

MEETING #11

TOWN OF BEDFORD  
REGULAR SESSION  
TUESDAY, APRIL 11, 1995 - 7:45 P.M.

A Regular Meeting of the Town Council of the Town of Bedford took place on Tuesday, April 11, 1995 - 7:45 p.m. - in the Council Chambers, Mezzanine Level, Sunnyside Mall, Bedford, Nova Scotia.

1. LORD'S PRAYER

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

2. ATTENDANCE

Those in attendance 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, Wayne Legere, Operations Manager, and Jane Nauss, Recording Secretary.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

ON MOTION of Councillor Len Goucher and Deputy Mayor Peter Christie, the minutes of March 28, 1995 were approved. MOTION APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY.

4. ADDITIONS/DELETIONS TO ORDER OF BUSINESS

Councillor Anne Cosgrove requested that "Update - Crosswalk - Meadowbrook Drive" - be added to the agenda as item 10.2.

Dan English requested that "Consideration - Award of Tender - Proposed Boundary and Topographic Survey Works - Sandy Lake Park Development" - be added to the agenda as item 10.3.

5. APPROVAL OF ORDER OF BUSINESS

ON MOTION of Councillor Len Goucher and Deputy Mayor Peter Christie, the agenda, as amended, was approved. MOTION APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY.

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6. DEFERRED BUSINESS/BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

6.1 Consideration - Crestview Phase II

Mayor Peter Kelly called on Mr. Barry Zwicker from Wallace, MacDonald & Lively. Mr. Zwicker reviewed with Town Council, the status of the Crestview Phase II development plan. The meeting was advised of the following revisions to the plan:

1. right of way of the short cul-de-sac north of the Paper Mill Lake collector road has been increased to fifty (50) feet by eliminating the open space to the east of the cul-de-sac;
2. loop street has been changed to two cul-de-sacs, each having a fifty (50) foot right of way. Further, open space next to Annapolis Basin lands and between Oceanview and the loop street has been eliminated;
3. five semi-detached units have been eliminated and relocated to Oceanview Drive. Further, single dwelling units comprise 50% of the mix consistent with the Development Agreement and the RCDD zone;
4. the streetscape will be attractive and non-monotonous;

Mr. Zwicker added that these proposed revisions are within the original intent of the Crestview Development Agreement.

In response to an enquiry from Councillor Marvin Silver if 26 foot roadwidths were part of the plan, Mr. Zwicker advised in the affirmative.

In response to an enquiry from Deputy Mayor Peter Christie if a significant amount of parkland had been reduced as a result of the latest modifications, Mr. Zwicker advised that less than 2% overall.

**ON MOTION** of Councillors Len Goucher and Joan Pryde, it was moved to accept the plan for Crestview Phase II, as amended. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

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6.2 HALIFAX HARBOUR STEWARDSHIP PROPOSAL

Mayor Kelly called on Mr. Rick Paynter to provide comment on this proposal.

Mr. Paynter advised that Dr. Ron Loucks had made a presentation to Town Council on March 28, 1995 regarding a proposed residential source control program to enhance the aesthetics and water quality of Halifax Harbour. Mr. Paynter noted that as the Town was currently involved in the \$20 million expansion to the Mill Cove Treatment Plant, it may be difficult for Council to support this proposal. Further, it was noted that through the use of an education program directed at Bedford residents, a more cost effective approach could be utilized as opposed to becoming involved in the \$50,000 program as proposed by Dr. Loucks.

A brief discussion ensued on the merits of Dr. Loucks' proposal however, it was the consensus of the meeting that those who live around our water bodies, should become better educated in improving sewage control. Further, it was noted that the funds required to become involved in this project could be utilized elsewhere within the community.

Councillor Marvin Silver suggested the implementation of a local stewardship program within Bedford based on education and management to control effluent entering the Harbour. Accordingly, he suggested this matter be deferred pending a report from staff.

Councillor Anne Cosgrove suggested that the Bedford Envirotown Committee become involved and assist staff in compiling their report.

Councillor Len Goucher suggested the matter be referred to the Waters Advisory Committee for comment.

**ON MOTION** of Councillors Len Goucher and Anne Cosgrove, it was moved to receive the staff report at this point in time. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

6.3 AMALGAMATION UPDATE:

(a) Mayor Kelly called on Mr. Graham Walker, Q.C. to address Council and review Bill 3 - An Act to Incorporate the Halifax Regional Municipality.

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Mr. Walker noted that:

- Second Reading of the Bill took place on today's date in the House of Assembly;
- a Motion has been moved thereby enabling each individual within the House to speak on the Bill for forty-five minutes; this is a procedural attempt by the Opposition, to stall approval of the Bill;
- as the Government requires 70 hours to discuss the Budget, it is anticipated that no further deliberations on Bill 3 will take place this week;
- the Co-Ordinator has all the powers of a Council and Board of Police Commissioner until the new Council takes power;
- although the Towns Act remains intact through to April 1, 1996, Town Council must have compliance from the Co-Ordinator on certain matters affecting the Town;
- Nomination Day is scheduled for October 30, 1995;
- Ordinary Polling Day is scheduled for December 2, 1995;
- new Council is sworn in January 9, 1996;
- the Act does not clarify what powers the new Council has between January 9, 1996 and April 1, 1996;
- if the new Chief Administrative Officer is appointed mid 1995, will the Co-Ordinator appoint another individual April 1, 1996? Language within the Act produces a conflict (Section 39);
- the Review and Utility Board will determine the number of elected officials and boundaries of the new unit. Further, the Town of Bedford, if it is one electoral district, will only have one elected representative, no matter what the total number of elected officials will be;

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- current Members of Bedford Town Council will remain in office until April 1, 1996 however, a current Member may run for the new Council and actually sit on both Councils for the period January 9, 1996 - April 1, 1996;
- all Libraries within the four units will be amalgamated as of April 1, 1996;
- the Act states that a new landfill can be located anywhere within the boundaries of Halifax County Municipality which means that it can be located within any of the current units. This should be clarified within the Act (Section 6[9]);
- not able to provide comments on labour provisions within the Act;
- no Town may be incorporated within the new unit as of April 1, 1996;
- all by-laws will stay in force until repealed, however, he will revisit this particular aspect of the Act;
- although the Province wants to create a one tier government, many committees and community councils will be created as a result of the amalgamation; all with duties and powers; further, community councils can create sub-committees thus creating bodies which can be doing the opposite of those elected by the people to the Council of the new unit;
- not sure why a "minimum tax rate" is suggested in Section 86 unless the new Council wants taxes from dwellings (i.e. cottages) which would not normally be taxed at a certain level;
- the Act does not define "rural";
- there is room for different percentages for different rates for different residential properties (Section 83(8) [c]);
- debt charges of current units will remain with the current units, after amalgamation. This conflicts with the Municipal Finance Corporation Act where the new unit should be responsible. This is not consistent in terms of logic;

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- only ten residents are required to force the new Council to hold a public hearing to receive complaints respecting regional public transportation service;
- the definition of a "dwelling unit" can include condominiums and hotel hallways as hallways are considered "common areas";

Dan English noted that area rates are only to be applied to residential properties which has been unheard of up until this point in time;

Mayor Kelly noted that the word "may" was used quite extensively throughout the Act;

Deputy Mayor Peter Christie enquired if the Co-ordinator is not officially appointed for another three weeks, or at the most six months, due to procedural Motion in the House today, can the Town approach the Law Amendments Committee or a Court of law with respect to dealing with matters within the Town;

Mr. Walker advised that in a Court of law, Bill 3 would be deemed not to currently exist, however, the Town has all powers up to March 31, 1996 with a few exceptions.

In response to an enquiry from Deputy Mayor Christie if any leases can be disengaged, Mr. Walker advised the Courts could strike it down.

Deputy Mayor Peter Christie sought clarification on the issue of all Bedford by-laws continuing to be enforced after amalgamation. In response, Mr. Walker advised that Bedford by-laws would be in force after amalgamation within the area of Bedford only. Mr. Walker suggested this created confusion.

Councillor Marvin Silver expressed concern in that the new Council will have no powers between being sworn in on January 9, 1996 and April 1, 1996; Bedford by-laws will still be in force although only by one elected official representing Bedford out of a possible 20 or 24 of the new Council; further, that the one individual representing the area of Bedford may not necessarily be a resident of the community;

- Sections 81 and 82 of the Act both state the same thing but worded two different ways. This required clarification;

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Councillor Marvin Silver suggested the Act was a "sloppy" product poorly thought out, inconsistent and contradictory.

Mayor Peter Kelly thanked Mr. Walker for taking the time to make this presentation to Council.

In closing, Mr. Walker advised that the transitional provisions within the Act required careful review.

(b) Mayor Kelly advised that the UMA/Doane Raymond Report was to be released at 2 p.m. the following day and that the preliminary figures originally released had changed significantly as of this morning.

(c) Councillor Joan Pryde thanked Mr. Walker for his update on Bill 3 discussions. Subsequently, **Councillor Pryde proceeded to read her Motion:**

WHEREAS the residents of Bedford requested Incorporation as a Town some sixteen years ago, which request was approved by the Board of Commissioners of Public Utilities, effective July 1, 1980; and

WHEREAS the ensuing Councils/Staff have administered the Municipal Affairs of the Town of Bedford in an economical and prudent manner for over fourteen years and have always tried to provide the level of service desired by the majority of the residents at an affordable cost; and

WHEREAS the Town of Bedford has and will continue to cooperate with its sister municipalities in the Halifax Metropolitan Area relative to common concerns/responsibilities; and

WHEREAS the residents of the Town of Bedford have indicated their opposition to the proposed formal amalgamation of the Town with the Cities of Halifax and Dartmouth and Halifax County Municipality;

BE IT RESOLVED that the Town Council of the Town of Bedford express its absolute opposition to the proposed municipal amalgamation of the Town of Bedford with the Cities of Halifax and Dartmouth and Halifax County Municipality because such an amalgamation will not be cost effective for the home and business owners/residents of

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the Town and will not ensure that the Town of Bedford is able to make its own decisions relative to the level of services desired;

FURTHER; that the Town Council of the Town of Bedford advise the Province of Nova Scotia through the Premier and the Minister of Municipal Affairs of its opposition to this amalgamation proposal;

FURTHER, that the Town Council of the Town of Bedford, if necessary, oppose this proposed amalgamation with whatever resources and means are legally available, i.e. public referendum, court challenge, political means, etc.

**Councillor Len Goucher seconded this Motion.**

In speaking to the Motion, Deputy Mayor Peter Christie expressed concern with the lack of information being made available to both elected officials and residents alike. He further advised he had followed the proceedings today in the House during Bill 3 discussions, however, he was concerned that Francene Cosman, MLA, was not able to take part in discussions due to the fact she was in the Speakers' Chair.

Deputy Mayor Christie further stated he disagreed with the Act and the fact the Premier has removed the ability of Town Council to "run a tight ship."

In response, Mayor Kelly advised he would be making a presentation to the Law Amendments Committee expressing concerns of the Town.

Deputy Mayor Peter Christie noted that the Bill is not acceptable and that if amalgamation does proceed, at least the Town did everything it could to oppose same.

**ON MOTION** of Councillor Stephen Oickle it was moved to defer further discussion on this matter pending receipt of the UMA/Doane Raymond Report.

**As there was no seconder, the Motion was lost.**

**MOTION CARRIED.** Councillor Stephen Oickle voted in the negative.

Councillor Stephen Oickle served Notice of Reconsideration for the next Regular Session of Council on this matter. Further, he noted this was strictly a procedural Motion and that he may withdraw same pending release of the UMA/Doane Raymond report.



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(d) Mr. Dan English advised that the plebiscite will be taking place over a period of two days - April 27 and April 28, 1995 through the use of televoting. Personal Identification Numbers (PINs) will be issued to each individual within the Town of Bedford who is qualified to vote. Flyers have been created and distributed throughout the community in an effort to create awareness and encourage a high participation rate. Other information will be distributed with the PINs such as recent comments by the Hon. Sandy Jolly on Bill 3 and UMA/Doane Raymond financial analysis figures.

Further, at 1 p.m. on April 28, 1995, Mayor Kelly will be holding a press conference in the Council Chambers announcing results of the plebiscite.

In response to an enquiry from Councillor Anne Cosgrove as to whether other metro units were taking part in this plebiscite, Mayor Kelly advised no response has been received to date by the Town, one way or the other.

Mr. English advised that the other units could hold a plebiscite separate from the Town but that it was too late for them to take part in this particular plebiscite.

(e) Mr. English advised that four expressions of interest had been received from the community to serve on the Council Advisory Committee of Amalgamation even though all resident associations had been contacted as well as the two MLAs.

Councillor Marvin Silver advised that Mr. Patrick Sims had expressed an interest earlier in the year.

**ON MOTION** of Deputy Mayor Peter Christie and Councillor Len Goucher, it was moved to appoint Mark Conway-Brown, Jim Stewart, James Berryman, Gerry St. Amand, Janet Ogden Calder and Patrick Sims to serve on the Council Advisory Committee on Amalgamation; as well as seek other members from current Town Committees and directly approach individuals within the community. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

(f) Mr. Dan English reminded Council of the Public Information Meeting on Amalgamation taking place April 18, 1995 and reviewed the agenda for the evening i.e. UMA/Doane Raymond; Bill Hayward will provide an amalgamation update; plebiscite update; opinion surveys; questions from the floor.

It was decided that the meeting would run from 7 - 10 p.m.

Councillor Anne Cosgrove suggested that Channel 10 tape the entire meeting and not just a portion.

Deputy Mayor Christie suggested that the MLAs be asked to consider stating their positions on amalgamation during the meeting.

(g) Mayor Kelly reviewed the results from the Metro (3 units) Opinion Survey and that same would be distributed to Town Council.

10. NEW BUSINESS

10.1 Consideration - Award of Tender 95-02 - Roadway Grading

**ON MOTION** of Councillor Len Goucher and Deputy Mayor Peter Christie, it was moved to award Tender 95-02 - Roadway Grading - to Dexter Construction Company Limited in an amount not to exceed \$17,162.80, G.S.T. included. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

10.2 Crosswalk Update - Meadowbrook Drive

Councillor Anne Cosgrove advised she had received calls of concern respecting the crosswalk guard no longer being required at the Meadowbrook Drive crosswalk, after the overhead signal was installed.

A lengthy discussion ensued on a proposal to keep the crosswalk guard for an indefinite period of time for the purpose of educating pedestrians to the use of the overhead.

**ON MOTION** of Councillors Anne Cosgrove and Joan Pryde, it was moved to extend crosswalk guard service at the Meadowbrook Drive area to the end of the 1994/95 school year.

Councillor Marvin Silver suggested that a cross walk guard be requested to work in the area during next school year as well, particularly after the summer months.

Both the mover and seconder agreed to amend the Motion to read:

**ON MOTION** of Councillors Anne Cosgrove and Joan Pryde, it was moved to extend crosswalk guard service at the Meadowbrook Drive area to the end of the 1995 school year (December, 1995). **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

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Councillor Anne Cosgrove suggested this could be the beginning of a community education program re pedestrian safety, as previously mentioned by Deputy Mayor Christie.

10.3 Award of Tender - Proposed Boundary and Topographic Survey Works - Sandy Lake Park Development

Mr. Rick Paynter reviewed his report noting that as part of the Recreation Department's plan to develop park facilities on Town owned land in the Sandy Lake area, a proposal call was issued on February 28, 1995 for required boundary and topographic survey works.

**ON MOTION** of Councillors Len Goucher and Joan Pryde, it was moved to award this surveying contract to North Star Surveying and Engineering Limited in the total amount of \$16,500, plus G.S.T. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

11. REPORTS

11.1 By-Law/Policy Advisory Committee

(a) Heritage By-Law and Heritage Advisory Committee Terms of Reference

Mr. English advised that the matter of amending the Heritage By-Law and the Heritage Advisory Committee Terms of Reference was referred by Town Council to the By-Law/Policy Advisory Committee for review and comment. During a recent meeting of the Committee, it was recommended that Council approve an amendment to the Heritage By-Law and the Heritage Advisory Committee Terms of Reference, as proposed.

**ON MOTION** of Councillors Len Goucher and Anne Cosgrove, it was moved to approve the proposed amendments to the Heritage By-Law and Heritage Advisory Committee Terms of Reference.

In speaking to the Motion, Deputy Mayor Peter Christie advised he had been approached by Heritage '80 who had certain concerns with organizational matters.

**ON MOTION** of Deputy Mayor Peter Christie and Councillor Len Goucher, it was moved to defer action on this matter pending receipt of concerns from Heritage '80. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

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In speaking to the Motion, Deputy Mayor Christie advised that the Heritage Advisory Committee was concerned over the ability to properly use the Scott Manor House. Further, he noted the Committee desired repairs be made to the House as soon as possible, particularly for any G7 activities.

Mayor Kelly advised that staff are currently working on the matter and that same will be placed on the next Regular Council agenda.

**(b) Sewer Redevelopment Charge**

Mr. Dan English advised that this matter had been referred to the By-Law/Policy Advisory Committee by Town Council for comment. Further, it was the Committee's recommendation that Council maintain the current Sewer Redevelopment Charge of \$250 per residential dwelling and \$ .05 per commercial square foot.

Councillor Len Goucher noted he felt the Charge should be raised to \$500 per residential dwelling and \$ .10 per commercial square foot.

**ON MOTION** of Councillors Len Goucher and Marvin Silver, it was moved to raise the current Sewer Redevelopment Charge from \$250 to \$500 per residential dwelling and \$ .10 per commercial square foot.

In speaking to the Motion, Councillor Anne Cosgrove noted that the funds generated through the Charge may not stay within the community of Bedford after amalgamation.

Mr. English advised that discussions on this matter pertain to amending an existing by-law and that under a new process recently implemented by the Province, any by-laws or amendments must be advertised in local papers. Further, Mr. English advised that the development community will be seeking justification from the Town for a 100% jump in the Charge as they already pay high fees in Bedford. The Department of Municipal Affairs will also be looking for justification for a fee increase. The meeting was also advised that the funds are to be utilized strictly for refurbishing infrastructure.

Councillor Marvin Silver felt the Town has to govern responsibly and that a \$500 charge is reasonable.

Councillor Len Goucher advised that an increase to \$500 is not unreasonable.

Councillor Joan Pryde advised that she will be supporting the Motion.

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Councillor Stephen Oickle noted he would not be supporting the Motion however he would support the Motion if amalgamation does not occur.

Mayor Kelly advised that the matter was on the table for First Reading and that same would be placed on a future Regular Meeting agenda for Second Reading.

15. NOTICES OF MOTION

15.1 1994 Tax Exemption

Mayor Peter Kelly advised he was serving a Notice of Motion on the 1995 Tax Exemption, for the next Regular Session of Town Council.

16. DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS

16.1 Chief Building Inspector's Report - Month of March, 1995

ON MOTION of Councillor Len Goucher and Deputy Mayor Peter Christie, the March, 1995 Chief Building Inspector's Report was received for information. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

17. QUESTIONS

17.1 Status Sheet

The Status Sheet was received for information.

19. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 10 p.m.

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MAYOR

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CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER

**MEETING #12**

**TOWN OF BEDFORD  
REGULAR SESSION  
TUESDAY, APRIL 25, 1995 - 7:00 P.M.**

A Regular Meeting of the Town Council of the Town of Bedford was held on Tuesday, April 25, 1995 at 7:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers, Mezzanine Level, Sunnyside Mall, Bedford, Nova Scotia.

**1. LORD'S PRAYER**

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

**2. ATTENDANCE**

Those in attendance included Mayor Peter Kelly, Councillors Anne Cosgrove, Len Goucher, Stephen Oickle, Joan Pryde, and Marvin Silver.

Staff members in attendance included Dan English, Chief Administrative Officer; Rick Paynter, Director of Engineering and Works; and Ron Singer, Director of Corporate Services.

**3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**ON MOTION** of Councillor Stephen Oickle and Councillor Len Goucher, it was moved to approve the minutes of the April 11 Town Council meeting.  
**MOTION APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY.**

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

Mayor Kelly requested that the Lions' Pool Project be added to the agenda as item 10.3 and Lions' Den Project be added to the agenda as item 10.4.

Councillor Goucher requested that the Press Release from Francene Cosman , MLA dated April 24, 1995 be added as item 6.1(e).

Mayor Kelly suggested that items 8.1 Bedford Local Committee on Drug Awareness and 8.2 Millwood High School be moved up on the agenda.

5. **APPROVAL OF ORDER OF BUSINESS**

**ON MOTION** of Councillor Len Goucher and Councillor Anne Cosgrove, it was moved that the Order of Business as amended be approved. **MOTION APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY.**

8. **PETITIONS AND DELEGATIONS**

8.1 **BEDFORD LOCAL COMMITTEE ON DRUG AWARENESS -  
MS. CAROL ANNE CURRIE**

Mayor Peter Kelly called on Ms. Carol Anne Currie, President of the Bedford Local committee on Drug Awareness. Ms. Currie circulated to Town Council copies of the just completed Bedford Teen Lifestyles Survey. Ms. Currie explained that they had collected a large amount of very useful data from 1,124 Bedford Junior and Senior High School students on the leisure activities they enjoy, and their social, physical and mental health needs. Ms. Currie pointed out that the results of the survey provide an opportunity for Town Council, community groups and parents to seriously look at the issues which are most important to the youth of Bedford.

With the assistance of an overhead projector, Ms. Currie briefly outlined some of the highlights of the survey using graphs indicating the number of youth involved in various sporting and social activities.

In summary, Ms. Currie informed Town Council that the Bedford Local Committee on Drug Awareness recommends that a drop-in centre be established for kids, even if only provided on a part-time basis. The drop-in centre should include a television, VCR, stereo, video games, coffee machine and possibly a pool table. Ms. Currie advised Town Council that these items could be donated by private businesses. It is also recommended that speakers be brought in to discuss issues relevant to teens. Ms. Currie commented that although Bedford is providing opportunity for sports and recreation in the town, the survey indicates that more opportunities are needed.

Ms. Currie recommended that members of Town Council read the survey, including the wide range of comments that are provided that will give them a good indication

of what the youth of Bedford want.

Mayor Kelly thanked Ms. Currie for the professional survey presented. He advised her that the information provided would be valuable to the Town and that Town Council will review it and see what they can do to be of assistance.

## **8.2 MILLWOOD HIGH SCHOOL - MR. FRED HALL**

Mayor Peter Kelly called on Mr. Fred Hall from Millwood High School. Mr. Hall, who is a high school teacher and faculty advisor, explained to Town Council that an Environmental group of students from Millwood High are hoping to attend the Caretakers of the Environment International conference to be held in Murmansk, Russia. The theme of the ninth International Conference that will take place from June 12 - 18 of this year is "The Arctic Region and Ecology."

Mr. Hall informed Town Council that the Millwood High School Environmental Group is very active and is well known in the Metro area for increasing community awareness of the environment. He indicated that by attending this conference:

- the group will be investigating the environmental problems of the Arctic and be able to bring this information back to Nova Scotia to educate and inform the public;
- to improve environmental awareness and understanding of the interrelation between nature and society;
- and to work out recommendations for keeping, protecting and reconstructing ecosystems.

Meaghan Michaud, one of the students planning to attend the conference, was in attendance to explain to Town Council that this trip to Russia would be a very educational and worthwhile time that would be the highlight of her high school years. Ms. Michaud advised that in addition to discussing the conference in her weekly *Daily News* column, she and the other participants would present the information they gathered to their sponsors.

Mr. Hall advised Town Council that the group of five students and two teachers who wish to attend this conference are actively seeking sponsors to help with the



cost of their trip. To cover their expenses, they require \$13,083.00 and to date have raised \$5025.00 of which the Sackville Community Council has agreed to donate \$1000.00. Mr. Hall asked Town Council to consider sponsoring the Environmental Group to assist them in attending the conference.

Mayor Kelly sought clarification regarding the amount of donation that Mr. Hall was seeking from Town Council. Mr. Hall advised the Mayor that they were hoping that Bedford would sponsor them for \$1,000.00, the same amount that Sackville has agreed to donate.

Mayor Kelly suggested to Mr. Hall that he contact the Provincial Government's Resource Recovery Fund to request funding for their trip.

Mayor Kelly thanked Mr. Hall for his presentation and advised that his request will be brought back to the next Town Council meeting for consideration.

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

6.1 **REGIONAL MUNICIPALITY AMALGAMATION**

(a) **Bill Hayward, Amalgamation Co-ordinator - Electoral Districts**

Mayor Kelly called on Mr. Bill Hayward to discuss Electoral Districts with the Council. Mr. Hayward thanked Town Council for meeting with him and circulated information regarding amalgamation "*Co-ordinator Responds to Public Concerns.*"

Mr. Hayward explained that he has been in the process of finalizing the polling districts. He indicated that he originally recommended districts which would have 20 seats that combined Bedford with Waverley, however, when he met with the residents of Waverley, they indicated a strong preference for being in a polling district with Grand Lake. This reaction and input from other areas made him reconsider the polling districts, therefore he advised that he is now considering a 24 seat option. With the use of an overhead projector, Mr. Hayward showed Town Council the proposed Halifax County 24 District scenario using the 1991 population of 11,618 in Bedford.

Mr. Hayward reviewed the amalgamation process, informing Council that the Metro Amalgamation Bill passed second reading in the legislature today and will

proceed to the law amendments committee on Thursday, April 27. Mr. Hayward advised that he would be making polling district recommendations after the legislation is passed and then it will proceed to the Utility and Review Board for their acceptance. He noted that he hopes everyone will see what the polling districts are, therefore he plans on publishing all the information regarding polling districts prior to the Utility and Review Board Hearings.

Mayor Kelly sought clarification about who decides the maximum number of voters from each district. Mr. Hayward indicated that according to the Utility and Review Board, there can be up to 15% variation, however, he believes there can be a 20% variance, as does the Supreme Court of Canada. Mr. Hayward referred to the Musquodoboit Valley and the Eastern Shore, explaining that these two areas have relatively small stable populations, but they are too large in terms of geography to have only one representative. Mr Hayward also pointed out that the UMA report is opposed to a variation of more than 20%.

Mayor Kelly requested clarification about the Utility and Review Board guidelines. Mr. Hayward confirmed that the Review Board does not take into consideration the history, ethnic diversity or cultural background of an area.

Councillor Pryde indicated that she was not in favour of amalgamation and that one of the reasons Bedford left the county was due to lack of representation. She recommended that the legislation be amended to permit Bedford to have a community council that would give them some authority over the town. She pointed out that presently the legislation requires an area to have 3 polling districts before a community council is formed.

There was discussion about Bedford qualifying under the legislation for a Community Committee but not Community Council. Mr. Hayward advised Town Council that a Community Advisory Committee would have the power to deal with planning issues. He indicated that Cole Harbour and Sackville found that these committees improved planning issues in their areas.

Mayor Kelly expressed his concern that a Community Committee only has the power that the Regional Council deem necessary for them to have.

Councillor Oickle stated he would prefer that amalgamation not proceed, however, if it did, Bedford's goal should be two representatives. Councillor Oickle suggested

two other options for Mr. Hayward to consider. The first one would allow two representatives at large for each Provincial riding which would increase the number of representatives on the Regional Council to 32 plus the mayor. In addition to the two MLAs, the two representatives could unite to form the Community Council. Councillor Oickle's second option would divide Bedford in half and join up with neighbouring areas to allow two polling districts, and possibly two representatives from Bedford.

Mr. Hayward mentioned that at the Hammond Plains meeting, residents indicated that they would like to link with either St. Margaret's Bay or Bedford. He agreed to look at all options but his preference was keeping Bedford together.

Mayor Kelly advised that the Utility and Review Board's decisions are subject to appeal and that the courts will give the final decision.

Councillor Goucher stated that he would also like to see Bedford, one of the fastest growing towns in Eastern Canada, with two or three representatives. He suggested that residents will have very little access to their representative if one person is representing 14,000 people.

Mr. Hayward introduced Mark Poirier, Department of Municipal Affairs, who is dealing with planning issues relative to amalgamation and suggested that Mr. Poirier could meet with the Town Planning Department to explore all possibilities.

Councillor Silver indicated that with the plebescite, the residents of Bedford may be telling Council that they don't want to be part of the amalgamation, and he would prefer to wait for those results before commenting further.

Councillor Cosgrove pointed out that if Mr. Hayward's recommendations are accepted, one representative will have to do the work of what seven do now. She also stated that two representatives would be preferable over one.

**ON MOTION** of Councillor Stephen Oickle and Councillor Len Goucher, it was moved that should amalgamation proceed, Town Council recommends that Bedford be split with approximately 7,000 residents in one district and 7,000 residents in the other.

In speaking to the Motion, Councillor Pryde advised that she is opposed, but not

because she does not want two representatives. She explained that by splitting the town, the elected representative still would be representing a large area, which part may not be Bedford. She suggested that just representing Bedford would be preferable.

In speaking to the Motion, Councillor Goucher stated that he was against amalgamation, however, he doesn't want to close his eyes to it. He advised that he would support trying to get two representatives but suggested that they defer this item at this time.

**ON MOTION** of Councillor Len Goucher and Councillor Marvin Silver, it was moved to defer the Motion until after the legislation has been dealt with. **MOTION APPROVED.**

Mr. Hayward circulated Exhibit 2.16 of the *Analysis of Municipal Amalgamation* prepared by UMA/Doane Raymond, as amended by W. Hayward, 25 April 1995. Mr. Hayward advised Town Council that he has adjusted the wastewater maintenance and pollution control charges for the other municipalities but not Bedford.

Councillor Oickle requested clarification on the information provided by UMA/Doane Raymond that residential taxes in Bedford would decrease 3%. Councillor Oickle stated that the Town had provided residents with information indicating that their residential taxes would increase 5%. He voiced concern that incorrect information may have been circulated to the residents and they may be basing their plebescite decision on this information.

Dan English explained that Bedford was not shown on an equal basis for comparison purposes in the information provided by UMA, and the information was adjusted to make it correct.

Mayor Kelly advised Town Council members that an auditor confirmed that the Town's staff financial analysis was correct.

Mr. Hayward thanked Town Council for meeting with him and advised them that the electoral maps continue to be revised and that he will continue to be open to new ideas.

(b) **Graham Walker, Legal Counsel - Legislation**

Mayor Kelly called on Mr. Graham Walker to discuss with Council any concerns to Bill 3. Mr. Walker circulated the *Petition to the House of Assembly of Nova Scotia* to Town Council.

Mr. Walker informed Town Council that he had several pages of items he wished to discuss with the members. Mayor Kelly indicated that instead of rushing through these important items, he suggested Mr. Walker provide Town Council with his notes which would allow them time for review.

Due to the importance of these issue, Council agreed to review the notes and meet for further discussion on Thursday morning at 6:30 a.m.

(c) **UMA/Doane Raymond Report**

**ON MOTION** of Councillor Len Goucher and Councillor Marvin Silver, it was moved to receive the UMA/Doane Raymond Report at this time. **MOTION APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY.**

(d) **MLA's Advisory Committee Report**

**ON MOTION** of Councillor Len Goucher and Councillor Stephen Oickle, it was moved to receive the MLA's Advisory Committee Report at this time.

Speaking to the motion, Councillor Goucher stated that while reading this report, he believed there were additional reports being referred to. Therefore, Councillor Goucher requested that the MLA be contacted to obtain all of the complete reports.

**The MOTION was voted on and UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED.**

(e) **News Release - Francene Cosman, MLA**

Mayor Kelly referred to a news release from Francene Cosman regarding the Bedford Phone Plebiscite, stating that he wished to address the ten points that were raised in the release.

Councillor Goucher advised Council that he obtained the news release from the press just prior to this evening's meeting. Councillor Goucher read the news release to Town Council and expressed his concern that Ms. Cosman did not contact the Town to verify any of the information contained in the news release. He stated that she criticized the same telephone voting system that her political party had previously used. Councillor Goucher also referred to Ms. Cosman's comment regarding the Town using an out of date voter's list as well as her concerns about the plebiscite being tampered with. He stated that the Town is using the voter's list from October of 1994 with the addition of 400 new names and the plebiscite is being audited.

Mayor Kelly advised that the following were the 10 points in the news release he wished to clarify:

1. *"People are worried about the confidentiality and security of their PIN number..."* Mayor Kelly clarified that the telephone voting system was being audited, as Councillor Goucher had pointed out.
2. *"...the use of a voter's list that is not up to date."* Mayor Kelly also clarified that the October 1994 voter's list with 400 additional names was used which would make it current.
3. *"Citizens wonder whether the town will know how they voted, since the PIN numbers were mailed in window-envelopes."* Mayor Kelly advised that because the numbers were randomly chosen, no one would know, and the system is totally confidential.
4. *"Several people have received PIN numbers for relatives or other people who no longer live in the house."* Mayor Kelly confirmed that the voter's list they used was accurate last October and if residents are receiving mail that is not theirs, they should be sending it back, unopened, to the return address on the envelope.
5. *"These loose PIN numbers could easily be used to call in multiple*

*votes for the plebiscite.*" Mayor Kelly indicated that they are not concerned about this occurring. He believes that residents should be given the benefit of the doubt that they would not abuse this privilege.

6. *"There are some residents who have not received a PIN number and are wondering why and what can be done to ensure they have a vote."* Mayor Kelly clarified that ads have been placed in the newspapers notifying residents to contact the Town if they did not receive their PIN and the Town would issue them a new one.
7. *"... that past voter's list are being used, which may be out of date ..."* Mayor Kelly again pointed out that the Voter's List they are using is from October 1994 and these lists are valid for up to one year.
8. *"... this plebiscite is being tampered with."* Mayor Kelly advised that auditors are monitoring the system to ensure that proper procedure is followed.
9. *"These issues should have been thought out well in advance."* Mayor Kelly confirmed that many weeks were spent ensuring that due process was followed with the plebiscite.
- 10 *"For more information contact: Francene Cosman."* Mayor Kelly pointed out that Ms. Cosman should have contacted the Town before circulating a news release with incorrect information.

**ON MOTION** of Councillor Marvin Silver and Councillor Joan Pryde, it was moved that the Town answer these serious allegations in a news release to all news agencies. Further, it is requested that copies be given to the two MLAs.

Councillor Goucher suggested that they amend the motion to indicate that they would contact Francene Cosman prior to circulating a news release. As there was no seconder, the amendment was lost.

Mayor Kelly confirmed that he will clarify each point in the news release and he

will write to the MLA.

The **MOTION** was voted on and **UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED**.

**13. MOTIONS OF RECONSIDERATION**

**13.1 Councillor Stephen Oickle - Approval of Motion re Bedford's Opposition to Amalgamation**

In speaking to his motion of reconsideration, Councillor Stephen Oickle recommended to Town Council members that they support it and not take a stand on amalgamation until the results of the plebescite are in. He suggested that it was irresponsible of the members to take a stand before they have heard from the people. He recommended that the motion be deferred until after the plebescite.

On a point of clarification, Councillor Goucher inquired about Councillor Oickle's statement when making the motion of reconsideration that he might withdraw same pending release of the UMA/Doane Raymond report. Councillor Oickle confirmed that he had indicated that, however, he is concerned that now that they are in receipt of the report, it contains different tax information than they previously had.

As there was no seconder, the **MOTION** was lost.

**19. ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting adjourned at approximately 9:40 p.m.

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MAYOR

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CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER



MEETING #12

TOWN OF BEDFORD  
RECONVENED SESSION FROM APRIL 25, 1995  
THURSDAY, APRIL 27, 1995 - 6:30 A.M.

ATTENDANCE

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

Staff members in attendance included Dan R. English, Chief Administrative Officer; Rick Paynter, Director of Engineering; and Neville Wheaton, Fire Chief, Bedford Volunteer Fire Department.

Mr. Graham Walker was also in attendance.

DEFERRED BUSINESS/BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

6.1(b) *Proposed Legislation*

Mr. Graham Walker reviewed with Council the basic issues which should be contained within the brief to be presented by Mayor Kelly to members of the Law Amendments Committee. While proceeding through the legislation, a number of Councillors and staff identified various areas which should be addressed in the brief. Following discussion, it was agreed that Mr. Walker would complete the brief and same would be circulated to Town Council prior to its submission to the Law Amendments Committee.

*Petition*

A brief discussion ensued on a proposed Petition to be presented to the House of Assembly by Town Council outlining its opposition to the amalgamation. It was agreed that this Petition would only be presented to the House providing the results from the plebiscite reflected significant opposition.

Council also agreed that a rally should be planned for May 1 at 7:30 p.m. at Province House and as many Town residents as possible invited and encouraged to attend to support the Mayor and Council presenting the petition to the Premier.

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ON MOTION of Councillors Goucher and Pryde, it was moved that providing the results of the plebiscite reflect significant opposition to amalgamation, that the petition as presented be submitted to the House of Assembly at a Town hosted rally to be held on Monday, May 1, 1995 at 7:30 p.m. at the House of Assembly.

10. NEW BUSINESS

10.3 Lions Pool

Mayor Kelly advised that the contractors have run into bedrock during the construction of the new Lions Pool and, in order to complete the construction, will require an additional \$40,000.

ON MOTION of Councillors Oickle and Pryde, it was moved that Town Council authorize an additional \$40,000 towards the construction of the new Lions Pool. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

10.4 Lions Den

Mayor Kelly noted that the Lions Club had recently completed a project to refurbish a portion of the Lebrun Centre however exceeded their budget by \$5,000. He requested that Town Council consider covering this overexpenditure considering that the Town will be benefit to these improvements to the Lebrun Centre.

ON MOTION of Councillors Goucher and Cosgrove, it was moved that Town Council authorize a \$5,000 grant to the Lions Club to cover this overexpenditure. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

There being no further business - the meeting adjourned at approximately 8:15 a.m.

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MAYOR

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CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER

**MEETING #13**

**TOWN OF BEDFORD  
REGULAR SESSION  
TUESDAY, MAY 2, 1995 - 7:00 P.M.**

A Regular Meeting of the Town Council of the Town of Bedford was held on Tuesday, May 2, 1995 at 7:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers, Mezzanine Level, Sunnyside Mall, Bedford, Nova Scotia.

**1. LORD'S PRAYER**

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

**2. ATTENDANCE**

Those in attendance included Mayor Peter Kelly, Deputy Mayor Peter Christie, Councillors Anne Cosgrove, Stephen Oickle, Joan Pryde, and Marvin Silver.

Staff members in attendance included Rick Paynter, Director of Engineering and Acting Chief Administrative Officer; and Ron Singer, Director of Corporate Services.

**3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**ON MOTION** of Deputy Mayor Peter Christie and Councillor Anne Cosgrove, it was moved to approve the minutes of the Regular Session on April 25 and the Reconvened Session on April 27.

**MOTION APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY.**

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

Mayor Kelly requested that items 8.1 and 10.2 be moved up on the agenda to be discussed after the approval of Order of Business. He also requested that a discussion re: Retaining Wall on Second Street be added to the agenda as item 10.8

**5. APPROVAL OF ORDER OF BUSINESS**

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

**10. NEW BUSINESS**

**10.2 OAKMOUNT DRIVE - DOT PROPERTY - ILLEGAL DUMPING**

Mr. Paynter circulated photos of the Oakmount Drive DOT property and noted this land is being used for storing materials and sundry equipment. A portion of the land is also used for infilling from street sweeping. Mr. Paynter advised that the Town has had discussions with the DOT for the past three to four years concerning the problems related to this property, yet nothing substantive has been done to correct the situation.

Councillor Cosgrove stated that the garbage and odour emanating from the DOT property is more prevalent this year than in past years and is a major concern of the area residents. Further, she pointed out that it is very unhealthy for the environment and Town Council should do something about it.

Mr. Paynter agreed there have been residents complaining about the fumes being emitted from diesel equipment on the property. He advised Town Council that there are also concerns about airborne dust in the summer and salt in the winter.

Mayor Kelly advised that the Town had contacted the Department of the Environment regarding these concerns however, the Province is exempt under the Town's by-laws.

In response to an inquiry from Councillor Pryde regarding the zoning of this land, Mr. Paynter reported that it is a utility zoning and that it services all of Bedford, Lower Sackville and Mount Uniacke.

Mayor Kelly advised that DOT had indicated 4 or 5 years ago that this DOT property was to be phased out of operation.

Town Council agreed that correspondence should be sent immediately to the Ministers of Health, Environment, and Transportation addressing the Town's concerns and requesting a quick response. It was agreed that a copy should also be sent to the MLA for Bedford/Fall River.

8. **PETITIONS AND DELEGATIONS**

8.1 **PRESENTATION - BILL BURKE - PRIS DOCUMENT - NEEDS ASSESSMENT STUDY**

Mayor Peter Kelly called on Mr. Bill Burke to present the review of the Town's Parks and Recreation Implementation Strategy (PRIS) and Facility Needs Assessment Study.

Mr. Burke explained that the mandate of the consulting team of Burke/Oliver was to review the 1988 Parks and Recreation Strategy and develop a plan for the next five years. He advised that to find out what the residents of Bedford wanted, they did a survey of the community which indicated that the greatest demands were for an indoor swimming pool, a trail system and a community centre.

Mr. Burke briefly outlined what they had recommended in their report that the Town implement in several phases over the next five years.

Deputy Mayor Christie inquired about operating scenarios in item 4.3 in the report. Mr. Burke explained that whether it was built by the Town or privately operated was not considered in detail in the report.

Mayor Kelly advised that Town Council would review the report further and thanked Mr. Burke for the report presented.

**ON MOTION** of Deputy Mayor Peter Christie and Councillor Joan Pryde, it was moved that Town Council approve the Terms of Reference for the Community Centre and Trail Development Committee. Further, staff to make additional recommendations in the future. **MOTION UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED.**

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

**6.1 REGIONAL MUNICIPALITY AMALGAMATION**

**(a) Plebiscite Results**

Mayor Kelly announced there was an approximate 40% participation rate with 89% of the voters opposed to the Town of Bedford amalgamating with the cities of Halifax and Dartmouth and Halifax County.

**ON MOTION** of Councillors Marvin Silver and Anne Cosgrove, it was moved that Town Council accept the results of the plebiscite. **MOTION UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED.**

**6.2 UPDATE - WATER PRESSURE - EAGLEWOOD SUBDIVISION  
- MAYOR KELLY**

Mayor Kelly advised Town Council that it was time to address the ongoing problem with water pressure in the Eaglewood Subdivision.

**ON MOTION** of Councillors Stephen Oickle and Anne Cosgrove, it was moved that on behalf of the residents of Bedford, Town Council file a protest with the Public Utility Board.

Referring to fire flow, Councillor Silver inquired if the lack of water pressure was severe enough to be hazardous or just inconvenient. Mr. Paynter indicated that he believed it to be inconvenient with the fire flow tests showing a small difference between the desirable requirements and what is being delivered.

There was discussion regarding the possibility of hiring a consultant to do a study of this matter or whether Town Council should go directly to the Public Utility Board.

Mr. Paynter agreed to present Town Council with a report providing time and cost estimates to hire a consultant.

**ON MOTION** of Councillor Silver and Deputy Mayor Christie, it was moved that the motion be deferred pending the Director of Engineering's report on this matter. **MOTION APPROVED.** (Councillor Cosgrove and Mayor Kelly opposed).

**6.3 SCHOOL BOARD FUNDING**

Mr. Singer reviewed with Council the information from the Halifax County-Bedford School District School Board that the mandatory education rate for fiscal 1995/96 has been set at \$.39 cents per \$100 of uniform assessment rather than the projected rate of \$.40 cents per \$100 as included in the Town's approved Budget. He advised Council that this resulted in a surplus of \$70,000 in addition to the \$70,000 savings realized from the 3% wage roll back. Mr. Singer reminded Council that the School Board had requested additional supplementary funding, therefore he requested direction from Council with respect to disposition of the \$140,000 surplus.

In response to an inquiry from Councillor Pryde, Mr. Singer advised that Halifax County is in a similar situation but he is unsure as to what they are doing with the surplus.

**ON MOTION** of Councillors Pryde and Cosgrove, it was moved that Town Council meet with Halifax County to discuss if additional funding is required. **MOTION UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED.**

**6.4 CONSIDERATION - REQUEST FOR FUNDING - MILLWOOD HIGH SCHOOL**

**ON MOTION** of Councillors Silver and Cosgrove, it was moved that Town Council donate \$300 to the Millwood High School Environmental Group. **MOTION UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED.**

**9. MOTIONS**

**9.1 CONSIDERATION - SECOND READING - SEWER REDEVELOPMENT CHARGE**

Mayor Kelly circulated correspondence from the Nova Scotia Home Builders' Association discussing their concerns that the proposed by-law amendment would increase sewer redevelopment charges which would be a deterrent to new home construction in Bedford.

Councillor Silver pointed out that the increase to \$500 from \$250 will bring the Town of Bedford in line with the rest of Metro.



**ON MOTION** of Councillor Silver and Deputy Mayor Christie, it was moved to approve Second Reading of the motion.

Councillor Cosgrove advised Council that this increase only brings them in line with Halifax because Halifax County and Dartmouth do not have a charge. She also commented that this would not help residential development in Bedford and she is not in favour of the increase.

**The MOTION was voted on and APPROVED.** (Councillor Cosgrove was opposed.)

**9.2 CONSIDERATION - SECOND AND THIRD READING - WASTEWATER DISPOSAL CHARGE BY-LAW**

**ON MOTION** of Deputy Mayor Christie and Councillor Pryde, it was moved to approve the second and third reading of the proposed Waster Water Disposal Charge By-law. **MOTION UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED.**

**9.3 CONSIDERATION - MOTION RE EXPANDED ELIGIBILITY FOR TAX EXEMPTION**

Mayor Kelly advised Council that the Town should consider including families whose total income does not exceed \$22,000 in the 1995/96 Resident Tax Exemption. He suggested that they should not be discriminating against married couples.

Councillor Pryde suggested that there may be many residents in that income level and they might be opening the floodgates.

In response to an inquiry from Councillor Oickle about the number of families in this income level, Mr. Singer indicated he was unsure of the exact number but he didn't think there would be that many. Mr. Singer also advised Council that it would be difficult to monitor when it is based on income only.

Mayor Kelly inquired about the possibility of monitoring by viewing an individual's income tax return. Mr. Singer responded that you can not ask to see an individual's income tax return but you can ask for the Summary Page that Revenue Canada sends back to taxpayers. Mr. Singer also pointed out that it is difficult to know how many income earning individuals are living in one house.

Councillor Silver suggested that this tax exemption might make the difference between a family keeping their home or losing it. He recommended that they approve the exemption and if residents want the exemption, they should be required to provide their Income Tax Return.

**ON MOTION** of Councillors Silver and Cosgrove, it was moved that Town Council approve the 1995/96 resident tax exemption presently set at \$450 with a total household income not exceeding \$22,000 to remain in effect for 1995/96. **MOTION UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED.**

**10. NEW BUSINESS**

**10.1 CONSIDERATION - 1994/95 TAX WRITE OFFS**

Mr. Singer reviewed his recommendation to Town Council that \$53,590.71 be written off as uncollectible receivables. He advised Council that Town Staff have worked very hard during the past year to minimize tax write offs, however there are always businesses that pack up in the middle of the night or go bankrupt.

Several businesses on the list of proposed write offs were referred to and Mr. Singer explained that there were errors in their assessments and it is not the owner's responsibility to pay the incorrect amount.

There were inquiries about other businesses listed. Mr. Singer pointed out that some are in new businesses and nothing can be collected from the former business if it went bankrupt and it was a limited corporation.

Councillor Cosgrove expressed concern that such a large amount of taxes had to be written off.

Mr. Singer advised Council that the Town has exhausted all avenues of collection for the taxes listed and they have no alternative but to write them off.

**ON MOTION** of Councillor Pryde and Deputy Mayor Christie, it was moved that \$53,790.71 be written off as uncollectible receivables as per the attached report, and that this amount be applied to the Valuation Allowance. Further, it is recommended that \$34,446 be transferred from the Accumulated Operating Surplus Account to the Valuation Allowance. **MOTION UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED.**

**10.3 CONSIDERATION - AWARD OF TENDER 95-03 - SANITARY SEWER MAIN REPAIRS - TRENCHLESS TECHNOLOGY I/II PROGRAM PROJECT #1**

At the request of Councillor Pryde, Mr. Paynter reviewed the process involved with trenchless technology.

**ON MOTION** of Councillor Oickle and Deputy Mayor Christie, it was moved that Tender 95-03 - Sanitary Sewer Main Repairs Using Trenchless Technology be awarded to Samson Industrial Division (1987), in the amount of \$153,352.60, inclusive of G.S.T., with the Town's net cost of \$51,117.00 to be funded out of the Sewer Redevelopment Reserve Fund.

Councillor Silver inquired about the company and this type of technology. Mr. Paynter responded that the company has done this type of work in other parts of Nova Scotia and he is confident in their abilities.

**The MOTION was voted on and UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED.**

**10.4 CONSIDERATION - AWARD OF TENDER 95-05 - GREENSTREETS CANADA**

Councillor Oickle referred to Wayne Legere's report and stated that he was very pleased with the government's support of 5500 trees.

**ON MOTION** of Councillors Oickle and Cosgrove, it was moved that Tender 95-05 - Greenstreets Canada - be awarded to Edmonds Landscape Services for a total cost of \$22,921.56 for a one year program. **MOTION UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED.**

**10.5 CONSIDERATION - AWARD OF TENDER 95-105 - ONE TON TRUCK**

**ON MOTION** of Deputy Mayor Christie and Councillor Pryde, it was moved that Tender 95-105 be awarded to Carroll Pontiac Buick GMC Limited in the amount of \$28,524.94, inclusive of G.S.T., for the supply of one 1995 one ton 4 x 4 diesel maintenance truck, as Tendered. **MOTION UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED.**

**10.6 FORMAL ACKNOWLEDGEMENT - BEDFORD BOARD OF HEALTH**

**ON MOTION** of Councillor Oickle and Deputy Mayor Christie, it was moved that Town Council acknowledge the time and commitment of those individuals who have participated in the Bedford Board of Health at different periods between 1981 until the present time. **MOTION UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED.**

Mayor Kelly advised Council that a letter will be sent.

**10.7 PROPOSED PROJECT - FORMER THU DO RESTAURANT PROPERTY - CAPITAL BUDGET**

Mr. Paynter advised Council that a development proposal has been submitted to the Town of Bedford regarding the revamping of the former Thu Do Restaurant property to create a new restaurant complex. As part of this proposal, Planning and Development has asked Engineering to look at the possibility of extending curb and sidewalk works along the front of the property such that it would facilitate the establishment of a more aesthetic streetscape appearance along the front of the property.

Mr. Singer explained that the Engineering Department's estimate is approximately \$95,000 to implement all the works involved and there is approximately \$43,000 of cost shareable works incorporated into the project resulting in an overall net Town cost of \$73,500. He advised Council that the Town is unsure at this time whether the Province is contributing their half (\$360,000) for the Bedford Highway upgrading. He suggested that the \$360,000 in the 1995 Capital Budget be replaced by the \$73,500 (net) project.

Council was in agreement that the \$360,000 in the 1995 Capital Budget be removed and replaced by the \$73,500 Thu Do project.

In response to an inquiry about the status of the \$360,000 cost sharing project, Mayor Kelly advised Council that he would write to the Minister to find out where the Town stands on this issue.

Deputy Mayor Christie indicated that he has not seen any plans on this project and would like to know the impact it will have on Atlantic Gardens and the church property before making any decision.

**ON MOTION** of Deputy Mayor Christie and Councillor Cosgrove, it was moved to defer this item to the next meeting pending further information about the cost sharing project and additional information on the Thu Do project. **MOTION UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED.**

Mr. Paynter advised Council that he would provide them with plans of the project.

**10.8 RETAINING WALL - SECOND STREET**

Mr. Paynter advised Council that this retaining wall on Second Street is in a state of virtual collapse and must be addressed.

Council agreed that Mr. Paynter prepare a report including cost estimates to repair the wall.

**16. DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS**

**16.1 FIRE CHIEF'S MONTHLY REPORT - MONTH OF MARCH, 1995**

**ON MOTION** of Councillors Oickle and Cosgrove, the Fire Chief's monthly report for the month of March, 1995 was adopted. **MOTION UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED.**

**17. QUESTIONS**

**17.1 STATUS SHEET**

Deputy Mayor Christie inquired about the Proposed Local Stewardship Program discussed on April 11. Mayor Kelly advised that funding has been requested and it will be on the agenda at the next Council meeting.

**19. ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting adjourned at approximately 9:00 p.m.

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