

CITY COUNCIL - #13-76

April 26, 1976

7:00 p.m.

A 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 Cameron that the minutes of the meeting of April 12th 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 April be adopted as received. Carried

Delegations - The Spiritual Assembly of the Baha'is of Cornwall to present Mayor Parisien with two Baha'is books

On behalf of the Spiritual Assembly of the Baha'is of Cornwall, Dr. P. Christensen, M. C. Preddie and Ms. Rose Marie Villarta presented two Baha'i books to Mayor Parisien, offering the support and prayers of the local community to members of Council.

Consent Agenda - Moved by Alderman Guindon, seconded by Alderman LeBlanc that the following items, as listed on the Consent Agenda, be adopted as received -

- 1C report re Holiday Closings for Retail Businesses.
- 2C Capital Budget report from Fire Chief requesting purchase of a Salvage Unit, at est. cost of \$15,000.00.
- 4C Petition for local improvements, pavement on Martine Street from Windsor St. to Western limit (lot 197 R.P. 242) submitted by Mr. Roger Sabourin, 233 Martine St.
- 5C Letter of appreciation to Mayor and members of Council from Trinity Church for a fine reception accorded His Grace, The Archbishop of York
- 6C Chamber of Commerce - requesting \$400. for three community bulletin boards. Request made on behalf of the Tourist & Convention Committee.

Alderman Guindon asked that item 3C be placed on the agenda of Council.

Resolutions -

#37-76 - City of Cornwall - requesting from M.T.C. a supplementary allocation of subsidy moneys for construction in the amount of \$354,718.00.

Moved by Alderman Keen, seconded by Alderman Samson that the resolution be adopted as received. Carried

#38-76 - City of Cornwall - requesting from M.T.C. a supplementary allocation of subsidy moneys for construction and installation of traffic control signals in the amount of \$56,308.75

Moved by Alderman Cameron, seconded by Alderman LeBlanc that the resolution be adopted as received. Carried

#39-76 - City of Cornwall - requesting from M.T.C. approval of proposed expenditures of \$2,105,121.00 for Highway Improvements for 1976

Moved by Alderman Pearson, seconded by Alderman Lynch that the resolution be adopted as received. Carried

#40-76 - City of Cornwall - that By-law 1980/76 (Open Hands, 134-9th St. W) is according to Official Plan

Moved by Alderman Guindon, seconded by Alderman Pescod that the resolution be adopted. Carried

#41-76 - City of Cornwall - that By-law 1968/76 (reducing lot requirements in Mfg. 40 is according to Official Plan

Moved by Alderman Pescod, seconded by Alderman Holden that the resolution be adopted. Carried

Communications and By-laws - Moved by Alderman Lebano, seconded by Alderman LeBlanc that Council go into Committee of the Whole and that communications, petitions and by-laws be referred to that committee and that By-laws No. 2009 to 2017, as listed, be read a first time -

2009 - to authorize purchase of a Fire Dept. Salvage Unit

2010 - to authorize signing of Agreement releasing J. Markell from previous agreement obligating him to local improvement charges for a sanitary sewer on lot 190 R.P. 240

2011 - to authorize entering into Agreement with O.H.C. for 29 Family Housing Units on Gloucester between Third & Fourth Streets

2012 - to repeal By-law 1864/65, being a by-law to provide for the closing of certain classes of shops on certain days within the City

2013 - to appoint certain elected officials and lay members to the Recreation Committee and certain lay members to the Seaway Valley Tourist Council

- 2014 - to amend the zoning by-law by changing from Mfg. 20 to Com 41, the land for the hotel complex at Boundary Rd and 2nd St
- 2015 - to authorize signing of agreement with A MacDonald for \$6700. plus interest for golf green repairs
- 2016 - to authorize signing of an Offer to Purchase with Robert Clare Enterprises Ltd for \$5,000. per acre for three acres in Industrial Park
- 2017 - To authorize the replacement of a watermain on Water from Adolphus to Marlborough

Alderman Holden declared his interest and refrained from discussing or voting on By-law No. 2011.

Alderman Cameron declared his interest and refrained from discussing or voting on By-law No. 2010.

Communications -

1. Capitol Theatre - recommendation from Chief Administrator to call for Tenders to lease the building, based on former terms and conditions that prevail

Moved by Alderman Bough, seconded by Alderman Lynch that the report be adopted as received. Carried. Alderman Lebano suggested that, in view of the proposed mall development, the opinion of the downtown merchants be obtained. Mayor Parisien reported that he met this morning with the merchants, who indicated that they are very interested in obtaining parking space in this area. It was brought out that 55 parking meters would be removed with a mall. There are presently 90 spaces in the theatre parking lot, which would increase to 140 with demolition of the building. It was noted that the City paid \$130,000. for the building and land, with a loss of \$11,200. being experienced last year. Alderman Aubry suggested we defer making any decision on the disposition of the building until it is determined if the new college theatre will meet the needs of local organizations and if the mall is proceeded with. Alderman Lynch agreed that we should not make a decision at this time but, should learn what grants are available as this theatre could be an asset and focal point of downtown development and a tourist attraction. Alderman Bough reminded members that the theatre is used not only for movies but is also used, at times, as a community centre which brings people downtown.

2. Tender #15-76, Supply & Install Catchwater Basins & Storm Sewers - Director of Engineering Services and Purchasing Agent recommending that Clarence McDonald Excavations Ltd. be awarded the contract, at a total bid price of \$5,550.00.

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

3. Tender #17-76, Supply of Ductile Iron-Tyton Joint Pipe - Director of Public Works & Purchasing Agent recommending that Stanton Pipes Ltd. be awarded the contract at a total lot price of \$44,395.00.

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

4. Cornwall Recreation Committee - Minutes of meeting held April 13, 1976

Moved by Alderman Keen, seconded by Alderman Lynch that the minutes be adopted as received. Carried

5. Hotel Dieu Hospital - recommendation from Chief Administrator to approve a grant of \$35,000. in 1976 and recommend the 1977 Council approve a similar amount

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

6. A. MacDonald-Agreement - report and recommendation that an agreement for reconstruction of two golf greens be signed to pay to Mr. MacDonald \$6,700. plus interest from Sept. 1/75

Moved by Alderman Lynch, seconded by Alderman Bough that the recommendation be approved. Carried

7. Purchase of Roofing Materials - recommendation from Chief Administrator and Commissioner of Finance for material for City Hall and Filtration Plant

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

8. Report of Commissioner of Finance and Director of Engineering Services - watermain construction - Water Street, Adolphus to Marlborough

Moved by Alderman Pearson, seconded by Alderman Guindon that the report be adopted. Carried. The Commissioner of Development explained that when the pipe was exposed last year he felt it did not have to be replaced, but believed it would last another ten years. However, there has been four or five breaks during the winter. Mr. Adams further pointed out that last year pipes were put in from the main to the curb key. We would now disconnect from the main stop and retap to the new main.

3C - Petition from Marleau Ave. residents reconfirming their wish to have Marleau Ave from McConnell Ave. & Iroquois Drive covered with a temporary pavement

Moved by Alderman Samson, seconded by Alderman Cameron that the petition be received and filed. 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.

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 Bough that the by-laws, listed on the agenda for third reading, be taken as read a third time and finally passed. Carried

Aldermen Cameron and Holden declared their interest in By-laws 2010 and 2011 respectively and refrained from discussing or voting on the By-laws.

New Business -

Senior Citizens Complex - Council was advised that a change in the Zoning By-law will be required before building of the Senior Citizens Complex at Race and Gloucester Streets.

Transit Bldg. - The Transit Manager informed Council that there does not appear to be any delay in construction of the transit building and that occupancy should be by the end of July.

Bldg. Construction - Alderman Lebano complained of the delays in construction work at the Transit and Y.M.-Y.W.C.A. buildings. He suggested that administration take a more strict approach and, further, that a clause should be inserted in any tender contract whereby the contractor could be held liable for any extra costs caused by a delay in construction. The Mayor replied that since January many delays have been experienced, however, assurance has now been given that the work will be completed by May 29th.

Cross Dogs - Alderman Lebano referred to a young girl who recently was severely mauled by a cross dog. He noted that many cities are charging \$100. as a licence fee. The matter is to be further considered in closed Council.

Garbage pickup - Alderman Lebano referred to complaints received that garbage is being picked up late. He stated that the contractor is prepared to use one or two extra trucks which will eliminate this problem.

Airport report - Mayor Parisien advised that, possibly next week, a public meeting will be called to discuss the proposed airport.

Transit Routes - The Transit Manager stated that he and the Traffic Manager have worked out a program to acquaint the citizens with the new bus routes once the one-way street system is implemented. Further, this information will be mailed to each home.

Old transit buses - Replying to Alderman Bough, the Transit Manager stated the three old buses are needed and should not be disposed of until the new ones are available.

Civic Complex - Council was advised that the project manager is responsible for security at the Civic Complex.

Accident on 2nd St. - Alderman Bough noted he was pleased to see the Mayor's concern over the fatal accident on 2nd Street east, in asking that a report come before the Police Commission.

Capitol Theatre - Alderman Cameron recalled that when the Capitol Theatre was purchased two things were considered - parking or perhaps it might be a good area when revitalizing downtown. In fulfilling the needs of the people, he stated, we have to look at what we can, and cannot afford. He felt it too valuable a piece of land to obstruct future growth of the area; and that an art centre could be located in the complex or St. Lawrence College

Water Tower - Alderman Guindon asked that the necessary lights be replaced at the time the water tank is repainted.

Closing of Newark - The Director of Planning advised Alderman Guindon that our solicitor has advised that the owner of the land on Newark St. who received 33 ft. of property from the City was not obligated to give away this strip of land when selling his property. The original owner would be liable for taxes on this 33 ft., which is not of sufficient size to build upon.

Inspection of arenas - The Chief Administrator advised members that a report will be forthcoming on the condition of the two arenas after they have been inspected.

2nd St. accident - Alderman Lynch stated that a number of people have expressed concern over the fatal accident on 2nd St. He commended the Mayor for asking for a review by the Police Commission, which would clear the matter and the police.

Street maintenance - Alderman Lynch inquired as to the City policy re grading and oiling of gravelled streets.

O.M.B. Hearing - Alderman Lynch asked the two aldermen to reconsider their thinking in appearing before the O.M.B. on behalf of Greater York. He felt such action undermines the policy of Council.

Traffic Lights - Alderman Pearson suggested that the traffic lights at St. Felix St. and Montreal Road be relocated to Belmont St. and Montreal Road.

Civic Complex - Alderman Pearson inquired if any commitment had ever been made to house the Senior Citizens Club in the Civic Complex. The Mayor stated there is nothing definite but that the Senior Citizens are hopeful of purchasing the building they are now using.

Water St. East - Alderman Pearson suggested that Water Street in the area of Horovitz Park be levelled.

Montreal Road - Alderman Pearson asked that Public Works consider servicing the few vacant lots on Montreal Road when the road is being paved.

2nd and Anthony St. - Alderman LeBlanc asked that the owner of the property where the natural gas station is at 2nd and Anthony be requested to top soil the property.

Sidewalk in front of High School - Alderman LeBlanc asked that the trash in front of St. Lawrence High School be cleaned up.

Fill for Complex - Alderman LeBlanc suggested negotiating with the contractor to obtain fill from the building of the high rise complex on Second Street across from St. Lawrence High School.

One-way Streets - Alderman LeBlanc expressed concern about fire trucks serving the industries in the West End when 4th Street becomes one-way. The Traffic Engineer assured Council that this question has been discussed several times with Chief Carriere, who feels there will be no problem. Mr. Knight believed the trucks would likely proceed west on 5th St., making extra time on one-way streets with less likelihood of an accident. Alderman Holden recalled that the extension of 7th St. several years ago was as an access route to provide better fire protection to the west end. It was suggested that the Fire Chief submit a report.

Guindon Park - The Commissioner of Development advised that information has been received from Ontario Hydro and that, perhaps this week, he will be asking Council for a special meeting to consider development of Guindon Park.

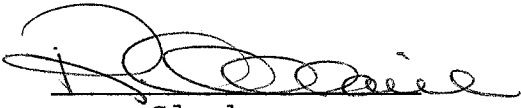
T.V. coverage - Cable 11 has been asked for a further clarification of their format in covering council meetings; and to insure that the entire meeting is televised.


Proposed mall - Mayor Parisien reported that the Downtown Merchants Association presented sketches of what they would like to see downtown, when they met with him this morning. They believed there is recent legislation whereby special consideration would be given for downtown development. The

method of charging has to be determined and whether abutting property owners will have to pay a benefitting fee.

H.M.C.S. Annapolis - Mayor Parisien notified Council of the visit here on July 6th-10th of the H.M.C.S. Annapolis destroyer type of vessel.

C.N.R. train service - Mayor Parisien reported that he had another call from the C.N.R. advising that service to Toronto will be available twice in the daytime and twice at night. Service on the Turbo will be by bus to Kingston and then by train to Toronto. The Mayor stated he asked to have the Rapido stop here but was told that we should accept the present system on a trial basis and that C.N.R. is still open to change later if a change is warranted.


Clerk


Mayor