

November 2, 1976
12:00 noon

To

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

Pitt St. Mall - Mr. G. Assaly, representing the property owners on Pitt St. between First and Third Streets, addressed Council. He stated that a mall concept had been discussed over a period of many years and that it now appeared that it may be a reality. He went on to say that the pedestrian mall concept would be on Pitt Street between First and Third Streets and the cost would be approximately one million dollars. The province would provide assistance in the form of partially recoverable loans up to a maximum of two-thirds of the approved cost. The recovery of provincial funding is limited at 110% at no fixed recovery period. One-third of the cost of the project would be financed locally.

Mr. Assaly presented a petition signed by property owners requesting that the City close up on a permanent basis all of Pitt Street between First and Third Streets in order to establish a pedestrian mall. The petitioners also affirm that they are prepared to proceed with the project on a shared cost basis to be determined at a later date. The petition also indicates that the intersection at Second and Pitt Streets would remain open for normal traffic.

Mr. Assaly pointed out that in order for the City to qualify under the Ontario Downtown Revitalization Program it would be necessary for Council to approve in principle the mall concept and also approve an application to the Ministry of Housing before November 15, 1976 for qualification into the program. Other necessities would be to approve an amendment to the Official Plan and also apply to the provincial government for a private bill to close up Pitt Street in the area specified.

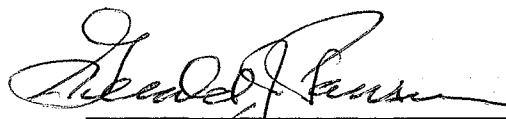
His group is prepared to sit with the administration and work out whatever is necessary to accomplish those goals mentioned.

Aldermen G. Cameron and Lebano endorsed the concept when assured that the property owners were prepared to sign any necessary document to help finance this project. The Chief Administrator advised Alderman Bough that City expenditures for this mall would need O.M.B. approval in 1977.

Moved by Alderman Lebano, seconded by Alderman Pearson that the mall concept be approved in principle and that application be made to the Ministry of Housing before November 15, 1976 to qualify for the Ontario Downtown Revitalization Program for all of Pitt Street between First and Third Streets. Unanimously carried.



Clerk



Mayor