

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.

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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 ~~w1>Jee~~ tid the necessary financing being arranged by •
Council, all privately- f iands on the north side of Riverside Drive,
• between the Ambassador Brtgd _lmd the Peabody Bridge be acquired for
park purposes and/or recreati (a) . and: complementary **commercial** uses such
as marinas, with ancil. l&l sevice facilities, marine restaurants \$nd •
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ment be on the lands -lying: be irElen the Ambassador Bridge and Dieppe Park;
(11) a devel nt plan be prepared by the Windsor
Plaf)nIng Board for consideration by Council. of **the lams between** Ambas or,
Brtdge and Dieppe Gardens; i . \
- (ii) tl'.le Citf, \$olictor be requested to prepare for •
consideration by Council at its meeting on August 6, 1963, a by-law for .
the expropriation *of* the NdV: fork Central riverfront property lying •
between Bridge and ! (Ave ! (cc:mprising part Farm lots 68 to 73,
Fomer City of Windsor,, (85A-i-l) (85D-l)

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Mayor Patrick to the ehtire resoiution with the exception of Item (ii),
Aldeimen 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 ADMISED
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; 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, tie rods, fencing and restoration
in St. Rose Beach Park, BE RATIFIED, (82A-1)tl 22

ABSTRACT TAKEN FROM THE MINUTES DATED JULY 8, 1988;

Moved by Mayor Burd, seconded by Alderman Bunsall,

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 illlillinent 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.