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MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS

Memorial Bell Committee Report - Alderman O'Malley

The matter of the Memorial Bells construction as a memorial to the victims of the Halifax Explosion was discussed previously. A public meeting into this proposal was held on February 29, 1984.

Alderman O'Malley addressed members of Council and advised he wished to present Council's Committee of the Memorial Bells' report at this time.

MOVED by Alderman O'Malley, seconded by Alderman Grant
that:

- 1) Council instruct the Legal Department to prepare the necessary documentation for Council's approval to have the requested site on Fort Needham licensed to the Memorial Bells Committee, their heirs and assigns, for the purpose of constructing a perpetual memorial to the victims of that terrible tragedy, the Halifax Explosion;
- 2) Halifax City Council, through Section 21 of the City Charter, make a special donation to the Memorial Bells Committee of \$10,000 to assist the Committee in its construction;
- 3) Council make a formal commitment to the residents surrounding Fort Needham to ensure that there will neither now nor in the future, be any deterioration in their lifestyles because of increased traffic, parking, water course change or vandalism;
- 4) Council direct staff to carry out an immediate traffic study of the area and report back to Council the recommendations necessary to ensure that the foregoing criteria of lifestyle is assured.

The Chairman advised the mandate for the Committee was to location only and not on a donation, and requested that the Motion be separated.

A lengthy discussion on the Motion ensued with Alderman Doehler bringing attention to the portion of the motion dealing with deterioration in lifestyles, indicating it may be a restrictive term and questioned whether it might be defined. Alderman Doehler requested that the licensing agreement contain a clause if the City has concerns in the future, that the Committee or its successors must address those concerns in a fashion the City sees fit.

The Chairman advised the effect of the motion would be to the location of the Memorial Bells Memorial and put the Question, parts 1, 3 and 4. The Motion was passed unanimously.

MOVED by Alderman O'Malley, seconded by Alderman Grant
that Halifax City Council make a donation of \$10,000 to assist the
Memorial Bells Committee in the construction and maintenance of the
Memorial as proposed.

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MOVED by Alderman Hamshaw, seconded by Alderman Flynn
the matter be deferred to the next meeting of the Committee of
the Whole Council.

The Motion to defer was put and passed with Aldermen O'Malley and
Grant voting against.

SAFETY COMMITTEE - continued

Transit Route - Gordon B. Isnor Manor

The recommendation forwarded to City Council from the
Safety Committee reads as follows:

' that Metropolitan Transit be requested to
provide a transit stop in front of the Gordon
B. Isnor Manor, the Joseph Howe Manor, and
rearrange the appropriate route so that the
route has stops on the street on which the
Captain Spry Manor is located '

MOVED by Alderman Downey, seconded by Alderman Meagher
that Metropolitan Transit be requested to provide a transit stop
in front of the Gordon B. Isnor Manor.

MOVED by Alderman Flynn, seconded by Alderman Doehler the
matter be referred to the next meeting of the Committee of the
Whole Council for a report from Metropolitan Transit.

The Motion to defer was put and a Recorded Vote was requested; with
the following voting:

FOR: Deputy Mayor Cromwell and Aldermen Doehler, Dewell, - 5
Dewell, Flynn and Hamshaw

AGAINST: Aldermen Downey, Meagher, O'Malley, Grant, Nolan, - 7
Jeffrey and LeBlanc

Motion to Defer was LOST.

Deputy Mayor Cromwell addressed Council and expressed the
view that members of Council were not against transit stops at
senior citizen homes, but rather would like to have a report on the
cost and ramifications in this regard.

Following a further discussion, it was MOVED by Alderman
Doehler, seconded by Alderman Flynn that the matter be deferred to
the next meeting of the Committee of the Whole Council with
information from Metropolitan Transit to be submitted.

Alderman Downey requested a recorded Vote with results
as follows:

FOR: Deputy Mayor Cromwell and Aldermen Doehler, Dewell, - 5
Flynn and Hamshaw

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INFORMATION REPORT


To: His Worship the Mayor and Members of Council
 From: Paul Calda, P.Eng., City Manager
 Date: April 16, 1984
 Subject: Fort Needham - Halifax Explosion Memorial

Further to the approved recommendations of City Council on March 1, 1984, staff of the Legal Department is currently working on the documentation for the license agreement between the City and the Memorial Bells Committee. A proposed agreement should be forthcoming shortly for Council approval.

The site has been surveyed and an appropriate legal plan is being prepared for attaching to the license. In an effort to meet construction deadlines so that the memorial will be completed prior to December of 1984, the Committee has been given permission to commence procedures for the soils investigation. This will involve a shallow dig with a small backhoe through the middle and approximately the full length of the site.

In conjunction with the above excavation, staff has met with the Civic Historian and an official of the Nova Scotia Museum (Archaeology Division) as well as representatives of the Bells Committee, to coordinate procedures in connection with the archaeological dig.

The current plans are to initiate the shallow dig on Thursday, April 19, 1984, weather permitting and to monitor this cut with the appropriate archaeological official(s). Any further action necessary will be dependent upon the findings in this initial excavation.


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