

CITY COUNCIL #15-76

May 4th, 1976.
7:00 p.m.

A special meeting of Council was held this evening with the following members present: His Worship Mayor G. Parisien, Aldermen M. Holden, J. Pescod, A. Lebano, K. Bough, F. Guindon, L. Keen, B. Lynch, R. Pearson, G. Samson, A. LeBlanc, R. Aubry.

The purpose of this meeting was to have a preliminary review of the items listed for Current Budget deliberations in 1976.

Alderman Lebano asked that an explanation be given as to the reasons why the Audit Reports were so late being completed, and also what the audit fees would be. The Chief Administrator indicated that the audit fees would be approximately \$50,000. and the two main reasons for the delay in the audit reports were that the books were not being properly balanced and also certain projects were undertaken near the end of the year.

After reviewing every item in the current budget report with the Chief Administrator, Commissioner of Finance, Comptroller and all other Department Heads, City Council members directed that the following matters be considered further by the Administration, and an update report be prepared before the next budget meeting.

Administrative - Insurance - prepare a report on self insurance and/or higher deductibles.

Police Department - School Patrols - consider the use of senior high school students and/or cross walks.

Recreation and Community Centres - Programme Revenues - report on ice rental rates for Cornwall and other cities, and also consider implementing a gradual rate increase on a yearly basis for all programmes, in order to avoid excessive rate increases.

Social & Family Services - Fifth Street Day Care Centre - projected enrolment for 1976 and estimated budget for 1977.

Community Planning & Development - Advertising & Promotion - Industrial

Commissioner is to prepare a report on future plans.

Public Works Department

Parking Section - Parking Lot Enforcement - comprehensive report indicating the need for one additional staff member.

Building Section - Justice Building and City Hall Maintenance - review leases at Justice Building for possible increased revenue, and have a list of priority items for both buildings.

Property Section - Tree Removal - review possibility of imposing a charge to property owners who are having the City remove a tree(s) from their property.

Grants to Community Services

Seaway Valley Tourist Council - 1976 budget should read \$5,482.00 to reflect .12¢ per capita charge.

Chamber of Commerce - make available a detailed financial report.

Rule 2.10 - Moved by Alderman Guindon, seconded by Alderman Lynch that Rule 2.10 be suspended in order to continue the meeting past 11:00 p.m. Carried.

Transit - Salaries - prepare new report to reflect actual salary costs in 1975 and staff demands.

Civic Complex - consider whether the Chamber of Commerce or Civic Complex will be responsible for publicity to ensure that there is no overlapping between the two.

It was the consensus of City Council that the next Current Budget meeting be held Thursday, May 13th, 1976 at 5:00 p.m.


City Clerk


Mayor