

10.2 DELEGATIONS

of 1982-83. Noting staff was previously instructed to pursue both the manual option and the mechanical option, the memorandum detailed some of the perceived advantages, disadvantages, costs, etc. of both methods.

It was staff's opinion that the manual option for clearing sidewalks was not feasible and it was further recommended that staff be authorized to obtain quotations for an appropriate small mountable machine.

ON MOTION of Deputy Mayor Loncarevic and Councillor Tolson, it was moved that the decision on the method of clearing sidewalks be deferred until the Council Session scheduled for December 13 in order to consider the use of the additional seven man work force to be hired under a Canada Works Program as manual sidewalk clearance manpower.

During the discussion of the motion Deputy Mayor Loncarevic expressed the opinion that the proposal by the Engineering and Works Department that three foremen would be required to supervise the manual clearing of sidewalks is unrealistic and unnecessary. Councillor Tolson expressed the opinion the sidewalks should be cleared by the abutters.

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

ON MOTION of Councillor Tolson and Deputy Mayor Loncarevic it was moved that the Engineering Department be instructed not to remove snow from the sidewalks between December 7 and 13 unless instructed by Council. Motion defeated. Councillor Short, Councillor Roy and Councillor Doyle voted against the motion.

It was agreed by Council that the Engineering Department be requested to obtain quotations for an appropriate small mountable machine, suitable for all-year use by the Engineering and Recreation Departments. It was further agreed that this report should be submitted to the Council Session scheduled for December 13, 1982 and should include the projected labor costs for the use of this machine for the clearing of snow from sidewalks during the winter season of 1982/83.

8 MOTION OF RESCISSION

NIL

9 PUBLIC HEARINGS

NIL

10 PETITIONS, DELEGATIONS, CORRESPONDENCE

10.1 PETITIONS

NIL

10.2 DELEGATIONS

NIL

10.3 CORRESPONDENCE10.3.1 HOWARD CROSBY M.P. HALIFAX WEST
RE CANADA COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT PROJECT

Copies of correspondence from Howard Crosby, M.P. Halifax West were circulated to members of Council in which Mr. Crosby advised that an application from the Bedford Parks and Recreation Department for a Canada Community Development Grant has been approved. By memorandum Robert Nauss, Recreation Director, advised Council that approval of this project will result in the hiring of 7 workers during the coming winter season who will be involved in various construction, youth program and engineering projects. Mr. Nauss also advised that his department has also been successful in obtaining a \$2,000 grant to be applied to the consultant fees re the "Arena Floor Slab Heave."

Some concern was expressed by Councillor Short that it appears that some of the manpower obtained under this Canada Works Project will be used for construction work to the LeBrun Centre addition when funding for such construction work has not yet been approved by Council. It was noted that the timing of the arrival of these workers will be in early January, 1983, and that it is presumed that funding for such construction work would be requested in the 1983 Budget submission.

It was agreed by Council that Mr. Nauss should be asked to present a report to Council on all aspects of the proposed funding of the addition to the LeBrun Centre.

Deputy Mayor Loncarevic reiterated his concern that workers hired under this Canada Works Project should be able to be used as manual snow shovellers when the need arises.

It was agreed that correspondence should be forwarded to Howard Crosby M.P. and the Honourable Lloyd Axworthy, Minister of Employment and Immigration thanking them for the approval of the Canada Community Development Project application.

CONSTRUCTION - ADDITION TO LEBRUN CENTRE

During the discussion with regard to the funding of the addition to the LeBrun Centre, the attention of Council was drawn to correspondence from J.W. Lindsay Ltd. in which some deficiencies of the present

construction were noted. In response to an inquiry from Deputy Mayor Loncarevic as to the element of supervision presently in place with regard to the new construction, it was noted that the Chief Building Inspector for the Town, John Robertson, is regularly inspecting the construction in order to ensure that the standards of the Building Code are upheld.

Some general discussion took place with regard to the authority of the Town in as much as the Town is not actually paying for the costs of construction directly from Town funds.

ON MOTION of Councillor Tolson and Councillor Roy, it was moved that the Bedford Lions Club be requested to make future progress payments for the construction of the addition to the LeBrun Centre in consultation with Town staff, subsequent to the inspection and satisfaction of the Chief Building Inspector. Motion carried unanimously.

Some concern was expressed by Council with regard to the application from various Town departments for "Make-Work Projects" without Council involvement. In response Councillor Tolson expressed support for the Recreation Director in that the latter has many times been able to obtain funding grants to offset the cost of desired projects throughout the community.

10.3.2 G.Y. FITZGERALD/MAYOR KEITH ROBERTS
RE UNION STREET TRAFFIC

Copies of correspondence between G.Y. Fitzgerald and Mayor Roberts concerning traffic problems and school bus service curtailment on Union Street were circulated to members of Council. The correspondence was tabled for information and it was noted that staff is continuing its efforts to resolve this problem.

11 STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS

11.1 BEDFORD PLANNING ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Deputy Mayor Loncarevic reported that an organizational meeting of the new Bedford Planning Advisory Committee has been held and that officers have been elected. He also advised that the committee is considering the advisability and the methodology of reviewing the proposed new Planning Act. Referring to a recent press report published in the local media, Deputy Mayor Loncarevic expressed concern at finding expert opinion expressed by a staff member before the Town Council has had an opportunity to consider the matter.

The Director of Planning and Development advised Council that copies of the proposed Act will be available and he will also

be preparing a report outlining the changes from the existing Act. He noted that his comments to the press were a reflection of his own opinions and did not attempt to reflect the opinions of Council. Deputy Mayor Loncarevic expressed the opinion that Council should study the proposed plan very carefully and consider the possible long range implications before expressing an opinion.

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OTHER REPORTS

12.1 INTEGRATED SERVICING STUDY

Deputy Mayor Loncarevic advised that the Ad Hoc Committee with regard to the Integrated Servicing Study has had several meetings and has scheduled two more meetings to meet with personnel representing two selected proposals from the total of seven submitted. He also advised that the selection committee is placing its emphasis on the traffic aspect of the report.

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MOTIONS

13.1 AMENDMENT TO BYLAW RESPECTING THE RECREATION COMMISSION NOTICE SERVED BY COUNCILLOR SHORT, NOVEMBER 22, 1982

ON MOTION of Councillor Short and Deputy Mayor Loncarevic, it was moved that the Bylaw Respecting the Recreation Commission be amended by the deletion of the present wording of Section 4(a), (b), and (c), and replacing it with:

- 4(a) Two members from Town Council;
- 4(b) Remaining members who are residents of the Town of Bedford.

It was agreed that the Council Meeting should adjourn for a ten minute break at 8:50 p.m.

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MISCELLANEOUS

14.1 1983 BUDGET - UPDATE

By memorandum the Chief Administrative Officer advised Council of the progress to date with regard to the development of the first draft of the Town's 1983 Operating Estimates.

He requested direction from Council in terms of any guidelines to which staff should adhere when the "total budget package" is tabled for review, probably in late January or early February of 1983.

In response to his memorandum the Mayor submitted to Council a set of suggested guidelines for the use of staff in developing the budget, and requested the opinion of Council of same.

During general discussion of these guidelines several suggestions for additions and changes were made and it was suggested

The motion was put to the meeting and carried unanimously.
 by Deputy Mayor Loncarevic that he would like to see an emphasis on the reduction in the costs of major items of expenditure. The cost of the application of salt to streets during the winter was cited as an example. Councillor Doyle express concern at the number of miscellaneous accounts. Councillor Roy requested that Departments, in submitting a budget proposal, also indicate the effect foreseen of a 5 percent reduction in same.

Some discussion took place with regard to the advisability of adhering to the "six and five percent guideline" recommended by the senior levels of government and the opinion was expressed by Councillor Short that the most important aspect of the budget will be the resultant "tax rate."

ON MOTION of Deputy Mayor Loncarevic and Councillor Short, it was moved that:

WHEREAS a reduction is anticipated in grants and revenue growth -

1. Transitional Grant reduced from \$500,000 to \$250,000;
2. Correctional Centre grant discontinued;
3. Mainstreet and Industrial Commission grants reduced;
4. Various other grants reduced or held to 1982 levels;
5. Slow down in Building Permit and Assessment growth;

AND WHEREAS additional expenditures are also anticipated:

1. Arena Floor and Plant replacement;
2. Fuel and Electricity increases;
3. Salary Adjustments;
4. Town Communications System and new Police Station;
5. Social Service increases;
6. School Board increases;

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED that the Chief Administrative Officer be instructed to advise staff to follow the following guidelines in the preparation of the 1983 Operating Budget:

1. Hiring freeze - no new permanent employees;
2. No capital purchases from revenue unless proven absolutely essential;
3. No increase in 1982 budgets or expenditures wherever possible;
4. An indication from each department as to the implications if its budget was decreased by 5 percent.

bearing in mind amongst others the following cost cutting measures:

1. A reduction in overtime;
2. Tighter purchasing policy;
3. Inventory equipment - more sharing of equipment between departments.

During discussion of the motion and in response to a question from Councillor Tolson it was noted that very few departments are, at the present time, paying overtime.

The motion was put to the meeting and carried unanimously.

14.2 PROPOSED POLICY - WALKWAYS

Copies of a proposed Policy with Regard to Walkways were circulated to members of Council.

Mr. Barry Zwicker, Director of Planning and Development elaborated on the proposed policy and requested some guidance from Council as to subsequent procedure for the review, possible acceptance and method of implementation of the policy. He noted that the report contained four sections (a) function and benefit of walkways, (b) safety of policing of walkways, (c) construction standards for new walkways, (d) analysis of existing walkways and, (e) summary and recommendations.

ON MOTION of Councillor Short and Councillor Roy, it was moved that the report be tabled for further consideration by Town Council and, further, that the report be submitted to the Bedford Planning Advisory Committee for its study in conjunction with its planned study of the Recreation Planning Strategy which was tabled previously. Motion carried unanimously.

15 QUESTIONS

15.1 ACTION SHEET

15.1.1 PLACEMENT OF SCHOOL SIGNS - HAMMONDS PLAINS ROAD

Councillor Tolson expressed concern that the Department of Transportation was unwilling to permit the placement of a school sign on the Hammonds Plains Road with regard to the Sandy Lake Academy. It was agreed that staff should determine whether the Department is refusing to allow the placement of the sign or is simply refusing to cost share the expenses involved.

15.1.2 COMMITTEE OF WHOLE-AGREEMENT - SANITARY SEWER SYSTEM - COUNTY OF HALIFAX

It was agreed by Council that staff should endeavor to arrange for a meeting between the Town of Bedford and the County of Halifax concerning the Sanitary Sewer System prior to the Christmas Season.

15.1.3 NOVEMBER 22ND 14.4 COUNCIL ORIENTATION/INFORMATION SESSION

In response to a question from Deputy Mayor Loncarevic, Council was advised that the Chief Administrative Officer is presently making arrangements for future meetings to be held with Department Heads.

16NOTICES OF MOTION

NIL

17ADDED ITEMS17.1EMERGENCY MEASURES ORGANIZATION COURSE - ARMPRIOR, ONTARIO

The Mayor advised Council that three members of staff will be attending an Emergency Measures Organization Course at Armprior this year.

18OTHER18.1PRESENTATION - TOWN OF BEDFORD

Councillor Short advised Council that Mr. & Mrs. J. Bower would like to make a presentation to the Town of Bedford of a large hand made clock which was made in their own workshop. It was agreed that staff should be consulted as to the placement of such a clock in the Chambers and that Council would be most pleased to accept such a presentation at the Council Session to be held on December 13, 1982.

18.2VOLUNTEER WEEK

Deputy Mayor Loncarevic requested that the matter of "Volunteer Week" be considered by Town Council early in the new year in order that it can be determined whether such a week should be designated as "Volunteer Week" or "Recreation Volunteers Week."

19ADJOURNMENT

ON MOTION of Councillor Doyle and Councillor Roy, it was moved that the meeting adjourn at approximately 10:05 p.m.



 MAYOR



 CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER

MINUTES OF THE FIFTH SESSION OF THE FIRST YEAR'S MEETINGS
OF THE SECOND COUNCIL OF THE MUNICIPALITY OF THE
TOWN OF BEDFORD

REGULAR SESSION - DECEMBER 13, 1982

A regular session of the Town Council of the Town of Bedford took place on Monday, December 13, 1982 at 7:30 p.m., in the Council Chambers, Suite 400, Bedford Tower, Bedford, Nova Scotia, Mayor Keith Roberts presiding.

1 LORD'S PRAYER

Mayor Roberts opened the session by the leading of the Lord's Prayer.

2 ATTENDANCE

Deputy Mayor Bosko Loncarevic and Councillors Phyllis Doyle, David Lugar, William Roy, Robert Short and John Tolson were in attendance at the commencement of the session.

Staff members attending the session included Dan English, Chief Administrative Officer, Louis Dursi, Town Engineer, Robert Nauss, Recreation Director, H.A. MacKenzie, Chief of Police and Joan Pryde, Deputy Clerk.

2.1 PRESENTATION - STAFF SERGEANT JOHN BRAYLEY

On behalf of the Town Council and residents of the Town of Bedford, Mayor Roberts presented a plaque to Staff Sergeant John Brayley in appreciation of his successful rescue of a Bedford citizen from Paper Mill Lake on July 26, 1982. In response to the presentation, Sergeant Brayley expressed his thanks to Town Council for this award.

2.2 PRESENTATION - MR. & MRS. RALPH BOWERS

Mr. & Mrs. Ralph Bowers presented a gift consisting of a large, hand-made, wooden clock for the Council Chamber. The clock had been made from a cross-section of the trunk of a Cypress Tree and it was noted by Mrs. Bowers that this particular specimen of tree is not easily obtained.

Mayor Roberts expressed the thanks of Town Council and the residents of the Town of Bedford for this gift.

authorize the purchase of a New York Heavy Diesel Tractor and attachments as identified by Staff the Council to be withdrawn from the Transportation Capital . . . /2

3 APPROVAL OF MINUTES

3.1 REGULAR SESSION - DECEMBER 6, 1982

ON MOTION of Councillor Tolson and Councillor Lugar, it was moved that approval of the Minutes of the Regular Session of December 6, 1982 be deferred to the next Regular Session of Council. Motion carried unanimously.

4 ADDITIONS/DELETIONS TO ORDER OF BUSINESS

It was agreed on the request of the Chief Administrative Officer that an item, "Verbal Report - Canada Community Development Program", be added to the Agenda as No. 7.3.

5 APPROVAL ORDER OF BUSINESS

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

6 MOTIONS OF RECONSIDERATION

NIL

7 DEFERRED BUSINESS/BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES

7.1 SIDEWALK SNOW CLEARING - 1982/83

By memorandum the Town Engineer reviewed in detail the question of the snow clearing of sidewalks for the winter season 1982/83. In response to Council's request he addressed the following matters:

1. The possibility of the utilization of seven persons to be employed under the Canada Community Development Program;
2. The provision of quotations on a small mountable machine for year-round use by both the Engineering and Recreation Departments; and
3. The provision of estimates for the total operating costs for sidewalk clearing for the 1982/83 winter season utilizing a mountable machine with snowblower.

It was the recommendation of staff that the Town Council authorize the purchase of a Kubota B6100 Diesel Tractor and attachments as identified by staff, the funding to be withdrawn from the Transportation Capital Account.

During general discussion Deputy Mayor Loncarevic expressed his satisfaction with the manpower used during the current day to clear sidewalks and suggested that manual labour should continue to be used for this task.

It was noted by several Councillors that some businesses adjacent to the highway were removing snow from their parking lots and placing it on the sidewalk areas. It was agreed that this practice should be curtailed and that the business owners involved should be approached by either the Police Department or the Traffic Authority informing them that such practice was illegal.

Some concern was expressed by Councillors that the time factor will be a problem if manual labour is continued to be used for the clearing of sidewalks, due to the fact that it appears that it will take approximately 3 or 4 days before the task can be completed. In the meantime, children attending the various schools in the Town would have a problem travelling the roads.

ON MOTION of Councillor Roy and Councillor Lugar, it was moved that the Town of Bedford proceed with the purchase of the Kubota B6100 Tractor as recommended by staff, subject to adequate operating tests by the Engineering Department, with the operating policy to be as proposed by staff, and with the funding to be withdrawn from the Transportation Capital Reserve Account. Motion carried. Councillor Tolson and Deputy-Mayor Loncarevic voted against the motion.

7.2 PLACEMENT OF SCHOOL SIGN ON HAMMONDS PLAINS ROAD RESPECTING SANDY LAKE ACADEMY

By memorandum, the Town Engineer advised Council that he has been advised by the Provincial Traffic Authority, verbally, that the proposed school zone signs, for which Council passed a motion at its meeting on November 8, 1982, are not in conformity of the Motor Vehicle Act insofar as Sandy Lake Academy is concerned.

He also advised that the Department of Transportation will be conducting speed zone studies on the roadway, as requested, and that the Town will be advised of the results of the survey as soon as they are complete.

In discussing this matter, some concern was expressed by Council that there seems to be differences in the application, by the Department of Transportation, of the rules with respect to the placing of school zone signs.

7.3 CANADA COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT GRANT

Mr. Robert Nauss, Recreation Director, advised Council of the details of a Canada Community Development Grant which has been awarded to the Town of Bedford for a period commencing January 1, 1983. He noted that five positions have been approved and that some of these positions will be used to achieve work objectives of the Recreation Department, while others will be available for the use of the Engineering Department.

In response to concern expressed at the previous meeting of Council with regard to general procedure followed in applying for Provincial and/or Federal "Make-Work" Project Grants, Mr. Nauss advised that such applications are initiated by Town Departments in consultation with one another. Following acceptance by a Government Department of any application, Council is informed of the details, and contracts are not signed until Council approval is received. Mr. Nauss noted that it is also government policy that manpower hired through any such program must be used for the purpose originally approved, which meet guidelines of the established criteria for same.

8 MOTIONS OF RESCISSION (NIL)

9 PUBLIC HEARINGS (NIL)

10 PETITIONS, DELEGATIONS, CORRESPONDENCE

10.1 PETITIONS (NIL)

10.2 DELEGATIONS

10.2.1 YOUTH ALTERNATIVE SOCIETY

In response to a request from the Youth Alternative Society for an opportunity to present the details of its program to Town Council, Mayor Roberts invited Cheryl Picard to address Council.

Following a brief explanation of the Society's program Ms Picard introduced Dan Sargent, President; Joel E. Pink, Vice-President; and, George Smith, a member of the Board of Directors of the Society.

With the aid of a slide presentation, Mr. Pink presented a detailed outline of the history, program, and financial background of the program sponsored by the youth Alternative Society. It was noted that the Youth Alternatiave Society began in November, 1978, as a Three Year Demonstration Project under the auspices and financial support of the Federal Department of the Solicitor General and the Provincial Department of Social Services. The program has met with such success during its demonstration

period that its management committee feels the project should continue as a private non-profit organization. Details of the proposed budget for 1983 were also circulated to members of Council and it was noted that the Society would appreciate a contribution from the Town of Bedford for 1983 of \$2500.00.

Following an opportunity for Council to receive answers to specific questions, Mayor Roberts thanked the members of the Society for the presentation and advised that the request for a grant for 1983 will be considered early in the new year.

10.3 CORRESPONDENCE

10.3.1 UNION OF NOVA SCOTIA MUNICIPALITIES

The Chief Administrative Officer advised Council that correspondence has been received from the Union of Nova Scotia Municipalities requesting the appointment of a delegate to the Organizing Committee for the 1983 Annual Conference.

ON MOTION of Councillor Lugar and Deputy Mayor Loncarevic, it was moved that Councillor Tolson be appointed as the representative from the Town of Bedford to the Organizing Committee for the Annual Conference of the Union of Nova Scotia Municipalities. Motion carried unanimously.

Councillor Tolson accepted the nomination with delight and anticipation.

11 STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS

11.1 BEDFORD PLANNING ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Deputy Mayor Loncarevic requested the consideration of Council as to how the Town of Bedford could respond to a request from the Department of Municipal Affairs for consideration of the proposed new Planning Act.

ON MOTION of Deputy Mayor Loncarevic and Councillor Lugar, it was moved that the Chairman of the Bedford Planning Advisory Committee be requested to constitute a suitable study group to analyze and report back to the Bedford Planning Advisory Committee on the proposed Planning Act by the end of the year. Motion carried unanimously.

was moved that the Fire Department report for the month of November be tabled. Motion carried unanimously.

It was also agreed that correspondence should be addressed to the Department of Municipal Affairs advising that comments will be forwarded from the Town of Bedford on the proposed Planning Act early in the new year.

12 OTHER REPORTS

12.1 TAX COLLECTION REPORT - NOVEMBER

Copies of the Tax Collection Report for November, 1982 were circulated in which it was noted that during the month of November, \$19,629 was collected on the 1982 taxes and \$2,287 on the arrears. It was noted that the balance outstanding as at November 30, 1982 was \$581,412 of which \$469,408 is current.

Enclosed with the Tax Report was a list of proposed tax account write-offs with the recommendation that these accounts be written off by Council against the Reserve for Uncollectible Taxes.

ON MOTION of Councillor Lugar and Councillor Tolson, it was moved that the list of tax accounts, as presented, in the amount of \$11,341 be written off against the Reserve for Uncollectible Taxes. Motion carried unanimously.

Also included with the Tax Report was a list of Capital Charge Accounts with the recommendation by staff that these accounts also be written off against the Reserve for Uncollectible Taxes

ON MOTION of Councillor Tolson and Councillor Lugar, it was moved that the list of capital charge accounts in the amount of \$5,633.54 (Sewer) and \$1,395.30 (Paving), as presented, be written off against the Reserve for Uncollectible Taxes. Motion carried unanimously.

12.3 FIRE DEPARTMENT REPORT - NOVEMBER

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

During discussion of the report some concern was expressed with regard to the number of false alarms which have occurred at the High School and it was agreed that the Fire Department should be requested to provide a more detailed report with regard to this problem.

ON MOTION of Councillor Lugar and Councillor Roy, it was moved that the Fire Department Report for the month of November be tabled. Motion carried unanimously.

13 MOTIONS

NIL

14 MISCELLANEOUS14.1 TENDERS - GARBAGE COLLECTION - 1983

By memorandum the Town Engineer advised Council of the response to the Garbage Collection Tender - Tender 8240 which was called on December 1, 1982 and closed on December 9, 1982. Mr. Dursi advised that tenders were received from five companies and he attached details of the responses to his memorandum. It was the recommendation of staff that the Town award the Garbage Collection Contract to Suburban Waste and Disposal Ltd for a Three Year Period.

ON MOTION of Councillor Short and Councillor Doyle, it was moved that the Town of Bedford award the Garbage Collection Contract for Tender 82-10, to Suburban Waste and Disposal Ltd for a Three Year Period, in accordance with its bid prices of \$53,900 - 1983; \$57,134 - 1984; and \$61,704 - 1985 respectively, and further; that the Town authorize the Mayor and Chief Administrative Officer to enter into a contract with Suburban Waste and Disposal Ltd. Motion carried unanimously.

Deputy Mayor Loncarevic requested that some effort be made to ensure that the Garbage Contractor is made responsible for the clean-up of any seepage of liquid waste from its trucks on the highways.

14.2 NEW YEAR'S DAY LEVEE

By memorandum the Chief Administrative Officer requested consideration of Council to the holding of a New Year's Day Levee on January 1, 1983.

ON MOTION of Councillor Tolson and Councillor Roy, it was moved that a New Year's Day Levee be hosted by the Town Council and the Bedford Volunteer Fire Department if the Fire Department is willing to convene such an event at a cost not to exceed \$530.00. Motion carried. Councillor Short voted against the motion. Deputy Mayor Loncarevic abstained from voting.

14.3 HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATIONS ESTABLISHMENT OF COMMUNICATION LINK

By memorandum the Chief Administrative Officer reviewed the background of an attempt by the Town Council to establish a communication link with the various Homeowners Associations of the Town of Bedford. It was the

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recommendation of the Chief Administrative Officer that he be appointed as the official liaison between Council and the four existing Associations for the purpose of meeting periodically on a collective basis with representatives from each of the Associations. He suggested that Town Councillors might wish to be present at such meetings, possibly on a rotating basis, and that through such meetings the Chief Administrative Officer could determine which of possible problems brought up by Association members should be directed to staff, and which to the Council itself.

During discussion of this memorandum and the recommendation contained therein, Deputy-Mayor Loncarevic and Councillor Short expressed their feelings that such meetings should be the responsibility of Town Council in order to improve communications with members of the community.

ON MOTION of Councillor Lugar and Councillor Roy, it was moved that the recommendation of the Chief Administrative Officer be accepted.

ON MOTION of Deputy Mayor Loncarevic and Councillor Short, it was moved that further consideration of the motion be deferred until the Council has had an opportunity to meet with representatives of the Associations involved. Motion carried. Councillor Tolson, Councillor Lugar and Mayor Roberts voted against the motion.

It was suggested by Deputy-Mayor Loncarevic that in the near future Council should try to determine guidelines for the definition of Neighbourhood Associations.

It was also agreed by Council that correspondence should be forwarded to the various Homeowners Associations advising that the Agenda of each Council meeting will be available in the Town Office as of noon on the Thursday preceding any meeting scheduled for Monday, and that any member of the community is welcome to obtain a copy of this Agenda.

15 QUESTIONS

15.1 ACTION SHEET

15.1.1. ORIENTATION SESSIONS: COUNCIL/DEPARTMENT HEADS

It was agreed by Council, in response to an inquiry from the Chief Administrative Officer, that further orientation sessions between the Council and Department Heads should be scheduled subsequent to the commencement of the new year.

16 NOTICES OF MOTION

NIL

17 ADDED ITEMS

NIL

18 OTHER

NIL

19 ADJOURNMENT

ON MOTION of Deputy Mayor Loncarevic and Councillor Doyle, it was moved that the meeting adjourn at 10:30 p.m.

MAYOR

CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER

[Handwritten signatures of Mayor and Chief Administrative Officer]

MOTIONS OF RECONSIDERATION

MINUTES OF THE SIXTH SESSION OF THE FIRST YEAR'S MEETINGS
OF THE SECOND COUNCIL OF THE MUNICIPALITY OF THE TOWN OF BEDFORD

REGULAR SESSION - JANUARY 10, 1983

A regular session of the Town Council of the Town of Bedford took place on Monday, January 10, 1983, 7:30 p.m. in the Council Chambers, Suite 400, Bedford Tower, Bedford, Nova Scotia, Mayor Keith Roberts presiding.

1 LORD'S PRAYER

Mayor Roberts opened the meeting by the leading of the Lord's Prayer.

2 ATTENDANCE

Deputy Mayor Bosko Loncarevic and Councillors Phyllis Doyle, William Roy, Robert Short and John Tolson were in attendance at the commencement of the session.

Staff members in attendance included Dan R. English, Chief Administrative Officer, Louis Dursi, Town Engineer, Barry Zwicker, Director of Planning and Development and Joan Pryde, Deputy Clerk.

3 APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Deputy Mayor Loncarevic requested that the minutes of December 13, 1982, Item 14.1, be amended to indicate that it was agreed there be a provision in the Garbage Contract to ensure that the contractor is responsible for the clean-up of any seepage of liquid waste from its trucks on the highways.

ON MOTION of Councillor Short and Councillor Doyle, it was moved that the Minutes of the Regular Session of December 6 and December 13, 1982 be approved, as amended.

The motion was put to the meeting and approved.

4 ADDITIONS/DELETIONS TO ORDER OF BUSINESS

Upon the request of Deputy Mayor Loncarevic, it was agreed that an item, "Integrated Services Study", should be placed on the Agenda as Item 12.4.

5 APPROVAL - ORDER OF BUSINESS

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

6 MOTIONS OF RECONSIDERATION

NIL

7 DEFERRED BUSINESS/BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES7.1 RATIFICATION - CANADA COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT PROJECT

By memorandum, the Chief Administrative Officer reviewed the details of the background and current status of a Canada Community Development Project Grant which has been approved for the Bedford Recreation Commission. It was noted that no Town funding is required to supplement the project as same is labour intensive, which is keeping in line with the intent of the Canada Community Development Program.

ON MOTION of Councillor Short and Councillor Tolson, it was moved that the Town Council ratify the agreement between the Town of Bedford and the Federal Government with regard to the Canada Community Development Project approved for the Bedford Recreation Commission. Motion carried unanimously.

8 MOTIONS OF RESCISSION

NIL

9 PUBLIC HEARINGS AND MOTIONS ARISING THEREFROM

NIL

10 PETITIONS, DELEGATIONS, CORRESPONDENCE10.1 PETITIONS

NIL

10.2 DELEGATIONS

NIL

10.3 CORRESPONDENCE

10.3.1 HALIFAX COUNTY/BEDFORD DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD RE REPORT FROM C.E.O. AND REQUEST FOR ADDITIONAL FUNDING

Copies of correspondence and attached report from Mr. L.B. Gillis, C.E.O., Halifax County-Bedford District School Board were circulated to members of Council. During discussion of this report it was noted that it was actually addressed to the Halifax County Municipal Council and was forwarded to the Town Council of the Town of Bedford for information.

Also included with Mr. Gillis's correspondence was an invoice in the amount of \$1,804.04 as the Town of Bedford's share of the cost of unbudgeted salaries for teachers which were hired by the District Board.

During discussion of this invoice it was noted that the hiring of these teachers was a result of a ruling made by Judge N. Green in relation to Article 29 of the current agreement between the Municipal School Board, Municipality of the County of Halifax and the Nova Scotia Teachers Union.

ON MOTION of Councillor Tolson and Councillor Roy, it was moved that the invoice in the amount of \$1,804.04 be approved for payment.

Some concern was expressed by Council that, at the present time, it would be illegal for the Town of Bedford to agree to accept this invoice for payment due to the fact that all such excess costs must be approved by 80 per cent of the attendees of a joint meeting of the two municipal Councils involved.

During further discussion of the motion Councillor Tolson reviewed the background of the invoice and expressed his opinion that the Town Council should approve of the payment of same.

ON MOTION of Deputy Mayor Loncarevic and Councillor Short, it was moved that further consideration of the motion be deferred until its legality may be determined. Motion carried unanimously.

10.3.2 HONOURABLE EDMUND MORRIS, MINISTER OF SOCIAL SERVICES: RE 1983 COST SHARING SOCIAL SERVICES PROGRAM

Copies of correspondence from the Honourable Edmund L. Morris, Minister of Social Services, were circulated in which Mr. Morris expressed understanding of the Council's concern re the projected costs of the provision of General Assistance and Homes for Special Care for 1983. However, Mr. Morris also advised Council that the provision of Social Assistance to persons in need was a legislated responsibility of the municipality, not an option, and that it was further provided under the Act that the province may (not shall) assist by cost sharing these expenses.

Mr. Morris further reviewed the cost sharing which will be offered by the Province of Nova Scotia for the year 1983 and advised that if the Town Council wishes to change any of its municipal social assistance policies, he would be glad to review any policy amendments proposed.

During discussion of this correspondence Councillor Short requested that staff endeavor to project the total Social Service net expenditure for 1983 using the cost sharing figures as proposed by the Minister.

10.3.3 HONOURABLE KENNETH STREATCH, MINISTER OF FISHERIES: RE TASK FORCE ADVISORY COMMITTEE - BEDFORD BASIN

Copies of correspondence from the Honourable Kenneth Streach were circulated in which Mr. Streach requested an opportunity for the Task Force Advisory Committee - Bedford Basin to submit a report to Town Council. It was indicated that Mr. Streach would be prepared to meet with Council at the time of the submission of this report.

On the suggestion of Councillor Short it was agreed that this item should be scheduled for the first meeting in February and that the Minister be invited. It was further agreed that a final decision for the meeting date would be made by the Committee in consultation with the Minister.

11 STANDING COMMITTEE REPORT

NIL

12 OTHER REPORTS

12.1 BUILDING INSPECTION REPORT - NOVEMBER, 1982
BUILDING INSPECTION REPORT - DECEMBER, 1982

Copies of the Building Inspector's Report for the months of November and December, 1982 were circulated to members of Council.

It was noted that total value of construction for 1982 was \$9,378,055 with a permit revenue of \$18,634. The report was accepted for information.

12.2 PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT

Copies of the Development Officer's Yearly Review for 1982 were circulated to members of Council.

Following a review of the report Councillor Tolson requested an opinion from the Director of Planning and Development as to whether or not the Town should substitute a request for cash in lieu rather than a grant of land for park purposes with regard to a lot of land located between Panorama Drive and High Street.

Mr. Zwicker requested an opportunity to check on the legality of such a change due to the fact that this subdivision has received final approval. Council agreed with Mr. Zwicker investigating the legalities which might be involved and the report was accepted as submitted.

12.3 TAX COLLECTION REPORT

Copies of the Tax Collection Report for December, 1982 were circulated to members of Council and accepted for information.

Councillor David Lugar took his place at the session at 8:35 p.m.

12.4 INTEGRATED SERVICES STUDY REPORT

Deputy Mayor Loncarevic presented a report of the Ad Hoc Committee for the selection of consultants for the Integrated Services Study. The report reviewed the methodology which is being followed and also outlined conclusions which have been reached to date by the Committee. It was noted that the Committee has now determined that the carrying out of servicing and transportation studies should be done concurrently as the separation of these studies may result in inefficient and expensive duplication.

The Committee intends to conduct another set of interviews, and to seek opinions from BPAC and the Bedford Board of Trade prior to submitting its final report and recommendations to Town Council. At the present time it is felt that this report will be submitted at the next session of Council scheduled for January 24, 1983.

13MOTIONS

NIL

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MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS14.1 PLACEMENT OF SIGNS - BLOCK PARENTS ASSOCIATION

By memorandum the Town Engineer reviewed a request from the Block Parents Association for permission to place Block Parent Association Signs within the highway right-of-way at the various entrances to the Town of Bedford.

It was noted that suitable signs are now available, 24 inches by 36 inches, and capable of being mounted on a single post. The cost of these signs is approximately \$40 each and would be purchased by the Association. Installation costs would be approximately \$500 for five signs. It was recommended by the Town Engineer that the Town agree to fund the installation of five Block Parent Association Signs and that the new emergency phone number be advertised on the signs. It was also suggested by the Town Engineer that the installation cost might be charged to a special advertising account for the 911 Emergency Phone System.

ON MOTION of Councillor Tolson and Councillor Roy, it was moved that the Town of Bedford adopt the recommendation of the Town Engineer that Block Parents Association Signs be placed at five entrance points to the Town and that the cost of installation, approximately \$500, be underwritten by the Town. Motion carried unanimously.

14.2 STREET NAME - NO. 7 HIGHWAY

By memorandum, the Director of Planning and Development reviewed a request from Deputy Mayor Loncarevic re the possibility of officially naming the portion of No. 7 Highway from Sunnyside to the D.N.D. property as the "Dartmouth Road".

Following a review of the procedure for the naming of a street Mr. Zwicker advised Council that he agreed with Deputy Mayor Loncarevic's request and recommended the approval of same by Town Council.

ON MOTION of Deputy Mayor Loncarevic and Councillor Doyle, it was moved that Town Council ratify that the portion of Highway No. 7 from the intersection of the Bedford Highway through to the boundary of the lands owned by the Department of National Defence be named Dartmouth Road;

FURTHER that the property owners along the Dartmouth Road be notified of this ratification;

THAT the Assessment Department be directed to amend their records of the 13 properties not referred to as being located on the Dartmouth Road;

THAT the Post Office be informed of the ratification of the name;

THAT the Town streets and maps and street index, where necessary, be changed to reflect the name of Dartmouth Road; and

THAT appropriate signage be erected indicating the name "Dartmouth Road".

Motion carried unanimously.

14.3

MANAGEMENT OF TEACHERY - BEDFORD HERITAGE '80

By memorandum the Chief Administrative Officer reviewed the background of the "Bedford Teachery". He noted that during 1982 an amount of approximately \$10,000 was budgeted and spent for renovations to the building and that these renovations included the provision of an apartment in the upstairs portion of the building for the purpose of renting to tenants who will be providing security and maintenance services.

It was suggested by the Chief Administrative Officer that, the Town accept responsibility for the financial and physical plant, and personnel aspects of the facility. He requested a motion ratifying the agreement to this responsibility in order that the Bedford Heritage '80 could then determine whether or not it would wish to be responsible for developing an overall policy for the use of the facility. Such a policy would include designation for use of rooms, decor of these facilities, methods for protecting artifacts, etc.

During the following discussion Dr. Kenneth Kerr, Chairman of Bedford Heritage '80, expressed concurrence with the memorandum presented by Mr. English and also advised Council that the group was very pleased with the renovations which have taken place. He advised that Bedford Heritage '80 would be meeting shortly to consider the acceptance of the responsibility for developing an overall policy on the use of the facility. He also advised that the group would appreciate consideration of the provision of some funding to help furnish the lower portion of the building - chairs and tables, etc.

ON MOTION of Councillor Lugar and Councillor Tolson, it was moved that the Town Council accept the financial responsibility for the maintenance and provision of utility services to the Bedford Teachery and include funding for same in the 1983 Budget.

During subsequent discussion some effort was made to clarify the meaning and reasoning of the motion and the division of responsibilities which was envisaged. It was agreed that the motion should be changed to read as follows:

ON MOTION of Councillor Lugar and Councillor Tolson, it was moved that Bedford Heritage '80 be requested to develop an overall policy for the use of the Bedford Teachery recognizing that the responsibility for the maintenance and provision of utilities of the building will remain with the Town Council. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Joe Foy of the Bedford Heritage '80 Society spoke briefly to Council noting that it might be in order for all members of Town Council to become members of the Heritage '80 Society - he expressed the opinion that this would be an ideal way to avoid misunderstanding in the future.

14.4 1983 ASSESSMENT ROLL - TOWN OF BEDFORD

By memorandum the Chief Administrative Officer reviewed the details of the 1983 Property Assessment Roll recently received from the Province of Nova Scotia Department of Municipal Affairs. In his review it was noted by Mr. English that the most significant increase was found under the commercial property class where the 1983 figure reflected a 13 per cent increase. Business Occupancy Assessment was slightly reduced from that of 1982 but it is expected that this will increase substantially with the opening of a warehouse facility in the near future. The Assessment Roll also showed an increase of 3.7% in residential assessment.

In discussing this report it was noted by several members of Council that, while the rate of growth was comparatively good for the Town of Bedford in 1982, in comparison to such rate of growth in neighbouring municipalities, the Town should recognize that a major portion of this growth was due to two unique developments which are not likely to occur every year. The opinion was expressed that the Town must be very much aware of the danger of a possible sudden upsurge in residential activity which would be difficult to absorb if it was not accompanied by a concurrent increase in commercial assessment.

It was noted by Deputy Mayor Loncarevic that the Planning Review Committee has looked at the implication of controlling the growth of residential development and that this provision should be closely studied by the Town.

14.5 MEETING HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION AND COUNCIL RE ESTABLISHMENT OF COMMUNICATION LINK

The Chief Administrative Officer requested an opinion from Town Council as to when and where a meeting should be scheduled between the executives of the Homeowners Associations and Town Council re the establishment of a communication link.

It was agreed that if possible such a meeting should be scheduled at approximately 6:45 or 7:00 p.m. prior to a regular Council Session.

14.6 1983 BUDGET UPDATE

By memorandum the Chief Administrative Officer advised Council of progress to date in the development of the 1983 Budget. He noted that it was staff's intention to present an initial budget draft to Town Council by mid to late February for detailed review and consideration.

A lengthy discussion ensued during which Council reviewed various possibilities for the improvement of the budget process including the setting of a suitable tax rate prior to the review of the budget and ultimately making the budget meet this tax rate. Some concern was also expressed that one-third of the year is completed before a budget is approved - it was noted by the Chief Administrative Officer that it is difficult to avoid this problem due to the fact that information supplied from the financial statements for the previous year are required to complete a budget for the ensuing year.

Some discussion also took place as to whether or not the Council wished to review the individual departmental budgets prior to receiving the budget as a whole but it was generally agreed that the planned process of accepting a total budget package initially should be followed.

ON MOTION of Councillor Short and Councillor Roy, it was moved that the Chief Administrative Officer advise the County of Halifax-Bedford District School Board that the Town of Bedford will require the School Board Budget figures by February 15, 1983. Motion carried. Councillor Tolson voted against the motion.

14.7 POSSIBLE CHANGES IN OPERATION - REGIONAL WASTE DISPOSAL

By memorandum and attached correspondence the Town Engineer advised Council of possible changes in operation of the Regional Waste Disposal System. It was noted that the major change would be the possibility of the closing of the Landfill Site on Saturdays which would result in the necessity of the Town of Bedford changing its policy for the collection of garbage when a holiday falls on a Friday. In the past the garbage had been collected on Saturday. It would now have to be collected on Monday.

After a brief discussion it was agreed by Council that the proposed measures should be effected in order to limit the increasing costs for 1983 to a maximum of 6 per cent.

ON MOTION of Councillor Tolson and Councillor Lugar, it was moved that the Town of Bedford respond to the Metropolitan Authority indicating the Town is in agreement with the proposed measures as an attempt to limit cost increases. Motion carried unanimously.

5QUESTIONS15.1 ACTION SHEET15.1.1 EAGLEWOOD DRIVE (Sept. 28/81 ITEM 14.4)

On the request of Deputy Mayor Loncarevic it was agreed that Item 14.4, September 28, 1981 re the extension of Eaglewood Drive to Dartmouth Road be removed from the Action Sheet.

15.1.2 LEBRUN CENTRE - ICE SLAB AND PLANT RENEWAL (NOVEMBER 22, ITEM 14.2)

Councillor Roy requested that the bids received for the tender calls for the ice slab and plant renewal at the LeBrun Centre be compared to the original cost estimates prior to the presentation to Town Council.

16NOTICES OF MOTION

NIL

17ADDED ITEMS

NIL

18OTHER18.1MEETING WITH LEGAL COUNSEL

It was agreed by Council that a meeting should be held with Mr. Kenneth MacInnis, Solicitor, following the meeting to be held with the Recreation Commission scheduled for January 17, 1983, in order to discuss the role of the Town Solicitor.

18.2PUBLIC INFORMATION SESSION - MDP

It was agreed that the Public Information Session re the Municipal Development Plan should be tentatively scheduled for February 24, 1983.

19ADJOURNMENT

ON MOTION of Councillor Lugar and Councillor Tolson, it was moved that the meeting adjourn at 10:15 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.


 MAYOR


 CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER

MINUTES OF THE SEVENTH SESSION OF THE FIRST YEAR'S MEETINGS
OF THE SECOND COUNCIL OF THE MUNICIPALITY OF THE TOWN OF BEDFORD

REGULAR SESSION - JANUARY 24, 1983

DEFERRED BUSINESS/BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

A regular session of the Town Council of the Town of Bedford took place on Monday, January 24, 1983, 7:30 p.m. in the Council Chambers, Suite 400, Bedford Tower, Bedford, Nova Scotia, Mayor Keith Roberts presiding.

1 LORD'S PRAYER

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

2 ATTENDANCE

Deputy Mayor Bosko Loncarevic and Councillors David Lugar, William Roy, Robert Short and John Tolson were in attendance at the commencement of the session.

Staff members in attendance included Dan English, Chief Administrative Officer, Louis Dursi, Town Engineer, Barry Zwicker, Director of Planning and Development, Robert Nauss, Recreation Director, H.A. MacKenzie, Chief of Police and Joan Pryde, Deputy Clerk.

3 APPROVAL OF MINUTES

ON MOTION of Councillor Roy and Councillor Tolson, it was moved that the minutes of the regular session of January 10, 1983 be approved. Motion carried unanimously.

4 ADDITIONS/DELETIONS TO ORDER OF BUSINESS

On the request of Deputy Mayor Loncarevic it was agreed that the following items should be added to the Order of Business:

7.3 Public Information Session, February 24, 1983

12.4 Snow Removal Report

On the request of the Chief Administrative Officer it was agreed that the following items should be added to the Agenda:

14.1 Insurance Proposals

14.2 Liaison With Town Council

5 APPROVAL - ORDER OF BUSINESS

ON MOTION of Councillor Short and Councillor Roy, 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 MINUTES7.1 TASK FORCE ADVISORY COMMITTEE - BEDFORD BASIN - REPORT

Mayor Roberts informed Council and other persons assembled on the background regarding the appointment of a Task Force by the Honourable Ken Streach to consider the problems and development possibilities of the Bedford Basin. The Mayor introduced members of the Task Force to the meeting as follows: Robert Short, Chairman, Deputy Mayor Bosko Loncarevic, Mrs. Elsie Tolson and Messrs Jack Bathurst, Richard Irwin, Jack Innes and James O'Hagan.

Mayor Roberts also welcomed the Honourable Kenneth Streach, M.L.A. - Bedford-Musquodoboit Valley and invited him to address the meeting.

Mr. Streach expressed his pleasure at being present at this meeting of Town Council and presented a book entitled, "Seafood Cookery," to Mayor Roberts. (This is a publication of the N.S. Department of Fisheries of which he is Minister)

Mr. Streach further advised Council of his pleasure with the report which had been submitted to him by the Task Force. He noted that he was particularly pleased that the report contains a recommendation for the practical use of the siltation which has accumulated and should be removed from the basin. He also expressed his thanks to the members of the Task Force who have worked long and hard to develop the proposals contained in the report.

Mayor Roberts then invited Councillor Short, as Chairman of the Task Force, to present the report of this group to Town Council.

Following the distribution of the report, "Mill Cove Marine Park Concept", Councillor Short spoke briefly to the meeting noting the many persons and groups who have studied the problem of the siltation of the Bedford Basin over many years. He also noted the importance of the Bedford Basin in the minds of the citizens of Bedford particularly with regard to the desirability of improving and increasing the means of public accessibility to the Basin.

Councillor Short advised the meeting that it was the opinion of the Task Force that a long term development plan should be put in place in order to encourage private and public efforts.

Councillor Short further advised the meeting that it was the recommendation of the Task Force that a development proposal be adopted which would include the filling in of a portion of the Bedford Basin in the Moirs Mill area using siltation which has accumulated over the years in the Basin and should be removed, and that this area be developed as a Public Marina, a Ferry Terminal and Recreational area .

Mr. Jack Bathurst then addressed Council reviewing the various requirements and constraints that the Task Force encountered in looking for sites on the Bedford Basin suitable for the development of a Marina and/or Recreational area .

Mr. Bill Hardman, Consultant, The Hardman Group, with the aid of illustrations, presented a conceptual plan of the proposed development to the meeting.

Mrs. Elsie Tolson then addressed Council expressing her support of the concept of reclaiming land by using the existing siltation in the Basin for fill, and the future development of a marina etc. She reviewed the history of the area noting its importance to the Town of Bedford over the past three to four hundred years.

Mr. Jamie O'Hagan also spoke to Council of the visit of the "Tall Ships" to take place in 1984. He suggested that, at the present time, there is very little accomodation available for these ships and a marina such as is proposed would be ideal for accomodation and servicing.

In concluding the report of the Task Force Councillor Short requested that Council consider and support a resolution to take positive action.

ON MOTION of Councillor Short and Councillor Tolson, it was moved that the Town Council of the Town of Bedford approve in principle the proposed concept of the Mill Cove Marina Park.

Further that appropriate action be initiated to ascertain the willingness of the Waterfront Development Corporation to become involved and if appropriate to request the government authorities concerned to broaden the terms of reference of the Waterfront Development Corporation to include the Bedford Waterfront and a representative from the Town of Bedford on the Board of Directors;

Further that Council, subject to the acceptance of the Waterfront Development Corporation, work in collaboration with this body to obtain the federal and provincial governmental financial support and participation needed to conduct the initial feasibility and engineering studies.

The motion was put to the meeting and carried unanimously.

The Honourable Kenneth Streach again addressed Council expressing his thanks to the Task Force whose members have devoted their time, energy, ideas and enthusiasm to the development of the proposal. He also thanked Town Council for having been willing to receive and approve the concept.

Mayor Roberts, on behalf of Council, thanked all members of the Task Force who were involved in the preparation of the proposal and report.

7.2 HALIFAX COUNTY-BEDFORD DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD - REPORTS

Copies of correspondence from Mr. C.P.J. Briggs, Secretary Halifax County Bedford District School Board, were circulated to members of Council in which Mr. Briggs advised that, commencing in March, copies of financial statements on a quarterly basis will be forwarded to members of Council.

The Chief Administrative Officer also advised Council that, in response to a request to the School Board for budget projections by the middle of February, the board has advised that these projections will not be available until March 1, 1983.

Several members of Council expressed concern and asked for clarification with regard to minutes of the District School Board meetings which are circulated to members of Council. It was enquired as to whether or not the School Board has any obligation for the provision of these minutes and whether or not it is true that the minutes received by Council are not the same as the minutes received by the School Board members.

The Chief Administrative Officer advised that, in his opinion, Town Council is receiving duplicate copies of the minutes of the Regular School Board meetings but is not receiving copies of the minutes of the School Board Committee of the Whole meetings.