

**TOWN OF BEDFORD  
MINUTES**

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**TOWN COUNCIL**

**NOVEMBER 9, 1981 - OCTOBER 25, 1982**

**FIRST COUNCIL**

**THIRD YEAR**

MINUTES OF THE THIRD-YEAR'S MEETINGS OF THE FIRST  
COUNCIL OF THE MUNICIPALITY OF THE TOWN OF BEDFORD  
COUNCIL SESSION - NOVEMBER 9, 1981

Meeting of the Town Council of the Town of Bedford took place  
in the Council Chambers, Suite 400, Bedford Tower, Bedford, Nova  
Scotia on Monday, November 9, 1981 at 7:30 p.m. Mayor Francisco  
Cosman presiding.

LORD'S PRAYER

Mayor Cosman opened the meeting with the reading of the  
Lord's Prayer.

ATTENDANCE

Deputy Mayor Keith Roberts and Councillors Donald Legros,  
David Leger, Jacke Lanthier, James Scott and John  
Tolson were present at the commencement of the meeting.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

M I N U T E S

SPECIAL SESSION

BEDFORD TOWN COUNCIL

ON MOTION of Councillor

BEDFORD, NOVA SCOTIA

was moved that  
October 9, 1981 be

EMERGENCY SESSION - NOVEMBER 14, 1981

ON MOTION of Councillor Lanthier and Councillor Tolson,  
it was moved that the Minutes of the Emergency Session  
of October 14, 1981 be approved. Motion carried unanimously.

REGULAR SESSION - OCTOBER 26, 1981

ON MOTION of Councillor Leger and Councillor Legros,  
it was moved that the Minutes of the Regular Session  
of October 26, 1981 be approved. Motion carried unanimously.

ADDITIONS/DELETIONS - ORDER OF BUSINESS

On the request of Councillor Lanthier it was agreed that  
a personal item would be added at the commencement of the  
Agenda.

On request of the Chief Administrative Officer it was  
agreed that Item 14.7 - Storm Damage Inquiries - would  
be added to the Agenda. Information pertaining to this  
matter was circulated in the Council package.

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LORD'S PRAYER

Mayor Cosman opened the meeting with the leading of the Lord's Prayer.

ATTENDANCE

Deputy Mayor Keith Roberts and Councillors Arnold Legree, David Lugar, Bosko Loncarevic, Robert Short and John Tolson were present at the commencement of the meeting.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

3.1 SPECIAL SESSION - OCTOBER 9, 1981

ON MOTION of Councillor Short and Councillor Legree, it was moved that the Minutes of the Special Session of October 9, 1981 be approved. Motion carried unanimously.

3.2 EMERGENCY SESSION - OCTOBER 14, 1981

ON MOTION of Councillor Loncarevic and Councillor Tolson, it was moved that the Minutes of the Emergency Session of October 14, 1981 be approved. Motion carried unanimously.

3.3 REGULAR SESSION - OCTOBER 26, 1981

ON MOTION of Councillor Lugar and Councillor Legree, it was moved that the Minutes of the Regular Session of October 26, 1981 be approved. Motion carried unanimously.

ADDITIONS/DELETIONS - ORDER OF BUSINESS

On the request of Councillor Loncarevic it was agreed that a personal item would be added at the commencement of the Agenda.

On request of the Chief Administrative Officer it was agreed that Item 14.7 - Storm Drainage Improvements - would be added to the Agenda. Information pertaining to this matter was circulated in the Council packages.

On request of Mayor Cosman it was agreed that 14.8 - Rezoning Kearney Lake area - City of Halifax - would be added to the Agenda.

It was also noted by the Chief Administrative Officer that Mr. Jack Bathurst has regrettably declined the Council's nomination to the Community Contact Committee.

#### PRESENTATION

Councillor Loncarevic presented rose corsages to Mayor Cosman and Mrs. Pryde in recognition of the fact the meeting was the first meeting of the last year of the first Town Council of the Town of Bedford.

#### INTRODUCTION OF FIRE CHIEF

Mayor Cosman introduced Mr. Peter Dickinson, newly elected Fire Chief of the Bedford Fire Department, to members of Town Council and staff, and wished him well in the undertaking of his new duties.

#### APPROVAL - ORDER OF BUSINESS

ON MOTION of Councillor Tolson and Councillor Legree, it was moved that the Order of Business, as amended, be approved. Motion carried unanimously.

#### MOTIONS OF RECONSIDERATION

NIL

#### DEFERRED BUSINESS/BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

##### 7.1 WALKER COMMISSION - DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD STATUS

By memorandum the Chief Administrative Officer reviewed the implications of the Revised Funding Formulae for 1982 recently received from the Department of Education noting the results of its application in each of the following three scenarios:

1. The Town of Bedford remaining independent and more or less maintaining the status quo.
2. The Town of Bedford remaining independent, however, assuming ownership and operation of the C.P. Allen High School.
3. The Town of Bedford joining with the County of Halifax in a combined District School Board, as proposed under the Walker Commission Report.

Attached to his memorandum were detailed schedules supporting these financial cost implications.

In speaking to his memorandum the Chief Administrative Officer also noted the concern that is presently being generated with regard to the decision of the Provincial Government that District School Boards would include in their membership one-third representation from government appointees.

In response to a question from Council as to whether the Chief Administrative Officer could foresee any significant changes in the next five years or so in respect to the net cost to the Town in education, the Chief Administrative Officer noted that the Provincial sharing rates will be reviewed annually and amended if required but other than that it was a difficult question to answer due to the many variables such as shifts in pupil enrollments; assessment, inflation, etc. Some discussion also ensued with regard to the possible circumstances under which the Town's share of funding might rise or decline.

ON MOTION of Councillor Lugar and Councillor Tolson, it was moved that:

WHEREAS, The Walker Commission Report on Public Education Finance recommended that the Town of Bedford form a District School Board with the County of Halifax; and

WHEREAS, A joint meeting of the Town of Bedford and County of Halifax representatives was held with the Minister of Education to discuss this proposal; and

WHEREAS, The Minister requested that the two parties pursue and analyze in depth the recommendation both in terms of the financial and educational implications; and

WHEREAS, At a subsequent meeting of the two parties, certain agreements were reached in principle, as they relate to the cost sharing and composition of the proposed District Board; and

WHEREAS, The Province has now accepted the report of the Formula Review Committee which results in changes to the funding formulae; and

WHEREAS, The Province, has also indicated that District Boards will be composed of a minimum of one-third provincial government appointments; and

WHEREAS, The School Board has expressed concern both as to the student population and geographical size, and

WHEREAS, Staff has now completed an analysis on the implications of the new funding formulae.

BE IT RESOLVED, That the Town of Bedford indicate to the County of Halifax, its willingness and agreement to participate in a District School Board, however, on a smaller scale than that proposed in the Walker Commission Report.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That failing acceptance by the County of this proposal that the Town of Bedford attempt to negotiate with the County the acquisition and operation of the C.P. Allen High School.

In speaking to his motion Councillor Lugar expressed the opinion that the Town of Bedford has not officially requested consideration by the County to a District School Board as proposed in the Motion and as requested by the Board of School Commissioners of the Town of Bedford. He further noted that, while, according to casual conversations and press releases, the County of Halifax has indicated it will not accept such an idea, such a decision has not been formally conveyed to the Town.

During the ensuing discussion two distinct views were predominant:

1. That such a request was a waste of time and that Council should limit its deliberations to the determination of whether it wishes to retain independent Town Board status, or join with the County in a District Board as proposed by the Walker Commission;
2. That there is no hurry to make a decision on District School Board status, and that the request for a smaller District Board than that originally proposed is viable and should be officially pursued.

The motion was put to the meeting and passed. Deputy Mayor Roberts and Councillor Legree voted against the motion.

In response to an inquiry from Mayor Cosman as to the Council's feeling with regard to the holding of a Public Meeting to discuss the recommendations of the Walker Commission Report, it was suggested by Councillor Lugar that such a Public Meeting should be held but that it should be delayed until Council has received the reaction of the County on the proposal for a smaller District School Board. It was also suggested by Councillor Loncarevic that the Town's available options might be much clearer after discussions are held with the County.

7.2 PROPOSED TERMS OF REFERENCE - TRANSPORTATION STUDY

By memorandum the Town Engineer presented draft Terms of Reference for a Transportation Study to be undertaken by the Town. It was recommended by the Town Engineer that the Terms of Reference be tabled by Council and that copies be forwarded to the Bedford Planning Advisory Committee and the Bedford Improvement Committee for their comments and input by Thursday, November 19, 1981, in order that a final Terms of Reference can be presented to Town Council for approval on November 23, 1981.

ON MOTION of Councillor Loncarevic and Councillor Lugar, it was moved that the Draft Terms of Reference for a proposed Transportation Study be tabled and referred to the Ad Hoc Transportation Task Force of B-PAC, and the Bedford BIDC for consideration and input. Motion carried unanimously.

7.3 ACTION SHEET7.3.1 EXTENSION OF EAGLEWOOD DRIVE TO DARTMOUTH HIGHWAY

The Director of Planning and Development notified Council that the developers of the Eaglewood Subdivision have advised that Eaglewood Drive would be completed in 1982.

Councillor Loncarevic expressed the opinion that this was not satisfactory and that he is still of the opinion that no further lots should be approved until the road is completed. Mr. Zwicker indicated he would relay this concern and opinion to the developers.

7.3.2 TENDERING - WINTER SNOW OPERATIONS 1981/82

In response to an inquiry from Councillor Legree on whether or not the required equipment would be ready for the snow clearing and removal operations, the Town Engineer advised that he foresees no problems in this respect.

MOTIONS OF RESCISSION

NIL

PUBLIC HEARINGS

NIL

10 PETITIONS, DELEGATIONS, CORRESPONDENCE

10.1 PETITIONS

NIL

10.2 DELEGATIONS

10.2.1 MR. JOE FOY, TRANSIT SERVICE

Mr. Joe Foy addressed Council on behalf of himself, Mr. Will Apold, and Mr. Ron Anderson, regular users of the morning express transit route. He expressed the group's general concern that the new proposed routing of the Express Bus will result in it taking longer to drive to downtown Halifax than the regular route. He requested that Council consider directing the Ad Hoc Transit Committee to meet with these gentlemen in order that some alternative suggestions for the routing of this bus can be considered and that proposed changes be temporarily delayed until such a meeting can take place.

ON MOTION of Councillor Lugar and Councillor Short, it was moved that Mr. Joe Foy, Mr. Will Apold and Mr. Ron Anderson be invited to attend a meeting with the Ad Hoc Transit Committee and members of staff in order to review their proposed recommendations.

During discussion of this motion it was noted by Councillor Roberts that some of the suggestions proposed appeared to be quite viable and he was quite willing to consider them.

The motion was put to the meeting and passed unanimously.

10.3 CORRESPONDENCE

MR. RAY F. FREDERICKS - PARKING CONCERNS

ON MOTION of Councillor Legree and Councillor Lugar it was moved that correspondence from Ray F. Fredericks concerning parking in the area of his business be tabled. Mayor Cosman and Councillor Tolson voted against the motion.



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STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS11.1 BEDFORD PLANNING ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Copies of the November 9, 1981 report of the Bedford Planning Advisory Committee were circulated to members of Council. Mayor Cosman requested the opinion of Council as to whether or not the report should be considered or tabled due to the fact that it had not been included in the Council Agenda package.

ON MOTION of Councillor Short and Deputy Mayor Roberts, it was moved that the BPAC Report be considered. Motion carried unanimously.

In speaking to his report the Chairman, Councillor Loncarevic, noted that BPAC's proposal for the new Zoning Bylaw and the proposed Zoning Map has been completed and he presented a copy of each to Council. He noted the extensive work, study and effort that has taken place during the past two years and expressed appreciation to all who had been involved, with special acknowledgement to Mr. Barry Zwicker the Director of Planning and Development and the Volunteer Secretary, Mrs. Lillian Smith.

ON MOTION of Councillor Loncarevic and Councillor Legree, it was moved that the proposed MDP, Zoning Bylaw and Zoning Map be tabled. Motion carried unanimously.

A lengthy discussion ensued respecting the procedure which should be followed by Council with regard to providing their intention to adopt the proposed Municipal Development Plan and Zoning Bylaw. In response to a question from Mayor Cosman as to whether or not there was a freeze on development at the present time, Mr. Kenneth MacInnis, Legal Counsel expressed the opinion that a freeze on development will not take place until such time as a motion indicating the Council's clear intention of adopting the Municipal Development Plan and Zoning Bylaw is approved.

It was agreed that Council would adjourn for a five minute recess to enable an appropriate resolution to be drafted by Legal Counsel in this regard.

Following a brief recess the meeting reconvened with Deputy Mayor Roberts occupying the Chair.

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12 OTHER REPORTS

12.1 SACKVILLE RIVER ADVISORY BOARD

Councillor Legree advised Council that, while he was unable to attend the last meeting of the Sackville River Advisory Board, it was his understanding that the flood plane map has been completed and will shortly be available to the public.

12.2 FIRE DEPARTMENT

Copies of the Fire Department Report were circulated to members of Council.

ON MOTION of Councillor Lugar and Councillor Legree, it was moved that the Fire Department Report be received and tabled. Motion carried unanimously.

In response to an inquiry from Council it was agreed by Fire Chief Peter Dickinson that, in future, the Fire Department Report could include year-to-date figures.

12.3 BUILDING INSPECTION REPORT

Copies of the Building Inspection Report for the month of October were circulated to members of Council in which it was indicated that nine permits were issued during the month with a total value of construction of \$68,700 and a value of building permit fees collected of \$144.

ON MOTION of Councillor Lugar and Councillor Short, it was moved that the Building Inspector's Report be received and tabled. Motion carried unanimously.

12.4 BIDC REPORT

Copies of the BIDC Report were circulated to members of Council in which it was noted that construction is underway on the Mainstreet Program and that an official sod-turning ceremony will take place Tuesday, November 10, 1981 at 11:00 a.m. at Crescent Park.

In speaking to the report, Mr. Louis Dursi, Project Coordinator, reviewed the proposals for the "Mainstreet" signs planned for placement at three entrance points to the Town's Mainstreet area, and requested Council's opinion of same.

ON MOTION of Councillor Lugar and Councillor Legree, it was moved that the Council ratify the suggested sign design and the placement of same. Motion carried unanimously.

12.5 TAX COLLECTIONS REPORT

Copies of the Tax Collection Report dated October 31, 1981 were distributed to members of Council, attached to which was a memorandum from the Chief Administrative Officer explaining an adjustment in the amount of the tax levy which has now been reduced by \$72,828 as a result of an amendment to the Assessment Act respecting water utility assessment.

The Chief Administrative Officer also attached an outline of the properties which are liable to be sold at a Tax Sale scheduled to take place on November 30, 1981.

In response to an observation by Councillor Lugar that the Town might be interested in the acquisition of some of the properties involved in the Tax Sale, it was noted that the Town is not legally permitted to bid on these properties unless they are not sold at the first Tax Sale and are offered for sale at a second (Adjourned) Tax Sale.

ON MOTION of Councillor Legree and Councillor Tolson, it was moved that the Tax Collection Report be adopted. Motion carried unanimously.

At this point in the meeting the Deputy Mayor relinquished the Chair to Mayor Cosman.

12.6 DEVELOPMENT OFFICER'S REPORT

Copies of the Development Officer's monthly report for October 1981 were circulated to members of Council.

In response to a question from Councillor Tolson, Council was informed by Mr. Zwicker that requests for subdivision approval involving undersized lots will be presented to Council for approval.

Council was also informed by the Development Officer that the developers of Eaglewood Subdivision have been advised that the Town would prefer not to receive any further applications until Eaglewood Drive has been completed.

11.1 BEDFORD PLANNING ADVISORY COMMITTEE REPORT

Further discussion took place with regard to the Council's procedure for notice of intention to adopt the Municipal Development Plan and Zoning Bylaw. In response to an inquiry from Councillor Legree as to whether or not the MDP and the Zoning Bylaw can be amended by Council after the motion is passed of their intention to adopt the plan and zoning bylaw, Mr. Kenneth MacInnis, Legal Counsel suggested that

it would be expected that Council should be reasonably satisfied with the document before passing such a motion. It was noted however, that this motion of intention to adopt an MDP and Zoning Bylaw would not preclude further amendments being made in the future prior to final approval. It was further noted that if any changes are made of a major nature, this could mean holding additional Public Hearings.

Mr. MacInnis further advised Council that to date he has not been officially requested to review the MDP or Zoning Bylaw in detail and, therefore, cannot comment yet on the legal validity of the documents and that Council should be fully aware of the implications of his actions in this matter.

ON MOTION of Councillor Tolson and Councillor Short, it was moved that Town Council give notice of intention to adopt the Municipal Development Plan and attached Zoning Bylaw and Map presented in the Bedford Planning Advisory Committee Report to Town Council on November 9, 1981; and further that the Chief Administrative Officer be authorized to fix the time and date on which the matter will be considered and to prepare the advertising and to give on behalf of Town Council the appropriate notices under the Planning Act.

In speaking to the Motion Councillor Legree expressed the opinion that the Council is negligent if it does not take the time to review the documents before passing a motion of intention to adopt the plan.

Other Council members expressed the opinion that it is probably impossible to prepare a plan which will be 100 percent acceptable by each and every member of Council and that the document and map presented to Council does represent the majority opinion of the Bedford Planning Advisory Committee, notwithstanding that this may not always be the majority opinion of Town Council.

The motion was put to the meeting and passed. Councillor Legree voted against the motion.

Mr. Joseph Foy addressed Council, briefly noting that January 17, 1976 was the date when people in Bedford began to meet to work on a new Zoning Bylaw. He expressed the opinion that he very much appreciates the fact that the Council has taken the step it has. He further expressed the opinion that the very fact that Councillors have given an indication that each and every one has some reservations one way or the other about the plan indicates that the Public Hearings will be "real Public Hearings".

Deputy Mayor Roberts requested that a vote of thanks be extended by Council to Councillor Loncarevic, Chairman of the Bedford Planning Advisory Committee for his perseverance, guidance, and dedication with regard to the preparation of the Municipal Development Plan and the Zoning Bylaw.

#### EXTENSION OF TIME OF ADJOURNMENT

ON MOTION of Deputy Mayor Roberts and Councillor Legree, it was moved that the Town Council session continue until 11:00 p.m. Motion carried. Councillor Tolson voted against the motion.

#### 14 MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS

##### 14.1 RESOLUTION - WITHDRAWAL OF FUNDS - CAPITAL RESERVE POLICE SERVICES

By memorandum the Chief Administrative Officer advised that the Bedford Board of Police Commissioners has approved the purchasing of necessary equipment and supplies required in the establishment of Bedford's new Police Department and recommended that Town Council approve a resolution relative to the financing of the capital purchases.

ON MOTION of Councillor Lugar and Councillor Short, it was moved that the Town Council of the Town of Bedford, pursuant to Section 114(2) of the Town's Act, approve the withdrawal of the sum of Thirteen Thousand, One Hundred Dollars, (\$13,100), from the Police Services Capital Reserve Fund for the purpose of purchasing equipment relative to the needs of the Police Department.

In response to an inquiry from Mayor Cosman as to whether or not more detailed information should be provided to Council with regard to the intended purchases, it was the consensus of Council that such detailed consideration should take place at the time of budget approval.

The motion was put to the meeting and was approved unanimously.

##### 14.2 TAX EXEMPTIONS - 1982

By memorandum the Chief Administrative Officer reviewed procedures for tax exemption for certain individuals and recommended that the exemption for 1982 be set at the amount of \$175 and that the income limit for 1982 be set at \$7500.

ON MOTION of Councillor Loncarevic and Councillor Lugar,  
it was moved that:

BE IT RESOLVED by the Town Council of the Town of Bedford:

THAT an exemption from taxes be granted pursuant to  
Section 112A of the Town's Act, in the amount of One  
Hundred and Seventy-Five Dollars (\$175.00);

THAT the exemption be granted to every person assessed  
with respect to taxable property in the Town of Bedford  
who is:

- (a) A widow or widower;
- (b) Sixty-Five years of age or over;
- (c) The head of a single parent family supporting a  
dependent within the meaning of the Income Tax  
Act (Canada).

(and is a resident of the Town of Bedford)

THAT the exemption be granted to persons whose total income  
from all sources, (and including the income of all other  
persons of the same family residing in the same household  
as the applicant ratepayer), for the year preceding the  
year for which the exemption is sought is less than  
Seventy Five Hundred Dollars (\$7500.00).

THAT the exemption be granted only in respect of property  
occupied by the applicant ratepayer as his home.

THAT where two or more persons, one or more of whom are  
entitled to an exemption, are by any interest the owners  
of taxable property together, the person so entitled shall  
be entitled to that portion of the amount of the  
exemption that the amount of his assessment bears to the  
total assessment for the whole property, and where the  
owners are not separately assessed for their several interests  
in the property, then to that portion determined by the  
assessor, whose determination shall be final.

THAT no application for an exemption will be received after  
the 31st day of January, 1982.

Motion carried unanimously.

#### 14.3 CAPITAL PROGRAM

By memorandum the Chief Administrative Officer outlined  
for the benefit of Council the procedures which have taken  
place to date with regard to the development of a five  
year capital plan.

He also noted that it has come to his attention that the requirements of the Department of Municipal Affairs in terms of capital budgets will be amended as a result of Legislative changes planned to take place in the Spring of 1982, with the result that the Municipal Affairs Act will be amended such that capital budgets of municipalities will only be required for a three-year period. No borrowings will be approved by Municipal Affairs until such times as a three-year capital document is submitted outlining the capital program.

It was the recommendation of the Chief Administrative Officer that Town Council set aside sessions during their Operating Budget deliberations to consider development of a three-year capital program and that draft Terms of Reference be prepared in order to provide an indication of costs associated with the various studies which the Town Engineer has indicated are required with respect to the formulation of a capital budget plan for that Department.

It was also noted by the Chief Administrative Officer that a capital plan should be carried out on a priority basis and in concert with the objectives of the Town's MDP.

By memorandum the Town Engineer outlined the present situation with regard to the development of a capital budget plan for the Town of Bedford relative to the Engineering areas and noting those areas which, in his opinion, should be resolved before the preparation of a multi-year budget.

ON MOTION of Councillor Legree and Councillor Lugar, it was moved that Town Council set aside sessions during its Operating Budget deliberations to consider development of a three-year capital program and hopefully provide approval, in principle, of same during 1982; and further, that draft Terms of Reference be prepared in order to provide an indication of costs associated with the various studies required by the Engineering Department and that, in the meantime, a request be made to the Department of Municipal Affairs for cost sharing under the MDP of same.

Motion carried unanimously.

#### 14.4 PROCEDURES - COUNCIL APPOINTMENTS FOR 1981-1982

By memorandum the Chief Administrative Officer advised that all Town Council appointments expire on November 30, 1981 and recommended that Town Council should give consideration to the procedure to be employed in making up appointments for the 1981-82 year.

ON MOTION of Councillor Lugar and Councillor Short, it was moved that the Mayor be requested to review the present committee and Council appointment structure with the view to maintaining the present situation for the year 1981-82. Motion carried unanimously.

#### 14.5 SNOW CLEARING PRIORITIES

By memorandum, and with the aid of a map, the Town Engineer advised Council of the presently envisaged snow clearing routing for the Town of Bedford noting road classifications, transit and school bus routes, priority clearance requirements, etc. It was noted that the map will be located in the office of the Supervisor of Streets, and Council members were invited to examine same and indicate their opinion of the suggested priorities.

It was noted by the Town Engineer that the severity of each specific snowstorm will dictate the number of pieces of snow clearing equipment to be mobilized and the clearing methodology to be utilized, however, in all instances the priority listing for street clearing would be reasonably maintained.

#### 14.7 PROPOSED 1981 UNDERTAKING: STORM DRAINAGE IMPROVEMENTS

By memorandum the Town Engineer indicated seven areas where in the opinion of the Engineering Department storm drainage improvements should be undertaken prior to the winter season. It was noted that the cost of the proposed program would be in the vicinity of \$28,000 and it was proposed by the Town Engineer that \$20,000 of this amount was available in the Town Budget under Transportation Capital and the remaining \$8,000 could come from an anticipated surplus in the overall Operating Budget.

In terms of the availability of funds under the Transportation Capital Account, it was explained by the Town Engineer that in the 1981 Budget the Town Council authorized the procurement of new aerial mapping for the Town. Since the approval of this budget, it has come to the attention of the Town Engineer that new metric mapping, in digital format, is proposed to be flown for the two cities in the spring of 1983. There will be no costs directly for this mapping unless the municipalities desire certain information to be shown on the mapping additional to that normally obtained for the province.

ON MOTION of Deputy Mayor Roberts and Councillor Lugar, it was moved that the Town Engineer be authorized to proceed with the identified drainage improvements following the obtaining of competitive bids, at a cost



to the Town not to exceed \$28,000; and further that the Town authorize the Town Engineer to request the Province (through the Department of Lands and Forests) to include the Town in the proposed mapping program and to meet with the Department on the Town's behalf to secure this program.

In response to an inquiry from Mayor Cosman, the Town Engineer advised that it was the intention of staff to enclose a drainage area in Bedford Village, presently open and considered hazardous by residents.

The motion was put to the meeting and passed unanimously.

#### 14.6 VEHICLES - ENGINEERING DEPARTMENT

By memorandum the Chief Administrative Officer addressed the matter of a policy on the use and storage of Town owned vehicles. He noted that, at present, the only policy the Town has in terms of this matter is found in the Personnel Policy Section 22.2 - Use of Town vehicles, which indicates that an employee must obtain permission from the Department Head or the Chief Administrative Officer to use Town vehicles.

The Chief Administrative Officer advised that, in an effort to formulate a more comprehensive policy in this regard, contact was made with a number of municipal units around the province and in all cases, where contact was made, it was determined that no written policy existed. However it was found that in all municipal units contacted, the Supervisory Staff of Engineering Departments were permitted to retain Town vehicles after hours.

It was suggested by the Chief Administrative Officer that to determine a policy on this subject would be simply to make the decision as to whether or not Engineering employees would retain Town-owned vehicles after hours. A decision of Council was requested due to the fact that one vehicle has now arrived at the dealer and another one is expected shortly.

ON MOTION of Councillor Lugar and Councillor Short, it was moved that, based on the experience which has been sought and determined, that the two vehicles shortly to be taken over by the Town be taken home by the Senior Supervisory Engineering staff on a six month trial basis.

Councillor Loncarevic expressed complete disagreement with the proposed policy and further expressed the opinion that requested information in terms of possible implications of employees not retaining vehicles has not been submitted to Council by staff.

ON MOTION of Councillor Tolson and Deputy Mayor Roberts, it was moved that the meeting adjourn at 11:00 p.m. Motion carried. Councillor Lugar and Councillor Legree voted against the motion.

A meeting of the Town Council of the Town of Bedford took place on Monday, November 23, 1981, 7:30 p.m. in the Council Chambers, Suite 400, Bedford Tower, Bedford, Nova Scotia, Mayor Francene Cosman presiding.

LORD'S PRAYER

*Francene J. Cosman*  
MAYOR

Mayor Cosman opened the meeting with the Lord's Prayer.

*[Signature]*  
CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER

ATTENDANCE

Deputy Mayor Keith Roberts, and Councillors Donald Legree, and John Tolson were present at the common part of the meeting. Councillor Lugar arrived with a few minutes to go.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

REGULAR SESSION - NOVEMBER 9, 1981

ON MOTION of Councillor Tolson and Councillor Legree, it was moved that the Minutes of the regular session of November 9, 1981 be approved. Motion carried unanimously.

ADDITIONS/DELETIONS - ORDER OF BUSINESS

It was agreed that the following items should be added to the Agenda:

- 14.4 New Year's Leave
- 14.5 December Council Session Schedule
- 14.6 Christmas and New Year's Holiday Schedule
- 14.7 Overnight Winter Parking Regulations

APPROVAL OF ORDER OF BUSINESS

ON MOTION of Councillor Legree and Councillor Tolson, it was moved that the Order of Business, as amended, be approved. Motion carried unanimously.

MOTIONS OF RECONSIDERATION

NIL

MINUTES OF THE THIRD YEAR'S MEETINGS OF THE FIRST  
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1        LORD'S PRAYER

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2        ATTENDANCE

Deputy Mayor Keith Roberts, and Councillors Arnold Legree, and John Tolson were present at the commencement of the meeting. Councillor Lugar arrived within five minutes.

3        APPROVAL OF MINUTES

3.1    REGULAR SESSION - NOVEMBER 9, 1981

ON MOTION of Councillor Tolson and Councillor Legree, it was moved that the Minutes of the regular session of November 9, 1981 be approved. Motion carried unanimously.

4        ADDITIONS/DELETIONS - ORDER OF BUSINESS

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5        APPROVAL OF ORDER OF BUSINESS

ON MOTION of Councillor Legree and Councillor Tolson, it was moved that the Order of Business, as amended, be approved. Motion carried unanimously.

6        MOTIONS OF RECONSIDERATION

NIL

DEFERRED BUSINESS/BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES7.1 COUNCIL APPOINTMENTS FOR 1981-82

Copies of a list of proposed Town Council Committee appointments for 1981-82 were distributed to members of Council. During the ensuing review it was agreed that the proposal was acceptable with minor changes.

ON MOTION of Councillor Legree and Deputy Mayor Roberts, it was moved that the Town Council accept the proposed Town Council Committee appointments, as amended, for 1981-82. Motion carried unanimously. (see Schedule A attached)

ON MOTION of Councillor Legree and Councillor Tolson, it was moved that Councillor Roberts be appointed Deputy Mayor for the year 1981-82.. Motion carried unanimously.

7.2 VEHICLES - ENGINEERING DEPARTMENT

By memorandum, the Chief Administrative Officer reviewed possible implications which may arise if employees of the Engineering Department do not retain the Town owned vehicles overnight.

ON MOTION of Councillor Lugar and Councillor Legree, it was moved that the practice of the Bedford Town Council be that Senior Staff take home Town owned vehicles other than those of the Fire or Police Departments until such time as the Town of Bedford has its own compound and maintenance department, at which time the practice will be reviewed.

ON MOTION of Deputy Mayor Roberts and Councillor Legree, it was moved that the motion be amended to refer to vehicles of the Engineering Department rather than including other Town owned vehicles. Amendment carried unanimously.

ON MOTION of Deputy Mayor Roberts and Councillor Legree, it was moved that the motion be amended to provide that the review of the policy should take place in six months' time. Amendment carried. Councillor Lugar voted against the amendment.

The amended motion was put to the meeting and carried unanimously.

7.3 APPOINTMENT TO COMMUNITY CONTACT COMMITTEE

ON MOTION of Councillor Tolson and Councillor Legree, it was moved that Mayor Cosman contact the two members already serving on the Community Contact Committee in an effort to obtain a recommendation for a third appointment.

Motion carried unanimously.

7.4 TERMS OF REFERENCE CAPITAL PROGRAM  
INCLUDING TRANSPORTATION STUDY

Copies of a proposed Terms of Reference for a servicing strategy for the Town of Bedford were circulated to members of Council. By memorandum the Town Engineer recommended that the Draft Terms of Reference be forwarded to BPAC for distribution to its sub-committees on Transportation and Environmental Health with a request that comments be forwarded back to the Town Engineer in time for the Council meeting. During the ensuing discussion some concern was expressed by Council with regard to the timing of this study, noting that the upgrading of some of the Town streets should be a priority item.

ON MOTION of Councillor Lugar and Councillor Tolson, it was moved that the draft Terms of Reference be forwarded to BPAC for distribution to its sub-committees on Transportation and Environmental Health with a request that comments be forwarded back to the Town Engineer in time for the next Council meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

7.5 ACTION SHEET

7.5.1 WALKER COMMISSION

In response to an inquiry from Councillor Legree, Mayor Cosman advised Council that a meeting has been held with the County concerning the Walker Commission recommendations at which meeting both parties reiterated their respective positions and agreed that a meeting be arranged with the Minister of Education to seek his direction.

ON MOTION of Deputy Mayor Roberts and Councillor Legree, it was moved that the full Council be invited to attend the upcoming meeting with the Minister of Education. Motion carried. Councillor Lugar voted against the motion.

10.1 MOTIONS OF RESCISSION

NIL

10.2 PUBLIC HEARINGS

9.1 APPEAL OF MINOR VARIANCES - 35 SUNRISE HILL

By memorandum the Development Officer reviewed the details of a minor variance granted to Mr. Hartley Robinson to construct a single family home at 35 Sunrise

Hill (Lot 21). The variance granted was in the form of a reduction in the required setback from 30 feet to 25 feet.

Attached to the memorandum were copies of correspondence received from Mr. Gary Schmeisser of 43 Sunrise Hill and Mr. E.F. O'Brien of 40 Sunrise Hill, both appealing the granting of the minor variance and outlining their reasons for the appeal.

In speaking to the matter, the Development Officer, with the aid of maps and plot plans indicated to the Council the location of the lot in question along with other homes which are already located nearby. It was noted that amongst the houses already in existence there is no great variance in the setback.

Mr. O'Brien was invited to speak to Council in support of his appeal and in doing so advised that he represented the opinion of himself, his next door neighbour, and Mr. Schmeisser. He advised Council that his reasons for the appeal were as outlined in his letter and he emphasized the fact that the request for the variance was from a developer but was being appealed by persons already in the area.

During the ensuing discussion on this matter some concern was expressed by Council that the variance was approved in deference to a request from a developer against the wishes of residents already located on the street.

ON MOTION of Deputy Mayor Roberts and Councillor Tolson, it was moved that the Town Council repeal the Development Officer's decision regarding the minor variance and that the setback requirement of 30 feet be confirmed.

Motion carried unanimously.

Councillor Legree excused himself from the meeting at approximately 9:00 p.m.

10            PETITIONS, DELEGATIONS, CORRESPONDENCE

10.1        PETITIONS

NIL

10.2        DELEGATIONS

NIL

10.3        CORRESPONDENCE

NIL

11 STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS

NIL

12 OTHER REPORTS

NIL

13 MOTIONS

NIL

14 MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS14.1 CITY OF HALIFAX REZONING - KEARNEY LAKE AREA

The Development Officer reviewed for the benefit of Council the details of a proposal for a change of land use with respect to an area located in the City of Halifax in the vicinity of Kearney Lake and partially bounded by the boundary line between the City of Halifax and the Town of Bedford.

Mr. Zwicker expressed the opinion that two issues were outstanding in this matter: 1) How does the land use proposed match with the proposed land use for the adjoining areas and 2) The issue of additional shopping centres and malls in the regional area.

During discussion of this matter it was agreed by Council that the concern of the Town of Bedford in this matter should be concentrated on the protection of the quality of the water of Kearney Lake.

ON MOTION of Councillor Tolson and Councillor Lugar, it was moved that the position of the Council of the Town of Bedford is that of concern for the protection of the environment of Kearney Lake, that correspondence be addressed to the City of Halifax and the County of Halifax expressing its concern with regard to the proposed changes in the land use designation of lands adjacent to Kearney Lake, and that the Director of Planning attend the Public Hearing in order to present the Town's concerns. Motion carried unanimously.

14.2 FIREMENS CONTRACT

Councillor Tolson spoke to Council recommending the signing of the proposed contract with the Bedford Firemen for the years 1982 and 1983. Copies of a memorandum were circulated outlining the financial implications of the proposed changes.

ON MOTION of Councillor Tolson and Councillor Lugar, it was moved that the recommended changes in the Contract be approved and that the Mayor and the Town Clerk be authorized to sign the Contract for 1982 and 1983 with the Bedford Fire Department.

During the ensuing discussion concern was expressed by some members of Council that copies of the proposed contract have not been distributed to members of Council.

ON MOTION of Deputy Mayor Roberts and Councillor Lugar, it was moved that this matter be deferred until the next meeting of Council. Motion carried. Councillor Tolson voted against the motion.

It was agreed that copies of the proposed contract should be forwarded to members of Council as soon as possible.

#### 14.3 1982 REFUSE COLLECTION CONTRACT

By memorandum the Town Engineer reviewed the details of the proposed extension of the garbage collection contract with Dixie Disposal Services Ltd., and recommended that Town Council extend the tender for garbage collection for the year 1982 to Dixie Disposal Services Ltd., for \$58,000.00.

ON MOTION of Deputy Mayor Roberts and Councillor Tolson, it was moved that Town Council, as per the provisions of the 1981 tender contract, extend the tender for Garbage Collection for the year 1982 to Dixie Disposal Services Ltd., for the amount of \$58,000.00; further that Council authorize the Mayor and Town Clerk to enter into an agreement with the successful bidder; and further, that Dixie Disposal Services Ltd., be advised to sign the contract agreement and provide all the necessary documentation as required by the specifications no later than December 15, 1981. Motion carried unanimously.

#### 14.4 NEW YEARS LEVEE

ON MOTION of Councillor Tolson and Councillor Roberts, it was moved that the Town Council co-operate with the Bedford Volunteer Fire Department with regard to the holding of the annual New Years Levee. Motion carried unanimously.



14.5 DECEMBER COUNCIL SESSION DATES

ON MOTION of Councillor Lugar and Deputy Mayor Roberts, it was moved that the December 14 Council Session be scheduled for 5:00 p.m. and that the December 28th meeting be cancelled. Motion carried unanimously.

14.6 CHRISTMAS AND NEW YEAR HOLIDAY SCHEDULE

ON MOTION of Councillor Lugar and Deputy Mayor Roberts, it was moved that the Town Offices be closed from 12:00 noon December 24 to December 28th, inclusive and on January 1, 1982, in observance of the Holiday Season. Motion carried unanimously.

14.7 OVERNIGHT WINTER PARKING REGULATIONS

By memorandum the Traffic Authority advised Council of his intentions with regard to the implementation of Overnight Winter Parking Regulations. It is intended that these regulations will commence on Monday, December 7, at 1:00 a.m.

In discussing this matter it was noted that the Traffic Authority does not require the concurrence of Council in this matter and the only concern was that some discretion be used in the enforcing of these regulations at such times as the streets are free from snow.

L5 QUESTIONS

NIL

L6 NOTICES OF MOTION

NIL

L7 OTHER

NIL

L8 ADJOURNMENT

ON MOTION of Councillor Lugar and Councillor Tolson, it was moved that the meeting adjourn at 9:40 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.

*Francene J. Cosman*  
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MAYOR

*B. Joan Lytle*  
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CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER

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Minutes, December 14/81

MINUTES OF THE THIRD YEAR'S MEETINGS OF THE FIRST  
COUNCIL OF THE MUNICIPALITY OF THE TOWN OF BEDFORD  
COUNCIL SESSION - DECEMBER 14, 1981

A meeting of the Town Council of the Town of Bedford took place on Monday, December 14, 1981, 7:05 p.m., in the Council Chambers, Suite 400, Bedford Tower, Bedford, Nova Scotia. Mayor Francene Cosman presided.

1            LORD'S PRAYER

Mayor Cosman opened the meeting with the leading of the Lord's Prayer.

2            ATTENDANCE

Deputy Mayor Keith Roberts and Councillors Bosko Loncarevic, David Lugar and Robert Short were in attendance at the commencement of the meeting.

3            APPROVAL OF MINUTES

3.1        SESSION OF NOVEMBER 23, 1981

ON MOTION of Councillor Short and Councillor Lugar, it was moved that the Minutes of the Session of November 23, 1981 be approved. Motion carried unanimously.

4            ADDITIONS/DELETIONS - ORDER OF BUSINESS

It was agreed by Council that Item 14.3 and 7.5 should be considered immediately following Item 6.

5            APPROVAL - ORDER OF BUSINESS

ON MOTION of Councillor Loncarevic and Councillor Tolson, it was moved that the Order of Business, as amended, be approved. Motion carried unanimously.

6            MOTIONS OF RECONSIDERATION

NIL

14.3 PROPOSED 1982 SOCIAL SERVICES OPERATIONAL PLAN

By memorandum from the Chief Administrative Officer, together with attachments, the Council was provided with details of the proposed 1982 Social Services Operational Plan and the comparison of the costs of same to those estimated for 1981.

Mr. E. Mason, Director of the Halifax County Social Services Department, addressed Council reviewing the proposed estimates and responded to questions evolving from the presentation.

Under the projected budget for 1982 it is expected that expenditures for General Assistance will total approximately \$182,560, and for Special Home Care, approximately \$211,471.

During the ensuing discussion it was noted that a request for an Operating Grant has been received from the Youth Alternative Program. In response to an inquiry as to whether or not such a grant might be cost shared by the Provincial Government, Mr. Mason expressed the opinion that such was possible, but not likely, in 1982.

ON MOTION of Deputy Mayor Roberts and Councillor Loncarevic, it was moved that the Social Services Operational Plan Budget as proposed be approved in principle, with the amendment that a grant of \$10,000 to the Youth Alternative Project be included, and that this budget be forwarded to the Department of Social Services for cost sharing approval. Motion carried unanimously.

Councillor Tolson and Councillor Legree took their places at the Council Session at approximately 7:30 p.m.

7.5 FIREMEN'S CONTRACT - LOCAL 2715

By memorandum the Chief Administrative Officer provided Council with details of a proposed contract between the Town of Bedford and the Bedford Professional Firefighters Association, Local 2715, effective from January 1, 1982 to December 31, 1983. It was the recommendation of the Chief Administrative Officer that Town Council approve a resolution authorizing the signing of the contract on behalf of the Town of Bedford.

ON MOTION of Councillor Tolson and Councillor Short, it was moved that the Town Council of the Town of Bedford authorize the Mayor and the Chief Administrative Officer to sign, on behalf of the Town of Bedford, the two year collective agreement with the Bedford Professional Firefighters Association, Local 2715. Motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Cosman and Councillor Toslon expressed the thanks of Town Council to members of the two Negotiating Committees.

ADDITION TO AGENDA

In response to a request from Mr. Zwicker, Director of Planning and Development it was agreed by Council that an item, "Request for Reduction in Setback for Lot 248A - Doyle Court" would be added to the Agenda as Item 12.3.1.

7.1 RATIFICATION - EXTENSION OF TRANSIT AGREEMENT

By memorandum the Chief Administrative Officer reviewed the background of the proposed extension of the Transit Agreement for the year 1982. It was recommended by the Chief Administrative Officer that Town Council approve a resolution authorizing the extension of the present contract for the year 1982.

ON MOTION of Councillor Lugar and Councillor Legree, it was moved that Town Council authorize the Mayor and Chief Administrative Officer to sign, on behalf of the Town of Bedford, a one year contract with the Metropolitan Transit Commission for the year 1982.

Councillor Loncarevic expressed strong concern that the Council is receiving no real consideration from the Metropolitan Transit Commission with regard to desired changes in the Transit Service. During the ensuing discussion it was agreed to accept a recommendation from the Chief Administrative Officer that the Ad Hoc Transit Committee should be formalized and that this new committee should begin ongoing negotiations with the Transit Commission to effect desired changes as soon as possible.

The motion was put to the meeting and carried. Councillor Loncarevic voted against the motion.

ON MOTION of Council . . . / 4  
Legree, it was moved . . .  
re-appointed to the Bedford Industrial Commission  
for a term of three years. Motion carried  
unanimously.

7.2 COUNCIL APPOINTMENTS - 1981-82

By memorandum the Chief Administrative Officer recommended that Council approve appointments of non-Council members to the various Committees, Boards and Commissions where required and, as well, that the Ad Hoc Transit Committee be formalized as a Standing Committee of Council.

Board of Police Commissioners

The Mayor called for nominations to the Board of Police Commissioners.

ON MOTION of Deputy Mayor Roberts and Councillor Lugar, it was moved that Mr. Donald Bower be appointed to the Board of Police Commissioners.

ON MOTION of Councillor Lugar and Councillor Loncarevic, it was moved that Mr. Herbert Chapman be re-appointed to the Board of Police Commissioners.

There being no response to three further calls for nominations, Mr. Donald Bower and Mr. Herbert Chapman were declared appointed to the Board of Police Commissioners.

Bedford Planning Advisory Committee

ON MOTION of Councillor Loncarevic and Councillor Short, it was moved that the presently serving members of the Bedford Planning Advisory Committee be re-appointed for an additional two months. Motion carried unanimously.

Board of Health

ON MOTION of Councillor Tolson and Councillor Legree, it was moved that Mrs. Betty Short and Dr. C. Childs be re-appointed to the Board of Health. Motion carried unanimously.

Bedford Recreation Commission

It was agreed that appointments to the Bedford Recreation Commission be deferred pending recommendations from this Commission.

Bedford Industrial Commission

ON MOTION of Councillor Short and Councillor Legree, it was moved that Mr. Carl Potter be re-appointed to the Bedford Industrial Commission for a term of three years. Motion carried unanimously.