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COUNCIL MEETING #35-75

November 10, 1975.
7:00 p.m.

A regular meeting of City Council was held this evening with the following members present: Mayor G. Parisien, Aldermen J. Pescod, A. Lebano, K. Bough, G. Cameron, F. Guindon, L. Keen, B. Lynch, R. Pearson, A. LeBlanc, G. Samson, R. Aubry.

Adoption of Minutes - Moved by Alderman Pescod, seconded by Alderman Cameron that the minutes of the City Council meeting #34, October 27th, 1975 be adopted as received. Carried.

Moved by Alderman Samson, seconded by Alderman Keen that the minutes of Committee of Council #29, October 27, 1975, be adopted as received. Carried.

It was moved by Alderman Lebano, seconded by Alderman LeBlanc that Rule 2 be waived so as to hear from Mr. John McMartin, spokesman for the Eamer's Corners Association. Carried.

Mr. McMartin explained to Council the reason for the insufficient number of signatures on the petitions, and further stated that it is not a matter of the residents not wanting to sign, but much of the property is owned by people not living in the area, and therefore, there is a lot of people to be contacted. He informed Council that the balance of petitions will be in by Thursday or Friday of this week.

Communications and By-laws - Moved by Alderman Lynch, seconded by Alderman Guindon 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. 1909 to 1917 inclusive, as listed, be given a first reading -

1909 - To designate Brookdale Avenue, Water Street & Cumberland Street as a Re-development Area.

1910 - Temporary loan by-law re construction by-law 1863/75.

- 1911 - To authorize the pulling down of an unsafe building at 149 Pitt Street (Mr. Vinyl).
- 1912 - To authorize the pulling down of an unsafe building at 145 Pitt Street (Clark's Shoe Store).
- 1913 - To further amend zoning by-law 751/69 to permit the Loyal Order of Moose on Haulage Road to operate as a private club.
- 1914 - To close an unused road allowance in the City of Cornwall.
- 1915 - To authorize the signing of a Grant of Easement between Andrews & Company and the City of Cornwall to cover the construction of a 2 inch watermain and an 8 inch sanitary sewer to service four properties on Haulage Road. This has been authorized by the Committee of Adjustment, and is at the expense of Mr. Andrews.
- 1916 - To authorize the signing of an Offer to Purchase for land on Augustus Street between Second & Third Streets for Urban Renewal, between Miss W.M. Jerrom and the City of Cornwall.
- 1917 - To authorize the Mayor and Clerk to execute, on behalf of the City of Cornwall, an Offer to Purchase between the City of Cornwall and Shell Canada Ltd.

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

- 35-1 Commissioner of Development - report and recommendation on extension of Ninth Street West of Brookdale Avenue to terminus at Power Dam Drive, and endorsed by the Acting Chief Administrator.

Moved by Alderman Keen, seconded by Alderman Bough that the report be adopted in principle and reviewed at Capital Budget time. Carried.

- 35-2 Brian Vachon - Canadian National Bobsled Team - requesting donation to support the Bobsled Team in the 1976 pre-Olympic racing events.

Alderman Lynch inquired what the exact amount of donation is being requested, and Mayor Parisien informed him that this is a general campaign for donations, therefore, any amount would be appreciated.

Moved by Alderman Cameron, seconded by Alderman Lynch that this letter be deferred to the 1976 budget. Carried.

- 35-3 Acting Chief Administrator & Commissioner of Development - recommending Cornwall Gravel Co. Ltd. be awarded the contract for the road leading into the new Cornwall Transit Facility.

Moved by Alderman Lebano, seconded by Alderman Guindon that this recommendation be adopted. Carried.

35-4 Columbian Squires - requesting permission to hold a tag day in November 1975, together with comments from the Acting Chief Administrator.

Alderman Samson stated that Council should consider helping this group, by allowing them to hold a tag day on November 22, 1975. He indicated that exceptions were made before, and therefore, felt that the Columbian Squires should be granted their request.

Moved by Alderman Keen, seconded by Alderman Aubry that the By-law must be upheld and that the Columbian Squires be allocated the date of March 20, 1976 for their Tag Day.

Alderman Guindon requested a recorded vote.

For the Motion

Aldermen J. Pescod
A. Lebano
K. Bough
G. Cameron
L. Keen
B. Lynch
R. Pearson
R. Aubry

Against the Motion

Aldermen F. Guindon
A. LeBlanc
G. Samson

Motion carried.

35-5 Water & Tax Collector - re tax write-offs and refunds, together with comments from the Acting Chief Administrator.

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

35-6 Petition #4-75 - Owners of land abutting Menard Avenue petitioning for a cul-du-sac at the North end of Menard Avenue, or to extend the lane Westerly to Baldwin Avenue.

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

35-7 Petition #461 - Hubert & Barbara Champagne et al - for construction of a watermain on Pitt Street from Cornwall Centre Road to McKenzie Street.

Moved by Alderman Lebano, seconded by Alderman Guindon that that this petition be received and directed to the Director of Engineering Services. Carried.

35-8 Planning Board Minutes #8-75, October 29, 1975.

Moved by Alderman Pescod, seconded by Alderman Lebano, that the Planning Board Minutes #8-75 be adopted as received. Carried.

35-9 Cornwall Chamber of Commerce - expressing views on the City's economic condition.

Moved by Alderman Pearson, seconded by Alderman Lynch to accept the letter and thank the Chamber of Commerce for bringing their views to Council. Carried.

In general discussion relating the aspects of the letter received from the Chamber of Commerce, Alderman Lebano stated that our best public relations could be the press, and went on to ask them for some worthwhile co-operation. Alderman Lebano also indicated that the entire City staff should act as public relations officers.

Alderman Lynch stated that he shares some of the concerns pointed out by the Chamber of Commerce, and suggested that a meeting be held to discuss certain matters, because Council members are concerned with the City and want to keep it a good place to live.

Alderman Cameron stated that while he didn't agree with everything said by the Chamber of Commerce, he felt that Council should remember that the Chamber of Commerce is very interested in our City. They have already shown interest by sponsoring the two functions held at Guindon Park this summer.

Alderman Aubry spoke about the need to set up objectives, and suggested an industrial development objective and an industrial diversification objective, as two long range plans.

Mayor Parisien advised Council that he was introduced at a M.O.I.T. reception as the Mayor of the most thriving City in Ontario, and further, he can not understand why outside people have the idea that Cornwall is a depressed area.

It was moved by Alderman Aubry, seconded by Alderman Lynch that prior to January 1, 1976, Council formulate long term goals on behalf of the

people of Cornwall. To this end, the Mayor will call think tanks and brain storming meetings to provide the necessary input. Further, that these meetings include all members of Council, senior staff members, community leaders and lastly, that the public be asked to submit briefs for Council's consideration. Carried.

35-10 Environmental Control Committee - #9-75, November 4/75.

After some discussion and explanations regarding the pigeon problems, it was moved by Alderman Guindon, seconded by Alderman Lynch that Administration be given the responsibility of getting in touch with the Seaway International Bridge Corporation regarding a joint contract to eliminate the pigeon problem, and a report be given to Council afterwards. Carried.

Moved by Alderman Guindon, seconded by Alderman Pescod, that the problem of boathouses and resultant traffic congestion in the area of Alice St. & McConnell St. be looked into by our Director of Public Works and Traffic Engineer respectively. Carried.

35-11 Director of Public Works - report on Boales Drain Study, and recommending a consulting engineer be appointed to prepare a preliminary report on this drain, and endorsed by the Acting Chief Administrator.

Moved by Alderman Cameron, seconded by Alderman Lebano that the report be adopted as received. Carried.

35-12 Acting Chief Administrator - report on Local Improvement Charges.

It was moved by Alderman Lynch, seconded by Alderman Pescod that the report be adopted.

There was considerable discussion by members of Council, with some aldermen stating that the 100% costs should be absorbed immediately, and other aldermen believing that the costs should be increased only on a gradual basis.

An amendment to the motion was moved by Alderman Lebano, seconded by Alderman Keen, to adopt the three stages policy, previously introduced by Chief Administrator Mr. Engels. August 25/75 to August 25/76 will be shared on a 60-40 basis; those between August 25/76 and August 25/77 will be shared on a 80-20 basis, and the following year, residents will pay the full cost.

Alderman LeBlanc requested a recorded vote.

For the Amendment

Aldermen A. Lebano
K. Bough
G. Cameron
F. Guindon
L. Keen
A. LeBlanc
G. Samson

Against the Amendment

Aldermen J. Pescod
B. Lynch
R. Pearson
R. Aubry

Amendment to the motion carried.

35-13 Acting Chief Administrator - advising of request from City of Timmins that a Council Member be appointed to act as the Eastern representative on the Special Gas Rate Committee.

Moved by Alderman Pescod, seconded by Alderman Aubry that Council decline to appoint a member to act on the Special Gas Rate Committee. Carried.

35-14 Ministry of Community & Social Services - reply regarding the name of the Day Care Centre.

It was moved by Alderman Aubry, seconded by Alderman Samson that the name Kinsmen Centre be used for the former Y Building, and the name Kin be used for the Day Care Centre.

Alderman Lebano and Bough stated that Cornwall should also be incorporated in the name. Alderman Bough indicated that the name Kinsmen Centre could possibly be considered as a private club.

Amendment to the motion was moved by Alderman Bough, seconded by Alderman Guindon that the former Y Building be named Kinsmen Municipal Centre, and the name Kin be used for the Day Care Centre. Carried.

35-15 Commissioner of Development - requesting a resolution from Council for C.M.H.C.

Moved by Alderman Lebano, seconded by Alderman Keen that a resolution, in accordance with the report of the Commissioner of Development be forwarded to C.M.H.C. Carried.

35-16 Chamber of Commerce - requesting permission to use surplus monies from the July 20th Regatta, towards printing 5000 Cornwall brochures, at a cost of \$300.00.

Moved by Alderman Pescod, and seconded by Alderman Guindon that the request be granted. Carried.

35-17 Commissioner of Development & Director of Housing - Re appointment of third member to Property Standards Committee.

Moved by Alderman Lebano, seconded by Alderman Aubry that this item be discussed in Committee of Council session. Carried.

35-18 Dir. of Engineering Services & R.M. Kostuch Assoc. Ltd. - recommending Pimm Investments Ltd. be awarded contract for Tender #65/75, Carleton Street Storm Sewer & Outlet Drain.

Moved by Alderman Pescod, seconded by Alderman Guindon that the recommendation be accepted. 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.

By-laws - 3rd reading - Moved by Alderman Pescod, seconded by Alderman Lebano that the by-laws, 1863/75 and 1909 to 1917 inclusive as listed on the agenda for third reading, be taken as read a third time and finally passed. Carried.

With respect to by-law 1917, it is understood that administration will negotiate with Shell Canada in order to obtain a better price on the purchase of the land.

New or Unfinished Business -

Westgate Park - Alderman Pescod mentioned that in Mr. S. Miller's Monthly Progress Report he refers to Westgate Park. Alderman Pescod requested administration to check if this park was officially named Westgate, and if not, he would like to suggest either Alguire Park or Grant Park.

Boathouses - Aldermen Pescod and Lebano expressed their opinion on the problems caused by having the boathouses along the waterfront from Alice to McConnell Streets.

It was moved by Alderman Lebano, seconded by Alderman Guindon that we recommend to the Raisin Region Conservation Authority, that high priority be given to a community boathouse at the Grey's Creek Development area. Carried.

Capital Theatre - A great deal of concern was expressed by Aldermen Lebano, Bough, Lynch and Aubry about the type of movies recently being shown at the Capital Theatre. It was the consensus that these pornographic movies be banned in the Municipality, and perhaps with the co-operation of the Stormont Christian Council, something can be done to ensure a better quality of movies. Noting that the City has been the owner of the Capital Theatre for the past two years, Alderman Aubry suggested that administration consider the uses that might be made of the building or the disposition of that building.

Council - Alderman Lebano asked that the question of reducing the Council to eight Aldermen be placed before the people at the next election. Alderman Lynch requested that Council defer taking any action until we hear from other Municipalities.

Sewage Disposal - Alderman Lebano suggested that a meeting be set up between Council, Director of Engineering Services, Administration, Ministry of Housing and Ministry of the Environment, in order to discuss sewage disposal. Mayor Parisien advised him that a report on this matter would be given to Council in the near future.

Civic Complex - Alderman Cameron asked if any information was available on the convention facilities at the Civic Complex, as he was asked if it would be ready for a convention in November 1976. Mayor Parisien advised that Mr. Jordan would have this type of information, and further, that while we hope it will be ready by then, it is impossible to guarantee it.

Mail Strike - Alderman Guindon commented on the delay in sending out the required applications for rezoning and notices of Committee of Adjustment. Mayor Parisien advised that administration will check into using a limited courier service.

Wintario Grant - The Acting Chief Administrator advised Alderman Guindon that there is a general set of rules governing applications for use of monies derived from Wintario Lotteries. He pointed out that not only a City can apply, but an organized body can apply as well. The Library Board has made application and also the City's Parks & Recreation Department has applied for certain projects. Alderman Keen requested Mr. Hamilton supply a copy of information to Council members.

Guindon park - Alderman Guindon requested administration to check on the amount of subsidy available regarding Guindon Park.

Noise By-law - Alderman Guindon suggested that Mr. Manuel from the Ministry of Environment be invited here to review the Noise By-law with the Department Heads and with Council. He went on to say that the local Ministry is of the opinion that this noise by-law is too restrictive, especially the industrial aspect. Mayor Parisien advised that the noise by-law will not be quickly passed.

Microfilming - Alderman Keen suggested that microfilming of certain records and documents be checked into.

Remembrance Day - Alderman Keen stated that he hoped all members of Council would be attending the Remembrance Day services. He also advised that Major General Legge will be in attendance.

Council Salary Freeze - Alderman Keen indicated that the Members of Council should set some precedent, and suggested that salaries of the aldermen and mayor should be frozen. This suggestion was also supported by Alderman Lynch and several other aldermen.

Domtar Strike - Alderman Lynch asked if there has been any communication received from the Ministry of Labour. Mayor Parisien advised that no information has been received, however, he is meeting with the Domtar officials on Wednesday of this week.

Property Standards By-law - Alderman Pearson indicated support to Mr. Courville's request to have copies of the Property Standards By-law printed and being made available to those who ask and for those who receive an order under said by-law.

Civic Complex Site - Alderman Pearson suggested that we approach the Department of Transport re acquisition of property immediately East of the Civic Complex site.

Ditches - Referring to the ditches on Eleventh Street between Cumberland Street and Brookdale Avenue, Alderman Samson asked if these could be filled in. Mayor Parisien advised that the work has been considered for many years, but it has never been completed due to the excessive costs.

Lamoureux Cairn - Alderman Samson inquired why the firm Todoro & Bigras was not sent a tender form on this contract. Acting Chief Administrator replied that Mr. C.F. Adams had advised him that this company was inadvertently missed.

Works Superintendent - Alderman Samson asked that a report be given to Council on the recent hiring of the Works Superintendent.

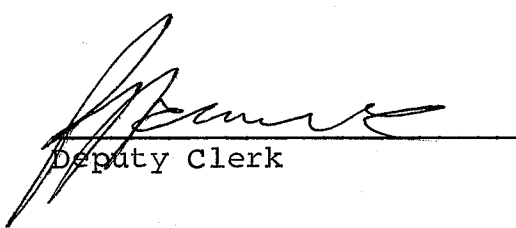
Civic Awards Committee - Alderman Aubry stated that previously, Council had approved in principle, the general mechanics of the setting up of an Awards Committee. He reported that nominations have been received, however, there was no response from the public.

Moved by Alderman Aubry, seconded by Alderman Lebano that the minutes of the meeting of November 10th be taken as read. A copy of the report is to be made available to each member of Council. Carried.

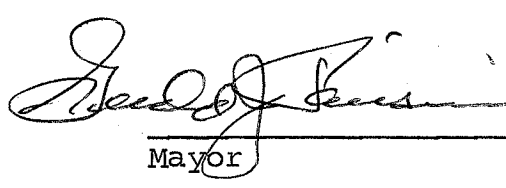
Water Street - Alderman Aubry inquired why the work has not been started. Mr. C. Meikle advised that the contract has not yet been signed, and possibly now, it should be delayed until Spring.

Day Care Centre - Referring to the Richelieu Day Care Centre not running at full capacity, Alderman Aubry asked what affect this would have on the new centre. Mayor Parisien stated that because of the economic situation at the present time, it could have some effect. Director of Social Services advised Council that no applications have been received to date.

Ontario Hydro Hearing - Mayor Parisien advised Council that Jean MacMillan will be accepting briefs for the Ontario Hydro hearing on Wednesday, November 19th.



Deputy Clerk



Mayor