Council. Alderman Guindon stated that in November/73 he was advised, at a Council meeting, that there was no overrun and that he did not blame any previous administration or Council as the last tender was

accepted by this Council. After various questions put forth by Alderman Pescod to Mr. Adams, it was brought out that the actual overrun was quite in line with other projects carried out at this time, with cost estimates being obtained some years previously. Alderman Clement stated that he wished to make it clear that he did not supply any information to anyone.

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

Committee of the Whole #32-74 - Moved by Alderman Leblanc, seconded by Alderman Samson that the report be adopted as received. Carried

RESOLUTIONS

#70 - Comay Task Force Report on Housing - Moved by Alderman Pescod, seconded by Alderman Leblanc that the resolution be endorsed. Carried

#71 - Fire Inspection in hotels - Moved by Alderman Leblanc, seconded by Alderman Guindon that the resolution be endorsed. Carried

#72 - Winter Capital Projects Fund Program - Moved by Alderman Leger, seconded by Alderman Holden that the resolution be endorsed. Carried

#73 - Moved by Alderman Pescod, seconded by Alderman Samson that the City of Cornwall request an allocation of subsidy moneys for public transportation pursuant to The Public Transportation and Highway Improvement Act in the amount of \$13,125. for the Capital Asset Assistance Program and in the amount of \$128,545. for Transit Operating Deficit. Carried

#74 - Fencing abutting railway property - Moved by Alderman Lebano, seconded by Alderman Webster that the resolution be endorsed. Carried

#75 - Moved by Alderman Pescod, seconded by Alderman Lebano that By-law No. 1724, 1974 is in accordance with the Official Plan of the City of Cornwall; The amendment to the Official Plan, covering the lands in question, has been approved by Council and is awaiting the approval of the Minister. Carried

#76 - Moved by Alderman Cameron, seconded by Alderman Leger that By-law No. 1716, 1974 is according to the Official Plan of the City of Cornwall; There is no proposed amendment to the Official Plan contrary to the by-law; and There has been no amendment, by by-law to the Official Plan which has not been approved which would be contrary to the Proposed by-law.

#77 - Returnable glass containers - Moved by Alderman Guindon, seconded by Alderman Samson that the resolution be endorsed. Carried

#78 - Residence Policy - Moved by Alderman LeBlanc, seconded by Alderman Leger that Council endorse the resolution of the Cornwall Housing Authority. Carried

BY - LAWS

By-Law No. 1728 - Authorize signing of agreement with Stenan Developments

1729 - To appoint a City Clerk, pro tempore

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that the by-laws be read a 1st and second time. Carried

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that the by-laws be read a 3rd time, passed, signed and sealed. Carried

NEW BUSINESS

St. Lawrence Sanatorium - Moved by Alderman Lebano, seconded by Alderman Leger that Alderman Bough complete the unexpired term of Alderman Fawthrop, as the City's representative on the St. Lawrence Sanatorium Board. Carried

Citizens' Committee on Post Secondary Education - Mayor Lumley advised that the Minister has recommended that the Board of Directors of the St. Lawrence College form a committee to handle all negotiations towards obtaining a post secondary and adult education institution in the City.

Canal Lands - Moved by Alderman LeBlanc, seconded by Alderman Samson that the City make an offer to the Federal Government to lease the necessary lands, comprising approximately 16 acres, for the construction of a civic center and that 4 acres of land be exchanged for other City owned property; and furthermore that the offer include an option in favour of the City to exchange Horovitz Park for lands to be leased, without any further exchange of money. Carried

Purchase of transit vehicles - Alderman Pescod referred to a notice in the local press on November 27th advising the local ratepayers that the City is applying to the O.M.B. for permission to dispense with a vote of the electors for approval of purchase of transit vehicles, including a site and building at an estimated cost of \$1,600,000.00. Stating that he did not recall it being discussed or approved by Council, he was advised by the Chief Administrator that insertion of this notice in the press was a requirement of the O.M.B.

Services on Vincent Massey Drive - Council was advised that tenders have been called and work is expected to commence this week on Vincent Massey Drive.

Services on Water Street - The City is to negotiate further with the two senior levels of government as to what additional funds may be expected under the Infrastructure Program.

Fern Guindon Day - Alderman Lebano stated he was pleased to see that a Fern Guindon Day is to be held on the 27th at which time recognition will also be given to members of various other committees.

Restaurant & Pool Hall - Alderman Lebano stated he wished to go on record as objecting to the manner in which a restaurant and pool hall, on Pitt Street between 2nd and 3rd Street, is being operated. He charged that youngsters are attending the place, which is open 24 hrs. a day and causing annoyance to residents living over the establishment. The Mayor advised that some charges have been laid but control can only be had by changing the present by-law.

Y.M.-Y.W.C.A. - Alderman^{Bough}/suggested that possibly a small committee be formed to consider the plight of the Y.M.-Y.W.C.A. He was advised that Administration is presently studying the matter.

Cabinet Meeting - Alderman Bough notified Council that he will be unable to attend the meeting in Ottawa this week as he will be attending the meeting of the St. Lawrence Sanatorium Board.

Airport at Bonneville - Alderman Bough inquired as to the status of the proposed airport at Bonneville. Alderman Holden suggested that the Mayor contact the chairman, as a meeting had not been held for over a year. Mayor Lumley advised that, as a member of Parliament, he will be making a recommendation to the City and Counties.

Transit - Alderman Guindon asked that the new Council consider having the buses commence operation at 6:00 a.m. instead of 6:15 a.m. as many citizens are asking for this service.

Gravelled roads - Alderman Guindon stated he had received complaints when the grader is used on gravelled roads, thus causing stones to be thrown on private driveways.

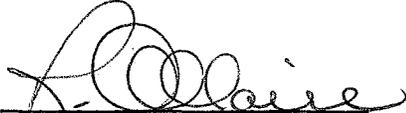
Car Barns - The Chief Administrator noted that the City is presently looking into a number of alternatives as to storage of City buses, with the new Council having to decide early in the year.

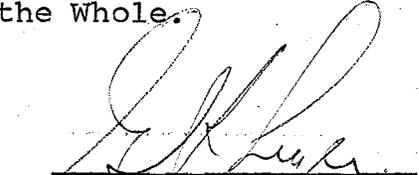
Member of Council - Aldermen Clement congratulated his fellow colleagues who were re-elected for the 1975-76 term and for the clean election. He hoped they would function well and wished them all the best in the next year.

Alderman Leblanc thanked Mayor Lumley, Aldermen G. Leger, D. Fawthrop, A. Clement and D. Webster for their service to the municipality, and hoped that the new Council will recognize them. He trusted that they will return as a member of Council.

Alderman Leger congratulated the incumbent aldermen and also the Mayor-elect and incoming aldermen for all their endeavours in the future.

Adjournment - Moved by Alderman Pescod, seconded by Alderman Lebano that Council adjourn into Committee of the Whole.


Acting Clerk


Mayor