

3.2 CON'T

With respect to the proposed Operating Budget, most of the discussion evolved with respect to funds proposed for promotional activities. Mr. Towner did express the opinion that advertising in national and international magazines does seem to lead to many written inquiries.

During the discussion with respect to the costs of advertising, a suggestion was made that the Town of Bedford might be able to trade ads with certain companies, i.e. Air Canada, Air Nova, by placing their advertisements in our Bedford Blueprint.

It was noted by Mr. Towner that it is hoped to fund part of the costs of future issues of the Blueprint through the Mainstreet Program.

3.3 COMPUTER DEMONSTRATION

The meeting adjourned for a few minutes to observe a presentation respecting a Property Based Information System designed solely for Municipal Government Implementation in Canada.

3.4 FIRE DEPARTMENT

David Selig, Fire Chief, circulated portfolios which illustrated graphically the increase in the Fire Department activities over the past few years including number of calls, Budget requirements, town assessment levels, etc.

Both Mr. Selig and Eric Shepard, Deputy Chief, responded to questions from Council respecting their proposed 1989 Budget for salaries and other items. Council was advised of the expenditures proposed for small Capital purchases funded through the Capital from Revenue Account.

Mr. Selig did express concern that he actually could use \$40,000 or \$50,000 rather than the \$30,000 for Capital from Revenue Expenditures, and also noted that it will be necessary to rent space for the storing of one of the fire trucks.

3.5 SOCIAL SERVICES

Dan English, Chief Administrative Officer, reviewed for the benefit of Council the expenditures expected to be required in 1989 for the provision of Social Services. A break down of the \$85,000 allocated for the Administration of this service by the County of Halifax was circulated to members of Council. Mr. English also explained the cost-sharing for these services noting that in 1989 there will be expenditures which will only be cost-shared at the 50 percent level due to the fact that the Town of Bedford is expected to exceed the amount which will be cost-shared at the 75 percent level.

4. OTHER

4.1 TOWN OWNED LAND INVENTORY

On the request of Councillor Huntington it was agreed that staff would prepare and provide a listing showing all parcels of town owned land as of this date.

5. ADJOURNMENT

ON MOTION of Councillor Goucher and Councillor Huntington it was moved that the meeting adjourn at approximately 9:30 a.m.



MAYOR



CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER

TOWN OF BEDFORD
SPECIAL SESSION
WEDNESDAY, MARCH 22, 1989

A Special Session of the Town Council of the Town of Bedford took place on Wednesday, March 22, 1989, 7:30 p.m., in the Council Chambers, Suite 400, Bedford Tower, Bedford, Nova Scotia, Mayor Peter Christie presiding.

1. LORD'S PRAYER

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

2. ATTENDANCE

Deputy Mayor Peter Kelly and Councillors Anne Cosgrove, 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 and Ron Singer, Director of Finance. Peter McInroy, Solicitor, was also in attendance at this Session.

APPROVAL OF ORDER OF BUSINESS

ON MOTION of Deputy Mayor Kelly and Councillor Walker it was moved that the Order of Business as circulated be approved with the amendment that Item #7 be considered prior to Item #3. Motion approved unanimously.

7. REVIEW AND CONSIDERATION - AGREEMENT - TOWN OF BEDFORD, COUNTY OF HALIFAX AND PROVINCE OF NOVA SCOTIA

Copies of a proposed Agreement between the Province of Nova Scotia, the Town of Bedford and the Municipality of the County of Halifax were circulated to members of Council.

By memorandum Dan R. English, Chief Administrative Officer, advised that this proposed Agreement was respecting the Lands of the Sewage Treatment Plant (Parcels 1, 2, 3 and 4).

7. CON'T

ON MOTION of Councillor Walker and Councillor Cosgrove it was moved that the Mayor and the Chief Administrative Officer be authorized to sign and execute the Agreement as circulated between the Province of Nova Scotia, the Town of Bedford and the Municipality of the County of Halifax, respecting the Lands of the Sewage Treatment Plant (Parcels 1, 2, 3 and 4).

ON MOTION of Deputy Mayor Kelly it was moved that further consideration of this matter be deferred to the next Session of Council.

In speaking to his Motion, Deputy Mayor Kelly expressed the opinion that all members of Council should be present for consideration of this matter.

There was no seconder to the Motion in response to three (3) calls from the Mayor and the Motion was declared invalid.

In speaking to the Motion, Councillor Cosgrove expressed the opinion that those members who are absent from Council intended to vote in favour of the Motion as they had agreed to same providing subsequent information confirms the original intent between Bedford Town Council and representatives of the Halifax County Council.

Councillor Huntington supported Councillor Cosgrove in her opinion, and also expressed the opinion that it was important to settle this matter as soon as possible. He also expressed the opinion that concerns with respect to the current operation of the Plant was not related to the factors addressed in the Agreement under consideration.

Deputy Mayor Kelly advised Council that in his opinion, concerns respecting the current operation of the Plant should be settled before any Agreement is signed with the County of Halifax.

In response to a request from Mayor Christie, Deputy Mayor Kelly took the Chair.

7. CON'T

Mayor Christie advised Council that he would vote against the Motion and the Agreement at the current time for two reasons:

- (1) Given the position over the last eight years of the Town with relation to ownership, namely the Town is of the opinion that the property is owned solely by the Town, and now under this Agreement the Town would settle for fifty percent ownership, in exchange for which the Town would receive nothing except the fact that it would not have to go to court to settle the matter.
- (2) The Agreement addresses the fact that the future expansion will be with relation to the operation of the Plant as it is now operated and in his opinion the operation currently is not good enough.

Mayor Christie further expressed the opinion that the ownership issue should be addressed in relation to the positive upgrading of the Plant operation.

Mayor Christie resumed his position as Chairman of the meeting.

Councillor Walker expressed the opinion that there are two separate issues, ownership and operation.

The Motion was put to the meeting and was approved. Mayor Christie and Deputy Mayor Kelly voted against the Motion.

Deputy Mayor Kelly requested a legal opinion with respect to whether or not a Notice of Reconsideration would defer execution of this Agreement until such time as a Notice of Reconsideration was considered.

In response Peter McInroy, Solicitor, advised Council that under the terms of the Towns By-Law Respecting Rules of Order of Town Council, it would be possible to execute the Agreement before such Notice of Reconsideration was considered. However, he advised Council that in his opinion this particular Clause of the By-Law was questionable and he recommended that no action take place until the Notice of Reconsideration is considered.

7. CON'T

Deputy Mayor Kelly served Notice of Reconsideration of the previous Motion respecting the legal agreement between the Province of Nova Scotia, the Town of Bedford and the Municipality of the County of Halifax, at the next Special or Regular Session of Town Council.

3. 1989 OPERATING ESTIMATES - FISCAL SERVICES

Dan R. English, Chief Administrative Officer, and Ron Singer, Director of Finance, reviewed for the benefit of those in attendance the Expenditures proposed to be expended under Fiscal Services in 1989 in a total amount of \$3,730,220.

During discussion of, "Debt Charges," Mr. Singer reviewed the total of Debt Charges currently appearing in the estimated Expenditures and also related the total of same to Debt Charges expended during the year 1988. He also advised Council that the Debt Charges as proposed will remain under the 12 percent of net Tax Levy which under Town Council Policy is the maximum which should be permitted for Debt Charges in any one fiscal year.

Mr. Singer also provided a brief explanation with respect to Valuation Allowances and noted that the Budget currently includes \$30,000 under this Account. It will be a decision of Council whether this amount remains in the Budget as an Operating Expenditure or is deferred with a view to ultimately transferring it from the Surplus Account to the Valuation Allowance Account.

Following a discussion with respect to how much Town Council wishes to include in the Operating Estimates as a transfer to the Sewer Redevelopment Fund, it was agreed by Council that this amount should be tentatively placed at \$60,000.

Following a review of estimates included in, "Conditional Transfers to Other Governments and Agencies," most of which as noted by the Chief Administrative Officer are non-discretionary, it was agreed that staff should determine whether or not any of the proposed contribution to the Halifax County Regional Library Board is discretionary.

3. CON'T

Mr. English did advise Council that two (2) more accounts are now proposed with respect to Capital Grants to Charitable Organizations, i.e. \$3,000 to the I.W.K. Children's Hospital and \$1,000 to the Canadian Cancer Society.

Following a review by Mr. Singer with respect to the required mandatory and possible excess contributions to the operations of the Halifax County/Bedford District School Board, it was agreed that Mayor Christie should contact Warden Lichter to discuss whether there should be a meeting of the two Councils only or whether the first meeting to discuss the School Board Budget should include representation from School Board Staff.

6. GENERAL GOVERNMENT SERVICES

Dan English, Chief Administrative Officer, initiated a review of the estimates for General Government Services totalling \$831,100 for 1989.

ON MOTION of Councillor Walker and Councillor Huntington it was moved that the matter of Council Stipends and Expense Allowances be reviewed in the near future by the Committee of the Whole. Motion approved. Deputy Mayor Kelly voted against the Motion.

Mr. English reviewed the staff complement of the Administration and Finance Department, noting that the total staff complement has not increased in the past number of years.

It was unanimously agreed by Council that appreciation of Town Council to the Administrative staff for its co-operation with Council should be expressed.

Ron Singer, Director of Finance, reviewed details of the amounts budgeted for Office Supplies and Lease Equipment.

A discussion took place with respect to the manner in which Legal Services are now being provided, i.e. through various Solicitors depending on the expertise required. Some discussion ensued with respect to how the Town might attempt to reduce legal costs, in particular by being more efficient in the development of By-Laws.

6. CON'TGENERAL DISCUSSION - STREET LIGHTING

Following a brief discussion and on the request of Councillor Walker it was agreed that the Town should determine the advisability of buying Street Lights out-right rather than leasing same from the Power Corporation.

5. REVENUES

Estimated Revenues for the 1989 Operating Budget were reviewed by Mr. English and Mr. Singer, in particular they noted which of the Revenues are firm and which are estimates only. It was noted that the Preliminary Operating Budget indicated a total of \$7,916,600 Revenue from various forms of taxation (not included Deed Transfer Tax). Tax Rate increases of 5.3 percent Residential and 6.2 percent Commercial would be required.

During a review of the individual Revenue Accounts it was agreed by Council that the projected Revenue from Building Permits should be reduced from \$125,000 to \$115,000. It was also agreed that staff should review the current rates being assessed in the Metropolitan Area for Building Permits and Deed Transfer Tax.

6. GENERAL OVERVIEW

Mr. Singer reviewed for the benefit of those in attendance the summary figures of Revenues and Expenditures as proposed in the Preliminary Budget; he also indicated the impact of various suggested changes which had been proposed throughout the Budget Review. Council was also advised of actual changes which have occurred subsequent to the preparation of this initial Budget and which will be incorporated into Draft II.

Mr. Singer also reviewed the impact on the Tax Rates following the addition or deletion of various amounts to or from the total Operating Budget.

In response to an enquiry from Mayor Christie it was determined that in the opinion of Council, Tax Rate increases in the vicinity of 4 to 5 percent Residential and 5 to 6 percent Commercial were the maximum that Council would wish to consider. It was agreed that in all likelihood, this will mean a reduction of at least \$200,000 from the Expenditure Accounts reviewed to date.

6. CON'T

In response to an enquiry from the Chief Administrative Officer as to what direction Council wished him to proceed, it was suggested that special attention should be paid to Recreation Programs, Transfer to Reserve Funds, Deed Transfer Tax Revenue and Building Permit Revenue.

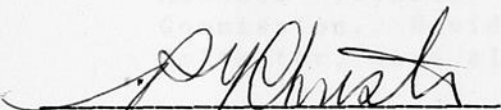
Some members of Council expressed the opinion that the Budget should be developed as carefully as possible and then the Tax Rates should be set. There was a concensus that, Tax Rates may have to be set a little higher than what was previously anticipated.

8. OTHER

Nil

9. ADJOURNMENT

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


MAYOR


CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER

TOWN OF BEDFORD
SPECIAL SESSION
APRIL 10, 1989

A Special Session of the Town Council of the Town of Bedford took place on Monday, April 10, 1989, 7:30 p.m., in the Council Chambers, Suite 400, Bedford Tower, Bedford, Nova Scotia, Mayor Peter Christie presiding.

1. LORD'S PRAYER

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

2. ATTENDANCE

Deputy Mayor Peter Kelly and 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; Ron Singer, Director of Finance; Rick Paynter, Director of Engineering and Works; Robert Nauss, Director of Recreation; Eric Sheppard, Deputy Fire Chief and Micheel Towner, Executive Director, Economic Development Commission. David Selig, Fire Chief, and Peter McInroy, Solicitor, were also in attendance at this Session.

3. DEBENTURE ISSUES 89-1 (\$600,000) - 1989 CAPITAL PROGRAM
(COMMITTED FUNDS)

By memorandum Ron Singer, Director of Finance reviewed details respecting a proposed Debenture Issue through the Municipal Finance Corporation in the amount of \$600,000 and recommended that Town Council approve same as attached. The proceeds of the Debenture have been allocated as follows:

Fire Truck	\$225,000
Peerless Subdivision Servicing (Sewer)	\$ 78,000
Peerless Subdivision Servicing (Water)	\$ 78,000
Waterfront Development Corporation	<u>\$219,000</u>
TOTAL	<u>\$600,000</u>

3. CON'T

ON MOTION of Deputy Mayor Kelly and Councillor Goucher it was moved that Town Council approve the Issuing Resolution as attached regarding Debenture Issue #89-A-1 with the Nova Scotia Finance Corporation in the amount of \$600,000, and that the appropriate documentation be forwarded to the Minister of Municipal Affairs for his approval. Motion approved unanimously.

4. MILL COVE SEWAGE TREATMENT PLANT - OPERATIONS

Deputy Mayor Kelly addressed Council requesting consideration of the approval of a Motion which would provide for the establishment of a joint Halifax County - Town of Bedford Committee to review the operations of the Mill Cove Sewage Treatment Plant. The opinion was further expressed by Deputy Mayor Kelly that the Town should take the initiative to obtain the optimum use of the Sewage Treatment Plant.

ON MOTION of Deputy Mayor Kelly and Councillor Walker it was moved that:

WHEREAS The Town of Bedford and the County of Halifax executed an Agreement in June of 1985 respecting the operation and Capital Cost Sharing of the Mill Cove Sewage Treatment Plant and;

WHEREAS Clause 16 requires that no later than 6 months prior to the expiry of the term of this Agreement, the Municipality and the Town shall meet to discuss the terms of continuation of the Agreement for a further term and;

WHEREAS Such clause would require that discussions be initiated commencing in December of 1989 and;

WHEREAS Recent information would indicate that the efficiency and capacity of the Plant could be improved through certain initiatives and;

WHEREAS Ensuring that the Sewage Treatment Plant operates at optimum efficiency is in the long term better interest of both the County and the Town.

4. CON'T

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED that a Joint Halifax County-Bedford Committee consisting of representation from the two Councils along with appropriate senior staff be established in order to prepare a report identifying the problems that are now being experienced with the operation of the Plant along with possible solutions including recommendations for its long term upgrading and expansion to tertiary treatment.

During discussion of the the Motion some concern was expressed as to whether or not the County of Halifax would be agreeable to the establishment of the desired Committee. The Chief Administrative Officer advised Council that in his opinion it appears that the County would be agreeable to the suggested plan. It was also noted that any changes to be implemented as a result of the plan would be forwarded to the two Councils for approval.

The Motion was put to the meeting and approved unanimously.

5. NOTICE OF RECONSIDERATION - MOTION - AGREEMENT - TOWN OF BEDFORD, COUNTY OF HALIFAX, PROVINCE OF NOVA SCOTIA - S.T.P. LANDS

By memorandum Council was advised of a Notice of Motion of Reconsideration as served by Deputy Mayor Kelly at a Special Session of Town Council held on Wednesday, March 22, 1989, with respect to the following Motion:

"Moved that the Mayor and the Chief Administrative Officer be authorized to sign and execute an Agreement, as circulated, between the Province of Nova Scotia, the Town of Bedford and the Municipality of the County of Halifax respecting the lands of the Sewage Treatment Plant (Parcels 1,2,3 and 4).

Deputy Mayor Kelly advised Council that he is withdrawing his Notice of Reconsideration of this Motion due to the fact that Council has now agreed to establish a Committee to look into the long-term operation of the Sewage Treatment Plant."

ON MOTION of Councillor Walker and Councillor Goucher it was moved that Town Council agree to the addition of Clauses 17.1 and 17.2 to the Agreement as circulated between the Province of Nova Scotia, the Town of Bedford and the Municipality of the County of Halifax respecting the lands of the Sewage Treatment Plant.

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5. CON'T

In speaking to this Motion it was noted that the Municipality of the County of Halifax added the two Clauses namely 17.1 and 17.2 prior to its approval of the Agreement.

The Motion was put to the meeting and approved unanimously.

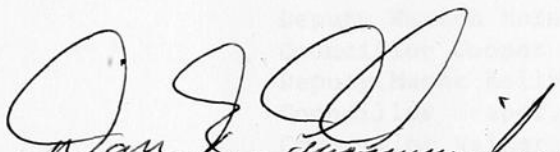
6. OTHER

Nil

7. ADJOURNMENT

ON MOTION of Councillor Cosgrove and Councillor Walker it was moved that the meeting adjourn at approximately 8:30 p.m.


MAYOR


CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER

ALSO PRESENT: Mr. E. M. French, Chief Administrative Officer, Halifax Regional Municipality
Mr. Don English, Chief Administrative Officer, Halifax Regional Municipality
Mr. Don Wilson, Director of Planning
Mr. Don Stanger, Director of Planning

SECRETARY: Gladys Hill

Warden Richter called the meeting to order at 8:00 p.m. and advised that the meeting has been adjourned for the time being and will be reconvened at 8:00 p.m. on the 11th of April.

Mayor Christie informed that the two officers had been advised by the Halifax Regional Municipality in place for supplementary funding for the school board. He informed that he wrote a letter to the school board last week and request for supplementary funding and other questions have been raised by Halifax Regional Municipality. There has been no discussion about funding.

JOINT COUNCIL SESSION

RE, SUPPLEMENTARY SCHOOL BOARD FUNDING

MONDAY, APRIL 17, 1989

PRESENT WERE: Warden Lichter
Mayor Christie, Town of Bedford
Councillor Meade
Councillor Poirier
Councillor Fralick
Councillor Baker
Councillor Ball
Councillor Deveaux
Councillor Bates
Councillor Randall
Councillor Bayers
Councillor Smiley
Councillor Reid
Councillor Horne
Councillor Morgan
Councillor Snow
Councillor Eisenhauer
Councillor MacDonald
Councillor Boutilier
Councillor MacKay
Councillor Sutherland
Councillor Richards
Deputy Warden McInroy
Councillor Cooper
Deputy Mayor Kelly, Town of Bedford
Councillor Draper, Town of Bedford
Councillor Walker, Town of Bedford
Councillor Goucher, Town of Bedford
Councillor Cosgrove, Town of Bedford
Councillor Huntington, Town of Bedford

ALSO PRESENT: Mr. K.R. Meech, Chief Administrative Officer
Mr. Dan English, Chief Administrative Officer, Town of Bedford
Mr. Ken Wilson, Director of Finance.
Mr. Ron Singer, Director of Finance, Town of Bedford

SECRETARY: Glenda Hill

Warden Lichter called the meeting to order at 4:35 p.m. advising that this meeting has been scheduled to resolve the matter of supplementary funding to the School Board.

Mayor Christie informed that the Town of Bedford does not have any funding formula in place for supplementary funds to the School Board. He informed that he wrote a letter to the School Board last week with regard to supplementary funding and other questions have been raised by Bedford Councillors, but there has been no discussion about dollars.

Councillor Boutilier declared a conflict of interest.

Warden Lichter informed that an 80 percent vote is required for approval of a resolution, which means 23 positive votes is required from those in attendance.

Councillor Reid informed that the School Board has been meeting to discuss where some possible cuts may have to be made to their budget, if supplementary funding from the two Councils is not as anticipated, and they have asked that the Chairman and the Chief Executive Officer be given an opportunity to present the proposed cuts and how they will affect the services offered.

It was moved by Councillor Reid, seconded by Councillor Deveaux:

"THAT School Board representatives be given an opportunity to present the proposed cuts to their budget to the two Councils."

Councillor Morgan objected to the motion, stating the information was sent to each Councillor in the mail and there was ample opportunity to review them over the weekend.

Councillor Walker also objected, stating there is now enough information available that a decision can be made without further analysis.

MOTION DEFEATED

It was moved by Councillor Walker, seconded by Deputy Mayor Kelly:

"THAT total supplementary funding provided by Halifax County Municipality and the Town of Bedford to the Halifax County-Bedford District School Board not exceed \$500,000."

Councillor Deveaux asked that affect of \$500,000 on the County's budget for funding to the School Board. Warden Lichter indicated that \$500,000 is much less than proposed in the County budget.

Councillor Deveaux next inquired about the percentage Halifax County and the Town of Bedford will provide in terms of supplementary funding. Warden Lichter informed that the Town of Bedford will be asked to pay \$28,500 of the \$500,000 proposed based on the pupil population percentages. Councillor Deveaux indicated that he will not support the motion.

Councillor Ball asked how many Bedford students are served by the School Board. Warden Lichter informed there are 1,677 students from the Town of Bedford, 5.7 percent of the total student population served by the Halifax County-Bedford District School Board.

Councillor Ball commented that the Town of Bedford would be holding Halifax County students at ransom if they are only willing to contribute \$28,500 in supplementary funding in 1989. He suggested it is unfair to the kids of Halifax County, and if the Town of Bedford feel they could provide the service they now receive for that amount, they should create their own school board.

Councillor Reid informed that he will not support the motion. He stated the School Board will lose \$4,652,000 in total. There have already been cuts made in the amount of \$2 million, which is not acceptable to the Board, and the proposed amount is even more again. He stated it is time to support the education system, and the motion indicates there is not support for the School Board or for the students within it.

With regard to Councillor Ball's comments, Councillor Goucher stated the much publicized letter that Deputy Warden Kelly wrote was of his own undertaking, and his remarks in no way reflected those of Council. He stated a decision about funding is one matter, and confidence in the Board is another; the issues are completely separate. He stated he supports the School Board 110 percent, although funding may not indicate this.

Councillor Bates informed that he will not support the motion. He stated the School Board cannot be expected to operate with such a reduction. He stated for every \$1 that is denied by the municipal units, service is denied to the extent of \$4, and the School Board has presented one of the best budgets with a only a 6.48 percent increase. He stated if all departments presented such a budget, Halifax County would not have financial problems.

Councillor Walker stated the Town of Bedford providing \$28,500 in supplementary funding is acceptable because the mandatory contribution for the Town of Bedford increased by 13 percent, and the County's mandatory contribution only increased by less than 8 percent. He stated if the County had such an increase in mandatory funding, the Town would have a different perspective with regard to supplementary funding. He stated the motion provides for no increase in supplementary funding, but when all contributions to the School Board is considered, there is an increase of more than 13 percent.

Warden Lichter responded that Halifax County would be delighted to be in a position of having a 14 percent increase in assessment. He stated Halifax County would like to base School Board funding on assessment rather than student population, which would create a larger increase. He stated Halifax County and Bedford do what is felt to be the best the people can afford for each municipality, and it cannot be argued whether or not it is responsible. He stated figures often appear lop-sided.

Councillor Morgan stated if each department of the Municipality were to apply for an 8 percent increase, Halifax County would not be in such a tight financial position. He stated education and social service have to be considered for cuts or a 17 percent increase will have to be passed along to the people. He stated cuts must be made somewhere in order to avoid a 17 percent increase in property taxes. He stated the City of Halifax has approved a low increase, and County residents must be upset with the proposed 15 percent increase. With area rates, Sackville residents already pay more than the two adjacent municipalities. He concluded that he will support the motion because the supplementary funding formula must be used to exercise some fiscal control.

Councillor MacKay stated he cannot support the request from the School Board this year because he firmly believes that we must make cuts to all aspects of the municipal budget. He stated he has received more calls about the budget this year than all the other years he has served on Council. He stated calls

have been from people of all walks of life, and the indication is that they want the general rate cut down. He stated everybody can live without the essentials when they have to, and School Board funding should be cut this year to keep the rate down for the taxpayers. He stated he will support the motion.

Councillor MacDonald also informed that he has received many calls from people indicating that they do not want to pay a tax increase. He stated he does not want to see the School Board cut more than necessary, but he also does not want the residents to have tax increase of more than 15 to 17 percent. Councillor MacDonald concluded that the motion should be supported in order to keep the rate down.

Councillor Deveaux stated he will not support the motion, as a School Board member. He stated he has always supported education, and it should be a major concern in terms of keeping up the present standard of education in the district; the County is very proud of its superior education system, and cuts to the School Board budget will have an affect on the schooling system. He stated what the Cities of Halifax and Dartmouth do is their business, but the Halifax County-Bedford District School Board cannot be compared to those in the Cities.

Councillor Deveaux suggested that Members of Council tour the education facilities throughout the district to see what the school system is all about and what affect cuts to the budget will have on the children. He stated there is a need for better insight into the system before decisions can be made about supplementary funding. Councillor Deveaux continued that it is not the fault of the School Board that the County is in a difficult financial position; the School Board has a reasonable budget with only a 6.7 percent increase; yet the municipal units are penalizing them because Halifax County is having financial difficulties. He stated education is the area where cuts should not be made, and if we cut back on education, we are fooling around with the future of the nation.

Deputy Mayor Kelly stated it is the duty of the School Board to do the best they can with the funds provided. He stated he finds it difficult to give the School Board more until some concerns are settled. The School Board cannot be told how to make their cuts; they are responsible to administer their programs, and they have to do this with the funds provided. He concluded that it is the School Board that has to answer to the parents of the children who's programs will be cut.

Councillor Bates commented that the Town of Bedford seems to know something about the operation of the School Board besides funding, although it is very vague. He stated it is difficult to imagine that such a cut to School Board funding would be worth the savings in taxes when school programs are cut. He stated a total cut of over \$4 million will plague children of the Municipality and the Town of Bedford, and he will not support the motion.

Councillor Morgan questioned why people always have to look for an increase. He stated when things are needed, it is not necessary to get it all in one year. He informed that he has been told that School Board members feel it is necessary to spend all the money they have been provided with. He stated the

time has come to set a limit to the increases. If Halifax County-Bedford have a better school system than the Cities of Halifax and Dartmouth, it is time to let them catch up. He stated much of the money is spent before it is approved so there is not much sense in having this meeting; it is too radical to tell the Board to cut the budget after the money has been spent.

Warden Lichter stated that when School Board members say savings must be made in 5/12 of the year, they are referring to salaries for teachers and other staff members because they have been given authority in the previous year's budget to make such contractual arrangements for a 12 month period which does not coincide with the calendar year. He stated the School Board cannot be faulted in this regard. He agreed that Halifax County must be serious about cutting excess costs, and he stated he is sorry this did not happen in the past because it will hurt at some point, and this may be the year. He stated everybody must vote on what they know as fact, not what they have heard through the grapevine.

Warden Lichter concluded that if there is a substantial increase in the tax rate and it is caused by Halifax County's own people (staff, Councillors, and School Board Members), he will recommend that Halifax County Council go on record that no more than the cost of living will be paid in the next year for the operation of Halifax County Departments, the School Board, or any County agencies. He stated the residents of Halifax County need this assurance.

Councillor MacDonald stated the Municipality has not done a good job of cutting back. He stated cuts should be practised in some of the County's own departments, such as social services, in order to provide more for the School Board,

Deputy Warden McInroy stated that in the past the Joint Councils have tried to approach 1) a formula, and 2) advance notice, and every year this same discussion takes place. He stated there should be a more logical approach to funding the School Board. He suggested that more money could be given to the School Board to get additional dollars from the Province, and the extra could be turned back to the municipal units. He stated it is all functional on each other, and there is no solution.

Councillor Sutherland clarified that the motion is for a total of \$500,000 between the Town and the County, as opposed to \$1,683,061 requested from the School Board.

Councillor Cooper stated a 20 percent and even a 15 percent increase in the tax rate is not acceptable, and he cannot support a 34 percent increase for supplementary funding to the School Board, although the budget itself only represents a 6 to 7 percent increase. However, Councillor Cooper also expressed difficulty with reducing School Board funding by \$2.5 million less than they operated with last year. He stated he will support a 6 to 7 percent increase in supplementary funding, but not this amount; nor will he support the full amount requested.

MOTION DEFEATED

It was moved by Councillor Deveaux, seconded by Councillor Reid:

"THAT total supplementary funding provided by Halifax County Municipality and the Town of Bedford to the Halifax County-Bedford District School Board not exceed \$1,683,061."

MOTION DEFEATED

It was moved by Councillor Walker, seconded by Councillor Fralick:

"THAT total supplementary funding provided by Halifax County Municipality and the Town of Bedford to the Halifax County-Bedford District School Board not exceed \$700,000."

Councillor Kelly inquired about the final affect of such funding. Mayor Christie informed it would mean \$40,000 from the Town of Bedford, \$660,000 from the County, and the Province would have to contribute \$2.1 million.

MOTION DEFEATED

It was moved by Councillor Goucher, seconded by Councillor Sutherland:

"THAT total supplementary funding provided by Halifax County Municipality and the Town of Bedford to the Halifax County-Bedford District School Board not exceed \$1,100,000."

Councillor Ball asked what Halifax County's budget, at a 15 percent increase, provides for School Board funding. Warden Lichter informed that the budget proposed with a 15 percent increase allows for \$1,180,000 in supplementary funding.

Councillor Morgan commented that if he supports this motion, he will be supporting a 15 percent tax increase for Halifax County. Warden Lichter responded that it will depend on whether or not cuts can be made from other parts of the operating budget for Halifax County. He stated if this motion is approved, Halifax County will be one step closer to the necessity of a 15 percent increase.

Councillor Eisenhower stated the current motion does not provide for any increase in the funding level, and he agreed with Councillor Cooper that a 5 to 6 percent increase would be reasonable. A 34.5 percent increase is high, but there is a need for more than 0 percent increase in supplementary funding. He continued that education is a very important part of our society, and there are many cuts that do not have to be affected until next year. He stated he will not support the motion because there is a need for an increase to the supplementary funding.

MOTION DEFEATED

Councillor MacKay stated the system for funding education is ludicrous because it deals with three different levels of government working on three different fiscal years. He stated it will not be the end of the world if the tax rate is not set at the next Council Session: therefore,

It was moved by Councillor MacKay, seconded by Deputy Warden Kelly:

"THAT this meeting adjourn."

Warden Lichter informed that the later the tax rate is set, the later the tax bills will have to be sent out, and the deadline for interest charges will have to be extended. He stated in the end, the taxpayers will lose because the County is not able to collect the taxes early enough to generate interest. He concluded that it will also mean another meeting.

MOTION DEFEATED

It was moved by Councillor Eisenhauer, seconded by Councillor Bates:

"THAT total supplementary funding provided by Halifax County Municipality and the Town of Bedford to the Halifax County-Bedford District School Board not exceed \$1,319,500 - a 5.5 percent increase over 1988 supplementary funding."

Councillor Eisenhauer stated this motion is for \$363,561 less than requested by the School Board, but it is a 5.5 percent increase over last years funding, which is needed to keep up with growth in assessment.

MOTION DEFEATED

It was moved by Councillor Ball, seconded by Councillor Deveaux:

"THAT total supplementary funding provided by Halifax County Municipality and the Town of Bedford to the Halifax County-Bedford District School Board not exceed \$1.2 million."

MOTION DEFEATED

It was moved by Councillor Draper, seconded by Councillor Walker:

"THAT total supplementary funding provided by Halifax County Municipality and the Town of Bedford to the Halifax County-Bedford District School Board not exceed \$875,000."

MOTION DEFEATED

There was a brief discussion about those voting. Councillor MacKay stated the numbers are not equal with those present; thus, somebody is not voting. Warden Lichter informed that the differences are substantial enough that it is not worth counting in an effort to simplify the procedure.

It was moved by Councillor Goucher, seconded by Councillor Bates:

"THAT total supplementary funding provided by Halifax County Municipality and the Town of Bedford to the Halifax County-Bedford District School Board not exceed \$1,050,000."

MOTION DEFEATED

It was moved by Councillor Bayers, seconded by Councillor Goucher:

"THAT total supplementary funding provided by Halifax County Municipality and the Town of Bedford to the Halifax County-Bedford District School Board not exceed \$1,250,729."

Councillor Deveaux inquired about the affect of this motion on the School Board budget. Warden Lichter informed that it will mean a cut of \$1.72 million, including Provincial funding. He added that the School Board discussed a \$2 million decrease last week.

MOTION DEFEATED

It was moved by Councillor Ball, seconded by Councillor Bates:

"THAT total supplementary funding provided by Halifax County Municipality and the Town of Bedford to the Halifax County-Bedford District School Board not exceed \$1,200,001."

MOTION DEFEATED

It was moved by Councillor Deveaux, seconded by Councillor Bayers:

"THAT total supplementary funding provided by Halifax County Municipality and the Town of Bedford to the Halifax County-Bedford District School Board not exceed \$1,250,600."

MOTION DEFEATED

It was moved by Councillor Fralick, seconded by Councillor Goucher:

"THAT total supplementary funding provided by Halifax County Municipality and the Town of Bedford to the Halifax County-Bedford District School Board not exceed \$1,200,050."

MOTION CARRIED

ADJOURNMENT

It was moved by Councillor Deveaux, seconded by Councillor Ball:

"THAT this meeting adjourn."

MOTION CARRIED

The Joint Council Session adjourned at 6:15 p.m.

TOWN OF BEDFORD
REGULAR SESSION
MONDAY, APRIL 17, 1989

A Regular Session of the Town Council of the Town of Bedford took place on Monday, April 17, 1989, 7:30 p.m., in the Council Chambers, Suite 400, Bedford Tower, Bedford, Nova Scotia, Mayor Peter Christie presiding.

1. LORD'S PRAYER

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

2. ATTENDANCE

Deputy Mayor Peter Kelly and 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; Robert Nauss, Director of Recreation; Micheel Towner, Executive Director, Economic Development Commission; George Meisner, Deputy Chief of Police; Eric Sheppard, Assistant Deputy Fire Chief; Ron Singer, Director of Finance; Rick Paynter, Director of Engineering and Works; Barry Zwicker, Director of Planning and Development Control and Joan Pryde, Deputy Clerk. David Selig, Fire Chief, was also in attendance at this Session.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

3.1 MEETING #13 REGULAR SESSION - MARCH 13, 1989

3.2 MEETING #14 SPECIAL SESSION - MARCH 15, 1989

3.3 MEETING #15 SPECIAL SESSION - MARCH 22, 1989

3.4 MEETING #16 SPECIAL SESSION - APRIL 10, 1989

ON MOTION of Councillor Huntington and Councillor Walker it was moved that the Minutes of the Regular Session of March 13, 1989, the Special Session, March 15, 1989, the Special Session, March 22, 1989, and the Special Session of April 10, 1989 be APPROVED.

3.4 CON'T

During discussion of the Motion staff was requested by Councillor Goucher to ensure that the Minutes of February 13, 1989 are corrected as approved in the Minutes of March 13, 1989.

The Motion was put to the meeting and APPROVED unanimously.

4. ADDITIONS/DELETIONS TO ORDER OF BUSINESS

Town Council was advised by the Chief Administrative Officer that a submission on behalf of Mr. and Mrs. K. Kelly, (Item 10.2) was being withdrawn from the Agenda at their request.

It was unanimously agreed that a submission from Joan Sargeant on behalf of the Bedford School Trustees would be added to the Agenda as Item 10.2 under Petitions and Delegations.

On the request of Councillor Walker it was agreed that a report from the Bedford Waters Advisory Committee would be added to the Agenda as Item 13.2.

On the request of the Chief Administrative Officer it was agreed that an Item, "Notice of Appeal - Redden Brothers, Contract Development Agreement - Oakridge Subdivision," would be added to the Agenda as Item 15.5

5. APPROVAL OF ORDER OF BUSINESS

ON MOTION of Councillor Cosgrove and Councillor Draper 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 APPOINTMENT TO BEDFORD RECREATION COMMISSION

By memorandum Joan Pryde, Deputy Clerk, advised Council that two applications have been received to fill the vacancy which currently exists on the Bedford Recreation Commission, namely Mr. William Dompierre, and Mr. Geoffrey Regan.

It was agreed that a secret ballot should take place to fill this appointment. Following the completion of the ballot, it was announced that Mr. Geoffrey Regan was the successful candidate and would be appointed to the Bedford Recreation Commission for the balance of the unexpired term. This term will expire December 31, 1989.

7.2 AWARD OF TENDER - RANGE PARK DEVELOPMENT

By memorandum Joan Pryde, Deputy Clerk, advised Council that at the Regular Session held on March 13, 1989, it was moved and approved that consideration of the approval of \$150,000 for the Range Park Development be deferred to the next Regular Session of Council.

ON MOTION of Councillor Goucher and Councillor Draper it was moved that Town Council approve the entering into of a Contract with Priority Builders for Phase IV of the Range Park Development Project in an amount not to exceed \$220,000 gross with a net cost to the Town of Bedford of \$150,000.

During discussion of the Motion some concern was expressed with respect to the long-term operating costs of this project and to what extent the facility would be used. Concern was also expressed that this was a project that could be deferred to a future year due to the financial restraints facing the Town at the present time relative to Capital Borrowings.

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

7.3 PROPOSED STORM SEWER IMPROVEMENT WORKS: GOLF LINKS ROAD/PARKERS BROOK AREA

Copies of memoranda between Rick Paynter, Director of Engineering and Works, and Dan R. English, Chief Administrative Officer, were circulated to members of Council in which concern was expressed by the Director of Engineering and Works with respect to the open - channel system concept that has been approved by Council as a solution to the problem in the area involved.

Following a brief discussion between Council and the Director of Engineering and Works during which the Director elaborated on his concerns, it was agreed by Council that the report would be received for information but that the contract should be awarded as originally approved.

7.4 REDUCTION OF SPEED LIMITS - LEGAL OPINION

Copies of correspondence from Winston B. Cole, Solicitor, were circulated to members of Council, in which Mr. Cole addressed the question of whether or not the Town of Bedford is able to establish speed limits on particular Provincial thoroughfares i.e. the Bedford Highway without the permission of the Department of Transportation.

Mr. Cole advised that it was his opinion that the setting of speed limits on such highways was the responsibility of the Provincial Traffic Authority.

ON MOTION of Deputy Mayor Kelly and Councillor Cosgrove it was moved that the Town of Bedford forward a request to the Minister of Transportation requesting reductions in the traffic speed limits on the Kearney Lake and the Hammonds Plains Road. MOTION APPROVED unanimously.

ON MOTION of Deputy Mayor Kelly and Councillor Cosgrove it was moved that the Town of Bedford forward correspondence to the Minister of Transportation requesting permission to place crosswalks on the Hammonds Plains Road in the area of the intersections with Killarney Drive and with the Dairy Road.

7.4 CON'T

During discussion of the Motion some concern was expressed that the Police Department might have difficulty with the placement of crosswalks in an area which is actually between intersections.

The Motion was put to the meeting and was APPROVED unanimously.

7.5 MOIRS MILL BRIDGE REPLACEMENT PROJECT

ON MOTION of Deputy Mayor Kelly and Councillor Walker it was agreed that the subject of the Moirs Mill Bridge Replacement Project should be deferred to the next session of Council currently scheduled for Monday, April 24, 1989. MOTION APPROVED unanimously.

7.6 PROPOSED SOLID WASTE RECYCLING PROGRAM - TOWN OF BEDFORD

By memorandum Rick Paynter, Director of Engineering and Works advised Council that market problems have surfaced with respect to the recycling of paper etc. and, because of this, he would recommend that Bedford not become involved in a recycling program at this time but continue to support the concept of recycling at the regional level. For this reason Mr. Paynter advised that the proposed presentation by Twin City Bottle and Metal Exchange and Twin City Recycling Limited has been postponed.

During the ensuing discussion of this subject it was recommended by the Director of Engineering and Works that any possible future action with respect to recycling be deferred until we are sure that we can effect a successful and viable program of recycling.

In response to a request from Councillor Walker, it was agreed that the recycling company should be asked to make its presentation at the next meeting of Council in order that Town Council will be better briefed on some of the options despite the fact that the initial start of a recycling program will be delayed.

8. MOTIONS OF RESCISSION

8.1 NOTICE OF RESCISSION RE APPROVAL OF CONTRACT DEVELOPMENT AGREEMENT MOIRS MILL ROAD DEVELOPMENT - SERVED BY COUNCILLOR GOUCHER - FEBRUARY 13, 1989

By memorandum Joan Pryde, Deputy Clerk, advised Council that, at the Regular Council Session held on March 13, 1989, Notice of Motion of his intention to move a Motion of Rescission respecting a Motion approved on February 13, 1989 regarding the proposed Contract Development Agreement involving property located off Moirs Mill Road was served by Councillor Goucher.

ON MOTION of Councillor Goucher and Deputy Mayor Kelly it was moved that Council rescind the Motion approved at the February 13, 1989 Council Session which reads as follows:

"Moved that the Town of Bedford approve in principle the entering into of a Contract Development Agreement with Bedford Village Properties Limited for the development of lands abutting Moirs Mill Road as proposed, subject to:

1. The development to be, "phased-in," over three years;
2. That concerns respecting minimum site disturbance and the placement of sidewalks within the development be reviewed by the Director of Planning and Development Control."

In speaking to the Motion Councillor Goucher expressed the opinion that the Developer involved is not able to conform with the terms of the proposed Contract Development Agreement as they have already proceeded with excavation and tree cutting without permission and while the appeal still pending. Councillor Goucher also presented a petition signed by many residents of Bedford Village South supporting the Motion.

In response to an enquiry from Council, the Chief Administrative Officer expressed the opinion that the approval of this Motion could conceivably expose the Town to legal action; and would also, in all likelihood, initiate an appeal to the Municipal Board by the Developer.

8.1

CON'T

It was also noted by the Chief Administrative Officer that the Municipal Board will base any decision on whether a proposed development is in compliance with the intent of the Municipal Planning Strategy.

Some ensuing discussion took place during which some members of Council expressed the opinion that while the current actions of the Developer might be questionable, they are, in all likelihood, not illegal. This contention was supported by the Director of Planning and Development Control though he also expressed the opinion that there will be a heavy onus on the developer to create a substantial buffer due to the activity which has already taken place.

In response to an enquiry from Councillor Draper as to the ability of the Developer to comply with the terms of the proposed contract, the Director of Planning and Development Control noted the difficulty of answering such a question in the absence of a completed contract, but expressed the opinion that it would be possible despite the work that has already taken place.

Councillor Goucher expressed the opinion that the most important point is that, when the Developer asked for permission to proceed, the response was in the negative. He expressed the opinion that the Town must challenge the Developer's action in ignoring this advice.

He also expressed the opinion that under Contract Development Agreements, the Town should have control - instead, in this situation it appears that the Developer has commenced work prior to the completion of the Agreement and therefore, for all intents and purposes, has taken control.

In response to an enquiry from Councillor Cosgrove as to whether or not the Developer has actually contravened the Planning Act, the Director of Planning and Development Control responded in the negative.

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

9. PUBLIC HEARINGS AND MOTIONS ARISING THEREFROM

NIL

10. PETITIONS AND DELEGATIONS

10.1 BEDFORD HILLS ROAD RESIDENTS - JANICE WHOLEY RE TRAFFIC - BEDFORD HILLS ROAD

Ms. Janice Wholey addressed Council on behalf of residents of Bedford Hills Road respecting the problem of volume and speed of traffic using Bedford Hills Road. In particular, she expressed concern relevant to traffic going to or from Basinview North until such time as the connector to Basinview South is completed. She advised Council that residents living on the street were under the impression that the barriers on Basinview North would not be removed until this connector is completed. In contrast, the barriers were removed and Basinview North has been opened allowing traffic to travel through Bedford Hills Road for almost two years.

She advised Council that the residents were seeking Council's acknowledgement of the existing problem and the resulting dangerous situation. She asked that the following proposals be considered:

1. The Town of Bedford meet with Foord Housing requesting the completion of the connector between Basinview North and Basinview South as soon as possible.
2. At the time of completion a, "No Right Turn," sign be installed on Basinview North where it presently joins with Bedford Hills Road.
3. At the time of completion that signs be placed on Bedford Hills Road limiting truck traffic to local delivery only.
4. Town Council meet promptly with residents following the institution of the above steps should the problem not be solved.

10.1 CON'T

Ms. Wholey concluded her remarks by submitting correspondence from Ms. Maria L. Hayes of 31 Bedford Hills Road who was unable to attend the meeting but wished to express her concern with regard to the traffic problems.

ON MOTION of Councillor Goucher and Councillor Walker it was moved that the Director of Planning and Development Control contact Foord Housing Limited as soon as possible in order to determine a specific date for the commencement of the connecting link between Basinview Drive North and Basinview Drive South; further that the Traffic Management Group be asked to review this situation as soon as possible to determine what interim steps might be taken. MOTION APPROVED unanimously.

Mayor Christie expressed the thanks of Council to Ms. Wholey for her presentation.

10.2 BEDFORD SCHOOL TRUSTEES - MRS. JOAN SARGEANT RE CONCERNS RESPECTING SCHOOL BOARD BUDGET PROCESS

Mrs. Joan Sargeant of the Bedford Board of School Trustees addressed Council with respect to the negotiations of the School Board Budget requests for Supplementary Funding. She advised that the Trustees were very concerned for the following reasons:

1. That the Town Council is discussing reducing the Budget without input from the Community.
2. That the Town and the School Board should work together on the problems in order to reduce the complications in order that the School Board can plan programs on a long term basis.
3. That the confrontation regarding the Budget has become an annual event between the School Board and the Town and that regular meetings throughout the year do not seem to occur in order that funding can be discussed in a more meaningful fashion.

Mrs. Sargeant further expressed the opinion of the Trustees that regular meetings between the Town and the School Board would improve communication, allow the School Board to explain its budgetary processes and allow the Town to inform the School Board of the kind of services/programming the community expects and is willing to support.

10.2 CON'T

During the ensuing discussion the exact amount of the increase in School Board funding from the Town of Bedford to the Halifax County Bedford-District School Board was noted by Mayor Christie as representing approximately \$200,000, a sizeable increase in contributions over that of 1988.

Councillor Huntington noted that no massive reduction in the teaching staff will take place in 1989/1990; further, he advised Mrs. Sargeant and those in attendance at the meeting that the recent opinions expressed by Deputy Mayor Kelly respecting the operation of the School Board were not the opinions of the Town Council but those of Deputy Mayor Kelly alone. Mayor Christie supported Councillor Huntington in this contention.

Deputy Mayor Kelly advised Council and those in attendance at the meeting that he was still of the opinion that it is a responsibility of Town Council to ensure that tax dollars are being spent wisely.

Various members of Council expressed their agreement with the Board of School Trustees that an effort should and will be made to meet more regularly with representatives of the School Board in order to have a better appreciation of the School Board Budget process.

Mayor Christie expressed the thanks of Council to Mrs. Sargeant for her presentation.

11. MOTIONS

11.1 BY-LAW RESPECTING SEWER AND WATER EXTENSION (REVISED) - FIRST AND FINAL READING/APPROVAL

Copies of a By-Law Respecting Sewer and Water Extension (Revised) were circulated to members of Council. By correspondence Peter McInroy, Solicitor, advised Council that the By-Law is being presented to Council for ratification prior to being forwarded to Municipal Affairs. He noted that the revised By-Law resulted from comments as received from Municipal Affairs and he described the changes from the original By-Law which have occurred.

11.1 CON'T

ON MOTION of Councillor Huntington and Councillor Goucher it was moved that the By-Law Respecting Sewer and Water Extension, as circulated be approved subject to the approval of the Minister of Municipal Affairs. MOTION APPROVED unanimously.

11.2 BY-LAW RESPECTING LOCAL STREET IMPROVEMENTS (REVISED) - FIRST AND FINAL READING/APPROVAL

Copies of a By-Law Respecting Local Street Improvement (Revised) were circulated to members of Council. By correspondence Peter McInroy, Solicitor, advised Council that the By-Law is being presented to Council for ratification prior to being forwarded to Municipal Affairs. He noted that the revised By-Law resulted from comments from Municipal Affairs and he described the changes from the original By-Law which have occurred.

ON MOTION of Deputy Mayor Kelly and Councillor Goucher it was moved that the By-Law Respecting Local Street Improvements (Revised), as circulated, be approved subject to the approval of the Minister of Municipal Affairs. MOTION APPROVED unanimously.

11.3' BY-LAW RESPECTING SEWER USE - SECOND READING

Copies of a proposed By-Law Respecting Sewer Use were circulated for Second Reading.

By correspondence to Rick Paynter, Director of Engineering and Works, Peter McInroy, Solicitor, reviewed details of changes which have been made to this proposed By-Law subsequent to the presentation of the initial draft.

ON MOTION of Deputy Mayor Peter Kelly and Councillor Walker it was moved that the proposed By-Law Respecting Sewer Use, as circulated, be received for Second Reading. MOTION APPROVED unanimously.

11.4 BY-LAW RESPECTING SWIMMING POOLS - SECOND READING

Copies of a proposed By-Law Respecting Swimming Pools were circulated to Council for Second Reading.

ON MOTION of Deputy Mayor Kelly and Councillor Goucher it was moved that the proposed By-Law Respecting Swimming Pools be received for Second Reading.

During discussion of the Motion it was agreed that the By-Law Review Committee should be requested to review this By-Law relative to whether or not the fencing in place for existing pools be exempt from the requirement that same must be 5 feet in height. MOTION APPROVED unanimously.

12. NEW BUSINESS

12.1 CONSIDERATION OF APPROVAL - 1988 AUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AND APPROVAL OF RE-APPOINTMENT OF AUDITORS

By memorandum Ron Singer, Director of Finance, circulated for Town Council's review and consideration copies of the audited Financial Statements for the Town of Bedford respecting the fiscal year ending December 31, 1988.

For the benefit of Council, Mr. Singer reviewed significant factors included in these Financial Statements, in particular noting that the Town concluded fiscal 1988 with an Operating Surplus in the amount of \$35,407.

Mr. Singer recommended that the 1988 Audited Financial Statements be formally accepted and that the accounting firm of Levy, Casey and MacLean be appointed as the Town's Auditors for the year 1989.

ON MOTION of Deputy Mayor Kelly and Councillor Goucher it was moved that the 1988 Audited Financial Statements be formally accepted, as tabled, and that the accounting firm of Levy, Casey, MacLean be appointed as the Town's Auditors for the year 1989. MOTION APPROVED unanimously.