

CITY COUNCIL #37 - 76

October 25, 1976

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.

Presentations -

Rev. D.J. Tigchelaar - Referring to his dedication to the citizens of the City and his deep involvement in community life during his five year tenure of office as clergyman of the Christian Reformed Church, Mayor Parisien presented a certificate to Rev. D.J. Tigchelaar. The Mayor made reference to the tragic fire last year when his church was burned down, but which resulted in this community coming together to assist in the reconstruction.

Centennial Choir - Mayor Parisien recalled that, since its inception in 1967, the Centennial Choir has made quite a name for itself in the City and, recently, throughout the whole world when it participated in the Wales Music Festival. A certificate was presented, with each member of the choir signing the Golden Book. Mr. Brian McCartney, director, thanked the City for the support received in going to Europe and participating in the Wales Festival.

Adoption of minutes - Moved by Alderman Pescod, seconded by Alderman Lebano that the meeting of Council of October 12th be adopted as received. Carried. Moved by Alderman Keen, seconded by Alderman Lynch that the minutes of the Council meeting of October 18th be adopted as received. Carried. Moved by Alderman Guindon, seconded by Alderman LeBlanc that the minutes of the Committee of Council meeting of October 12th be adopted as received. Carried. Moved by Alderman Pearson, seconded by Alderman Samson that the minutes of the Committee of Council meeting of October 18th be adopted as received. Carried. Alderman Bough declared his interest and refrained from voting on Committee of Council minutes #36-76.

Delegations -

Eugene Cardinal - 5th St. E. residents objecting to 5th St. ext.

- Mr. Cardinal, on behalf of the delegation present, strongly objected to the extension of 5th Street easterly. Further to the objections as contained in a petition of October 18th, Mr. Cardinal recalled that in 1968 and 1972 a delegation came before Council and was promised that the Official Plan would be changed to insure that 5th St. is never extended. Further, he referred to a report prepared at that time by Mr. Knight indicating that the soil, in this area of 5th St. is not suitable for heavy traffic. Mr. Cardinal asked that their objections be taken under consideration and that Council reverse its decision so that the residents will not have to be on the lookout again for this street being opened up. Mayor Parisien advised that when Mr. Menard subdivided these lands an arrangement was made between the City and the subdivider that there would be an allowance for the extension of 5th St. Each lot sold in that area was sold with that distinct possibility. The Mayor further pointed out that in considering the purchase of this land, there was no recommendation to extend 5th St. The east-west artery is 9th to Marlborough St. and 5th St. will only be considered when traffic conditions warrant it, at which time it would be very difficult and expensive to purchase lots with homes built on them. Council could be censured for not having planned for such an eventuality, the Mayor stated. Various members expressed the opinion that a report be prepared indicating present land usage under the Official Plan; soil conditions and alternates available to carry traffic across the City. Council also requested a copy of Mr. Knight's report, with Alderman Cameron asking for a copy of the /68 minutes and Alderman Samson for a copy of the /72 minutes. A notice of motion was given by Alderman Lebano, seconded by Alderman Lynch that the matter be reconsidered.

Roy Marcellus - water & sewer lines on Tollgate Rd.

- Mr. Marcellus again asked Council for water and sewer lines on Tollgate Road, which would provide services to his mobile home park. He was informed that provision for these works had been provided for in the first draft of the capital budget but, because of other priority items, was removed from the list of capital expenditures for this year. Mayor Parisien assured Mr. Marcellus that cost of these works will be included in the 1977 draft budget but that this Council cannot give any assurance that this will be passed by next year's Council.

Resolutions -

#63-76 - that By-law #2105, 1976 is in conformity with the Official Plan

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

Communications & By-laws -

Moved by Alderman Lynch, seconded by Alderman Lebano 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. 2110 to 2117 incl., as listed, be given a first reading -

2110 - to grant a pension to Paul Chouinard

2111 - to authorize signing of agreement with 262007 Investments Ltd. & Cornwall Gravel

2112 - to authorize signing of Agreement with Jos. Carra & Hubert F. Brunet; and Thomas & Nash Ltd.

2113 - to provide for borrowing of \$964,882.79 upon debentures to pay for the construction of services, storm and sanitary sewers and watermains

2114 - to amend Zoning By-law

2115 - temporary loan re by-law 2031/76

2116 - to grant an extension of the franchise agreement with Cornwall St. Rly. Light and Power Co. Ltd. and to grant a rate increase to the company.

2117 - to submit by-law #2116 to the municipal electors

2118 - to authorize a rate increase in franchise agreement with St. Lawrence Power

Communications -

1. Recreation Committee - minutes of Oct. 18th meeting

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

2. Planning Board - minutes of Oct. 21st meeting

Moved by Alderman Pescod, seconded by Alderman Cameron that the minutes be adopted as received. Carried

3. Knights of Columbus - requesting permission to sell tickets

Moved by Alderman Lebano, seconded by Alderman Cameron that permission be granted. 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 its recommendations for enactment.

Committee of the Whole - Moved by Alderman Pescod, seconded by Alderman LeBlanc that the report be adopted. Carried

By-laws - 3rd reading - Moved by Alderman Bough, seconded by Alderman Pearson that By-laws 2112, 2116, 2117, 2118 be considered separately.

Moved by Alderman Guindon, seconded by Alderman Lynch that By-laws 2110, 2111, 2113, 2114, 2115 be taken as read a third time and finally passed. Carried

Moved by Alderman Guindon, seconded by Alderman Samson that By-law #2112 be taken as read a third time and finally passed. Carried

Moved by Alderman Lynch, seconded by Alderman Cameron that By-law #2116 be taken as read a third time and finally passed. Carried

Moved by Alderman Pescod, seconded by Alderman Guindon that By-laws 2117 & 2118 be taken as read a third time and finally passed. Carried  
Alderman Bough declared his interest and refrained from voting on By-laws 2116 and 2117.

Moved by Alderman Samson, seconded by Alderman Cameron that By-law #2031 be taken as read a third time and finally passed. Carried.

New Business -

Damage to City property - Moved by Alderman Lebano, seconded by Alderman Lynch that a reward of \$100. be paid to anyone reporting the name of any person found wilfully damaging City property. Carried

Fire detectors - Alderman Lebano stated that he had recently read where some fire detectors are very dangerous if the container is ruptured. Expressing his concern, as a member of the local hospital Boards, he asked that administration prepare a report. He further stated that he has set up a meeting with representatives of Fire & Police Depts. and two hospital Boards.

City buses - The Chief Administrator assured Alderman Bough that the 2nd St. bus stop is to be relocated this week from in front of St. John's Church to in front of the Bank of Nova Scotia.

Municipal elections - Council was advised that the voters' list will be available on October 28th, with the electorate having until 5:00 p.m. on November 5th to request any changes in the list or school support.

Traffic signing - Alderman Guindon asked the Traffic Engineer to consider signing the right lane, on one-way streets, for right-hand turns only; especially at 9th and Sydney Street and Second at Marlborough St.

Pitt St. north - Alderman Guindon suggested meters be installed on Pitt St. north between 11th & 12th with no parking permitted between these streets.

Pigeons - Alderman Guindon informed Council that the traps have been placed again on the International bridge. The program for pigeon control, while carried out by the Authority, is the same as the City and has been very successful.

Vandalism - Referring to a recent report in the press on vandalism, Alderman Keen suggested similar coverage be given when the culprits appear in court.

Elections - Alderman Lynch asked that Council enlist the news media and civic minded bodies to ensure a large turnout on Election Day. He trusted that municipal elections will be advanced to the 1st Monday in November.

Audio-visual slide presentation - The Director of Economic Development advised Council that he will be working with the Civic Complex manager in the presentation of a audio visual slide to promote the City, which presentation will be ready in the Spring.

Vandalism - Alderman Lynch questioned the amount of publicity given to vandalism to City property which, in his opinion, only encourages certain individuals. He stated he would like to see successful prosecutions with reparations being made, and that these cases be publicized.

Civic parking - Alderman Lynch reported that he had received several complaints regarding parking at the Complex during the hockey game. He suggested better lighting and that no cars be allowed to park along the laneway. Mayor Parisien replied that a meeting, for this purpose, was called the next day. Noting that the 450 spaces provided for are insufficient, consideration is being given to providing parking in other areas with the people to be transported by bus to the Complex.

Civic Complex opening - Alderman Lynch questioned whether Hon. L. Lamoureux and Mr. F. Guindon will be taking an active part in the official opening of the Civic Complex; and was assured by the Mayor that they have both been invited.

Complex parking - Alderman Pearson notified Council that circulars are to be given out at the Complex indicating that parking is available at the Brown-Warrington parking lot and also behind the Arena.

Downtown revitalization - Answering Alderman Pearson, Mayor Parisien informed Council that the Downtown Merchants are meeting tomorrow evening but that Council has not been invited to attend.

Sale of debentures - Alderman Pearson related that, while in the bank, the manager had commented that the debenture rate received recently by the City was very, very good. The Mayor referred, also, to the large number of financial houses who tendered.

In answer to a question from Ald. Pearson

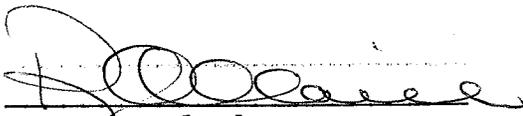
Grade Separation Improvement - the Chief Administrator reported that he and the Commissioner of Development met with officials in Toronto with respect to the grade separation structure at McConnell and Tollgate Road. The City was advised to continue under part 2 of the Railway Relocation Act for funding and our submissions would be considered either under that section or part 3, under which part the cost would be higher to the municipality. An answer can only be expected from the Government early next year.

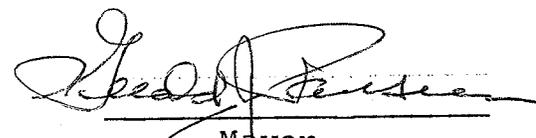
Left-hand turn at 2nd St. - Alderman Samson asked that the Traffic Engineer consider the feasibility of permitting left-hand turns from 2nd St. onto Pitt St.

Driveways on Water Street - Alderman LeBlanc was advised by the Mayor that the City has a written undertaking by the contractor that driveways will be repaired on Water Street on the north side, between Adolphus St. and Gloucester St. This agreement, however, is for present work and does not apply to the future.

Complex Bldg. - Alderman LeBlanc asked that the doors on the east side of the Civic Complex building be opened to accommodate persons parking on Race St. and behind the Arena. Mayor Parisien replied that facilities will be available at this entrance for accepting, but not for the sale of, tickets.

Zamboni operator at Complex - The Chief Administrator advised Alderman LeBlanc that he will get a report covering the hiring of a man outside the City as the zamboni operator at the Complex. Alderman LeBlanc took strong objection to this position being given to a person residing outside the municipality. Alderman Aubry suggested this question should have been presented to the Committee of Council.

  
Clerk

  
Mayor