

the time of the public offering in June of 1957.

Mr. Landreville: That is quite correct. I think I clarified that point. I may explain. After I left Sudbury my successor was one Joe Fabbro who followed and whose testimony is here and the evidence will disclose that Mr. Farris at a public banquet did say that he would make a very special effort to make sure that the common shares of NONG would come into the hands of Canadians. There was a bit of, shall I say, national feeling to that in view of the attitude which permeated the policies of the Trans-Canada Pipe Line to make it a Canadian owned utility as much as possible. Therefore, Mr. Farris gave to Mr. Fabbro, in advance of the public, a list of names for units to be bought. These units consisted of a debenture of \$20, any common share of \$10. These were offered to all council members. Some refused to buy them and some did buy them and within a few days resold the common share and just kept the debenture, and the common share went to \$14 and \$15.

Mr. Fortier: But this was long after the exchange of letters between yourself and Mr. Farris in July, 1956.

Mr. Landreville: Yes, not in July. This took place—

Mr. Fortier: This is long after the exchange of letters between yourself and Northern Ontario in July, 1956.

Mr. Landreville: Quite agree.

Mr. Fortier: I just did not want the members of the Committee to be mistaken.

Mr. Landreville: Exactly. And to be fair, I do not wish this Committee to be confused with that because my affairs with Farris took place in July, 1956, and this affair of units and offers came towards March and April of 1957, some months later. I am simply pointing out, and the evidence is permeated with those points, that units were offered and shares were sold widely throughout Ontario on that basis.

At page 451: This is a question put by Mr. Morrow, the counsel, at line 11.

Q. Well, did anyone appear to dominate, or push through things in Council during the period 1955, and particularly 1956, to your recollection?

And Mr. Edgar answers:

A. Well, I think the Mayor showed

leadership, but he certainly didn't show any particular urgency, or he certainly didn't put any undue pressure on me, whatsoever.

Q. He just got, he just got things done, is that it?

A. That is right.

and at page 453,—it refers here to the comment in this question made by Mr. Murphy who is the Clerk Controller of many years standing of the city of Sudbury and Mr. Murphy at this meeting of July 17 when the by-law was read for the last time, as you recall, was asked. This is the minute book referred to as an Exhibit filed, the minute book of the city of Sudbury.

...the Mayor asked Mr. Murphy what he thought of the franchise agreement, and he replied that in his estimation Mr. Kelly had done a good job, and he felt that it covered all of the municipal requirements.

Mr. Edgar in his evidence refers to that as a fact. Now, we are going to go to Alderman Jessup at page 458, line 13.

Q. And what about the position of the Mayor, if you could observe any position at the time?

A. Well, the Mayor in his capacity as mayor, always gives leadership to the Council, naturally, I wouldn't say that there was anything in particular regarding the gas franchise other than what we had in our general business.

Q. He was, is it fair to say, the leader?

A. Pardon?

Q. He was the leader?

A. That is correct.

And I go to the next. Mr. Jessup was a broker incidentally, the next party, Mr. Jarrett, an engineer, at page 457.

The Joint Chairman Mr. Laflamme: Would it be possible, Mr. Justice, when referring to the evidence and stating the name of anyone to establish precisely in what capacity. You have talked about Mr. Murphy, Mr. Morrow and some others and when you refer to names put in the evidence would you please state in what capacity they were either asking questions or testifying.

Mr. Landreville: I shall do so.

The Joint Chairman Mr. Laflamme: Thank you.