

Question being taken, the motion was carried.

On motion of Councillor Knibb

Seconded by Councillor McAlary

RESOLVED that the 1992 Annual Report of the City of Saint John Pension Fund be received and filed.

Mr. Wilson highlighted the above Report and, in response to Council queries, advised that, whether or not the City's Pension Plan is amended, the City must conform with the New Brunswick Pension Benefits Act which came into effect on January 1, 1992, as well as with changes in the Federal Income Tax Act and that, as the proposed new City of Saint John Pension Act went no further than the Provincial Legislative Committee where it was opposed, the Trustees are once again dealing with the matter of bringing the Act's text in line with the Federal and Provincial legislation and any other changes; and, with respect to the unfunded liability of \$8,864,000 as of December 31, 1991, advised that the actuary indicated that, if the City were contributing at the rate of 5.3%, the unfunded liability would be extinguished in 15 years, and the City's rate of contribution is actually about 6.9% a year. Concerning disability pensions, Mr. Wilson confirmed that persons who retire on disability cannot qualify for a higher disability pension than what is provided for under the definition in the Canada Pension Plan, and that it is quite common for disability to be covered through an insurance program and not be part of a pension plan; and advised that the actuary, when doing his estimating, always comments on the high incidence of disability that the City has which does, in fact, result in having to provide for much more in the way of disability liability than would normally be expected and that, while at this time he could not give an actual percentage, it has been raised on a number of occasions that disability coverage in the Plan has been a significant drain in the monies that are otherwise available for pensions. With respect to the matter of fund investments, Mr. Wilson advised that the Board of Trustees, having discussed a few years ago the matter of some companies not investing in companies that were doing business in South Africa, seemed to be convinced that its role was to maximize the earnings for the members and not to decide at what point to invest in one company over another with the result being that perhaps the return might be affected.

Question being taken, the motion was carried.

On motion of Councillor Landers

Seconded by Councillor McAlary

RESOLVED that as recommended by the Board of Trustees of the City of Saint John Pension Plan, Council approve the retirement of Edward J. O'Brien an employee of the Police Department, in accordance with section 9(1) of the City of Saint John Pension Act, the Board having been supplied with the required medical reports as to his permanent disability.

Question being taken, the motion was carried.

On motion of Councillor Knibb

Seconded by Councillor McAlary

RESOLVED that as recommended by the Board of Trustees of the City of Saint John Pension Plan, Council approve the retirement of David A. Jones, an employee of the Police Department, in accordance with section 9(1) of the City of Saint John Pension Act, the Board having been supplied with the required medical reports as to his permanent disability.

Question being taken, the motion was carried.

On motion of Councillor Rogers

Seconded by Councillor Landers

RESOLVED that the letter from the Saint John Chapter of the Harley Owners Group requesting that arrangements be made with the Lord Beaverbrook Rink so that it may use these facilities for the weekend of September 4, 5 and 6 – be received and filed and the use of the facilities be approved.