

RESOLVED that the letter from the Solicitor General of Canada responding to Common Council resolution of November 26, 1990 regarding the Parrtown Correctional Centre; submitting a list of the location selection criteria for the correctional facilities for Federally-sentenced women which was developed by the Correctional Service of Canada (CSC) bearing in mind the recommendations of the Task Force and corrections policy; advising that he has asked the Commissioner of Corrections to proceed with the location selection process, and confirming that location criteria for the Healing Lodge for Aboriginal Women under federal sentence will be developed separately by CSC in consultation with Native Women's Organizations and Aboriginal communities -- be referred to staff for a report to Council.

The Mayor advised that the business community's support was solicited and forwarded to the Solicitor General for the location of the above facility in Saint John, and suggested that this matter should be referred to Messrs. J. Brown and Director of Economic Development D. O'Leary to actively pursue; and during discussion it was noted that there appears to be confusion between the City's support for the redevelopment of the Parrtown Correctional Centre so that it may accommodate both male and female offenders, and, with the closure of the Kingston Federal Penitentiary for Women, the location of a replacement facility in Saint John.

Question being taken, the motion was carried.

On motion of Councillor Knibb

Seconded by Councillor Fitzpatrick

RESOLVED that the letter from The Saint John District Labour Council expressing concern regarding the practice of contracting a car for personal use by the City Manager, and expressing the opinion that the City's tax dollars could be put to better use and that this practice should cease -- be received and filed.

Question being taken, the motion was carried.

On motion of Councillor Coughlan

Seconded by Councillor Davis

RESOLVED that the letter from The Saint John District Labour Council expressing the opinion that comments made through the media regarding City employees now drawing disability pensions were highly unethical and unprofessional and that a Councillor and Commissioner of the City of Saint John should not be making derogatory comments regarding City employees, and concluding that it looks forward to a public apology in the near future -- be received and filed.

Councillor Knibb re-iterated his concern that the number of persons leaving the City's employ on early retirement is excessive, and suggested that, while he is sympathetic to employees injured in the course of their duties and would insist on them receiving full pension, the number of employees retiring on disability with non-identifiable illnesses should be looked into; and Mr. Groody made the observation that the City has a situation with respect to disability pensions and, like any other responsible employer, the situation must be and is being reviewed with a full report to be submitted to Council in the near future.

Question being taken, the motion was carried.

On motion of Councillor Knibb

Seconded by Councillor Fitzpatrick

RESOLVED that this meeting be adjourned.

Question being taken, the motion was carried.