

COUNCIL MEETING #25-75July 14, 1975  
7:00 p.m.

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

Adoption of minutes - Moved by Alderman Pescod, seconded by Alderman Lynch that the minutes of the meeting of June 23rd be adopted as received. Carried

Moved by Alderman LeBlanc, seconded by Alderman Pearson that the minutes of the meeting of the Committee of Council be adopted as received. Carried

Delegations -Spokesman for petitioners re Lemay Street - (attached correspondence)

Council was advised that no one wished to address Council in support of the petition to reopen Lemay Street.

Rule 2 - Moved by Alderman Aubry, seconded by Alderman Samson that Rule 2 be suspended in order to permit Mr. A. Villeneuve to speak.

Mr. Villeneuve, a resident of Lemay Street, asked that this street remain closed. He reviewed the history of this street, noting that it was a dead-end to the west, with entrance only by Sunnyside Ave. The extension of Sydney Street was, at the time, a convenience to the residents but became a great inconvenience due to the heavy flow of traffic from the north and east sections of the City on the gravel road. He estimated over 1,000 vehicles a day use the street, which is made up to a great extent of heavy trucks. It was moved by Alderman Guindon, seconded by Alderman LeBlanc that Lemay Street be re-opened. The motion was withdrawn. Mr. Menard, St. Michel Street, agreed that a number of the petitioners who signed to have the street reopened do not live in the immediate area but are people who use the street to go to work. It was moved by Alderman Lynch, seconded by Alderman Keen that Lemay Street be

reopened but that heavy truck traffic be prohibited. After some discussion as to whether this street has ever been deeded to the City, an amendment to the motion was made by Alderman Pescod, seconded by Alderman Holden that the status of Lemay Street be determined by our solicitor with a report to come to Council. A vote on the amendment by members of Council, excluding the Mayor, resulted in a tie vote. The Mayor announced that he was voting for the amendment and therefore the amendment carried. The motion was defeated.

Mrs. Martha Dube, 2737 Ross Ave. re water problem in area

Mrs. Dube presented a petition asking for water service on various streets in the northern section of the city. She pointed out that many of the wells are dry, which present both a health and fire hazard. Mr. Adams explained that the 12" system on Brookdale Ave. between 11th Street and Laflin St. has first to be replaced by a 24" line. The large number of residents in attendance were further advised that Council, at a recent meeting, had passed a resolution that the extension of waterworks on Pitt Street north is to be considered in the 1976 budget. It was further noted that before the water lines can be extended a by-law would have to be passed by Council, approvals obtained by the Ministry of the Environment and O.M.B. which would possibly take at least a year before work could commence. In order to assist these residents, it was moved by Alderman LeBlanc, seconded by Alderman Lebano that the Public Works Department be authorized to use a tank truck to supply water to the wells. It was pointed out, however, that such service could not be supplied to drilled wells and possibly only one-half of the dug wells. An amendment to the motion was made by Alderman Lebano, seconded by Alderman Bough that the matter be referred to Administration to determine alternate solutions to deal with this problem, on an emergency basis. The amendment carried. It was moved by Alderman Guindon, seconded by Alderman Cameron that the necessary money be allocated in the 1976 capital budget for the extension of waterworks on Pitt St. North - carried

R. Thompson re swimming pool - Mr. Thompson, a member of the

Kiwanis club and chairman of the Ontario Society for Crippled Children Swimming Program asked that Mrs. Sheilah Pearl be permitted to continue giving swimming lessons at her pool on Grantwood Avenue. He stated that Mrs. Pearl is a volunteer instructor for providing a program for crippled children. He also pointed out that she provides a service to the City as, according to Mr. Thompson, the City pools cannot cope with the number applying for lessons. He further stated that Mrs. Pearl pays for chemicals used and the heating of the pool and is prepared to put in the facilities required by the Board of Health. Mrs. Pearl, he went on to state, has had to stop giving lessons last Thursday night, due to complaints received. He further pointed out that some people have been hassled for parking too far from the curb in front of Mrs. Pearl's home. Mr. Thompson asked Council that she be allowed to continue giving lessons for four or five weeks in order to complete her program.

Alderman Lynch stated he was aware that some people had complained because of the noise and health problems and further, she is in contravention of the zoning by-law. Alderman Lebrano noted that the Board of Health requirements are to be met; the program is in harmony with our City program; he did not believe there was a noise factor and he would support Mr. Thompson's request. The Commissioner of Development stated that, in his opinion, the operation of a pool separate from the residence could not qualify as a home occupation under the Zoning By-law. He further advised Council that the Ass't. Zoning Administrator had set up a meeting but the complainants were not prepared to meet. It was moved by Alderman Samson, seconded by Alderman LeBlanc that the matter be referred to the Planning Board for study and report to Council. Alderman Bough stated that the pool is operated as a small business and people cannot get in and out of their driveways.

Communications and By-Laws - Moved by Alderman Lynch, seconded by Alderman Pescod 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. 1791; 1831 to 1841 inclusive - as listed - be given first reading -

- 1791 - to authorize entering into an agreement with the Cornwall Family Service Bureau for the year 1975
- 1831 - to authorize entering into a lease with Courtaulds (Canada) Ltd. for the accomodation of a bus shelter
- 1832 - to appoint R. Allaire as City Clerk
- 1833 - to authorize borrowing of temporary funds for the construction of a watermain on Briar Hill from Elgin St. to Dundee Ave.
- 1834 - to authorize the borrowing of temporary funds for construction of a watermain on Dundee Ave. from Briar Hill to Dewhurst
- 1835 - to authorize borrowing of temporary funds for construction of a watermain on Alguire St. from lot 191, R.P. 240 to lot 195, R.P. 240
- 1836 - to authorize borrowing of temporary funds for construction of a watermain on Elgin St. from lot 141, R.P. 240 to Briar Hill
- 1837 - to authorize borrowing of temporary funds for construction of a watermain on Dewhurst St. from lot 152, R.P. 240 to lot 157 R.P. 240
- 1838 - to authorize borrowing of temporary funds for construction of a storm sewer on 3rd St. from Augustus St. to York St.
- 1839 - to authorize entering into an agreement with Ontario Hydro and Canadian National Railway Co. for the Industrial Rail Spur
- 1840 - to authorize signing of a Pipe Crossing Agreement with Canadian National Railway Co. for the watermain which extends along the proposed route of 9th St. from Brookdale Ave. westerly to Wallrich Ave.
- 1841 - to amend Zoning By-law No. 751, 1969 to permit an Animal Hospital on the east side of Pitt St. between 4th St. and 5th St.

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

Resolutions -

- #43 - City of Cornwall - that the City approve the estimate of expenditures of the Children's Aid Society for 1975 in the amount of \$765,031.00; the City's share being \$141,909.00

Moved by Alderman Holden, seconded by Alderman LeBlanc that the resolution be approved. Carried

- #44 - A.M.O. - that the municipalities of Ontario register their concern with Ontario Hydro and the Provincial Government regarding the rates projected and urge consumers to register their concern with the agencies

Moved by Alderman Keen, seconded by Alderman Lynch that the resolution be approved. Carried

#45 - Waterloo - urging the Minister of Community and Social Services to provide full funding for all visits made by the V.O.N. that require subsidy

Moved by Alderman Pescod, seconded by Alderman Guindon that the resolution be endorsed. Carried

#46 - City of Cornwall - that the City enter into an agreement with C.M.H.C. to obtain a loan in the amount of \$392,916.36 - being two-thirds of the municipality's net costs under the Urban Renewal Project.

#47 - City of Cornwall - that Mayor G.J. Parisien and Alderman K. Bough be appointed voting delegates for the City of Cornwall to the Association of Municipalities of Ontario annual meeting

Moved by Alderman Lebano, seconded by Alderman LeBlanc that resolution #46 be endorsed. Carried

Moved by Alderman Lebano, seconded by Alderman Lynch that resolution #47 be endorsed. Carried

#48 - City of Burlington - that the Ministry of Transportation & Communications and Transportation Assoc. be asked to include a Senior Citizens' Crossing sign in their manual for use throughout Canada

Moved by Alderman Pearson, seconded by Alderman LeBlanc that the resolution be filed. Carried

#49 - O.H.R.P. - that the Council of the City authorizes an application to the Ontario Ministry of Housing for a grant in the amount of \$137,049.00 for the fiscal year 1975-1976 under O.H.R.P.; and further that application be made for an advance payment of \$50,000.

Moved by Alderman LeBlanc, seconded by Alderman Keen that the resolution be endorsed. Carried

#### Communications -

1 - Commissioner of Development, Dir. of Public Works & Director of Eng. Services - reporting and making a recommendation on the Road Needs Program, with attached information received from the Ministry

Moved by Alderman Pescod, seconded by Alderman Lebano that the report and recommendation of the Chief Administrator be adopted. Carried

2 - Director of Public Works - report on Sewage Dumping Charge, including present and possible rates with accompanying City costs

Moved by Alderman Aubry, seconded by Alderman Lynch that Council confirm the present rates charged for sewage dumping. A vote on the motion by members of Council, excluding the Mayor, resulted in a tie vote. The Mayor announced that he was voting for the motion and therefore the motion carried.

- 3 - Director of Planning - exchange of lands between City and C.N.R. - Urban Renewal

Moved by Alderman Pescod, seconded by Alderman Bough that the report be approved. Carried

- 4 - Dir. of Engineering Services and Purchasing - Tender #45-75 - construction of sidewalks w-monolithic curbs

Moved by Alderman Lynch, seconded by Alderman Lebano that the recommendation be approved. Carried

- 5 - Chief Administrator - recommending that certain old buses be retained and the others disposed of

Moved by Alderman Pescod, seconded by Alderman Samson that the report be adopted. Carried. Alderman Cameron suggested that we might interest a service club in buying one for transporting people in Homes, etc Alderman Bough felt the City should consider buying six new buses while the provincial subsidy is still available, which should ensure adequate transportation for twenty years. The Chief Administrator pointed out reconditioning and repairs to the old buses can be carried out by the maintenance staff, with no major costs to the City. Alderman LeBlanc suggested our local people might be interested in tendering on the sale of the buses.

- 6 - M.S. Thompson & Assoc. Ltd. - recommending that tender of Cimco Ltd. be accepted for refrigeration to Civic Complex

Moved by Alderman Pescod, seconded by Alderman Lynch that the tender of Cimco Ltd. be accepted. Carried

- 7 - M.S. Thompson & Assoc. Ltd. - recommending that tender of Gordon Refrigeration Ltd. be accepted for refrigeration (Freon System) to the Civic Complex

Moved by Alderman Bough, seconded by Alderman LeBlanc that the tender of Gordon Refrigeration Ltd. be accepted. Carried

- 8 - M.S. Thompson & Associates Ltd. - tender results for Electrical Lighting & Power for the Civic Complex

Moved by Alderman Bough, seconded by Alderman Pearson that the recommendation of the Chief Administrator be accepted. Carried

- 9 - M.S. Thompson & Associates Ltd. - recommending that tender of R.T. McBride be accepted for Plumbing & Drainage, Heating & Ventilation & Air Conditioning for the Civic Complex

Alderman Lebano questioned the legality of accepting a group tender.

Mr. R. Laplante pointed out that the normal rules of tendering were followed and the tenders opened publicly. The tenders, he stated, were called separately not as a combined bid; with the recommendation of his firm made on a monetary basis. Group tendering, he went on to state, is an accepted practice. It was moved by Alderman Bough, seconded by Alderman Aubry that the recommendation, as contained in the report/ be accepted. Alderman Lebano subject to obtaining a legal opinion asked for a recorded vote with the following results - For the motion :

Aldermen M. Holden, R. Aubry, J. Pescod, K. Bough, G. Cameron, R. Pearson;

Against the motion: Aldermen A. Lebano, F. Guindon, L. Keen, G. Samson, A. LeBlanc and B. Lynch. The Mayor announced that he was voting for the motion and therefore the motion carried.

10 - City Clerk - report re proposed Dog Control By-law

It was moved by Alderman Pearson, seconded by Alderman Lynch that the matter be deferred until the next meeting; with the Mayor asking that the aldermen submit any recommended changes to the clerk. Council further recommend that administration determine the number of offences under the present by-law; the dog population within the City; and that a copy of the proposed by-law be referred to the Humane Society for comments.

11 - Chief Administrator - recommending entering into lease with Province of Ontario covering an Air Monitoring Station in Memorial Park

Moved by Alderman Guindon, seconded by Alderman Cameron that the report be adopted. Carried

#### COUNCIL

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.

Committee of the Whole - Moved by Alderman Samson, seconded by Alderman Aubry that the Committee of the Whole report be adopted. Carried

By-laws - 3rd reading - Moved by Alderman Pearson, seconded by Alderman Lynch 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 -

Stol - Mayor Parisien described as quite impressive the Stol trip taken by four members of Council and himself. Pointing out that this service is still in the experimental stage, he felt this might be the answer for smaller municipalities as it would eliminate the need for an air strip.

Bell Canada - Alderman LeBlanc stated that residents along Anthony, Walton and Jarvis Street are disturbed over the condition Bell Canada is leaving the boulevards, after the installation of underground wires. Administration is to look into these complaints.

Hydrant on Water St. - Alderman LeBlanc complained that the hydrant on the south side of Water St. at Adolphus Street is not hooked up to a new water line. Mr. Meikle explained that there was not sufficient water pressure but the problem is now being rectified.

Glenview Heights Pool - Alderman LeBlanc suggested that money be held back to ensure that the contractor satisfactorily carries out the work at the Glenview Heights pool.

Permanent pavements - Council was informed that construction of permanent pavements has commenced today.

Commercial Development - Alderman Samson referred to reports in the local press indicating various opinions expressed by local residents on proposed commercial development in various areas of the City. He pointed out that this is a decision of Council and that Council should be prepared to accept any developer who makes a firm commitment.

Canada Week - Alderman Lynch expressed the hope that he hoped next year the City will participate more actively or sponsor Canada Week in the municipality; maybe by a fireworks display at Guindon Park. He commended the Boy Scouts and Mr. Lalonde, who organized the parade on such short notice.



Closed meetings - Alderman Lynch stated he was disturbed that another in-camera meeting was recorded in the press. He suggested such meetings be kept to a minimum.

Commercial Development - Noting that we have asked the Chief Administrator to obtain as much information as possible, Alderman Lynch stated that Council should then be in a position to make a decision on commercial development - which development could be carried out in an orderly and planned manner over several years. He further stated that he could not see how development at Second and Boundary Road could adversely affect downtown development as, in his opinion, we will never have enough first-class hotels.

Library Board - Alderman Lynch stated he was disturbed by the negative, hostile attitude of Council regarding problems of the Library Board. He noted that the Board has been in need of additional space since 1969, which problem has now been intensified due to library facilities being forced out of the Nativity building. He pointed out that grants would be reduced should certain services be removed to the college library. Co-operation with School Boards for library services is essential, he stated, but each must serve its own purpose.

Closing of Newark & 15th St. - Alderman Guindon stated that when Newark Street at 15th Street was closed 33 ft. was given by the City to each abutting property owner. A recent purchaser of one of the properties has now claimed that a proper severance has not been obtained from the Committee of Adjustment.

General Insurance Program - Moved by Alderman Guindon, seconded by Alderman Aubry that a letter from Johnson & Higgins Willis Faber Ltd. be discussed in Open Council at the next meeting. Answering Alderman Guindon that Council had already made a decision with respect to the City's insurance program, the Chief Administrator pointed out that this proposal is not precisely the same and, therefore, he felt the letter should be brought to Council.

Closed meeting - Alderman Guindon referred to statements made and then denied in the press with respect to a closed Council meeting. He felt that the press should have attended the meeting to hear what was said. He pointed out that Mr. Lumley is our member of Parliament and Council decisions must be made by our members. He further stated that any information given to the news media following a closed meeting was certainly not given by him. Alderman Cameron also indicated that he has never talked to the press and he found the reporting of this meeting incorrect.

Library Board - Referring to remarks made earlier by Alderman Lynch, Ald. Cameron said he agreed that the Library Board was in need of extra space but grants must be given by the City to provide services most essential and beneficial to all our people.

Member of Parliament - Alderman Bough stated he supported Mr. Lumley in his efforts on behalf of the City; and any time he wishes to speak to Council it is of benefit to the members although one does not have to agree with him.

Lamoureux Park - Alderman Bough referred to Lamoureux Park as something we can all be proud of and suggested that more publicity be given to this area, in order that more residents may make use of it.

Capitol Theatre - Alderman Lebano indicated that the Capitol Theatre is in need of repairs and asked, especially, that the roof flashing be looked at.

Notice of Motion - Alderman Lebano advised that at a future meeting he will be speaking on - (1) able-bodied people on welfare and unemployment should be able to work and (2) retention or abolition of the death penalty.


Nuisance factors - Alderman Lebano complained of the dust and dirt problem encountered by persons living along the service road on McConnell; and also in front of MacDonell Memorial Hospital where cars are throwing up gravel and stones from the street under construction. He also noted

the lack of sealer where the City is doing crack filling. He asked that administration look into these problems.

Honour to local resident - Alderman Lebano asked recognition be made by the City to Dr. Gourley, one of our prominent citizens, for his tremendous contribution and efforts put forth to our people over the past number of years.

Library Board - Alderman Pescod stated he took exception to remarks made earlier by Alderman Lynch as to treatment by Council to problems of the Library Board, noting that the majority of this Council is in sympathy with the Board and their proposals. He pointed out that the decision was made by the majority of Council this year and will have to again be considered in 1976.

  
Clerk

  
Mayor