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7.3 **CON'T**

In response, Barry Zwicker, Director of Planning and Development Control, reviewed the process that will be required to be followed whether the property is designated Heritage Commercial or Commercial and recommended against a general Commercial designation on the subject property.

**ON MOTION** of Councillor Walker and Deputy Mayor Huntington it was moved that the amendment be further amended whereby the perimeters for the Heritage Commercial Designation be placed along the Bedford Highway from the Anglican Church Property to the intersection of First Avenue and the Bedford Highway and from Locke Street to Holland Avenue on the Bedford Highway.

A lengthy discussion ensued relative to the merits of the amendments proposed, the possible results and the fact that staff is recommending against the approval of these amendments.

Some discussion also took place with respect to the problems that may arise relative to the Heritage Commercial designations being applied to areas that are presently designated Commercial and zoned C-1.

Strong concern was expressed by Councillor Draper that these amendments were being considered at a very late hour in the evening and in the absence of the general public and should not be approved.

The amendment to the amendment was put to the meeting and was **APPROVED**. Councillor Draper voted against this amendment.

The amended amendment was put to the meeting and was **DEFEATED**. Councillor Walker, Councillor Draper, and Mayor Christie voted against the Motion.

**ON MOTION** of Councillor Walker and Councillor Draper it was moved that the Motion be amended whereby an area of approximately 25 acres located between the Bicentennial Highway and a proposed Collector Road off Hammonds Plains Road, be designated as a Comprehensive Commercial Development District.

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The Motion was put to the meeting and was **APPROVED**. Deputy Mayor Huntington abstained from voting.

Deputy Mayor Huntington excused himself from the meeting at approximately 12:10 p.m.

LAND USE BY-LAW

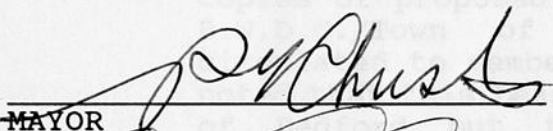
During a brief review of the Land Use By-Law, Councillor Walker received responses from staff relative to several questions and concerns.

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

**ON MOTION** of Councillor Walker and Councillor Draper it was moved that the Chief Administrative Officer prepare the advertising and schedule the Public Hearings relative to the Draft Municipal Planning Strategy and Land Use By-Law for May 22, 23, 24, and 29, 1990. **MOTION APPROVED** unanimously.

20. **ADJOURNMENT**

It was agreed that the meeting would recess at approximately 12:30 a.m. to be reconvened at the call of the Chair.

  
MAYOR

  
CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER

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Meeting #54 (Reconvened)

**TOWN OF BEDFORD**  
**RECONVENED SESSION**  
**APRIL 23, 1990**

A Regular Session of the Town Council of the Town of Bedford originally scheduled for Monday, April 17, 1990, was reconvened on Monday, April 23, 1990, 7:30 p.m., in the Council Chambers, Suite 400, Bedford Tower, Bedford, Nova Scotia, Mayor Peter Christie presiding.

2. **ATTENDANCE**

Deputy Mayor Don Huntington and Councillors Anne Cosgrove, Peggy Draper, Len Goucher, Peter Kelly 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; Rick Paynter, Director of Engineering and Works; Robert Nauss, Director of Recreation; and Eric Sheppard, Assistant Deputy Fire Chief.

7. **DEFERRED BUSINESS/BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES**

7.4 **PROPOSED AMENDMENT RE PREVIOUSLY APPROVED LEASE AGREEMENT W.D.C. AND TOWN OF BEDFORD/COUNTY OF HALIFAX**

Copies of proposed amendments to the Lease between the B.W.D.C./Town of Bedford/County of Halifax were circulated to members of Council. By memorandum it was noted that this Lease was previously approved by the Town of Bedford but the proposed amendments have been requested by the County of Halifax. It was also noted that the County has suggested that the Lease be executed conditional on receiving an easement over Parcel 3 to the Town and County from the B.W.D.C.

ON MOTION of Councillor Walker and Councillor Goucher it was moved that the Town Council authorize the Mayor and the Chief Administrative Officer to execute, on behalf of the Town, the proposed amended Lease Agreement between the B.W.D.C., the County of Halifax and the Town of Bedford, as circulated. **MOTION APPROVED** unanimously.

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7.5 PROPOSED SPECIAL PROVINCIAL LEGISLATION - FALSE ALARM CONTROL

Copies of proposed Special Provincial Legislation, as amended, respecting False Alarm Control were circulated to members of Council.

In speaking to this matter, Councillor Walker advised that the By-Law/Policy Review Committee is still engaged in a review of this proposed legislation and further amendments may be forthcoming in the near future.

**ON MOTION** of Councillor Walker and Deputy Mayor Huntington it was moved that Town Council support the proposed Special Provincial Legislation relative to False Alarm Control, as amended and circulated. **MOTION APPROVED** unanimously.

11. MOTIONS

11.1 POLICY RESPECTING PROCEDURES FOR FUTURE FENCING OF NEIGHBOURHOOD PARKLAND (SECOND READING)

Copies of the proposed Policy and Procedure for Future Fencing of Neighbourhood Parkland were circulated to members of Council for Second Reading.

**ON MOTION** of Councillor Walker and Councillor Goucher it was moved that the proposed Policy and Procedures for the Future Fencing of Neighbourhood Parkland be approved for Second Reading. **MOTION APPROVED** unanimously.

12. NEW BUSINESS

12.3 TEMPORARY BORROWING RESOLUTION - METROPOLITAN AUTHORITY

Copies of proposed Temporary Borrowing Resolution Guarantees were circulated to members of Council. The Guarantees were with regard to borrowing in the amount of \$1,810,000 for Metropolitan Transit and \$592,800 for Solid Waste Disposal. It was noted that the Metropolitan Authority requires the Guarantees from each of the participating Municipalities in accordance with the requirements of the Department of Municipal Affairs and the Nova Scotia Municipal Finance Corporation.

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ON MOTION of Deputy Mayor Huntington and Councillor Draper it was moved that the Town Council of the Town of Bedford approve of the Temporary Borrowing Resolution Guarantees, as circulated, in the amount of \$1,810,000 and \$592,800. **MOTION APPROVED** unanimously.

12.4 ESTABLISHMENT OF SPECIAL MEETING - CONSIDERATION OF APPROVAL -1990 BUDGET AND TAX RATES

On the suggestion of Mayor Christie it was agreed that a meeting of Council would be scheduled for Tuesday, May 8, 7:30 p.m. for the consideration and approval of the 1990 Operating Budget including the setting of Tax Rates.

It was also agreed that the Mayor and the Chief Administrative Officer should be authorized to arrange for a second meeting with representatives of the School Board to be held possibly on Thursday, April 26, at 4 p.m.

It was also noted that the date of April 30, 1990, has been scheduled by the Halifax County-Bedford District School Board for the holding of a public meeting between the Board and the general public. It will be held at C.P. Allen High School.

12.5 BASTION PROPERTIES - DEVELOPMENT APPLICATION

Copies of correspondence from Mayor Peter Christie to the Hon. John Leefe, Minister of the Environment, relative to an application from Bastion Properties Limited for the infilling of the Sackville River Flood Plain Area, were circulated to members of Council. It was noted that, to date, no response has been received from this correspondence.

ON MOTION of Councillor Walker and Councillor Kelly it was moved that the Town Council of the Town of Bedford support and ratify the correspondence forwarded by Mayor Christie to the Minister of the Environment, as circulated. **MOTION APPROVED** unanimously.

13. REPORTS: BOARDS/COMMITTEES/COMMISSIONS

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13.1 RECREATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE

13.1.1 REPORT RESPECTING LAKE DRIVE PARK/BEACH AREA - PAPERMILL LAKE

By memorandum Ann Birdsall, Chairman, Recreation Advisory Committee, circulated copies of the Recreation Advisory Committee's report and recommendations concerning the Lake Drive Park/Beach Area. She noted that these recommendations include short as well as long term solutions to the issue.

Mrs. Birdsall also advised Town Council relative to the process which was enacted by the Recreation Advisory Committee in order to address all concerns which had been forwarded to both Town Council and the Committee relative to this matter.

In speaking to the report, Robert Nauss, Director of Recreation, advised that, in most cases, the Committee/Staff can implement the recommendations. However, he requested consideration of Town Council to the matter of required funding for the implementation of security through the use of special constables or commissioners. The current proposed Operating Budget of the Parks and Recreation Committee does not include such funding.

**ON MOTION** of Councillor Goucher and Councillor Draper it was moved that the report from the Recreation Advisory Committee relative to the Lake Drive Park/Beach Area be accepted.

**ON MOTION** of Councillor Goucher and Councillor Draper it was moved that the Motion be amended whereby the Director of Recreation be authorized to obtain information with regard to the cost of security service based on various time factors for comparative purposes.

The amendment was put to the meeting and was **APPROVED** unanimously.

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

Councillor Draper advised Council that a Public Information Meeting will be held by the Halifax County-Bedford District School Board on Monday, April 30, 1990, 7:30 p.m., at C.B. Allen High School.

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13.1.2 SANDY LAKE WATERSHED AREA - REQUEST FOR ENVIRONMENTAL STUDY

By memorandum Ann Birdsall, Chairman, Recreation Advisory Committee, advised Council that by Motion at a meeting held on March 22, 1990, the Recreation Advisory Committee requests of the Town, "that an environmental study of the Sandy Lake Watershed area be done before the use of the Bluewater lot is determined and development starts."

Mrs. Birdsall further advised that it was the understanding of the Committee that the Bedford Economic Development Commission has requested that Town Council consider changing the generalized future land use designation on Lot 1-E from Park to Industrial and that as well the Engineering Department is giving consideration to a retention pond in the area.

The correspondence from the Recreation Advisory Committee Chairman was received for information.

13.2 HERITAGE ADVISORY COMMITTEE

13.2.1 PROCESS/CRITERIA FOR HERITAGE RECOMMENDATIONS

By memorandum Anthony Edwards, Chairman, Heritage Advisory Committee, circulated copies of a proposed process/criteria for Heritage Property recommendations.

In speaking to this matter, Councillor Walker advised that the Heritage Advisory Committee would like this proposal to be considered as First Reading and that any questions should be referred to the Heritage Advisory Committee prior to its' upcoming meeting scheduled for the next week.

**ON MOTION** of Councillor Walker and Councillor Goucher it was moved that the process/criteria for Heritage Property recommendations, as circulated, be received for First Reading. **MOTION APPROVED** unanimously.

13.3 SCHOOL BOARD REPORT

Councillor Draper reminded Council that a Public Information Meeting will be held by the Halifax County-Bedford District School Board on Monday, April 30, 1990, 7:30 p.m., at C.P. Allen High School.

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14. STAFF REPORTS

14.1 ENGINEERING AND WORKS DEPARTMENT

14.1.1 REQUEST FOR APPROVAL OF PURCHASE OF SEWER METER/MONITORING DEVICE

By memorandum, Rick Paynter, Director of Engineering and Works, requested consideration of Town Council to the approval of the purchase of two new flow-tote sewer meters and associated lap-top monitoring devices. He noted that the only supplier for the particular type of units desired is a Company called Ecoguard Systems Limited located in Halifax and Fredericton.

ON MOTION of Deputy Mayor Huntington and Councillor Goucher it was moved that the Mayor and the Chief Administrative Officer be authorized to enter into a contract with Ecoguard Systems Limited for the supply of two Marsh-McBirney MM1260 Flow-Tote Open Channel Flow Meters; one MMIT-40 Symphony Software Operating Program, compatible to the 260 Flow-Tote, one Toshiba Model T1000XE Lap-top Field Flow-Tote Monitoring Computer device; and one carrying case at a total cost not to exceed \$26,354. **MOTION APPROVED** unanimously.

14.1.2 DEPARTMENTAL REPORT

Copies of the 1990 Departmental Report #1-Engineering and Works Department were circulated to members of Council for information.

In response to enquiries from Council, the Director of Engineering and Works advised:

(a) that the tenders for the Upgrading of Sewer Systems are currently being received and one has already been awarded;

(b) that an initial letter has been forwarded to property owners of property along Meadowbrook Drive which will be involved in the placement of the new sidewalks;

(c) that no response has yet been received from the Department of Transportation relative to correspondence regarding the Rocky Lake Drive Intersection;



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(d) that the Works Compound Building Permit has been issued and it is expected that construction will commence in the very near future.

(e) that 14.7 tonnes of garbage were received by the Recycling Depot during their second month in comparison to 13.3 tonnes during the first month.

(f) that in all likelihood the Recycling Depot will be moved to another location on the Bedford Mall Property.

The Report of the Engineering and Works Department was received for information.

14.2 FIRE DEPARTMENT

14.2.1 FIRE CHIEF'S MONTHLY REPORT - MARCH 1990

The Fire Chief's Monthly Report for the month of March 1990 was circulated to members of Council.

**ON MOTION** of Deputy Mayor Huntington and Councillor Draper it was moved that the Fire Chief's monthly report be received for information. **MOTION APPROVED** unanimously.

The Chief Administrative Officer requested the consideration of Town Council to an expenditure by the Fire Department for required repairs to the 1984 Rescue Unit. He noted that this expenditure has been included in the 1990 Operating Estimates in an amount of \$17,000. The Fire Department has received a tender in the amount of \$13,000 for the completion of this work, if it is approved in the very near future.

**ON MOTION** of Councillor Kelly and Councillor Draper it was moved that the Town Council approve the expenditure as requested in the amount of \$13,000 to complete required vehicle repairs to the Fire Department's Rescue Unit.

During discussion of the Motion, Eric Sheppard, Assistant Deputy Fire Chief of the Bedford Fire Department reviewed for the benefit of Council the problems that have occurred relative to the existing doors on this Rescue Unit.

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14.2.1 CON'T

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

14.3. PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT CONTROL DEPARTMENT

14.3.1 BUILDING INSPECTOR'S REPORT - MARCH 1990

**ON MOTION** of Councillor Cosgrove and Councillor Kelly it was moved that the Building Inspector's Report for the month of March 1990, as circulated, be approved. **MOTION APPROVED** unanimously.

15. CORRESPONDENCE

15.1 CLEAN NOVA SCOTIA FOUNDATION - RE "TRASH BUSTERS"

Copies of correspondence from C. John Thorpe, CAE, Executive Director, the Clean Nova Scotia Foundation were circulated to members of Council, in which the, "Trash Busters," a community clean-up project was promoted.

It was agreed that the Town of Bedford should participate in this endeavour and it was suggested that the Town might take advantage of the information and literature that is available.

The correspondence was received for information.

15.2 UNSM RE 1990 REGIONAL MEETING

Copies of correspondence from D. Laurence Mawhinney, President, UNSM, were circulated to members of Council in which Mr. Mawhinney addressed the upcoming annual conference and the initiation of Regional Meetings. It was noted that at each Regional Meeting, each member unit is entitled to a maximum of 5 voting delegates.

In discussion of this matter, it was noted by Mayor Christie that it is Dartmouth's turn to host the Regional Meeting and, as soon as a date is selected, the information will be forwarded to members of Council and the five voting delegates from the Town Council will be determined.

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15.2 CON'T

The correspondence was received for information.

16. NOTICES OF MOTION

16.1 COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE BY-LAW (REPLACEMENT - FIRST READING)

**ON MOTION** of Councillor Cosgrove and Councillor Goucher it was moved that the proposed By-Law setting up a Committee of the Whole (replacement By-Law) be received for First Reading.

**ON MOTION** of Councillor Walker and Deputy Mayor Huntington it was moved that the Motion be amended whereby Council will meet with the By-Law/Policy Review Committee to discuss the contents of the proposed By-Law setting up a Committee of the Whole and the proposed By-Law Respecting Rules of Order of Town Council.

The amendment was put to the meeting and was **APPROVED** unanimously.

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

**ON MOTION** of Councillor Goucher and Councillor Kelly it was moved that the proposed By-Law Setting up a Committee of the Whole be amended whereby all meetings of the Committee of the Whole shall be open to the public except in those instances where a sensitive issue as listed in Clause 5 are to be discussed.

The Motion was put to the meeting and was **DEFEATED**. Deputy Mayor Huntington, Councillor Cosgrove, Councillor Walker and Mayor Christie voted against the Motion.

16.2 RULES OF ORDER BY-LAW - AMENDMENT - FIRST READING

**ON MOTION** of Councillor Kelly and Councillor Cosgrove it was moved that the proposed amendments to the By-Law Respecting Rules of Order of Town Council be received for First Reading. **MOTION APPROVED** unanimously.

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16.3 PROPOSED POLICY - ATTENDANCE OF COUNCILLORS AT CONFERENCES, SEMINARS ETC.

ON MOTION of Councillor Walker and Councillor Cosgrove it was moved that the proposed Policy re Attendance of Councillors at Conferences, Seminars etc., as circulated, be received for First Reading. **MOTION APPROVED** unanimously.

17. QUESTIONS

17.1 STATUS SHEET - APRIL 17, 1990

The Status Sheet dated April 17, 1990, was received for information.

In response to an enquiry from Council it was agreed by Mayor Christie that if a response is not received by next month from the Public Utilities Board relative to the possibility of Bedford Representation on the Halifax County Water Utility, the matter will be further addressed by Town Council.

In response to an enquiry from Council, the Director of Planning and Development Control, advised that staff is preparing the necessary forms subsequent to which advertisement will be placed requesting the application of members of the general public interested in serving on BPAC. The documentation will be circulated to BPAC before the advertisement is placed.

In response to an enquiry from Council, it was noted that no response has yet been received from the Board of Trade relative to its opinion of the designation of the First Monday in August as a Civic Holiday.

18. ADDED ITEMS

18.1 ENQUIRY RESPECTING DREDGING - PARKERS BROOK COVE

In response to a request from Councillor Walker it was agreed that the possibility of extending the dredging contract with the Waterfront Development Corporation to effect work in the Parkers Brook Cove area could be added to the agenda.

MAYOR

CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER

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In speaking to this matter, Councillor Walker advised that he has been contacted by interested persons to determine whether or not the dredge which is operating for the Bedford Waterfront Development Corporation in the Bedford Basin could be contracted to clear siltation from the Parkers Brook Cove area.

In discussion this matter it was noted by Rick Paynter, Director of Engineering and Works, that he has investigated this possibility and has determined that such a project would take approximately two weeks and would cost in the vicinity of \$600 per hour with a total cost of \$200,000. It was also noted by Mr. Paynter, that currently there would be difficulties with the placement of the silt once it is removed from the Parkers Brook area. The Waterfront Development Corporation Project is almost finished and could not handle this additional silt.

The Chief Administrative, in response to an enquiry from Council relative to the financial impact, noted that it would be very difficult if not impossible to handle an additional project of this magnitude in either the 1990 Operating or Capital Budgets.

In conclusion, Councillor Walker noted that there does not seem to be too much support at this particular time for the initiation of this project but suggested that the Director of Engineering and Works might consult with the B.W.D.C. to make sure that the Corporation cannot receive the material for its current project.

19. OTHER

Nil

20. ADJOURNMENT

ON MOTION of Deputy Mayor Huntington and Councillor Walker it was moved that the meeting adjourn at approximately 9:05 p.m.

  
MAYOR

  
CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER

TOWN OF BEDFORD  
SPECIAL SESSION  
MONDAY, APRIL 23, 1990

A Special meeting of the Town Council of the Town of Bedford took place on Monday, April 23, 1990, 6 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 Don Huntington and Councillors Anne Cosgrove, Peggy Draper, Len Goucher, Peter Kelly and Grant Walker were in attendance at the commencement of the Session.

Staff members attending this Session included Dan R. English, Chief Administrative Officer; and Joan Pryde, Deputy Clerk.

3. PRESENTATION - REPRESENTATIVES - HALIFAX COUNTY-BEDFORD DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD - MUNICIPAL FUNDING REQUIREMENTS - 1990

Mayor Christie welcomed representatives from the Halifax County-Bedford District School Board, Mrs. Betty Rix, Chairman, Dr. Joe Morrison, Acting C.E.O., Mr. Curt Langley, Superintendent of Business and Finance.

Mayor Christie noted that the purpose of the meeting was to receive information from the representatives of the School Board relative to the proposed 1990 Operating Budget of the Board and the municipal funding requested from the two municipalities, the County of Halifax and the Town of Bedford.

Mrs. Rix addressed Council expressing her appreciation at the willingness of members to meet with the representatives of the School Board to discuss the 1990 Funding Requirements.

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Dr. Morrison addressed Council reviewing the financial problems with which the Board is attempting to deal with and noting, in particular, that there were 400 hundred additional students this year and 300 more are expected next year.

Dr. Morrison advised Council that the original proposed 1990 Budget of the School Board has been reduced by \$5,700,000 with drastic impacts to many areas of the Operating Expense Accounts. He also advised that the Budget document indicates the funding that will be added to different areas of the Budget if the two municipalities express a willingness to cost-share an additional \$1,200,000 with the Province of Nova Scotia. It was noted however, that there is no indication as of yet whether or not the Province would be willing to cost-share in this additional funding.

Town Council was informed that the School Board has attempted to keep the impact of the Budget reductions as low as possible relative to classroom teachers and instead, to reduce other expenditure areas.

During an item by item review of many areas of the Budget, Dr. Morrison noted the impact of the many reductions and also answered questions of Council. In particular the effect of reductions on library funding, caretaking, general maintenance and classroom supplies, was explored.

Mayor Christie excused himself from the meeting and Deputy Mayor Huntington assumed the Chair at approximately 6:45 p.m.

Following further review and exchange of information, it was agreed that it would be preferable to have another meeting to continue this review prior to the planned meeting between the two Councils.

Dr. Morrison concluded his remarks by noting that the Board had originally expected to reduce the initial Budget by \$1,500,000; the impact of reducing another \$4,200,000 has been very drastic and will result in a great reduction in the level of service provided. He also pointed out that \$1,500,000 of this reduction is for Capital Expenditures which would normally be provided by the Province and \$500,000 relates to transportation.

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**ON MOTION** of Councillor Walker and Councillor Cosgrove it was moved that the meeting adjourn, to reconvene at a time to be arranged by the Mayor and the Chief Administrative Officer and convenient to both the Town Council and the School Board. **MOTION APPROVED** unanimously.

**ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business the meeting adjourned at approximately 7:10 p.m.

  
MAYOR

  
CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER



Meeting #55 (Reconvened)

**TOWN OF BEDFORD**  
**SPECIAL SESSION RECONVENED**  
**THURSDAY, APRIL 26, 1990**

A Special Session of the Town Council of the Town of Bedford originally scheduled to take place on Monday, April 23, 1990, 6 p.m., reconvened on Thursday, April 26, 1990, 4 p.m., Mayor Peter Christie presiding.

1. **ATTENDANCE**

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

Staff members attending this Session included Joan Pryde, Deputy Clerk; and Ron Singer, Director of Finance.

Mrs. Betty Rix, Chairman; Dr. Joe Morrison, Acting C.E.O.; and Mr. Curt Langley, Superintendent of Business and Finance, of the Halifax County-Bedford District School Board were also in attendance at this Session.

2. **PRESENTATION - REPRESENTATIVES - HALIFAX COUNTY-BEDFORD DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD - MUNICIPAL FUNDING REQUIREMENTS - 1990**

Dr. Morrison continued his indepth review of Expenditures proposed in the 1990 Operating Budget of the District School Board. In particular, he explained the impact of proposed reductions in the cost of pupil transportation, contracted services, adult education and classroom teachers in Bedford.

Following this review, Dr. Morrison circulated copies of a summary of the proposed Budget reductions and also circulated copies of statistics relative to the operating cost per pupil and pupil/teacher ratios of the various School Boards throughout the Province.

In response to an enquiry from Council, Dr. Morrison also reviewed the areas of the proposed Budget which would receive increased funding, if the proposed additional \$1,200,000 in Supplementary Funding is approved by both of the Municipal Council's involved and the Province of Nova Scotia.

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2. CON'T

During the ensuing general discussion some concern was expressed by members of Council relative to the inadequacy of the current Provincial Funding Formula for education throughout the Province and, in particular, with respect to a School Board with continually increasing enrolment such as the Halifax County-Bedford District School Board.

Various members of Council expressed appreciation to officials of the School Board for the clear manner in which the 1990 Operating Budget has been presented.

**ON MOTION** of Councillor Walker and Councillor Draper it was moved that the Town Council of the Town of Bedford support, in addition to the mandatory funding of \$1,958,648, full Supplementary Funding of \$74,736 to the District School Board as requested in their Budget submission dated April 12, 1990; further that support also be provided for the requested additional Supplementary Funding of \$18,278; further that, in the event that the Province does not approve it's share of the additional Supplementary Funding, that the Town maintain it's portion and encourage the County of Halifax to also provide it's municipal share.

During discussion of the Motion, Mayor Christie advised that he would accept this Motion as a Motion of Intent as opposed to the idea that it will actually happen.

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

In response to an enquiry from Council it was noted that the Director of Finance is in possession of a copy of the Doane Raymond Study Document and same could be circulated to members of Council.

Mrs. Betty Rix, Chairman of the District School Board, expressed the appreciation of the Board to the Council's willingness to meet with representatives and discuss/consider the 1990 Operating Estimates of the Board.


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3. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business the meeting adjourned at approximately 5:30 p.m.

  
MAYOR

  
CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER

2. ATTENDANCE

Deputy Mayor Don Harrington and Councillors Anne Cosgrove, Peggy Draper, Len Goucher, Peter Kelly 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 Fryde, Deputy Clerk; Barry Swicker, Director of Planning and Development Control; and Rick Paynter, Director of Engineering and Works.

3. PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT AGREEMENT APPLICATION AND PUBLIC PARTICIPATION PROCESS - CIVIC #1374 BEDFORD HIGHWAY

By memorandum Barry Swicker, Director of Planning and Development Control, reviewed details respecting a proposed Public Participation Program respecting the Claimant Property located at Civic #1374 Bedford Highway. He concluded his memo with the recommendation that Town Council take the necessary steps to have the motion to hold a Public Participation Meeting rescinded due to the fact that this particular process is contradictory to a previous motion approved by Town Council whereby it will give notice of its intention to adopt the Municipal Planning Strategy and Land Use By-law as received from BMO and as further amended by Town Council.

For the benefit of Council, Mr. Swicker clarified the opinions expressed in his memo and answered questions from individual Councillors.

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MONDAY, APRIL 23, 1990

A Special Session of the Town Council of the Town of Bedford took place on Monday, April 23, 1990, 9:15 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 Don Huntington and Councillors Anne Cosgrove, Peggy Draper, Len Goucher, Peter Kelly 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; and Rick Paynter, Director of Engineering and Works.

3. PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT AGREEMENT APPLICATION AND PUBLIC PARTICIPATION PROCESS - CIVIC #1394 BEDFORD HIGHWAY

By memorandum Barry Zwicker, Director of Planning and Development Control, reviewed details respecting a proposed Public Participation Program respecting the Clairmont Property located at Civic #1394 Bedford Highway. He concluded his memo with the recommendation that Town Council take the necessary steps to have the Motion to hold a Public Participation Meeting rescinded, due to the fact that this particular process is contradictory to a previous Motion approved by Town Council whereby it will give notice of its intention to adopt the Municipal Planning Strategy and Land Use By-Law as received from BPAC and as further amended by Town Council.

For the benefit of Council, Mr. Zwicker clarified the opinions expressed in his memo and answered questions from individual Councillors.

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**ON MOTION** of Councillor Walker and Deputy Mayor Huntington it was moved that the Rules of Order of the Town Council of the Town of Bedford be suspended in order that a Motion approved at the previous meeting might be rescinded immediately. **MOTION APPROVED** unanimously.

**ON MOTION** of Councillor Walker and Councillor Goucher it was moved that the Motion respecting the Proposed Development Agreement Application and a Public Participation process respecting Civic #1394 Bedford Highway, approved at a meeting of Town Council held on Tuesday, April 17, 1990, be rescinded. **MOTION APPROVED** unanimously.

4. NOTICES OF RECONSIDERATION

4(a) NOTICE SERVED BY COUNCILLOR WALKER RESPECTING A MOTION APPROVED AT THE REGULAR MEETING OF APRIL 17, 1990, RELATIVE TO COUNCIL OVER-RULING THE DEVELOPMENT OFFICER'S GRANTING OF A MINOR VARIANCE FOR LOT 313 ANAHID COURT

**ON MOTION** of Councillor Walker and Councillor Draper it was moved that the Motion Respecting the Minor Variance Application relative to Lot 313 Anahid Court, approved at a meeting of Town Council held on April 17, 1990, be reconsidered.

The Motion was put to the meeting and was **APPROVED**. Councillor Goucher and Councillor Kelly voted against the Motion.

Mayor Christie advised that the following Motion was now on the floor for further consideration:

**ON MOTION** of Councillor Goucher and Councillor Cosgrove it was moved that the Town Council of the Town of Bedford over-rule the Development Officer's granting of a Minor Variance as requested for Lot 313 Anahid Court, Bedford, Nova Scotia, to allow for a reduction in the rear yard set-back from 20 to 16.7 feet in order to permit the construction of a patio deck at the rear of the semi-detached building.

During the ensuing discussion several members of Council advised that they have taken the opportunity to visit the site and to view, in person, the area involved. In

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response to enquiries from Council, the Director of Planning and Development Control, also reviewed various details of this application.

The Motion was put to the meeting and was **DEFEATED**. Councillor Cosgrove, Deputy Mayor Huntington, Councillor Walker and Councillor Draper voted against the Motion.

**ON MOTION** of Councillor Walker and Councillor Draper it was moved that the Town Council support the Development Officer's granting of a Minor Variance as requested for Lot 313 Anahid Court, Bedford, Nova Scotia, to allow for a reduction in the rear yard set-back from 20 to 16.7 feet in order to permit the construction of a patio deck at the rear of the semi-detached building. **MOTION APPROVED**. Councillor Goucher and Councillor Kelly voted against the Motion.

4(b) NOTICE SERVED BY COUNCILLOR KELLY RESPECTING A MOTION APPROVED AT THE REGULAR MEETING OF APRIL 17, 1990, RELATIVE TO THE LIBRARY LEASE AGREEMENT

In response to a request from Councillor Kelly it was agreed that further consideration of this Notice of Reconsideration would be deferred to the next meeting of Town Council scheduled to take place on May 8, 1990, pending the receipt of further requested information.

5. NOTICE OF RESCISSION

NOTICE SERVED BY COUNCILLOR COSGROVE RESPECTING A MOTION APPROVED AT A REGULAR MEETING HELD ON APRIL 17, 1990, RELATIVE TO A FLAG DESIGN FOR THE TOWN OF BEDFORD.

Councillor Cosgrove advised that she was withdrawing her Notice of Rescission.

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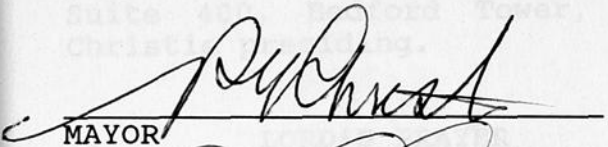
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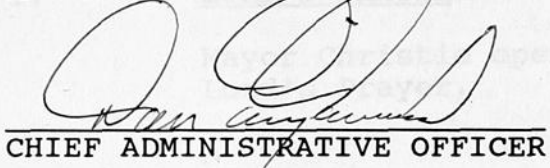
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7. ADJOURNMENT

ON MOTION of Councillor Cosgrove and Councillor Draper it was moved that the meeting adjourn at approximately 9:35 p.m. MOTION APPROVED unanimously.

  
MAYOR

  
CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER

2. AGENDA  
Deputy Mayor Don Huntington and Councillors Don Cosgrove, Peggy Draper, Len Goucher, Peter Christie and Grant Walker were in attendance at the commencement of the Session.

Staff members attending this Session included: Mr. J. English, Chief Administrative Officer; Mrs. Margaret MacFarlane, Assistant Deputy Fire Chief; H.A. MacFarlane, Chief of Police; Ron Singer, Director of Finance; Gordon MacFarlane, Director of Recreation; Barry Zwicker, Director of Planning and Development Control; and Don Christie, Deputy Clerk.

Peter Dickinson, Chief, Bedford Volunteer Fire Department was also in attendance at this Session.

PRESENTATION - JON O'BRIEN

Mayor Christie announced to the meeting that he was pleased to be able to make a presentation to Mr. Jon O'Brien, Bedford, Nova Scotia, whose architectural design for a Town of Bedford flag has been accepted as the winning design. Following a review of the details of the design, Mayor Christie invited Mr. O'Brien to come forward and presented him with a cheque in the amount of \$250.00 as a token of appreciation from the Town of Bedford.

ADDITION TO AGENDA

In response to a request from Councillor Draper it was

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A Special Session of the Town Council of the Town of Bedford took place on Tuesday, May 8, 1990, 6:30 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 Don Huntington and Councillors Anne Cosgrove, Peggy Draper, Len Goucher, Peter Kelly and Grant Walker were in attendance at the commencement of the Session.

Staff members attending this Session included Dan R. English, Chief Administrative Officer; Eric Sheppard, Assistant Deputy Fire Chief; H.A. MacKenzie, Chief of Police; Ron Singer, Director of Finance; Robert Nauss, Director of Recreation; Barry Zwicker, Director of Planning and Development Control; and Joan Pryde, Deputy Clerk.

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unanimously agreed that if time was available a brief discussion of the meeting held this same day with the Council of Halifax County respecting School Board Funding would be added to the agenda.

**ARBOR DAY**

Councillor Goucher reminded those in attendance that on Saturday, May 12, the Town of Bedford Tree Committee will be celebrating Arbor Day by the distribution of over 4,000 seedlings, and Mayor Christie will be planting a tree on Range Park. Residents of the community are cordially invited to this ceremony.

3. **NOTICE OF RECONSIDERATION SERVED BY COUNCILLOR PETER KELLY RESPECTING A MOTION APPROVED ON APRIL 17, 1990, RELATIVE TO THE LIBRARY LEASE AGREEMENT**

On the request of Councillor Kelly it was agreed that this Motion of Reconsideration would be deferred to the Regular Session of Town Council scheduled to take place on May 15, 1990.

It was also agreed that at this time that Senior Staff should be prepared to provide for the benefit of Council the floor plan layouts of all proposals for library space and indicate what minimum size of facility is really needed along with the costs involved.

**JOINT MEETING - HALIFAX COUNTY AND TOWN OF BEDFORD COUNCILS**

Councillor Draper addressed Council noting the results of the Joint Meeting with Halifax County and expressed concern with respect to the decision, namely that the additional Supplementary Funding had not been approved. She suggested that, in her opinion, children will suffer from this decision and that it was a bad decision. She enquired as to whether or not the Town of Bedford could request another meeting and discuss the matter further.

Mayor Christie suggested that the provisions of the Agreement between the two Councils was followed and there is no provision for a second meeting. However, he agreed that the Town of Bedford could request the County

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to reconsider the situation, but he expressed his doubts relative to the outcome of such a request.

Following a further brief discussion, Mayor Christie agreed that he would be willing to ask for such another meeting provided that the additional Supplementary Funding remains in the Town of Bedford's Operating Estimates.

It was also suggested by Councillor Walker that, in future, such meetings should be held during the evening hours when the general public would have a better opportunity to attend.

**ON MOTION** of Councillor Draper and Councillor Cosgrove it was moved that the Town of Bedford request the County of Halifax for another meeting at a more convenient time such as 6 p.m. in the afternoon to further discuss School Funding.

During discussion of the Motion strong concerns were expressed with respect to whether or not this Motion should be approved. Those speaking in favour suggested that the additional funding requested is needed by the School Board and the students will suffer if it is not provided.

In speaking against the Motion, Deputy Mayor Huntington expressed the opinion that approval of this Motion would be setting a precedent. If extra Supplementary Funding is approved this year, it would in all likelihood, continue year after year.

The Motion was put to the meeting and was **APPROVED**. Deputy Mayor Huntington voted against the Motion.

4. **CONSIDERATION OF APPROVAL OF 1990 OPERATING BUDGET AND TAX RATES**

Copies of Draft 2 of the proposed 1990 Operating Budget and Tax Rates for the Town of Bedford were circulated to members of Council.

By memorandum, Dan R. English, Chief Administrative Officer, advised that the Draft 2 document reflects a 1990 Operating Budget in the amount of \$12,991,500. The Tax Rates indicated to finance this Budget would show an

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8.2 percent increase for most residential properties and a 7.7 percent increase to commercial properties.

For the benefit of Council, Mr. English also reviewed changes which have been reflected in this proposed Operating Budget since the last presentation to Town Council of Draft 1 on April 7, 1990. These included extensive Departmental reductions and also additions to the estimates which were not known earlier in the year.

With respect to staff increases it was noted by Mr. English that the current proposal includes funding for five (5) new employees ie. two (2) new Police Constables and three (3) positions under the Engineering and Works Department. This is a reduction of five (5) positions from the ten (10) positions originally requested by the various Departments.

During the ensuing discussion between the Chief Administrative Officer and Town Council, the impact of the increased cost of Education and Social Services was also noted in particular.

It was further noted that the proposed Budget does not allow for any increase in the level of service to the residents of Bedford but attempts to maintain what has already been achieved.

Ron Singer, Director of Finance, then reviewed in more depth the changes which have been included in Draft #2 of the Operating Estimates compared to Draft #1. In particular, he noted a change that is being proposed relative to the Town's management of its internal debt and Surplus Funds.

Mr. Singer also initiated some discussion with respect to whether or not the Town should increase its rate of interest on over-due taxes from 2 percent above prime to 3 percent above prime.

In response to enquiries from Council, staff provided information with respect to the proposed Operating Estimates for Snow Removal and Street Lighting and for the transfer of funds to the Waterfront Development Corporation. In response to an enquiry from Council, it was noted that, to date, the Waterfront Development Corporation Lands have not been assessed for tax purposes.

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During discussion with respect to the proposed Tax Rates of \$1.30 Residential and \$2.57 Commercial in comparison to rates of \$1.27 Residential and \$2.60 Commercial which were proposed in Draft #1 of the Budget, concern was expressed by some members of Council relative to the resultant increase in Commercial Taxes which will be absorbed by some Commercial properties throughout the Town. The opinion was expressed that the assessment increases of some Commercial Establishments have been far greater than what has been indicated as an average by Town staff.

The Chief Administrative Officer then reviewed for the benefit of Council a listing of major Expenditure and Revenue increases in order that Council could have a better understanding of what is actually driving the increase to the overall Operating Estimates.

TRAINING, CONFERENCE & EDUCATION

**ON MOTION** of Councillor Kelly and Deputy Mayor Huntington it was moved that the Operating Estimates included throughout the Budget for Training and Education be reduced by approximately 60 percent (from approximately \$75,000 to \$30,000).

In speaking to this Motion, Councillor Kelly expressed the opinion that in times of restraints, such a reduction is necessary and he would like Council to lead the way.

The Chief Administrative Officer expressed some concern with respect to the impact of such a reduction and also suggested that, before approving such a Motion, it should be determined how much of these Budgets have already been committed.

The Motion was put to the meeting and was **DEFEATED**. Deputy Mayor Huntington, Councillor Cosgrove, Councillor Walker, Councillor Draper and Councillor Goucher voted against the Motion.

**ON MOTION** of Councillor Kelly and Councillor Cosgrove it was moved that the Operating Estimates for Account #21113 be reduced by \$10,000.

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In speaking to the Motion it was suggested that this could be accomplished if members of Council do not attend the FCM in 1990.

The Motion was put to the meeting and was **DEFEATED**. Deputy Mayor Huntington, Councillor Cosgrove, Councillor Walker, Councillor Draper and Councillor Goucher voted against the Motion.

**ON MOTION** of Councillor Kelly it was moved that the estimate for Account #21113 be reduced to \$8,000 in the Operating Budget for 1991.

There being no Secunder to the Motion in response to three calls from Mayor Christie, the Motion was declared **INVALID**.

**ON MOTION** of Councillor Walker and Councillor Kelly it was moved that the estimates for Account #21113 be reduced by \$4,000 to \$10,000. **MOTION APPROVED** unanimously.

**ON MOTION** of Councillor Kelly it was moved that any expenses to be charged to Training and Education Budgets must be authorized by the Chief Administrative Officer and the Mayor.

There being no Secunder to the Motion in response to three calls by Mayor Christie, the Motion was declared **INVALID**.

**TRANSFER FROM SURPLUS**

**ON MOTION** of Councillor Kelly and Councillor Walker it was moved that the estimate for Account #19112, "Transfer from Surplus," be increased from \$45,000 to \$92,000.

During discussion of this Motion the Chief Administrative Officer and the Director of Finance noted the problems that might be generated by this action relative to cash flow and the generation of interest revenue.

The Motion was put to the meeting and was **APPROVED**. Councillor Goucher, Councillor Cosgrove and Councillor Draper voted against the Motion.

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**ON MOTION** of Councillor Cosgrove it was moved that the interest rate on outstanding taxes be increased from 2 percent above prime to 3 percent above prime.

There being no Seconder to the Motion in response to three calls from Mayor Christie, the Motion was declared **INVALID**.

**SIDEWALK SNOW CLEARING**

**ON MOTION** of Councillor Cosgrove and Deputy Mayor Huntington it was moved that the Town of Bedford discontinue the Policy of clearing sidewalks of snow at Town expense.

During discussion of the Motion, some alternatives were explored whereby possibly sidewalks on the arterial roads would be cleared, but other sidewalks located on residential and collector streets would require clearing by the abutters.

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

**ON MOTION** of Councillor Walker and Councillor Cosgrove it was moved that the Director of Engineering and Works be requested to include a notice with the Tax Bills requesting the co-operation of the residents with respect to maintaining the grass medians strips between the curbs and the sidewalks.

The Motion was put to the meeting and was **DEFEATED**. Deputy Mayor Huntington, Councillor Draper, Councillor Goucher and Councillor Kelly voted against the Motion.

**ON MOTION** of Councillor Kelly and Deputy Mayor Huntington it was moved that sidewalks other than those located on arterial highways shall be cleared of snow at the property owners' expense rather than Town expense. **MOTION APPROVED**. Councillor Draper and Councillor Goucher voted against the Motion.

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ON MOTION of Deputy Mayor Huntington and Councillor Walker it was moved that all internal borrowing of the Town of Bedford outstanding as of December 31, 1989, in the amount of \$357,619 be written off, and further that a General Transfer to the Reserve Funds be allotted for within the 1990 and future Operating Budgets. **MOTION APPROVED.** Councillor Kelly voted against the Motion.

ON MOTION of Councillor Goucher and Councillor Draper it was moved that the estimate for General Transfer in Lieu of Internal Borrowing Repayment (Account #28221) be reduced from \$75,000 to \$55,000. **MOTION APPROVED** unanimously.

EQUIPMENT MAINTAINER

ON MOTION of Councillor Walker and Deputy Mayor Huntington it was moved that the proposal to create a new staff position in the Engineering and Works Department of, "Equipment Maintainer," be eliminated from the 1990 Operating Estimates.

During discussion of this Motion it was noted by the Director of Engineering and Works that, in his opinion, such a position would be cost effective and also might in the future be available for service to other Departments.

The Motion was put to the meeting and was **DEFEATED.** Councillor Cosgrove, Councillor Goucher, Councillor Kelly and Mayor Christie voted against the Motion.

STAFF ENGINEER

ON MOTION of Councillor Walker and Councillor Kelly it was moved that the services requiring a Staff Engineer be on a Contract basis for a one year period to determine the on-going need and suitability of the position as described. **MOTION APPROVED.** Councillor Cosgrove voted against the Motion.

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**POLICE CONSTABLES**

Some discussion took place between members of Town Council and the Chief of Police with respect to the Department's request for two additional Constables in 1990. The discussion included a review of the current and future needs of the Police Department and whether or not, in all likelihood, additions to the Staff will be required in 1991 if the current request is granted.

**FIREFIGHTER**

In response to an enquiry from Council with respect to the Fire Department's request that an additional Firefighter be assigned to investigation and prevention, Chief Peter Dickinson advised Council that this proposal has already been implemented. However, he did note that the employee involved is available for suppression duties whenever required. The Chief Administrative Officer advised that it is his intention to discuss this matter further with Fire Department Officials.

**NOTICE OF MOTION**

Notice of Motion was served by Councillor Kelly of his intentions to approve a Motion implementing a hiring freeze for the year 1991 at a future Regular Session of Council.

**REGIONAL LIBRARY FUNDING**

Copies of correspondence from Mary Gilliss, Secretary, Halifax County Regional Library Board, were circulated to members of Council. Mrs. Gilliss advised members that the Provincial Department of Education will not be cost-sharing the region to move to a higher rate of funding this year and that the Library now finds itself in a short-fall position of \$344,000. Mrs. Gilliss indicated the impact of this short-fall and requested that Council retain the amount of \$133,744 in its Budget for the Town's share of the Library Budget.

In speaking to this correspondence, Councillor Goucher reviewed details of the current funding problems and supported Mrs. Gilliss' request.