

At the top of page 438:

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The question, at page 437, was:

During these proceedings in Council or in the Board of Control, Mrs. Hartman, particularly when you reached the point where you were seriously considering the Northern Ontario Natural Gas Company as a holder of the franchise, did Mayor Landreville appear to have any attitude for or against this franchise?

This question was put by Mr. Morrow. The answer was:

I don't think he took any active part. I suppose he would either be in favour of, or against, but he didn't—

Q. What is your recollection?

**Mr. Robinette:** Let her answer, please.

**The Witness:** But I don't think he brought any pressure to bear, if that is what you mean. There was no particular pressure at any time, but I think—

**Mr. Morrow:** Q. What do you mean by pressure?

A. I don't think he took a very active part in the argument.

Then at the bottom of the page, the witness refers to Mr. Crozier:

...Mr. Crozier, I think, made me feel that there was certainly no risk.

At the bottom of page 440:

Q. And may I assume from your evidence that, at no time did Mayor Landreville make any suggestion to you of an improper character or put any improper pressure on you with reference to the NONG franchise?

A. He put no pressure on, of any kind.

The question was put by Mr. Robinette. Now, Alderman Edgar, very briefly, again, at page 449, Alderman Edgar subsequently became mayor of Sudbury two or three years after this:

• (3.45 p.m.)

Q. Do you recall whether there was any note of urgency in the proceedings that evening?

A. Yes, I felt that there was a note of urgency.

Q. Do you know where it came from?

A. No, sir, I don't,—yes, sir, I, as I recall, think that I felt I got the sense that there was an urgency from Mr. Crozier.

**The Commissioner:** There was what?

**The Witness:** A sense of urgency; I think I got that from Mr. Crozier.

Q. By the way—

And we we are speaking of the July 17 meeting.

By the way, with respect to the franchise by-law on 22nd of May, 1956, it had its first and second readings, and then it was finally passed on July 17th; in so far as you aldermen were concerned at this time, was the third reading generally looked upon as just a superficial thing, or what?

A. Yes, sir. I would say that the third readings of by-laws are considered to be a closing formality whereby the discussion has taken place ahead of time.

And now I jump over to page 450.

Q. Do you consider—

I must refer to line 11.

Q. Now, sir, subsequently in or about June 1957, were you given an opportunity to acquire some units in Northern Ontario Natural Gas ahead of the public offering, but at the price they were to be offered?

A. I was offered units, I believe, at the, in 1958 at the time that it came out on the open market.

Q. Did you consider they were being given to you in any way as an incentive for the way you had voted the year before, or as a gift, or as a bribe?

A. I didn't consider they were given to me as a bribe, although I did consider that I was getting them by virtue of the fact that I was then on council.

Q. I see; was there any secret made of this fact, that you and other Councillors received this right to buy?

A. No, sir, I don't think so.

At page 459.

**Mr. Fortier:** Page 451. Excuse me. I think it is only proper to point out that the shares which are referred to here in this testimony of Mr. Edgar are not those that were offered in 1956, but rather those that were offered at