

January 26, 1976
7:00 p.m.

A 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

Royal Canadian Legion - In recognition of its 50th Anniversary, Mayor Parisien presented Mr. Gordon Armstrong, president of Branch 297 of the Royal Canadian Legion, with a merit award. On behalf of Council and the citizens the Mayor congratulated the members on their tremendous work in the community. Mr. Armstrong recalled that initially the Legion's work was with the veterans but they now work also in the community. He then presented a cheque for the purchase of an organ for the Civic Complex.

Adoption of Minutes - Moved by Alderman Keen, seconded by Alderman Cameron that the minutes of the meeting of January 6th be adopted as received. Carried. Moved by Alderman Lynch, seconded by Alderman LeBlanc that the minutes of the Committee of Council of January 12th be adopted as received. Carried. Moved by Alderman Guindon, seconded by Alderman Lebano that the minutes of the meeting of January 12th be adopted as received. Carried.

Delegations - A. Casselman, pres. Seaway Valley Tourist Council

Mr. Casselman asked Council to consider a grant to the Seaway Valley Tourist Council of .15¢ per capita for 1976. He pointed out that the Counties are being asked for a grant on a similar basis and that the County of Grenville has already agreed to such a payment. Moved by Alderman Lebano, seconded by Alderman Guindon that the request be considered at budget time. Carried

Consent Agenda -

- 3-1C Resolution #13-76 - requesting an amendment to the Planning Act to provide for disqualification of members of Planning Bd. if absent for 3 successive months
- 3-2C Ontario Heart Foundation - requesting permission to hold its Annual Blitz, Feb. 10th & 11th
- 3-3C Olympic Flame Relay Program - Mayor Parisien recommending Council's participation
- 3-4C United Way of Cornwall & District - requesting an exemption from property taxes at 14-1st St. W.

Alderman Pearson asked that item 3-1C be removed from the Consent Agenda and placed on the regular agenda.

Moved by Alderman LeBlanc, seconded by Alderman Keen that items 3-2C - 3-3C and 3-4C be adopted as presented. Carried

Resolutions -

- #12-76 - Windsor - requesting amendment to Municipal Act to clearly establish the authority of municipalities to control the number and location of self-serve gasoline stations

Moved by Alderman Pearson, seconded by Alderman Guindon that the resolution be endorsed. Carried

- #14-76 - Cornwall - requesting a deposit and increase in signatures on nomination papers for candidates who wish to be nominated for different municipal offices

Moved by Alderman Lebrano, seconded by Alderman Samson that the resolution be endorsed. Alderman Guindon asked for a recorded vote with the following results - For the motion - Aldermen A. Lebrano, R. Pearson, G. Samson, A. LeBlanc and R. Aubry. Against the motion - Aldermen M. Holden, J. Pescod, K. Bough, G. Cameron, F. Guindon, L. Keen, and B. Lynch. The motion was defeated. Alderman Cameron agreed with Alderman Lynch that Council should not attempt to deter people from running for office. They did not feel that such requirements would prevent any non-serious person from seeking office. Alderman Lynch indicated that he is more concerned with election spending. Alderman Guindon suggested administration costs could be higher in checking all the signatures. Alderman Pescod, agreeing with Alderman Lynch, felt a requirement of 25 names might be

more suitable. Speaking for the motion, Alderman Lebano believed extra costs would be incurred in the preparation of a ballot with a great many names. Alderman LeBlanc agreed, stating further that he would like to see a \$100. deposit. Pointing out that \$100. is the required deposit in both senior governments, Alderman Aubry believed \$25.00 is not too much; and with a required fifty signatures a person would give serious thought to submitting his name. Alderman Holden approved of the motion with Alderman Keen stating he agreed with the obtaining of fifty signatures but not with a deposit.

#15-76 Cornwall - that By-law No. 1913/75, being a by-law to allow a private club "Loyal Order of the Moose" on west side of Power Dam Drive

Moved by Alderman Pescod, seconded by Alderman Cameron that the resolution be approved. Carried

Communications and By-laws - Moved by Alderman Lynch, seconded by Alderman Guindon 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 number 1960 to 1967 inclusive be given a first reading -

- 1960 - auth. the leasing of 44 Edward St. to Mrs. R. Leroux
- 1961 - auth. the sale of pt. lot 7, conc. 1
- 1962 - auth. the leasing of land with T.C.F. Canada for off-street parking
- 1963 - to collect the interim levy not later than Feb. 27, March 31 & Apr 30
- 1964 - permitting funeral home facilities on east side of Bonneville Lane
- 1965 - auth. borrowing of \$71,724.89 for const. of sanitary sewer on Boundary Road
- 1966 - auth. signing of Easement with St. Lawrence Power Co. to protect St. Lawrence Power 115,000 volt transmission line servicing Celanese
- 1967 - amending Zoning By-law for property along Abbot & Augustus St. near C.N.R. right-of-way, to change zoning from Mfg. to Res. 20

Communications -

- 3-1 Kinsmen Club - donating an amount of money not exceeding \$25,000. for a scoreboard for the Civic Complex

Moved by Alderman Guindon, seconded by Alderman Pearson that the recommendation of the Chief Administrator be accepted. Carried

- 3-2 Tender #71-75 - Alterations to Municipal Bldg. 412-5th St. E. - W.R. Mack and Chief Administrator recommending Long Sault Construction at \$103,325.

Moved by Alderman Samson, seconded by Alderman Cameron that the recommendation be approved. An amendment to the motion was made by Alderman Pearson, seconded by Alderman Pescod that action be deferred until after a study of the budget. The amendment carried. The motion was defeated.

Mr. Adams explained that the Ministry required a number of changes to the building for Day Care facilities. As a result, the City had to renovate the building to provide access at the rear, a new stairwell, changes in the pool area and also to the heating system. The Chief Administrator advised that a report will be coming to Council which will include utilization of our Day Care Centres. Mr. Si Miller is also looking into the availability of grants to help offset renovation costs.

- 3-3 Cornwall Civic Complex - selective advertising - Civic Complex Mgr. & C.A.O. recommending that Council endorse the use of selective advertisement in designated areas.

Moved by Alderman Lynch, seconded by Alderman Guindon that the report be approved as presented. Carried

- 3-4 Lions Club - donating funds for a fountain at the complex

Moved by Alderman Bough, seconded by Alderman Lebano that the City accept the donation; with the understanding that the club is to be contacted with respect to the area in which any bazaar is to be held. Carried

- 3-5 M.S. Thompson & Assoc & Civic Complex Mgr. - recommending changes to General Office area of Civic Complex

Moved by Alderman Guindon, seconded by Alderman Lynch that the report be adopted as presented. Carried

3-6 Transit Mgr. & Purchasing Agent - recommending Tender #75-75 - bus tires & tubes be re-tendered with more specification.

Moved by Alderman Lynch, seconded by Alderman Keen that the report be adopted. After much discussion, Alderman Keen withdrew as seconder of the motion. Moved by Alderman Bough, seconded by Alderman Holden that the tenders be re-examined and if they are within the specifications that one of the companies be awarded the tender. An amendment to the motion was made by Alderman LeBlanc, seconded by Alderman Guindon that we re-tender for these tires, asking for the various lines of tire, quality, weight and ply; and in accordance with the specifications as prescribed by the Ministry of Transport & Communications. Alderman Leblanc asked for a recorded vote. For the amendment - Aldermen A. Lebano, G. Cameron, Guindon, Keen, Samson, LeBlanc. Against the amendment - Aldermen M. Holden, J. Pescod, K. Bough, R. Pearson, R. Aubry and B. Lynch. Mayor Parisien voted against the amendment. The amendment was defeated. Voting for the motion - Aldermen B. Lynch, M. Holden and J. Pescod. Against the motion - Aldermen A. Lebano, K. Bough, G. Cameron, F. Guindon, L. Keen, R. Pearson, R. Aubry, G. Samson, A. LeBlanc. The motion was defeated. Moved by Alderman Aubry, seconded by Alderman Keen that, in light of all the tenders having met the specifications as set down, we accept the low tender. The motion was defeated. Moved by Alderman Guindon, seconded by Alderman Samson that we re-tender, calling for the number of tires; number of tubes; 1st, 2nd and 3rd line; 1st, 2nd and 3rd quality and in accordance with the specifications of the Ministry of Transport and Communications. Carried.

3-7 Kinsmen Club - requesting the name "Kinette Day Care Centre" at the Kinsmen Municipal Centre

Moved by Alderman Pearson, seconded by Alderman Lynch that Council approve the request. Carried

3-8 Civic Complex - Mr. Jordan to present his ideas concerning the 'logo' to be used

Mr. Jordan presented designs as prepared by Mr. Blair, Creative Arts Dept. of St. Lawrence College. Moved by Alderman LeBlanc, seconded by Alderman Samson that Council accept the design, as recommended by Messrs. Jordan and Blair. Carried. The design comprises three 'C's' to denote Cornwall Civic Complex, also represents the Three United Counties; the Maple Leaf; and a 'Y' design representing the 'Y' shaped pillars that support the building. Further, the logo gives the idea of the complete complexity and multi-purposeness of the facility.

3-9 Civic Complex - Mr. Jordan informing that Brookshell Motors has offered an automobile for promotional services.

Moved by Alderman Guindon, seconded by Alderman Pearson that the recommendation of the Chief Administrator be approved. The motion was defeated. Mr. Jordan explained that the agreement would be for a one year period commencing September this year. After some discussion, it was moved by Alderman Aubry, seconded by Alderman LeBlanc that the proposal be referred to administration to study the economic feasibility of the offer and whether the City would be setting a precedent. Carried

3-10 Civic Complex - report from Mr. Jordan setting out schedule of rates per foot for office leases

Moved by Alderman Aubry, seconded by Alderman Holden that the report be adopted. The Mayor suggested that Mr. Jordan determine whether any commitments were previously made regarding the use of space in the building to any outside organizations.

3-11 Civic Complex - letter from Mr. G. Baron, mediator between J. Entwistle Const. & The Labour International Union of America

rule 2 - Moved by Alderman Lynch, seconded by Alderman Keen that rule 2 be suspended in order to permit Mr. Gerald A. Baron to address Council.

Mr. Baron came before Council to advise the members, as an interested party, of negotiations to date with Mr. John Entwistle. He stated that he has held four meetings with Mr. Entwistle and since that time has repeatedly tried to reach him by telephone but he does not return his calls. He

affirmed that the No-Board Report issued by the Dept. of Labour in 1971 still applies. He noted that any further action would have to be taken by the Labourers Internation Union.

3-1C Resolution #13-76 - Owen Sound - requesting an amendment to the Planning Act to provide for disqualification of member(s) of Planning Board if absent for three successive months

Moved by Alderman Pearson that we endorse the resolution. There was no seconder.

Rule 1.11 - Moved by Alderman Pescod, seconded by Alderman Leblanc that rule 1.11 be suspended and that the meeting be continued after 11:00 p.m.

Tax Payments - Expressing concern over the many ratepayers out on strike, Alderman Holden inquired if the penalty clause can be forgiven for late payment of taxes. The Chief Administrator replied that there is no legal way in which the City can permit this.

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 Guindon, seconded by Alderman Cameron that the report be adopted. Carried

By-laws - 3rd reading - Moved by Alderman LeBlanc, seconded by Alderman Samson that the by-laws listed on the agenda for third reading be taken as read a third time and finally passed. Carried

Senior Citizens Bldgs. - Mayor Parisien reported that O.H.C. has awarded two tenders - one for the Senior Citizens building at 1st and Augustus St. and the other for a Senior Citizens building on Montreal Rd. on the former Nativity School site.

Meeting of Provincial Ministers - Mayor Parisien advised that a bus will be leaving for Ottawa around 1 p.m. tomorrow to attend the meeting with Hon. Wm. Davis and other provincial ministers.

Naming of streets - Referring to the naming of two streets in the Industrial Park, the Mayor suggested these could be named after two prominent historians - Judge J.F. Pringle and J.G. Harkness. Alderman Cameron suggested Olympic and Canadiana Roads.

Wintario Grants - Mayor Parisien advised that he has not yet received a reply from Hon. Welch, in which letter he asked for an appointment to discuss Wintario grants.

Great Canadian Race - Mayor Parisien reported that he has been advised by Mr. R. Johnston that the Firefighters Association will be pleased to act as catalyst for any events held here during the stop-over of 'The Great Canadian Race'.

Transit Statistics - Alderman Aubry suggested there would be a greater measure of efficiency if statistics on transit operations contained the number of passengers per run, per mile and per hour.

Second St. Parking - Alderman Aubry noted that Council is still awaiting a report on parking on Second Street.

Lateral Repairs - Alderman Aubry inquired as to whether the City will have to underwrite the costs of lateral repairs on Grant and Catharine Streets. The question was referred to the Public Works Department.

Naming of City Streets - Alderman Aubry asked that the Historical Society be requested to provide Council with some recommendation for the naming of the two streets in the Industrial Park.

Clark's Dairy - The Chief Administrator is to inquire as to whether Clark's Dairy property on the corner of Race & Bergin Street is up for sale.

4th St. East Apt. Bldg. - Mr. Adams advised that C.M.H.C. had accepted a tender for the Fourth St. Apt. Building but that legal problems have since arisen.

Street Corners - Alderman LeBlanc asked that the snow-banks at the corners of the streets be cut back.

Civic Complex Committee - Alderman LeBlanc reported that, as a result of a meeting of the Civic Complex Committee held on Jan. 13th, the official opening of the Civic Complex will be from Oct. 31st to Nov. 6th. If these dates are not suitable, then the Committee is suggesting Nov. 14th to Nov. 20th. Copies of the report are to be made available to Council.

Fly Creek Drain - Alderman Samson suggested that some streets in the Marlborough and 11th Streets area could be flooded in the Spring if the culverts are not opened. The problem was referred to Public Works.

Snow-banks - Alderman Samson asked that the snow banks on Marlborough St. near St. Paul's School be removed, in order to eliminate the dangerous practice of children using them to slide on.

Size of Council - Moved by Alderman Lynch, seconded by Alderman Pescod that the question of reducing the size of Council to the Mayor and eight aldermen be put to a referendum at the next election. Alderman Lynch stated that he believes the citizens should have the opportunity to decide; a recent survey shows we are over represented according to other municipalities; and a smaller, more streamlined Council would provide greater efficiency. Alderman Lynch further pointed out that, with the abolition of the committee system and the appointment of a Chief Administrator, a Council of nine can decide as well as thirteen as policy makers. Alderman Aubry, while supporting the motion, felt that with a smaller number it might be more difficult to communicate with the electorate. He noted that a reduction would realize a saving. Alderman Guindon felt that a smaller Council could place too much control with too few aldermen; a greater possibility of not having a quorum at meetings; fewer members to receive complaints from the electorate together with the extra costs to place the question on the ballot, he would be against the motion.

Alderman Guindon asked for a recorded vote with the following results -
For the Motion - Aldermen J. Pescod, A. Lebano, L. Keen, B. Lynch and R. Aubry.
Against the Motion - Aldermen M. Holden, K. Bough, G. Cameron, F. Guindon,
R. Pearson, G. Samson and LeBlanc. The motion was defeated.

Election Expenses - Alderman Lynch asked that the City of Ottawa be asked for a copy of their by-law covering election expenses and contributions over \$100.00.

L.I.P. Grant - Alderman Lynch suggested the application for a L.I.P. grant for bleachers at Guindon Park should not have been submitted when we did not have a commitment from the Management Committee and Ontario Hydro. The Mayor assured Alderman Lynch that he has been in contact with our member of Parliament, who is endeavouring to have the \$42,000. allocated to some other worthwhile project.

Snow removal - Alderman Keen asked that the Public Works Department endeavour to have snow removed from Third St. West, McLean and Munro Avenues.

Mondev Corp. - Mayor Parisien advised Council that Mondev is to have complete information available by Feb. 14th on their downtown and shopping mall proposals.

Cornwall Midget 'A' Travelling Team - Alderman Keen asked that a telegram be forward, on behalf of Council, to the Cornwall Midget 'A' Travelling Team who are playing in Calgary.

Policy re employees - Alderman Guindon asked that Council be made aware of the policy recognizing employees who have attained years of service with the municipality.

Historical Society - Alderman Pearson informed Council that the Historical Society is to meet with a representative of the Ministry to get his opinion on the possibility of the Historical Society being incorporated as a company.

Inverarden House - Alderman Pearson advised that there is a meeting this evening to discuss the reconstruction of Inverarden House. Alderman Pearson is to submit a report to Council.

L.I.P. Grant - Mayor Parisien advised that a letter from Hydro sets out the reasons for refusing the use of its land for permanent bleachers in Guindon Park. Mr. Adams affirmed that no approval had been received from Hydro when the application for a L.I.P. grant was submitted.

Senior Citizens Taxes - Alderman Holden advised that a report was submitted to Council last year with respect to legislation granting tax relief to Senior Citizens. It was brought out that with the income tax reduction, rent rebate, etc. these citizens are receiving more grants than a reduction in property taxes would provide.

Big Ben Ski Hill - Alderman Bough inquired as to whether a letter from Mr. J. Michaud, Cornwall Ski Club, asking about ski facilities at Big Ben, had been forwarded to the Director of Parks & Recreation.


Alderman Bough noted that the main entrance to the Big Ben Ski Hill is very hard to locate. He suggested a light be installed at the entrance to the road.

Snow-banks - Alderman Lebano asked that the high snow banks at street intersections, particularly a number of areas along Marlborough Street, north on Cumberland St. and other corners be cut back as quickly as possible.

Archie's Golf Range - Alderman Lebano asked that the Chief Administrator contact the Director of Parks & Recreation concerning the possible use of the pond at Archie's Golf Range as a rink.

Cornwall Civic Complex - Alderman Pescod welcomed members of Council to attend a meeting of the Association for Professional Engineers of Ontario to be held on Thursday at 7:00 p.m. when Mr. M.S. Thompson will speak on the design facilities of the Cornwall Civic Complex. He noted that Mr. Abdul Ismaily is chairman of the local group for this year.


Clerk


Mayor