

It was agreed that the Town Solicitor should further address the question as to whether or not Town Council can selectively repeal only certain portions of a bylaw inherited from the municipality.

10.3.4 GRANT C. WALKER - CIVIC AFFAIRS COMMITTEE - BEDFORD BOARD OF TRADE RE ATTENDANCE AT A COUNCIL ORIENTATION SESSION

Copies of correspondence from Grant C. Walker, Chairman, Civic Affairs Committee - Bedford Board of Trade were circulated to members of Town Council in which Mr. Walker requested permission for a member of the Board of Trade to attend the Council Orientation Session scheduled for December 2, 1985.

ON MOTION of Deputy Mayor Nolan and Councillor Kelly it was moved that a representative of the Civic Affairs Committee of the Bedford Board of Trade be given permission to attend the Council Orientation Session on December 2, 1985.

During discussion of this motion, Council was advised that, in the opinion of staff and Council the meeting should be restricted to members of Staff and Members of Council.

Some concern was also expressed that it would be unfair to invite a member of the Board of Trade unless representatives of other community organizations were also invited.

The Motion was put to the meeting and was defeated unanimously.,

It was agreed by Council that further discussion with the Board of Trade should be initiated by the Town in order to determine how an atmosphere of cooperation between the Board and the Town Council/Staff could best be effected.

11. STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS

11.1 BEDFORD PLANNING ADVISORY COMMITTEE

By memorandum, Mr. John Malcolm, Town Planner, advised Council of a Motion passed by the Bedford Planning Advisory Committee at a meeting held on November 6, 1985, as follows:

"That a strongly worded letter be written to the Minister of Environment stating the Town's concern with the reaction of the Department of the Environment Staff concerning development at No. 1480 and No. 1600 Bedford Highway."

During discussion of this memorandum, it was noted by Barry Zwicker, Director of Planning and Development, that the motion was the result of concern with a perceived lack of action by the Department of the Environment. He further noted that, it now appears that the Department of the Environment is proceeding with legal action concerning one location, and may consider the same with regard to the other location. It was suggested by Mr. Zwicker that it might be worth while for Town Council at this point in time not to write a letter indicating displeasure at the Department's response.

It was agreed by Council that the information provided by Mr. Zwicker should be reported to the Bedford Planning Advisory Committee at its next Regular Session.

12. OTHER REPORTS

12.1 FIRE CHIEF'S MONTHLY REPORT - OCTOBER 1985

The Fire Chief's Monthly Report for the month of October 1985 was circulated to Members of Council.

12.2 BUILDING INSPECTOR'S MONTHLY REPORT - OCTOBER 1985

The Building Inspector's Monthly Report for October 1985 was circulated to Members of Council, indicating a total construction value to date of \$19,178,079 with a permit revenue of \$57,854.

Pleasure was expressed by Council with the total value of construction to date, and it was particularly noted that much of this construction is in the commercial area.

It was noted that there appears to be an error in the supporting documentation and it was agreed that the figures should be corrected and resubmitted to Council.

ON MOTION of Deputy Mayor Nolan and Councillor Roy it was moved that the monthly reports be accepted for information. Motion carried unanimously.

13. MOTIONS

13.1 AMENDMENTS TO BYLAW RESPECTING RULES OF ORDER (SECOND READING)

Proposed amendments to the Bylaw Respecting Rules of Order were circulated to Members of Council, and received second reading.

13.2 POLICY RE APPOINTMENT OF MEMBERS AT LARGE TO BOARDS/COMMITTEES/COMMISSIONS (SECOND READING)

The Policy re Appointment of Members at Large to Boards, Committees and Commissions received second reading.

13.3 POLICY RE ELECTRONIC RECORDING OF PUBLIC HEARINGS (THIRD AND FINAL READING)

ON MOTION of Councillor Roy and Councillor Lugar it was moved that a Policy re Electronic Recording of Public Hearings, as circulated, be approved. Motion carried unanimously.

14. NEW BUSINESS

14.1 APPOINTMENTS TO BOARDS, COMMITTEES, AND COMMISSIONS

14.1(a) COUNCIL APPOINTMENTS - NOVEMBER 1985

By memorandum, the Chief Administrative Officer circulated a schedule of suggested Council appointments to Boards, Commissions and Committees which was developed by the Mayor and the Chief Administrative Officer. It was recommended that Town Council approve the suggested appointments as noted on the attached schedule.

ON MOTION of Councillor Short and Councillor Kelly it was moved that the appointments of members of Council to Boards, Committees and Commissions as recommended by the Mayor and Chief Administrative Officer, be approved. Motion carried unanimously.

14.1(b) APPOINTMENTS OF MEMBERS OF THE COMMUNITY AT LARGE TO BOARDS, COMMITTEES AND COMMISSIONS

By memorandum, the Mayor and Council were provided with information concerning members of the community at large, who have applied to serve as volunteers on various Town Boards, Committees and commissions.

Mr. Dan Sargeant
Mr. Margie Shivers

BEDFORD INDUSTRIAL COMMISSION

Mr. Robert Lugar

BEDFORD IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT COMMITTEE

ON MOTION of Councillor Lugar and Councillor Kelly it was moved that the recommendation of the BID (Mainstreet) Committee) that:

Mr. J. Arnold Legree - Board of Trade
Mr. Laurie Stevens - BBIC
Mr. Arthur J. Hustins Jr. - Board of Trade
Mrs. Barbara Koppernaes - Horticultural Society
Mr. Doug Williams - Board of Trade
Ms. Wendy Oliver - Recreation Commission
be appointed to the BID Committee for a one ;year term be approved. Motion carried unanimously.

TREE COMMITTEE

ON MOTION of Councillor Roy and Councillor Lugar it was moved that Hilary Grant be appointed to the Tree Committee for a one year term. Motion carried unanimously.

OTHER APPOINTMENTS

Noting that in the case of all other committees, there were more applicants than available positions, it was agreed that selection should be made by secret ballot.

Following secret ballots for each committee, the following members from the community at large were declared elected:

BOARD OF HEALTH

Mrs. Margaret Bradley
Mr. David Sarty

GRANTS ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Mrs. Carol Compton-Smith
Mr. William Dompierre

RECREATION COMMISSION

Mr. Ken Kelly
Mrs. Ann Pember
Mr. Peter McInroy

POLICE COMMISSION

Mr. Dan Sargeant
Mr. Mengie Shulman

BEDFORD INDUSTRIAL COMMISSION

Mr. Robert Lugar

TRANSIT ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Mr. Gary Dean
 Mrs. Lynda Mitchell
 Mr. David Gorsline
 Mr. Jack Bathurst
 Mr. Douglas Stewart

14.2 See Page 5 of Minutes

14.3 RESOLUTIONS FINANCING - 1985 and 1984 CAPITAL PROJECTS

By memorandum, the Chief Administrative Officer requested Town Council's formal approval of two Temporary Borrowing Resolutions in the amount of \$350,000 for Parkland; \$310,000 for the Police Building, and consideration of a Resolution requesting Ministerial Approval for the withdrawal of funds from the Town's Special Reserve Fund in the amount of \$125,000.

It was noted by the Chief Administrative Officer that both the Temporary Borrowings and the Withdrawal of Funds had been previously informally approved by Council but formal approval was required in order to enact same.

Copies of the formal Resolutions were included with the Chief Administrative Officer's memorandum

ON MOTION of Councillor Lugar and Councillor Kelly, it was moved that the Temporary Borrowing Resolutions for \$310,000 (Police Building) and \$350,000 (Parkland Project) and a Resolution for the Withdrawal of \$125,000 from the Special Reserve Fund, as attached, be approved. Motion carried unanimously.

14.4 PROPOSED TOWN OF BEDFORD CAPITAL PROGRAM 1986 - 1988 INCLUSIVE

Copies of Draft Number 1, Preliminary Town of Bedford Proposed Capital Program for 1986 - 1988 were circulated to members of Council. It was agreed that a Special Meeting would be scheduled in the near future for the purpose of a detailed discussion of this Capital Program.

14.5 TAX EXEMPTIONS CERTAIN INDIVIDUALS

By memorandum, the Chief Administrative Officer advised of the details of an exemption from taxation which may be granted by Town Council to persons who meet certain requirements as set forth in the Resolution ;included in section 112(a) of the Town's Act. It was recommended that Town Council approve an exemption of \$175 to persons qualified and whose maximum income level would not exceed \$8,500.

ON MOTION of Councillor Lugar and Councillor Kelly it was moved that an exemption from taxation in the Town of Bedford be granted pursuant to section 112(a) of the Town's Act in the amount of one hundred and seventy five dollars (\$175.00); That an exemption be granted to a person assessed for taxable property in the Town of Bedford who is:

- (a) a widow or a widower, or
 - (b) 65 years of age or over, or
 - (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 where that person's 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 preceeding the year for which the exemption is sought is less than eighty five hundred dollars (\$8,500).

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 interest 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 thirty first day of January, 1986.

The Motion was put to the meeting and carried unanimously.

14.6 PROPOSED SETTLEMENT - PROPERTY DISPUTE

By memorandum, the Chief Administrative Officer enclosed copies of pertinent correspondence and Committee of the Whole Minutes ;with respect to a proposed settlement in the matter of the property dispute with Mr. Tony Mee.

It was recommended that Town Council favourably consider the payment of \$1,800 in order that the property dispute can be finalized.

ON MOTION of Councillor Christie and Councillor Kelly it was moved that Town Council authorize the payment of \$1,800 to Mr. Tony Mee for his claim respecting inter alia improvement and maintenance of the right of way adjacent to 90 Meadowbrook Drive in Bedford and that the appropriate Release be obtained.

The Motion was put to the meeting and carried unanimously.

EXTENSION OF TIME OF MEETING

ON MOTION of Councillor Lugar and Councillor Kelly, it was moved that the time of the meeting be extended by fifteen minutes.

14.7 ADJUSTMENTS TO EXISTING SEWER EASEMENT - LANDS OF GHB HOLDINGS LIMITED

By memorandum, Rick Paynter, Director of Engineering and Works, reviewed details of a sewer easement in favour of the Town of Bedford currently existing over lands presently owned by GHB Holdings Limited, and immediately adjacent to the Bedford Legion Property. He requested the consideration of the Town to grant GHB Holdings Limited a Quit Claim Deed for its interest in this existing easement, following which GHB Holdings Limited will grant a new easement to the Town. The reason for this request is to better facilitate the development of their lands. The Engineering and Works Department have examined this request and have determined that the Town will not be prejudiced by this relocation.

ON MOTION of Councillor Roy and Deputy Mayor Nolan it was moved that Town Council approve and authorize the granting of a Quit Claim Deed to GHB Holdings Limited as per the attached report from the Office of the Town Solicitor. Motion carried unanimously.

14.8 APPOINTMENT OF INSURANCE BROKER

By memorandum the Chief Administrative Officer circulated copies of three responses which were received from the Town's recent call for proposals for the appointment of an Insurance Broker.

It was recommended by the Chief Administrative Officer that Town Council accept the proposal from Ray F. Fredericks insurance Limited of Bedford, and that this firm be appointed as the Town of Bedford's Insurance Broker for a five year period.

Some concern was expressed that the Terms of Reference included in the Proposal Call were not that which was desired by Town Council.

ON MOTION of Councillor Kelly and Deputy Mayor Nolan, it was moved that this matter be referred back to staff in order that consideration could be given to the changing of the Terms of Reference. Motion carried unanimously.

In response to an inquiry from staff, it was agreed that Ray Fredericks Insurance Limited should be requested to renew the existing insurance policies currently held by the Town of Bedford for the year 1986.

14.9 PROVINCIAL TAKEOVER OF CORRECTIONAL CENTRE

By memorandum, the Chief Administrative Officer circulated information and documentation relative to the matter of the Provincial takeover of municipally operated correctional centres.

The information and documentation was received for information.

14.10 DECEMBER COUNCIL MEETINGS

By memorandum, the Chief Administrative Officer submitted a proposed schedule for Council meetings to take place during the month of December.

ON MOTION of Councillor Short and Councillor Kelly it was moved that the schedule of December Council meetings, as proposed by the Chief Administrative Officer, be accepted, with the exception that the Public Meeting dealing with the Bylaw Respecting Uniform Closing Days for Retail Businesses would not be held on December 11, 1985, but would be rescheduled for a later date, probably in January, 1986. Motion carried unanimously.

The Chief Administrative Officer also requested concurrence with his suggestion that during the year 1986, Regular Council Sessions be scheduled for the third Monday of each month.

ON MOTION of Councillor Short and Councillor Lugar, ;it was moved that Regular Council Sessions be scheduled for the third Monday of each month during the year 1986. Motion carried unanimously.

15. QUESTIONS

15.1 ACTION SHEET

15.1.1 REAL ESTATE SIGNS - PUBLIC PROPERTY

In response to an inquiry by Council as to when Real Estate signs placed on public property will be removed, the Director of Planning & Development advised that they will be removed during the current week.

16. NOTICES OF MOTION

Nil

17. ADDED ITEMS

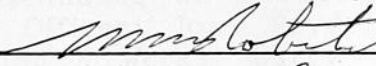
Nil

18. OTHER

Nil

19. ADJOURNMENT

ON MOTION of Councillor Lugar and Councillor Christie it was moved that the meeting adjourn at approximately 10:50 p.m.


MAYOR

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CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER

TOWN OF BEDFORDMINUTESSPECIAL SESSION - DECEMBER 9, 1985

A Special Session of the Town Council of the Town of Bedford took place on Monday, December 9, 1985 at 10:00 p.m. in the Town Council Chambers, Suite 400, Bedford Tower, Bedford, Nova Scotia; Mayor Keith Roberts presiding.

Deputy Mayor Chirs Nolan and Councillors Peter Christie, Peter Kelly, David Lugar, William Roy and Robert Short were in attendance at this Session.

Staff members in attendance at this Session included Dan R. English, Chief Administrative Officer; Joan Pryde, Deputy Clerk; Rick Paynter, Director of Engineering & Works; Barry Zwicker Director of Planning and Development.

1. SUSPENSION OF RULES OF ORDER

ON MOTION of Deputy Mayor Nolan and Councillor Short it was moved that the Rules of Order be suspended. Motion carried unanimously.

2. CONSIDERATION OF ISSUING RESOLUTION - DEBENTURE ISSUE - MUNICIPAL FINANCE CORPORATION - \$652,000

By memorandum the Chief Administrative Officer requested the consideration of Town Council to a Resolution approving of a Debenture Issue through the Municipal Finance Corporation in an amount of \$652,000.

Copies of the Issuing Resolution were attached and it was noted by Mr. English that the proposed Debenture Issue is to be amortized over fifteen years at various rates of interest and at a discount totalling \$8,798.60 or \$98.65/\$100 .(Effective "cost of money" is 10.87%).

ON MOTION of Deputy Mayor Nolan and Councillor Kelly it was moved that Town Council approve the Issuing Resolution as attached regarding a Debenture Issue with the Nova Scotia Municipal Finance Corporation in the amount of \$652,000 and that the appropriate documentation be forwarded to the Minister of Municipal Affairs for his approval. Motion carried unanimously.

3. ADJOURNMENT

ON MOTION of Deputy Mayor Nolan and Councillor Kelly it was moved that the meeting adjourn at approximately 10:05 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.


MAYOR
CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER

TOWN OF BEDFORDMINUTESPUBLIC HEARING - DECEMBER 11, 1985

A Public Hearing was held by the Town Council of the Town of Bedford on Wednesday, December 11, 1985 7:30 p.m. in the Bedford Fire Hall, 1247 Bedford Highway, Bedford, Nova Scotia, Mayor Keith Roberts presiding.

1. ATTENDANCE

Deputy Mayor Christopher Nolan and Councillors Peter Christie, Peter Kelly, David Lugar, William Roy and Robert Short were in attendance at the commencement of the Session.

Staff members attending the Session included Joan Pryde, Deputy Clerk; Rick Paynter, Director of Engineering & Works; and Kenneth MacInnis, Town Solicitor.

2. PURPOSE OF THE PUBLIC HEARING

In opening the Session, Mayor Roberts advised that the purpose of the Public Hearing was to hear and determine all written and/or verbal representations for or against the proposed street closures as follows:

1. Upper Portion of Dartmoor Crescent access onto the Dartmouth Highway.
2. Old Hammonds Plains Road access onto the Bedford Highway.

3. UPPER PORTION OF DARTMOOR CRESCENT ACCESS ONTO THE DARTMOUTH ROADSTAFF REPORT

Rick Paynter, Director of Engineering & Works, reviewed for the benefit of Town Council and those present, the details of the proposed closure of the upper portion of Dartmoor Crescent access onto the Dartmouth Road.

In particular, he advised that it is the intent of the Town to encourage the use of Eaglewood Drive as the primary entrance to the Eaglewood Area from the Dartmouth Road. He also advised Council that the Provincial Traffic Authority supports this objective and agrees with the closure as proposed.

It is also the hope of Mr. Paynter's Department that, sometime in the future a new left hand turning lane should be incorporated into the traffic flow on the Dartmouth Road to assist with such turning into Eaglewood Drive.

In response to an inquiry from Council as to whether or not any traffic counts have taken place in this area, Mr. Paynter advised that such have not taken place, but his Department is of the opinion that this upper portion should still be closed no matter what the results would be of such a count.

4. SUBMISSIONS FROM THE GENERAL PUBLIC

Mr. David Gorsline spoke to Council and advised that he, personally, was in favour of the proposed closure and that residents of Dartmoor Crescent have also expressed their opinion in favour of the closure.

He further expressed the opinion that the proposed closure will reduce danger to both pedestrian and vehicular traffic.

Mr. Gorsline did express some concern respecting: snow removal at the top of Dartmoor Crescent, that the closure should be complete such that no vehicles could get around the proposed guardrail barricade, that works undertaken to effect the closure be done in an aesthetic manner, and that the Town expedite the installation of the left hand turning lane from the Dartmouth Road for vehicles turning into the Eaglewood Drive extension.

Mr. Chuck Cartmill spoke to Council supporting the proposed closure and also requesting that the installation of a left hand turning lane on the Dartmouth Road be expedited. In response to an invitation from Mayor Roberts, there were no further submissions with regard to the proposed closure of the upper end of Dartmoor Crescent.

5. OLD HAMMONDS ROAD ACCESS ONTO BEDFORD HIGHWAY

STAFF REPORT

Rick Paynter, Director of Engineering & Works reviewed details of the proposed plan to close the intersection of the Old Hammonds Plains Road and the Bedford Highway noting, in particular, the volume of traffic that exists in this area of the Town and the projected/proposed improvements that are planned for the intersection of the Hammonds Plains Road and the Bedford Highway.

Mr. Paynter advised that no written submissions have been received with regard to this proposed closure.

In response to an inquiry from Council, as to any proposed plans by the Town for the property located at the corner, Mr. Paynter advised that it is contemplated that the Mainstreet Sign will be placed at this location. along with some landscaping.

Council was advised by Councillor Lugar that residents living on the Old Hammonds Plains Road are in favour of the closure but are concerned that the road may be used as a, "park and ride," area. He asked that staff try to eliminate such parking.

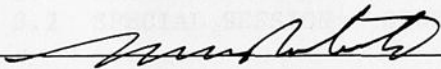
6. SUBMISSIONS FROM THE PUBLIC

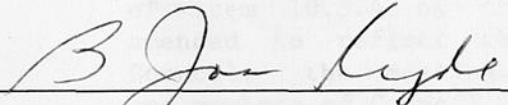
Mr. Robert Williams of Doyle Street addressed Council advising that he was not against the closure but wished to point out to Council the traffic problems that exist when exiting from Doyle Street to the Hammonds Plains Road. He expressed the hope that traffic improvements will include a re-grading of the Hammonds Plains Road to improve the existing conditions.

In response to an invitation from Mayor Roberts there were no further submissions from the general public.

7. ADJOURNMENT

ON MOTION of Councillor Christie and Councillor Kelly it was moved that the Public Hearing adjourn at approximately 8:30 p.m.


MAYOR


DEPUTY CLERK

MINUTESREGULAR SESSION - DECEMBER 16, 1985

A Regular Session of the Town Council of the Town of Bedford took place on Monday, December 16, 1985, 7:30 p.m. in the Council Chambers, 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 Christopher Nolan and Councillors Peter Christie, Peter Kelly, William Roy and Robert Short were in attendance at the commencement of the Session.

Staff members attending the Session included Dan R. English, Chief Administrative Officer, Joan Pryde, Deputy Clerk, Rick Paynter, Director of Engineering & Works, Barry Zwicker, Director of Planning & Development, H.A. MacKenzie, Chief of Police, Robert Nauss, Director of Recreation, John Robertson, Chief Building Inspector and Ron Singer, Accountant. David Selig, Bedford Fire Chief was also present at this Session.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- 3.1 REGULAR SESSION - NOVEMBER 25, 1985
- 3.2 SPECIAL SESSION - DECEMBER 9, 1985

On request of Council it was agreed that the third paragraph of item 10.3.4 of the Minutes of November 25, 1985 should be amended to reflect that; "in the opinion of staff and Council, the meeting should be restricted to members of staff and members of Council...".

On request of Council it was agreed that the last paragraph of item 14.8 of the Minutes of November 25, 1985 should be amended to include the word, "insurance," between the words, "existing," and, "policies."

On request of Council it was agreed that item 14.5 of the Minutes of November 25, 1985 should be amended by the re-wording of the second paragraph of the motion as follows:

- (a) A Widow or a Widower or,
- (b) Sixty-Five years of age or over, or
- (c) the Head of a single parent family....

ON MOTION OF Councillor Christie and Councillor Roy it was moved that the minutes of the Regular Session of November 25, 1985 as amended, and the Special Session of December 9, 1985

be approved. Motion carried unanimously.

4. ADDITIONS/DELETIONS TO ORDER OF BUSINESS

NIL

5. APPROVAL OF ORDER OF BUSINESS

ON MOTION of Councillor Short and Councillor Christie, it was moved that the order of business be approved. Motion carried unanimously.

6. MOTIONS OF RECONSIDERATION

Nil

7. DEFERRED/BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

7.1 PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO PURCHASING POLICY

Proposed amendments to the Town of Bedford Purchasing Policy were circulated to members of Council along with copies of correspondence from representatives of the Bedford Board of trade recommending consideration of further amendments.

ON MOTION of Deputy Mayor Nolan and Councillor Kelly it was moved that an Ad Hoc Committee consisting of the Mayor, Chief Administrative Officer and the Deputy Mayor be appointed to review the proposed amendments and report back to Council. Motion carried unanimously.

7.2 RENEWAL OF CONTRACT - DOG CONTROL SERVICES

By memorandum, Joan Pryde, Deputy Clerk, advised Council of a Motion passed by the Board of Police Commissioners recommending the entering into of a contract with Clayton Park Veterinary Clinic for the provision of Dog Control Services subject to certain amendments which would ensure more stringent enforcement of the Bylaw Respecting Dogs than has been the practice in the past.

ON MOTION of Councillor Roy and Councillor Christie it was moved that the proposed contract for Dog Control Services be referred to the Town Solicitor for possible revision and brought back to the next meeting of Council.

The Motion was put to the meeting and passed unanimously.

8. MOTIONS OF RESCISSION

Nil

10.3.1 (Cont'd)

A complaint was also laid by another resident of the Subdivision with regard to a commercial operation which is taking place within the Subdivision. It was agreed that staff would investigate this matter further.

11. STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS

11.1 BEDFORD PLANNING ADVISORY COMMITTEE

By memorandum, John Malcolm, Planner, advised Council that, at a meeting of the Bedford Planning Advisory Committee held on December 4, 1985, the following motion was passed:

1. That Council be requested to create a Bedford Waters Advisory Board with Terms of Reference as attached and approved by BPAC at its meeting of December 4, 1985.
2. That Council request the newly formed Bedford Waters Advisory Board, if such Board is formed by Council, to consider the issue of, "Environmental Assessment, - Paper Mill Lake," as its first order of business. Copies of the proposed Terms of Reference for this Board were circulated to members of Council

During discussion of the proposal it was agreed by Council that the draft Terms of Reference should be amended by the substitution of the word, "Committee," wherever the word, "Board," appears.

It was also agreed that the words, "Environmental Health Engineer," should be replaced by the word, "Engineer," in reference to the Secretary of the Board.

ON MOTION of Councillor Roy and Deputy Mayor Nolan it was moved that the draft Terms of Reference for the Bedford Waters Advisory Committee, as amended be approved and due to the desire to have the best membership possible serve on the Committee, the Town announce the formation of the Committee publicly and advertise for volunteers to fill the required positions with the objective of appointing the membership at a future meeting of Town Council in January; further that the appropriate nominating groups be advised of the formation of the Committee in order to receive recommendations for membership. Motion carried unanimously.

12. OTHER REPORTS

12.1 FIRE CHIEF'S MONTHLY REPORT -

In response to an inquiry from Council it was noted that most of the chimney fires are the result of problems ensuing from the use of wood stoves.

The report was received for information

9. PUBLIC HEARINGS AND MOTIONS ARISING THEREFROM9.1 PROPOSED PUBLIC STREET CLOSURES - PORTIONS OF DARTMOOR CRESCENT AND OLD HAMMONDS PLAINS ROAD

By memorandum, Rick Paynter, Director of Engineering provided a synopsis of the opinions that were expressed at a Public Hearing held on Wednesday, December 11, 1985 concerning the proposed closure of portions of Dartmoor Crescent and the Old Hammonds Plains Road. In particular it was noted by Mr. Paynter that no opposition to the closures were expressed.

Notice of Motion was served by Deputy Mayor Nolan of the intention of the town Council to pass a Bylaw Respecting the Closing of Portions of Dartmoor Crescent and the Old Hammonds Plains Road.

10. PETITIONS/DELEGATIONS/CORRESPONDENCE10.1 PETITIONS

Nil

10.2 DELEGATIONS

Nil

10.3 CORRESPONDENCE10.3.1 IRWIN T. BURNETT REQUEST FOR CHIP SEALING OF CERTAIN STREETS - PEERLESS SUBDIVISION

Copies of correspondence from Irwin T. Burnett were circulated to members of Council in which he requested permission to present a petition from the residents of the Peerless Subdivision asking that the streets of the Subdivision be chip sealed immediately.

In response to an invitation from Mayor Roberts, Mr. Roger Gingras, 42 Lewis Drive presented a petition signed by many of the residents of Peerless Subdivision requesting the chip sealing of the Subdivision streets. In speaking to the matter, he noted the deteriorating condition of the streets and advised Council that, in many cases, the roads are so bad that the residents are thinking of buying trucks for transportation. On behalf of the residents he also expressed concern with the lack of salting/sanding operations within the Subdivision.

Following a brief general discussion, Mayor Roberts advised the residents that the matter of the chip sealing of the streets within the Peerless Subdivision will be considered during a review of the Capital Budget for 1986. The Mayor did caution that chip sealing could not take place until the summer months.

12.2 BUILDING INSPECTOR'S MONTHLY REPORTS - OCTOBER & NOVEMBER

The Building Inspector's Monthly Reports for October and November, 1985 were circulated to members of Council in which it was noted that permits with a construction value totalling \$19,684,779 have been issued thus far in 1985 with a permit revenue of \$59,402. The reports were received for information.

12.3a TAX COLLECTION REPORT

Copies of the Tax Collection Report for the month of November, 1985 were circulated to members of Council in which it was noted that current taxes in the amount of \$197,181 and tax arrears in the amount of \$126,441 were outstanding as of November 30, 1985. The report was received for information.

12.3b PROPOSED TAX WRITE OFFS

By memorandum, Ron Singer, Accountant, submitted a proposed list of tax write offs reflecting a total amount of \$21,773.71. He noted that the majority of the write offs are as a result of taxes levied for town owned property and duplication of assessments not discovered until a subsequent period - therefore these must be applied to the valuation allowance.

ON MOTION OF Councillor Christie and Deputy Mayor Nolan it was moved that the Business Occupancy Accounts as submitted and in a total amount of \$4,514.41 and the Real Property Accounts as submitted in the total amount of \$4,763.98 be written off to the Valuation Allowance for Uncollectible Taxes. Motion carried unanimously.

ON MOTION OF Councillor Roy and Councillor Short it was moved that the Sewer Charge Liens - Account Number 03834344 in the amount of \$2,225.92 be written off to the Valuation Allowance for Uncollectible Taxes. Motion carried unanimously.

It was unanimously agreed that Account Number 00583979 in the amount of \$1,921.90 and Account Number 03565459 in the amount of \$8,347.50 should remain outstanding with a view to further adjustment pending the final payment to the County of Halifax.

12.4 ANIMAL CONTROL MONTHLY REPORT - NOVEMBER, 1985

Copies of the Animal Control Monthly Report for November, 1985 were circulated to members of Council for information.

13. MOTIONS

13.1 AMENDMENTS TO BYLAW RESPECTING RULES OF ORDER

Proposed amendments to the Bylaw Respecting Rules of Order were circulated to members of Council for Third and Final Reading.

13.1 (Cont'd)

With reference to the proposed amendment to Section 14(2), Mr. English advised that the Town Solicitor wished Council to realize that the requirement to give notice of a request to address Council at least five (5) clear days prior to the Council meeting would mean an actual total of six or seven days. Following a brief discussion it was agreed by Council that this was desirable.

Following a brief discussion it was unanimously agreed by Council that the proposed amendments should be expanded to include a further amendment to Section 37 of the Bylaw Respecting Rules of Order in order to require a two-thirds vote rather than a majority vote.

ON MOTION of Deputy Mayor Nolan and Councillor Roy it was moved that the proposal to Amend the Bylaw Respecting Rules of Order of Council as presented and as amended be approved by Town Council subject to the approval of the Minister of Municipal Affairs. Motion carried unanimously.

13.2 POLICY RESPECTING APPOINTMENTS OF MEMBERS AT LARGE TO BOARDS, COMMISSIONS, COMMITTEES-Third and Final Reading

Copies of a proposed Policy Respecting Appointments of Members at Large to Boards Commissions and Committees were circulated to members of Council for Third and Final Reading.

ON MOTION of Councillor Kelly and Deputy Mayor Nolan it was moved that the Policy Respecting Appointments of Members at Large to Boards, Commissions and Committees, as circulated be approved. Motion carried unanimously.

14. NEW BUSINESS

14.1 PROPOSED PURCHASE - NEW PHOTOCOPIER

By memorandum to Dan R. English, Chief Administrative Officer, Ron Singer, Accountant, provided details of the requirement of the Administration Staff for a new Photocopier to replace the existing Xerox machine. It was recommended that Council consider the immediate purchase of a Sharp 9500 Model at a purchase cost not to exceed \$12,175 and Annual Maintenance costs of \$4,500 based on the use of 300,000 copies per year.

Some discussion ensued on the possibility of leasing a photocopier - Council was advised by staff that past experience has indicated that it is more prudent to purchase than to lease a machine.

ON MOTION of Councillor Roy and Councillor Kelly it was moved that the Town of Bedford purchase a Sharp Model 9500 Photocopier from Advance Business Systems at a cost not to exceed \$12,175 and that this purchase be financed through the Capital from Revenue Account in the 1986 Operating Budget. Motion carried unanimously.

14.3 PRIVATE STREETS - WYATT ROAD

Copies of a proposed letter to be circulated to residents of Wyatt Road and outlining the intentions of Town Council with regard to maintenance of this street were circulated to members of Council.

Following a brief review of this draft letter it was suggested and agreed by Council that improvements could be made. In particular, it was suggested that the basic intent was to advise the citizens that the Town would continue to provide limited maintenance on the road but does not, at the present time, intend to spend funds on the upgrading of the road.

It was agreed that the letter should be re-drafted and then forwarded to the residents of Wyatt Road.

14.2 TOWN CAPITAL PROGRAM - 1986-1988

Chief Administrative Officer Dan R. English spoke briefly to Council noting that the draft proposed Capital Program for 1986 as presented totaled approximately \$1,960,000. He also noted that this program currently contains all items submitted to the Administration Office from the various departments involved - to date no items have been eliminated. Council was advised with regard to the ultimate cost of funding the total program and it was suggested by Mr. English that some items would, no doubt, have to be eliminated. He requested that Council review with staff the total proposed program before attempting to make decisions with regard to items that would have to be eliminated or deferred to a future date.

14.2.1 CAPITAL BUDGET - ADMINISTRATION DEPARTMENT

In reviewing the items proposed under the Capital Budget for the Administration Department Mr. English advised that staff are now recommending that the proposal to instal new carpeting throughout the offices be eliminated and that the amount budgeted for the renovations to the Council Chambers be reduced to approximately \$5,000.

14.2.2 POLICE DEPARTMENT

The proposed Capital Budget for 1986 for the Police Department in a total amount of \$27,100 was reviewed by Council. Chief H.A. MacKenzie answered inquiries with regard to the various items included.

In particular, Chief MacKenzie noted the problems that arise if approval of the Vehicle Replacement is not forthcoming until later in the year.

14.2.2 (Cont'd)

Some opinion was expressed by Council that the existing policy for the Annual Replacement of a Vehicle for the Bedford Police Department implies authority for the calling of tenders as early as possible.

Discussion also ensued with regard to the desire of the Police Department and the Police Commission to retain the oldest car in the fleet during 1986 rather than declaring it surplus; Also with regard to the possibility of purchasing a used 1985 vehicle rather than a new 1986 vehicle. It was agreed that Chief MacKenzie should call for tenders for a new vehicle and subsequently make a recommendation to Council at the next Regular Session to be held in January.

EXTENSION OF TIME OF MEETING

ON MOTION of Councillor Roy and Councillor Short, it was moved that the meeting be extended to 11:00 p.m. Motion carried unanimously

14.2.3 FIRE DEPARTMENT CAPITAL BUDGET

The proposed Capital Program for 1986 for the Fire Department in a total amount of \$61,800 was reviewed by Council. Chief David Selig responded to questions and enquiries concerning the various items included and in particular noted the ongoing need for replacement and new hose and for replacement of the apparatus room doors

14.2.4 BUILDING INSPECTION

John Robertson, Chief Building Inspector, advised Council that the amount of \$2,000 proposed for Capital Expenditures in the Building Inspection Department would permit the acquisition of a radio for the new employee along with new storage files and office furniture.

14.2.5 EMERGENCY MEASURES CAPITAL BUDGET

Rick Paynter, Director of Engineering & Works advised Council that EMO Capital Budget in the amount of \$8,500 would provide for the acquisition of chemical response suits in the amount of \$6,000 and some additional necessary equipment for installation at the Fire and Police Stations to provide additional telephone service during an emergency period.

14.2.6 TRANSPORTATION DEPARTMENT CAPITAL BUDGET

The proposed Capital Budget for the Transportation Department for 1986 in the amount of \$787,500 was reviewed by Council. Rick Paynter, Director of Engineering & Works answered inquiries with regard to the various projects contained in the proposed program.

A general discussion ensued with regard to the priority of various projects. The opinion was expressed by Councillor Roy that the Town should give very serious consideration to placing intersection improvements at Bedford Highway and Meadowbrook Drive on a higher priority than either the Hammonds Plains Road Intersection Improvements or the Seimac to Spring Street /Bedford Highway Improvements. He also suggested that the Mainstreet Committee should be advised of this opinion as soon as possible, if indeed, it is the opinion of the majority of Council.

Councillor Christie suggested that , in his opinion, the signalization of the Meadowbrook Drive/Bedford Highway Intersection is a very high priority and should be done as soon as possible. In response to this discussion it was noted by Micheel Towner, Mainstreet Coordinator that there were some areas of improvements being proposed for the Main Highway for which Mainstreet funding would not be available.

It was agreed that further discussion of the Capital Budget should be scheduled for a special meeting to take place during the month of January.

15. OTHER

15.1 ACTION SHEET

15.1.1 REAL ESTATE SIGNS - PUBLIC PROPERTY

Barry Zwicker, Director of Planning & Development advised that many real estate signs have been removed during the past two weeks or so and requested permission of Council to remove this item from the Action Sheet.

16. NOTICE OF MOTION

Nil

17. ADDED ITEMS

Nil

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18. OTHER

Nil

19. ADJOURNMENT

ON MOTION of Councillor Short and Councillor Christie it was moved that the meeting adjourn at approximately 11:10 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.

MAYOR

CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER

CONSIDERATION OF TENDER - 1985 POLICE VEHICLE

By memorandum, H.A. MacKenzie, Chief of Police, advised Council of the results of a tender call for the supply of one 1985 Police Vehicle to replace the 1984 Ford Van.

Quotations were received from five (5) dealerships with the low bid submitted from Bob MacDonald's Chev Olds Limited in the amount of \$13,195.00.

ON MOTION of Councillor Kelly and Councillor Short it was moved that Bob MacDonald's Chev Olds Limited be awarded the contract for the supply of one 1985 Chevrolet Police Vehicle to an amount not to exceed \$13,195.00.

During discussion on the Motion, Council was advised that all five bids which were submitted met the specifications of the tender call.

Motion carried unanimously.

ON MOTION of Councillor Roy and Councillor Kelly it was moved that Town Council be supplied with a report on the status of the Fleet of Police Vehicles currently in use as soon as possible.

Motion carried unanimously.

TOWN OF BEDFORDMINUTESSPECIAL SESSION - JANUARY 13, 1986

A Special Meeting of the Town Council of the Town of Bedford was held on Monday, January 13, 1986, 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 Chris Nolan and Councillors David Lugar, William Roy, Robert Short, Peter Christie and Peter Kelly were in attendance at the commencement of the Session.

Staff members attending this meeting included Dan R. English, Chief Administrative Officer; Joan Pryde, Deputy Clerk; Barry Zwicker, Director of Planning and Development; Robert Nauss, Director of Recreation; Ron Singer, Accountant; Wayne Legere, Superintendent of Streets; and H.A. MacKenzie, Chief of Police.

3. CONSIDERATION OF TENDER - 1986 POLICE VEHICLE

By memorandum, H.A. MacKenzie, Chief of Police, advised Council of the results of a tender call for the supply of one 1986 Police Vehicle to replace the 1984 Ford Vehicle.

Quotations were received from five (5) dealerships with the low bid submitted from Bob MacDonald's Chev Olds Limited in the amount of \$13,193.48.

ON MOTION of Councillor Kelly and Councillor Roy, it was moved that Bob MacDonald's Chev Olds Limited be awarded the contract for the supply of one 1986 Chevrolet Police Vehicle in an amount not to exceed \$13,193.48.

During discussion on the Motion, Council was advised that all five bids which were submitted met the specifications of the tender call.

Motion carried unanimously.

ON MOTION of Councillor Roy and Councillor Kelly it was moved that Town Council be supplied with a report on the status of the fleet of Police Vehicles currently in use as soon as possible.

Motion carried unanimously.

4. CONTINUATION OF DISCUSSION - 1986 CAPITAL BUDGET

4.1 ENGINEERING AND WORKS DEPARTMENT (Cont'd)

Wayne Legere, Superintendent of Works, reviewed the items contained in the preliminary 1986 Capital Budget for both the Transportation and Environmental Health Departments.

During discussion of the various projects involved, it was noted by some members of Council that it will definitely be necessary to establish priorities due to the fact that it is unlikely that the total proposed 1986 Capital Budget can be effected in one year.

Councillor Kelly requested that consideration be given to including the repaving of the Hammonds Plains Road during 1986.

In response to a request from Councillor Roy it was agreed that a report on the status of the Engineering and Works vehicle fleet would be provided to Council and that this report should outline what, in the opinion of the Department, is required in future years.

4.2 PLANNING DEPARTMENT

Barry Zwicker, Director of Planning and Development reviewed details of his Department's proposal to expend approximately \$15,000 for the purchase of a new micro computer. He noted in particular that the original plan to use the existing Wang Personal Computer for Planning / Engineering and Works is not working due to its lack of capacity and the fact that the available time on the Wang System is decreasing as administrative/clerical staff become more familiar with its operation.

Mr. Zwicker also noted some areas in which production of desired reports on the proposed new computer might be a possible means of generating additional revenue.

4.3 MAINSTREET PROGRAM

Micheel Towner, Executive Director, reviewed the details of projects which have been recommended by the Mainstreet Committee for inclusion in the 1986 program. It was also noted that if the project "Backlot Feed from Dartmouth Road to Petrocan" was included in the 1986 Program, it would mean that Phase 2 -- Overhead Utilities -- should be committed for 1987.

While it was generally agreed that the Town should attempt to take advantage of the cost sharing dollars available for 1986 and future years, very careful consideration would have to be given to what should be done in the immediate years and what should be deferred for the future.

Mr. Towner did request that Council give serious consideration to the approval of authorizing the design, engineering, and construction drawings for Phase 2 of the Hammonds Plains / Bedford Highway Intersection, noting that if this project does not proceed in 1986, the drawings will be used at such time as the project is ultimately completed.

ON MOTION of Councillor Short and Deputy Mayor Nolan it was moved that authorization be provided to engage the services of Engineering Consultants to prepare the necessary design, engineering and construction drawings for Phase 2, Hammonds Plains / Bedford Highway Intersection, at a cost estimate of approximately \$10,000.

During a general discussion it was noted by members of Council that, at no time, has it yet been determined that Phase 2 -- Overhead Utilities -- will be authorized as a 1987 Project. MOTION carried unanimously.

It was agreed that the time of the meeting should be extended to 11:00 p.m.

RECREATION DEPARTMENT

Robert Nauss, Director of Recreation reviewed for the benefit of Council details of the Recreation Projects included in the proposed 1986 Capital Budget. In particular, he presented an overview of the entire Bedford Range Park Project, noting that it is hoped to complete this project in five to eight years. In response to an inquiry from Council, Mr. Nauss advised that a request has been forwarded to the Provincial Government for cost sharing and that there is a possibility of receiving approximately \$350,000 - \$360,000 over a five year period, as Provincial cost sharing.

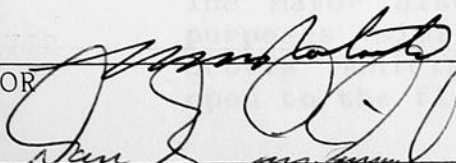

During discussion on the other items included in the Capital Proposal, it was noted that the provision of the arena spectator glass was, in the opinion of many, very important -- the situation at the present time being considered dangerous for both skaters and spectators.

OTHER

Nil

ADJOURNMENT

ON MOTION of Councillor Roy and Councillor Kelly it was moved that the meeting adjourn at approximately 11:00 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.

MAYOR 
CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER 

MINUTESPUBLIC MEETING - JANUARY 15, 1986

A Public Meeting was held by the Town Council of the Town of Bedford on Wednesday, January 15, 1986, 7:30 p.m. in the Fire Hall, 1247 Bedford Highway, Bedford, Nova Scotia, Mayor Keith Roberts presiding.

1. ATTENDANCE

Deputy Mayor Chris Nolan and Councillors Peter Christie, Peter Kelly, David Lugar, William Roy and Robert Short were in attendance at the commencement of the Session.

Staff members attending this meeting included Dan R. English, Chief Administrative Officer and Joan Pryde, Deputy Clerk. Kenneth MacInnis, Town Solicitor was also in attendance.

Approximately 125 members of the general public also attended the meeting.

2. PURPOSE OF THE PUBLIC MEETING

In opening the meeting Mayor Roberts advised that the Session had been called by Town Council in order that interested persons may be given an opportunity to express opinions on a proposed Bylaw Respecting Uniform Closing Days.

Mayor Roberts reviewed briefly, details with regard to the current status of Sundays and holidays insofar as the operation of retail business is concerned. In particular, he noted, that there is a possibility that the recent Act passed by the Provincial Legislature with respect to Uniform Closing Days may ultimately be determined to be unconstitutional, depending on the outcome of a Court case now before the Supreme Court of Canada. If such a decision is made, the result will be, of course, that any bylaws passed under the authority of this Provincial Act will also be invalid.

Mayor Roberts noted that most of the controversy/varying opinions seem to be with regard to the future situation on Sundays but reminded residents this was only one of the several statutory holidays covered under the Act.

The Mayor also reviewed for information and comparison purposes similar bylaws now in place in other Nova Scotia Municipalities. The meeting was then declared open to the floor by the Mayor.

3. SUBMISSIONS FROM THE GENERAL PUBLIC

3.1 HUGH MACPHERSON

Mr. Hugh MacPherson addressed Council advising that he was speaking as the President of the Bedford Board of Trade, which group is made up of representatives of approximately 75 firms operating within the Town of Bedford. He also noted that many of the owners and operators of these firms are Bedford residents.

Mr. MacPherson advised that, in the opinion of the Board of Trade, the Bylaw being proposed by the Town with minor modifications reflects fairly the needs of most retailers to compete effectively in the market place. He further noted that, in the opinion of the Board, there are only a limited number of retail establishments that have either a need or desire to be open on Sundays. Therefore, it was the opinion of the Board that the present draft bylaw which reflects those businesses listed under Section 4(1), "a" through "i", of the Provincial Act should be satisfactory.

Mr. MacPherson also advised that, in the opinion of the Board of Trade, permits to operate on Good Friday, Christmas Day and New Years Day should not be issued but any retail store should be permitted to open on any other holiday involved, i.e. Boxing Day, Canada Day, Labour Day, Thanksgiving Day and Victoria Day.

3.2 DR. JAMES CARSON

Dr. James Carson addressed Council, advising that he was speaking as a citizen and as a spokesman for Bedford United Baptist Church. He advised the meeting that, in the opinion of his congregation, the present status on Sunday openings should prevail.

3.3 MR. JOHN STRINGER

Mr. John Stringer spoke to the meeting on behalf of the Independent Foodstores Association. He advised the meeting of the problems that are now being faced by small stores having to compete with the large supermarkets on Sundays and holidays. He advised that, in the opinion of his Association, an 1800 square foot limit should be placed on the size of any grocery store which is permitted to be open on Sundays. He further noted that such a restriction

would mean that the status in Bedford would be the same as that in Dartmouth and the same as the practice in Halifax. He also expressed the opinion of his organization that the increase in outside traffic which has developed throughout the Town since the advent of Sunday openings of large supermarkets is really not to the benefit of the residents of Bedford.

3.4 MR. CAMERON CAMPBELL

Mr. Cameron Campbell spoke to the meeting on behalf of Bolands Ltd. He noted that Bedford has traditionally been, "a stopping place," for the traveller. He advised that the IGA Store has been open on Sundays for several years and that many people enjoy the availability of Sunday shopping. He asked that Council not approve a bylaw which would force such stores to close on Sundays.

3.5 FATHER GREGORY HEENAN

Father Heenan addressed the meeting noting the change in stores hours which has been developing over the last decade or so. He questioned the effect on Sunday traditions and family life, and expressed the opinion that, if the stores in Bedford continue to remain open on Sundays, there is a good possibility that ultimately the situation in Halifax and Dartmouth will change until those stores will also remain open.

At that point he suggested that any advantage to the Bedford stores in remaining open will be negated and, at the same time, the community will suffer the disadvantages which he noted previously.

3.6 MRS. FRANCENE COSMAN

Mrs. Francene Cosman addressed the meeting on behalf of her family. She expressed concern with regard to the impact to family life and community living in the Town of Bedford if the larger stores are permitted to remain open on Sundays. She also expressed the opinion that Sunday openings have no effect on municipal revenues and questioned whether they provide any more employment than if they were closed on Sundays.

Mrs. Cosman expressed the opinion that a quiet Sunday was a counter balance to the other six days of the week and suggested that the current Provincial law with regard to Sunday hours should be enforced.

Mrs. Cosman also expressed the opinion that, by remaining open, the large stores are serving the Regional Area while the residents of the Town of Bedford put up with the resulting nuisances.

She also noted that, to date, there has been no factual data developed to prove why the larger stores should

be allowed to stay open on Sunday.

3.7 REV. NEIL BERGMAN

Rev. Neil Bergman spoke to Council. He advised that for the past year and one half he has been working within the community on behalf of the Disciples of Christ Church but his submission reflects his own thoughts.

With reference to the possibility of a fee being charged by the Town for a permit to operate on Uniform Closing Days, he noted that whatever fee is determined, it, in all likelihood, will not materially affect the larger store operations but may have an effect on the finances of the smaller stores.

He also suggested that if the Town of Bedford continues to permit the larger stores to open, ultimately the other municipalities will follow suit and any advantages to the Town of Bedford will be lost.

Mr. Bergman further expressed concern that, by allowing the larger stores to remain open on Sundays the remaining small stores will soon be closed due to lack of business.

3.8 REV. JAMES CROOKS

Rev. James Crooks spoke to the meeting on behalf of the Executive of Bedford United Church. He expressed the group's concern about the impact of Sunday openings on family life and on the life of the community. In the opinion of the Church Executive the proposed bylaw is too broad and any business using more than 5000 square feet should not be permitted to remain open on Sundays.

He further advised that the Executive does not agree with the concept of using the Tourist Area Designation as a means of permitting more Sunday openings. The Executive also feels that the Town of Bedford should work in harmony with the neighbouring municipalities.

Rev. Crooks suggested that the Municipal Development Plan should be reviewed in order to note the reasons why Bedford was incorporated, i.e. perserving the family unit and lifestyle of the Town of Bedford. He asked that the proposed bylaw be re-considered very carefully.

3.9 CANON RHODES COOPER

Canon Rhodes Cooper spoke to the meeting noting that, while he was affiliated with one of the congregations in the community, he was currently speaking as an individual citizen.

He noted, in his opinion, that the larger stores even though open on Sundays would not increase the store profits. He also was concerned with regard to the impact on family life of Sunday openings of larger stores and, in particular, the impact on teenagers. He noted that, when large stores are open on Sundays, much of the staff is drawn from the teenage segment of the community who, understandably wish to take these positions. However, he also noted that this, in turn, reduces the available time for teenagers to interact with family activities and they grow up without the benefit of this experience.

Canon Cooper urged Council to consider the issue very carefully in order that family life is not disrupted in the Town of Bedford.

3.10 MRS. WENDY OLIVER

Mrs. Wendy Oliver spoke to Council advising that she was a citizen, wife, mother and business person residing in the Town of Bedford. She expressed the opinion that life styles have changed and that we should welcome Sunday openings of the larger stores. She further expressed the opinion that the opening of these stores provided the availability of family excursions for shopping when the time is not available throughout the rest of the week.

3.11 MRS. CAROL LONCAREVIC

Mrs. Carol Loncarevic addressed Council noting that she was a citizen and resident of Bedford and was a full time professional who worked on a shift schedule. At the same time, she advised that she was able to find opportunities to do her shopping on days other than Sundays. She expressed the opinion that the large stores should not be open on Sundays and she further advised Council that, for the past three years, she has not purchased her groceries in the Town of Bedford as she was boycotting the large retailers who are remaining open on that day.

Mrs. Loncarevic asked Council not to approve the bylaw as proposed - in her opinion the major impact of such a bylaw will be an increase in traffic in the Town on Sundays.

Mrs. Peggy Gaffney addressed Council noting that both she and her husband have had a successful business in the Town of Bedford. She re-iterated the fact that the Board of Trade does not want a wide open door policy on Sundays but that there are certain types of businesses that should be allowed to be open on Sunday Closing Day. She

3.12 MR. JOE FOY

Mr. Joe Foy spoke to Council expressing the opinion that the initial opening of the large grocery stores will ultimately lead to very, very large stores being open which will sell many other types of items besides groceries. He further expressed the opinion that if the people were asked if all the stores were open in Bedford when those in Halifax and Dartmouth were closed, would this make Bedford a better place to live, the answer would be, "No."

Mr. Foy suggested that, while some individuals would like to shop on Sundays, the community as a whole must be taken into consideration. He noted that, "for the common good," is the motto for the Town of Bedford and that the proposed bylaw allowing larger stores to remain open on Sundays is not, "for the common good," of the people of this community.

3.13 DR. BOSKO LONCAREVIC

Dr. Bosko Loncarevic addressed the meeting expressing the fact that, in his opinion, the Council was wise not to waste time on the proposed bylaw until they had listened to the opinion of the people of the community. He further expressed the hope that the Council would take this opportunity to co-operate with the other municipalities of the region. He suggested that the Town of Bedford should take a, "leadership role," in arriving at a Metropolitan Policy on the matter of Uniform Closing Days.

3.14 MENGIE SHULMAN

Mr. Mengie Shulman addressed the meeting suggesting that the group in attendance at this particular public meeting did not, in his opinion, really represent the citizens of Bedford. He suggested that the Town should hold a plebiscite on the question of Uniform Closing Days.

3.15 MRS. PEGGY GODFREY

Mrs. Peggy Godfrey addressed the meeting, noting that both she and her husband live and operate a successful business in the Town of Bedford. She re-iterated the fact that the Board of Trade does not want a wide open door policy on Sundays but that there are certain types of businesses that should be allowed to be open on Uniform Closing Days. She

requested that the situation with regard to businesses such as her own be considered when Council is developing a reasonable Bylaw Respecting Uniform Closing Days.

3.16 MRS. PAM WIDMEYER

Mrs. Pam Widmeyer addressed the meeting noting that Council candidates treated the question of Sunday openings as almost a "hot potato," during the election campaign. She expressed the opinion that Council must now address this matter in the interests of the residents of the Town of Bedford.

3.17 MR. BILL RICHARDS

Mr. Bill Richards addressed the meeting and requested that Town Council take a close look at this issue and ensure that the disruption of family life activities on Sundays be minimal.

He also asked that Council be very careful in making its final decision with regard to the proposed bylaw in order that we do not antagonize the Cities of Halifax and Dartmouth

3.18 MR. MYLES LAHEY

Mr. Myles Lahey spoke to the meeting expressing the opinion, in the Town of Bedford, shopping on Sunday is not really necessary considering that the stores are open extensive hours during the other six days of the week.

3.19 MRS. MAIZIE LUGAR

Mrs. Maisie Lugar addressed the meeting expressing the opinion that a plebiscite was not needed - the public meeting was well advertised and any person who wished to express an opinion could have attended.

4. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further persons wishing to address the meeting, Mayor Roberts adjourned the Session at approximately 9:30 p.m.


MAYOR


CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER

TOWN OF BEDFORDMINUTESREGULAR SESSION - JANUARY 20, 1986

A Regular Session of the Town Council of the Town of Bedford took place on Monday, January 20, 1986, 7:30 p.m. in the Council Chambers, Suite 400, Bedford Tower, Bedford, N.S., Mayor Keith Roberts presiding.

1. LORDS PRAYER

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

2. ATTENDANCE

Deputy Mayor Chris Nolan and Councillors Peter Christie, Peter Kelly, David Lugar, William Roy and Robert Short were in attendance at the commencement of the Session

Staff members attending this meeting included Dan R. Eglish, Chief Administrative Officer; Joan Pryde, Deputy Clerk, Rick Paynter, Director of Engineering & Works, Barry Zwicker, Director of Planning & Development and Kenneth MacInnis, Town Solicitor. Ms. Clare Christie, solicitor, also attended the meeting.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- 3.1 PUBLIC HEARING - DECEMBER 11, 1985
- 3.2 REGULAR SESSION - DECEMBER 16, 1985
- 3.3 SPECIAL SESSION - JANUARY 13, 1986

ON MOTION of Councillor Roy and Deputy Mayor Nolan it was moved that the minutes of the Public Hearings of December 11, 1985, the Regular Session of December 16, 1985 and the Special Session of January 13, 1986 be approved. Motion carried unanimously.

In response to a request from Councillor Roy it was agreed that the matter of the Installation of Spectator Glass at the LeBrun Arena could be addressed during discussion of the 1986 1988 Capital Budget Program.

During a brief discussion regarding the minutes of the Regular Session of December 16, 1985 it was noted by staff that no response has been received to date with regard to the issue of Private Streets - Wyatt Road. It was also agreed that Planning Staff should provide a report concerning the alleged operation of a Commercial Enterprise in Peerless Subdivision.