

This is at page 416. At page 417, briefly:

Q. Can you recall who appeared to be most in favour of the granting of the franchise at this time?

A. I don't think that there was any one or two, or like any particular group of Council who were overly, you know, in favour of it; I mean, as much as anybody against it.

Q. Can you recall any particular remarks, if any, being made by Mayor Landreville at that time?

A. No, I couldn't.

At page 418, he states:

Were you ever invited out to Mayor Landreville's house in the summer...

He says:

I attended a party at Mayor Landreville's...

He also states at line 10, with reference to the gas franchise:

No, I don't believe I discussed that at Mr. Landreville's house.

A Committee member has already commented that I need not dwell on this. Page 422 is of importance; at line 8:

In other words, as far as the terms of the franchise itself were concerned, they were apparently acceptable to the Council. It was just a question of waiting for this collateral agreement, is that correct?

A. Yes, I would imagine so, too, because of the fact that—at least, it was a third reading. As a rule, by the time the by-law would be at the third reading, everyone would be pretty well agreed upon what it should be.

At line 22:

Now, I suggest to you at no time, and I mean at no time,

This is a question by Mr. Robinette.

—Mayor Landreville attempted to—he didn't attempt, I suggest, to put any pressure on you or any improper methods on you to vote for this franchise?

A. Yes, that is correct.

Q. He never did?

A. Never.

Mr. Fortier: I did not want to interrupt here, Mr. Justice Landreville, but it should be

pointed out that this question, which you have just read, was asked by Mr. Robinette of every member of council who had sat during the years 1955 and 1956. In all cases the answer was "no" there was never any attempt by Mayor Landreville to exert any pressure; would that be a fair statement?

Mr. Landreville: Well, counsel for the commission did put some questions to some of the members.

Mr. Fortier: But your attorney asked this question—

Mr. Landreville: Yes.

Mr. Fortier:—this very same question— as well he needed to, I thought—and the answer in every case was always: No, there was no pressure from Mayor Landreville.

Mr. Landreville: Yes, with variations, which I would like to just underline. In the same book at page 434, Alderman Hartman who, incidentally, this year is mayor of Sudbury, at the bottom of the page you will find at line No. 26:

You will notice that there is some urgency by now; did you get the impression from the Mayor, or anyone else, about this time that there was beginning to be an urgency about the granting of the franchise?

A. Well, I remember Mr. Crozier was at one meeting, and he seemed to be a little impatient; he felt we had dilly-dallied a long time, and it was time we were doing something; that is all I remember.

At page 436, the first line:

And, again, I think you made a motion or took part in the seconding of it. Again, that was just a mechanical function, was it?

A. It was, excepting as I say, I felt it was a good thing for the City, or I wouldn't have moved it.

At line No. 7:

Well, throughout this, you felt that the franchise was good and you should have approved it?

A. Yes, I felt that we should have this gas franchise.

At page 437, question by Mr. Morrow:

Do you recall the Mayor, Landreville, taking any part in the debate?

A. No, I don't recall Mr. Landreville doing so.