

CITY COUNCIL NO. 4-74

February 18, 1974.

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, A. Clement, D. Fawthrop, F. Guindon, G. Cameron, K. Bough, A. Lebano and J. Pescod.

Excused from Meeting - Moved by Alderman Pescod, seconded by Alderman Clement that Aldermen D. Webster and M. Holden be excused from attendance at this evening's meeting. Carried.

Priority List - Mayor Lumley presented a list of priorities to be considered by Council and Administration this year. He referred briefly to the accomplishments of this Council during the past two years - decrease in unemployment and improved financial position of the City.

Projecting into priorities of Council this year, the Mayor recommended that a Chief Administrative Officer be hired, administrative re-organization and the re-structuring of the Council Committee setup. With the entire Council becoming involved in all matters, he believed that less time would be wasted by the elimination of standing committees

of Council. Municipal departments will be re-grouped under four sections to facilitate communication and redistribute the workload.

Realizing that the City's industrial and residential expansion is well on the way, the Mayor asked that full consideration now be given to tourism and commercial development. He asked that more funds be made available in order that the City might realize its full potential as a tourism and convention centre. The Mayor stressed that the acquisition of a major department store and major hotel complex would help to revitalize the downtown and Montreal Road shopping areas.

It was noted in the report that the development of housing, recreation and the arts must be stimulated and that this could be done by setting up permanent advisory committees with persons appointed from all sectors of the City. To deal with the needs of the municipality, the Mayor suggested that committees be formed to study transit and transportation operations while finalizing the objectives of the committee on post secondary and adult education. Agreeing that his recommendations seem like a great deal of work to be undertaken, Mayor Lumley pointed out that some proposals have already been initiated and he feels sure that Council is well

equipped to accomplish all goals set out in the report.

In conclusion, Mayor Lumley, on behalf of Council, thanked all persons for their co-operation and assistance during the past two years. He paid special tribute to Honourable L. Lamoureux and Honourable F. Guindon and members of the Counties Council, particularly, the three Wardens with whom this Council has worked.

Alderman Lebano cautioned against making any changes in the Council Committee system or administrative setup until all aspects are fully explored in order to determine what advantages or disadvantages may be expected to ensure that changes are warranted and will not create too heavy a burden on the taxpayer. Mayor Lumley advised that a special meeting of Council will be held to afford every member an opportunity to discuss any new proposals or changes in existing policies. Such a meeting, Alderman Guindon contended, should only be held with all members of Council present.

Alderman Clement pointed out that it has always been the policy of Council to assist in finding employment for citizens and, with this in mind, a Task Force had held meetings approximately one year ago. In his opinion, Alderman Clement felt that all committees should not be eliminated.

Alderman Bough stated that he stood in support of the report while noting the tremendous amount of work to be done by Council and felt that the rest of this year should be a challenge not only to himself but to all members of Council. He suggested that a copy of the report should be made available

to all members of Council who might wish to suggest any change in priorities.

DELEGATIONS

Chamber of Commerce - Mr. Phil Poirier, President of the Cornwall Chamber of Commerce, spoke in support of a brief asking that a Tourist Bureau be set up to work in conjunction with the Chamber of Commerce. Mr. Poirier stated that, of several Ontario municipalities surveyed, only one Tourist Bureau operates as a Committee of Council. In all cases, grants are given by the municipality with extra funding derived by the sale of memberships. It was explained that a Tourist Bureau operating within the municipality would, in no way, conflict with the Seaway Valley Regional Tourist Council as this body serves an area from here west to Pembroke. Once tourists come to our area, then it is up to us to keep them here. The regional concept is still there. In a somewhat similar manner, a local tourist office would only extend the services now being provided by the Provincial Travel and Information Centre.

Mr. Assaly reaffirmed the need for an office to be set up locally in order to promote our own attractions and provide special information on business areas, etc. The Provincial department is not permitted to try and attract people to a certain area or particular establishment as these services cover the whole province. He went on to state that from his vast experience in tourism over many years, he believed that nothing less than the Chamber's request for \$45,000 is realistic. He emphasized the need at this time to hire a full-time

commissioner if the City wishes to derive its full potential from tourism. It was also brought out the need for providing services to delegates attending conventions if the City hopes to promote this type of endeavour.

After hearing from Mr. Keith Acres as to the area covered by the Seaway Valley Regional Tourist Council and the funding of that body, it was moved by Alderman Guindon, seconded by Alderman Lebano that the request of the Chamber of Commerce be referred to the Finance Committee. Carried.

Mayor Lumley congratuled the Chamber of Commerce, Tourist and Convention Bureau and the Hotel & Motel Association for the tremendous co-operation administered by these bodies over the past couple of months with respect to supplying facts and figures concerning support of a tourist and convention centre. He pointed out that should the City be successful in obtaining government grants, a great deal of credit must be given to these associations.

Adoption of Minutes - Moved by Alderman Pescod, seconded by Alderman Samson that the Council minutes of meeting held January 28th be adopted as received. Carried.

COMMUNICATIONS

1. Pfizer Company Ltd. - Leasing property to City -

Moved by Alderman Lebano, seconded by Alderman Pescod that a letter of gratitude be forwarded to the company for their offer to lease this property to the City for recreational purposes. Carried.

2. Select Committee on Motorized Snow Vehicles and All-terrain vehicles - Statistics compiled by Ontario Safety League - Moved by

Alderman Cameron, seconded by Alderman Pescod that the letter be filed. Carried.

3. Sea Cadet Corps - 1974 Tag Day - Moved by Alderman LeBlanc, seconded by Alderman Fawthrop that the solicitor be asked to review the by-law to see if it is possible to include a section which would grant authority to Council to permit an association to hold a tag day on days not presently set out in the by-law. Carried.

4. Task Force on Legal Aid - Review of Ontario Legal Aid Plan - Moved by Alderman Leger, seconded by Alderman LeBlanc that the letter be filed and a copy be made available to the Social Service Director. Carried.

REPORTS

Committee of the Whole #2-74; #3-74 - Moved by Alderman LeBlanc, seconded by Alderman Samson that the reports be adopted as received. Carried.

Finance Committee #3-74 - Moved by Alderman Fawthrop, seconded by Alderman Clement that the report be adopted as received. Carried.

Alderman Clement advised Council that the Health Unit, at its last meeting, passed a resolution that its Board Room would be available to the City for meetings.

Public Works Committee No. 1-74 - Moved by Alderman Bough, seconded by Alderman Guindon that the report be adopted with the second paragraph under Section (e) amended to read as follows: "Mr. Adams pointed out that the only position which would create an increase in salary would be promoting

junior draftsman to intermediate designer level." Carried.

Mr. G. Walsh, Assistant City Engineer, explained the realignment of duties in the Public Works Department.

Social Services Committee No. 2-74 - Moved by Alderman Clement, seconded by Alderman Leger that the report be adopted with the second paragraph on page three amended to read as follows: "The committee recommends that the City enter into an agreement with the Family Service Bureau whereby the City agrees to pay the Bureau on an hourly basis of \$21.00 to any family that is in receipt of assistance under the General Welfare Assistance Act, the Family Benefits Act or any person in receipt of a government pension. The minimum guaranteed amount to be given to the Family Service Bureau is \$12,000 for the year 1974." An amendment to the motion was made by Alderman Bough, seconded by Alderman Cameron that the last sentence of the second paragraph on page three read as follows: "The maximum amount to be given to the Family Service Bureau is \$12,000 for the year 1974." Carried.

Planning Board No. 1-74 - Moved by Alderman Pescod, seconded by Alderman Lebano that the report be adopted as received. Carried.

Summary of Engineer's Report to Council No. 1-74 - Moved by Alderman Clement, seconded by Alderman Samson that the report be adopted as received. Carried.

Report of Director of Planning & Development re Urban Renewal during 1973 - Moved by Alderman Pescod, seconded by Alderman Leger that the report be adopted as received. Carried.

Emergency Measures Organization - February 7/74 - Moved by Alderman LeBlanc, seconded by Alderman Leger that the report be adopted as received. Carried.

On behalf of members of Council, Mayor Lumley congratulated Alderman LeBlanc on being appointed Chairman of the Emergency Measures Organization for the year 1974.

Lower St. Lawrence Planning Board - January 22/74 - Moved by Alderman Pescod, seconded by Alderman Bough that the report be received. Carried.

Seaway Valley Regional Tourist Council - January 23/74 - Moved by Alderman Samson, seconded by Alderman Leger that the report be received. Carried.

RESOLUTIONS

RE #2A-74 - City of London

Moved by Alderman Pescod, seconded by Alderman LeBlanc that the resolution from the City of London be endorsed. Carried.

RE #3-74 - City of Cornwall

Moved by Alderman Pescod, seconded by Alderman Clement that By-law No. 1556, 1973 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.

RE #4-74 - City of Cornwall

Moved by Alderman Pescod, seconded by Alderman Samson that the Amendment No. 16 to the Official Plan of the City of Cornwall be modified by adding the following statement under

Implementation section:

"All development shall take place only by Site Plan Agreements."

Carried.

RE #5-74 - City of Niagara Falls

Moved by Alderman Bough, seconded by Alderman Cameron that the resolution from the City of Niagara Falls be endorsed.

Carried.

RE #6-74 - City of Cornwall

Moved by Alderman Pescod, seconded by Alderman Leger that the City petition the Ministry of Transportation and Communications under the provisions of the Public Transportation and Highway Improvement Act on expenditures made in 1973, totalling \$1,262,179.30 broken down as follows:-

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| a) Roadway Maintenance & Construction | \$1,133,211. |
| b) Transportation | \$ 128,975. |

Carried.

RE #8-74 - City of Cornwall

Moved by Alderman Bough, seconded by Alderman Lebano that whereas the Ontario Housing Corporation proposes to provide three (3) units of Rent-Geared-To-Income accommodation scattered throughout those areas being developed under the H.O.M.E. Plan.

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED that the Council accepts units developed in accordance with said proposal and undertakes and agrees to contribute 7½% of any annual loss arising out of the operation of the said family housing. Carried.

BY-LAWS

- By-law No. 1573 - To authorize the construction of a Sanitary Sewer on Saunders Drive from Second to approx. 1000 ft. northerly & to impose a sewer rate on abutting owners who will or may derive a benefit therefrom - \$78,454.87
- 1574 - To authorize the construction of a watermain on Montreal Road - \$262,380.76
- 1575 - To grant an annual retirement allowance to Mr. Allan Clarke
- 1576 - To grant an annual retirement allowance to Mr. Stan McCaskill
- 1577 - To authorize the Mayor and Clerk to execute a deed between the City of Cornwall and Ontario Hydro (Power Dam Drive & Saunders Dr.)
- 1578 - To declare certain Tax Registration Lands to be required by the City of Cornwall for its own purposes (Newton Thompson, 436 Eleventh Street West)
- 1579 - To dedicate lands for highway purposes (various streets)
- 1580 - Directing and enacting the manner in which the interim levy shall be collected
- 1581 - To authorize the purchase of certain lands from Champlain Oil for the purpose of constructing the watermain extension on Pitt Street from Tollgate Road to MacKenzie

Moved by Alderman Samson, seconded by Alderman LeBlanc

that the by-laws be read a First and Second Time. Carried.

- By-law No. 1577 - To authorize the Mayor and Clerk to execute a deed between the City and Ontario Hydro (Power Dam Drive & Saunders Drive)
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- 1579 - To dedicate lands for highway purposes
- 1580 - Directing and enacting the manner in which the interim levy shall be collected
- 1581 - To authorize the purchase of certain lands from Champlain Oil for the purpose of constructing the watermain extension on Pitt Street from Tollgate to MacKenzie (\$7,500)

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

NEW BUSINESS

Cornwall Minor Hockey Association - Alderman LeBlanc went on record as congratulating the Cornwall Minor Hockey Association for the successful Bantam Tournament held here on February 8th, 9th and 10th.

Big Brothers Association - Alderman Fawthrop informed Alderman Samson that the request of the Big Brothers Association will possibly be considered by the Finance Committee at the end of this week.

Widow's Allowance - Alderman Samson suggested that widow's allowance be increased either through additional payments from the Social Service Department or the payment made by the Provincial Government.

Civic Elections - Alderman Samson noted that, while legislation has been passed that all Ontario municipalities elect its Council for two years, some larger municipalities are now asking for a three year term. Alderman Lebano stated that, while he was originally in favour of a two year term, he is now of the opinion that municipal councils should be elected for a four year term similar to Provincial and Federal Governments.

Animal Control - Alderman Lebano asked that the news media make our citizens aware that animals must be kept under control throughout the year.

Police Chief - Alderman Lebano asked Mayor Lumley, as Chairman of the Board of Commissioners of Police, to consider appointing a Police Chief from one of the present members of the force. Mayor Lumley replied that the Commission is following the usual procedure to obtain the most qualified person to fill this position.

Municipal Employees - Alderman Lebano, noting that a number of municipal employees do not reside within the municipality, stated that, all things being equal, priority should be given to the hiring of those persons who pay taxes to the municipality. Mr. Douglas pointed out this has always been the policy followed.

Bantam 'A' Hockey Team - Alderman Lebano extended congratulations to Mr. Ed Hill who, without remuneration, coached the Bantam 'A' hockey team which was successful in the recent tournament held here and also for being in the finals in the U.S. tournament.

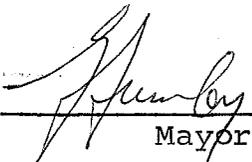
Moncton Coliseum - Alderman Lebano complained that he was a little disturbed, as the Chairman of the Parks and Recreation Committee, that he was not invited to make the trip to Moncton to inspect the coliseum. Further, he was not asked to attend the Minor Hockey Committee meeting which was recently held. Mayor Lumley replied that Alderman LeBlanc as Chairman of the Civic Complex Committee, made the trip with him as it was for the purpose of seeing this type of building. Alderman LeBlanc stated that he asked the Mayor to arrange the trip. The Mayor also advised Alderman Lebano that the City was not officially represented at the Minor Hockey

Committee meeting as a delegation and therefore no reason for his presence.

Ad Hoc Committee - Alderman Guindon stated that, in his opinion, when an ad hoc committee is set up and submits a report, the committee is then terminated. The Mayor advised Alderman Guindon that the committee is terminated when Council decides.

Adjournment - On motion of Alderman Leger, seconded by Alderman Guindon, Council adjourned into Committee of the Whole at 9:45 p.m.


Clerk


Mayor