

CITY COUNCIL #29 - 75August 25, 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; 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.

Council Table - Pointing to the new Council table, first being used this evening, Mayor Parisien recognized Mr. Phil Cote, who was present this evening, for his fine workmanship. He stated that work of this type speaks well for what is being achieved by City employees.

Adoption of Minutes - Moved by Alderman Pescod, seconded by Alderman Keen that the minutes of the meeting of August 11th be adopted as received. Carried. Mayor Parisien assured Alderman Lebano that he will be presenting to Council a format whereby the City can recognize outstanding citizens, such as Dr. Gourley.

Moved by Alderman LeBlanc, seconded by Alderman Lynch that the minutes of the meeting of the Committee of Council of August 11th be adopted as received. Alderman Lebano cautioned against moving too quickly on the appointment of a Chief Administrative Officer. He noted that we have the committee system we can refer to and the executive committee we can fall back on, if necessary.

Moved by Alderman Pearson, seconded by Alderman Cameron that the minutes of the meeting of the Committee of Council of August 15th be adopted as received. Carried.

Delegations -

Mr. L. Garvin, Bell Canada - work being carried out in municipality

Mr. Garvin briefly outlined the work being carried out by Bell Canada on Jarvis, Lefebvre and Anthony Streets. All Bell's lines in this area are now underground but, in order to carry out this work, Mr. Garvin noted the need for cutting blvds. and roads which has resulted in an inconvenience to, and complaints from the residents. He assured Council that a new paving

contractor has been hired; a weed specialist has studied the area and all the boulevards have been sprayed. The company is now waiting for a soil test on the top soil and the boulevards will then be reseeded. Acknowledging that their public relations were not the best, Mr. Garvin apologized for any inconvenience. He went on to state that cards have now forwarded to these residents advising them that, if they have any questions, to forward them to the company. He agreed that where there is doubt as to liability, the company will carry out the repairs.

Mr. Ian Watts - councilman of Humberside County - Mr. Watts, on a visit from England, brought greetings from Mr. A. Clarke, chairman and members of Humberside County Council. He noted that 97 councillors represent this area of 93,000 acres; which forms part of Yorkshire, comprising an area of 867,000 acres. He recalled that, in the last war, he never served with a better group of people than the Canadians. Mayor Parisien thanked him for coming before Council and conveyed best wishes to the chairman of his Council and the Lord Mayor of England.

Communications and By-laws - Moved by Alderman Pescod, seconded by Alderman Lebano 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. 1858 to 1861 inclusive - as listed - be given first reading

1858 - auth. Mayor and Clerk to sign a Grant of Easement with Andrews & Co.

1859 - auth. signing of agreement with O.H.C. for Rent Supplement Programme

1860 - to provide for drainage works - Easeman Drain Report and also for payment out of current funds, the amount of \$4,530.39

1861 - to amend By-law 1252, 1972, regulating the use of swimming and wading pools

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

Resolutions -

#52 - City of St. Thomas - requesting the province to reconsider its decision to withdraw its financial support from the E.M.O. Program

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

Communications -

29-1 - Roland Contant et al - petitioning for a storm sewer on Miron Ave. from 10th St. to 11th St.

Moved by Alderman LeBlanc, seconded by Alderman Samson that the petition be referred to the Director of Engineering Services. Carried

29-2 - City Clerk - reporting on the Eastman Drain Report, together with comments from the Chief Administrator

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

29-3 - Ontario Housing - submitting an alternative design study for 29 family housing units at 4th and Gloucester Streets

Mr. Wm. Mack presented an alternate design for this building, which would reduce from 35 to 29 the number of units on a two floor construction. Costs would be reduced by the elimination of an elevator and the need for piling. Alderman Bough asked that consideration be given to the erection of a fence along the sidewalk on Gloucester Sreet. Moved by Alderman Guindon, seconded by Alderman Samson that the alternative design study, comprising 29 family housing units at 4th and Gloucester Streets, be adopted. Carried. Alderman Samson congratulated Mr. Mack on the new design, stating the residents would all approve the new plan.

29-4 - Kinsmen T.V. Bingo - requesting permission to operate a T.V. Bingo from September 9/75 to May 25/76

Moved by Alderman Cameron, seconded by Alderman Lynch that the request be approved. Carried

29-5 - Commissioner of Development - informing that the City is objecting to Charlottenburgh Township By-law 11-74 providing for Mobile Homes

Moved by Alderman Pescod, seconded by Alderman Pearson that Council support the action taken by the Commissioner of Development. Carried Alderman Lebano suggested that our objection to the by-law; together with development of the Gray's Creek area be discussed with the Township Council when meeting with it this week. Alderman Lebano further suggested that we are not promoting, as much as we should, the boat tours from Lancaster.

29-6 - Dansk Store - report from Chief Administrator, together with correspondence from Police Chief, Crown Attorney and Mr. Henderson, president, Dansk Factory outlet

After some discussion by members of Council it was moved by Alderman Pescod, seconded by Alderman Lebano that Mr. L.M. Henderson, pres. Scantrade International Ltd. be invited to address Council with respect to its operation of Dansk Factory Outlet.

29-7 - Civic Complex Tender 1-75-19 - Masonry - recommendation of M.S. Thompson & Assoc.

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

29-8 - Civic Complex Tender 1-75-20 - Roofing & Sheet Metal - M.S. Thompson & Assoc. recommending P.T. Crawford for this contract

Moved by Alderman Aubry, seconded by Alderman LeBlanc that the report be adopted as received. Carried

29-9 - Civic Complex Tender 1-75-21 - Wood & Plastic Doors - M.S. Thompson & Assoc. recommending Cambridge Doors Co. Ltd.

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

29-10 - Civic Complex Tender 1-75-22 - Miscellaneous Steel - M.S. Thompson & Assoc. recommending J.L. Caron Co.

Moved by Alderman Pescod, seconded by Alderman Samson that the recommendation be approved. Carried. Alderman Keen asked that the reports indicate the municipalities where the companies are located.

29-11 - Civic Complex Tender 1-75-24 - Concrete Floor Slabs & Toppings - M.S. Thompson & Assoc. recommending that the tender not be accepted

Moved by Alderman Bough, seconded by Alderman Lynch that the report be adopted as received. Carried

29-12 - Civic Complex Tender 1-75-21 - Doors & Frames - M.S. Thompson & Associates recommending Ambico Sales Ltd. for this contract

Moved by Alderman Cameron, seconded by Alderman Samson that the recommendation be approved. Carried

29-13 - Civic Complex Tender 1-75-21/1 - Folding Doors (18.6) - M.S. Thompson & Assoc. recommending Modernfold Ottawa for this contract

Moved by Alderman Pearson, seconded by Alderman Aubry that the recommendation be approved. Carried

29-14 - Civic Complex Tender 1-75-23 - Elevators - M.S. Thompson & Assoc. recommending Montgomery Elevators for this contract

Moved by Alderman LeBlanc, seconded by Alderman Samson that the recommendation be approved; and that two elevators be installed. Carried

29-15 - Director of Parks & Recreation and the Purchasing Agent - recommending Gordon Refrigeration Ltd. for Tender 56-75 Refrigeration Maintenance at both arenas

Moved by Alderman LeBlanc, seconded by Alderman Pearson that the report be adopted. Carried

29-16 - The Purchasing Agent & Director of Engineering Services - recommending L. Bray Construction Co. Ltd. be awarded the contract for Tender 49-75, extension of storm sewers and installation of catchwater basins on Montreal Rd., Marlborough to St. Felix St.

Moved by Alderman Lynch, seconded by Alderman Cameron that the report be adopted. Carried. Alderman Lebano asked that L. Bray Construction be requested to hire City people when possible.

29-17 - Commissioner of Development - reporting and making recommendation on the Infrastructure Program relating to the reconstruction of Water St. and Brookdale Ave.

Moved by Alderman Pescod, seconded by Alderman Lynch that the two recommendations of the Chief Administrator be adopted. Carried. With the aid of plans, the Commissioner of Development explained the proposed program, indicating where there will be four lane undivided roadways and those of four lane divided highways.

29-18 - Canadian Boating Federation - requesting use of Guindon Park for Regattas to be held on Sept. 13th and 14th

Moved by Alderman Holden, seconded by Alderman Lebano that the request be approved. Alderman Keen asked that the group be responsible for cleaning up the site. Council was of the opinion that the park should be made available to many groups for various activities and possibly the City should list general requirements to be met when being so used.

29-19 - City Clerk - recommending amendment to By-law 1252/72 to regulate use of swimming & wading pools

Moved by Alderman Samson, seconded by Alderman Lebano that the report be adopted. Carried

29-20 - Commissioner of Development - reporting and making recommendations pertaining to local improvement charges, pavement & sidewalk construction.

Moved by Alderman Lynch, seconded by Alderman Pescod that effective in 1976, works carried out under The Local Improvement Act for pavement and sidewalk improvements be assessed 100% against the abutting property owners. The motion was withdrawn. After some discussion by Council it was moved by Alderman Lynch, seconded by Alderman Pescod that the report be deferred for further study pending a detailed report covering the number of petitions now on file for pavements, sidewalks, sewers and water.

29-21 - Director of Engineering Services and Purchasing Agent - recommending L. Bray Construction Co. for tender #36-75, reconstruction of Augustus and 3rd Sts.

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

29-22 - Chief Administrator - recommending acceptance of tenders for Transit Facility 55-75 and Site Services Contract 54-75

RE#54-75
Moved by Alderman Guindon, seconded by Alderman Lebano 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 Guindon, seconded by Alderman Samson that the report be adopted. Carried

By-laws - 3rd reading - Moved by Alderman Lebano, seconded by Alderman LeBlanc 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 -

Transport Training Institute - The Commissioner of Development advised that tenders have been called for the first phase of the building of the Ministry of Transport Training Institute; and a project manager is now on the site.

Saunders Drive - The Director of Engineering Services reported that Saunders Drive was paved but broke up and is to be again paved this week.

Development at Boundary Rd. and 2nd St. - The Chief Administrative Officer noted that the City is still awaiting a feasibility study on the proposed hotel development on the east side of Boundary Road and the south side of Second Street. The developer, he went on to state, has indicated that he is still interested in proceeding with the project.

Garbage collection - Alderman Lebano referred to the unsatisfactory garbage collections over the past months, which have created both a nuisance and health hazard. He trusted these problems would be eliminated by September 15th, when the new contractor takes over.

C.M.H.C. loans - Alderman Lebano suggested that Council or the Mayor and Chief Administrator meet with C.M.H.C. requesting that they make mortgage money available to our citizens. He cited the high rate of interest and the lack of money for mortgages as main factors in the decline of building in the City.

Water in North End - Mr. Adams explained that the question of supplying water to residents on Pitt St. north is still being evaluated. However, he stated, unless the City is prepared to put some intermediary pumping facilities every 1,000 or 2,000 feet away, the situation would not be any better.

Certificate of service - Moved by Alderman Lebano, seconded by Alderman Keen that Dr. I.M. Gourley be recognized for his years of service to the community, by the presentation of a certificate and cuff links. The motion was withdrawn. Mayor Parisien suggested a small committee be formed to set down certain requirements, whereby recognition could be given to citizens.

Cornwall Housing Authority - Alderman Lebano asked for information as to why some rents, under the jurisdiction of the Cornwall Housing Authority, have been increased as much as 200%. Mayor Parisien explained that when Glenview Heights was built, there was a real problem with occupancy. As a result O.H.C. placed a maximum on rent that could be charged. This Spring the Corporation's auditors said this type of agreement was to cease and rent had to be charged in accordance with the tenant's income.

Air pollution - Alderman Guindon informed Council that Ministry of the Environment personnel have been trying to determine the source of the odour that has been noticeable around the City lately. Pointing out that a duty officer is on call seven days a week, he suggested that the aldermen phone the Minister and pinpoint the area and the Ministry will investigate.

Rezoning of Abbott & Augustus Sts. - Alderman Pescod advised Council that Abbott and Augustus Streets between 9th and 11th Streets has not yet been rezoned by the City.

Property on Newark Ave. - Alderman Guindon, stating he was not satisfied with the solicitor's opinion, questioned how an individual can retain ownership of part of a parcel of land without going to the Committee of Adjustment. Referring to a property on Newark Ave. he felt that the 33 ft. given by the City should have formed part of the sale to the new owner and be subject to assessment.

Flower Beds - Alderman Keen stated he was disturbed about an article in the paper about flower beds being removed. He felt this was not the solution to the vandalism, but rather there should be an educational program about people damaging City property; and further, when persons are apprehended their names could be brought out in the press.

Mopeds & bicycles - Alderman Keen expressed concern over the use of young people driving bicycles and mopeds, stating that he saw a senior citizen almost get hit by a moped.

Swimming Pool - Referring to the use of a swimming pool on Grantwood Avenue, Mr. Adams stated that he is meeting with the solicitor tomorrow with respect

to the City's noise by-law. As for charging a fee, Mr. Adams noted that since the July Council meeting no one will say if fees are being charged.

City Transit - Alderman Lynch suggested that the Transit Manager ask for the co-operation of those using City buses. He felt that the schools should be contacted, with a view to avoiding vandalism by students.

Litter on City streets - Alderman Lynch suggested that litter on City streets might be controlled by the use of covers on waste receptacles; also the use of a slogan on the receptacles asking people to keep the City clean.

Death of former Mayor - Alderman Pearson stated he was perturbed with the small representation from the City in attendance at the funeral of the late Lloyd Gallinger, former Mayor of the City.

Economic Development - Alderman Pearson suggested monthly reports from the Director of Economic Development, in order that Council may be aware of what is happening.

Traffic Lights - Council was informed that traffic lights at 13th St. and Brookdale should be expected in about another month's time.

McConnell Ave. boulevards - Alderman LeBlanc referred to the very poor condition of the boulevards on McConnell Ave. between Second and Fourth Street. He felt that pressure should be brought to bear on the School Boards. The Chief Administrator pointed out that everything is being done that can be done. He did not believe boulevards should be blacktopped, especially in residential areas.

Guy St. paving - The Director of Engineering Services reported that paving is to be done tomorrow on Guy St. between 11th and 12th. The curbing has still to be done, after which top soil will be applied.

Library Board facilities - Alderman Aubry suggested that Alderman Lynch pursue further the possible use by the Library Board of the Capitol Theatre, as a means of extending its library facilities.

Second St. parking - Alderman Aubry stated he was disappointed that Council declined to implement recommendations with respect to parking on Second St. He trusted that another report will be presented to Council.

Model of City - Noting the high costs for the construction of a model of the City, Alderman Aubry suggested the possibility of looking into the availability of L.I.P. grants.

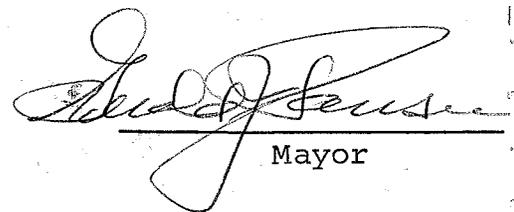
Capital punishment - Alderman Aubry referred to resolution put forth by the Canadian Bar Association. The resolution, he noted, was similar to the City's requesting that the Cabinet not interfere with the process of Justice by over-ruling the Court sentences of the death penalty.

Commercial development - The Chief Administrator reported that the companies are still interested in development of a shopping mall. He has asked them to come in with a report, even if lacking firmness.

Resignation of Chief Administrator - Noting that he was absent from the last Council meeting when the Chief Administrator tendered his resignation, Alderman Aubry stated he was sorry to see Mr. Engels leave and wished him well. He stated that, in a short period of time, he had proven his ability and that he will be most difficult to replace.

Adjournment - Moved by Alderman Holden, seconded by Alderman Bough that Council adjourn into committee.

Clerk


Mayor