

CITY COUNCIL #21-76

June 21, 1976.

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

Sewage Treatment Plant

Council was in receipt of a letter dated May 31, 1976 suggesting the transfer of responsibility for the operation of the Sewage Treatment Plant from the Province to the municipality.

It was moved by Alderman Pescod, seconded by Alderman Bough, that Administration compile all available information and that a delegation made up of members of Council and Administration meet with the appropriate Provincial Ministers to review the problems. Carried.

In discussing the above request, it was pointed out that there appears to be some protection in the agreement signed with the OWRC in 1966 when it was proposed by the Province to construct the sewage treatment plant. The Ministry now advises Council that development of building lots will be curtailed unless the plant is expanded at the municipality's expense. It is the consensus of Council and Administration that the ratepayers are unable to bear such a burden.

Tender #35-76 - Watermain on Water Street from Adolphus to Marlborough

It was moved by Alderman Lynch, seconded by Alderman Aubry, that the tender of L. W. Bray Construction Ltd. at a price of \$81,515.00 be accepted. Carried.

In his report Mr. Meikle anticipated a saving by salvaging a number of existing watermain fittings and by eliminating a quantity of fill material. The saving would be realized mainly from the elimination of a quantity of fill material.

Water Rates 1976

Council reviewed a report dated June 17, 1976 from the Commissioner of Finance recommending increases in certain water rates to become effective July 1, 1976.

In discussing the report, the main objection was the unfair distribution of increases. It was felt that those households which can afford extra facilities should bear more of the increase. Alderman Keen proposed two alternatives:

#1 - Items 1, 3, 5 and 7 under residential rates be assessed an increase of 75¢ and all others \$2.

He estimated this would generate an increase in revenue of over \$81,000

#2 - \$1 increase to all facilities which would generate a revenue of over \$74,000

Alderman Keen also proposed an increase of \$1.75 across the board for all facilities listed under commercial rates which he estimated would increase revenues by approximately \$5,300.

Alderman Bough suggested that consideration should be given to eliminating the 10% discount and imposing instead a penalty for late payment. He also suggested reviewing the feasibility of installing water meters in private homes.

It was moved by Alderman LeBlanc, seconded by Alderman Aubry, that the report be referred to Administration and that a further report be presented to Council as soon as possible for consideration. Carried.

Boales Drain

Council again reviewed a report dated May 20, 1976 prepared by Messrs. Adams and Walsh in connection with drainage problems associated with the Boales Drain.

It was moved by Alderman Pescod, seconded by Alderman Lebano, that the City formally apply to the Raisin Region Conservation Authority to include in their 1977 capital budget, monies for necessary studies and perhaps actual channel improvements in the south branch of the Raisin River and that any work which will not adversely affect other municipalities be done in 1977, if possible. Carried.

It was moved by Alderman LeBlanc, seconded by Alderman Bough, that building permits not be issued on the following lots until the drainage problems have been solved: R.P. 240, Lots 81, 83, 106, 107, 108, 127, 128, 129, 130, 131, 132, 139, 140, 151, 152, 153, 187 and 195; R.P. 336, Lots 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 46, 47, 48, 49 and 50; R.P. 337, Lots 15, 16, 17, 18, 19 and 20; and that flood zone protection be imposed on all lands lying within the drainage basin of the Boales Award Drain. Carried.

It was moved by Alderman Pescod, seconded by Alderman Lebano, that in all future plans of subdivision, the Planning Board and the Planning Director insist that any proposed plans of subdivision presented to the City include therein natural drainage systems and indicate as well where these systems discharge, be it either a larger natural drainage system or a municipal storm sewer system. Carried.

Mr. R. Montroy, 1805 Elgin, expressed his concern over that part of the drain which runs between his and his neighbour's property and asked if anything can be done right now. Mr. P. Menard, 1801 Elgin, stated that he has spent a considerable amount of money on fill which is just being washed away.

It was moved by Alderman Cameron, seconded by Alderman Lebano, that Public Works be instructed to look over this particular situation and come back as early as possible with a recommendation to Council. Carried.

Administration is to check into the legality of doing any of this work under the Local Improvement Act. Administration is also to check into the possibility of providing tax relief to the owners of those lots in registered plans 240, 336 and 337 on which building permits will not be issued.

Local Improvement Charges in the Northend

Mayor Parisien advised Mr. V. Herbert, 13 Mercier, that the City was within its legal rights to assess local improvement charges as they did but may have been remiss in the time lag in notifying property owners. However, a system is now in effect which will ensure that prospective purchasers are informed of impending local improvement charges.

Mr. Herbert was further informed that property owners not hooking up to the waterworks will be assessed rates based on the actual costs of the waterworks or \$100 per year for 10 years whichever is the lesser. Those property owners deriving an immediate benefit from the waterworks will be assessed water rates as provided in the City's Water Tariff By-law.

It was moved by Alderman Bough, seconded by Alderman Aubry, that the deadline be extended to June 30th to enable ratepayers to take advantage of cash payments. Carried.

Civic Complex Tenders

1-75-37 - Site Work - None of the original tenders received were recommended for acceptance. This work was broken up into smaller bid packages and retendered. Mr. R. LaPlante of M.S. Thompson & Associates recommended the acceptance of a bid submitted by Dibblee Construction for a portion of the work, the balance to be handled by Project Management.

It was moved by Alderman Aubry, seconded by Alderman Pescod, that the tender of Dibblee Construction Co. Ltd. for a portion of the work at a price of \$206,800 be accepted and that the balance of the work be handled by Project Management at a price of \$22,000.00. Carried.

1-75-43 - Carpeting - It was moved by Alderman Lynch, seconded by Alderman Guindon, that the tender of Stradwick Industries at a price of \$21,178 be accepted. Carried.

1-75-42 - Installation of Doors & Hardware - It was moved by Alderman Bough, seconded by Alderman Lebano, that the tender of Doorways Limited at a price of \$16,449 be accepted. Carried.

1-75-41 - Hockey Dasher Boards & Spectator Shields - None of the bids were recommended for acceptance. It is hoped to interest local contractors to quote on the dasher board contract once they have been supplied with the names of the companies who supply the dasher board material.

1-75-40 - Carpentry & Millwork - It was moved by Alderman Pescod, seconded by Alderman Holden, that the tender of Mirmil Products Limited at a price of \$52,630 be accepted. Carried.

1-75-39 - Asphalt Paving - It was moved by Alderman Guindon, seconded by Alderman Pearson, that the tender of Dibblee Construction Limited at a price of \$88,438.82 be accepted. Carried.

1-75-38 - Landscaping - It was moved by Alderman Lebano, seconded by Alderman LeBlanc, that the tender of Bruce S. Evans Limited at a price of \$116,794.80 be accepted. Carried.

Canada Week

Mayor Parisien advised that an invitation has been extended by Mr. Norman Lalonde for members of Council to attend as many events as possible during Canada Week. Tickets for the ball are limited and anyone wishing to obtain any should contact Mr. Lalonde as soon as possible.

Miss Canada will be at City Hall to sign the Golden Book on June 30th at 11 a.m.

Street Dance - The Firefighters Association has requested that Amelia Street between First and Water be closed on June 24th from 8 p.m. to 1 a.m. for the purpose of holding a street dance in connection with the Great Canadian Race. It was moved by Alderman Bough, seconded by Alderman Lynch, that the request be granted. Carried.

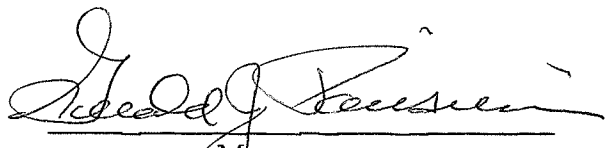
Chalet Glass

It was moved by Alderman Guindon, seconded by Alderman Lebano, that tourist direction signs in connection with Chalet Glass be erected once the Traffic Department has approved of the type and locations of same. Carried.

Adjournment

On motion of Alderman Holden, seconded by Alderman Samson, Council adjourned.


Clerk


Mayor