

**MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**6.4 PRESENTATION - PUBLIC OPINION SURVEY RESULTS - METRO AMALGAMATION**

Mayor Peter Kelly advised that results of the survey undertaken on the proposed amalgamation of the metro municipalities are now available.

**ON MOTION** of Deputy Mayor Peter Christie and Councillor Anne Cosgrove, it was moved that:

"Bedford Town Council take the following actions to express on behalf of the residents, concerns expressed at meetings, or by survey:

1. The Mayor and the Local MLAs arrange a meeting with the Government Caucus, so Council can present the survey results and advise Caucus of the concerns of our residents about amalgamation. Further, that Council ask the Government to delay the process so more time can be given to study, fact finding and broad community input.

If it is not possible to meet with the Caucus, Bedford Council to meet with the MLAs from Halifax County constituencies to address the same points.

The meeting to take place no later than April 13, 1995.

2. That the Mayor arrange a meeting with MLA Francene Cosman's Review Committee to review the survey results and advise them of residents' concerns and try to develop a strategy to express to the Government the need to slow down and find the pertinent facts. This meeting to take place no later than April 13, 1995.
3. That Council form a committee of twelve (12) interested citizens - some having political science and legal experience, to advise Council on amalgamation issues, and develop possible alternatives for cooperation between municipal units. Also, to become the vehicle for focus groups, and study on the issues of amalgamation for residents.
4. That Council defer any further Town meetings on the amalgamation issue until after the meeting with the Government caucus or County MLAs, so Council will be able to tell the residents the results of the meeting(s), and the government's planned timetable."

In speaking to the Motion, Councillor Joan Pryde felt the Motion was not strong enough.

In response, Deputy Mayor Christie read Mayor Kelly's Letter to Residents on the matter of amalgamation included in the Bedford Blueprint. Further, he felt the Town needs to identify the proper objectives, meet face to face with the Town's MLAs and Caucus to express our concerns and discuss the matter in a conciliatory way.

Councillor Joan Pryde noted that Bedford has been a successful Town for fifteen (15) years and that the community has always cooperated with the other units on matters which affect the metro area. Further, she noted she was not in favour of amalgamation as far as Bedford was concerned and that this was a no win situation for Bedford, in terms of dollars and service.

Councillor Marvin Silver felt that Council should take the survey results as a directive and that same should be responded to without delay. Further, he supported the Motion but would like to see another Motion. Also, he noted he was opposed to *this* amalgamation.

Councillor Anne Cosgrove stated she supported Deputy Mayor Christie's Motion, however, she felt that the Town was unsure of what the exact amalgamation plan will be. Further, she noted she was satisfied with the Deputy Mayor's approach.

Councillor Len Goucher noted that Council should try to represent the residents. He felt that the municipalities were being treated like children by the Province. Although he supported Deputy Mayor Christie's Motion, he noted the Province is not willing to meet with the units and that the Province has not given enough information to the residents who will be affected. Further, he noted that the MLAs are not listening to the units and that we can't keep going back to the Province to make them change their minds with respect to the amalgamation issue. He also felt the Province was not bargaining in good faith, in fact, he felt no bargaining has taken place.

Councillor Silver felt this was an exercise in futility but that Council must continue. Further, he was not in favour of this amalgamation as the appropriate information was not being made available.

Deputy Mayor Christie advised that in the late sixties, there was a proposal to create a dump site in Bedford. As a result, a hearing was held, a group of people met with the government and from that point on, things changed. With the amalgamation issue, the Town needs to take one final step and that a committee of interested citizens should be

established so that when the plebiscite is held, everyone has had the opportunity to discuss amalgamation. He noted that Francene Cosman's study group had information which he himself did not have. Further, he noted there were two separate bodies working within the community on the amalgamation issue. Where does one go to get information on amalgamation - the Town office or Francene Cosman's office? Finally, he noted that Council should keep in mind the fact that only 400 households took part in the survey.

Councillor Oickle expressed concern on the accuracy of the survey as there is no information available on the amalgamation process. Although he had requested Council to await the Doane Raymond/UMA report prior to sending out the survey, Council did not agree. With \$65,000 of Town taxes being spent to have the report compiled, he questioned how Council could take a stand on amalgamation without seeing the report. Further, he felt it was irresponsible for Town Council to take a stand one way or the other without the report.

Councillor Oickle expressed his concern that Bedford was not taking part in a metro wide survey on amalgamation. He noted that the Town will have to keep knocking on the Province's door for information and that he looks forward to reviewing the Doane Raymond/UMA report.

In response to an enquiry from Councillor Silver, Mayor Kelly noted that the March 20, 1995 public information meeting on amalgamation sponsored by the N.S. Business Journal was cancelled, although the April 4, 1995 Town meeting was still scheduled depending on this Motion. Further, during the April 4th meeting, it was his intent to provide a breakdown on the survey.

In response to an inquiry from Council Silver respecting clause 4 of Deputy Mayor Christie's motion, Deputy Mayor Christie advised that this particular clause was inserted to make the next meeting with the MLAs and the Caucus a focus point in order to give Town Council more to go back to the residents with. Further, he noted he was flexible with the April 13th suggested cut off meeting date time span.

#### **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

Councillor Joan Pryde enquired if a Notice of Motion could be served this evening regarding Council's position on amalgamation for the next Regular Meeting of Council scheduled for April 11, 1995.

Some discussion took place with respect to the Town taking a position on amalgamation

prior to the UMA/Doane Raymond Report being completed.

Mayor Kelly suggested that the next Regular Session be rescheduled for April 18th from April 11th to enable Council to review the completed UMA/Doane Raymond Report and to deal with Councillor Pryde's Notice of Motion.

A brief discussion ensued on the survey and to whom the surveys were sent. In response, Mr. Francis MacKenzie advised that 600 names based on the L.O.I.S. system were randomly selected. Of the 600 surveys sent out, 372 were returned. Further, 200 apartments were also randomly selected.

The completed survey sample of 392 persons was within the scientific guidelines as set out to achieve an accurate sample. As calculated, the results of this survey will be the same 19 times out of 20, with a margin of error of +/-5%.

In response to an enquiry from Councillor Oickle to review the names who received surveys, Mr. English noted that he could review the names but that the Town had to protect the integrity and confidentiality of the survey.

Mayor Kelly provided an update on the amalgamation process to date:

1. the fourth of five public meetings sponsored by the N.S. Business Journal had been held March 6, 1995 at Eastern Shore District High School. The next meeting scheduled for March 20, 1995 in Bedford, had been cancelled due to the fact that the Town has been hosting a number of public meetings.
2. The public meeting held March 7, 1995 was successful with over 100 people in attendance.
3. A presentation on the opinion survey results will be made during the April 4, 1995 public meeting. Council input on other agenda items for this meeting will be required.
4. The Doane Raymond/UMA report is to be made available by mid April.
5. It is proposed that a plebiscite on the matter of amalgamation be held the week of May 9 - 13th, through the use of televoting. Further, should Council agree with this date, it was recommended that the Chief Administrative Officer be appointed as Chief Returning Officer and that negotiations be finalized with Maritime Tel and Tel Technologies.

Mr. English noted that costs will not exceed normal elections costs and that the possibility exists of a broader range of voter participation (higher than 50%).

**ON MOTION** of Councillors Len Goucher and Stephen Oickle, it was moved that Mr. Dan R. English be appointed as Chief Returning Officer and that negotiations be finalized with Maritime Tel and Tel Technologies. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

Mr. Dan English advised that the matter of the question to be placed on the ballot would need to be brought back to Town Council for consideration.

6. The Town is still awaiting a Terms of Reference or mandate for Mr. Bill Hayward's Committee.
7. The other three municipalities have commenced an opinion survey with results to be made available within one month.

9. **MOTIONS**

9.1 **PROPOSAL - ESTABLISHMENT OF A BEDFORD PETROGLYPH ADVISORY COMMISSION - COUNCILLOR MARVIN SILVER**

Due to a possible conflict of interest, Councillor Joan Pryde removed herself from the discussions.

**ON MOTION** of Councillor Marvin Silver, it was moved to support the establishment of a Commission to oversee the Bedford Petroglyphs.

Mayor Peter Kelly noted that correspondence had been received from the Premier advising that the Province will take the initiative to establish a Commission comprised of Mi'kmaq, provincial, federal and municipal representatives. Accordingly, he did not feel Council should duplicate the process.

**ON MOTION** of Councillors Marvin Silver and Len Goucher, it was moved to send a letter to the Premier indicating support for the establishment of a Commission, in line with the decision of the Historic Sites and Monuments Board of Canada.

In speaking to the Motion, Deputy Mayor Christie suggested that Council include in the letter an enquiry as to what the objectives of the Commission will be, will there be any

form of funding available and that the Town desire a role in this.

**MOTION CARRIED.**

Councillor Marvin Silver advised he would like to go on the public record giving credit to D. Dorey, E. Fraser, S. S. Jerram and T. Edwards for their work respecting the petroglyphs.

Councillor Joan Pryde resumed her place at the table.

10. **NEW BUSINESS**

10.2 **RATIFICATION - PURCHASE OF PROPERTY - LOT 3 - DARTMOUTH ROAD**

Mr. English advised that Council had previously agreed, In Camera, to the purchase of Lot 3 - Dartmouth Road. Further, that same now required ratification.

**ON MOTION** of Councillor Len Goucher and Deputy Mayor Peter Christie, it was moved that Lot E, Dartmouth Road, be purchased from Mar Port Enterprises Limited, at a total cost of \$20, 500. **MOTION APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY.**

It was the decision of Council to continue with the agenda following which a determination would be made on whether to discuss 10.1 this evening or postpone to a later date.

10.4 **CONSIDERATION - HALIFAX HARBOUR CLEANUP MOTION**

Councillor Marvin Silver advised that both the Cities of Halifax and Dartmouth passed a Motion in support of the Halifax Harbour Cleanup. Further, he suggested that Bedford Town Council discuss its involvement with a decision being required by the end of March.

On a Point of Order, Councillor Len Goucher advised that since 1969/70, Bedford has been involved in a waste management system with Bedford treating its own waste. Accordingly, in his opinion, this matter was not relevant unless Councillor Silver was simply seeking a Motion of support.

In response, Councillor Silver advised that Bedford is a part of metro and therefore should participate in the cleanup of Halifax Harbour.

Mayor Kelly enquired if he was looking for support in spirit only.

In response, Councillor Silver advised that Bedford should participate in a Stakeholders' Conference, with cost-sharing yet to be determined.

**ON MOTION** of Councillors Marvin Silver and Len Goucher, it was moved to support the Harbour Cleanup in principle and to participate in the stakeholders' conference.  
**MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

12. **CORRESPONDENCE**

12.1 **HALIFAX COUNTY-BEDFORD DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD RE SCHOOL TRUSTEE RATES**

Correspondence from the Halifax County-Bedford District School Board re School Trustee Rates was received for information as the Minister of Education had recently addressed the matter.

15. **NOTICES OF MOTION**

15.1 **NOTICE OF RESCISSION - METRO WIDE OPINION SURVEY**

In response to an enquiry from Councillor Stephen Oickle as to whether the metro wide opinion survey had commenced, Mayor Kelly advised in the affirmative noting that Bedford was not a participant.

Mayor Kelly advised he had cancelled Bedford's participation (following a poll of Council) as the \$5,000 (Bedford's costs) would not provide any value. Further, there was possible legal action respecting the hiring of an outside public relations firm.

Councillor Stephen Oickle expressed concern that Bedford should have been included as part of the metro wide survey and until the previous Motion is rescinded, the Town must participate.

Mayor Kelly advised that if Town Council wishes to suspend the Rules of Order, same could be dealt with this evening.

At the request of Councillor Stephen Oickle, Mayor Peter Kelly agreed to recess for five

minutes.

The meeting resumed at 10:25 p.m.

Mayor Kelly apologized to the public for the lateness of the meeting and that the budget would be discussed the following day at 5:00 p.m.

Mayor Peter Kelly stepped down from the chair to take part in the discussions. Deputy Mayor Peter Christie assumed the position as Chairman.

Mayor Kelly advised that Bedford had opted out of the metro wide survey as it had already undertaken its own base line opinion survey. Further, there was potential litigation involved.

**ON MOTION** of Councillors Len Goucher and Anne Cosgrove, it was moved to Suspend the Rules of Order. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**ON MOTION** of Mayor Peter Kelly and Councillor Len Goucher, it was moved to Rescind the former Motion of February 28, 1995, to participate in the metro wide opinion survey.

Councillor Stephen Oickle noted he would vote against the Motion on the floor and that Bedford should be a participant in the metro survey.

Mayor Kelly advised that the other metro Mayors had no concerns with Bedford opting out of the survey.

**MOTION CARRIED.** Councillor Stephen Oickle voted against the Motion.

Mayor Peter Kelly resumed his position as Chairman.

The meeting recessed at 10:30 p.m. until 5:00 p.m. - March 15, 1995.



MEETING #9 RECONVENED

TOWN OF BEDFORD  
RECONVENED SESSION FROM MARCH 14, 1995  
WEDNESDAY, MARCH 15, 1995 - 5:00 P.M.

ATTENDANCE

Those in attendance included Mayor Peter Kelly; Deputy Mayor Peter Christie and Councillors Joan Pryde, Stephen Oickle, Len Goucher and Marvin Silver.

Councillor Anne Cosgrove 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; Bob Nauss, Director of Parks and Recreation; Donna Davis-Lohnes, Director of Planning and Development Control; Eric Sheppard, Assistant Deputy Fire Chief; Francis MacKenzie, Director of Economic Development; Wayne Legere, Operations Manager; Chief H.A. MacKenzie, Chief of Police; Greg Murray, Deputy Police Chief; Nancy Harper, Corporate Services, and Jane Nauss, Recording Secretary.

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

10. NEW BUSINESS

10.1 CONSIDERATION - PROPOSED 1995/96 OPERATING BUDGET AND TAX RATES

Mr. Dan English commenced his presentation on the proposed 1995/96 Operating Budget by expressing his sincere gratitude to all Department Heads for their work in the preparation of the Budget. Particularly, he thanked Nancy Harper, Corporate Services, for her role in compiling the Budget presentation document.

He noted the first Draft of the 1995/96 Operating Budget depicted a balanced budget with revenues equalling expenditures of \$18,039,000, representing a 6.91% increase (\$16,873,657) over 1994/95 . However, due to the 75% repayment concerning the Provincial/Municipal Service Exchange Program amounting to \$322,000, this results in a real increase to the 1995/96 Operating Budget of 5.0% over last year's expenditures. Further, due to last year's assessment growth, Bedford taxpayers can now enjoy the benefits of approximately \$700,000 in new tax dollars.

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To generate the required Tax Levy for 1995/96, the following rates were recommended:

Residential and Resource - \$1.388

Commercial and Business Occupancy - \$2.859.

Mr. English reviewed the following through the use of overheads:

BUDGET HIGHLIGHTS

- staff is recommending a 0% tax rate increase;
- Sewer Maintenance Tax is eliminated
- \$700,000 increase in new tax dollars
- no deficit carry-over
- transfers to Reserves eliminated due to the impending amalgamation.

SERVICE LEVEL INCREASES

- funding for implementation of Regional Library Automation - \$50,000
- MPS review - \$30,000 in lieu of hiring staff person to carry out the review
- Turf Maintenance Program - \$25,000
- Full Time Paid Fire Chief Position - \$50 - \$55,000
- Increased Road Maintenance Services - \$25,000

WHERE THE MONEY GOES (Gross Dollars)

- Education - 16.2%
- Social Services - 12.7%
- Police - 10%
- Transportation - 8.9%

WHERE THE MONEY COMES FROM

- Residential Taxes - 39%
- Commercial Taxes - 19%
- Business Occupancy - 7.5%

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- School Enhancement - 2% of the total budget

The meeting was advised that although the base tax rates remain unchanged from 1994/95, the former environmental tax rate is eliminated on properties receiving sewer service. This tax rate is replaced with a special water rate surcharge which is consistent with what occurs in the other metro municipalities.

It was noted that the recommended tax rates as noted above are predicated on Council's approval of a by-law to change the method of recovering costs associated with the construction, maintenance and operation of the Town's sewage collection system. The costs involved (approximately \$800,000) would be recovered through a surcharge on water rates based on the volume of water used rather than through the tax rates based on assessment. The costs of operating the sewage system will be funded through a surcharge on the water bills of approximately \$2.00 per 1,000 gallons of water consumed.

Mr. English reviewed for Council, some of the major variances - from 1994/95 i.e.:

Expenditure Increases:

- Capital from Revenue (1994/95 - \$356,000 - 1995/96 - \$536,000)
- Solid Waste Disposal (1994/95 - \$220,000 - 1995/96 - \$467,000 - relates to compensation and extension of landfill)

Expenditure Decreases:

- Transfer to Reserves (-\$150,000)
- Deficit (-\$250,000)

Revenue Increases:

- Waste Water Disposal Fee (1994/95 - \$800,000)
- Real Property Taxes (1994/95 - \$652,459)
- Social Services Conditional Transfer (1994/95 - \$511,000 - Service Exchange Related)

Revenue Decreases:

- Deed Transfer Tax (1994/95 - \$90,000)
- Sewer Maintenance (1994/95 - \$728,000).

Mr. English closed his remarks by stating that should the 1995/96 Operating Budget be

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approved this evening, the proposed Capital Budget would be discussed March 28, 1995 with a new prioritized listing to be made available.

Mayor Kelly thanked staff on a job well done in producing the draft budget.

**ON MOTION** of Councillors Len Goucher and Marvin Silver, it was moved to set the 1995/96 Tax Rates as Residential and Resource- \$1.388 and Commercial and Business Occupancy - \$2.859.

In speaking to the Motion, Councillor Stephen Oickle stated this may be the Town's last budget prior to amalgamation and that taxes will more than likely increase under a new municipal government. Further, he enquired if Council could decrease the tax rates by 5 - 6 - 7%.

In response, Mr. English advised that rates could be decreased, however, tax rates would have to be raised to take "the sting" of the eventual tax rates increases.

In response, Councillor Stephen Oickle suggested that residents appeal their assessments, however, Mr. English advised that the appeal period was over for this year but that in December, a new assessment roll would be prepared.

Councillor Len Goucher enquired if \$6,600 could be added to the 1995/96 Operating Budget for a community event sign. Further, he noted that staff had recommended the location for the erection of same to be located across from Knock on Wood, in the parking lot.

**ON MOTION** of Councillors Len Goucher and Joan Pryde, it was moved to include the cost of the erection of a community sign - \$6,600, in the 1995/96 Operating Budget.

In speaking to the Motion, Deputy Mayor Peter Christie expressed concern that Capital Budget discussions would commence within two weeks and that perhaps this is a bit premature.

**MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**ON MOTION** of Councillors Len Goucher and Marvin Silver, it was moved to include an additional \$10,000 to the 1995 Bedford Days Budget as this was Bedford's 15th Anniversary of Incorporation.

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In speaking to the Motion, Councillor Len Goucher advised that should the additional funds not be required (fundraising is being approached aggressively), same would not be used.

**MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

Councillor Stephen Oickle reminded Council that the School Board is seeking additional funding as well as Symphony Nova Scotia.

With respect to the School Board request, Mr. English advised that Council should defer a decision on same pending the setting of the Provincial rate.

With respect to the Symphony Nova Scotia request, Mr. English advised that numerous requests are received weekly with form letters sent out in response advising that as a result of a 1991 Motion, no grants would be made available. Further, he noted that not every group is given the opportunity to approach Council seeking funding.

A brief discussion ensued as to how the Town could assist Symphony Nova Scotia. It was the consensus of Council to approach Mr. Craig Evans suggesting the Town may be able to offer another location which would hold more people and provide better acoustics than the current concert location.

Deputy Mayor Peter Christie enquired as to how the Employee Retiring Allowance was to be funded.

In response, Mr. Ron Singer advised that Department of Municipal Affairs regulations state that the Allowance is to be totally funded. Further, he noted that the \$20,000 figure indicated in the Budget was an arbitrary figure adding that the Town currently has an unfunded liability of approximately \$620,000 however, would never be required in one year.

In response to an enquiry from Deputy Mayor Christie, Mayor Kelly advised that as of April 1, 1996, same will be amortized as part of the Town's debt and that further discussions will be undertaken with Bill Hayward on the matter.

Mr. Singer advised that Bedford was not the only municipal unit in this situation.

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In response to an enquiry from Deputy Mayor Peter Christie as to what the wage rollback amounted to, Mr. English advised a total amount of approximately \$90,000 with \$50,000 for the year 1995.

In response to an enquiry from Deputy Mayor Christie if the \$125,000 surplus will roll over into Reserves, Mr. English advised that same was not included in this Budget.

Deputy Mayor Christie advised that the Town has a unique opportunity to put the tax rate up slightly as it may be unrealistic to hold last year's tax rate. Further, he noted that the Town could find themselves with a substantial jump in taxes under a new municipality. He noted he would not be supporting the Motion.

Councillor Marvin Silver noted that the impending amalgamation should not impact on Budget deliberations this evening and that taxes should be kept at a relatively low level.

Councillor Joan Pryde expressed her concern with respect to School Board funding and was sympathetic to their needs. Further, she agreed with the Town assisting Symphony Nova Scotia with another concert location.

Councillor Len Goucher noted he understood what Deputy Mayor Christie was saying and that Council may be giving Bedford residents the wrong impression with respect to taxes. He did not feel that Council is deceiving anyone on the amalgamation issue and that Bedford should try to maintain what it has. This is a good budget; it has some flexibility and Council should go forward with the budget in its present state.

In response to an enquiry from Deputy Mayor Christie if the Capital from Revenue listing would be adopted this evening, Mayor Kelly advised that only the amount would be approved this evening.

**MOTION CARRIED.** Deputy Mayor Peter Christie voted in the negative.

19. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at approximately 6:45 p.m.

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MAYOR PETER KELLY

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CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER

MEETING #10

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

A Regular Meeting of the Town Council of the Town of Bedford was held Tuesday, March 28, 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 meeting by the leading of the Lord's Prayer.

2. ATTENDANCE

Those in attendance at the commencement of the meeting 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; Bob Nauss, Director of Recreation; Donna Davis-Lohnes, Director of Planning and Development; Deputy Chief Greg Murray; Wayne Legere, Operations Manager and Jane Nauss, Recording Secretary.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

ON MOTION of Councillor Len Goucher and Deputy Mayor Peter Christie, it was moved that the Minutes of the Regular Meeting held on March 14, 1995 and Reconvened on March 15, 1995 (#9), be approved. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

4. ADDITIONS/DELETIONS TO ORDER OF BUSINESS

Mayor Peter Kelly requested:

- (a) Agenda Item #10.2 is to be removed from the Agenda
- (b) Agenda Item 8.1 will become #6.0

Councillor Len Goucher requested that Parkland-Admiral Cove be added to the agenda as item 10.5.



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5. APPROVAL OF ORDER OF BUSINESS

ON MOTION of Councillor Len Goucher and Deputy Mayor Peter Christie, it was moved that the Order of Business, as amended, be approved. MOTION APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY.

6. NEW BUSINESS

6.0 DR. RON LOUCKS - HALIFAX HARBOUR STEWARDSHIP PROGRAM

Dr. Loucks addressed Town Council noting that Halifax Harbour is suffering from four classes of problems i.e. floatables, toxics, nutrient suite (fuel that feeds algae) and high throughput system (high costs for processing and pumping water and for the provision of treatment plant capacity).

In an effort to address the problem, the PROPOSED STEWARDSHIP program anticipates separating the waste at source (diversion). Further, Mr. Loucks noted that costs to carry out this approach would approximate \$1 million with Bedford's costs (per capita) being \$4/\$5. Environmental monitoring of the Harbour Cleanup will take place with all information collected to be distributed to the residents immediately.

Deputy Mayor Peter Christie enquired if this was a public relations exercise or were individuals to be hired?

Dr. Loucks advised that young people were engaged in the Lower Sackville program (First Lake) which proved very successful. Further, he hoped to have 200,000 people involved in the program of which 1200 would be from Bedford.

In response to enquiry from Deputy Mayor Peter Christie if the one year time frame was a realistic goal in which to implement the program implemented, Dr. Loucks advised he may be a bit optimistic however he felt that residents will rally towards the program due to frustration with the state of Halifax Harbour.

In response to an enquiry from Mayor Peter Kelly as to what would happen if Bedford was the only community to become involved, Dr. Loucks advised it could prove embarrassing if Halifax and Dartmouth did not come aboard; further, he noted it would also be embarrassing for Lower Sackville as the program has a good credibility with Halifax County Municipality.

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Mayor Peter Kelly thanked Dr. Loucks for his presentation and that he would be contacted once staff has reviewed his proposal.

6. DEFERRED BUSINESS/BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

6.1 MPS REVIEW - VERBAL UPDATE

Ms. Donna Davis-Lohnes provided a brief overview on the MPS review noting that the document had been distributed to specific Town Committees and that BPAC, BRAC, EDC and BWAC have provided comments. It is staff's intent to table a report on same during an upcoming Regular Session of Council and that the document will be reviewed as a series of amendments rather than as a whole.

6.2 PROPOSED SIDEWALK CONSTRUCTION - BEDFORD HILLS ROAD

Councillor Joan Pryde advised there was obviously not enough support from the residents to justify the construction of a sidewalk along Bedford Hills Road.

**ON MOTION** of Councillor Joan Pryde and Deputy Mayor Peter Christie, it was moved to postpone discussion on the construction of a sidewalk along Bedford Hills Road, during this year's Capital Budget deliberations.

Councillor Marvin Silver advised he would not be supporting the Motion as this was a safety issue and required attention.

Councillor Len Goucher noted the Town had received mixed messages from the affected residents and that Council must look at the issue in perspective of other areas within the Town. Although he did not know what the answer to the problem was, he would not be supporting the Motion.

Deputy Mayor Peter Christie noted that Council must look at the issue in context of the whole community. Although he agreed with Councillor Silver that a safety factor existed, he advised he would be supporting the Motion. He suggested that perhaps a pedestrian safety model could be created.

Councillor Anne Cosgrove advised she would be supporting the Motion and that perhaps funds should be directed towards educating pedestrians. Further, she noted that Council has run the gauntlet on this issue.

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In response, Ms. Davis-Lohnes advised a verbal response on the matter of tree replacement (approximately 207 trees) has been received from the developer, however, nothing in writing to date.

**ON MOTION** of Councillor Len Goucher and Deputy Mayor Peter Christie, it was moved to **AMEND** the original motion to read:

"... to approve the conversion of eight standard size lots on James Winfield Lane to thirteen small lots, provided that existing lateral services are used with dwelling units on these lots to be designed to ensure compliance with the site disturbance provision of Development Agreement 93-02, subject to receipt of a written agreement from the developer regarding the 207 replacement trees.

Councillor Marvin Silver advised he would not be supporting the Motion as James Winfield Lane was very narrow and that a 20 ft. roadwidth was inadequate. Further, he noted it was difficult for fire safety vehicles to manoeuvre on such narrow streets.

**MOTION CARRIED.** Councillors Anne Cosgrove and Marvin Silver voted in the negative.

**ON MOTION** of Councillors Len Goucher and Anne Cosgrove, it was moved that the matter of roadwidths (from 20 ft. to 26 ft.) be discussed during the MPS review. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

In response to an enquiry from Councillor Anne Cosgrove as to how the parking issue in the area will be addressed, Ms. Donna Davis-Lohnes advised the Engineering, Planning and Fire Departments have discussed the matter. Currently, no parking is permitted on either side of James Winfield in winter and only on one side during the summer months. She noted the situation will be reassessed if problems arise with parking on one side of the street.

6.4 UPDATE #6 - AMALGAMATION

Mayor Peter Kelly provided an update on the amalgamation issue.

1. Mayor Kelly sought direction from Council as to when the April 4, 1995 public meeting on amalgamation should be rescheduled. Further, he noted that Mr. Bill Hayward was available April 18, 1995.

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**ON MOTION** of Councillors Stephen Oickle and Anne Cosgrove, it was moved that the public information meeting on amalgamation, with Mr. Bill Hayward, be rescheduled for April 18, 1995 - 7:00 p.m. - Basinview Drive Elementary School. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

2. The UMA/Doane Raymond report is still on track with a report to be made available mid April.

3. Mayor Kelly advised that the amalgamation legislation will be tabled early April and as a result, the initial plebiscite dates of May 9 - 11 would be too late. He suggested April 27 and 28, 1995.

**ON MOTION** of Councillors Len Goucher and Joan Pryde, it was moved that the Town of Bedford Plebiscite on Amalgamation be held April 27, 1995 - 7:00 a.m. to April 28, 1995 - 12 Noon and conducted through Televoting.

In speaking to the Motion, Deputy Mayor Peter Christie enquired if the same residency requirements would be in place for regular elections.

In response, Mr. Dan English advised that the plebiscite must be held as if it were a Special Election; therefore, the three month residency requirement would stand.

**ON MOTION** of Councillors Stephen Oickle and Len Goucher, it was moved to amend the Motion to invite the other three Mayors to take part in the plebiscite.

Mayor Kelly advised that the other three Mayors have already been invited to participate and that although no written response has been received to date, two units are considering taking part.

A brief discussion ensued on the intent of the amended motion, should it be approved.

The amended Motion now reads:

**ON MOTION** of Councillors Len Goucher and Joan Pryde, it was moved to approve the holding of a Plebiscite on the matter of amalgamation during the time frame of April 27, 1995 (7:00 a.m.) to April 28, 1995 (12 Noon). Further, that the other metro Mayors once again, be invited to participate. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

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Deputy Mayor Peter Christie complimented Town staff of preparation of the Town of Bedford Amalgamation Committee Report relating to staff concerns and noted it was very well done and that same should be forwarded to the other metro units.

Mayor Peter Kelly sought Council direction on the wording of the plebiscite question.

ON MOTION of Councillors Joan Pryde and Marvin Silver, it was moved to approve the following plebiscite wording:

**"ARE YOU IN FAVOUR OF THE TOWN OF BEDFORD AMALGAMATING WITH THE CITIES OF HALIFAX AND DARTMOUTH AND HALIFAX COUNTY MUNICIPALITY FOR THE PURPOSE OF ESTABLISHING A SINGLE REGIONAL MUNICIPAL GOVERNMENT? YES / NO.**

**MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

4. Mayor Kelly advised that Caucus Chairman, Mr. Dennis Richards, is not able to attend a meeting with Town Council as he does not want to conflict with Mr. Bill Hayward's pending completion of his report. Mayor Kelly advised, however, there is no report being produced by Mr. Hayward.

Further, Mayor Kelly advised that the initial suggested date by Mrs. Francene Cosman, for Council to meet with her Amalgamation Committee on April 4, 1995 had to be rescheduled. Mayor Kelly noted he would contact Mrs. Cosman again with some suggested dates (no Tuesday or Wednesday nights - early morning meetings preferred).

5. Mayor Kelly reviewed a memorandum received from Deputy Mayor Peter Christie earlier in the day outlining a suggested Terms of Reference regarding the proposed establishment of a Council Advisory Committee on Amalgamation. Within the memorandum, Deputy Mayor Christie suggested the Committee report back to Town Council by May 20, 1995.

Mayor Kelly suggested that the date of May 20, 1995 may be "after the fact." Deputy Mayor Christie advised that the May 20th date could be replaced with "at the earliest possible time."

Councillor Len Goucher advised that although the Amalgamation Legislation may be approved soon, "it's still not over."

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Councillor Joan Pryde advised she had no problem with the establishment of a Committee however she was concerned with the timing, particularly with respect to the time required for advertising for applications to serve.

A brief discussion ensued on the possibility of approaching the Residents' Associations within the community and also contacting Mrs. Francene Cosman's Committee, seeking volunteers to serve on the Town Committee in addition to general advertising.

6. Mayor Kelly advised that Mr. Bill Hayward's Committee Terms of Reference had been received and was included in the Council package.

9. MOTIONS

9.1 CONSIDERATION - FIRST READING - WASTE WATER DISPOSAL CHARGE BY-LAW

Mr. Ron Singer advised that the Proposed Waste Water Disposal Charge By-Law was before Council for First Reading. Further, he noted the purpose of establishing same was to achieve water conservation within the Town; reduce the growing waste water volume with the Town and to establish a fairer method of taxation for the utilization of the sanitary sewer system component of the Town's infrastructure.

ON MOTION of Deputy Mayor Peter Christie and Councillor Joan Pryde, the Waste Water Disposal Charge By-Law was given First Reading. **MOTION APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY.**

10. NEW BUSINESS

10.1 PROPOSED RESURFACING - UNION STREET - COUNCILLOR STEPHEN OICKLE

Councillor Stephen Oickle advised he had received many calls on the condition of Union Street.

ON MOTION Councillors Stephen Oickle and Marvin Silver, it was moved that the Director of Engineering and Works carry out a needs assessment for resurfacing on Union St. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

ON MOTION of Councillors Joan Pryde and Marvin Silver, it was moved that the

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Director of Engineering and Works carry out a needs assessment for resurfacing on First Ave. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

### 10.3 POLICE CHIEF RETIREMENT

Mayor Peter Kelly advised that Chief H.A. MacKenzie has submitted his retirement notice. The Mayor noted that the Chief's retirement will be a loss to the Town as he has been a loyal and dedicated employee of the Town of Bedford. Further, Mayor Kelly noted the reputation of the Bedford Police Force speaks for itself.

The Chief Administrative Officer, in a memorandum dated March 23, 1995, recommended the appointment of Deputy Chief Greg Murray as Chief of Police effective April 1, 1995.

**ON MOTION** of Councillors Anne Cosgrove and Joan Pryde, it was moved that Deputy Chief Greg Murray be appointed Chief of Police, for the Town of Bedford, effective April 1, 1995.

In speaking to the Motion, Mayor Kelly noted that Deputy Chief Murray's father is currently Police Chief of Truro.

**MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

Congratulations and best wishes were extended to Mr. Murray.

### 10.5 PARKLAND - ADMIRAL COVE - COUNCILLOR LEN GOUCHER

Councillor Len Goucher advised there was an area within Admiral Cove Park containing old growth forest. Accordingly, the Recreation Advisory Committee wished to have that particular piece of land deemed a Special Site.

**ON MOTION** of Councillors Len Goucher and Joan Pryde, it was moved to refer to staff the matter of having the old growth forest area of Admiral Cove Park declared a Special Site. Further, that same be brought back to Council within the next few weeks. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

## 16. DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS

### 16.1 FIRE CHIEF'S MONTHLY REPORT - DEC./94 AND JAN. AND FEB/95

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ON MOTION of Deputy Mayor Peter Christie and Councillor Marvin Silver, it was moved that the Fire Chief's Report for December, 1994 and January and February, 1995 were received for information. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

Councillor Marvin Silver advised that the Bedford Fire Department had responded to two calls at which both times the defibulator was required. The latest individual who required the life saving device was the subject of an interview on ATV Live at Five.

Further, Councillor Silver suggested that Council take note of this and commend the Bedford Fire Department for their training, diligence and competence.

#### 16.2 UPDATE - BEDFORD PLANNING ADVISORY COMMITTEE

ON MOTION of Councillors Len Goucher and Joan Pryde, the BPAC Update was received for information. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

#### 17. QUESTIONS

Councillor Stephen Oickle requested an update on the playground for Bedford Hills Road and Doyle Street. Mr. Bob Nauss advised that the Bedford Hills playground was included in the 1995/96 Capital Budget. Ms. Davis-Lohnes advised that no specific plans have been developed for the Doyle St. parkland as yet. She indicated another meeting will be held with the area residents.

In response to an enquiry from Councillor Stephen Oickle as to an update on the residents of Meadowview Street having access to their back lots, Ms. Davis-Lohnes advised that correspondence had been received from Bedford Place Mall containing an offer relative to right-of-way access. She indicated the Town is awaiting information from Mr. Jim Edmonds which will be forwarded to the Solicitor who has been engaged to investigate legal options available to the Town relative to resolving the access issue.

#### 10. NEW BUSINESS CON'T

##### 10.4 PROPOSED THREE YEAR CAPITAL BUDGET

Mr. English recommended that Town Council approve the listing of projects as outlined on Appendix #1 "Source 1 - Capital From Revenue" in the total amount of \$536,000 to be funded through the 1995/96 Operating Budget which had been approved by Town



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Council on March 15, 1995. Further, Mr. English noted those projects are minor in nature and should be paid for out of Operating Revenues.

Mr. English further recommended that Council approve the projects on Appendix #2 - "Projects to be Funded by Borrowing or from Reserves" - numbers 1 - 8 inclusive and further, that discussion take place over the next number of weeks with respect to prioritizing other projects to be funded through either borrowing or withdrawals from Reserves.

Mr. English reminded Council they had previously approved a maximum borrowing limit of \$600,000 for the year 1995/96. Further, additional funding may be available depending on the amount of operating surplus available from the current year. Council must decide as to the extent these funds will be utilized for Capital projects.

In reviewing Appendix #2, Mr. English advised that the first five projects were previously committed and that approval from Town Council would be required this evening, for numbers 6 (Replacement 1990 1 Ton 4x4 Truck - Engineering) and 7 (Local Street Upgrading - Chip Sealing) in order to commence the tendering process.

Mr. English advised that items 9, 10 and 16 (Arterial Road Resurfacing; Bedford Highway South Road Reconstruction and Bedford Highway Boulevard Project) were all subject to Provincial funding and that no response had been received as yet.

In response to an enquiry from Councillor Joan Pryde if the Province could be "pushed" for an answer, Mr. Rick Paynter advised he had spoken to Provincial representatives three weeks previous. The Province usually advises of any funding by April/May however, it has been as late as June/July. He noted that the Bedford Highway Boulevard funding had been approved earlier but had been cancelled by the Province.

With respect to items 19 and 20 (Land Acquisition - Recreation and Fire Hall Site), it is intended that funding will not be finalized until the completion of these projects.

**ON MOTION** of Councillors Len Goucher and Joan Pryde, it was moved to approve items 1 - 32 - Capital from Revenue at a total of \$536,000, as listed on Appendix #1.

It was noted by Mr. Dan English that flower pots were being installed along Bedford Highway as an ornamental addition to the community for the G7 Conference.

**MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

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ON MOTION of Deputy Mayor Peter Christie and Len Goucher, it was moved to proceed to tender for items 7 and 8 Local Street Upgrading - Chip Sealing; and Smith Road Access - Sandy Lake Park respectively. Further, that the remainder of the projects be prioritized once (a) the Operating Surplus is determined (in approximately one month), (b) the Province has yet to determine its mandatory school rate, and (c) Provincial Funding for roadworks. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

19. ADJOURNMENT

As there was no further business, the meeting adjourned at approximately 9:15 p.m.

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MAYOR

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CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER