

June 3, 1975

5:00 p.m.

A special meeting of Council was held this evening with the following members present: His Worship Mayor Gerald Parisien, Aldermen M. Holden, J. Pescod, A. Lebano, K. Bough, G. Cameron, F. Guindon, L. Keen, B. Lynch, G. Samson, A. LeBlanc and D. Aubry.

Financial Statements - 1974

The firm of Touche Ross & Co., Chartered Accounts, was represented by Messrs. C. Gale, R. Dilworth and D. Timmins. The ten year financial review was presented by Mr. R. Hamilton. He explained to Council that in general terms, 1974 had been a good year. Alderman Aubry asked how the \$185. per capita on our net long term liabilities compared with other cities our size and he was informed that our per capita amount was average. Alderman Lebano inquired on how Council could prevent anyone from capitalizing on tax arrears and more specifically, in dealing with residential properties. The reply was that as soon as the City takes title to a property, it be offered to public tender. In response to Alderman Lebano's question, Mr. Dilworth indicated that the expenditure increase of \$65,000 in 1974 from 1973 in recreation and community services was somewhat low.

After having reviewed the whole financial statements, Alderman Lebano inquired from the auditors if there were any flaws or weaknesses in our system that could be remedied in order to capitalize as much as possible on our dollar value and also, if in their opinion, land banking was good business practice. Mr. Dilworth explained that on the whole, the City's operations were handled quite well and that there were a few minor problems but that they were being looked after. He also thought that from the municipal point of view, land banking was a good idea. Alderman Lebano praised the work done by the administration more particularly the Treasurer and his staff and also the quality of work of the auditors.

Guindon Park

Mr. K. Knox of Knox, Martin & Kretch presented further considerations to Council following the last public meeting. The input of Mr. Purdie, Alderman Aubry and his students and the public at large contributed greatly in the formation of a fourth concept as presented this evening.

Mr. Knox gave a very thorough presentation of the fourth scheme and answered questions from both Council and the public. He concluded by stating that he estimated the cost of this project to be approximately 3 million dollars and that approximately 1 million dollars was already available.

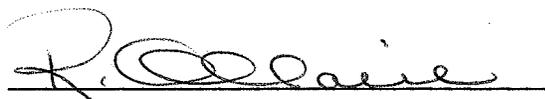
It was moved by Alderman Pescod and seconded by Alderman Aubry that the concept presented this evening be adopted in principle and that the costing phase be proceeded with so that Council can start investing the funds available in the best way and within a reasonable time. Carried.

Fire Truck

Alderman LeBlanc informed Council that he had been approached by the President of French Week asking permission to have the use of the new fire truck for the opening and closing ceremonies of French Week. He had informed the President of French Week that he would seek Council's permission.

It was moved by Alderman Pescod and seconded by Alderman Aubry that permission be given to the Fire Chief to have the fire truck made available for the opening ceremonies of French Week on June 6th but not for the closing ceremonies on June 14th. Carried.

Alderman Bough suggested that the Shriners be approached being that they recently purchased from the City an old fire truck.



Acting-Clerk



Mayor.