

MEETING #7

TOWN OF BEDFORD
REGULAR SESSION
MONDAY, FEBRUARY 13, 1995 - 7:00 P.M.

A Regular Meeting of the Town Council of the Town of Bedford took place Monday, February 13, 1995 - 7:00 p.m. - in the Cafeteria, Basinview Community School, Basinview Drive, Bedford, N.S.

1. LORD'S PRAYER

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

PROCLAMATIONS

Mayor Kelly called on Mr. Dan R. English, Chief Administrative Officer, to read two proclamations - Family Violence Prevention Week and Tough Love Week.

2. ATTENDANCE

Those in attendance at the commencement of the Session included Mayor Peter Kelly; Deputy Mayor Peter Christie and Councillors B. Joan Pryde, Len Goucher, Marvin Silver and Anne Cosgrove.

Councillor Stephen Oickle was absent with regrets.

Staff members in attendance included Mr. Dan R. English, Chief Administrative Officer; Rick Paynter, Director of Engineering and Works; Chief H.A. MacKenzie, Police Department; Ron Singer, Director of Corporate Services; Bob Nauss, Director of Parks and Recreation; Donna Davis-Lohnes, Director of Planning and Development Control; Deputy Chief Greg Murray, Police Department and Jane Nauss, Recording Secretary. Also in attendance was Neville Wheaton, Fire Chief, Bedford Volunteer Fire Department.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

ON MOTION of Deputy Mayor Peter Christie and Councillor Anne Cosgrove, the Regular Meeting Minutes of January 24, 1995 were approved. MOTION APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY.

ON MOTION of Deputy Mayor Peter Christie and Councillor Len Goucher, the Public Hearing Minutes of January 31, 1995 were approved. MOTION APPROVED

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UNANIMOUSLY.

4. ADDITIONS/DELETIONS TO ORDER OF BUSINESS

Mr. Dan R. English advised he would like "Request for Two Police Vehicles" added to the agenda to be included with item #10 - Capital Budget. Mayor Kelly noted that same would be numbered 10 (a).

5. APPROVAL OF ORDER OF BUSINESS

ON MOTION of Councillors Len Goucher and Anne Cosgrove, the Order of Business, as amended, was approved. MOTION APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY.

6. DEFERRED BUSINESS/BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

6.1 Deferred Motion - Electoral Boundaries Issue

Mayor Kelly welcomed Mrs. Francene Cosman, M.L.A. and Mr. Bill MacDonald, M.L.A. to the meeting noting they were invited to take part in discussions on the matter of electoral boundaries. Further, it was hoped that both could assist Town Council in their endeavor to bring Bedford West back into the Bedford/Fall River riding.

Mayor Kelly reminded Council of a Motion passed during the January 24, 1995 Regular meeting to defer further action on this matter, pending the outcome of an invitation to MLAs Cosman and MacDonald to attend this evening's Council Session.

Councillor Pryde noted she had seconded the original Motion to not proceed further on this matter due to economic reasons.

Deputy Mayor Christie advised he felt the Town was "spinning its wheels" in this matter and anticipated both Mrs. Cosman and Mr. MacDonald could provide an indication as to whether there was any value in continuing forward.

Councillor Anne Cosgrove noted the community of Bedford is split and that she would like to continue to work towards rectifying the error which had been made in dividing the Town.

Councillor Len Goucher expressed his appreciation to both Mrs. Cosman and Mr. MacDonald for taking the time to attend this evening's meeting. He noted that the

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Town has expended approximately \$23,000 to date on this matter. Accordingly he would like guidance from both MLAs prior to additional funds being spent. Councillor Goucher enquired if there was any further avenue which could be followed to correct the circumstance without getting into a protracted situation.

Mrs. Cosman noted this was an extremely complex situation and that if she lived in Bedford West, she would fight to be returned to the Bedford/Fall River riding.

Mrs. Cosman provided background information on how the problem originated. Professor Landis had prepared a boundary report, and inadvertently omitted those residents located in the area known as Bedford West. The House of Assembly attempted to rectify the situation by debating the issue. Mrs. Cosman noted that boundaries can only be decided by an Electoral Boundaries Commission. Accordingly, the House of Assembly obtained a legal opinion on the matter. Unfortunately, the opinion turned out to not favour the establishment of such a Commission due to the fact that a Commission cannot deal with only two boundaries - it must deal with the entire Province. This decision was accepted by the House of Assembly, however, it was agreed that a boundary review of the entire Province, be undertaken in 2002.

Mayor Kelly advised that the Town's solicitor is of the opinion the Town has a strong case to go to the Supreme Court.

Councillor Silver suggested that both Mrs. Cosman and Mr. MacDonald recommend to their colleagues that one MLA represent the entire community of Bedford.

In response, Mrs. Cosman advised she doesn't know if she will be an MLA in seven years. Further, she noted there is a risk of unethical representation if elected officials become involved in boundary discussions.

Mr. Bill MacDonald agreed that Bedford West should be included with the rest of Bedford.

Mrs. Cosman suggested the Town enquire if the court can order the remedy; if so, it would give the Town a better direction.

Deputy Mayor Christie noted that should the Supreme Court suggest this is a constitutional issue, then the matter will rest until the year 2002 at which time all boundaries would be reviewed. Further, it was noted that population figures will change

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over time and perhaps the boundaries as we know them now, will change entirely again.

Mayor Kelly reviewed the January 24, 1995 Motion which was on the floor and enquired as to which direction Council wanted to take at this point in time.

ON MOTION of Councillors Anne Cosgrove and Marvin Silver, it was agreed to defer further action on this matter pending discussion with the Town solicitor. Further, this matter will be placed on the February 28, 1995 Council agenda. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

6.2 Proposed Closure - Bedford Hills Road

Mayor Peter Kelly called upon Mr. Rick Paynter to address Council.

Mr. Paynter reviewed his staff report dated February 7, 1995 noting road closure considerations; traffic engineering analysis; design elements of Bedford Hills Road and Basinview Drive.; M1/Paper Mill Lake RCDD Traffic Impacts on the Bedford Hills Road area; sidewalks; traffic speeds and a 1989 traffic study undertaken by Porter Dillon.

Further, Mr. Paynter advised that a Public Information Meeting on the matter was held January 26, 1995 at which time approximately 350 - 400 residents were in attendance. At that meeting, there was an overwhelming negative response to closing Bedford Hills Road.

On a point of privilege, Councillor Marvin Silver noted he would be voting on the matter, despite being threatened to not take part in the discussions. Further, he stated he was not in a Conflict of Interest due to his residency location.

Mayor Kelly noted there were two aspects to be decided upon this evening: (1) closure of Bedford Hills Road and (2) installation of sidewalks.

ON MOTION of Councillors Joan Pryde and Anne Cosgrove, it was moved to reject the request for closure of Bedford Hills Road.

A lengthy discussion ensued on the matter to date. It was the consensus of Council that safety of pedestrians was a major issue.

Deputy Mayor Christie advised he would be supporting the Motion, however, he noted there was a third issue - that being a traffic speeding problem within the entire

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community. He suggested a campaign be undertaken to promote pedestrian safety within the community. Further, he noted he would not support the installation of sidewalks.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

ON MOTION of Councillors Len Goucher and Marvin Silver, it was moved to defer the matter of installing sidewalks on Bedford Hills Road pending Town staff contacting residents to enquire of their level of continuing interest in the project. Further, it was the consensus of Council to carry out a survey poll to discuss traffic flows; which side of the road to install the sidewalk and to determine the configuration.

On a Point of Order, Deputy Mayor Christie observed that Council seemed to be going ahead with the sidewalk.

Mayor Kelly advised that the Town has not made a decision, one way or the other on the installation of sidewalks.

On a Point of Clarification, Councillor Len Goucher suggested Council discuss the matter in context of the Capital Budget.

MOTION CARRIED. Deputy Mayor Peter Christed voted in the negative.

ON MOTION of Anne Cosgrove and Deputy Mayor Peter Christie, it was moved to encourage the Police Department to take a more active role in educating the public on traffic and pedestrian safety and participate in an educational traffic safety program. Further, that the Bedford Board of Police Commissioners be requested to endorse same.
MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

6.3 Consideration - Reorganization - Heritage Advisory Committee

Mayor Peter Kelly called upon Ms. Davis-Lohnes to address Council.

Ms. Davis-Lohnes advised that appointments to the Heritage Advisory Committee had been deferred in November, 1994 pending possible amalgamation of Heritage Advisory, Heritage '80 and the Fort Sackville Foundation. Through the use of an overhead, Ms. Davis-Lohnes reviewed a proposed Organizational Structure noting the functions of the Heritage Advisory Committee and the three heritage buildings which fall under its jurisdiction.

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Further, Ms. Davis-Lohnes reviewed the proposed committee compilation - 2 Council Members, 3 citizens at large, and 3 members from Heritage '80.

ON MOTION of Councillors Len Goucher and Marvin Silver, it was moved to approve the Organizational Structure as proposed.

In speaking to the Motion, Deputy Mayor Christie enquired as to why this type of structure had been proposed and why couldn't the Heritage Advisory Committee handle the workload.

In response, Ms. Davis-Lohnes noted that three sub-committees were responsible to the Heritage Advisory Committee, particularly with respect to policy and budget decisions. Ms. Davis-Lohnes noted that the role of the Heritage Advisory Committee was very broad and too heavy for one group to handle.

Deputy Mayor Christie suggested that the Scott Manor House and the Teachery Management Committees become one.

In response to an enquiry from Councillor Silver as to the number of members on the Heritage Advisory Committee, Ms. Davis-Lohnes advised that in this case, eight members were not too many, due to the workload.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

ON MOTION of Councillor Joan Pryde and Deputy Mayor Peter Christie, it was moved to appoint David Austin, Diana Haydon and Ron Pierce, to the Heritage Advisory Committee, effective immediately, for a one-year term (expires November, 1995). **MOTION APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY.**

ON MOTION of Councillors Joan Pryde and Deputy Mayor Peter Christie, it was moved to appoint Tony Edwards, Nelson Kennedy and Bob Short as representatives of Heritage '80 to the Heritage Advisory Committee. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

6.4 Consideration - Four-Way Stop - Basinview Drive/Meadowbrook Drive and Three-Way Stop - Meadowbrook Drive/Sunrise Hill

Mr. Rick Paynter reviewed his report on the above-noted issues making particular note of the following:

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Basinview Drive/Meadowbrook Drive Intersection - as a result of a blind crest approach, the hidden intersection situation would create problems for the establishment of a stop sign; further, there is a low volume of traffic in this area.

Meadowbrook Drive/Sunrise Hill Intersection - there is a steep gradient on Meadowbrook Drive, therefore, a stop sign at this location would create problems, particularly in the winter, affecting traffic on Bedford Highway.

Accordingly, it was staff's recommendation that a four-way stop intersection at Basinview Drive/Meadowbrook Drive not be implemented based upon the conclusion of staff's investigations undertaken in accordance with the warrant analysis set out for the establishment of four-way (multi-way) stop intersections.

Further, it was recommended a three-way stop intersection at Meadowbrook Drive/Sunrise Hill not be implemented, in accordance with the conclusion of staff's investigations based upon the warrant analysis for the establishment of three-way stop intersections.

ON MOTION of Deputy Mayor Christie and Councillor Len Goucher, it was moved to accept the recommendation of staff not to implement a four-way stop at Meadowbrook Drive/Basinview. **MOTION APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY.**

ON MOTION of Councillors Len Goucher and Anne Cosgrove, it was moved to accept the recommendation of staff not to implement a three-way stop at Meadowbrook Drive/Sunrise Hill. Further, that the Director of Engineering and Works proceed with the installation of an overhead signalization device at this location. **MOTION APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY.**

6.5 Proposed Renaming of Millrun Park

ON MOTION of Councillors Len Goucher and Marvin Silver, it was moved to rename Millrun Park to the "Scott Saunders Memorial Park." **MOTION APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY.**

6.6 Consideration - Request for Change in Signage - Highway 102

ON MOTION of Councillors Len Goucher and Joan Pryde, it was moved to change the 102 Highway Signage to read "Bedford - A Traditional Stopping Place." **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

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8. PETITIONS AND DELEGATIONS

8.1 Mr. Bill Stapleton - 15 DeWolfe Court - #15 and #19 Water Run-Off

Mr. Bill Stapleton addressed Council noting the water run-off problems he was experiencing on his property. Further, he invited Council to visit the site for a first-hand look.

Mayor Peter Kelly noted this matter has been discussed in the past, however, would be deferred to the next Regular Session of Council and that those Councillors who had not visited the site to date, were encouraged to do so.

6. BUSINESS ARISING CONT

6.7 Amalgamation Update #3

Mayor Peter Kelly provided a brief update on the amalgamation issue noting that a report would be circulated to Council:

- ◆ The first Town Information Meeting on amalgamation was held February 7/95 with approximately 400 people in attendance. The next meeting is scheduled for March 7/95 with invitations to be forwarded to the Premier, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Bedford area MLAs;
- ◆ The four Mayors have adopted a Mission Statement as to a collective position and approach in dealing with the amalgamation issues;
- ◆ The four Mayors have established a Mayors' and Citizens' Round Table forum on the Amalgamation Issue; and
- ◆ Town staff recently arranged a focus group meeting with major commercial tax-payers in Bedford to discuss what might occur with commercial property tax rates should Bedford become part of a UniCity. A similar presentation is to be made to members of the E.D.C. and Councillors not on the Commission were invited to attend (the meeting is to be held February 14, 1995 at 7:30 a.m.)

Deputy Mayor Christie suggested the Town be careful in determining the position of the public i.e. are they against amalgamation or just Bedford being involved in the merger.

Mayor Kelly advised that the next Public Information Meeting on Amalgamation would

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take place March 7, 1995.

10. NEW BUSINESS

10.2 Consideration - Nomination from Bedford - Metroplitan Housing Authority

By secret ballot, Mr. Patrick Sims was appointed as Bedford's representative to the Metropolitan Housing Authority.

10.3 Magazine Article re Bedford - Deputy Mayor Peter Christie

Deputy Mayor Peter Christie presented a January , 1995 issue of the Financial Post which made reference to the best neighbourhoods money can buy. The article proceeded to mention Halifax, but the street name was actually Shore Drive, Bedford. The magazine was given to Mayor Kelly.

10.4 Consideration - Signage for Community Events - Councillor Len Goucher

ON MOTION of Councillor Len Goucher and Deputy Mayor Peter Christie, it was moved to refer the matter of community signage to staff for a report with same to be brought back to Council at a later date. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

11. REPORTS

11.1 Information Report - Rick Paynter - Project Steering Committee - Halifax County Solid Waste Management Project

The aforementioned report was received for information.

11.2 Bedford Volunteer Fire Department 1995 Election Results - Ratification by Council and Appointment of Fire Wards

ON MOTION of Councillors Len Goucher and Marvin Silver, it was moved to ratify the 1995 Fire Department Elections and appointment of Fire Wards. **MOTION APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY.**

12. CORRESPONDENCE

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12.1 Consideration - Metropolitan Halifax Chamber of Commerce re Community Rail Service

Mayor Kelly advised this matter was to be discussed at the Metropolitan Authority level tomorrow morning and that this was strictly for Council's information at this point in time.

15. NOTICES OF MOTION15.1 Seniors Housing Project - Deputy Mayor Peter Christie

Deputy Mayor Christie advised he was serving a Notice of Motion on the matter of a Seniors Housing Project, to be discussed during the next Regular Session of Council scheduled for February 28, 1995.

16. DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS16.1 Fire Chief's Monthly Report - Month of November, 1995

ON MOTION of Councillors Len Goucher and Marvin Silver, it was moved to approve the Fire Chief's Monthly Report for November, 1995 as tabled. **MOTION APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY.**

16.2 Chief Building Inspector's Report - Months of November and December, 1994

ON MOTION of Deputy Mayor Peter Christie and Councillor Len Goucher, it was moved to accept the Chief Building Inspector's Monthly Reports for November and December, 1994 as tabled. **MOTION APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY.**

17. QUESTIONS17.1 Status Sheet

Mayor Kelly enquired as to when the matter of Surplus Lands - Leisure Club - would be dealt with.

In response, Ms. Davis-Lohnes advised within the next month.

Councillor Len Goucher advised that the MPS critical issues project was in full swing

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with BPAC and that same would be brought before Town Council in the near future.

10. NEW BUSINESS CONT'

10.1(a)

Vehicle Replacement (2) - Bedford Police Department

Chief H.A. MacKenzie advised that two Town of Bedford Police Vehicles required replacing in accordance with Town of Bedford Policy 22101 in that Bedford Police Vehicles be replaced once they reach 125,000 kms. Further, Chief MacKenzie advised that one vehicle had accumulated 170,500 kms. and the other 118,962.

Chief MacKenzie advised this was a cooperative tender (City of Halifax, City of Dartmouth and Town of Bedford) and that the deadline for ordering was February 15, 1995. Three companies had offered quotes and it was staff's recommendation to award the contract to Wood Motors Ford Limited for a tender price of \$22,149 each prior to g.s.t.

ON MOTION of Councillor Joan Pryde and Deputy Mayor Peter Christie, it was moved to award the tender for two police vehicles to Wood Motors Ford Limited at a cost of \$22,149 per vehicle prior to g.s.t. with funding to be appropriated through the Operating Budget.

In speaking to the Motion, Deputy Mayor Christie enquired what would happen if the City of Dartmouth does not go with this company. In response, Chief MacKenzie advised the price would remain the same as this was a fleet price and that Bedford's action does not depend on the action of the other units.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

10.1 Proposed Three Year Capital Budget (1995 - 97)

Mr. Dan English referred to a January 19, 1995 memorandum on the proposed 1995/96 Capital Budget. Further, Mr. English advised that discussions this evening would take place on 1995 projects only, for expediency sake. The overheads to be utilized this evening would be made available to Council following the meeting.

Mr. English advised that staff had identified all projects and developed a "shopping list." In other words, same was prioritized through a staff collective prioritization process.

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Town Council has the opportunity to change or add/delete to the order with the exception of the first four projects at the top of the list as they are pre-committed. Mr. English advised that Council should first determine the maximum amount of borrowing which should be permitted or even if borrowing would indeed be required. Further, Council should determine the maximum funding to come from Reserves. Council was advised it could eliminate some of the projects now or deal with each, item by item in an informal setting to discuss same.

Council was reminded of the borrowing policy and that if adhered to, would restrict to an amount such that the following year's debt charges would not exceed 12% of the tax levy. Further, Mr. English noted that the 1994 debt charges totalled \$1.463 million which represents 11.9% of the 1994 tax levy (adheres to the current borrowing policy). Also, any decisions made now on Capital Borrowings will have no affect on the 1995/96 Operating Budget but will impact in 1996/97 as principal and interest payments commence.

Mr. English noted that Bedford has always expressed debt charges as a percentage of the tax levy (principal and interest), and not as a percentage of total revenue or total debt over assessment base as do some other municipalities.

The 12% figure was determined in 1988 by Council and it has only been the last few years the Town has approached the 12% mark. Should Council stay at the 12% level, it would mean borrowing no more than \$600,000 in 1995.

Mr. English reiterated his earlier statement that Council must determine the maximum amount of borrowing and/or withdrawls from Reserves following which the projects should be reviewed by Department Heads.

Mayor Peter Kelly requested item #6 - **Storm Drainage Improvements - Meadowbrook Drive** be depicted as a pre-committed item as the residents in the area had been promised the project would continue, although no clear Motion had been made by Council.

ON MOTION of Councillors Len Goucher and Anne Cosgrove, it was moved to include "**Storm Drainage Improvements - Meadowbrook Drive**" as a pre-committed item. **MOTION CARRIED. DEPUTY MAYOR CHRISTIE OPPOSED.**

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Mr. English introduced three students from the Public Administration Program at Dalhousie University who were in attendance to observe the Budget discussions. He noted they would be sitting in on all budget discussions to assist them in their final year of the program.

ON MOTION of Deputy Mayor Peter Christie and Councillor Joan Pryde, it was moved to limit the Town's borrowing to \$800,000 thereby maintaining 1996 debt charges at the 12.4% level.

In speaking to the Motion, Mr. English advised that the 12.4% figure was a projection only and that if the Town was fortunate enough to experience additional growth, the 12.4% could calculate at 12% by 1996/97.

In speaking to the Motion, Councillor Len Goucher advised he could not support the Motion noting that residents will still have to foot the bill in the future. He further noted that the 12% figure was a good guideline.

Mr. English noted that there is close to \$1/2 million in this year's Operating Budget to work with for Capital. Further, he suggested the Town could eliminate borrowing, however, it would have to look at a tax rate increase of 8 - 10%.

In response to a point of clarification from Councillor Silver, Mr. English advised that staff has consistently recommended against withdraws from Reserves due to the fact they have been building up over the years for a specific purpose. The funds have been earning interest and are available should Council require same. With the impending amalgamation, he indicated Council may wish to use the Reserves this year so as not to have same blended into a UniCity.

Councillor Marvin Silver advised he felt uncomfortable going over the 12% figure.

Deputy Mayor Christie advised the reason for his Motion of borrowing \$800,000 was to deal with the growth in the community.

MOTION DEFEATED

ON MOTION of Councillors Len Goucher and Marvin Silver, it was moved to limit borrowing to \$600,000 thereby adhering to the Debt Charge Policy. **MOTION CARRIED. DEPUTY MAYOR CHRISTIE AND COUNCILLOR PRYDE OPPOSED.**

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Mayor Peter Kelly enquired if any withdrawals would be taken from Reserves. Mr. English indicated certain projects were eligible for this such as the Engineer Truck replacement. Council agreed this should be tendered.

ON MOTION of Councillors Anne Cosgrove and Len Goucher, it was moved to authorize the Mayor and Chief Administrative Officer to call for tenders on "Storm Drainage Improvement - Meadowbrook Drive." **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

ON MOTION of Len Goucher and Deputy Mayor Peter Christie, it was moved to defer further discussions on this matter pending discussions on the Operating Budget. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

Deputy Mayor Peter Christie sought clarification on item 20 - "Bedford Highway Boulevard Project" enquiring if the Department of Transportation had withdrawn its grant.

In response, Mayor Kelly advised in the affirmative. Further, Mr. Rick Paynter advised that the grant had been approved at one point in time, but the project was not approved by Council.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

19. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 10 p.m.

MAYOR

CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER

MEETING #8

TOWN OF BEDFORD
REGULAR SESSION
TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 28, 1995 - 7:00 P.M.

A Regular Meeting of the Town Council of the Town of Bedford took place Tuesday, February 28, 1995 - 7:00 p.m, in the Town Council Chambers, Mezzanine Level, Sunnyside Mall, Bedford Highway, Bedford N.S.

1. **LORD'S PRAYER**

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

2. **ATTENDANCE**

Those in attendance at the commencement of the Session included Deputy Mayor Peter Christie and Councillors B. Joan Pryde, Len Goucher, Marvin Silver, Anne Cosgrove and Stephen Oickle.

Mayor Peter Kelly was absent with regrets.

Staff members in attendance included Dan R. English, Chief Administrative Officer; Rick Paynter, Director of Engineering and Works; Ron Singer, Director of Corporate Services, and Donna Davis-Lohnes, Director of Planning and Development Control.

3. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

ON MOTION of Councillors Len Goucher and Stephen Oickle, the Regular Meeting Minutes of February 13, 1995 were approved. **MOTION APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY.**

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

- Item 6.4 - Update Metropolitan Rail Service - deferred as Mayor Kelly was not in attendance.

- Item 10.2 Update - Red Cross Fractionation Facility - deferred. Presentation will be held on March 7 at 8:00 a.m. during the EDC meeting and Council is invited to attend.

- Item 10.11 - UNSM Membership - was deferred as Mayor Kelly was not in attendance.

5. **APPROVAL OF ORDER OF BUSINESS**

ON MOTION of Councillors Anne Cosgrove and Len Goucher, the Order of Business, as amended, was approved. **MOTION APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY.**

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

6.1 **Request for Parkland Infilling # 221 Basinview Drive**

Mr. Rick Paynter reviewed his report dated February 24, 1995 and through the use of slides, made particular reference to the above-noted property area.

A lengthy discussion was held with reference to a legal opinion received from Mr. Jack Innes of Patterson Kitz. Mr. Paynter stated that the adjacent property owner, Mr. Johnson, was unable at this time to enter into an Agreement of cost-sharing with the Town. Mr. Paynter pointed out there is a need to undertake some infilling along the front of this parkland parallel to the Basinview Drive sidewalk to address a safety concern that exists in this area. The Town would be absorbing all of the costs of this component of the infilling works.

Regarding the request for infilling works along the south boundary line of the Johnson property itself, Mr. Paynter advised there was no legal responsibility for the Town to participate in this work. Regarding the cost, Mr. Paynter mentioned the precedent setting nature if all costs were absorbed by the Town. Mr. Paynter mentioned that in the spring, some stabilization works would be done along Basinview Drive adjacent to the Basinview Drive sidewalk.

Councillor Len Goucher enquired as to what type of stabilization works would be considered i.e. gabian basket infilling. Mr. Paynter stated that the specific nature of the stabilization works had not been decided upon at this point in time.

ON MOTION of Councillor Marvin Silver, it was moved to enter into a 50/50 cost-sharing arrangement with Mr. Johnson, for the infilling and stabilization works along Mr. Johnson's south boundary line.

Councillor Joan Pryde expressed that she would be voting against this Motion.

Deputy Mayor Peter Christie requested Councillor Silver to withdraw his Motion as the cost of the Basinview Drive infilling works would be absorbed by the Town in the spring and as advised by Mr. Paynter, would partially address the safety concerns as raised by Mr. Johnson.

Councillor Silver withdrew his Motion.

At the request of Councillor Stephen Oickle, Mr. Paynter agreed to correspond to Mr. Johnson expressing the results of this meeting.

6.2 **Electoral Boundaries Issue**

Councillor Anne Cosgrove requested Mr. English to explain in simple terms the letter from Armsworthy Lynch, Barristers & Solicitors, regarding a Constitutional Challenge - Bill 23. Councillor Cosgrove further stated this was an emotional situation and involved 440 - 450 voters. There was an error made and Council has an obligation not to split the Town of Bedford.

Councillor Len Goucher expressed the fact he would not be supporting the matter on the table and agreed that these particular voters' rights have been infringed upon and something should be done.

Councillor Pryde stated she would vote for the original Motion not to proceed any further with this matter as there were no funds.

Councillor Silver expressed his disappointment in the response of the two MLAs at the last meeting. He mentioned he made suggestions for their help in reuniting the Town which were subsequently dismissed.

Deputy Mayor Christie suggested that the Town write to the Premier of the Province for his opinion and in-put.

It was noted that the original Motion from January 24, 1995 to defer action on the matter of electoral boundaries, was voted upon and lost.

ON MOTION of Councillors Anne Cosgrove and Joan Pryde, it was moved that the Mayor write to Premier John Savage requesting how the Government would respond in the event the Town was successful with a Charter Challenge. **MOTION UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED.**

6.3 **Mr. Bill Stapleton - Water Run-Off**

Mr. Paynter presented Council with an overview of the water run-off problem of the area in question. Mr. Paynter indicated discussions had been ongoing regarding this problem since 1990. A lengthy discussion was held following the presentation. Mr. Paynter stated that should the Town proceed with Mr. Stapleton's request to eliminate the Condor Road outfall, release agreements from Mr. Stapleton and his neighbour would be required as it was felt this requested course of action would not resolve the drainage problems that the property owners are experiencing.

Councillor Marvin Silver mentioned that he had visited the site and that two facts remain constant in Nova Scotia; it rains and water runs down hill.

Councillor Len Goucher enquired of Mr. Paynter if he planned to re-direct water or diffuse the water at the outfall pipe. Mr. Paynter responded that they had looked at this previously, however, the site disturbance and loss of vegetation would be considerable in attempting to initiate this type of dissipation at the outfall pipe. It was indicated the natural contours of the land would dictate that a watercourse catchbasin at the back property line of the Stapleton property would pick up the majority of the water flowing to this area.

ON MOTION of Councillors Anne Cosgrove and Marvin Silver, it was moved as agreed to by Town Council on December 28, 1992, to enter into a three-way cost-sharing arrangement between the Town of Bedford, Mr. Bill Stapleton and his neighbour, with the Town paying 50% of the cost and the two property owners each picking up 25% of the cost. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

6.5 Update #4 Metro Amalgamation

Deputy Mayor Peter Christie referred to Item #3 regarding the meeting slated for March 7th and that Premier Savage nor Minister Jolly will be in attendance. Further, he enquired if Council felt the meeting should proceed. Councillor Joan Pryde stated she felt the meeting should go ahead. Len Goucher agreed. Council felt there should be an open forum format.

Councillor Cosgrove directed the question of advertising to Dan English who mentioned he had hoped it could be presented in the Blueprint but that the Blueprint would not be ready on time. He did mention newspaper ads; advertising on the "Chickenburger" sign, and whatever other means were available.

Councillor Goucher also mentioned that the four mayors of the municipalities should be advised of the upcoming meeting as well as the two MLAs.

ON MOTION of Councillors Joan Pryde and Councillor Len Goucher it was moved that the meeting on March 7th proceed as planned in an open format, under the chairmanship of Mayor Kelly, with the intent to seek resident input. **MOTION UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED.**

Regarding Item #2 of the Metro Municipal Amalgamation Update #4, Mr. English mentioned that results would be presented at the next meeting of Council on March 14, 1995.

Regarding a metro wide opinion survey Councillor Pryde asked if the responses would be broken down into four municipalities. The answer was affirmative.

ON MOTION of Councillors Marvin Silver and Anne Cosgrove it was moved that the Town of Bedford participate in the metro wide opinion survey. **MOTION UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED.**

6.6 **Non-Substantial Amendment - Crestview Phase 1**

Donna Davis-Lohnes reviewed the request from Crestview Properties Ltd. for a Non-substantial Amendment to Development Agreement #93-02. She used the overhead projector to identify the lots concerned in this matter.

Mr. Barry Zwicker from Wallace, MacDonald & Lively, addressed Council to explain why the changes are requested. Mr. Zwicker explained that the actual size of the Crestview land parcel is smaller than anticipated. The reduced width of the parcel means the project cannot be developed as originally designed.

Councillor Joan Pryde asked Mr. Zwicker about recreational space. She mentioned she had been there and wondered where the children would play? Mr. Zwicker mentioned that one parcel of parkland has been deeded to the Town in Phase I and that a second parcel of parkland may be deeded in Phase II.

Councillor Oickle asked Mr. Zwicker why there has been so many amendments to the development agreement. Mr. Zwicker explained that changes have occurred since approval of the concept plan because availability of accurate topographic survey data has enabled them to fine tune the concept plan. He explained that changes to the mix of housing have been in response to market demand. Mr. Zwicker indicated it was his opinion that the requests involving Lot 92 Oceanview Drive and the lots on James Winfield Lane were the most important of the three requests before Council.

The Director of Planning was asked to clarify for Council the amendments being requested. She again reviewed the three requests before Council.

Councillor Len Goucher mentioned that a legal matter related to this request was to be discussed in Committee of the Whole following the Regular Meeting.

ON MOTION of Len Goucher and Anne Cosgrove it was moved to defer the request from Crestview Properties Ltd for Non-Substantial Amendment to Development Agreement #93-02 pending further information. Further this matter will be placed on the March 14th Council Agenda. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

7. **PUBLIC HEARINGS AND MOTIONS ARISING THEREFROM.**

7.1 **Public Hearings #95-01 Amendment - Nelson's Landing Development Agreement #85-05 - January 31, 1995.**

Ms. Donna Davis-Lohnes, Director of Planning and Development Control reviewed the proposed amendment to the Nelson's Landing Development Agreement involving Block 1F-1 and 1A.

Ms. Donna Davis-Lohnes provided background information regarding Phase I, II, and III of the original development and reviewed amendments which have been approved to the original Agreement. The current proposed amendment from Bedford Basin Estates Ltd. is to change the land uses on the remaining two undeveloped blocks of the Nelson's Landing project. On the hotel site (Block IF-1), the proposed amendment is for twenty-four (24) small lot single detached units. Seven of these units will have direct access off Nelson's Landing Boulevard, the remaining 17 units will be accessed via a private driveway off Nelson's Landing Boulevard. In addition .35 acres of private open space will be provided for the 24 home owners for their future use and potential development. There exists an area of natural vegetation on this block of land along the edge of Nelson's Landing Boulevard facing the Bedford Highway. This vegetation shall remain undisturbed.

On the commercial site (Block 1A), the proposed amendment is for a two storey commercial building of 2,000 square feet per floor and twenty-eight (28) townhouse units. Both of these uses will be accessed by a private driveway off the Nelson's Landing Boulevard. In addition, at the end of the private lane is .29 acres of private common open space for the future use of the residents for the 28 townhouse units. A parking area will be provided for the commercial building, and there will be a small parking area at the end of the private lane adjacent to the private open space. The existing natural vegetation along the Bedford Highway and the entrance of Nelson's Landing Boulevard will remain in its undisturbed natural state.

Councillor Pryde asked Ms. Davis-Lohnes where the children in the development will play.

Ms. Davis-Lohnes pointed to 1.4 acres of parkland located on Amin Street which can be developed for recreational use by the Town. She indicated the .35 acres on Block 1F-1 will be levelled and seeded by the developer as will the .29 acres (excluding the parking area) on Block 1A. Both areas can be developed for private recreational use by the residents.

Councillor Len Goucher referenced the generalized future land use designation and zoning for this property. He expressed concern with the density of the project and the increasing number of small lot dwellings being constructed. He believes these are changing the face of Bedford while the MPS is trying to retain the character of Bedford. He also stated that once amalgamation goes through that Bedford would not have any control over residential land use. He felt that Council has the opportunity to control this development because the application cannot be appealed to the Utility and Review Board.

Councillor Silver stated that BPAC approved this application contingent upon certain issues being addressed. It was his opinion that these issues had not been adequately addressed.

Councillor Anne Cosgrove stated she could not approve the amendment to the Nelson's Landing Development Agreement in light of Councillor Silver's comments. She indicated she did not see the BPAC motion.

Ms. Donna Davis-Lohnes indicated the BPAC minutes were included in the Public Hearing packages circulated to Council. Ms. Davis-Lohnes proceeded to read the motion of BPAC noting that the conditions itemized in the motion were the same as those listed in the staff recommendation. She confirmed that these issues have been addressed adequately in the draft amended development agreement.

Councillor A. Cosgrove directed an inquiry regarding BPAC report to Councillor M. Silver who attended the meeting and he stated the spirit and substance of body of report were not addressed.

Councillor Oickle mentioned his history of supporting community development but could not support the Motion because of the density of the development.

ON MOTION of Councillors M. Silver and L. Goucher it was moved not to enter into a amended Development Agreement with Bedford Basin Estates for the development of Block IF-a and 1A of the Nelson's Landing project. **MOTION UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED.**

9. MOTIONS

9.1 Senior Housing Services - Deputy Mayor Peter Christie.

Deputy Mayor Christie relinquished the Chair to Councillor Len Goucher in order to make a motion.

ON MOTION of Deputy Major Peter Christie and Anne Cosgrove is was moved that Council support the concept of more affordable senior housing facilities. Therefore, be it resolved that Town Council undertake to have the following services provided locally by:

1. Contacting the Minister of Housing and local MLA's indicating the Town's Support and desire for Senior Housing services, rent control, health and food services, as presently provided in some areas by Halifax Dartmouth (Metropolitan) Housing Authority.
2. Contacting and making representation to Metropolitan Housing Authority seeking their assistance in establishing a living assisted facility in Bedford either public or private.
3. That the Town Planning Department identify and assess locations best suited for a Seniors facility, based on Housing Department requirements. Also encourage developers to include senior facilities, or sites in all developments.

Planning will identify sites to Council by the end of April and Council will establish a task force to develop ways and means to obtain additional facilities.

4. the Town identify interim facilities, large homes and, all buildings that could serve as short term facilities, seeking approval for short term facilities, to assist the private sector.
5. Bedford Town Council stating this as a priority to have additional Seniors Facilities located in the Town within one to two years.

MOTION UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED.

Councillor Oickle asked whether the Paper Mill Lake RCDD concept plan includes areas for seniors housing. Ms. Davis-Lohnes indicated the Paper Mill Development Agreement permits the development of two senior citizens facilities (40-60 units each), however, these may not include assisting housing.

Councillor Pryde enquired of Ms. Davis-Lohnes about the Bedford Manor location and if there was land available to construct an addition to the building. Ms. Davis-Lohnes advised she would look into that possibility.

Councillor Anne Cosgrove enquired on the First Lake Drive Seniors complex. Ms. Lohnes advised she would look into it as well.

Councillor L. Goucher congratulated Deputy Mayor P. Christie on the Motion, mentioning that it was a good project and a necessary one. At this time Councillor L. Goucher relinquished the Chair back to Deputy Mayor P. Christie.

9.2 First Reading - Proposed Amendment - Solid Waste Management By-Law.

ON MOTION of Councillors L. Goucher and J. Pryde it was moved that the resolution passed by the Town of Bedford to change the solid waste cost sharing formula from assessment to a tonnage basis, effective April 1, 1995 be accepted.
MOTION UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED.

10. NEW BUSINESS

10.1 Proposed Non-Substantial Amendment - Torrington Place

Donna Davis-Lohnes briefly reviewed the Torrington Project and presented the request from the developer for a non-substantial amendment to Development Agreement #90-06 (Torrington). The request is to permit the construction of twenty-eight small lots clustered around two cul-de-sac streets as per the site plan dated November 1994 with the following conditions:

1. The non-site disturbance areas (environmental zones) shown at the rear of private lots shall have a minimum width of ten feet. The non-site disturbance area (environmental zone) between lots 19-23 and 13-16 shall have a minimum total width of twenty feet.
2. Buildings on Lots #1,2,3,17,18,19,27 and 28 shall be single storey dwellings.
3. The open space area shown on the plans shall be deeded to the Town as per Section 27 of the Development Agreement.
4. All other conditions of Development Agreement #90-06 and amendments thereto shall remain intact.

Councillor Anne Cosgrove asked Donna Davis-Lohnes about the Neighbourhood Meeting of November 14, 1994 and asked how many residents attended. Donna replied 9 and was asked out of how many. Donna Davis Lohnes replied nine out of a possible thirty. She stated that another event was occurring that evening and as a result only nine attended. She stated that all of those in attendance supported the amendment.

ON MOTION of Councillors Len Goucher and S. Oickle is was moved that Council approve the non-substantial amendment application from Meadowlands Development Ltd. The amendment should permit the construction of twenty-eight small lots clustered around two cul-de-sac streets as per the site plan dated November 1994 subject to conditions 1-4 listed in the staff report. **MOTION UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED.**

10.3 Consideration - Proposed Establishment - Greater Halifax Economic Development Partnership

Mr. George Buckrell, Chair, Bedford Economic Development Commission, made a brief presentation regarding the above-noted matter suggesting the following: (a) representation from Bedford on the metro Chamber of Commerce had a good cross-section of businesses, however, Halifax and Dartmouth representation represented only 20 to 25% of business; (b) there should be a private sector person in the partnership; and (c) that Mr. Francis MacKenzie, Executive Director of the Bedford Economic Development Commission, be given strong support from Council.

Mr. D. English suggested a change in Clause 2 of the Memorandum of Understanding as follows:

Sentence two should read:

"On an interim basis, the Partnership will be governed by a Board of Directors made up of one representative from each municipality, three representatives from the Metro Chamber, and one non-Chamber member..."

ON MOTION of Councillors L. Goucher and A. Cosgrove it was moved that Town Council:

1. approve, in principle, the Memorandum of Understanding attached, with the following amendment:

Item #2, sentence (2) to read as follows:

"On an interim basis, the Partnership will be governed by a Board of Directors made up of one representative from each municipality, three representatives from the Metro Chamber and one non-Chamber member..."

2. appoint Mr. Francis MacKenzie, Executive Director of the Bedford Economic Development Commission to represent the Town of Bedford on the interim Board of Directors;
3. request that the interim representative provide regular reports to Council and, that the new Chairman of the Interim Board be invited to a meeting within three months, for a progress report;
4. extend the terms of the members on the Bedford Economic Development Commission for a further six month period beyond the previously established April, 1995 date.

MOTION UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED.

10.4 **Consideration - 1994 Tax Exemption Resolution**

ON MOTION of Councillors Joan Pryde and Len Goucher it was moved that the 1995/96 resident tax exemption set at \$450 with a total household income not exceeding \$22,000 remain in effect for 1995/96. **MOTION UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED.**

10.5 **Consideration - Southwest Properties Limited - Minor Variance - #90 Bluewater Road.**

Donna Davis-Lohnes discussed the staff report included in the information package with the aid of overheads. She reviewed the zoning and generalized future land use designations in the vicinity of #90 Bluewater Road. She indicated that given the abutting land to the east is zoned Residential Reserve (RR) with a

future designation for Industrial, it is reasonable to assume some of the land will likely be developed for industrial uses in the future.

Jim Spatz, President, Southwest Properties Limited, spoke briefly to Council regarding the request.

ON MOTION of Councillors S. Oickle and M. Silver it was moved that Council approve the Minor Variance request of Southwest Properties Limited to enable construction of an addition at the rear of the existing building which will reduce the rearyard setback from 54.7 feet to 21 ft. **MOTION UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED.**

10.6 Consideration - Award of Tender #95-01 Residential/Condominium Waste and Recyclable Collection

ON MOTION of Councillors J. Pryde and S. Oickle it was moved that the three collection categories of Tender 95-01 be awarded to the following firms for the two year contract costs (G.S.T. included), as follows:

- Category A - Residential Waste Collection - Marriott's Trucking - \$183,597.02
- Category B - Recyclable Collection -Lantz Leasing & Rental Ltd - \$105,768.00
- Category C - Condominium Waste Collection - Greenwaste System - \$14,858.02

MOTION UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED.

10.7 Consideration - Award of Tender #94-26 - Grass Mowing Operation

Councillor Len Goucher stated he would like to keep this operation in-house in order to provide a means of summer employment for young people, university students, etc.

Following a brief discussion, Mr. English suggested staff prepare a report on the matter including equipment requirements, supervisory staff requirements, etc.

ON MOTION of Councillors Len Goucher and Stephen Oickle it was moved that the granting of Tender 94-26 be deferred until the staff report is completed as requested by Mr. D. English. **MOTION UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED.**

10.8 Consideration - Extension of Animal Control Contract

ON MOTION of Councillors L. Goucher and A. Pryde it was moved to extend the contract with the Society for the Prevention of Cruelty for Animal Control for one more year with the costs involved remaining the same ie. \$21,600 per annum. **MOTION UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED.**

10.9 **Appointment of Development Officer**

ON MOTION of Councillors Anne Cosgrove and Len Goucher it was moved that Town Council appoint Ms. Donna Davis-Lohnes as the Town's Development Officer effective March 1, 1995 replacing Mr. John Robertson who will revert to his original position as Chief Building Inspector/Assistant Development Officer. **MOTION UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED.**

12. **CORRESPONDENCE**

12.1(a) **Minister of Canadian Heritage - Bedford Petroglyphs**

ON MOTION of Councillors Len Goucher and Stephen Oickle it was moved to defer this matter until the next meeting when Mayor Peter Kelly would be in attendance. **MOTION UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED.**

12.1(b) **Consideration - Proposal - Establishment of a Bedford Petroglyph Advisory Commission**

Councillor M. Silver advised he was serving a Notice of Motion on the matter of starting proceedings to establish a Bedford Petroglyph Advisory Commission.

16. **DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS**

16.1 **Chief Building Inspector's Report - Month of January 1995.**

ON MOTION of Councillors Stephen Oickle and Joan Pryde it was moved to accept the Town of Bedford Building Inspectors Report for January, 1995 as presented. **MOTION UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED.**

17. **QUESTIONS**

17.1 **Status Sheet**

ON MOTION of Councillors Stephen Oickle and Joan Pryde it was moved to accept the Status Sheet as presented. **MOTION UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED.**

18. **ADDED ITEMS** - NIL

19. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 9:40 p.m

DEPUTY MAYOR

CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER

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MEETING #9

TOWN OF BEDFORD
REGULAR SESSION
TUESDAY, MARCH 14, 1995 - 7:00 P.M.

A Regular Meeting of the Town Council of the Town of Bedford was held Tuesday, March 14, 1995 - 7:00 p.m. - in the Town Council Chambers, Mezzanine Level, Sunnyside Mall, Bedford Highway, Bedford, Nova Scotia.

1. LORD'S PRAYER

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

2. ATTENDANCE

Those in attendance at the commencement of the Session included Mayor Peter Kelly; Deputy Mayor Peter Christie and Councillors Joan Pryde, Stephen Oickle, Len Goucher, Marvin Silver and Anne Cosgrove.

Staff members in attendance included Dan R. English, Chief Administrative Officer; Rick Paynter, Director of Engineering and Works; Ron Singer, Director of Corporate Services; Donna Davis-Lohnes, Director of Planning and Development Control; Bob Nauss, Director of Recreation; Francis MacKenzie, Director of Economic Development; Eric Sheppard, Assistant Deputy Fire Chief; Wayne Legere, Operations Manager, and Jane Nauss, Recording Secretary.

Also in attendance was Neville Wheaton, Fire Chief, Volunteer Fire Department.

READING OF PROCLAMATIONS

At the request of Mayor Kelly, Mr. Dan English read three proclamations: Hunger Awareness Week; Red Cross Month and Racial Discrimination.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

ON MOTION of Deputy Mayor Peter Christie and Councillor Joan Pryde, it was moved to approve the minutes of February 28, 1995 - #8 as previously circulated.

In speaking to the Motion, Deputy Mayor Peter Christie noted two changes to be made to the minutes:

- A. Page 3 - agenda item 6.2 - Electoral Boundaries Issue - insert the fact that the original Motion from January 24, 1995, to defer action on the matter of electoral boundaries, was voted upon and lost.
- B. Page 4 - agenda item 6.5 - Update #4 Metro Amalgamation - 4th paragraph - Deputy Mayor Christie did not move the motion; the minutes should state Councillors Joan Pryde and Len Goucher.

The amended minutes from February 28, 1995 were approved unanimously.

4. ADDITIONS/DELETIONS TO ORDER OF BUSINESS

Mayor Kelly suggested that items 8.1, 8.2 , and 8.3 be dealt with on the agenda first, with item 10.1 being discussed last. Further, that items 6.2, 6.5 and 10.3 be deferred to March 28, 1995.

5. APPROVAL OF ORDER OF BUSINESS

ON MOTION of Deputy Mayor Peter Christie and Councillor Joan Pryde, it was moved to approve the Order of Business, as amended. MOTION APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY.

8. PETITIONS AND DELEGATIONS

8.1 HALIFAX COUNTY-BEDFORD DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD

Dr. Don Trider, Chief Executive Officer; Mr. Darrell Youden, Chief Financial Officer, and Ms. Norma Kennedy, Chairperson, Halifax County-Bedford District School Board, were in attendance to make a presentation to Town Council on the matter of additional funding.

Ms. Norma Kennedy addressed Council briefly outlining the Board's proposals for additional funding.

Mr. Darrell Youden advised that the Board is currently faced with a 1995/96 funding reduction of 2.9% which represents \$4 million. Council was advised that in spite of escalating student enrollment, Provincial funding continues to decrease. Further, this reduction comes "on the heels" of a 1.8% reduction in the current year.

Council was advised of the three funding proposals of the Board, namely;

Proposal 1 - additional funding of \$39,000 by Bedford Council as a result of the "clawback portion" (3% wage restraint legislation effective November 1, 1994 which decreased the Board's wage costs by 3% but also decreased funding in a like amount. The Town received the benefit of this reduction in 1994/95).

Proposal 2 - with the 3% wage restraint continuing through the 1995/96 fiscal year, the Board estimates an additional contribution of \$70,000 to the Town from the wage reduction and the Board requested this amount be reimbursed.

Proposal 3 - the Town could consider in consultation with the County, a direct grant of \$500,000, shared proportionately (\$70,000 - Bedford/ \$430,000 County of Halifax).

Dr. Trider advised that Bedford Council could be selective in the manner in which additional funding is spent i.e. to be used strictly in Bedford schools. Should funds not be specifically allocated, same will go to the general operating revenue.

Deputy Mayor Peter Christie enquired as to why the Board was seeking funding prior to having all their plans in place and not knowing the Provincially set mandatory rate.

In response, Mr. Youden advised that all budget discussions were taking place now and that this was the opportune time to make additional funding requests.

In response to an enquiry from Councillor Joan Pryde as to the pupil/teacher ratio, Dr. Trider advised 25/26 in the elementary level and 28/30 in the junior and senior high level with urban areas being higher.

In response to an enquiry from Mayor Kelly as to the formula to be utilized should Bedford Council decide to go with Proposal 3, Mr. Youden advised the Board would prefer utilizing the current formula for supplementary funding i.e. Bedford - 13.87% and Halifax County - 86.13% as it was easier for the Board in dealing with the County.

In response to a suggestion from Mayor Kelly if the Board could suggest specific areas within the Board's budget for additional funding from Bedford, Dr. Trider advised that the Board could make three or four suggestions as long as the fundamental core program was not affected. Further, verification of funds could be made available to Council.

Mayor Kelly expressed his concern that Bedford funding may be utilized in County Schools.

In response, Dr. Trider advised this would not necessarily be the case.

In response to an enquiry from Deputy Mayor Christie as to what the Board plans to do if Provincial funding is not guaranteed, Mr. Youden advised the Board will address this matter internally. Further, he noted that final funding numbers will not be made available until next month.

In response to an enquiry from Councillor Stephen Oickle if the Board had made any presentations at the Provincial level, Ms. Kennedy advised the Board had met with local MLAs during budget discussions, but to date, nothing has materialized for this budget. Knowing in advance what reductions are for the next three years (2.9% this year; 1.61% next year and .14 in the third year), the Board knows what a Provincial response will be.

In response to an enquiry from Councillor Len Goucher if the possibility existed of funding from Bedford being spent on unnecessary items, Dr. Trider noted that this could be a problem and that additional specific funding from Bedford may not affect the Board's bottom line.

In response to an enquiry from Councillor Len Goucher if in an effort to protect the Board's bottom line, would the Board be willing to provide the Town with suggested areas for funding, Dr. Trider agreed.

Mayor Kelly thanked Dr. Trider, Mr. Youden and Ms. Kennedy for their presentation and advised that same will be taken into consideration during budget discussions.

8.2 SACKVILLE RIVER WALKWAY COMMITTEE - MR. DON AMBLER

Mr. Ambler, Chair of the Sackville River Walkway Committee, addressed, Council advising he would be reviewing the Committee's progress to date and its future plans. In providing background on the Committee the following points were noted:

- Committee of twelve individuals comprised of Sackville Rivers Association, Town staff; BRAC, BWAC, community representatives from Bedford, and the Manager of Bedford Place Mall;
- main focus of the committee was on the Sackville River;
- to date, a report has been written, signs have been erected and Phase 1 of the path has been partially completed;
- path is 8 feet in width and can be used by pedestrians, bicyclists, wheelchairs;
- project estimated at \$100,000 (bridge construction and boardwalk to be included);
- tax deductible contributions will be received for benches, picnic tables, lamp standards,

lighting;

- grand plan is to connect to Mount Uniacke and stock river with salmon;
- committee will be part of the 1995 Bedford Days events through mall display;
- booklet recently published in metro area making note of the walkway;
- anticipate the walkway will be completed from Range Park to the Ponderosa restaurant (actual walkway on land will be complete by the end of June but not bridge connecting to Ponderosa side of river).

Mayor Peter Kelly thanked Mr. Ambler for his presentation noting that the Town's Budget reflects an amount of \$10,000 for this project.

8.3 SYMPHONY NOVA SCOTIA - REQUEST FOR FUNDING

Mr. Craig Evans, Director of Marketing for Symphony Nova Scotia addressed Council making note of the following:

- Bedford has been taking part in the concert series for four years;
- seeking funding support from Council in the amount of \$1500 to continue the series which takes place at Bedford United Church;
- Rebecca Cohn Auditorium is home base for the Symphony;
- full orchestra performs at Bedford concerts;
- tickets sold in Bedford for Bedford concerts;
- Symphony Nova Scotia is currently working on next year's budget;
- top quality music is brought to the area;
- Bedford, should it contribute funding, will be recognized as a funding partner in brochures;
- Bedford audiences have shown a positive response to the concert series in the past.

In response to an enquiry from Councillor Oickle if the other metro units have contributed, Mr. Evans noted that the City of Halifax and County of Halifax do, however, there are no concerts held in Dartmouth.

Mayor Kelly expressed his appreciation to Mr. Evans for the presentation and noted that the funding request will be taken into consideration during budget deliberations.

6. DEFERRED BUSINESS/BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

6.1 CONSIDERATION - SALE OF TOWN OWNED PROPERTY - 77 RUTLEDGE ST. - PROPOSAL TO PURCHASE

Mr. English advised the sale of the former Leisure Club, Civic #77 Rutledge St., was recently advertised by public tender. Three proposals were received and opened publicly on March 9, 1995.

It was staff's recommendation that Town Council accept the offer from Chestnut Realty Ltd. to purchase #77 Rutledge St., in the amount of \$55,000.

ON MOTION of Deputy Mayor Peter Christie and Councillor Len Goucher, it was moved that Town Council accept the offer of \$55,000 from Chestnut Realty Limited for the purchase of Civic #77 Rutledge St. (former Leisure Club) and authorize staff to enter into an Agreement of Purchase and Sale. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

In response to an enquiry from Councillor Stephen Oickle as to where the funds from the sale of the aforementioned property would go, Mr. English advised that same would be placed in the Special Reserve Fund in accordance with the Department of Municipal Affairs, however, Council's previous direction that same be withdrawn to offset the Lawn Bowling facility expansion will be brought forward at a later date.

6.3 CONSIDERATION - AWARDING OF GRASS MOWING CONTRACT

Mr. Rick Paynter reviewed his report and recommended that Council award Tender 94-26 to Ground Up Property Services Limited for a price per mowing of \$2,251.09, GST included, rather than providing summer grass mowing services in-house.

A lengthy discussion took place on the merits of providing this service in-house.

ON MOTION of Councillors Len Goucher and Stephen Oickle, it was moved that the Town administer grass mowing services in-house, using local students.

In speaking to the Motion, Councillor Anne Cosgrove advised she could not support the Motion in that there was training and safety standards involved.

In speaking to the Motion, Councillor Joan Pryde advised that she was not concerned with the safety factor as college age students would be utilized. Further, she noted that university students had more than 3.5 months off from school.

A brief discussion ensued on the cost to the Town to provide the service in-house vis a vis contracting out.

In response to an enquiry from Mayor Kelly as to an explanation of the service required,

Wayne Legere, Operations Manager advised of the following:

- 100,000 sq. yds. of area within the Town needs to be maintained plus the workers need to be picked up and taken to each area;
- with respect to 45 hours of manpower required, this figure came from contractors who have worked for the Town in the past. Further, the figure is based on 75,000 sq. yards only and not 100,000 sq. yds.
- with respect to overtime, many requests, particularly from the Mayor's Office, are received for improved mowing services. Some can't always be accomplished during the normal work day due to weather conditions. Therefore, nights and weekends are used. In the past, contractors have run behind and have had to hire additional personnel to work all hours to catch up;
- with respect to truck rental, the Department does not have spare trucks. One truck is specifically required for the supervisor to move personnel from one area to another within the Town as they cannot be transported all at once. Further, additional trucks are often used to transport other personnel around the Town;
- current staff cannot supervise the workers as staff does other seasonal work - weather dependent - all in competition with the grass mowing service;
- it is cheaper for the Town to contract out grass mowing service.

Councillor Len Goucher agreed that a student employment program may produce some headaches for staff.

MOTION DEFEATED. Deputy Mayor Peter Christie and Councillors Anne Cosgrove and Marvin Silver voted in the negative.

ON MOTION of Councillors Anne Cosgrove and Marvin Silver, it was moved to award grass mowing services (Tender 94-26) to Ground Up Property Services Limited at a price not to exceed \$2,251.09, GST included.

In speaking to the Motion, Councillor Len Goucher enquired if the Motion could be amended to request the Contractor to consider the hiring of as many local students as possible.

In response to an enquiry from Councillor Cosgrove as to the staff currently used by the Contractor, Mr. Rick Paynter advised that contractors in the past have used local manpower, however, some contractors already have an established crew. Further, he advised he could ask the contractor to utilize local manpower but he couldn't guarantee same.