

September 23, 1975.
7:00 p.m.

A special meeting of Council was held this evening to meet with the Planning Board, and the following members of Council were present: His Worship Mayor G. Parisien, Aldermen M. Holden, J. Pescod, A. Lebano, F. Guindon, L. Keen, R. Pearson, B. Lynch, A. LeBlanc, R. Aubry, and G. Samson. Also in attendance were R. Hornby and L. Hart, members of the Planning Board.

The following two items were dealt with by Council only.

Commissioner of Development - recommending that Cornwall Gravel Co. Ltd. be awarded Tender #62-75, Brookdale/Water St. Reconstruction Phase I.

It was moved by Alderman Lebano, seconded by Alderman Pearson that Cornwall Gravel Co. Ltd. be awarded Tender #62-75, subject to the Management Committee ratification and also that Cornwall Electric be advised to proceed with all relocations and constructions necessary to their facility in order to accommodate the Water Street-Brookdale Avenue Phase I works. Carried.

BY-LAW -

1884 - authorizing the Mayor and Clerk to sign an Agreement with William R. Mack to carry out professional services to convert a portion of a municipal building at 412 Fifth Street East, into a Day Care Centre.

It was moved by Alderman LeBlanc and seconded by Alderman Pescod that By-law 1884 be given First and Second Reading. Carried.

It was moved by Alderman Keen and seconded by Alderman Guindon that By-law 1884 be given Third Reading. Carried.

Council then met with the Planning Board to review and consider the adoption of the City's Phase I Housing Policy.

Mr. Ismaily, presenting the Phase I Housing Policy Statements, paid tribute to Mr. Kennedy Self for conducting most of the Study, with the help of two summer students.

He explained that this study has been made, keeping the following in view:

- (I) That the Council is desirous of ensuring that the Citizens of the municipality be assured of a supply of housing, both now and in the future, adequate both in quality and type to satisfy their needs;
- (II) That the Council is also desirous of utilizing and enabling the citizens of Cornwall to participate in those programs of the senior levels of Government which complement the City's goals and objectives with respect to the supply of housing of various types;
- (III) That the senior levels of Government have instructed the City, as a prerequisite for the utilization of the various housing programs, to prepare and adopt a Municipal Housing Policy Statement; and
- (IV) That the Council deems it desirable to establish a first phase housing policy while further, more detailed analysis on the supply of housing is considered.

Mr. Ismaily informed the members of the Council and the Planning Board that the immediate effect of these policy statements would be that the City could get involved in Municipal Land Assembly Program and qualify for such funds. He said that this program is not

the only solution to housing problem, but is one of the solutions nevertheless.

Mr. Ismaily highlighted the main sections of the Study and also explained as to how a survey of the whole City was made. He noted that the average income in Cornwall is lower than the Ontario average, and that there is a shortage of every type of accommodation. He said that, during 1975-1978, there would be a demand of 660 dwelling units per year, creating a deficiency of 150 to 200 units per annum, if the current rate of construction remained the same. He emphasised the need of O.H.C. and C.M.H.C. involvement to much greater extent.

Mr. Ismaily further stated that at the local scene there has been a trend of building single-family detached houses only. This trend, he said, must change and that the local builders must provide a better mix of houses, having different sizes, with different price ranges and adequate supply.

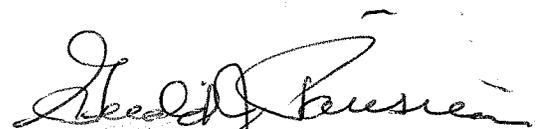
In the end, Mr. Ismaily requested that the Study be adopted as Phase I of Housing Policy.

After a lengthy discussion when many questions were answered by Mr. Ismaily and Mr. Self, it was moved by Alderman Lebano and seconded by Alderman Lynch that:

1. Phase I Municipal Housing Policy be adopted;
2. The Chief Administrative Officer be authorized to submit the said Municipal Housing Policy to the Ontario Ministry of Housing for approval;
3. The Chief Administrative Officer be authorized to solicit the remaining portions of the grants from the Ontario Ministry of Housing for the purpose of assisting the Municipality to develop a Phase II Housing Policy Statement.

Carried.


City Clerk


Mayor