

In presenting the report, Mr. English advised it was not staff's intent, nor were they qualified to comment on the environmental or technological aspects associated with the Plant. He stated these issues have received considerable study and debate and although negative perceptions still exist these will continue to prevail regardless of the location. He indicated it was staff's desire the report would be received as an objective and factual analysis of the proposed site with the focus pertaining to cost variables and other intangibles related to site specifics of the proposed facility.

By way of background information leading to preparation of the report, Mr. English noted the Metropolitan Authority had considered several proposed sites, with the Burnside site receiving the highest rating under the siting criteria. The Metropolitan Authority, however, on February 11, 1992, approved a motion to re-consider two alternative sites, of which the Bedford site now being discussed, was not one. Following correspondence between the Metropolitan Authority and the Town of Bedford, on February 19, 1992, the Town was invited to submit a bid to be considered as host community.

Mr. English noted the proposed site under consideration, consisting of approximately 40 acres, is presently owned by the Metropolitan Authority, and is located adjacent to the BiCentennial Highway, #102 North of the Bedford By-Pass. Authority staff had indicated the site was not previously considered as there were perceived conflicts with the interchange construction associated with the proposed Burnside Drive extension project. Mr. English reported the Department of Transportation has since advised that the land in question will not be affected by the Burnside extension, but rather, could be enhanced by same.

Given Bedford's participation in the previously approved Solid Waste Management Plan, Mr. English informed the meeting that Bedford's 5% share of the projected capital costs would equate to approximately \$8.2 million which would exceed the Town's current debt.

Through the utilization of overhead slides, Mr. English provided a suggested Motion which, if approved by Town Council, would allow for the advancement of a formal application to the Metropolitan Authority to host the W.T.E. plant.

Mr. Zwicker, Director of Planning, presented maps of the site and surrounding areas, the two other proposed sites (Burnside and Bayers Lake Industrial Parks), as well as visual siting diagrams indicating views of the proposed plant from various points in the Town. He also displayed similar diagrams of the view of the proposed plant if it were located in Burnside.

Mr. English noted the C.P. Allen High School is one of the nearest buildings to the location, at 750 metres away, however, the Siting Criteria indicates the minimum distance for any residential or public building as 500 metres.

Various examples of the Siting Criteria, utilized by the Authority in rating sites i.e. Avoidance, Minimization, Desirable, and Physical Setting were displayed comparing each of the three sites. Of particular note was the following:

- The Bedford site has direct access to the 100 series highways
- Proximity to a power grid is approximately .6 km
- The land is owned by Metropolitan Authority
- The site can be easily serviced.
- The site would require re-zoning from Light to Heavy Industrial.

Mr. Paynter, Director of Engineering and Works addressed the issue of site servicing. He noted, with the use of maps, where an extension of the existing trunk water and sanitary service mains could be located, along with costs associated with the above which would be borne by the Authority. He further noted such an extension would serve to loop the water supply, and thereby provide service capability for further industrial development activity in the area.

With respect to site access, Mr. Paynter demonstrated how the proposed Bedford site could be entirely accessible from existing and proposed 100 series highway networks. He noted that use of the site could serve to accelerate the construction schedule of the proposed Interchange associated with the Burnside Drive Extension project. He also indicated where temporary access ramps onto Highway 102 from the Bedford Bypass could be built, until completion of the bypass extension.

Mr. English, presented financial data, which compared projected site specific Capital and Operating Costs between the two proposed sites, Burnside and Bedford, noting the financial impact to Bedford from each site. Of particular note was the following:

- Site specific Capital and Operating costs to the Authority associated with the Bedford site would be significantly lower due to factors such as: no purchase of land required; lower water rates, lower Business Occupancy Tax, and Host Community Payment costs. These projections indicated that having the plant located in Bedford would result in estimated savings of approximately \$1,355,000, to metropolitan Halifax municipal taxpayers.
- The total estimated direct benefit to Bedford for hosting the plant approximated \$1,179,750. The net annual cost, to Bedford for hosting the plant would approximate \$270,000 compared to an annual cost to Bedford of approximately \$1.5 million, if the plant is located in Dartmouth.

Mr. English reviewed a strategic analysis undertaken on the matter involving a number of proactive issues, strengths and weaknesses, and opportunities and threats, associated with the concept of Bedford hosting the proposed W.T.E. facility.

Mr. English noted that the Metropolitan Authority, in considering the Burnside site, had not critiqued sites on a financial basis because Burnside had scored so high on the other criteria.

In conclusion, Mr. English suggested there were three critical questions which should be addressed by Council:

- Of the two alternate sites (Bedford and Dartmouth) which site provides the most positive impacts to Bedford and the metro area?
- Given the proximity of the Burnside site, are there any differences (real or perceived) in terms of the visual and psychological impacts to Bedford residents?
- Given the financial impact of metro's Solid Waste Management plan, how is Bedford going to fund its share now and in the future?

Mayor Kelly thanked Mr. English and Staff for their presentation.

Councillor Goucher reiterated for the benefit of the public, that Council had requested staff to prepare the report and presentation. He stated it was a great tribute to Staff, for their being able to compile the report on such short notice.

DISCUSSION

Mayor Kelly opened the floor for questions from Council.

Deputy Mayor Cosgrove requested clarification on some of the costs to Metropolitan Authority and directed several questions to Mr. Zwicker regarding a) streams or water courses in the area of the site; b) truck traffic through Bedford, and c) the sale of power generated by the W.T.E. plant.

Mr. Zwicker indicated, with the use of a map, that the edge of Rocky Lake was 200 metres away from the proposed plant, and that the minimum clearance was 100 metres. He also noted one seasonal run-off stream in the area. With regard to truck traffic, Mr. Zwicker noted the proposed new interchange would be a required element for the facility, with same accelerating its construction. He indicated that to his knowledge, the Metropolitan Authority is involved in negotiations with Nova Scotia Power Corporation on the subject of selling power.

Councillor Goucher inquired as to the possibility of using the site for the proposed composting plant, instead of the W.T.E. facility, and if this would achieve the same end with respect to accelerating construction of the new interchange. Mr. English responded noting that a composting plant would generate 8 to 10 trucks per day as compared to 350 trucks for the W.T.E. plant. He indicated the composting plant in itself could not justify the need for the interchange. Mr. Zwicker suggested that whereas the W.T.E. plant could motivate the need for the interchange, the composting plant would have to await its construction.

Deputy Mayor Cosgrove pursued further the alternative of hosting the composting facility on this site. Mr. Zwicker indicated that the site may not be suitable for composting due to timing problems, and since the composting is proposed to be a privately run facility, it would be up to the proponent to choose a site.

Councillor MacLean raised questions regarding the possibility of increased truck traffic through Town and in particular, Rocky Lake Drive. Mr. Paynter stated the intent was that all truck traffic would access the proposed site from the Bicentennial Highway, therefore; there would be no impact to Rocky Lake Drive. and Duke Street; in fact, the new interchange would improve truck traffic through Town in general, since it would be a major alternative. It was noted that if the W.T.E. plant was located in Burnside, truck traffic would increase through Bedford.

Councillor MacLean also raised questions regarding water and sewage. Mr. Paynter responded that all needs could easily be met. He further indicated that the sewage discharge from the W.T.E. plant would be very minimal as much of the water is re-circulated. In addition, he indicated the Mill Cove Treatment Plant expansion is scheduled to be completed in 1994/95, which would assist with any additional needs.

Councillor MacLean inquired about the amount of tax increase that could result to each resident if the W.T.E. plant was located in Dartmouth. Mr. Singer, Director of Finance, responded and indicated the annual cost to Bedford will approximate \$1.5 million (for 20 years), and that tax rates could increase by 15% to meet this demand alone. As an example, he noted this would translate to an additional \$210 for every \$100,000 of assessed value on residential properties.

In response to a question from Councillor Davies, he noted that although normally projects are funded over no more than 10 years, special consideration can be given for larger projects, and that Bedford could not handle the costs of the W.T.E. plant over a 10 year period only.

Mayor Kelly, before calling a recess, noted although the financial figures as presented indicate Bedford would receive \$500,000 compensation annually for hosting the plant, he was of the opinion this amount should equal that proposed by Dartmouth i.e. \$1.5 million.

ON MOTION of Deputy Mayor Cosgrove and Councillor Goucher, it was moved to RECESS the meeting at 8:40 p.m. The motion was unanimously approved.

At approximately 9:50 p.m. Mayor Kelly reconvened the formal Council meeting.

Mayor Kelly noted Town Council has three options to consider:

- a) Support the proposed Motion.
- b) Defer decision until after a Public Hearing and information session.
- c) Reject the proposed Motion outright.

Councillor Goucher spoke, noting for the public that he is a member of the Metropolitan Authority, and that contrary to what has been suggested, he has put much time into educating himself on the subject of incineration and alternative waste management practices. He stated that he supports incineration, and that if the Bedford site is chosen after going through the entire process that might follow, he will support it. He noted, however, that as a member of the Metropolitan Authority he cannot support the proposed motion because much time and effort has been spent in choosing the Burnside site, and consideration of other sites now could mean additional time that cannot be afforded.

Councillor Goucher noted the Sackville Landfill is due to close in 1994, and it is doubtful the incinerator can be built by that time, even within the current timetable. He suggested this proposal will widen that gap. He suggested a side effect of further delay will be additional environmental problems, since the new landfill will be built to take only dry, inorganic waste and ash. He cited a study by Metropolitan Authority which indicated that the Sackville Landfill may have to be used for one further year past 1994.

Mayor Kelly acknowledged there are time constraints, however, suggested the current timetable for the Sackville Landfill could still be met, and did not wish to give the public the impression that it could not be achieved.

ON MOTION of Councillor Oickle and Councillor Davies, it was moved that Bedford Town Council request the Metropolitan Authority to consider the Authority-owned lands comprised of approximately forty acres and located adjacent to Highway #102 North of the Bedford By-Pass, as a potential site for the W.T.E. plant; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Town Council endorse the subject site and request the Authority to authorize its staff to conduct a detailed analysis utilizing the Siting Review Criteria; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that providing the results of the detailed analysis are positive, Town Council agree to host the W.T.E. facility subject to the rezoning and Environmental Impact Assessment process and appropriate terms and conditions being negotiated between the Town and Metropolitan Authority.

Councillor Oickle spoke with reference to comments that this decision is being made in haste, noting that he has done much research on the subject since November 1991. He indicated his support for incineration, and, with reference to the question of wind directions, noted ninety-nine percent of all toxins, heavy metals and ash are removed from any emissions.

He further indicated that if he thought there was any danger from incineration he would not support it. He also noted he has a young son who will be attend C.P. Allen High School in the future. It is his belief that incineration would not replace recycling, but is part of the entire recycling/waste management plan.

Councillor Oickle noted a suggestion had been made to him recently, that the health risks associated with 20,000 vehicles driving through Bedford every day were far greater than any from an incinerator.

Councillor Davies spoke, indicating his support for the Motion and noted he is satisfied there are no environmental concerns with respect to the plant. A major concern is how Bedford will pay for its share of the W.T.E. plant, and this presents an opportunity to solve that. He noted Council has the responsibility to attempt to alleviate concerns from the public, and that every opportunity to hear and address these concerns should be given. He further noted if an Environmental Assessment indicates any medical or health problems, obviously he would not support a Bedford or Metropolitan Halifax location.

Councillor Davies suggested that approval of the Motion leaves all opportunities open; it does not guaranty that the Metropolitan Authority will approve the site, nor that it will pass the Environmental Assessment, however, if the motion is not approved, then any further opportunities to Bedford are lost.

Councillor MacLean spoke in support of the motion, noting that the concerns of Councillor Goucher regarding the time element are legitimate. He added, however, that it is his responsibility, and his primary concern, to consider what is best for Bedford. He noted that he was apprehensive about the environmental issues, but there will be an opportunity for an environmental process and more public input. He suggested that Bedford be allowed to go through the process.

With respect to the impact on real estate values in Oakmount and other surrounding areas, he reported that he had spoken to real estate agents. They had indicated that

if appropriate information is available, and the plant is accepted, there would be no impact on values.

Councillor MacLean commented on the Camden, N.J. incinerator presentation from Mayor Kelly and Councillor Goucher, and noted he had been impressed with how clean and presentable the plant had appeared. He further suggested that the Town should be allowed to move along to the next phase of consideration.

Deputy Mayor Cosgrove spoke, indicating her support of the motion and citing a May report from Foster Wheeler Power Systems. She reiterated on the subject of the particulate filter used to eliminate 99.5% of toxins and heavy metals from the emissions, and noted how emission controls are monitored and backed up within the plant. She noted that she, too, has looked at incineration very carefully.

Mayor Kelly spoke, indicating that he is philosophically opposed to incineration, and considers it to be a last resort, with other viable options possible. He suggested, however, that Bedford is caught in the process. He noted that he had been surprised with how clean the Camden, N.J. plant was, and that it was located right in the middle of the community.

He stated that he still felt that incineration was not the way to go, but the outcome of tonight's meeting was to be determined by Council, and the public will have a chance for input.

Mayor Kelly thanked Staff for the presentation and report.

The motion was put to the meeting, and was CARRIED. (Deputy Mayor Cosgrove, Councillors Davies, MacLean, and Oickle, voted in favour; Councillor Goucher and Mayor Kelly were opposed.)

Councillor Goucher gave NOTICE OF MOTION TO RECONSIDER for the next meeting.

19. ADJOURNMENT

ON MOTION of Mayor Kelly, it was moved to adjourn the 12th Special Session of the Town Council of the Town of Bedford at approximately 10:30 p.m.

MAYOR

CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER

MEETING #13

TOWN OF BEDFORD

Public Hearing #92-02

Tuesday, March 24, 1992

A Public Hearing of the Town of Bedford took place on Tuesday, March 24, 1992 at 7:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers, Suite 400, Bedford Tower, Bedford, Nova Scotia; Mayor Peter Kelly presiding.

ATTENDANCE:

Deputy Mayor Anne Cosgrove and Councillors John Davies, Harris Hutt, Bill Maclean, and Stephen Oickle.

Councillor Len Goucher was absent with regrets.

Staff members in attendance included Dan English, Chief Administrative Officer; Rick Paynter, Director of Engineering and Works; Ron Singer, Director of Finance and Barry Zwicker, Director of Planning and Development.

Approximately 15 residents were also present.

Amendment - Development Agreement - Adult Lifestyle Project

INTRODUCTION

The purpose of the meeting was to receive written and verbal submissions relative to an application by Bedford Village Properties Limited to amend the Development Agreement for the Adult Lifestyle Project located off Moirs Mill Road, Bedford.

Barry Zwicker, Director of Planning and Development verbally reviewed the background to the request; referring to the information and copy of the Development Agreement with proposed amendment contained in the agenda package. He explained that as part of the process required for a Substantial amendment, the request had been reviewed by the Bedford Planning Advisory Committee and now Council would hear from the Public. Mr. Zwicker noted the specific clause in the memorandum which contains the proposed amendment:

On page 10, Schedule "C", clause (i): SIZE OF DWELLING UNITS - Houses are to be single storey buildings, except for the 13 lots on Clipper Court where two storey dwellings are permitted. Houses are not to exceed 1,650 square feet in main floor area, excluding attached garages. The house may be slab on grade or have full or partial basements.

Mr. Zwicker further explained that the original agreement had allowed for one-storey buildings only, and the proponent now wishes to build two-storey buildings on 13 lots in one cul-de-sac only.

Mayor Kelly asked Council if they had any questions for Mr. Zwicker before he opened the floor to the public.

Deputy Mayor Cosgrove asked Mr. Greenough of Provident Development, who was present in the Chambers, how the other cul-de-sacs in Torrington Place might be developed if this amendment was made and the sale of two-storey homes was successful. Mr. Greenough stated that he felt unable to answer the question with any certainty.

Barry Zwicker noted that any further requests to develop other cul-de-sacs with other than single-storey homes would have to come before Council once again.

SPEAKERS

Mr. Alistair Bryson, Compass Rose Court, Torrington Place

Mr. Bryson stated that he and his wife were one of the first purchasers of a home at Torrington Place and had lived there since December 1990.

He noted that the brochures for the development clearly advertise the development as that of an Adult Lifestyle, with single-storey, two-bedroom homes on small lots. He stated that this type of home was perfect for him and his wife since they did not want to have any stairs to climb and enjoyed the privacy of not having a taller house overlooking their house.

Mr. Bryson stated that the proposed amendment, if it is allowed, will nullify most of their reasons for purchasing their home. He noted his concern that the proponent will attribute any successful selling of two-storey homes to the style of the houses only, and not to a natural uplifting of the housing market in general, which he believes is forthcoming. If this were the case, then the proponent would then wish to build more two-storey homes.

Mr. Bryson indicated that he believes that two-storey homes will encourage families with children to buy the homes even though the lots are very small, which would put pressure on the school system. He also expressed concern about a parkland area opposite his home, indicating that this land could be used for more buildings, or even a school.

In closing, Mr. Bryson stated that he is against the building of two-storey homes in Clipper Court.

Barry Zwicker addressed Mr. Bryson's concerns about the parkland opposite his house, noting that this land is currently owned by the Town and is designated Parkland only. He further noted that the lot is too small for a school.

Mr. Bryson wished to add that he and his wife felt that their home would lose value if two-storey homes were built in the same price range. *Mrs. Elizabeth Bryson* also reiterated her concern about the value of their home, indicating that they feel they are entitled to compensation for any loss of value, since the basis on which they purchased their home will have changed.

Mr. Greenough - Provident Development

Mr. Greenough wished to address the Bryson's concerns, noting that only 13 out of 85 lots are requested for building two-storey homes. The total square footage of the buildings are to remain the same. He indicated that he felt these homes would not attract families with children.

Mrs. Powell

Mrs. Powell expressed her support for the Bryson's position, noting that the couple had been under the impression that the development was an Adult Lifestyle one, consisting mainly of "empty-nesters" and other residents that were not likely to have children.

Mr. Grant Walker

Mr. Walker directed a question to Barry Zwicker regarding the footprint of a two-storey home that would be the same square footage as the existing one-storey homes, and asked if any drawings of these homes have been submitted.

Mr. Zwicker responded, noting that the footprint would be basically cut in half, which would create more space on the lot. He indicated that he has not seen any drawings for two storey houses. He further noted that a two-storey home of the same square footage would not allow for more bedrooms than the one-storey, especially since a one-storey with a basement could legally have more bedrooms built in the basement.

Mr. Greenough

Mr. Greenough wished to respond, noting that the amendment is not for the purposes of obtaining more bedrooms, just so that the living space could be on two storeys instead of one. He indicated that the public had requested two-storeys; it was a market demand.

Mrs. Aileen McCormick

Mrs. McCormick questioned Mr. Zwicker whether it was known what the vacancy rate was for two-storey homes in Bedford. Mr. Zwicker indicated that this was not known by staff.

Mrs. McCormick further indicated that she felt this was information worth knowing for a decision on this.

Deputy Mayor Cosgrove

Deputy Mayor Cosgrove asked Mr. Zwicker whether it was possible to determine if the Bryson's home would have its value deflated by the building of two-storey homes.

Mr. Zwicker indicated that there was no reliable way to determine this. He noted, however, that a case similar to this arose in the past in the Oakridge Subdivision, when residents felt that the construction of two-unit buildings would devalue their single family homes that were adjacent. Mr. Zwicker noted that, to date, there has never been any evidence of a devaluing effect.

Councillor Hutt

Councillor Hutt asked for clarification on whether there were any restrictions on the number of bedrooms that could be built into the basement of a one-storey home. Mr. Zwicker indicated that there was no restriction on this.

Councillor MacLean

Councillor MacLean asked Mr. Greenough to clarify the square footage of a two-storey home. Mr. Greenough indicated that the total would be 1400 to 1600 square feet on two levels, which was no greater than that of a one-storey.

Councillor MacLean then asked if the marketing strategy for the two-storey homes would be any different. Mr. Greenough indicated that there would be no difference in the marketing strategy and the pricing would be about the same.

Mayor Peter Kelly

Mayor Kelly indicated to Mr. Zwicker that the wording of the proposed amendment should be tightened to restrict the total square footage of the two-storey houses to 1,650 square feet, excluding garages. Mr. Zwicker indicated agreement with this suggestion, noting that Staff had not understood that this was what the proponent had been requesting.

Councillor Stephen Oickle

Councillor Oickle asked Mrs. Bryson to clarify her statement regarding compensation. Mrs. Bryson explained that since their home was the least expensive home in Compass Rose Court, and the proposed two-storey homes would cost approximately the same, then their house would become more difficult to sell and lose value. She felt that they were entitled to compensation for this difference.

Barry Zwicker wished to note that any action taken for loss would be against the developer, not the Town.

Mrs. Pender

Mrs. Pender expressed support for the Bryson's, noting that the concept of an "Adult Lifestyle" does not usually include children, and that the Bryson's had been under the impression that the homes would be for adults only. She suggested that Staff retrieve and review the material from the original planning stages of this development to see if this was the case.

Mayor Kelly responded, noting that a development cannot legally exclude any group, but only be designed to appeal to a targeted group.

Barry Zwicker also responded, indicating that the original intent was a design to be targeted at the adult market, but there was never any guarantee of no children living there.

Mrs. Pender expressed her opinion that the Adult Lifestyle concept is important and she was impressed with it from the beginning. She further noted that at least the two-storey homes would not be built right next to the Bryson's home or on their cul-de-sac.

Mr. Bryson

Mr. Bryson wished to reiterate his concerns that although this amendment is for Clipper Court only, there is no guarantee that two-storey buildings will not be built in other cul-de-sacs. He stated that he is not against children, but had hoped that the smaller lots and houses would discourage larger families.

Mr. Barry Zwicker

Mr. Zwicker reiterated that any further requests for building two-storey homes would have to again go through Council. He noted that Staff's recommendation of this amendment had stated that the impact of building two-storey homes on the 13 lots in Clipper Court would be monitored, and that if the request had been for more than those 13 lots then Staff would have recommended against it.

After three calls by Mayor Kelly there were no further speakers.

Therefore, Public Hearing #92-02 of the Town of Bedford was adjourned at 7:40 p.m.

Tuesday, March 24, 1992


MAYOR


CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER

1. LORD'S PRAYER

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

2. ATTENDANCE

Deputy Mayor Anne Cosgrove and Councillors John Davies, Harris Hurt, Bill MacLean, and Stephen Oickle.

Councillor Len Goucher was absent with regrets.

Staff members in attendance included Dan English, Chief Administrative Officer; Barry Zwicker, Director of Planning and Development; Rick Payton, Director of Engineering and Works; and Ron Singer, Director of Finance.

PRESENTATION OF 10 YEAR PLAQUES TO TOWN STAFF

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- Mr. Bob Andrews - Engineering Department
- Mr. Bryce Dart - Dispatcher, Police Department
- Constable David Moore - Police Department
- Sergeant G. D. Murray - Police Department
- Mr. Harry Soper - Planning Department

MEETING #14

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Regular Session

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In addition, there were 6 persons who were unable to attend the presentations. They were:

Carmen Eisan, Engineering Department
Linda McEwen, Fire Department
Constable Curtis Pyke, Police Department
Corporal Chris Melvin, Police Department
Corporal Kevin Tellenbach, Police Department
Constable Bruce MacPhail, Police Department

3. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

- #11 - Regular Session - Feb. 25/92
- #12 - Special Session - Mar. 3/92

ON MOTION of Deputy Mayor Cosgrove and Councillor Davies, it was moved to approve the minutes of Regular Session #11, Feb. 25/92 and Special Session #12, Mar. 3/92 with the following correction:

In Special Session #12, Mar. 3/92 minutes, a motion on page 9 indicates that Councillor Hutt voted; however, Councillor Hutt was absent from the meeting.

The motion was unanimously approved.

4. **ADDITIONS/DELETIONS TO ORDER OF BUSINESS**

Councillor Maclean requested the addition of **Heritage Committee Budget** under #18 ADDED ITEMS.

5. **APPROVAL OF THE ORDER OF BUSINESS**

ON MOTION of Deputy Mayor Cosgrove and Councillor MacLean, it was moved to APPROVE the Order of Business as amended.

The motion was unanimously approved.

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

6.1 **Sackville Hydro Power Corporation Inc. - Mr. G. Royce Hefler**

By memorandum dated March 20, 1992 Mr. Dan English informed Council that

further correspondence had been received from Mr. Hefler, and outlined three options for Council's consideration on this matter.

Mr. English noted the number two option of requesting further information has been fulfilled, since a detailed report had been received recently and is now being reviewed. He further noted that the proposal involves the Town purchasing shares in Sackville Hydro, and given this is a private project could present a legal problem and Council could request Staff to seek a legal opinion on this matter.

ON MOTION of Councillor Oickle and Deputy Mayor Cosgrove, it was moved that Council request Staff to conduct a detailed analysis of the proposal for the Sackville River Power Project.

Councillor Hutt suggested that before Staff invests time and effort in a detailed analysis, he would like to know if the Town is in the position to provide the approximate one million dollars for the project.

Councillor MacLean suggested that Council should request Staff to seek legal advice first to see if the Town's participation is possible.

Councillor Davies stated that he felt this was a good idea at a bad time, given the Budget situation, and that it may be a waste of resources to have Staff spend time or seek legal advice.

Councillor Oickle noted that the proposal indicates that the project will generate enough money in the future to pay for itself, and an analysis by the Staff would determine whether this is true.

Councillor Oickle then withdrew the original motion with the agreement of Deputy Mayor Cosgrove.

ON MOTION of Councillor Oickle and Deputy Mayor Cosgrove, it was moved that Council request Staff to undertake an analysis of the proposal for the Sackville River Power Project, and provide information to Council.

Mayor Kelly asked Councillor Oickle to clarify what information Staff should provide. Councillor Oickle indicated three items:

- How much the project will cost the Town
- How much money will be generated by the sale of power to N.S. Power Corp.
- What are the legal implications

There followed some discussion as to whether the request was for a detailed analysis or not.

ON MOTION of Councillor MacLean and Deputy Mayor Cosgrove, it was moved to DEFER the matter of the Sackville River Power Project until the next Regular Session, and that Staff consult with legal counsel and report to Council.

The motion was CARRIED. (Councillors Oickle, MacLean and Deputy Mayor Cosgrove voted in favour; Councillors Davies and Hutt were opposed.)

7. PUBLIC HEARINGS AND MOTIONS ARISING THEREFROM

7.1 Public Hearing 92-02 - Amendment to Development Agreement - Adult Lifestyle Project - known as Torrington Place

ON MOTION of Deputy Mayor Cosgrove, it was moved to DEFER discussion until Staff amends the Development Agreement to reflect that the maximum square footage of the two storey homes would be limited to 1650 square feet, and that Staff determine whether there would be a decrease in the value of the single storey homes in Torrington Place.

Before a seconder for the motion could be named, Mr. Barry Zwicker noted to Council that it would be impossible for Staff to determine a loss in value for the single storey homes; there are too many variables affecting market value of a home. He further noted that the amendment limiting the size of the two-storey homes could be done at this time, and voted on by Council.

Deputy Mayor Cosgrove withdrew the motion.

ON MOTION of Councillor MacLean and Councillor Davies, it was moved that Council approve as a Substantial Amendment to the Development Agreement respecting the Adult Lifestyle Project the following:

Houses are to be single storey buildings [except for the 13 lots on Clipper Court where two storey dwellings are permitted] not exceeding 1,650 square feet in main floor area (excluding attached garages). The houses may be slab on grade or have full or partial basements.

in Schedule "C", Page 10, section (i) SIZE OF DWELLING UNITS -Houses are not to exceed 1,650 square feet of living space, excluding attached garages.

The motion was CARRIED. (Councillor Oickle was opposed to the motion.)

8. PETITIONS AND DELEGATIONS

8.1 **Access-a-Bus - Mr. Yvon LeBlanc**

Mr. LeBlanc, Chairman of DIAL (Disabled Individuals Alliance) presented a report from DIAL's Access-a-Bus Review Committee. DIAL is an advocacy organization acting on behalf of the users of the Access-a-Bus system. The report was circulated in the agenda package.

Mr. LeBlanc reviewed the report for Council, which outlined many areas of concerns regarding the service, as well as recommendations for improvement. Of main concern was the lack of proper funding and out-dated vehicles.

Mr. LeBlanc indicated that he has made the same presentation to the other municipalities and has been pleased with the overall response. He further noted that Metropolitan Authority has agreed to DIAL's recommendation to hire an independent consultant who specializes in the needs of the disabled, and to conduct a \$30,000 study. Mr. LeBlanc noted, however, that his organization is not happy with the Terms of Reference and that correspondence regarding these concerns has been forwarded to Metropolitan Authority.

Mr. LeBlanc indicated that the Review Committee is making presentations to each Municipality in order to increase awareness of DIAL's concerns, and they will continue to keep the Municipalities informed as the study is conducted and the process for change continues.

Mayor Kelly thanked Mr. LeBlanc for his presentation, and indicated that he is aware of the study to be conducted, but was unaware of any problems with the Terms of Reference. He indicated that he hoped the Bedford Transit Advisory Committee will have an opportunity for input. Mayor Kelly then asked if Council had any questions for Mr. LeBlanc.

In response to a question from Councillor Oickle, Mr. LeBlanc noted that DIAL has been in existence for 11 years, and currently has about 50 members with a variety of disabilities. He further noted that approximately 17% of the population have physical limitations of some kind, although 4% would be that of having to use a wheelchair.

Councillor Davies asked what Mr. LeBlanc would like Bedford Council to do as a result of his presentation. Mr. LeBlanc indicated that his committee would like to keep the municipalities informed, and that the main endorsement they are looking for is that of increased funding allocated to upgrade the service. He noted that the Consultant's Report will be provided directly to Metropolitan Authority.

Mayor Kelly noted that he feels that Metropolitan Authority has heard the message the Review committee has sent, and that the future will see substantial changes being made.

8.2 Sackville River - Mr. Don Ambler

Mr. Ambler, Chairman of the Bedford Waters Advisory Committee, circulated briefing notes for a presentation on a proposed pedestrian path linking Range and Fish Hatchery Parks.

In brief, he explained the various benefits of a walkway; the costs; and a suggested schedule for three phases of construction. Also included in the agenda package was a copy of a news article written by Mr. Ambler, which elaborated on the concept.

Following Mr. Ambler's presentation, there were questions and comments from Council and Staff.

Councillor Davies suggested that, since this proposal could be considered a "waterfront development", the Bedford Waterfront Development Corporation could be a source of information and assistance for the project.

Councillor MacLean stated that he was pleased with the initiative taken on this proposal, and that it has merit. He suggested, further to the proposal, that an integrated walkway system throughout Bedford be addressed.

Mr. Zwicker, Director of Planning, informed Council that approximately seven years ago the Planning Department in conjunction with the Recreation Department prepared a document entitled "Major Path and Walkway System". The proposed Sackville River pathway was included in the document as were walkway systems linking Kearney Lake, to Paper Mill Lake, the Waterfront, Fish Hatchery Park, Range Park, Jack Lake and Sandy Lake. Although some aspects of the proposal have been implemented, due to a number of factors including Budget constraints, a great deal of work still remains.

Mr. Zwicker further noted that the Planning Department supports the concept of a Sackville River Pathway and would be pleased to participate and cooperate in any way possible. He noted the benefits in terms of prevention of erosion to the river banks is important.

Mayor Kelly thanked Mr. Ambler for his presentation, and indicated that further discussion on the subject will take place.

Councillor Oickle noted that the walkway systems would be mainly used in spring and summer, and that the earlier discussed proposal for a flood control system on the Sackville River would mean there would be water in the river during those seasons. He noted that the river last summer was little more than a ditch.

Mr. English noted he would arrange to have copies of the Major Path and Walkway System document circulated to members of Council.

9. **MOTIONS- NIL**

10. **NEW BUSINESS**

10.1 **Provincial Task Force - Municipal Reform**

By memorandum dated March 20, 1992 Mr. Dan English, Chief Administrative Officer, presented background information on the work and progress to date of the Provincial Task Force on Local Government Structure (the Mandate and Terms of Reference were attached). Also included with the memorandum was a draft letter outlining the Town of Bedford's position with respect to the matter of municipal reform, to be considered by Town Council.

Mr. English noted that a Progress Report of the Task Force's work to date, had been received about one week previous, and that any comments were to be submitted to the Union of Nova Scotia Municipalities (UNSM) by March 26, 1992. He also circulated further information received on March 24, 1992, from the President of the UNSM, Mayor John Savage indicating that the Province has insisted the Task Force Report be tabled no later than April 6, 1992.

ON MOTION of Councillor Davies and Deputy Mayor Cosgrove, it was moved that Council endorse the contents of the draft letter and that same be conveyed to the UNSM outlining the Town of Bedford's position on Municipal Reform in Nova Scotia.

The motion was unanimously approved.

10.2 **Proposed Strategic Planning Process**

By memorandum dated March 19, 1992 Mr. English, Chief Administrative Officer, introduced a report on the concept of developing a Strategic Plan for the Town of Bedford.

Mr. English provided a verbal overview of the report, and indicated that the next step would be a meeting between Council, Senior Staff and a Facilitator experienced in Strategic Planning. The purpose of this meeting would be to hold discussions aimed at providing a clear understanding and appreciation of the process involved in proceeding with development of a Strategic Plan. Following this, Mr. English noted that a Strategic Planning Team consisting of Council and Staff should be appointed to develop the schedule and responsibilities.

Mayor Kelly inquired as to the timing for public input in the process. Mr. English indicated that once the Team is appointed, it would be their responsibility to establish a schedule that would include opportunities for public input.

Town Council indicated their agreement in principle to proceed in such a manner and Mayor Kelly thanked Mr. English for his report, and directed Staff to designate a day for the above mentioned meeting.

11. REPORTS

11.1 COMMITTEES/COMMISSIONS/BOARDS

11.1.1 (a)

B.P.A.C. - (a) Activity Report

ON MOTION of Deputy Mayor Cosgrove and Councillor MacLean, it was moved that Council accept B.P.A.C.'s Activity Report, dated March 5, 1992, as circulated.

The motion was unanimously approved.

11.1.1 (b)

Motions re Future Development Agreement Applications

Included in the agenda package were copies of a letter, dated March 19, 1992 to Mrs. Joan Pryde, Chair of the Bedford Planning Advisory Committee from Mr. English, Chief Administrative Officer, DRAFT minutes of the March 12, 1992 meeting of B.P.A.C., and letters of opinion from Legal Counsel, Mr. Peter McInroy.

During the March 12 meeting of B.P.A.C., two Motions were approved (on pages 4 and 5 of the minutes) regarding concerns of B.P.A.C. relative to overcrowding in Bedford schools and fears of further enrolment impacts from residential development, and the effect of any further residential development on the contracted share of

capacity the Town has at the Mill Cove Sewage Treatment Plant, for which expansion is proposed, but is not expected to be completed until the fall of 1994.

A legal opinion on these Motions was sought from Mr. Peter McInroy, with respect to possible legal implications in context of the Planning Act and the Town's M.P.S.

Mr. English noted there appeared to be some confusion over what the actual wording of these motions was, and that the minutes are draft only and have not yet been approved by the Committee. He further noted that the Legal opinion clearly indicates that Council is not able to consider the recommendation as being presented by BPAC. He indicated also that the Legal opinion suggests BPAC must consider all Development Applications based on their individual merits.

Mayor Kelly indicated that an in-camera meeting will be held on March 25, 1992, between Town Council and B.P.A.C., in order to resolve the concerns raised with respect to the Motions.

Deputy Mayor Cosgrove, as a member of B.P.A.C., noted her exception to the opinion of Mr. McInroy, who indicated that the committee had been "close-minded" with respect to these matters. She explained that the Committee had approved the Motions as a result of discussing concerns with respect to schools, and sewage treatment capacity.

11.2 DEPARTMENTAL- NIL

12. CORRESPONDENCE

12.1 Funding Request - Nova Scotia Town Criers Championships - August 1992

Mr. Duncan Cross and Mr. Stew MacMillan were present in the Chambers in order to elaborate on their request for funding in the amount of \$2,500 from the Town of Bedford to help with the hosting of the N.S. Town Criers Championships on August 7, 8 and 9, 1992. A request had been originally made by letter (copy included in the agenda package), but return correspondence from Mr. Dan English had indicated that since the Grants Advisory Committee had been eliminated this year, no charitable grants were to be considered or approved within the 1992/93 Operating Budget due to current financial constraints.

Mr. Cross spoke to Council, and requested the grant be considered favourably given the positive spin-off effect it would have to the Town. He noted that further funding is being sought from the private sector, and that it was desired to be able to create a 1st Class event of which the citizens of Bedford could be proud.

Mayor Kelly inquired as to the total projected cost of the event. Mr. Cross indicated that a detailed budget would not be produced until the total amount of funding was known. A tentative-only schedule has been arranged.

Mayor Kelly indicated that the Town could assist in ways other than monetary, by providing the services of a Special Events organizer, the use of the Manor House for a location, and other aspects. He noted that the Town supports the event, but that more information with respect to budget was desired before a firm commitment be made.

Mr. MacMillan spoke, noting that this will be the 8th Annual Championship event. He further noted that, in the past, the host Town has always given their full cooperation and support. He stated that he hoped the Town of Bedford would also give their support.

Mayor Kelly responded, indicating that the Town does support the event, but that it was desired that the funds be spent in the best way possible, and that Staff and facilities of the Town be utilized.

Mr. Cross indicated that a budget will be prepared and could be presented to Council if required. He noted that the Town could consider the funding of this event as an investment due to the business it will bring to local motels and restaurants.

Councillor MacLean spoke, noting that the contribution of the Town Crier to the Town of Bedford is widely recognized, and that the event will be a focal point of the summer. He expressed his admiration of their efforts.

Councillor Oickle suggested that this request for funds should be considered an investment, not a charitable grant.

ON MOTION of Deputy Mayor Cosgrove and Councillor Oickle, it was moved that Town Council approve a grant not to exceed \$2,500 to assist in hosting the 8th Annual Nova Scotia Guild of Town Criers Championships in Bedford during August 1992.

The motion was unanimously approved.

13. MOTIONS OF RECONSIDERATION

13.1 Proposed Bedford Location - Waste to Energy Facility - Councillor Goucher

Mayor Kelly noted, for the record, that Councillor Goucher withdrew his Notice of Motion on March 4, 1992.

14. MOTION OF RECISSION - NIL

15. NOTICES OF MOTION - Mayor Kelly - Siting of Waste to Energy Facility

Mayor Kelly informed Council that he is serving Notice of Motion for the next Regular Council meeting, to call for a Public Plebescite on the matter of Siting the Waste to Energy Facility in the Town of Bedford.

In response to questions from Councillor Oickle and Deputy Mayor Cosgrove, Mayor Kelly indicated that residents could, prior to voting, be informed on the matter through a number of information sessions that will include discussions on the pros and cons. In response to an enquiry from Councillor Oickle, Mayor Kelly indicated that the proposed Plebescite would not impair the Metropolitan Authority's evaluation of the Bedford site.

16. DEPARTMENTAL INFORMATION REPORTS

16.1 Fire Chief's Monthly Report - Month of February, 1992

ON MOTION of Councillor Hutt and Councillor MacLean, it was moved to accept the Fire Chief's Monthly Report for the month of February, 1992.

The motion was unanimously approved.

16.2 Building Inspector's Monthly Report - Month of February, 1992

ON MOTION of Councillor Oickle and Councillor Davies, it was moved to accept the Building Inspector's Monthly Report for the month of February, 1992.

The motion was unanimously approved.

17. QUESTIONS - NIL

18. ADDED ITEMS

18.1 Budget for Bedford Heritage Advisory Committee

Councillor MacLean circulated B.H.A.C.'s 1992 objectives including a budget, for 1992/93. He noted that he wished to present it for Council's consideration, to allow B.H.A.C. to hold a number of proposed events for the year.

Mayor Kelly thanked Councillor MacLean, and noted that same will be considered within the Operating Budget. Ron Singer, Director of Finance, noted that a specific budget category has already been opened for B.H.A.C. in Draft #1 of the budget.

During March 31, 1992

19. **ADJOURNMENT**

ON MOTION of Mayor Kelly, it was moved to adjourn the 14th Regular Session of the Town Council of the Town of Bedford at approximately 9:50 p.m.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Mayor Kelly presided over the Session by the leading of the Lord's Prayer.

MAYOR

CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER

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ADDITIONS/DELETIONS TO ORDER OF BUSINESS

Deputy Mayor Cosgrove requested that a discussion regarding the Notice of Motion on a Plebiscite for the siting of the Waste to Energy Facility be added to the agenda.

APPROVAL OF THE ORDER OF BUSINESS

DISCUSSION - PROPOSED 1992/93 OPERATING BUDGET

5.1 Halifax County Social Services - Ed Mason

Mr. Mason addressed Council on behalf of Halifax County Social Services. He noted that the estimate figures in the Town's proposed budget had been reviewed by Social Services, and were considered to accurately reflect the anticipated needs of the Department, with the exception of the category of General Assistance.

MEETING #15

TOWN OF BEDFORD

Special Session

Tuesday, March 31, 1992

A Special Session of the Town Council of the Town of Bedford took place on Tuesday, March 31, 1992 at 7:30 p.m. in the Council Chambers, Suite 400, Bedford Tower, Bedford, Nova Scotia; Mayor Peter Kelly presiding.

1. LORD'S PRAYER

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

2. ATTENDANCE

Deputy Mayor Anne Cosgrove and Councillors Len Goucher, Harris Hutt, Bill MacLean, Stephen Oickle.

Councillor John Davies was absent with regrets.

Staff members in attendance included Dan English, Chief Administrative Officer

3. ADDITIONS/DELETIONS TO ORDER OF BUSINESS

Deputy Mayor Cosgrove requested that a discussion regarding the Notice of Motion on a Plebecite for the siting of the Waste to Energy Facility be added to the agenda.

4. APPROVAL OF THE ORDER OF BUSINESS

5. DISCUSSION - PROPOSED 1992/93 OPERATING BUDGET

5.1 Halifax County Social Services - Ed Mason

Mr. Mason addressed Council on behalf of Halifax County Social Services. He noted that the estimate figures in the Town's proposed budget had been reviewed by Social Services, and were considered to accurately reflect the anticipated needs of the Department, with the exception of the category of General Assistance.

Mr. Mason went on to explain that there has been a significant increase in case-load during 1991, and that the trend is continuing. He noted that the average case-load in 1990 was 105 per month, which has increased to 138 - 139 per month in 1991. He suggested that the reasons have to do with a current lack of employment opportunities, and that this situation is not likely to improve.

Deputy Mayor Cosgrove asked Mr. Mason about the increase in case load during the last two years, and whether this trend will continue in 1992. Mr. Mason indicated that it is expected that case load numbers will stay the same or increase, but they will not decrease. He further noted there has been an increase in able-bodied people applying for assistance, due to unemployment. As an example, he indicated that during 1990 the Department had 450 cases of able-bodied, employable persons; in 1991 there were 900.

Councillor MacLean inquired as to the types of clients the Department sees. Mr. Mason categorized clients as: disabled, low income, and single parents. Also in response to Councillor MacLean, he indicated that the new UIC policies which increased the number of weeks of employment to collect, and the length of benefit time shortened has had an impact in the increase in case-load of able-bodied persons.

In response to questions from Mayor Kelly, Mr. Mason indicated the following:

- a) A single parent with any number of children is considered **one** case.
- b) During 1991/92, the Department had over-expended in the amount of \$200,000 under General Assistance. The figures in the budget for General Assistance in 1992/93 are considered to be close to what will be required; however, Mr. Mason noted, the Department will not turn away anyone who qualifies for assistance even if they must over-expend again.
- c) September 1991 was noted to have had the highest case-load, but the lowest pay-out figures. Mr. Mason did not know the reasons why, but indicated that he will check into it.
- d) With reference to a suggestion that able-bodied applicants be placed on training programs such as C.D.I.C., Mr. Mason noted that there is a Unit in the Department that works exclusively with the C.D.I.C. training programs, and that 35 persons had gone through the program this year. However, Mr. Mason noted, many of these people were still not employed, and that there had been more difficulty, in general, in finding employment for their employable cases.

Mayor Kelly thanked Mr. Mason for his presentation, and suggested that Mr. Mason may have to return again to clarify those areas that were brought up during discussion.

5.2 Halifax County Regional Library - Mary Gillis

Councillor Hutt introduced the Executive Director, Mary Gillis and Ms. Beverley Brucha of the Halifax County Regional Library.

With the use of overheads, Ms. Gillis first provided a historical introduction to the Regional Library System in the Province of Nova Scotia. She noted that all participating municipalities share costs, along with the Province, and they also cooperate in many ways such as sharing resources (1.5 million books).

Halifax County, she noted, has the largest population and is the one most in need of updating. She went on to specifically speak on the Bedford Branch.

Ms. Gillis noted that an increase in many areas of use (reference questions, circulation, requests and members) has been charted since the opening of the new location for the Branch, approximately 2 years ago. This month (March) has been a record month, with 15,500 items being requested. Since the increases have been in every area, the library is unable to re-direct Staff to the area with the highest need. Ms. Gillis further noted that the entire Halifax County Region has seen increases.

In response to a question from Councillor Hutt, Ms. Gillis noted that the Sackville Branch and the Bookmobile service has seen the next highest increases over the Bedford Branch. She indicated that current funding is no longer keeping pace with the demand, and that if the level of funding requested for 1992/93 is achieved, automation could be initiated.

Ms. Gillis went on to explain the funding formula for the Regional Libraries, and noted that Halifax County's funding was \$15,000 below budget in 1991. This necessitated the cutting of many services, programs, materials, and one position.

Ms. Gillis also explained the Value of Circulation Component, such as "the right information to the right person at the right time" and providing programs to pre-schoolers which encourages the love of reading. She went on to give examples of the kinds of questions and help that the library has provided to people.

In closing, Ms. Gillis asked for Council's support on their funding request, noting that an increase is required to keep up with the increase in use of the libraries; to reduce the funding will require such cuts as reducing hours to consolidate and reduce staff.

She suggested that support from Bedford Town Council will assist the Library Board when they approach the Province for funding.

In response to a question from Deputy Mayor Cosgrove, Ms. Gillis indicated that part of the reason for the increase in requests for information is because the material is not widely available at the branch, so Staff must go throughout the Regional system to find that material.

In response to a question from Councillor Maclean, Ms. Gillis indicated that the new location of the Bedford Branch, with it's improved access, is only one reason why use of the branch is up. Additional factors are recession and population growth. The Sackville Branch has also experienced these increases.

In response to a question from Councillor Hutt, Ms. Gillis indicated that the request for the increase in funding is necessary; Staff is unable to cope with the increased use and are operating at the "bare bones". If the increase is not achieved, the hours and programs will have to be cut. Councillor Hutt acknowledged there have been increases during 1991, and asked if it was thought these increases will continue for 1992. Ms. Gillis noted that the figures have continued to rise during the first months of 1992 and that March has been the busiest yet.

Mayor Kelly thanked Ms. Gillis and Ms. Brucha for their presentation, and indicated Council will consider and discuss the Library's budget further during Budget deliberations.

5.3 Metropolitan Authority

Mr. Gordon Brown of Metropolitan Authority reviewed, with the use of overheads, the Authority's draft Estimates of Revenue and Expenditure for 1992/93, and the Capital Program for 1992/93 to 1994/95.

He first reviewed the Consolidated Operating Statement for the year ended March 31, 1993, noting that the municipal contributions varied but that the Town of Bedford's contribution will decrease by 7.6%, mainly due to a decrease in transit service. Mr. Gordon pointed out that the overall figures reflect an increase in tipping fees and a five cent increase in transit fares.

Mr. Brown then reviewed a Solid Waste Condensed Operating Statement, indicating that it gave a finer breakdown of what was on the Consolidated Statement. Some of the points noted were:

- a decrease in commercial revenue

- an increase in administration costs due to the necessity of providing public information regarding curbside recycling, and promotional material regarding the reduction of waste and backyard composting.
- a 50% increase for Landfill due to the importing of "cover"
- a 50% increase for the Materials Recovery Facility (MRF)
- a disposal fee increase from \$38 to \$42

Mr. Brown noted, with reference to the Tonnage Summary, that the elimination of illegal dump sites will offset any reduction in tonnage.

Mayor Kelly indicated that the Town of Bedford's share of Tonnage was previously noted to be 2.7%, but that the Tonnage Summary shows a projected 4% for the Town, and inquired about this difference. Mr. Brown indicated that the introduction of the M.R.F. should decrease the figure and that a more accurate tonnage figure can be projected one year after the M.R.F. is in place.

With reference to the Solid Waste Projections, Mr. English questioned whether a reduction in the Transfer to the Reserve will affect the municipalities in future years. Mr. Brown indicated that any shortfall would affect the municipalities. Mr. Gordon also noted, in response to a question from Mr. English, that the disposal fees will increase each year gradually, to \$95 per ton.

Mayor Kelly thanked Mr. Brown for his presentation, and indicated that the report will be considered further by Council during on-going budget deliberations.

5.4 Halifax County/Bedford District School Board

Mayor Kelly noted that the School Board was unable to present their budget submissions at this time due to a conflict in schedules.

6. DISCUSSION - WASTE TO ENERGY INCINERATOR

There was some discussion regarding Mayor Kelly's Notice of Motion on a Plebecite for the siting of the W.T.E. facility in Bedford. Mayor Kelly noted his Notice of Motion was for the next Regular meeting, whereas this meeting is a Special Meeting.