

CITY COUNCIL - #7-76

February 23, 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; Alderman 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 the Committee of Council of February 9th be adopted as received. Carried. Moved by Alderman Lynch, seconded by Alderman Samson that the minutes of the meeting of Council of February 9th be adopted as received. Carried. Moved by Alderman LeBlanc, seconded by Alderman Lebano that the minutes of the Council meeting of February 16th be adopted as received. Carried

Consent Agenda - Alderman Lebano asked that items 7-9C; 7-12C; and 7-14C be placed on the regular agenda. Alderman Samson requested the transfer of item 7-5C to the regular agenda. Moved by Alderman Aubry, seconded by Alderman LeBlanc that items 7-1C; 2C; 3C; 4C; 6C; 7C; 8C; 10C; 11C and 13C, as listed, be adopted as received -

- 7-1C Resolution #6-76, Cornwall - that By-law 1894, 1975 to rezone from Com 80 to Com. 12, properties owned and leased by Cornwall Motor Sales Ltd. is according to Official Plan
- 7-2C Resolution #7-76, Cornwall - that City Council upholds By-law 1894/75 despite objections received
- 7-3C Resolution #21-76, Cornwall - allowing the Mayor/C.A.O. and Treasurer/Comptroller to sign all cheques & orders with Provincial Bank of Canada
- 7-4C Resolution #22-76, Cornwall - allowing Mayor/C.A.O. and Treasurer/Comptroller to sign all cheques and R. Martell to act as messenger with Royal Bank
- 7-6C Resolution #23-76, Cornwall - allowing the Mayor/C.A.O. and Treasurer/Comptroller to sign all cheques & orders with Toronto-Dominion Bank

- 7-7C Resolution #24-76, Cornwall - allowing Mayor/C.A.O. and Treasurer/Comptroller to sign cheques & orders with Bank of Montreal
- 7-8C Resolution #26-76, Cornwall - that By-law No. 1967/76, a by-law to change the zoning on part of Augustus & Abbot Sts. from Mfg 10 to Res 20 is according to Official Plan and that there are no proposed amendments
- 7-10C Resolution #28-76, Cornwall - that By-law 1964/76, being a by-law to permit Funeral Home facilities on east side of Bonville Lane is according to Official Plan that there are no proposed amendments
- 7-11C Resolution #29-76, Cornwall - that Council examined one letter of support to the rezoning and that Council still supports By-law 1964/76
- 7-13C Cornwall Centre Branch - petitioning Council to repair and pave part of Cornwall Centre Road from Brookdale Avenue to Highway #2

Rule 2 - Moved by Alderman LeBlanc, seconded by Alderman Samson that Rule 2 be suspended in order to permit Mr. Ron Bergeron to address Council.

B.I.D. - Mr. Bergeron extended an invitation to Council to visit Lachine with representatives of the East Cornwall Business Men's Association. The purpose of the trip would be to inspect an area where interlocking stones have been used. Aldermen Lebano, Guindon and LeBlanc indicated their intention to go to Lachine. Certain Department Heads are to be designated by the Chief Administrator.

Resolutions - 25-76 - Kucan Const. & Mgt. Co. Ltd. requesting Council to agree to an extension of time, not to exceed 4 mths., for development of subdivision in pt. E½ lot 3, conc. 1

Moved by Alderman Pearson, seconded by Alderman Guindon that we endorse. Carried

Communications and By-laws - Moved by Alderman Lebano, 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 1972 to 1976 incl., as listed, be given a first reading -

1972 - to appoint R.J. Hamilton as Chief Administrative Officer for the City

1973 - to authorize an agreement with the Minister of Housing covering the Provincial 25% contribution towards the selection stage of N.I.P. Bridge Area

1974 - to establish a Board of Management for the Montreal Business Improvement District

1975 - to appoint the members of the Board of Management for the Montreal Road Business Improvement District

1976 - to authorize the signing of a house lease with Mr. & Mrs. G. Tracey at 42 Edward St.

Communications -

7-1 Day Care Centre, 5th St. East - report from Miss Flanigan & Messrs. Adams & Miller that this facility operate for one year at which time a re-assessment of the situation would be made

Moved by Alderman Guindon, seconded by Alderman Lynch that the report be adopted as received. Unanimous. Miss Flanigan explained that a higher fee at the Kinette Centre is necessary because of the rent paid at that location. Certain alderman expressed concern on the opening of this second centre if there are not sufficient children registered. Miss Flanigan pointed out that staff is only hired as the need arises. It was the consensus of Council that the municipality has an obligation to the Province to open the Day Care Centre and if the space is not fully utilized then Council could consider renting space or take whatever action it deems necessary at that time.

7-2 One-way Street System - report from Traffic Engineer pointing out the necessity to commit \$65,000. in the 1976 current budget to complete the implementation of the one-way street system.

Moved by Alderman Lynch, seconded by Alderman Guindon that the report be adopted. Carried. Alderman Lynch noted that implementation of a one-way street system will eliminate the extra costs of synchronization of traffic lights and could effect a considerable savings over the years in road widening costs.

7-3 Cornwall Transit Route changes - reports from Traffic Engineer & Transit Manager together with illustrations for proposed route changes

Moved by Alderman Aubry, seconded by Alderman Lynch that the report be adopted as received. Carried. Moved by Alderman Guindon, seconded by Alderman Samson that a meeting be set up with the merchants in the two malls asking that they patrol their own parking lots. Carried. Mr. Robertson reported that he will be meeting with the Ministry of Transportation and Communications to ascertain the subsidy that might be available should

transit service be extended to Rosedale Terrace area and west to Combustion Engineering.

7-4 Streets By-law No. 235-67 - Director of Public Works recommending that some of the wording be amended within the by-law; and that the road cut deposit fee be increased.

Moved by Alderman Pescod, seconded by Alderman Aubry that the report be adopted. Carried. Alderman Lebano suggested the City might stipulate the type of machine to be used and kind of material for fill-in; also more frequent inspections by the municipality.

7-5 Tender #5-76 - Supply of Swimming Pool Chemicals - The Purchasing Agent & Director of Parks & Recreation recommending Lee Chemicals Ltd. at a total lot price of \$4,695.09

Moved by Alderman Pescod, seconded by Alderman Lebano that the recommendation be approved. Carried

7-6 Tax write-offs & refunds - Water & Tax Collector submitting a list of tax adjustments for 1975

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

7-5C Seaway Valley Tourist Council - letter of resignation from G.F. Grady

Moved by Alderman Samson, seconded by Alderman Aubry that a letter and certificate of appreciation be given Mr. Grady. Carried

7-9C Resolution #27-76, Cornwall - that Council has examined letters of objection to the rezoning and that it still supports By-law 1967

Moved by Alderman Keen, seconded by Alderman LeBlanc that the matter be referred to the Planning Board. Carried

7-12C Downtown Businessmen's Association - objecting to the 'No Parking' restrictions being imposed for Second Street, and requesting Council to reconsider the matter

Moved by Alderman Keen, seconded by Alderman Samson that Council call a meeting this coming Monday with those persons concerned and that the matter be held in abeyance until then. Carried

7-14C Chamber of Commerce - commending Council and staff for action taken on removing high snow banks at intersections and for increased sanding and salting of streets

Moved by Alderman Lebano, seconded by Alderman Samson that the letter be 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 LeBlanc, seconded by Alderman Lynch that the report be adopted as received. Carried

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

Resolution #30-76 - City of Cornwall - Moved by Alderman Aubry, seconded by Alderman Lebano that Whereas the municipal tax on the owners of property is regressive and, therefore, inequitable; And Whereas the ownership of property is not the best criterion of 'ability to pay'; And Whereas the chief problem facing all Ontario Municipalities today is the tax base and tax revenue thereupon compared to the basic needs municipalities are called upon to provide; And Whereas of late an increasing share of provincial grants have been of a conditional nature, thus reducing municipalities' ability to order their own priorities; Now Therefore be it resolved that the Council of the City of Cornwall petition the Government of Ontario to reconsider its policy for disbursement of Wintario proceeds and specifically, consider returning all Wintario proceeds to the Ontario municipalities on a per capita basis for approved projects; And Further that a copy of this resolution be sent to all cities in the Province for endorsement and support; and that a copy be also sent to our member of the Provincial Legislature and the Association of Municipalities of Ontario. Carried

New Business -

Family Counselling Service - Mayor Parisien stated that Family Counselling Service has asked to meet with Council. It was decided that a meeting will be held next Monday at 6:30 p.m.; to be followed by a meeting with Cormont-Mondey at 7:00 p.m. and at 8:00 p.m. to discuss parking on Second Street.

Former alderman - Mayor Parisien reported that flowers had been sent, on behalf of Council, to a former member of Council - the late Bert Yates.

Workmen's Compensation Board - Mayor Parisien stated that members of Council will be advised when Hon. M. Starr, chairman of Workmen's Compensation Board will be visiting the City.

Montreal Rd. Parking lot - Council was notified that meters will be installed in the parking lot at Montreal Road and Lawrence Avenue as soon as the lease is signed. This is a two year lease, with the City having the right of first refusal.

Senior Citizens Complex - The Commissioner of Development reported that no building permits have been taken out yet for the construction of the two senior citizens buildings. If a commencement date has been given, it must have been released by O.H.C. he noted.

Transit Drivers - Alderman Samson questioned the manner in which a recent bus driver was hired. Moved by Alderman Samson, seconded by Alderman Aubry that all jobs, with the municipality, be posted throughout the City regardless of the bargaining unit. After some discussion the motion was withdrawn, with the question to be discussed in closed council.

Taxi Owners - Alderman Samson stated he had been approached by a number of taxi owners. Concern was expressed that, should the meters cease to function on a weekend, money could be lost as no one within the City fixes these meters. He suggested the citizens be educated about the various zones. Mayor Parisien advised that he will submit a report in closed council.

Hospital closings - Alderman Samson suggested that a letter be sent to Hon. F.S. Miller asking that the hospital rooms being closed for medical care be rented to senior citizens until the two buildings are completed.

City gifts - Mayor Parisien reported that the amount of \$548.00 spent for City gifts in January was to replenish existing stock and is not a monthly cost. He noted that last year's expenditure of \$2,013.00 was the lowest since 1970.

Canada Week & Great Canadian Race - Alderman Lynch informed Council that he has attended meetings of the Canada Week and Great Canadian Race Committees. The committees will be working together to plan events from June 24th to July 1st. He stated that Mr. Franklin is to be here tomorrow at 2:15 p.m.

Social Services - Alderman Lynch suggested that the Provincial Government be asked to reconsider its spending restrictions for social services. He believed reduction of services by this Ministry will affect the weakest members of society and will cost much more over the next few years. Mayor Parisien referred to a meeting held last week with the County Restructuring Committee, where one of the areas of extreme concern was how the Agencies are going to stay within limits laid down.

Federal Housing Action Program - Alderman Keen asked that administration investigate the possibility of obtaining a loan or grant for extending water service to the northern section of the City, under the recently announced Federal Housing Action Program.

Public Works Dept. - Alderman Guindon commended the Public Works Department for the magnificent job they are doing in road maintenance during the winter months. He asked they consider a reassessment of their salting program due to the changing weather.

Arts Development Committee - Alderman Bough advised members that the annual meeting of the Arts Development Committee is to take place at 'Gallery 75' on March 23rd at 8:00 p.m.

Signs By-law - Alderman Bough asked that the Planning Board and Council should soon study the proposed Signs By-law. He referred two signs recently erected on the Cornwallis Hotel building.

Civic Complex Brochure - Referring to Civic Complex Brochure, Alderman Lebano stated he is not too pleased with the political terminology used in the first paragraph, as it does not do justice to the people representing the City in that year. He noted that he would like to see the words 'Mayor and Council'.

City logos - Alderman Lebano stated he did not know until this evening that the Transit logo cost the City \$1,450.00; with the Civic Complex logo costing \$990.00. He suggested getting our schools and community involved in such projects.

Industrial Commissioner - Alderman Lebano asked that when the new Economic Development Officer is appointed, he endeavour to obtain tenants in the former M.C.A. and Sylvania buildings.

Glen Productions - Alderman Lebano asked that the Mayor, on behalf of Council, send a letter of congratulations to Glen Productions for their tremendous contribution to the community in the presentation of "Fiddler on the Roof".

Governor-General Curling Trophy - Alderman Lebano asked that a letter of commendation be sent to Messrs. Gordon McDonald and Bill Dickey on their being awarded the Governor-General Curling Trophy. Both men are to be presented to Council on March 8th.

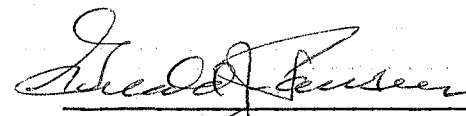
Domtar Strike - Alderman Lebano praised the Mayor for his efforts in endeavouring to bring together Management and Union at Domtar. The Mayor stated he will be reporting later this evening to Council.

Guindon Park - The Commissioner of Development reported that tenders will be called prior to the end of March for buildings, sewers, roads in Guindon Park.

Costs of logos - Alderman Holden, referring to a report prepared by the Comptroller, asked that more detail be furnished with respect to a breakdown of costs.

Adjournment - Moved by Alderman Lebano, seconded by Alderman Guindon that Council adjourn into Closed Council.


Clerk


Mayor