

CITY COUNCIL #16-87

April 8, 1987
4:15 p.m.

The special meeting of City Council met this afternoon when the following members were present: His Worship Mayor B. Lynch, Aldermen D. Aubry, T. Green, A. LeBlanc, D. Carr, G. Leger, C. Poirier, F. Guindon, C. Charlebois, R. Lalonde, B. Gallant and G. Grant. Absent was Alderman T. Lalonde.

Also present from Ontario Hydro were John Keon, Manager, Cornwall District, Ian Doyle, Maintenance Supervisor and Larry Doyle Area Superintendent and from the Ministry of the Environment, Ron Robertson, Area Supervisor.

PCB Movement and Storage

Mayor Lynch advised Council that he was in receipt of a petition containing 3,648 names obtained by the Ecology Awareness Group and a group of concerned citizens opposing the storage of PCB's in Cornwall. He advised the petitioners that the petition would be received by Council.

Ontario Hydro then showed a short film which explained what PCB's are and where they come from. After the film presentation, Mayor Lynch invited members of Council to question the Hydro and MOE representatives on PCB's after which the report from the Director, Community Services and the CAO's recommendation would be debated.

At this point Alderman Gallant introduced a second petition signed by 300+ residents of Cornwall opposing future storage of PCB's in Cornwall and requested that the government provide and fund the necessary facility to destroy PCB's.

Answers to Council's questions provided the following information.

1. Ontario Hydro has indicated that it will comply fully with the guidelines established by the Ministry of the Environment in storage and transportation of PCB's (MOE)
2. The best way to control storage is to keep PCB's in same approved site (Hydro)
3. Economic factors not primary in choosing to have only one approved site (Hydro)
4. It is Hydro's interpretation of the law that the City has no choice in the site approval or in controlling transportation from other communities.
5. Yes Hawkesbury has other sites but reserved for private industrial use (MOE)
6. Ontario Hydro has not approached the Ministry for an alternate site to store PCB's in Hawkesbury.
7. The present site has been in operation since 1970 and 500 litres are presently being stored with 1000 litres being transported from Hawkesbury and another 7000 litres planned for the future.

It was then moved by Alderman Guindon and Grant that the recommendation of the CAO and the report from the Director, Community Services be received and approved. A recorded vote was requested which resulted as follows -

FOR THE MOTION
Alderman Guindon
Alderman G. Grant

AGAINST THE MOTION
Alderman D. Aubry
Alderman T. Green
Alderman A. LeBlanc
Alderman D. Carr
Alderman G. Leger
Alderman C. Poirier
Alderman C. Charlebois
Alderman R. Lalonde
Alderman B. Gallant
Mayor B. Lynch

MOTION DEFEATED

A motion was moved by Alderman B. Gallant and G. Grant that the recommendation of the CAO be approved limiting the shipment of PCB capacitors from Hawkesbury to Cornwall to the shipment requested by Ontario Hydro in its letter dated February 18, 1987

Motion DEFEATED

A motion was moved by Alderman Carr and Leger that the City strongly object to Cornwall having been chosen as an approved site for the storage of PCB capacitors and make every attempt to prevent any shipment of PCB capacitors from being transported to Cornwall. A recorded vote was requested and resulted as follows -

FOR THE MOTION
Alderman D. Aubry
Alderman T. Green
Alderman A. LeBlanc
Alderman D. Carr
Alderman G. Leger
Alderman C. Poirier
Alderman C. Charlebois
Alderman R. Lalonde
Alderman B. Gallant
Mayor B. Lynch

AGAINST THE MOTION
Alderman F. Guindon
Alderman G. Grant

COUNCIL ACTION *April 8/87*

COMMUNICATIONS (REG)

COMMUNICATIONS (CONSENT)

COMMUNICATIONS (CLOSED)

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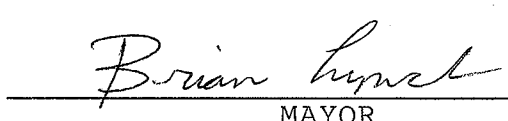
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COMMENTS _____

MOTION CARRIED

The meeting adjourned at 5:50 p.m.


CLERK


MAYOR