

6.3 TRANSPORTATION SERVICES

Works Compound Building

Rick Paynter, Director of Engineering and Works, reviewed for the benefit of Council the results of a tender call for the construction of a Works Compound Building. The response to this tender call resulted in estimates in the vicinity of \$1,000,000 as opposed to the original estimate of \$425,000.

Mr. Paynter advised Council that some of the increase seems to be related to the various uses to which the building will be used and the building code requirements for the construction of such a building; the increased size of the building from that originally envisioned and the plans to include an underground storage tank for gasoline.

During the discussion, Mr. Paynter advised that discussions have been held with J.L. Nicholls Limited, which company would be willing to construct the building in phases over two years and bill the town accordingly.

Mr. Paynter requested that Council determine if it is still committed to the project and to the various changes which have been incorporated into the plan since the original conception.

Some discussion took place with respect to the advantages/disadvantages of the proposed plan and location as compared to possible other sites within the Town.

Meadowbrook Drive Intersection

Mr. Paynter reviewed details of the plans for the signalization of the Meadowbrook Drive Intersection and the widening of the Bedford Highway, placement of sidewalks, etc. from Rutledge to Fourth Street. He noted that this would be a joint project between the Transportation Department and the Mainstreet Program.

6.3 CON'T

Some discussion took place with respect to the reduced capacity of the Bedford Fire Hall parking lot if this project proceeds. Chief David Selig expressed concern with respect to the perceived shortage of parking spaces in the future, particularly with regard to training sessions and public meetings. A suggestion was made that, for these particular activities, residents might be able to take advantage of the church parking lots that are in reasonably near vicinity to the fire hall.

Arterial Road Upgrading

Mr. Paynter noted the deterioration which has taken place due to the lack of maintenance/upgrading of the Arterial Roads and also noted the continual escalation of maintenance costs due to this lack of upgrading.

Storm Drainage Improvements

Mr. Paynter noted the project in the Meadowbrook Drive area which has been approved and also advised Council that he now has tender results with respect to the Golf Links Road project. The other project planned for 1989 if approved by Council will take place in the Rocky Lake Drive area.

Walkway Upgrading - Sidewalk Works

Mr. Paynter described the projects which his Department hopes to accomplish this year in the area of walkway upgrading and sidewalk works.

New Works Vehicle - Front-End Loader

It was noted by Mr. Paynter that it is proposed to purchase a new one-ton works vehicle with funding from the Equipment Reserve Fund. He also explained for the benefit of Council why his Department is requesting permission to purchase a front-end loader to be used mainly for the loading of salt.

Doyle Street Paving Petition

Council was advised that a petition for the paving of Doyle Street did not receive the required percentage approval from the residents. He is hoping however, to use the funds previously proposed for Doyle Street to upgrade one or two of the other paved streets within the Town that are in a rather deteriorated condition.

Rocky Lake Drive Intersection

Mr. Paynter reviewed for the benefit of Council details of the current proposal for the Rocky Lake Drive/Bedford Highway Intersection. The net cost to the Town of Bedford if this particular plan was approved is estimated at \$90,000.

During the ensuing discussion, concern was expressed by members of Council that the particular plan being reviewed was not satisfactory. Concern was also expressed with respect to whether or not the Department of Transportation will be willing to cost-share this particular project in 1989.

6.4 ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH

Sanitary Sewer Upgrading

Mr. Paynter reviewed details of projects which will be included if the proposed estimate for sanitary sewer upgrading is approved.

Fish Hatchery Pumping Station

Council was advised that the funding included in the Capital Budget Estimate for the Fish Hatchery Pumping Station is to provide 35 percent of the estimated costs of a proposed upgrading of the pumping station in conjunction with the County of Halifax.

6.5 MAINSTREET PROGRAM

Mike Towner, Executive Director, Economic Development Commission, reviewed details of projects being recommended by the Mainstreet Committee for inclusion in the 1989 program. In particular these include Bedford Highway Improvements, particularly in conjunction with the proposed Meadowbrook Drive Intersection project to be undertaken by the Engineering and Works Department. Other projects proposed include signs/landscaping in the Industrial Park, repairs/upgrading to the Moirs Mill Generating Station and a master plan for the industrial land development.

Some discussion took place with respect to whether or not groups within the town interested and involved with the subject of heritage would be prepared to share some of the costs of the required funds for the Visitors Information Centre.

It was noted that there is perhaps an obligation by the Town to co-operate with Tim Hortons regarding the landscaping and driveway/parking development relative to the area that will be shared by Tim Hortons and the Moirs Mill Generating Station.

6.6 RECREATION COMMISSION

Range Park Phase IV

Robert Nauss, Director of Recreation reviewed the history of the Range Park Development to date and details of what is planned in Phase IV, i.e. the development of the lawn bowling green and a building which will be used for storage facilities and as a clubhouse.

During discussion of this project it was agreed that if the total requested funding is not available, Phase IV could be divided and phased over a two or three year period.

Parkland Development - Peerless Subdivision

Mr. Nauss advised Council that it is the desire of the Recreation Commission that land be purchased in the Peerless Subdivision during 1989 with development to take place in the future.

6.6 CON'T

LeBrun Centre Renovations

Funding requested and allocated to the LeBrun Centre renovations includes the replacement of the roof and the development of badly needed storage facilities.

Admiral's Cove Concept Plan

Funding requested for the Admiral's Cove concept plan is to develop a long-range plan for the development and use of Admiral's Cove Park.

Oakmount Parkland Development

Mr. Nauss advised Council that the Commission is requesting the allocation of \$15,000 for the acquisition of equipment to be placed in the Oakmount Parkland.

7. GENERAL DISCUSSION - FUNDING 1989 CAPITAL BUDGET

ON MOTION of Deputy Mayor Kelly it was moved that funding for the Capital Budget for 1989 not exceed the following:

- Projects to be funded by external borrowing - \$1,500,000.
- Projects to be funded through a withdrawal from the Operating Reserve, not to exceed \$250,000.
- Projects to be funded through a withdrawal from the Equipment Reserve Fund, not to exceed \$30,000.
- Project to be funded through a withdrawal from the Sewer Redevelopment Fund, not to exceed \$60,000.
- Total \$1,840,000.

There being no response to three (3) calls for a seconder to the Motion, Mayor Christie declared the Motion invalid.

ON MOTION of Councillor Goucher and Councillor Walker it was moved that funding for the 1989 Capital Program be approved as follows:

-Projects to be funded by external borrowing - \$1,200,000.

-Projects to be funded through a withdrawal from the Operating Reserve, not to exceed \$250,000.

-Projects to be funded through a withdrawal from the Equipment Reserve Fund, not to exceed \$30,000.

-Projects to be funded through a withdrawal from the Sewer Redevelopment Fund, not to exceed \$60,000.

Total \$1,540,000.

Motion approved, Deputy Mayor Kelly voted against the Motion.

8. CAPTIAL PROJECT APPROVAL

8.1 RECREATION DEPARTMENT

ON MOTION of Councillor Goucher and Councillor Cosgrove it was moved that the following Capital Projects/Funding for the Recreation Department Capital Program be approved:

-LeBrun Centre Renovations - \$100,000.

-Range Park Phase IV - \$150,000.

During discussion of the Motion some concern was expressed by members of Council, that the LeBrun Centre renovations was an example of a project that was definitely needed but the Range Park project could not be considered in the same category.

The Motion was put to the meeting and was approved. Councillor Huntington voted against the Motion.

8.2 POLICE DEPARTMENT

ON MOTION of Deputy Mayor Kelly and Councillor Goucher it was moved that the project, Phase IV R.A.P.I.D. Sytem in an amount of \$66,000 be approved and included in the Capital Program - 1989. Motion approved unanimously.

8.3 TRANSPORTATION SERVICES

ON MOTION of Deputy Mayor Kelly and Councillor Walker, it was moved that the following projects be approved for the Transportation Department Capital Program - 1989:

-Meadowbrook Drive Intersection	\$125,000
-Arterial Road Upgrading	\$113,000
-Storm Drainage Improvements	\$150,000
-Sidewalks - Texaco Station area	\$ 20,000
-Rocky Lake Drive Intersection Improvements	\$ 90,000
-One-ton works vehicle	<u>\$ 30,000</u>

TOTAL - \$528,000

The Motion was put to the meeting and was defeated. Mayor Christie, Councillor Draper, Councillor Walker and Councillor Goucher voted against the Motion.

ON MOTION of Councillor Draper and Councillor Walker it was moved that the following projects be approved for the Transportation Department Capital Program - 1989:

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During discussion of the Motion, reasons for and against eliminating the two projects, Arterial Road Upgrading and Rocky Lake Drive Intersection Improvements were discussed. In particular it was noted that there is no assurance that the Department of Transportation will cost-share the funding for these projects during 1989.

ON MOTION of Councillor Goucher and Councillor Walker it was moved that the Motion be amended by the addition of the following projects:

-Transportation Services - Arterial Road Upgrading	\$113,000
-Rocky Lake Drive Intersection Improvements	\$90,000
-Mainstreet Program	\$200,000.

The amendment was put to the meeting and was approved. Deputy Mayor Kelly and Councillor Huntington voted against the amendment.

CON'T

The amended Motion was put to the meeting and was approved. Deputy Mayor Kelly and Councillor Huntington voted against the Motion.

9. PROPOSED FORT SACKVILLE PROPERTY ACQUISITION

Mayor Christie requested the consideration of Council in reviewing a revised proposed Agreement of Purchase and Sale for the possible acquisition of the Fort Sackville Property.

ON MOTION of Councillor Walker and Councillor Huntington, it was moved that:

WHEREAS the Town has over the past number of months made diligent attempts to acquire the Fort Sackville Property and;

WHEREAS the amount of the Town's proposed Capital Budget for 1989 is of some concern and;

WHEREAS approximately \$14,000 has already been expended in our attempts to acquire this property,

BE IT RESOLVED that the Town of Bedford cease any further negotiations.

The Motion was put to the meeting and was defeated. Mayor Christie, Deputy Mayor Kelly, Councillor Draper, and Councillor Goucher voted against the Motion.

ON MOTION of Deputy Mayor Kelly and Councillor Draper, it was moved that the Mayor and Chief Administrative Officer be authorized to execute the proposed Agreement of Purchase and Sale between the Town of Bedford and Elsie Tolson in an amount not to exceed \$850,000, and further, that such offer be considered as final.

The Motion was put to the meeting and was approved. Councillor Cosgrove, Councillor Huntington, and Councillor Walker voted against the Motion.

10. PROPOSED 1989 OPERATING BUDGET


The Chief Administrative Officer, Dan English, and the Director of Finance, Ron Singer, provided Council with a brief overview on the proposed 1989 Operating Budget and Tax Rates.

The Budget as tabled indicated an overall increase of 14 percent over 1988 along with a 19 percent increase in the Tax Levy. Tax Rate increases required in order to balance the Budget reflected 5.3 percent Residential and 6.2 percent Commercial.

A brief discussion was held in terms of various scenarios which might be available to Town Council in considering Tax Rate increases for 1989. Following further discussion on various aspects of the Budget, it was agreed that Council's objective should be to have the 1989 Tax Rates established by April 15, 1989.

11. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business - the meeting adjourned at approximately 5:45 p.m.



MAYOR



CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER

POLICE DEPARTMENT

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TOWN OF BEDFORD
SPECIAL SESSION - OPERATING BUDGET
THURSDAY, MARCH 9, 1989

A Special Session of the Town Council of the Town of Bedford was held on Thursday, March 9, 1989, at 7:30 p.m., in the Council Chambers, Suite 400, Bedford Tower, Bedford, Nova Scotia, Deputy Mayor Peter Kelly presiding.

1. LORD'S PRAYER

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

2. ATTENDANCE

Councillors Anne Cosgrove, Peggy Draper, Len Goucher, Don Huntington and Grant Walker were in attendance at the commencement of the Session.

Staff members attending the Session included Dan R. English, Chief Administrative Officer; Rick Paynter, Director of Engineering and Works; H.A. MacKenzie, Chief of Police; George Meisner, Deputy Chief of Police; Barry Zwicker, Director of Planning and Development Control; Ron Singer, Director of Finance; and Bob Nauss, Director of Recreation.

3. COMMENCEMENT OF REVIEW AND DISCUSSION OF PROPOSED 1989 OPERATING BUDGET

The Chief Administrative Officer circulated information for referral purposes in the ensuing Operating Budget deliberations, noting that Council will receive presentations this evening from the Police Department, Recreation Department, and Engineering and Works Department respectively.

(a) POLICE DEPARTMENT

Chief MacKenzie and Deputy Chief Meisner addressed Council regarding the elements within the proposed 1989 Operating Budget for the Police Department, noting the need for an assistant to the Administrative Assistant. Chief MacKenzie further addressed the Department's efforts in maintaining the existing level of service, stating that various new and replacement supplies and equipment have been included within the proposed budget.

(a) CON'T

Chief MacKenzie and Deputy Chief Meisner were thanked for their presentation.

(b) RECREATION DEPARTMENT

Robert Nauss, Director of Recreation, addressed Council with regards to the Department's proposed 1989 Operating Budget, emphasizing areas of major increases which include: request from minor sports groups for increased subsidies; component for summer staff (which may be offset by government grants); and establishment of a new position, "Special Events/Outdoor Recreation Co-Ordinator."

It was agreed that copies of, "the Bedford Parks and Implementation Strategy," along with pertinent documentation from community groups, relative to this study, should be forwarded to members of Council.

Mr. Nauss was asked to determine the cost for construction of a skateboarding facility.

Discussion ensued regarding upgrading of neighbourhood and Town parks.

Deputy Mayor Kelly thanked Mr. Nauss for his presentation. In addition to requests for information, Council briefly discussed the future responsibility of the Visitor Information Centre and M.A.T.A.'S intended role. It was concluded that Mr. English is to prepare a report outlining the intent of all groups concerned and recommended course of action for discussion and consideration at the April 17 Session.

(c) ENGINEERING AND WORKS DEPARTMENT

Mr. Rick Paynter, Director of Engineering and Works, provided Council with background information on Engineering and Works budget components, growth statistics for the Town and associated growth in servicing costs. Mr. Paynter reviewed the components of the 1989 proposed Operating Budget of the Department. During discussion, it was concluded that the \$175,000 budgeted for Disposal of Garbage should be increased to \$210,000 due to the delay of anticipated tipping fees by Metro Authority. Mr. Paynter further suggested that the budgeted figure for snow removal be increased by an additional \$25-30,000.

(c) CON'T

Mr. Paynter brought forth a proposal for a residential recycling program in Bedford, reviewing anticipated costs and revenues to the Town with same. It was suggested that communications with the public and special interest groups in the Town on this matter should be pursued.

It was agreed that copies of the overheads used during the presentation should be included with the next Council Information Package.

The suggestion was made that a meeting should be held with Crescent Park residents to discuss their desires relative to the existing vegetation at this park.

Some discussion took place with respect to the advisability of retaining the present Equipment Reserve Fund for future equipment replacement.

Following his response to inquiries from Council, Mr. Paynter was thanked for his presentation.

4. OTHER BUSINESS

Deputy Mayor Kelly informed Council that a meeting with Sackville Councillors will be held on Monday, March 13, 1989, in order to discuss Sackville's concerns with the future operation of the Sewage Treatment Plant. The agenda for this meeting was circulated.

The next session of the Operating Budget deliberations was scheduled for Wednesday, March 15, from 7:00 to 10:00 a.m.

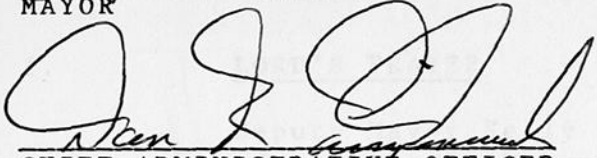
Following much discussion it was agreed to tentatively schedule April 20, 1989 as an all day session for Council only to discuss the workings of Council, Council inter-relationships etc. The alternate date was agreed as May 6, 1989.

The Chief Administrative Officer advised that the planned Council/Staff Session could be postponed until the Fall of 1989. Following discussion Council agreed to schedule tentative dates for such a session as June 2/3, 1989.

5. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at approximately 11:30 p.m.


MAYOR


CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER

ATTENDANCE

Councillors: James Costello, Peggy Draper, Len Goucher, Dan Huntington and Grant Walker were in attendance at the commencement of the Session.

Staff members attending this Session included: Don F. English, Chief Administrative Officer; Joan Prady, Deputy Clerk; Barry Swicker, Director of Planning and Development Control; Steve Holt, Senior Planning; Don Singer, Director of Planning; Rick Fowler, Director of Engineering and Works; Robert Wilson, Director of Recreation; and Michael Thomas, Executive Director, Economic Development Committee.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MEETING NO. 9 - PUBLIC HEARINGS PRO-DI & PARADISE ST, 1988

MEETING NO. 10 - REGULAR SESSION - FEBRUARY 13, 1989

MEETING NO. 11 - SPECIAL SESSION - MARCH 7, 1989

On the request of Councillor Walker it was moved that the Minutes of the Public Hearings at Paradise St, 1988, should reflect the conversation from the public at large which was supportive of the granting of having expanded land use within a certain family neighbourhood level Grandview and other apartments.

TOWN OF BEDFORD
REGULAR COUNCIL SESSION
MONDAY, MARCH 13, 1989

A Regular Session of the Town Council of the Town of Bedford took place on Monday, March 13, 1989, 7:30 p.m., in the Council Chambers, Suite 400, Bedford Tower, Bedford, Nova Scotia, Deputy Mayor Peter Kelly presiding.

1. LORD'S PRAYER

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

2. ATTENDANCE

Councillors Anne Cosgrove, Peggy Draper, Len Goucher, Don Huntington and Grant Walker were in attendance at the commencement of the Session.

Staff members attending this Session included Dan R. English, Chief Administrative Officer; Joan Pryde, Deputy Clerk; Barry Zwicker, Director of Planning and Development Control; Steve Moir, Senior Planner; Ron Singer, Director of Finance; Rick Paynter, Director of Engineering and Works; Robert Nauss, Director of Recreation; and Micheel Towner, Executive Director, Economic Development Commission.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

3.1 MEETING NO. 9 - PUBLIC HEARING #89-01 - FEBRUARY 13, 1989

3.2 MEETING NO. 10 - REGULAR SESSION - FEBRUARY 13, 1989

3.3 MEETING NO. 11 - SPECIAL SESSION - MARCH 2, 1989

On the request of Councillor Walker it was moved that the Minutes of the Public Hearing of February 13, 1989, should reflect the conversation from the public at large which was supportive of the practice of having expanded land uses within a current single family neighbourhood, i.e. Granny Flats and income apartments.

3.3 CON'T

On the request of Councillor Goucher it was agreed that the wording of the Motion contained in Item 6.1 of the Minutes of February 13, should be amended to reflect the same wording that was included in the Motion when originally stated.

ON MOTION of Councillor Huntington and Councillor Goucher it was moved that the Minutes of Meeting No. 9 - Public Hearing - February 13, 1989, Meeting No. 10 - Regular Session - February 13, 1989 and Meeting No. 11 - Special Session - March 2, 1989, as amended be approved. Motion approved unanimously.

4. ADDITIONS/DELETIONS TO ORDER OF BUSINESS

On the request of Councillor Goucher it was agreed that an Item, "Notice of Motion re the Moirs Mill Development Agreement," be added to the agenda as Item 16.1

5. APPROVAL OF ORDER OF BUSINESS

ON MOTION of Councillor Goucher and Councillor Walker it was moved that the Order of Business as amended be approved. Motion approved unanimously.

6. NOTICE OF RECONSIDERATION

Nil

7. DEFERRED BUSINESS/BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

7.1 RIDGEVALE SUBDIVISION - COST-SHARING OF ERECTION OF FENCE BETWEEN TOT LOT AND ABUTTING PROPERTY

Copies of correspondence from Mr. John A. Wheatley were circulated to members of Council in which Mr. Wheatley reviewed the background information which led to the installation of the playground adjacent to his property in Ridgevale Subdivision and his reasons for objecting to same.

7.1 CON'T

During the discussion of this matter the President of the Ridgevale Homeowner's Association confirmed that its membership was not interested in a suggestion from Council that they be responsible for the installation of this fence if the materials were funded by the Town.

ON MOTION of Councillor Walker and Councillor Cosgrove it was moved that this matter be referred to staff in order to gather more information and to accomodate a meeting between the Developer, the Residents' Association, the Councillors serving on the Recreation Commission and Mr. Wheatley - which meeting should determine the basis of facts and make recommendation with respect to anything that can be done to relocate the park to an area acceptable to the Developers, the residents and staff. Motion approved, Councillor Draper and Councillor Goucher voted against the Motion.

7.2 1989 CAPITAL BUDGET - STATUS REPORT AND CONSIDERATION OF AWARD OF TENDERS: ONE-TON WORKS VEHICLE - TENDER #89-06; STORM DRAINAGE WORKS - GOLF LINKS ROAD - TENDER #89-03; RANGE PARK DEVELOPMENT - PHASE IV - TENDER #89-02

By memorandum Dan R. English, Chief Administrative Officer provided a status report with respect to the 1989 Capital Budget and details respecting the consideration of the award of tenders #89-06, 89-03, 89-02.

During the ensuing discussion of the status report, Mr. English reviewed with the aid of overhead projections the original proposed 1989 Capital Program presented on March 2, 1989, and the revised 1989 Capital Program which was approved on that same date. He also provided a schedule showing the proposed 1989 Capital Program which could be funded by borrowing or withdrawal from Reserves and maintaining the upper limit of \$1,540,000 which was previously approved by Council for this portion of the Capital Program. Finally, Mr. English provided a schedule showing the list of deletions/adjustments to the original proposed Capital Program which were required to reduce the total expenditure to the \$1,540,000 figure.

7.2

CON'T

Also circulated to Council were details of the results of tender call #89-06; One-Ton Works Vehicle, tender #89-03; Storm Drainage Improvements Golf Links Road/Parkers Brook Area, and tender #89-02; Range Park Development - Phase IV.

During the ensuing discussion some concern was expressed with respect to the fact that, in all likelihood, the Province of Nova Scotia is not expected to cost-share in the Rocky Lake Drive Intersection or the Arterial Highway Improvement Projects during the 1989 calendar year. In response to a question from Council as to whether or not the Town should proceed on its own with these projects, staff advice was in the negative due to the fact that this might set a precedent whereby the Department of Transportation would expect the Town of Bedford to carry out such projects without Provincial cost-sharing.

In response to an inquiry from Council, Rick Paynter, Director of Engineering and Works, reviewed details with respect to the proposed project for Sanitary Sewer Upgrading and the reasons why in his opinion it is an important project.

Some members of Council expressed concern with respect to the fact that important needed projects i.e. Rocky Lake Drive Intersection and Sewer Upgrading were being deleted from the projects for 1989 whereas the Range Park Phase IV is still being considered. It was noted by Mr. English, that if later in the year a project previously eliminated from the Capital Program is determined to be essential, it could be approved as an over expenditure.

ON MOTION of Councillor Goucher and Councillor Draper it was moved that the Town Council of the Town of Bedford approve the awarding of tender #89-06: One-Ton Works Vehicle to Forbes Chev Olds Limited and Scotia Equipment Limited in a total amount of \$29,314 (including \$1,500 contingency), tender 89-03: Storm Drainage Golf Links Road/Parkers Brook Area to Sun Construction Limited in a total amount of \$39,470 and tender #89-02 Range Park Development - Phase IV to Priority Builders Limited in an amount not to exceed \$220,000.

7.2

CON'T

During the ensuing discussion Councillor Huntington expressed strong concern that the Range Park Development Project and aesthetic improvements involved the Mainstreet Project respecting the Meadowbrook Drive Intersection should be deferred to a future year in order that the Rocky Lake Drive Intersection and Storm Drainage Works can be effected.

Councillor Draper advised Council that, in her opinion, the senior citizens are looking forward to the Range Park Development, i.e. the lawn bowling green and she would like to see this project accomplished.

In response to an inquiry as to whether the Province would still cost-share the Range Park Development if it was deferred to another year, the Chief Administrative Officer advised that in his opinion, cost-sharing would still be obtainable.

In response to an inquiry from Deputy Mayor Kelly, the Director of Engineer and Works reviewed the pros and cons of removing some equipment from the old one-ton vehicle for placement on the proposed new vehicle.

In response to a request from Councillor Goucher it was agreed by the seconder that the Motion be withdrawn from the table.

ON MOTION of Councillor Goucher it was moved that further consideration of the Range Park Project and the purchase of a one-ton works vehicle be deferred to the next regular session of Council in order to obtain further information.

There was no response to three (3) calls for a seconder and the Motion was declared invalid.

ON MOTION of Councillor Draper and Councillor Goucher it was moved that further consideration of the Range Park Development Tender be deferred to the next regular session of Council. Motion defeated. Councillor Walker, Councillor Cosgrove and Councillor Huntington voted against the Motion.

7.2

CON'T

ON MOTION of Councillor Walker and Councillor Huntington it was moved that the Range Park Development Project be withdrawn from the 1989 proposed Capital Budget. Motion defeated. Deputy Mayor Kelly, Councillor Draper and Councillor Goucher voted against the Motion.

ON MOTION of Councillor Walker and Councillor Huntington it was moved that funding in the amount of \$150,000 be included in the 1989 Capital Budget for Sanitary Sewer Improvements. Motion approved. Councillor Draper and Councillor Goucher voted against the Motion.

ON MOTION of Councillor Walker and Councillor Goucher it was moved that tender #89-03 Storm Drainage Improvements; Golf Links Road/Parkers Brook Area be awarded to Sun Construction Limited in a total amount not to exceed \$39,470. Motion approved unanimously.

ON MOTION of Councillor Draper and Councillor Goucher it was moved that tender #89-02; Range Park Development - Phase IV be awarded to Priority Builders Limited in a total amount not to exceed \$220,000. Motion defeated. Councillor Walker, Councillor Cosgrove, and Councillor Huntington voted against the Motion.

ON MOTION of Councillor Walker and Councillor Cosgrove it was moved that tender #89-06; One-ton Works Vehicle be awarded to Forbes Chev Olds Limited and Scotia Equipment Limited in a total amount not to exceed \$29,319 (including \$1,500 contingency) and that funding for this project be provided through the Equipment Reserve Account. Motion approved unanimously.

ON MOTION of Councillor Walker and Councillor Goucher it was moved that consideration of the approval of \$150,000 for the Range Park Development be deferred to the next regular session of Council. Motion approved. Councillor Huntington voted against the Motion.

7.3

STREET NAMING POLICY - CURRENT STATUS

By memorandum Barry Zwicker, Director of Planning and Development Control, reviewed the current situation with respect to the Street Naming Policy which was adopted in 1985. Included with this review was an extensive schedule listing the number of streets in each subdivision and indicating which names were taken from the Heritage List and which had been chosen by Developers. Mr. Zwicker advised that 76.7 percent of all of the new street names since June 1985 have been chosen in a manner consistent with the Street Naming Policy.

In response to a request from Councillor Goucher it was approved that Anthony Edwards of the Heritage '80 Society should be permitted to address Council on this subject.

Mr. Edwards advised Council that in his opinion only 68 percent of the new names were from the Heritage List. He further expressed the opinion that it was very important that the Town adhere to the list of heritage names and further advised that Heritage '80 is of the opinion that enough care is not being taken to apply street names in an appropriate manner. He requested an opportunity to further review this matter with members of the Planning Department.

During the ensuing discussion Mr. Zwicker advised Council of the process that is currently being used with respect to the choosing of street names and expressed the opinion that the Policy respecting Street Names is being followed by staff. He did suggest that the list of names suggested by the Heritage '80 Society should be expanded in order to assist in the process.

Following further discussion it was suggested by Councillor Walker and unanimously agreed by Council that further discussion of this matter should be deferred, pending an opportunity for a meeting between representatives of the Planning Department and the Heritage '80 Society.

8.

MOTIONS OF RESCISSION

Nil

9. PUBLIC HEARINGS AND MOTIONS ARISING THEREFROM9.1 PUBLIC HEARING NO. 89-01 RE CONTRACT DEVELOPMENT AGREEMENT APPLICATION - REDDEN BROTHERS DEVELOPMENT LIMITED - OAKRIDGE SUBDIVISION

Copies of details of the Public Hearing and background information respecting a request for a Contract Development Agreement between Redden Brothers Development Limited and the Town of Bedford to permit the construction of two-family dwellings on the 28 lots in the Oakridge Subdivision were circulated to members of Council.

ON MOTION of Councillor Draper and Councillor Cosgrove it was moved that the Town of Bedford approve the entering into of the Contract Development Agreement as presented with Redden Brothers Development Limited if the Developer agrees to the following changes: Lots 34 to 50 inclusive to remain R-1.

In response to an inquiry from Deputy Mayor Kelly as to whether or not the proposed Motion would be considered valid, Peter McInroy, Solicitor, expressed concern that such a Motion might pose legal complications and he recommended that Council should consider the terms of the Contract Development Agreement which were originally requested. He also expressed the opinion that during such consideration the exact agreement should be available. He further elaborated with respect to the difference between substantial and non-substantial changes.

Barry Zwicker, Director of Planning and Development Control, expressed concern that Mr. McInroy's advice was in conflict with the process which has been used by the Town for several years when approving Contract Development Agreements.

In response to an inquiry to Mr. Zwicker as to whether or not the Motion includes a substantial change from the original application, he expressed the opinion that it does not.

9.1

CON'T

ON MOTION of Councillor Walker and Councillor Huntington it was moved that further consideration of this matter be deferred to the next regular session of Council due to the serious implications relative to the Municipal Board appeal process and late information received from the residents of the area which require review. Motion defeated. Councillor Draper, Councillor Cosgrove and Councillor Goucher voted against the Motion.

During the ensuing discussion Councillor Draper advised of her reasons for her Motion that the Agreement be rejected unless the requested change is made as follows:

1. The points covered by the Planning Department in its report attached as 6.1 to the Council Materials;
2. The report respecting the laterals from Mr. Paynter, Director of Engineering and Works;
3. Disagreement with the provision taken by Mr. Morrison on behalf of the School Board as Councillor Draper felt, as an educator, that 19 or 20 pupils per teacher was an ideal situation;
4. The proposed density of 8.7 units per acre she felt was unacceptable.

Councillor Huntington noted that the objective of the Municipal Planning Strategy was to provide high quality mixed housing development which goal will be fulfilled by the development as now proposed.

In response to an inquiry as to whether or not the Developer installed dual laterals on the understanding that he would receive permission to build two-family units, Council was advised in the negative.

Councillor Huntington did express the opinion that the project should be approved or rejected as originally proposed and not be subject to a compromise as indicated in the proposed Motion.

9.1

CON'T

Councillor Cosgrove expressed the opinion that the proposed development complies with the Municipal Planning Strategy and that the services available meet the requirement. She noted that at the Public Hearing the main concern appeared to be a lack of buffering if link homes were erected immediately adjacent to the Oakmount Subdivision.

Councillor Walker addressed Council at length quoting some of the findings from the D.P.A. report and expressing concern that the Town of Bedford should initiate steps to ensure that affordable home ownership is available in the future. He expressed the opinion that wiser use should be made of the remaining serviceable land within the primary development area noting in particular that currently it is very difficult for young people to obtain affordable housing within the Town of Bedford.

Councillor Walker also expressed concern with respect to the concept of R-1 housing on one street and R-2 on another street, suggesting that such a policy reduces, "community," and that there should be more intergration of housing types. He suggested that this topic deserves expanded thought and he would encourage Council to defer further consideration of the Motion.

The Motion was put to the meeting and was approved. Councillor Huntington and Councillor Walker voted against the Motion.

10.

PETITIONS AND DELEGATIONS

Nil

11.

MOTIONS

11.1

BY-LAW AND POLICY RESPECTING STREET IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS - CONSIDERATION OF THIRD AND FINAL READING

Copies of a proposed By-Law and Policy respecting Street Improvement Projects were circulated to members of Council for third and final reading.

11.1 CON'T

ON MOTION of Councillor Walker and Councillor Goucher it was moved that the Town Council of the Town of Bedford approve the By-Law and Policy respecting Street Improvement Projects as circulated subject to the By-Law receiving the approval of the Minister of Municipal Affairs. Motion approved unanimously.

11.2 BY-LAW RESPECTING SEWER USE - FIRST READING

ON MOTION of Councillor Goucher and Councillor Cosgrove it was moved that a proposed By-Law Respecting Sewer Use, as circulated, be received and approved for First Reading. Motion approved unanimously.

11.3 BY-LAW RESPECTING SWIMMING POOLS - FIRST READING

ON MOTION of Councillor Walker and Councillor Cosgrove it was moved that a proposed By-Law Respecting Swimming Pools, as circulated be received and approved for First Reading. Motion approved unanimously.

11.4 BY-LAW RESPECTING GRADE ALTERATION (REVISED) - FIRST AND FINAL READING

Copies of a revised By-Law Respecting Grade Alteration were circulated to members of Council for consideration of First and Final Reading.

Dan English, Chief Administrative Officer noted that the original By-Law was approved late in 1988 and subsequently submitted to the Department of Municipal Affairs for Ministerial approval. The Department has now expressed the opinion that it will be necessary to delete some portions of the enforcement clauses due to the fact that there is no existing authority for same. Council is being asked to approve the By-Law as amended until such time as Council seeks and hopefully receives the approval of special legislation to provide the Authority to include the desired enforcement clauses.

11.4

CON'T

During the ensuing discussion some concern was expressed by several members of Council as to whether or not there was any justification in approving the amended By-Law. Both Peter McInroy, Solicitor, and Dan English, Chief Administrative Officer, advised Council with respect to the desirability of passing the revised By-Law rather than continuing to depend on the By-Law inherited from the County of Halifax and currently in use.

Deputy Mayor Kelly also advised Council that it was the opinion of the By-Law Review Committee that this revised By-Law should be approved for the time being.

ON MOTION of Councillor Goucher and Councillor Draper it was moved that the Town Council of the Town of Bedford approve the revised By-Law Respecting Grade Alteration, as circulated, for First and Final Reading, pending the approval of the Minister of Municipal Affairs.

In response to concern expressed by Councillor Walker with respect to the deletion of the clauses respecting enforcement, it was noted by Mr. McInroy that there is still a certain level of enforcement available but not as strong as would be desired.

The Motion was put to the meeting and approved unanimously.

11.5

MRS. AILEEN MCCORMICK - REPORT ON BAND SUCCESS

Mrs. Aileen McCormick advised Council of recent success of the High School Band in festival competition. Her report was received with appreciation.

12.

NEW BUSINESS

12.1 COBEQUID MULTI-SERVICE CENTRE - BOARD OF DIRECTORS -
NOMINATION OF REPRESENTATIVE - TOWN OF BEDFORD

By memorandum Joan Pryde, Deputy Clerk advised Council of the requirement for a nomination of a representative from the Town of Bedford to the Board of the Cobequid Multi-Service Centre. She also informed Council that Mrs. Margaret Chapman is willing to accept a re-nomination to this position and that Mrs. Johnette Carli has also expressed an interest in being nominated.

In response to a call for nominations, Mrs. Margaret Chapman was nominated by Councillor Huntington.

Mr. Keith Roberts was nominated by Councillor Walker.

Following a secret ballot, Council was advised by Deputy Mayor Kelly that Mr. Keith Roberts would be the nominee of the Town of Bedford to serve on the Board of the Cobequid Multi-Service Centre for a term of three (3) years.

12.2 RECREATION COMMISSION - APPROVAL OF APPOINTMENT TO
FILL VACANCY OF UNEXPIRED TERM

By memorandum Joan Pryde, Deputy Clerk, advised Council that Mr. David Gorsline has resigned from the Recreation Commission and that it is the recommendation of the Commission that Bill Dompierre be appointed to fulfill the balance of Mr. Gorsline's unexpired term (to December 31, 1989).

Mrs. Pryde further advised that, if appointed, Mr. Dompierre would resign from service on the Transit Advisory Committee and it is staff recommendation that Mr. Warren Hutt, subject to his approval, be the replacement appointee, again for the balance of the unexpired term.

ON MOTION of Councillor Walker and Councillor Goucher it was moved that an advertisement be placed in the newspaper seeking additional candidates to serve on the Recreation Commission.

During the ensuing discussion it was noted by Councillor Huntington that, in his opinion, it would be desirable that someone with an interest in Minor Hockey be appointed to the Recreation Commission.

12.2 CON'T

Councillor Cosgrove expressed the opinion that the appointment of Mr. Donpierre to the Recreation Commission and his replacement on the Transit Advisory Committee by Mr. Warren Hutt would be appropriate. She noted that most members of the Transit Advisory Committee will be compelled to retire at the end of this year, whereas, Mr. Hutt would be eligible for re-appointment.

The Motion was put to the meeting and was approved. Councillor Draper and Councillor Cosgrove voted against the Motion.

EXTENSION OF TIME OF MEETING

ON MOTION of Councillor Goucher and Councillor Draper it was moved that the time of the meeting be extended to 11:30 p.m. Motion approved unanimously.

12.3 MUNICIPAL FACILITIES - SELECTION OF DATE FOR JOINT COUNCIL/COMMITTEE MEETING

In response to a request from the Deputy Mayor for the selection of a date for a joint Council/Committee meeting respecting Municipal Facilities, it was agreed that this meeting should be scheduled for April 4, 1989, at 4:30 p.m.

13. REPORTS: BOARDS/COMMITTEES/COMMISSIONS13.1 BEDFORD ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION

By memorandum J.M. Towner, Executive Director, B.E.D.C., advised Council of two (2) Motions passed by the Bedford Business Improvement District Committee at a meeting held on Monday, February 6, 1989 respecting the appointment of the position of Chairman of the B.I.D.C. and the appointment of the B.I.D.C. representative on the Bedford Economic Development Commission.

13.1 CON'T

ON MOTION of Councillor Goucher and Councillor Cosgrove it was moved that the Town Council of the Town of Bedford ratify the appointment of Doug Williams as Chairman of the B.I.D. Committee and the appointment of Peggy Draper, as a B.I.D. Committee representative on the Bedford Economic Development Commission. Motion approved unanimously.

13.2 HERITAGE ADVISORY COMMITTEE

By memorandum Anthony Edwards, Chairman, Heritage Advisory Committee, advised Council with respect to the Provincial designation for the Moirs Mill Powerhouse and the concerns of the Committee respecting the Highway Bridge replacement at Millview.

It was noted in the memorandum that the designation of the Moirs Mill Powerhouse as a Provincial Heritage Property makes the Powerhouse the first property in Bedford to be so designated and also makes it eligible for some funding to offset some of the costs associated with this restoration.

In addressing the concerns respecting the Bedford Highway Bridge replacement at Millview, Mr. Edwards noted that the Committee is concerned that the plans indicate that the Bridge will be moved substantially closer to the Powerhouse and that there seem to be no plans to lower the road surface.

Mr. Edwards also advised that the Committee is very concerned that the plans call for the destruction of at least one of the abutments of the old single lane bridge. The opinion was expressed that the abutments are in good condition, are part of the Heritage Site and contribute to the ambience of the area and were earmarked for supports for a proposed pedestrian bridge in the sidewalk system.

In speaking to this matter Rick Paynter, Director of Engineering and Works, reviewed details of the proposed bridge plans and explained for the benefit of Council the physical and geometric features of the bridge, noting the problems that would arise both structurally and financially if the bridge and road were to be moved closer to the Bedford Basin. He also noted the difficulty in trying to lower the level of the road and bridge work.

13.2 CON'T

Mr. Paynter advised that a meeting is being planned to discuss all aspects of this project and members of the Heritage Advisory Committee will be invited to attend.

During discussion of the matter concern was expressed by Councillor Goucher with respect to why the project requires a four traffic lane design. In response the Director of Engineering and Works expressed the opinion that the four lanes are needed in order to move traffic at a reasonable rate during the busy times of the day.

13.3 BOARD OF HEALTH - NOTICE OF APPROVAL OF ON-SITE SEWAGE DISPOSAL SYSTEM - PURSUANT TO SECTION 38(A) HEALTH ACT

Copies of a Notice of Approval to the Town Council from the Board of Health were circulated respecting an application by Kenneth Zinck to the local Board of Health of the Town of Bedford, pursuant to Section 38(A) of the Health Act, for exemption from certain technical requirements of the On-Site Sewage Disposal Regulations and for approval of a permit to install an On-Site Sewage Disposal System according to a submitted plan on a triangular parcel of land located on the Hammonds Plains Road and currently listed in the Registry of Deeds as being under the ownership of Marie Agnes Archibald.

Councillor Cosgrove, Chairman of the Board of Health, provided details of this application and the Public Hearing involved, to members of Council.

The report was received for information.

13.4 SCHOOL BOARD REPORT - (VERBAL) COUNCILLOR HUNTINGTON

Councillor Huntington advised Council that the School Board is now in the process of holding Budget meetings and it is hoped that the Board will be ready to bring down the total Operating Budget during the first week in April. At that time a date will be scheduled for presentation to the Municipal Councils involved. Councillor Huntington did express concern with respect to the current School Board Budget process and it has been agreed by the Board that, in future years, more detailed data will be required by the Board from staff.

13.5

BY-LAW REVIEW COMMITTEE - SPECIAL LEGISLATION

Copies of correspondence from Peter McInroy, Solicitor, were circulated to members of Council in which Mr. McInroy addressed the matter of the desire of the Town of Bedford for Special Enabling Legislation to provide certain powers that currently do not appear in the Towns Act or in Bill 97.

Mr. McInroy reviewed details of these powers that are desired by the Town and the reasons for same.

During the ensuing discussion the suggestion was also made that consideration of a Provincial Charter for the Town might be an idea worth exploring.

ON MOTION of Councillor Goucher and Councillor Cosgrove it was moved that the idea of a Charter for the Town of Bedford be referred to the By-Law Review Committee for further study and recommendation.

During the ensuing discussion, Councillor Walker asked that a cost benefit analysis be provided in respect to this matter. Motion approved unanimously.

It was noted by Deputy Mayor Kelly that the Towns Act is very outdated and it is the opinion of the By-Law Review Committee that we should be seeking special legislation due to the fact that the problems being encountered by the Town of Bedford may not be common problems to all towns of our size.

ON MOTION of Councillor Goucher and Councillor Draper it was moved that a Solicitor be requested to draft special legislation respecting the following:

1. Power to call for bonding, letter of credit or equivalent security in relation to Grade Alteration;
2. The power to suspend or revoke permits in relation to blasting and in relation to grade alteration;
3. The power to set-up advisory committees of Council which would include non-Councillors;
4. Everyday being a fresh offence; this should be a general clause - available if certain notice of provisions are met;

13.5

CON'T

5. Ability to go for court order if someone were to proceed to initiate grade alteration without a permit.

Motion approved unanimously.

UNSIGHTLY PREMISES

Councillor Huntington requested a report to Town Council respecting complaints of unsightly premises on Oakmount Drive and the Bedford Highway.

13.6

BOARD OF POLICE COMMISSIONERS - POLICE PERSONNEL POLICY - PROPOSED AMENDMENTS

By memorandum Dan R. English, Chief Administrative Officer, requested the consideration of Town Council to a recommendation from the Bedford Board of Police Commissioners that Police Dispatchers be transferred from the Non-Union Personnel Policy to the Police Personnel Policy.

In discussion on this matter Mr. English advised Council that this proposal was initiated by the Police Dispatchers themselves, that it has been considered by the Bedford Board of Police Commissioners and that it was agreed that the proposal has merit and would not result in any negative implications financial or otherwise.

ON MOTION of Councillor Huntington and Councillor Goucher it was moved that the position of Police Dispatcher be transferred from the Non-Union Personnel Policy to the Police Personnel Policy. Motion approved unanimously.

13.7 FINANCE DEPARTMENT13.7(a) PROPOSED TEMPORARY BORROWING RESOLUTION RE 1989 CAPITAL PROGRAM

By memorandum Ron Singer, Director of Finance requested the approval of three (3) Temporary Borrowing Resolutions in the total amount of \$600,000 respecting the following Capital Projects:

- 89-03 Fire Truck - \$225,000
- 890-2 Peerless Subdivision Servicing - \$156,000
- 89-03 Waterfront Development Corporation - \$219,000

ON MOTION of Councillor Goucher and Councillor Draper it was moved that Town Council approve the three (3) Temporary Borrowing Resolutions in an amount of \$600,000 and that the appropriate documentation be forwarded to the Minister of Municipal Affairs for his approval. Motion approved unanimously.

13.7(b) PROPOSED ADJUSTMENT - VALUATION ALLOWANCE

By memorandum Ron Singer, Director of Finance requested the approval of Town Council to a transfer of \$170,056 from the accumulated Operating Surplus Fund to the Valuation Allowance account in order to comply with the Department of Municipal Affairs regulations that the Valuation Allowance is equal to the average tax balance for the three previous years.

In discussing this matter Mr. Singer reviewed the background of this request and noted that by approving this, "book entry," there would be no effect on the town's financial position, other than meeting the requirements of the Department of Municipal Affairs.

ON MOTION of Councillor Walker and Councillor Draper it was moved that Town Council approve the transfer to the Valuation Allowance from the accumulated Operating Surplus in the amount of \$170,056 necessary to meet the requirements set out in Section 3170 of the Nova Scotia Reporting and Accounting Manual prescribed by the Department of Municipal Affairs. Motion approved unanimously.

14. STAFF REPORTS

14.1 ENGINEERING AND WORKS DEPARTMENT

14.1.1 ROCKY LAKE DRIVE INTERSECTION IMPROVEMENTS

ON MOTION of Councillor Huntington and Councillor Goucher it was moved that the report respecting the Rocky Lake Drive Intersection Improvements be received for information. Motion approved unanimously.

14.2 FIRE CHIEF'S MONTHLY REPORT

ON MOTION of Councillor Huntington and Councillor Goucher it was moved that the Fire Chief's Monthly Report for the month of February 1989 be received for information. Motion approved unanimously.

14.3 PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT CONTROL DEPARTMENT

14.3.1 APPOINTMENT OF ACTING DEVELOPMENT OFFICER

By memorandum Barry Zwicker, Director of Planning and Development Control requested the approval of the appointment of John Robertson, Chief Building Inspector, as temporary Development Officer during Mr. Zwickers absence from the office.

ON MOTION of Councillor Goucher and Councillor Walker it was moved that Mr. John Robertson be appointed a Acting Development Officer from the period March 16 through to March 27, 1989. Motion approved unanimously.

14.3.2 BUILDING INSPECTOR'S MONTHLY REPORT - FEBRUARY 1989

Copies of the Building Inspector's Report for the month of February 1989 were circulated to members of Council. During discussion of this report Councillor Walker requested consideration as to whether the building starts each month could be expressed in seasonally adjusted rates.

15. CORRESPONDENCE

15.1 NOVA SCOTIA MUNICIPAL BOARD - RE RICHARD HATTIN
APPEAL - CONTRACT DEVELOPMENT AGREEMENT - MOIRS MILL
ROAD

Correspondence from the Nova Scotia Municipal Board re the Richard Hattin Appeal respecting a Contract Development Agreement, Moirs Mill Road was received for information.

16. NOTICES OF MOTION

Councillor Goucher served Notice of Motion of his intention to move a Motion of Recission respecting the Contract Development Agreement involving property located at Moirs Mill Road.

17. QUESTIONS

17.1 STATUS SHEET

The Status Sheet dated March 9, 1989 was received for information.

18. ADDED ITEMS

Nil

19. OTHER


Nil

20. ADJOURNMENT

ON MOTION of Councillor Cosgrove and Councillor Draper the meeting adjourned at approximately 11:30 p.m.



MAYOR



CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER

TOWN OF BEDFORD
SPECIAL SESSION
WEDNESDAY, MARCH 15, 1989

A Special meeting of the Town Council of the Town of Bedford took place on Wednesday, March 15, 1989, 7:00 a.m., in the Council Chambers, Suite 400, Bedford Tower, Bedford, Nova Scotia, Deputy Mayor Peter Kelly presiding.

1. LORD'S PRAYER

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

2. ATTENDANCE

Councillors Anne Cosgrove, Len Goucher, Don Huntington and Grant Walker were in attendance at the commencement of the Session.

Staff members attending this Session included Dan R. English, Chief Administrative Officer; Joan Pryde, Deputy Clerk; Barry Zwicker, Director of Planning and Development Control; Micheel Towner, Executive Director, B.E.D.C.; Ron Singer, Director of Finance and Eric Sheppard, Deputy Fire Chief. Dave Selig, Fire Chief, was also in attendance at this meeting.

3. PROPOSED 1989 BUDGET REVIEW (CONTINUED)

3.1 PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT CONTROL DEPARTMENT

Barry Zwicker, Director of Planning and Development Control reviewed with the aid of overhead projections details of the staff composition of his Department, noting that his proposed Budget includes the hiring on a one year contract basis, of one additional Technical Assistant. Council was advised that this person has been working in the Planning Department since the month of May 1988, with the cost being mainly funded through Government Work Programs. It was noted by Mr. Zwicker, that approximately 83 - 84 percent of his Department's Budget is allocated to salaries and benefits.

3.1 CON'T

Mr. Zwicker also reviewed for the benefit of Council the level of services that are now being provided by his Department and where it is hoped to make improvements during the year of 1989. In particular his Department is hoping to increase the level of service with respect to development control. Another area in which it is hoped to increase the level of service in 1990 if not in 1989 is in the plan review process for Commercial/Industrial Development.

Some discussion took place on whether or not the Department would be over staffed if building activity declines - Mr. Zwicker expressed the opinion that such an occurrence would simply enable his Department to provide a better level of service than is being provided at the present time.

A discussion also ensued between Council and the Director as to whether there should be more funding included in the Budget for professional services relative to the Municipal Planning Strategy Review.

3.2 BEDFORD INDUSTRIAL COMMISSION

Micheel Towner, Executive Director, B.E.D.C., addressed Council noting that, while the ratio of commercial assessment to residential assessment has dropped during the past few years compared to that which existed in the early 1980's, there has still been a fairly high increase in commercial assessment, through less than the increase in residential assessment. He further noted that this situation may turn around to some extent in 1989.

Some details of the costs involved in the development of the Visitor Information Centre were discussed and Mr. Towner also reviewed the situation with respect to the co-ordination of Provincial Grants from the Department of Transportation and the Department of Development (Mainstreet Program) that will be involved in the Meadowbrook Drive Intersection Project.

A discussion also took place with respect to the plans to place signage, initially at the entrances of our Industrial Parks - subsequently, in future years on the main highway entrances to the Town.