

A city without a prayer

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This meeting was mainly focused on housekeeping duties; However, as a Christian I would be amiss if I didn't touch on the Supreme Court ruling that outlaws a prayer at the beginning of a council meeting. I have to say that most councillors spoke eloquently, none more than councillor Walter against this ruling. It is indeed a sad day in this country when a prayer asking for guidance in carrying out the city's business and decision making is denied by a mere few who are not native to this province. In my view, council has correctly taken the unanimous decision to observe a moment of silence prior to each meeting whereby if one wishes to they can say an inward prayer. As councillor Bamford correctly pointed out: the singing of the national anthem is in itself a prayer because an anthem is really a hymn and a hymn is a prayer. Very hard to argue with that one but one has to wonder when our anthem will be attacked.

On another subject, the mayor asked our city engineer Luc Duval if the city will be adopting the new measures for asphaltting our roads. Luc replied that an addendum has be placed on each RFP specifying that no recycle oil to be used in our asphalt cement mix. I can't help but wonder out loud if that is what the good doctor really meant when he said you "get what you pave for."