

CITY COUNCIL - #2 - 79

January 9, 1979
7:30 p.m.

A special meeting of City Council was held to meet with the Cornwall and Area Housing Authority. Present at the meeting were - His Worship Mayor G. Parisien; Aldermen J. Pescod, LeBano, Lalonde, Guindon, Keen, Lynch, LeBlanc and Cameron. Absent were Aldermen Williamson, Armstrong, Samson and Aubry. The Authority was represented by Mr. Bert Martin, chairman; Mr. R. Larkin, Mr. M. Matheson, Mr. Reg. Thomas, Mrs. Marion Kinnear and Mr. W. Hulls, Housing Manager.

Operating Budget

Mr. Martin explained to the Council that Council's share of the operating costs for 1979 would be \$156,000. Last year's cost was \$60,000. Mayor Parisien pointed out that the increase is greatly due to the opening of 2 senior citizens' buildings in the fall of 1978. Mr. Martin also pointed out that their housing facilities generate a tax revenue to the City of \$355,000. per year. In reply to questions from Council, the chairman indicated that the Authority accomodates 1060 units which serve approximately 3,500 people.

Funding - Tenants Associations

The chairman expressed his pleasure to Council for its support of funding for these Associations. He indicated that they may contribute considerably on reducing operating expenses.

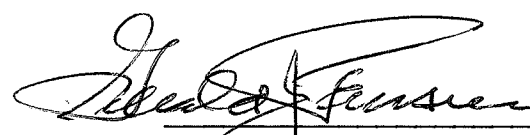
Need & Demands for Housing Units

It was explained to the Council that geared-to-income housing projects are being discontinued by the Ministry of Housing. The trend is more towards rent supplement programs.

It was also stated that, at present, there are 160 senior citizen applications that have been reviewed and assessed. Of those, 100 are below the required 30 points and all 60 remaining applicants have been offered a unit and have turned it down because of various reasons. It was made clear to the Council that these applicants are given 3 offers for lodging and if they are refused, their application is removed from the Housing Authority files.

City Council thanked the members of the Authority for taking the time to meet and answer any questions members of Council may have had.


Clerk


Mayor