

CITY COUNCIL #1-76

January 6, 1976.  
7:00 p.m.

A special 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, F. Guindon, L. Keen, B. Lynch, R. Pearson, G. Samson, A. LeBlanc, R. Aubry.

The Great Canadian Race - Mr. H. Franklin, Executive Co-ordinator, informed Council that his organization was desirous of having Cornwall as a stop-over point for this race. He explained that the nature of this exercise is to travel from Toronto to Montreal by land, air or sea, in any way the participants choose. This "race" would begin on June 19th and conclude on June 26th. The stop-over in Cornwall would be for one day only. The participants would arrive in Cornwall on the afternoon of June 24th and depart on the morning of June 25th. It was Mr. Franklin's wish that local groups or organizations would put on dinners, dances or other similar activities to tie in with the race. Alderman Aubry suggested that perhaps French Week could be incorporated with this event and that perhaps Guindon Park could be used as a site for overnight accomodations to campers. Mr. Whittaker, Warden of the Three United Counties, and Mr. L. Lalonde from the Chamber of Commerce, pledged their full support to this undertaking. Insp. H. Levere indicated that the Police Department would appreciate being informed of all activities that will take place during that time.

It was moved by Alderman Pearson, seconded by Alderman Lynch that the presentation of the Great Canadian Race be adopted in principle and that Cornwall be a stop-over point. Carried.

Meeting - January 27th, 1976 - Mayor Parisien informed Council of the meeting with several Provincial Ministers and it was suggested that the City charter a bus, and find out from both school boards how many were going to attend.

Convention - Mayor Parisien advised Council of the Ontario Good Roads Association convention being held in February, and that anyone wishing to attend should make arrangements through his office.

Alderman Lebano indicated that it was hoped that everyone would practice restraint in attending different conventions during the year.

Snow Removal Policy - Mayor Parisien informed Council that several complaints were received whereby no snow clearance was being undertaken during weekends. He went on to explain that this policy was incorporated to try and save money by not paying unnecessary overtime and that because of numerous complaints received, would Council consider changing the policy. It was the consensus of Council that the present policy not be changed.

Fiscal Philosophy for 1976 - Mayor Parisien indicated that he was hoping that Council would adopt a philosophy of restraint within reason for the year 1976. He indicated that information received from the province indicates that grants will not be as readily available as in past years, thus forcing Council to take a hard look at existing programs and new ones being proposed. It was suggested that the Mayor notify all boards, commissions, groups and agencies who would normally rely on financial assistance from the city, and supply them with copies of restraint programs established by the province. Alderman Lebano requested that Mayor Parisien make written presentation to the province relative to improvements at Hotel Dieu Hospital. Alderman Lynch suggested that perhaps to generate more revenue, a lottery scheme be considered, being that Wintario is not helping as much as was expected. Alderman Bough indicated that he was in favour of an additional retail sales tax for the municipality. He also suggested that the Chief Administrator check with the City of Kingston on the format being used

to decide their budget.

It was moved by Alderman Pescod, seconded by Alderman Bough that Council adopt a philosophy of restraint within reason, for the year 1976, and that the said philosophy be conveyed to all groups, boards, commissions and agencies who would normally rely on financial assistance from the City. Carried.

Procedural By-law Amendment -

It was moved by Alderman Samson, seconded by Alderman Lynch that Council members be prohibited from introducing a motion during a presentation by a delegation invoking money matters. Carried.

  
Clerk

  
Mayor