

January 27, 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.

Adoption of minutes - Moved by Alderman Pescod, seconded by Alderman Lebano that the minutes of the meeting of January 20th be adopted as received, with it being noted that it was Alderman Lebano who inquired as to Taxi Service (p. 1935).

Family Housing - Messrs. V.W. Kuchar and J. Normandale, Ontario Housing Corporation, together with the Corporation's architect - Mr. Wm. Mack presented to Council plans for a 36 family unit development at Sydney and Lemay Streets. Mr. Adams assured Alderman Lebano that the sanitary sewer and waterworks system are satisfactory and he has never known of the Fly Creek to flood in that area. After a full study of the plans, it was moved by Alderman Pescod, seconded by Alderman Aubry that Council approve the concept as presented by O.H.C. in order to allow the Corporation to go to tender. Carried.

Replying to Alderman Samson, Mr. Kuchar explained that in considering Fourth and Gloucester Streets for family housing, O.H.C. had arrived at a stacked townhouse design, which is as close as possible to low scale residential, and still provide a sufficient number of units and permitting two-thirds of the density provided for under the City zoning by-law.

Communications & By-laws -

Moved by Alderman LeBlanc, seconded by Alderman Samson 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. 1747 and 1748, as listed, be given first reading -

1747 - To grant an annual retirement allowance to Mr. James Dunlop

1748 - To authorize an agreement with Shefsky Developments Ltd. and Cogan Developments Ltd. carrying on business as the Greater York Group for parts of lots A & B in the Industrial Park

Communications -

- 1- Cornwall Public Library Board - requesting meeting with Council to present plans for future expansion

Moved by Alderman Cameron, seconded by Alderman Lynch that the letter be referred to Thursday's meeting. Carried

- 2 - A.M.O. - confirming election of Mayor Parisien to the Board of Directors.

- 3 - A.M.O. - president's New Year's message and membership fees

Moved by Alderman Bough, seconded by Alderman Pescod that letter no. 2 be received; and that membership fees for 1975, in the amount of \$1,115.40, be referred to administration for inclusion in the 1975 budget.
- Carried.

- 4 - Hon. White & Mr. Honey - re infrastructure grants and indicating approval of 7.252 million for Civic Complex and 1.066 million for trunk services.

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

- 5 - Ministry of Housing - informing Council of a one day workshop on February 14th in Ottawa

Moved by Alderman Pescod, seconded by Alderman Cameron that the letter be filed. Carried. Anyone interested in attending the workshop is to notify the Chief Administrator.

- 6 - Petitions from F. Mainville et al - for a watermain and sanitary sewer ON Briarhill Avenue from Dundee Avenue to Laflin Street

Moved by Alderman Cameron, seconded by Alderman Keen that the petitions be referred to the Engineering Department. Carried

- 7 - Resolution from Town of Markham - to set first Monday of October as 'Election Day'.

Moved by Alderman Lebano, seconded by Alderman Keen that the resolution be filed. Carried. The Town of Markham is to be advised that Council agrees that the date should be advanced but believes the A.M.O. should first study the question.

8 - Environmental Control Committee - meeting of January 16th

Moved by Alderman Guindon, seconded by Alderman Samson that the minutes of the meeting be received. Carried. Alderman Lebano asked the committee to take under advisement a review of the noise by-law.

9 - Report from Chief Administrator - sale of 1947 ladder truck to Club 13

Moved by Alderman LeBlanc, seconded by Alderman Pearson that Council approve the sale of the 1947 ladder truck to Club 13, under the terms and conditions as contained in the report of January 22nd of the Chief Administrator. Carried. Alderman Guindon felt the ladder truck should be retained by the City, to be used for parade purposes.

10 - Report from Chief Administrator - Family Housing, Gloucester and Fourth Streets

Moved by Alderman Lynch, seconded by Alderman Lebano that, in light of objections received, O.H.C. be asked to reconsider the site proposed. Alderman Lebano asked for a recorded vote, with the following results -

| <u>For</u> | <u>Against</u> |
|-----------------|-----------------|
| Alderman Lebano | Alderman Holden |
| Guindon | Pescod |
| Aubry | Bough |
| Samson | Cameron |
| LeBlanc | Pearson |
| Lynch | Keen |
| | Mayor Parisien |

The motion was defeated.

Moved by Alderman Pescod, seconded by Alderman Cameron that O.H.C. be asked to reconsider the proposal for the 4th and Gloucester St. site or some other site; and further that Council meet, in the near future, with representatives of O.H.C. and neighbours affected to discuss the matter. Alderman Cameron asked for a recorded vote, with the following results -

| <u>For</u> | <u>Against</u> |
|-----------------|-----------------|
| Alderman Holden | Alderman Lebano |
| Pescod | Lynch |
| Bough | Samson |
| Cameron | Guindon |
| Keen | |
| Pearson | |
| Aubry | |
| LeBlanc | |

The motion carried.

- 11 - Report from Chief Administrator - recommending that Knox, Martin & Kretch Ltd. be hired re infrastructure projects - tourist & recreation area at a cost not to exceed \$16,000.

Moved by Alderman Lynch, seconded by Alderman Guindon that the report be adopted as received. Carried. Referring to sect. 5.3 (3) of the proposal, Alderman Aubry asked that the firm hold public meetings at the commencement of the study.

- 12 - Correspondence from Mr. H. Valentine re transit operations together with report from Mr. Seymour

Moved by Alderman Lebano, seconded by Alderman Aubry that the material be filed, and that Mr. Valentine be thanked for his interest and consideration. Mayor Parisien asked that anyone, with a legitimate complaint on bus operation, notify the Transit Department.

- 13 - Report from Chief Administrator - Guindon Park - recommending that \$50,000.00 be used in connection with the development of sports facilities subject to certain conditions.

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

- 14 - Report from Chief Administrator together with reports from Commissioner of Finance and Commissioner of Development - recommending increases in water rates

Moved by Alderman Keen, seconded by Alderman Lebano that the report be deferred until the next regular council meeting. Carried. It was suggested a comparison be made of the city water rates with that of other municipalities; whether the water service tapping charge is adequate; with a fuller study and report presented to Council. Alderman Lebano suggested the possibility of hiring students this summer to check all water outlets.

- 15 - Planning Board - meeting January 22nd

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

By-Laws -

Moved by Alderman Guindon, seconded by Alderman Samson that the by-laws 1747 and 1748 be read a second time. Carried

Alderman Aubry asked the Chief Administrator to prepare a brief for Council on the City's retirement policy.

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

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

Mayor Parisien reported that - (1) he will be attending an advance briefing in Toronto on January 28th regarding an announcement affecting Eastern Ontario; (2) a special meeting of City Council will be held January 30th; (3) a ribbon cutting ceremony for the Wardlaw Housing Development on February 1st; (4) sod turning ceremony at the site of the proposed Civic Complex on February 1st; to be followed by a reception; (5) the Anti-Poverty Organization Coalition is holding a three day conference in St. Catharines on Feb. 14th - 16th; Council meetings will be held twice a month, with special meetings to discuss specific reports.

Management Committee - Mayor Parisien reported that he had met on Wednesday past with members of the Management Committee. A reallocation of funds has been approved with 15% over-runs now being channeled into the funds. The committee, he stated, is most anxious that the city make a concentrated effort to cover every one of the items mentioned in the brief. The Mayor further reported that there appears to be a good deal of interest in bidding on the piling work. Alderman Keen asked that members of the Civic Complex committee be invited to the sod turning ceremony.

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Tourist promotion - Alderman Lynch suggested that the City consider appointing an additional representative on the Chamber of Commerce now that it has taken over the Tourist and Convention Bureau.

App't. of administrator to committee - Council asked that a letter of congratulations be forwarded Miss Frances Flanigan on her appointment by Hon. James Auld, to a committee to advise the minister on financial assistance to students.

Public Library - Alderman Lynch advised Council that Mrs. Nyland is extending an invitation to all members of Council to visit the Simon Fraser Centennial Library.

Transit operations - The Chief Administrator reported that the policy of the Provincial Government indicates that it is still paying 50% of the operating deficit; and that it is in the process of considering eliminating the freeze on fare structure.

C.U.P.E. - Council was advised that C.U.P.E. had been advised of the City's position to their recent request and as a result intend to work-to-rule. The City has taken appropriate action and will be able to cope with the situation.

Y.M.-Y.W.C.A. - Alderman LeBlanc asked that the City consider allowing the Y.M.-Y.W.C.A. to maintain an office on the second floor. The Chief Administrator reminded Council that if free space is made available the City will have to assume all or part of the operating costs.

Lottery - Alderman Aubry suggested a committee be formed to investigate the possibility of the city conducting a lottery.

Capitol Theatre - The Chief Administrator stated that within a week or two a report on usage of Capitol Theatre should be presented to Council.

Conventions - Alderman Guindon inquired as to the policy governing council members attending conventions. After some discussion, it was recommended that any alderman wishing to attend a convention, advise the Mayor of his intentions.

Salt usage - Alderman Lebano suggested controlling the use of salt on city streets.

Cumberland St. speeding - Alderman Lebano asked for a report with respect to speeding on Cumberland Street.


Parks Canada - Mayor Parisien assured Alderman Lebano that representation has already been made to the Federal Government, objecting to the closing of the Parks Canada office here.

Press releases - Alderman Lebano stated he took objection to important press releases coming from administration rather than from the Mayor or a member of Council. He referred specifically to the announcement on the civic complex opening. The Chief Administrator replied that he appreciates constructive criticism and reassured Council that he would do everything possible to see that this system of government works.

Apt. house on 4th St. - Alderman Pescod asked if something could be done about the uncompleted apartment house building on Fourth St. pointing out the dilapidated condition, the need for these extra apartments, and the lack of revenue to the city. Alderman Bough stated that he has information that construction will be resumed by the 1st of February.

Adjournment - Moved by Alderman Samson, seconded by Alderman Guindon that Council adjourn into Committee of the Whole - closed.


Clerk


Mayor