

COUNCIL MEETING #38-75

December 8, 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, B. Lynch, R. Pearson, G. Samson, A. LeBlanc, R. Aubry.

New City Employees - Mr. G. Walsh introduced Mr. Simon Seguin, Supt'd. of Public Works. Mr. Seguin, he stated, worked for the Ministry of Transportation in the construction section, being project supervisor since 1969.

Mr. C. Meikle introduced Mr. Angelo Dagostino, who commenced employment in September as Design and Construction Engineer. He noted that Mr. Dagostino is a recent graduate of Waterloo University, having spent one-half of each university year working for the City of Sudbury. Mayor Parisien welcomed the two men to the City staff.

Adoption of Minutes - Moved by Alderman Samson, seconded by Alderman Pearson that the minutes of the meeting of November 24th be adopted as received. Carried

Moved by Alderman Guindon, seconded by Alderman LeBlanc that the minutes of the meeting of the Committee of Council of November 24th be adopted as received. Carried.

Moved by Alderman Guindon, seconded by Alderman Lynch that the minutes of the meeting of the Committee of Council of November 27th be adopted as received. Carried

- Communications and By-laws - Moved by Alderman Lebano, 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 Number 1933 to 1937 inclusive, as listed, be given a first reading -
  - 1933 - to authorize a house lease with Mrs. E. Smith, 42a Edward St.
  - 1934 - to authorize a house lease with Leo Paul Lebrun, 3a Duncan St.
  - 1935 - to amend By-law No. 808, 1969, as amended, to provide for the supply of water and set the rates
  - 1936 - to regulate access to public streets and highways from public and private property

1937 - To authorize signing of Offer to Sell and to lease property known as 13=13½ Duncan St

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

Communications -

38-1 Petitions - #470 to 476 incl. - watermain projects for Eamer's Corners for the following streets - Mercier, Johnston, McKenzie, Cadeb, Carriere and Wellington

Moved by Alderman Cameron, seconded by Alderman Pearson that the petitions be received and referred to the Director of Engineering Services. Carried.

38-2 Petitions 476 and 477 - Roy Marcellus et al - watermain on Tollgate Rd. from Vincent Massey Drive to west limit of Lot 17, conc. 3

38-3 Petitions 479 to 484 incl. - L.P. Stidwill Development - permanent pavement on Brock from 11th to Athlone & on Athlone from Sydney to Brock and on Vimy from Sydney to Brock; Storm Sewers on Brock, Athlone, Vimy and 12th; and a watermain on 12th St.

Moved by Alderman Pešcod, seconded by Alderman Lynch that petitions 476 and 477 be referred to the Director of Engineering Services. Carried

Moved by Alderman LeBlanc, seconded by Alderman Samson that petitions 479 to 484 incl. be referred to the Director of Engineering Services. Carried

38-4 Knights of Columbus - requesting permission to sell tickets, sponsored by the Ontario State Board

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

38-5 Royal Canadian Legion - applying for permission to operate lotteries in Cornwall for the year 1976

Moved by Alderman Guindon, seconded by Alderman Bough that the request be approved. Carried

38-6 Transit Manager - recommending the adoption of a reward system to help minimize vandalism on transit coaches

Moved by Alderman Lebano, seconded by Alderman Samson that the report be approved. Carried. Mr. Robertson reported that within the last five days, four bench seats across the back of the buses have been deliberately cut. Various members suggested, as a means to curtail vandalism, the payment of a larger reward; pamphlets handed out on entering the bus and also

at the schools asking co-operation and indicating penalty for damages caused to the buses; cancellation of pass or right to use buses for a certain period of time; improved lighting in rear of buses; inspectors in plain clothes to periodically ride the buses and the possibility of having fiberglass seats in the rear. The whole matter of controlling vandalism was left to administration as to the means to be employed. It is understood that the payment of any reward money does not apply to any City employee.

38-7 Traffic Engineer - recommending the designation of a School Bus Loading Zone on Sydney St. at C.C.V.S. and to regulate parking on both sides of Sydney St. from 4th to 5th

Moved by Alderman Guindon, seconded by Alderman Lynch that the report be approved. Carried. Mr. Knight explained that a 'School Bus Loading Zone' must, under the Act, be so designated 24 hours a day. However, he noted that within this area there will be 300 ft. left for parking on Sydney St. and further, the school parking lot is to be enlarged within six to seven months. Alderman LeBlanc asked that a similar study be made to cover the school areas on McConnell Ave. between Second and Fourth St.

38-8 Civic Complex Tenders 1-75-27 and 1-75-28 - Aluminum Doors, Frames & Windows - project management recommending Star Windows Ltd. at \$56,500.

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

38-9 Commissioner of Development - recommending modifications to the Filtration Plant at a City cost of \$34,500.

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

38-10 E.O.D.C. - extending their thanks for the use of the Council Chambers & other services

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

38-11 D. Loucks - expressing thanks to the Public Works Dept. for their co-operation in assisting during a sewer malfunction

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

38-12 - Cornwall Sr. Citizens Club - requesting a letter or recommendation from Council to form part of their request for a capital grant from Wintario

Moved by Alderman Lynch, seconded by Alderman Pearson that Council forward a letter of recommendation to the Ministry of Culture & Recreation on behalf of the Cornwall Senior Citizens Club; and further that we explore Sect. 352 of the Municipal Act to see if the City may assist them on the basis of their programme. Carried

38-13 Civic Complex Manager - reporting on concession operations

Moved by Alderman LeBano, seconded by Alderman LeBlanc that this report be considered in Committee of Council. Carried

38-14 Planning Board meeting - #9-75, December 3, 1975

Moved by Alderman Pescod, seconded by Alderman LeBano that the report be adopted. Carried

38-15 Commissioner of Development - requesting resolution be forwarded to O.H.C. to provide 259 rent-geared-to-income senior citizens units

Moved by Alderman LeBlanc, seconded by Alderman Lynch that the resolution be approved and forwarded to O.H.C. Carried

38-16 Director of Public Works - recommending that garbage collection be suspended for December 26, 1975

Moved by Alderman Guindon, seconded by Alderman Samson that the recommendation be approved. An amendment to the motion was made by Alderman Cameron, seconded by Alderman Bough that the report be approved, subject to Mr. Walsh meeting with the contractor to determine if the City will be reimbursed for this day that garbage will not be picked up. Alderman LeBano asked for a recorded vote with the following results - For the amendment - Alderman Pescod, Bough, Cameron, Keen, Lynch, Pearson and Aubry. Against the amendment - Alderman Guindon, Samson, Holden, LeBlanc and LeBano. The amendment carried and the motion was defeated.

38-17 Commissioner of Development - Neighbourhood Improvement Program

Moved by Alderman Pescod, seconded by Alderman Cameron that the recommendations be accepted. Carried

38-18. The Minister of Housing - granting approval to Phase 1 Housing Policy

Moved by Alderman Pescod, seconded by Alderman Samson that the letter be filed. Carried. Alderman Lebrano suggested that a letter of thanks, on behalf of Council and the citizens, be forwarded to the Minister.

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 Lynch, seconded by Alderman LeBlanc that By-laws 1933 to 1935 inclusive and By-law 1937 be taken as read a third time and finally passed. Carried

New or Unfinished Business -

Cornwall Civic Complex - Moved by Alderman Keen, seconded by Alderman Aubry that the motion of November 24th that the new facility be named Cornwall Civic Complex be rescinded. Speaking against the suggestion that a name only be decided on at the meeting of January 12th, Alderman Guindon referred to the two suggestions put forth by the manager and also referred to recent letters in the local press. He felt a name should be decided on at this time. Aldermen Lynch and Bough believed the name chosen at the last meeting is suitable. Alderman LeBlanc felt that recognition should be given to Mr. E.C. Lumley, who worked so hard, as Mayor, to obtain the Infrastructure grants. Mr. Jordan stressed the urgency of naming the facility as quickly as possible as contracts have to be prepared, brochures printed and a logo designed. A vote on the motion showed the motion defeated.

Planning Act Review Committee - Alderman Pescod advised that he will be meeting with the chairman of the Committee on Wednesday; with Mr. Adams and Mr. Ismaily meeting on Thursday of this week. A brief may be submitted later by the Planning Board.

Taxi Fares - Alderman Lynch asked that, when the Police Commission is considering new rates to be charged by taxi drivers, consideration be given to a lower rate for senior citizens and possibly the handicapped.

Pornographic Movies - Mayor Parisien advised that he has not been in touch with the Stormont Christian Council, regarding the showing of pornographic movies, since a meeting held two weeks ago.

Bilingual Services - Noting that the City could be part of a bilingual district, Alderman Lynch asked that Council review all public services under the City's jurisdiction, as to whether they have to be provided in both languages; and further, that we have sufficient staff to be able to provide these services.

Joint Industrial Commission - Mayor Parisien reported that a meeting had been held between the City and Counties and a report submitted by Mr. Purdie. When the new Director of Economic Development is appointed the question is to be discussed again.

Management Committee - Alderman Lynch stated he wished to publicly congratulate Mr. Douglas Webster on his appointment to the Management Committee for the Infrastructure Grants, to replace Mr. E.C. Lumley, M.P.

City parking lot - Alderman Pearson inquired as to when the official opening of the Warrington-Brown parking lot will be. He asked that the City endeavour to get the cars off the street and use the parking lot. Mr. Knight is to prepare a report.

Civic Complex - Recalling that Council received a status report in August and visited the site on October 16th, Alderman Pearson asked that another status report be presented to Council at the next meeting.

Management Committee - Alderman LeBlanc suggested that the Minister should have consulted Council before appointing a replacement to Mr. E.C. Lumley on the Management Committee.

Capital Budget - Referring to commitments already made by Council against the 1976 budget, Alderman LeBlanc stated that, in his opinion, priority should be given to providing water to the northern section of the City over that of purchasing new buses.

Transit buses - Commenting on a recent write-up in the local press that approval had been received for the purchase of additional buses, Alderman LeBlanc asked that this information first come to Council and any press release through the office of the Mayor.

Transit reports - Referring to reports on transit operation, Alderman Aubry suggested that this information might be more meaningful if it indicated the number of passengers and revenue derived per run.

Brookdale & Water St. properties - Noting that appraisers are to be used in the acquisition of Water St. and Brookdale Ave. properties, Alderman Aubry agreed that the services of an accredited appraiser be used in all City purchases.

Public Library - Alderman Lynch explained that library services have been available in the East end of the City since early 1970, where the Board hopes to extend services. Similarly services have recently been provided in the North end. However, the Library Board is opposed to decentralization into the school libraries as these facilities are designated for their school and not for the general public.

Boat Houses - Referring to a memo from the Director of Housing to the Chief Administrator, Alderman Aubry inquired if the resolution requested by the Ministry of Natural Resources re boat houses will be prepared for perusal in the near future.

Domtar - Alderman Aubry applauded the Mayor for the work he has done, in a very quiet way, in getting management and union together at a meeting to be held this coming Wednesday. Alderman Guindon felt credit should be given to all members of Council who attended the two meetings in an endeavour to get Domtar workers back to work.

Management Committee - Moved by Alderman Guindon, seconded by Alderman Lynch that a letter of congratulations be forwarded to Mr. Douglas Webster on his appointment to the Management Committee. Council further agreed with the recommendation of Alderman Bough that a letter be sent to Mr. E.C. Lumley thanking him for services rendered as a member of that committee.

School buses - Mayor Parisien reported that he has been advised by the Police Chief that when his department notices that cars are not stopping for school buses that are stopped and have their lights flashing, charges are laid. The Chief noted that this is sometimes difficult to control due to the limited number of cars patrolling the streets.

Airport Committee - Mayor Parisien informed Council that the Airport Committee is still active. Following a meeting with surrounding municipalities, certain recommendations are to be carried out and further statements will be forthcoming.

Pigeon problem - The Chief Administrator advised that he has been in touch with the manager of the Seaway Authority, who indicated that the Authority is prepared to negotiate with the City as to costs for eliminating the pigeon problem.

Pornographic movies - Alderman Bough noted that the Stormont Christian Council took no action on the showing of pornographic movies within the City but rather left the issue with the City. He pointed out that the problem is not with the films at the Capitol Theatre alone, but the films shown at all theatres and also on T.V. Mayor Parisien stated he did write to the Censor Board. Further, the Mayor is to determine if the Police Department have any authority as to the type of films shown.

Cornwall Weekly News - Alderman Bough congratulated the Cornwall Weekly News on a recent editorial defending the actions of City Council in many of its decisions. Alderman Lebano agreed that it was nice to see some positive reporting and also commended the editor.



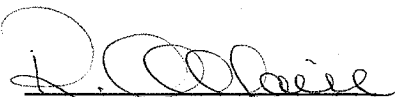
Capitol Theatre - Alderman Lebano reminded Council that a decision is going to have to be made as to whether to renovate the theatre or tear down the building and make a parking lot.

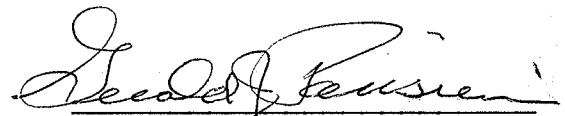
Domtar - Alderman Lebano commended Mayor Parisien for his involvement in bringing about a meeting between management and union of Domtar, which meeting is to be held this week. Alderman Holden agreed with Alderman Lebano.

Alguire Park - Moved by Alderman Pescod, seconded by Alderman Lebano that the park in the Grant subdivision be named Alguire Park. Alderman Pescod pointed out that the Alguire family was part of the United Empire Loyalists who settled in the area.

Domtar - Mayor Parisien stated that he has no quarrels about the aldermen disagreeing with him but he would like the courtesy of them coming to him before going to the press. Otherwise, the authority of this Council is discredited. The Mayor then read a press release which he gave to the news mediae indicating that he had arranged a meeting between Domtar management and labour. He stated that he will chair the meeting at the beginning and then turn it over to the principals.

Consumer Protection Office - The Mayor reported that a Consumer Protection Office is to be opened. He stated that he had a call from their office indicating that on the 18th of this month a representative will be here to see if Council is interested in setting up such an office. He has learned that two applications have already been submitted and he doubted if Council should get involved. Alderman Lynch stated that the head of the former Consumers' Help office has shown an interest in this operation. It was the consensus of the members that Council should not become involved but the operation left to private organization(s).

  
Clerk

  
Mayor