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CITY COUNCIL #1 - 75

January 13, 1975  
7:00 p.m.

The Inaugural Meeting of City Council was held this evening with the following members present - His Worship Mayor G. Parisien; Aldermen M. Holden, J. Pescod, A. Lebano, K. Bough, G. Cameron, F. Guindon, L. Keen, R. Pearson, R. Aubry, G. Samson, A. LeBlanc and B. Lynch.

Declaration of Office & Oath of Allegiance - Together with the Acting Clerk, members of Council repeated the Declaration of Office and Oath of Allegiance.

Prayers were offered by Rev. David Tigchelaar, chairman of the Stormont Christian Council and Rev. R. Villeneuve, Vicar, Diocese of Alexandria.

Congratulations and best wishes during their tenure of office were extended to members of Council by Mr. G. Samis, member Provincial Parliament; Mr. W. Sutcliff, chairman, Industrial Managers Association; Mr. J. Gaucher, president, Cornwall & District Labour Council; Mr. R. Jette and Mr. G. Metivier, chairman, S.D. & G. Roman Catholic Separate School Board. Each speaker, in turn, pledged the support of the organization or association he represented, assuring Council that they would cooperate in every way possible for the betterment of Cornwall.

Mayor Parisien explained that Mr. E.C. Lumley, M.P. is on holidays and unable to be present; that the Warden and chairman of the County Board of Education have not been appointed for this year and thus are missing from this evening's rostrum.

At this time Mayor Parisien delivered his inaugural address. He pointed out that the general economic recession should be minimized here by the start of various new projects. He set out the priorities of Council as short term, medium term and long term goals to be met. He cited the possible need for a tourism and promotion commissioner to correlate all phases of tourism. He emphasized the continuing need to add to our

industrial growth and strive for university facilities within our municipality. He stressed the need for a full study of the financial position of the City and assured Council he would endeavour to seek additional sources of revenue. He indicated that many special meetings could be expected in order to promote closer liaison between other public bodies. With support of all members of Council, he stated that 1975-76 should be a very productive years.

Adoption of minutes - Moved by Alderman Pescod, seconded by Alderman LeBlanc that the Council minutes of December 23rd be adopted as received. Carried

Moved by Alderman Guindon, seconded by Alderman Samson that the Committee of the Whole minutes of December 23rd be adopted as received. Carried

Communications & By-laws -

Moved by Alderman Bough, seconded by Alderman Cameron that Council go into Committee of the Whole and that all communications, petitions and by-laws be referred to that Committee and that By-laws No. 1735 through 1740 inclusive, as listed, be given first reading -

1735 - Rules governing the Order & Proceedings of the Municipal Council - repeals By-law 1697, 1974

1736 - Appointing Council and certain lay persons to Boards & Commissions for 1975

1737 - To amend By-law 1534, a by-law to regulate parking on certain streets & parking lots in City of Cornwall by adding thereto under Schedule "B" ob By-law 1534 - Parking lot on the south-west corner of the intersection of Pitt St. and First St. (approved by resolution of Council Dec. 23rd)

1738 - Authorize Mayor & Clerk to sign an easement for the sanitary sewer installation on the corner of Second and Saunders Drive

1739 - Amendment to Traffic By-law 148, 1966 prohibiting heavy trucks on Hoople Ave. between Leonard Ave. and Queen St. and on Edythe Ave. between Wallrich Ave. and Hoople Ave. (approved by resolution of Council Dec. 9th)

1740 - Authorize temporary borrowing of \$9,600,000.00 to meet the current expenditures of the municipality for the year, until taxes are collected

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLECommunications

1. Provincial Secretary for Resources Development - advising of public meeting in Belleville Feb. 17th - 18th

Moved by Alderman Pearson, seconded by Alderman LeBlanc that a delegation be sent to the Belleville meeting, a brief prepared and report made; after it has been determined to do so at a subsequent meeting of Council. Carried

2. Premier of Ontario - expressing appreciation for city brief presented at Ottawa meeting.

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

3. Ministry of the Environment - advising that report re weeds in Lake St. Francis will be delayed.

Moved by Alderman Aubry, seconded by Alderman Guindon that the letter be filed. Carried

4. Petition from Mrs. R. Newson et al - petitioning City for a sidewalk on the west side of Sydney St. from 12th St. to 260 feet northerly.

5. Petition from L. Benoit et al - petitioning city for a storm sewer on New Street from Birmingham St. to Gage St.

6. Petition from L. Benoit et al - petitioning the city for a pavement on New St. from Birmingham St. to Gage Avenue.

Moved by Alderman Holden, seconded by Alderman Lebano that the three petitions be received and referred to the Engineering Department. Carried

By-Laws -

Moved by Alderman Bough, seconded by Alderman Keen that By-laws No. 1735 through 1740 inclusive be read a second time. Carried

The Administrator was asked to determine if the inaugural meeting may be held earlier than the second Monday in January.

The chairman of the Committee of the Whole reported to Council the actions of the committee, including the second reading of the by-laws and the recommendations for enactment. It was moved by Alderman Guindon, seconded by Alderman Cameron that the report of the Committee of the Whole be adopted. Carried

By-laws - 3rd reading - Moved by Alderman LeBlanc, seconded by Alderman Cameron that the by-laws listed on the agenda for third reading be taken as read a third time and finally passed. Carried

NEW OR UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Objectives of Council - Mayor Parisien invited all aldermen to voice their objectives for the next two years. Following are some of the comments received - Alderman Aubry stated his reason for seeking office was to be able to plan for the future of the city. He agreed with the Mayor as to the need for informal or caucus meetings. He felt Council must be involved in industrial and tourism promotion; housing, recreational & cultural development, improved services, beautification, Urban Renewal and zoning plans. Alderman LeBlanc agreed with opinions expressed by Mayor Parisien particularly with respect to Combustion Engineering and the proposed Civic Complex. Alderman Samson reminded Council that he would like to see the Fly Creek completed in 1975 and further stated that he does not believe in a tax increase. Alderman Pearson inquired as to when the study on the downtown area might be expected; suggested discussions with the building trade unions; and take whatever action necessary to ensure that local workers are used on construction jobs. Alderman Lynch pointed out the need for additional artificial ice surfaces; and tourist promotion, especially in view of the forthcoming Olympics /76. Alderman Keen asked that special consideration be given to senior citizens using city buses, during off-hours.

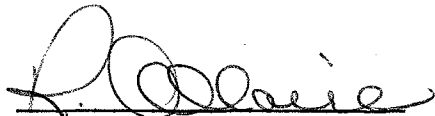
Alderman Guindon asked that the city proceed with the construction of a permanent wharf, noting that the dredging has been carried out from Augustus St. to back of Air Force building; Alderman Cameron listed his priorities as - civic complex to be completed in two years; development of services, such as in the Eamer's Corners area; study of the budget; housing for all people; transportation changes, considering needs of the people and what the City can afford; construction of civic complex and the booking of reservations and industrial expansion. Alderman Bough suggested a central bus terminal; exact fare policy as well as reduced fares for senior citizens and handicapped using city buses during off peak hours and a survey to determine the need for additional bus shelters; a full study as to the best location for and the type of traffic lights to be installed; leasing of certain parking lots to be operated as a private business; consider hiring a female on the recreational staff to ensure appropriate programs for everyone; replacement of a swimming pool in central core of the city; pool in northern section of city; and additional recreational programs; a study of our insurance needs; sale of debentures<sup>locally</sup>; discount for prepayment of taxes and water; possibility of working with Community Chest for requests for grants to organizations funded by the association and the City; and request for a report from the Suburban Roads Commission.

Alderman Lebano - immediate start on civic complex and landscaping of area; speedy conclusion of Lamoureux Park and Gray's Creek area; additional passive and recreational facilities; commencement of Fly Creek interceptor sewer; improved services; a youth arena; industrial promotion; housing and neighborhood improvement programs; endeavour to keep our mill rate at a level that will produce taxes appropriate to the citizens ability to pay; improvement to transit system and reduced fares to senior citizens; the possibility of instituting the tax assistance program here; to explore the possible causes of gas explosions and effect the necessary remedial action; recognition to the retired members of Council; and endeavour to resolve problem between Tourist & Convention Bureau and Mr. Milnes.

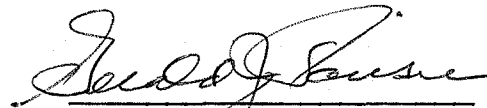
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Alderman Pescod referred to projects considered, at length, by previous Council and felt that if this Council continues to make progress then 'we will have had a successful term of office'. He referred to the energy <sup>in electricity</sup> crisis/and the resultant increased costs that may be expected. He suggested an in-depth study of problems City will likely be forced to deal with and believed an ad-hoc should be formed, composed of elected and lay persons. Alderman Holden - industrial promotion; a study of truck rates, especially as they apply between here and Montreal. He suggested the Industrial Commissioner prepare a brief; park and recreational facilities in the Bedford to Brookdale and Water to 5th St. area and suggested an area adjacent to the cemetery on Brookdale Ave.; reduced fares for senior citizens. All members complimented Mayor Parisien on his list of priorities as contained in his address this evening and pledged their support.

Mayor Parisien thanked all members of Council for the comprehensive study put into their submissions. All suggestions, he stated will be studied by administration and reports submitted at various times to Council. He noted that members of Council can only progress with tremendous involvement by their families. At this time, Mayor Parisien presented the members of his family present this evening. Each member of Council, in turn, then introduced those members of his family who were in attendance. Mayor Parisien thanked the families for being present.



Acting Clerk

  
Mayor