

Communication No. 20:

Moved by Councillor Gignac, seconded by Councillor Lewenza,
M239-2010 That the report of the City Planner dated July 26, 2010 entitled "CQ79-2009 – Policy for Riverfront Property Acquisition" **BE RECEIVED**, and further, that Administration **BE DIRECTED** to commence the process for a policy amendment to the City's Official Plan in order to have a policy for acquiring riverfront parkland formalized in the Official Plan.

Carried.

PLANNING

use of riverfront
property for parks
purposes or marinas,
motel-hotels, etc.

✓ Policy Book

(Original under Parks)

August 1, 1963

Secretary, Windsor Planning Board
Director of Planning and Urban Renewal
Commissioner of Finance
City Solicitor

734/63 That subject to the necessary financing being arranged by Council, all privately-owned lands on the north side of Riverside Drive, between the Ambassador Bridge and the Peabody Bridge be acquired for park purposes and/or recreational and complementary commercial uses such as marinas, with ancillary service facilities, marine restaurants and motel-hotel developments; and that this policy be implemented as follows:

(i) the first phase of the proposed riverfront development be on the lands lying between the Ambassador Bridge and Dieppe Park;

(ii) a development plan be prepared by the Windsor Planning Board for consideration by Council of the lands between Ambassador Bridge and Dieppe Gardens;

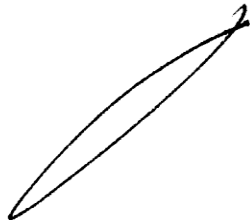
(iii) the City Solicitor be requested to prepare for consideration by Council at its meeting on August 6, 1963, a by-law for the expropriation of the New York Central riverfront property lying between Bridge and Elm Avenues (comprising part Farm Lots 68 to 73, Former City of Windsor). (85A-1) (85D-1)

Nay votes: Alderman Clarke to the entire resolution,
Mayor Patrick to the entire resolution with the exception of Item (ii),
Aldermen Perry, Wheelton, Wansbrough and Atkinson in respect to Item (ii).

PARKS - acquisition of
park lands on
riverfront

The following resolution was adopted by Council on June 26, 1978:

703/78 That the Essex Region Conservation Authority BE ADVISED that the City's linear, waterfront parkway system is of regional significance and St. Rose Beach Park forms an integral unit of this significant system; and that the City's long-term policy of acquiring lands on the north side of Riverside Drive from the eastern to the western boundary for park purposes to create an eventual overall interconnected waterfront parks system from the East to the West boundaries, BE REAFFIRMED; and further, Council's decision to assume 45% of the total cost of \$22,000.00 for the supply and installation of approximately 100 feet of sheet steel seawall complete with 12-inch channel cap waler, tie rods, fencing and restoration in St. Rose Beach Park, BE RATIFIED. (82A-1)t1 22



PARKS

ABSTRACT TAKEN FROM THE MINUTES DATED JULY 8, 1986;

Moved by Mayor Burr, seconded by Alderman Bounsall,

M91-86 WHEREAS the City of Windsor has had a long-standing desire to develop the lands north of Riverside Drive from Goyeau Street east to the Peabody Bridge as public parklands; and

WHEREAS Windsor City Council adopted a policy of acquiring these lands for public parkland in July 1963; and

WHEREAS this policy has been reconfirmed on numerous occasions, most notably in October 1974 in response to a development proposal from Valhalla Inns; and

WHEREAS the City of Windsor wishes to avoid a situation similar to the problems experienced with Argosy Construction in connection with commercial development of riverfront lands in 1965 - 1966; and

WHEREAS the development potential of lands south of Riverside Drive East is greatly enhanced by the existence of public parkland on the north side of Riverside Drive East, as evidenced in current and pending developments, and whereas imminent developments planned for the south side of Riverside Drive could be delayed or jeopardized; and

WHEREAS City Council has instructed the City Administrator to pursue acquisition of the CN Riverfront lands through a land swap arrangement or a purchase; and

WHEREAS substantial costs associated with the current CN proposal for development of the CN waterfront property would fall to the City of Windsor including the cost of diverting Riverside Drive East and the construction of a new seawall; and

WHEREAS the future of the CN riverfront lands is currently an item of substantial public interest;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that City Council reaffirm its policy of acquiring the CN lands along the north side of Riverside Drive East for public parks purposes and/or recreational and complimentary commercial uses.