

Home Owners Condemn City Hall Site

Proposed location of City Hall on Green Island was condemned at a meeting of the executive of the Ottawa Home Owners and Tenants Association.

It was felt that before the city began the erection of the building on a site which in the past has been subject to floods, the whole matter should be referred to a vote of the people. As the taxpayers will have to foot this bill they should be given the opportunity to express their opinions by a referendum.

"We want a City Hall on a solid foundation, and where we can get at it", one delegate said. Another asked "Where is the insurance money which was undoubtedly paid when the old building was destroyed by fire 25 years ago?"

"Had this money been properly invested in the past quarter of a century it would have probably yielded a sufficient sum to build the proposed City Hall." Another delegate felt it would be wise to consolidate all civic offices instead of spreading them all over the city as is the present set-up.

It was unanimously felt that to make this building invulnerable to flood conditions, it might be necessary to construct retaining walls and "crib" work. This would be expensive. For the benefit of all residents doing business with the city the civic building should be as central as possible.

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