

MEETING OF THE DECEMBER SESSION  
OF THE THIRTY-THIRD COUNCIL OF THE  
MUNICIPALITY OF HALIFAX COUNTY

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FIRST DAY MORNING

December 9, 1959.

Council met at 10:00 a.m.

Warden F. G. H. Leverman in the chair.

The session opened with repeating in unison the Lord's Prayer.

Roll called.

Commenting on the new Municipal Administration Building, Warden Leverman said he hoped that all Councillors were as happy as he was to have a place which could be called "our own." He pointed out that there is yet some work to be done. He said that it had taken an heroic amount of work during the past few weeks to make occupancy possible at this time. He congratulated Mr. Hattie and his staff in accomplishing the move from the Law Courts to the new Building over the weekend. Warden Leverman noted that the desks which the Councillors occupied had been constructed by Halifax Shipyards. He said that a representative of the Shipyards wished to make a presentation at this time.

Mr. Pollock of the Halifax Shipyards, representing the General Manager, expressed the regrets of the General Manager that he was unable to be present this morning to make the presentation. Mr. Pollock then presented Warden Leverman with a gavel and stand. He wished Council well in their new quarters.

Warden Leverman expressed his thanks to the Halifax Shipyards for the gift which he said was the first to have been made to the County in its new quarters. He asked that Mr. Pollock convey to those who were responsible for the excellent job the appreciation of the Council. He said that they had not only done a marvellous job but the men had come back late in the day in order to complete the work. Mr. Pollock then expressed the pleasure of the Shipyards in their work with the Architects.

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The Municipal Clerk read a letter from the Halifax County Council of Home and School Associations, concerning the opening of a Regional Library in the new Municipal Administration Building. Council agreed to refer the letter to the Regional Library Committee to be brought up later at this session.

The Municipal Clerk read a letter forwarded with the Estimates of the Halifax County Vocational School. The matter was referred to the Finance Committee.

The Municipal Clerk read a letter from Major Ted Dyck of the Salvation Army, who spoke of changes in the Public Relations Department and who thanked Council for the co-operation they had given him in the past. Council agreed that the letter be filed.

The Municipal Clerk read a letter of thanks from Councillor Reginald Curren for flowers sent to him during his recent illness. The Council agreed that the letter be filed.

The Municipal Clerk read a letter from Anita R. Powell of Moser River, in which she expressed her appreciation of the \$100.00 scholarship awarded to her by the Municipality. Council agreed that the letter be filed.

The Municipal Clerk read a letter from a number of residents at East Dover in which they said they would be filing a petition concerning the old school at East Dover. Councillor Baker said that the petition had been available but due to a misunderstanding was not here today. Since there will be a report on the old school in the report of the Municipal School Board, it was agreed that consideration of the letter be deferred until after the report had been read.

Warden Leverman said that he wished to make some recommendations and comments regarding changes in operation in the new Municipal Administration Building. He asked if Councillors wished the matters

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discussed in open Council or in Committee of the whole. Council agreed to discuss the matters in open Council.

Warden Leverman said that he hoped that there would be considerable and spirited discussion on the suggestions which he was going to put forward. He said that he would like to have frank discussion on all points.

His first suggestion was that in future 12 Regular Monthly Meetings of Council be held instead of Quarterly Meetings. He suggested they be held on the second Tuesday of each month, but pointed out that until the legislation was changed Council would be required to hold its meetings of the fourth Wednesday in February and June and the second Wednesday in September and December.

Councillor Hanrahan suggested that the Warden should read all his suggestions and then the matter be discussed later.

Councillor Curren asked if it were the intention that the meetings would be one-day sessions. Warden Leverman said that that was his intention, except perhaps for the Annual Session, when it would probably take longer than one day because of the necessity of striking the tax rate.

Councillor Spears asked if it were contemplated that every second session of Council would be held in the evening.

Warden Leverman said that that had been his original thinking in order to give the public an opportunity to attend Council Sessions. He thought that there might be some objection from Councillors living in the rural areas who have to travel long distances to get back home.

Councillor Daye said he thought that night meetings would be all right in summer but winter conditions made it difficult for those Councillors.

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Councillor MacKenzie observed that if night sessions were held the agenda might be so long that it would be necessary to come back the next morning.

Warden Leverman interjected that it could be the next night.

Councillor Baker said he felt that there should be some night sessions but that they should be staggered. People from outside areas should be given a chance to get in and see what takes place. Councillor Moser doubted if the people were sufficiently interested from the outside areas to come in to attend Council Sessions. He thought that night sessions would only be for the benefit of the fringe areas. However, he thought that they might be all right in the summer time.

Councillor Snair then suggested that the Warden might follow Councillor Hanrahan's suggestion to read all his recommendations and then consider them.

Councillor Redmond said he was not acquainted with the recommendations and that he thought they should be typed up and distributed to Councillors so that they could have a chance to study them and discuss the matter tomorrow.

Councillor Henley asked what was the thinking behind the suggestions. Would it be that Council would do some of the work now being done by Committees?

Warden Leverman said that some of the things required to be referred to Council and would have to wait almost three months before action can be taken under the present system. With the growth of the County he thought that the work should be done much more expeditiously.

Councillor Blackburn asked how many days Council had sat last year. Mr. Hattie that the Quarterly Sessions had been three days each and that the Annual Session had lasted seven or eight days and that there had been several Special Sessions.

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Warden Leverman then suggested that the Finance Committee, as presently exists, be renamed the Finance and Executive Committee, more in line with its duties and that it be composed of five members elected from the floor with the Warden and the Deputy Warden as ex-officio members. This would reduce its number from eight to seven. The nomination of members by the Nominating Committee instead of being made up automatically of the Chairmen of the six major Standing Committees worked to Council's disadvantage in that good experience could be lost to the Committee, as it would be some time before he would become a Chairman of one of the major Committees.

Warden Leverman then said that thought would have to be given to the constitution of the Welfare Committee in view of the Provincial Government appointees to the Board of Management for the Halifax County Hospital. He said it could be that one Committee could look after both the Hospital, the New Municipal Home, the Jail and Welfare. However, there was some concern that such a Committee would have six Government appointed representatives sitting in and holding the balance of power. If, in order to avoid this, two Committees were set up there would be the problem of one Committee not being conversant with the thinking of the other, although the work was interlocking.

Warden Leverman said that he would also like to see the Public Services Committee, the County Planning Board and the Parks and Public Lands Committee, one and the same, although there were some difficulties in this. By law the County could not do away with the County Planning Board as such under existing legislation. He suggested that the County Planning Board might continue to be appointed as at present and that the same individuals be appointed as the members of the Public Services Committee.

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However, there was a problem of the volume of work.

Warden Leverman thought that if Council were meeting monthly that some of the present Committees could be abolished. He thought that the work of the Resources, Revenue, Trade, Safety and Law Amendments Committee could be done directly by Council under its new set up.

Another suggestion by Warden Leverman was that Minutes of the Council not be read but that they be circulated to all Councillors within forty-eight hours of each meeting. He thought that Minutes of all Committee Meetings should also be circulated within forty-eight hours to all Councillors, so that all Councillors would know what the Committees are doing.

He then suggested that all Building Inspection in Halifax County be done on a full-time basis. He thought that the remaining areas where Building Inspectors are not employed on a full-time permanent basis, could be handled by grouping them together with one Inspector serving several areas. He was not suggesting that each District have a full-time Inspector. These Inspectors would be paid from general Municipal Funds instead of being District appointments as at present.

Warden Leverman said he would like to see agendas prepared and adhered to, although this might present some difficulties. However, any Councillor wanting to bring up matters on his own could do so after the regular agenda was completed.

At this point, Councillor Blackburn said he thought that the items should be taken one at a time, as it was difficult to deal with all at once.

Councillor Curren said if they were going to deal with the items one at a time, that he would like to start with comment on the monthly meetings. He felt one day a month would enable men

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employed and who find difficulty to get away for several days, would find it easier to attend Regular Monthly Sessions. However, when night meetings are held, Councillors should agree to adjourn at a reasonable hour.

Warden Leverman asked if Council would agree, in principle, on monthly meetings. Council indicated its agreement.

Councillor Archibald said that he thought that if the number of Committees were cut down it would necessitate more Council Meetings.

Warden Leverman said he hoped it would not except for the Annual Meeting, when the tax rate must be struck.

Councillor Flawn asked if it were necessary to have the hour of the meeting set when the County applied for legislation to change the times of meetings. If it were not necessary, he said it would be possible for Council when it wanted expression from Citizens' Groups, to ask these groups to attend night sessions. The Solicitor said he did not think it was necessary to set the hour but that if it were done Council could only sit at another hour by previous resolution of Council.

Councillor Flawn said he favoured setting up meetings for the second Tuesday of each month with the time of the meeting to be determined, depending on the business to be conducted.

Councillor Redmond said he thought it was the general desire of the public to see the Council in action, although he did not expect to see a great influx of spectators. By making it possible for the people to attend Council Sessions, Council would allay some of the fears of some persons, particularly those on the eastern side, as to how Council conducts its business.

Councillors agreed that their meetings be held each month on the second Tuesday of each month.

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Councillor Hanrahan commented that day meetings in the winter and night sessions in the summer might be the best way of solving the problem.

Deputy Warden Burris concurred with Councillor Flawn's remarks. He said that there was merit in Councillor Hanrahan's remarks and that he personally felt that night sessions in the summer were a good idea, especially with the long daylight hours, but without a time of day set for the meetings, Council could hold day or evening sessions according to the business on the agenda.

Councillor Turner agreed that the matter of day or night sessions should be left with the Warden and Clerk to decide, according to the amount of business.

Councillors Snair and Flawn moved:-

"THAT the Council meet each month on the second Tuesday of each month in the new Municipal Administration Building and that the hour of the meeting be left to the discretion of the Warden and Clerk."

Speaking to the motion, Councillor Snair said that the only fear in not setting the time of day would be that the Warden and Clerk could set the time to suit themselves and conceivably could have all night sessions.

The Solicitor said that there would need to be a certain amount of time of notice of meetings.

Councillor Cruikshank moved an amendment to the motion,-

"THAT Council meet on the second Tuesday of each month and that there be two night meetings each year."

Councillor McGrath suggested that there be nine day and three night meetings.

Councillor Curren said the meetings should be held at set times, so that Councillors would know when they have to attend and plan accordingly.



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Councillor Redmond concurred and wondered what thought had been given to notifying the public of the time of the Council Meetings.

Councillor Blackburn said he thought the motion was a good one. The only problem was that if night meetings were held with a heavy agenda it would require the Councillors to return the next day or night.

Councillor Spears pointed out that in sessions today, Council only sat approximately four hours during each day. He said that Council could sit four hours at night and complete its work.

Councillors Spears and Redmond moved an amendment to the motion,-

"THAT Council meet in this Building on the second Tuesday of each month and that every second meeting be a night meeting."

Councillor Evans said he agreed with the idea of monthly meetings but he could not go along with every second meeting being held at night. He would go along with the suggestion of day meetings during the winter and that the time for other meetings during the year could be set by the Warden and Clerk.

Councillor Settle said he thought that this was all too new to make any definite commitments at this time. He thought that there should be some fluxability and the times be determined by the Warden and Clerk.

Councillor Williams said that many Councillors have other meetings to attend as well as Council and that a set time should be agreed upon so that Councillors could plan.

Deputy Warden Burris said that he thought the times of meeting should be advertised in the press.

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The amendment by Councillor Cruikshank was not accepted as there was no seconder.

Councillors McGrath and Curren moved an amendment:-

"THAT the June, July, August and September Meetings of the Council be evening meetings and that all other meetings be held beginning at 10:00 a.m."

The Municipal Solicitor said he thought that the motion was ~~out-of-order~~ and that Council should dispose of the first amendment and after deciding on that, then Councillor McGrath could place his amendment if he so desired.

The Warden then put the amendment by Councillors Spears and Redmond to a vote. The amendment was defeated.

Councillors McGrath and Curren then moved their amendment.

Warden Leverman put the amendment to vote and the amendment carried.

The motion by Councillors Snair and Flawn, as amended, was then put to vote. Motion carried.

Councillor Stubbs observed that there had been no recommendation as to Councillors' remuneration. She felt that the proposed set up would create more work for Councillors and with less Committee meetings, Councillors would get less pay.

Councillors Spears and Curren moved:-

"THAT the evening meetings of Council be held at 7:00 p.m." Motion carried.

Councillor Stubbs asked, if in renaming the Finance Committee as the Finance and Executive Committee, such Committee would have additional powers and if so, what these powers would be.

Warden Leverman said that it would not add any additional powers to the Committee and that it was just a change in name.

Councillor Stubbs said that she thought that this Committee was a very important one and should have more members than five.

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Warden Leverman said that he would have seven members instead of eight, as at present.

Councillor Snair said he thought there should be some consideration of why the Committee was set up as it is at present, consisting of the Chairmen of the Major Committees. Mr. Hattie said that he thought the thinking of the time was that the Committee Chairmen would be the leaders and would be the members representing the Committees dealing mostly with finance.

Councillor Blackburn asked how the matter was handled in the City of Halifax and other Municipalities.

Mr. Hattie said that there were various ways. In the City of Halifax it is the Finance and Executive Committee. He said that this is done because this Committee can deal with matters not specifically provided for.

Councillor Settle said he thought the time was long past when the Committees, set up as Major Committees, were still the Major Committees of Council. He said for instance that he thought the School Capital Committee was much more of a Major Committee than the Safety Committee now.

Councillor Stubbs again reiterated that she thought there should be more than five members on a Committee as important as a Finance and Executive Committee. She asked if Committees were to be appointed at this session. She asked if Council has the necessary authority to do so, if agreed to the change in Committees.

The Solicitor said changes in Committees would need a By-law and that Committees could be appointed to take effect when the By-law was approved by the Minister of Municipal Affairs.

Councillor Stubbs asked if the proposed Welfare Committee would look after both the Hospital, the County Home and the Welfare Assistance.

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Warden Leverman said that was the intention.

Councillor Stubbs then asked if there were Provincial Representatives requires on the Welfare Committee acting in matters of Welfare Assistance. Warden Leverman said "No," this was not the case.

Councillor McGrath asked if the Provincial appointments to the Welfare Committee would not be the same for both the County Hospital and the County Home.

Warden Leverman said they could only be so if the Government agreed.

The Municipal Solicitor explained the three appointments by the Provincial Government, which had to be one-third of the total of both the Council and Government appointees, rather than one-third of the Council Committee of seven as had been believed at first.

Councillor Curren asked if one Committee were capable of handling the amount of work involved in looking after the County Hospital, the new County Home and Welfare Assistance. If there were too much work, he thought there should be two Committees, but if it were a matter of economy, then one Committee should be appointed, particularly in view of press criticism. The matter should be given careful consideration, he thought.

Deputy Warden Burris asked what would be the number of Government appointments to the Committee if the Council members were reduced to five. The Solicitor said that the Government would then only make two appointments.

Deputy Warden Burris said he thought that the Committees had grown too large. He could remember when Committees consisted of only five members. He thought that the work could be done just as well by five members as seven. He thought perhaps, however, the

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Committee was stuck with six members on the Welfare Committee, now since the Government had made three appointments.

Warden Leverman said that he doubted that there would be much work for the Committee so far as Welfare Assistance was concerned. He said that the Act required that so far as Welfare Assistance was concerned, Council would have to appoint five ratepayers as a Welfare Committee and these five could be Councillors.

Councillor Snair said that the present Welfare Committee had been trying to take care of both Institutions. He pointed out that the Ocean View Home was not yet opened but that when the work was completed he thought it could be handled much more easily than at present. He thought that the work could be handled by one Committee but with Government appointments to the Board of Management, so far as the County Hospital was concerned, it would be necessary to have sittings as two separate Committees to avoid having six appointments by the Government, sitting at the same time. He felt that one Committee, sitting as a separate Committee for the County Hospital and for the Ocean View Home could do the work.

Warden Leverman asked for opinions on setting up of two Committees - one to look after the County Hospital and one to look after the Ocean Viewn Home, the County Jail and Welfare Assistance. He said that the Chairmen of these two Committees could attend the meetings of the opposite Committee in order to keep liaison.

Councillor Spears said that he thought in view of the criticism that had been levelled and that there would probably be more in future, that this might be the time to appoint five independent ratepayers to sit on this Committee for Welfare Assistance.

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Warden Leverman asked if this would not mean that five outside persons would dictate to a permanent employee just how he should do his duties.

Councillor Hanrahan suggested that there should be separate Committees for the County Hospital and for the Ocean View Home, and that Social Assistance should come under the Finance Committee, to which it is related.

Councillor Blackburn suggested that the Jail Committee be amalgamated with another Committee.

With several Councillors asking for adjournment, Councillor Stubbs asked permission to put a motion.

Councillor Stubbs and Settle moved:-

"THAT the following be appointed as County Constables,-

Roy James  
Harold Brown"

Malcom MacLean  
Garth Johnson"

Thomas A. Walsh

Councillor Stubbs said she had been approached by the Globe Protective Agency to have these men appointed as County Constables as they would provide security protection for the Shopping Centres.

Councillor Blackburn said that he understood the firm was made up of retired R.C.M.P. personnel and other Police Officers. He believed it was a reputable firm.

Councillor Baker said he would like to know more about the persons being appointed. He then related an experience he had had with a man wanting to be appointed as County Constable.

Councillor Flawn asked if these Constables were appointed, would they have authority throughout the County.

Warden Leverman said they would.

Councillor Blackburn suggested that the appointments be made subject to approval of the men by the Councillors concerned.

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Councillor Stubbs said that she felt that this firm had investigated the men or they would not recommend them. She said she would tell the Globe Company that Council was not prepared to approve the men. She did not feel that as a Councillor she should not have to run around to investigate these men. If there were any investigation to be done, then it could be done by the Clerk or the Assistant Clerk.

Councillor Redmond said he thought that Council should find out if the firm is reputable. If it were, then the Council could ask for the references on the men.

Warden Leverman asked if there were any way the County could restrict their activities to security guards only. He said that as County Constables they would have to perform all duties as County Constable, such as shooting dogs, but that he did not think they would carry these duties out if required to do so.

Councillor Blackburn said that perhaps there could be a change in the By-law to make possible the appointment of special Constables.

Councillors McGrath and Spears moved:-

"THAT the matter be deferred until the firm has been investigated and some kind of personnel report be obtained with respect to each of the persons named."

Warden Leverman put the amendment to vote. Amendment carried.

Councillors Spears and Snair moved:-

"THAT Council adjourn until 2:00 p.m."  
Motion carried.

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Roll called.

Warden F. G. H. Leverman in the chair.

Council resumed discussion on the appointment of a Welfare Committee.

Councillor MacKenzie said that he did not feel that two Units could be interlocking. He said that he felt that the Provincial Government was going to assist on keeping the County Hospital and the Ocean View Home as separately run Units.

Councillor Blackburn said that Mr. Davies, the Superintendent of the County Hospital, definitely does not want the Hospital and the Home run on an interlocking set up. He said he thought that the same feeling existed from the other side. He was of the opinion that each should be a separate institution, otherwise a tremendous problem would present itself. He thought that the time is coming when the County would be appointing a Purchasing Agent and this would enable the County to avail itself of the best prices available. Councillor Blackburn said that although the County was paying the Hospital Superintendent big wages, he felt that in three years the Superintendent would save his wages if the Institution were kept separate. He said also that he found that Committees which are top heavy in numbers, do not function as well. He thought that in the case of the County Hospital that even three Council members with one Provincial representative could function well in looking after Ocean View Home.

Councillor Daye agreed that the County Hospital and the County Home should be run separately and have separate Committees. On the other hand Councillor Hanrahan said he thought the same Committee could run both provided there was separate accounting for them.



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Mr. Hattie pointed out that the Federal Auditors would not agree to go along with a pro rata basis of accounting. He said that that is one of the reasons why the Federal Government will not share now in the cost of Welfare Patients at the Halifax County Hospital.

In reply to a question from Councillor Curren, Warden Leverman said that it was expected that fifty-five patients would be housed at the Ocean View Home and that the population of the County Hospital would be 475, as at the present time. Councillor Curren then went on to say that he thought that it would be a terrible expense to the County to have a Home housing from forty to fifty patients run by a large Committee. He thought one Committee could do the work, even if sub-committees had to be appointed to separately operate each of the two institutions.

Councillor Redmond wanted to know if there were any legislation preventing the County from appointing ratepayers to the Committee. He said it would enhance the County's Public Relations, which were not as good as they should be. He said the County certainly needed to improve its Public Relations.

Councillor Moser pointed out that Government appointments to the Committee are not paid for by the Government but by the County and he thought that the County should be careful in deciding the size of the Committee. He asked if a few chosen were going to sit on these Committees and how the County was going to save money if one Committee sat twice or two Committees sat once. He said he could not see why five men ran the County.

Councillor Flawn asked if the cost of Committees are charged to the operating costs of the Hospital and therefore, participated in by Government Grants. Mr. Hattie said that this was done whenever the Welfare Committee held meetings at the Hospital.

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Councillor Snair said he wished to clarify some remarks he had made during the morning. At that time he said he had said that one Committee could handle both the County Home and the County Hospital, providing that Welfare Assistance did not involve too much work. He wanted to stress this and to make sure that Councillors understood his remarks.

At this point the Council agreed to a request by the Warden for a five-minute recess, while he and Mr. Hattie talked to officials of the Department of Welfare to see if the Government would agree to the same appointments on the Committee which would operate the Halifax County Hospital and the Committee which would operate the Ocean View Home.

Following the recess Warden Leverman said that what he had learned as a result of the telephone call, now put an entirely different light on the subject. He said that there would be no Government appointments to the Board of Management or the Committee which would be responsible for the operation of the Ocean View Home. All the Government was doing was appointing three members to the Board of Management of the Halifax County Hospital and appointments to the Visiting Committee. He said he had been told that there would be no objection to the same Committee managing both institutions, provided the accounts were kept separate.

Deputy Warden Burris asked if the Government required any representation on the Committee responsible for the administration of Welfare Assistance. He was told that the Government would not require any Government appointments on such a Committee.

Councillors Hanrahan and Spears moved:-

**"THAT one Committee of six members be appointed to administer the Halifax County Hospital, the Ocean View Welfare Home and the Halifax County Jail."**

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Councillor Hanrahan said that he did not include Welfare Assistance in his motion as he felt that this was a matter for the Finance Committee.

Councillors Curren and Redmond moved an amendment to the motion:-

"THAT one Committee of four members be appointed to administer the Halifax County Hospital, the Ocean View Welfare Home and the Halifax County Jail."

Councillor Blackburn objected to the amendment, pointing out that he already had a notice of motion on the floor.

Warden Leverman pointed out that under the Social Assistance Act there must be a Municipal Welfare Committee to administer Welfare Assistance. He said that unless Councillor Hanrahan's intention was to make the Finance Committee a Welfare Committee also, it would be impossible to carry out the intention of the amendment.

Councillors Blackburn and MacKenzie moved an amendment to the motion:-

"THAT there be ~~six~~ Municipal Councillors on the Committee for the operation of the Halifax County Hospital and another separate Committee of five members to administer the Ocean View Home, the Halifax County Jail and the Social Assistance Act."

Councillors Curren and Redmond whose amendment had not been accepted because of Councillor Blackburn's previous notice of motion, then moved an amendment to the motion,-

"THAT one Committee of four members be appointed to administer the Halifax County Hospital, the Ocean View Welfare Home and the Halifax County Jail."

As a result of Warden Leverman's remarks, Councillor Hanrahan said he would include the administration of the Social Assistance Act in his amendment. Councillor Spears then withdrew the seconder of the amendment. Deputy Warden Burris became seconder of the amendment.

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The Municipal Solicitor said that his interpretation of the Act was that three Government appointments to the Board of Management of the Halifax County Hospital are full members of the Committee to which they are appointed and entitled to sit at all meetings, whether these meetings are for the operation of the Halifax County Hospital or for the operation of the Hospital and the Ocean View Home. He said, however, that this could be changed by legislation at the February Session.

A lengthy discussion then followed as to the make-up of the Welfare Committee or Committees.

Councillor Snair said he was prepared to offer a motion which he thought would clear up the situation if the original motion and amendments were withdrawn. He then read his suggested motion and the movers and seconders of the original motion and the amendments agreed to withdraw these motions and amendments.

Councillor Snair and Blackburn then moved,-

"THAT this Council appoint a Welfare Committee composed of five members and this Committee administer the Ocean View Welfare Home, the County Jail and the Social Assistance Act, and that this same Committee act as the County's representatives of the Board of Management of the Halifax County Hospital."  
Motion carried.

Warden Leverman then asked Ronald Fielding, M.L.A., who was sitting in the spectators' galleries, if he wished to address Council.

Mr. Fielding commended the Council for the progressive forward step in erecting their new Municipal Administration Building. In doing so the County had added a very useful Unit in which it could carry out its work. He said that despite what some persons say about the extravagance of the new building, he had found it a very useful Unit, which provided adequate, but not extravagant, yet beautiful accommodation.

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He congratulated the Council for showing leadership in Municipal Affairs.

Warden Leverman then asked if there could be some discussion concerning his suggestion that the Public Services Committee, the County Planning Board and the Parks and Public Lands Committee be combined as a Public Works Committee. He said he offered this suggestion and yet he felt that both the Planning Board and the permanent Public Services Committee both have enough to do as separate Committees.

Councillor Redmond said that Dr. MacNab had been engaged to do a survey of the Engineering Department and that in the absence of such a report he was prepared to delay discussion until that report was tabled.

~~Councillors Redmond and Stubbs moved:-~~

"THAT the matter of combining the Public Services Committee, the County Planning Board and the Parks and Public Lands Committee, presenting under discussion, be deferred until the MacNab Report is placed before Council." Motion carried.

On the suggestion that Council Minutes be not read but be distributed within forty-eight hours to all members, Council agreed unanimously.

A similar suggestion that the Minutes of all Committee Meetings be circulated within forty-eight hours to all Councillors was agreed on by Council.

Councillor Stubbs said that it was just as important to get reports and the agenda forty-eight hours before they were to be tabled. She pointed out that this had been asked for at previous sessions but apparently nothing had yet been done to facilitate this matter.

Warden Leverman said that it would be done in future.

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Councillor Stubbs said that she felt that it was time to take a close look at the matter of Councillors' remuneration. She suggested that the Councillors should be paid \$1,200.00 per year; the Warden \$2,700.00 per year and the Deputy Warden \$800.00 per year. As an alternative she suggested that Councillors be paid \$1,500.00 per year; the Warden \$3,500.00 per year and the Deputy Warden \$1,000.00 per year. In addition to this Councillors would receive mileage but that there would be no payment for attending Committee Meetings; being paid the higher alternative, the overall cost to the County would be less than by the present system of salaries and committee fees, she said. By adopting this system of salaries, there would be no monetary reason for Councillors seeking positions on the different Committees.

Councillors Stubbs and Redmond moved:-

"THAT consideration be given to increasing the remuneration of Councillors, the Warden and the Deputy Warden and eliminating all fees for Committee Meetings."

Councillor Blackburn moved an amendment to the motion,-

"THAT all Councillors be remunerated at the rate of \$1,000.00 per year, plus \$2.00 per hour for time actually spent at Committee Meetings, and that the salaries for the Warden, the Deputy Warden and Municipal employees be left for later consideration."

The amendment was seconded by Councillor White.

The Municipal Solicitor ruled the amendment was not in order.

Councillor Baker said that while he felt he was earning every nickel as a Councillor, but he could not as a representative of a Poor District, agree to an increase because he felt that Councillors were being paid all that the taxpayers can afford.

Councillor Stubbs said that the present administrative set up was costing much more than what she had proposed today.

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Councillor Blackburn said that he felt that Councillors would be better satisfied and would work more efficiently if they were paid \$1,000.00 per annum plus \$2.00 an hour for Committee Meetings. He said that he felt in some cases, where Councillors are representing 500 people, do more work than where there are 5,000 persons. He asked for Mr. Fielding, former Minister of Municipal Affairs, to comment on how he arrived at his estimates.

Warden Leverman said that for Mr. Fielding to reply to the request, it would have to be the unanimous consent of Council.

Councillors not agreed with comments, felt that to fulfill the request it would not be fair to Mr. Fielding.

Councillor Redmond said that he had suggested what was contained in the motion at previous sessions but apparently he had been misunderstood. He said that while he was complaining of the high cost of Council and Committee operations, he did not intend that they should serve on Committees as well as on Council, at the stipend for which they received for Council only. He said, however, that he thought that service on Committees should not be inspired because of monetary reasons. He also did not think that only a few Councillors should serve on Committee but that all Councillors should be required to take their part.

Councillor Hanrahan said that he agreed that Councillors should have some remuneration and that he was prepared to go along with the \$1,200.00 but he did not think that the fees for Committee meetings should be cut out. This would make for bad government. If the fees were cut out there would be members who would say they would attend but when the time of the meeting actually came up, would not put in an appearance.

Councillor Stubbs asked if information could be obtained on what was being done in other Municipalities.

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Councillor Redmond said that when persons offer for Councillor, they offer their services, and if they are not prepared to serve they should not become Councillors.

Councillor Redmond went on further to observe that if fees for Committee meetings were eliminated, would it not be possible to have a penalty clause and penalties deducted from Councillors' salaries if they failed to turn up for Committee meetings except for good cause.

Councillor Curren suggested that a forfeit of \$10.00 a week be assessed for each Committee meeting missed by a Councillor. The Solicitor pointed out that the penalty clause was presently included in the By-laws.

Deputy Warden Burris suggested that the matter be turned over to a Committee for consideration and recommendation.

Deputy Warden Burris and Councillor Spears moved:-

"THAT the whole question of remuneration of Councillors, Warden and Deputy Warden, be referred to the Finance Committee for report back to Council at this session." Motion carried.

Councillor Snair and Hanrahan moved:-

"THAT Council adjourn until tomorrow morning at 10:00 a.m." Motion carried.



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SECOND DAY MORNING

Council met at 10:00 a.m.

Warden F. G. H. Leverman in the chair.

Roll called.

Councillors Spears and Snair moved:-

"THAT Council dispense with the reading of the Minutes." Motion carried.

The Municipal Clerk read a letter from S. C. Chittick, regarding damage to his ice houses and land on Braemar Drive. Council agreed that the letter be referred to the Public Services Committee.

The Municipal Clerk reported he had a petition from residents of East Dover regarding the acquisition of the old school at East Dover as a Community Hall. Council agreed that the matter be referred to the Finance Committee.

The Clerk read the report of the Municipal School Board.

Deputy Warden Burris and Councillor Redmond moved:-

"THAT the report of the Municipal School Board be adopted."

Councillor Baker expressed appreciation of the consideration given in the report to his District. He said this was a step in the right direction.

Councillor MacKenzie said he was disappointed in the report, so far as District No. 20 was concerned. He said not too much provision had been made so far as school facilities were concerned for his District. He said there were six schools without plumbing and one school where a pencil would roll out the cracks in the wall he also recalled there were no stacking chairs in the High School at Tangier.

Councillor Flawn directed a question, asking for further information regarding the Principal's Room and Library recommended for the school at Terence Bay.

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Councillor Isenor complained of the school bus service in his District and asked if it were possible to make an arrangement with the bus serving East Hants to pick up the children in the Halifax County area to transport them to the school in his District.

Regarding the request from the South Armdale District, with respect to safety patrols or a Constable, Councillor Hanrahan said this was a Primary School and there were no elder boys to act as Safety Patrol. He said that another bad spot was the junction of the Herring Cove Road and Withrod Drive. Councillor Hanrahan said he was also sorry that no Primary School had been recommended for Kline Heights.

Councillor Williams complained of the bus service serving the West Petpeswick School, where some busses pick up all the children and others do not. He said that there might be some rearrangement of mileage.

Councillor Evans expressed appreciation that an addition to the New Road School had been included, but failed to see where it could be put on the present land, particularly with the trouble they were having with the well and disposal site there. He also agreed with Councillor Williams regarding the bus service and said that many small children were forced to walk. He added that it was shameful for 5 and 6 year old children to have to walk  $2\frac{1}{4}$  miles to school.

Councillors Daye and Baker also expressed complaint about the bus services.

Councillor Redmond said that the School Board has provided service inside the  $2\frac{1}{4}$  mile limit but only where busses would otherwise travel with part loads. He said the Provincial Government will not share any costs within the  $2\frac{1}{4}$  mile limit. If the

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County decided to reduce this limit, the County would have to pay the additional expense, which would be considerable.

Councillor McGrath said he was amazed to hear from residents that the well water at the Central Armdale School was contaminated. He said his report also said the water was not provided and he would like to know if there were foundation for it in these reports.

Councillors Henley and Archibald wanted further information regarding the bus service and Councillor Archibald asked if there were any figures available as to the increase cost if the limit were reduced from  $2\frac{1}{4}$  miles.

Councillor Settle said that he thought that the expansion in school population was not realized even by Councillors. He said that the increase in school population in Halifax County in three years alone was greater than the total school enrolment in the Town of Dartmouth by about 1000 students.

Referring to a newspaper story regarding confliction between the School Capital Program Committee and the Municipal School Board, Councillor Moser asked why it should not come out in Council if there were any grievances instead of one Councillor giving a statement to the press. He thought both Boards did a good job. He would like to know where such statements come from and who authorized them.

Deputy Warden Burris said that the School Board did not say what was in the paper. He said that all the School Board had to say in the matter was what was in the report and that it was only asking for closer liaison between the two Boards. He did not want this to get into a name-calling session. He said he realized the School Capital Program Committee had a big job but he thought if they worked a little closer that they could help one another. Now that all Departments were in the one building, this probably could be done.

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Councillor Curren said he would like to direct a question to Councillor Stubbs and ask her from what authority of the Municipal School Board she had made the statement which appeared in the press, saying that the School Capital Board is a power unto itself and that there were grievances between the Board and the Capital Committee.

Councillor Stubbs said she did not approve of the tip-toeing around in the Council to get around this situation. She claimed there was no liaison and that she had voiced her disappointment about this before. She said she had talked with many members of the Board about closer liaison.

Councillor Curren said that this did not answer his question.

Councillor Flawn said that he was satisfied with the explanation of the Deputy Warden as Chairman of the School Board that the statement did not emanate from the Board and therefore, he was satisfied that what had appeared in the press was a figment of someone's imagination.

Replying to the question of sending down preliminary plans to the School Board, Councillor Flawn said that school construction has been rather hurried during the past three years. With this urgency on the part of Councillors to have these school buildings completed, there would have been considerable delay in having the plans sent down to the Board and await for their decision on them. He said another matter of contention was progress reports. He claimed that this was a bigger problem than appeared on the surface. He thought this would be getting down to fine detail which would not serve any useful purpose.

Speaking of accommodation for pupils to eat their lunches, Councillor Flawn said that no school in the County is supposed to accommodate all pupils eating at one time. Eating periods had to be staggered, otherwise the room required would be out of all reason.

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He thought the recommendations of the School Board should contain some detail of what is required in dining facilities. This had been lacking in the past - not only so far as eating facilities was concerned but also concerning certain other rooms.

He said that when the School Capital Program Committee was told a primary room was required, it was built purposely in smaller proportion to accommodate the smaller children. Fixtures and desks were built to accommodate these children and washrooms for them put next to the room. He said that the Committee had found that these special rooms were often being used by Grade III pupils and he felt that there was no co-operation when the facilities were not used for which they were intended. He claimed that science rooms go unused and that there was no practical use of things which the Capital Committee was now providing. He pointed out that no Committee could make changes in buildings once the construction of the building had been approved by Council. He pointed out that the Chief Administrative Officer of the School Board and himself were in communication at least three times a week on school building matters.

Councillor Redmond said it would appear that Councillor Flawn had taken a too technical interpretation of the request contained in the report. He did think there could be closer liaison. The School Board was responsible for finding accommodation for pupils and therefore, it would like to have progress reports, so that it can make the necessary arrangements to provide classrooms. He said particularly when school opens in the new year terms, it was important to know the state of readiness of classrooms, so that if classrooms planned for that date were not ready, other arrangements could be made.

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He pointed out that at the Moser River School the Board had asked for a suitable crush area but found that the School Capital Program Committee had built a room 15 ft. by 21 ft., which was much smaller in comparison with what was provided to other schools. It certainly was not adequate for the purpose.

Councillor Curren pointed out that Moser River School had been built in 1956 as a six-room school. At that time the main object was to build classrooms. Crush areas had not been considered then. He said there was now a situation where four rooms were being added, and that he understood that one or two rooms would not be used for a year or two. In the school was a double classroom with folding doors to provide separate classrooms. He thought that if the classrooms were to be rearranged insofar as pupil accommodation was concerned, they could accomplish what was required.

Councillor Cruikshank observed that the report seemed to contain an excessive budget for a preliminary estimate.

Councillor Turner said he felt that there was a just complaint regarding the smallness of the crush area or the utility room at the Moser River school. He pointed out that the first bus arrives at 8 o'clock with sixty pupils and that they have no place to stay.

Councillor Stubbs asked if the School Board received plans of all schools.

Councillor Flawn said that the plans of all schools that have been completed are sent to the Municipal School Board.

Mr. MacKay said that there have been no requests from the Trustees for the Consolidated School at Tangier for stacking chairs. He thought this might be a misunderstanding and he would follow it up.

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Councillor MacKenzie asked if this did not come in in the budget estimates and Mr. MacKay said that he did not recall anything.

Counoillor MacKenzie said he was at the meeting when it was asked for.

Mr. MacKay then observed that it had apparently come in as a maintenance item when it should have been a request for capital expenditures and this would make a difference.

On the matter of rooms at schools not being painted, this was quite possible, he said. However, he thought the Maintenance Man should use good public relations in explaining while things could not be done.

Regarding the other schools in District No. 20, Mr. MacKay said this was a problem of just how to tackle it and just how to tackle the situation was difficult. He wanted to know whether the ratepayers wanted one-roomed schools or whether they would agree to a Consolidated School. He said that it had been the policy not to build any more one-room schools.

Councillor MacKenzie said he would not like to be the person to make the recommendation. He felt that it was up to the ratepayers. Consolidation could not be forced on a District. However, the schools in his District were a disgrace and he felt the District was being discriminated against. The children in his District had as much right to a good education and good facilities as any pupils in the suburbs.

Councillor Henley pointed out that a new Rural High School may be required shortly in Sheet Harbour. He thought perhaps that Councillors of adjacent areas could get together and work on arrangements for accommodation of pupils from these areas.

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Councillor Moser said he had had complaints about the furnaces at Indian Harbour School - that the motors were not working. He said he had complained to the Municipal School Board but that Mr. Hemsworth had never come near the school. He said that the sub-contractor had promised to come down but had never appeared. He wanted to know if the sub-contractor stalled off this type of work until the year's guarantee was up and the matter became a County responsibility.

Mr. MacKay admitted that there were problems of maintenance during the year when the guarantee was on. Councillor Stubbs observed that this was an interesting point if furnaces were only guaranteed for one year. She pointed out that homeowners get a longer guarantee and why should the County not get them.

Councillor Henley said that head exchangers in the furnaces are guaranteed for five years but the mechanical and electrical components are only guaranteed for one year.

Councillor Flawn pointed out that if things are not working properly and are under guarantee, payment is withheld from the contractor until the matters were put to the satisfaction of the Board.

Councillor Stubbs asked if the School Board does maintenance work on items which are under guarantee.

Mr. MacKay said that this is watched very closely and that the Board does not go and do work where the item is under guarantee. This provided problems. Sometimes the wrong information came from the party giving the information. If it was found to be a guarantee part, then it was turned over to the School Capital Program Committee. They have to get the sub-contractor in to repair the work and this can take time.

Councillor Henley suggested that a prerogative should be



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written into contracts whereby the sub-contractor fails to repair the items within a certain period of say, for example, ten hours, then the Board or the School Capital Committee could call in another reputable contractor and have the work done and charge against the money withheld.

Councillors Hanrahan and Spears moved:-

"THAT Council adjourn until 2:00 p.m."  
Motion carried.

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Council resumed discussion of the Municipal School Board report.

Speaking about the bus service at West Petpeswick School, Mr. MacKay said that there was a problem because of the narrow poor road beyond the school and for that reason the busses were not able to pick up the children on the other side of the school. He said that in some areas children do have to walk more than  $2\frac{1}{4}$  miles because of several reasons, such as poor roads and block roads.

He said to pick up children within the  $2\frac{1}{4}$  mile limit, which now exists, would be a big problem. Where now only thirty sections were being conveyed this number would increase to one hundred and fifty sections if the limit of  $2\frac{1}{4}$  miles were reduced. He said that by next year the Board would have 65 busses operating on main routes with 15 feeder busses. He observed that it was probably the biggest bus line in Nova Scotia, and that it presented a great problem of administration. If the Board has to have more busses to transport pupils within a shorter distance, it would become an acute economic problem.

He pointed out that at present the County is conveying by busses 4700 school children which is more than all the school children in the Town of Dartmouth.

Councillor Moser asked if it would be possible to bring County Vocational School students in on the present conveyances instead of paying the transportation costs on private lines.

Mr. MacKay said that this had been looked into but that at the beginning of the year the busses did not have room. However, they could now take a few pupils in.

Councillor Redmond said that the School Board felt it would be in trouble if it refused to take children within the  $2\frac{1}{4}$  mile range,

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if the busses were not completely loaded. On the other hand when the busses do pick up these children, persons in other areas complain that their children do not get that privilege, because busses that passed their homes were being fully loaded.

Councillor Curren observed that the  $2\frac{1}{4}$  mile limit was laid down by the Education Act.

If the County reduced the limit for the children walking to school it would put a tremendous load on the taxpayer. Extra conveyances were not the only costs involved but the operation and maintenance of the busses was a big problem and a big cost.

Councillor Evans still contended that the County should still be building two-classroom schools in various sections to take care of the smaller children and to save on transportation costs. He said he did not agree with feeder lines because in other areas children had to walk greater distances than these feeder lines served in bringing children to the main highway. He said he did not altogether agree with Consolidated Schools and the building up of transportation costs.

Councillor Settle said that he did not think it had been the intention to take small children out of the areas. He thought that the County had to keep small schools in school sections because this was the life-blood of the community.

In reply to a question from Councillor Blackburn, Mr. MacKay said that if a parent decides to send a child to a private school, the parent was not reimbursed by the Board. However, if there were room on a bus passing the child's home and going in the direction of the private school the child would be transported into the school, provided that the class the pupil was attending was not taught in the immediate area.

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In reply to Warden Leverman, Mr. MacKay said that the problem at Jollimore was one for relieving the overcrowding of the Jollimore School; that the Board had not recommended another location because if, for example, a school were built at Boulderwood, it would not solve the problem. Mr. MacKay said that the Board had realized that it was difficult to get land in the area where the school was proposed.

In reply to a question from Councillor McGrath made earlier, Mr. MacKay said that the water at the Rockingham school had been tested by the Board and was found to be pure water. He said that further the Provincial Government had conducted tests under Dr. Cameron and that just as of yesterday had announced that the water was pure. He said that he agreed that there had been a shortage of water but that the School Board had now hooked up to a shallow well, which was serving as a stand-by, and that he felt there would be no further shortages.

Replying to a question from Councillor Blackburn, Councillor Flawn said that the feasibility of putting in a sewer to serve the Bedford School, as well as the Fort Sackville School, and private homes, as a means of reducing the costs of the High School at Bedford, by eliminating disposal fields, septic tanks and other equipment, had been considered by the School Capital Committee and that there would be a written explanation later in the session regarding this.

Councillor Spears said that he did not think anyone had yet reached the meat of the report which was the recommendation of approximately a million dollars for new school construction. He thought this was extremely important and he thought that Council could not do anything on it in an intelligent manner today. He felt that it should have very serious consideration.

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Councillors Spears and Snair moved:-

"THAT the report of the Municipal School Board be referred to the Finance Committee for further study and a later report to Council."

Replying to an earlier question by Councillor Flawn, Mr. MacKay said in reference to the proposed school at Terence Bay, that the Principal's office in the present school could be used as a teachers' room and that this was the intention of the Municipal School Board.

Councillor Flawn said that in this area it had been the policy of his Committee to make two teachers' rooms available - one for lay teachers and the other for religious teachers, but he said if the School Board wants these things done it should be spelled out, because if Council does not approve of the recommendations, the School Capital Program Committee would not have the authority to do these things. He said that it would be no use of his Committee and the School Board getting together afterwards because his Committee still could not do anything to change what Council had approved.

Councillor Flawn then went on to say that of libraries built in schools in the last three years, he felt that only 50% were being used; that is so far as shelving was concerned, for the purpose for which they were intended. He said that on the other hand they were being used for additional teachers' rooms or any other purpose but for which it was provided. He wondered if they were really necessary, particularly since they were costing the County \$12,000.00 to \$15,000.00.

Councillor Flawn went on to say that according to his figuring, the County only had an average of thirty pupils per teacher. Based on that reasoning he said, the County still had room for 4000 more pupils, worked on a basis of 35 pupils to a room in existing classrooms. On the same basis the County had \$1,800,000.00 worth of capital expenditure, which was not being used to its fullest extent.

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He agreed that part of this problem was the distribution of pupils but he wondered if there could not be a better distribution than the system presently being used. He commented that the more schools the County builds, the smaller the classes get, it appeared. He said that if it were the matter of the cost of chair desks to accommodate these students, this would be far less than building new classrooms.

Mr. MacKay said that the problem was greater than that of 840 classrooms of which only two were vacant. He pointed out that there were 78 one-room schools, where the enrolment in some is as low as 15 pupils and that this affected the average number of pupils per classroom. He said that the Board did not split classrooms until there was over 42 pupils per room.

Councillor Redmond stated that the Board could not obligate teachers to teach 45 pupils, such as he had in one grade in his own area. He said when the classes grew to this size the problem then was one of whether to provide an additional teacher and split the class or whether to transport the split class to adjacent schools, making additional transportation costs. He said that this was a big problem especially in rural areas and that in urban areas it was not so acute.

Warden Leverman put the motion to refer the report to a vote. Motion carried.

Councillor Hanrahan objected that he had not yet had an answer to his question regarding safety protection for school children. He pointed out that one child had already been killed in Armdale and asked how do the ratepayers go about getting protection for the students.

Warden Leverman said that he had taken the matter up with the Department of Education and had been told that the Department

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would provide a man. Later he was told that under the Education Act, the Department could not do it. He said that he would presume that the Finance Committee would study this part of the report and bring back recommendations.

Answering a further question from Councillor Hanrahan, Mr. MacKay said that no consideration had been given to a school in Kline Heights. The children from this area attend the South Armdale School. When this school was crowded then the Board would give consideration to the school in Kline Heights.

Councillor Stubbs asked if County Constables have authority to control traffic on the highways. Warden Leverman said that they could not and that so far as school safety patrols were concerned, they were there only to restrain children from crossing the highway during heavy traffic.

Warden Leverman said that at the last session Councillors had been given a copy of the Morrison Report on Rental Controls and that he had asked them for a letter on their opinions. To date he said he has received only one reply. He said he was being pressed by the Mayor of Halifax and the Mayor of Dartmouth for the feelings of the County on this matter. He asked that written answers to his query be given to him before the end of this present session.

The Municipal Clerk read the report of the School Capital Program Committee.

Councillors Flawn and White moved:-

"THAT the report of the School Capital Program Committee be adopted."

Councillor Archibald asked when the contractor proposed to start the addition to the Musquodoboit Rural High School and on what part of the school they proposed to add the addition.

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Councillor Flawn said that the addition would be on the north side of the school, extending from the present Domestic Science Room. He said that he could not see construction starting before the spring of next year.

Warden Leverman put the motion for adoption of the report. Motion carried.

The Municipal Clerk read the report of the County Planning Board.

Councillors Settle and Daye moved:-

"THAT the report of the County Planning Board be adopted."

Councillor Flawn directed a question concerning MacKenzie Street to the County Planning Engineer. Mr. Reardon said the Department of Highways did not own the street and that it would not take it over. Considerable discussion then took place between Councillor Flawn and Mr. Reardon concerning this situation. Councillor Flawn asked that Mr. Rhydwen follow up the matter and bring back a definite report as to the problem.

Councillor Curren asked what had been done concerning certain streets in the Kearney Lake Subdivision.

Mr. Reardon replied that survey of these streets had been completed and had been reported at previous sessions.

Councillor Stubbs asked about three streets in Westphal, which had been referred to in the report.

Mr. Reardon said that the cost of improving streets had been estimated at \$10.00 per foot on an overall basis and that this cost was high because of difficulties that would be encountered on Rockland Road.

Councillor Stubbs questioned Mr. Reardon as to whether it was necessary for the ratepayers to pay on a basis of the three roads or whether they could pay on the basis of individual streets.



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She thought that Rockland Drive should never have been considered in estimating. Mr. Reardon said that it would probably work out to about \$7.50 to \$8.50 on the other two streets and more for Rockland Drive but that he had based his figures purely on an average cost for the three streets.

Councillor Stubbs then asked if a person could get a permit to build on land which was on a private road. Mr. Reardon said that under the present set up it could not be done.

Councillor Stubbs then drew attention to a situation where she claimed that a home was being built on an approved lot on a private road. She named this road as a Parkstone Extension. Considerable discussion then ensued as to whether this was a cause of present or past administration.

Councillor Stubbs commented that she felt the Planning Board was giving approval to subdivisions without proper consideration of drainage problems. She felt that the Board was going to have to assume more responsibility in the initial stages of planning. This was a very serious problem. She claimed that the subdivider comes in - makes his money - and then moves out and does not worry about the drainage problems he creates.

Mr. Reardon said that during the last eight or nine months the Board has given serious consideration to drainage problems.

Councillor MacKenzie asked what Board or Committee do the Building Inspectors come under.

Warden Leverman said that they are not responsible to any Board or Committee but that they are appointed by Council and are officials in their own right.

There was considerable discussion on that portion of the report, concerning the approval of an undersized lot in the

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Fairview area. Councillor Flawn commented that the problem was the mistake of a Building Inspector but he thought that if the County were to approve stupid Building Inspectors then they were going to have many more problems to contend with. Councillor Redmond agreed and asked if it were the policy of the Council to continue to approve these mistakes.

Warden Leverman then put the motion for the adoption of the report. Motion carried.

Councillors Hanrahan and Balcome moved:-

"THAT Council adjourn until 10:00 a.m.  
tomorrow morning." Motion carried.

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THIRD DAY MORNING

Council met at 10:00 a.m.

Roll called.

Warden F. G. H. Leverman in the chair.

Councillors McGrath and Spears moved:-

"THAT Council dispense with the reading of the Minutes of the Second Day, December 10, 1959." Motion carried.

Councillors Daye and Turner moved:-

"THAT the Minutes of the first day morning and afternoon, December 9, 1959, be adopted." Motion carried.

Councillor Baker made reference to the fine new school at Shad Bay, which was formerly opened Tuesday evening as Atlantic Memorial School, so named as a tribute to the 562 persons who lost their lives in the sinking of the S.S. Atlantic near the site of the school. He paid tribute to Mr. Rhydwen for arranging the details of the formal opening, which he said had been highly successful.

Councillors Stubbs and Settle moved:-

"THAT the following be appointed County Constables,-

Roy James Conrad	58A Arlington Avenue
Harold Brown	9A St. Margaret's Bay Road
Malcolm MacLean	160 University Avenue, Halifax
Garth Johnson	Oxford, Nova Scotia
Thomas A. Walsh	Queen Street, Halifax

Councillor Curren asked if these Constables could come into his District and act, when he had his own District Constables. He said that he personally did not want them coming in.

Councillor White agreed and said that he did not want any other Constables coming into his District.

Councillor Blackburn said that he had made a suggestion on the first day that these privately employed Constables should be appointed as Special Constables. He said that Constables were

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employed in this capacity at Sackville Downs.

Warden Leverman said he had asked the Solicitor if the County could employ Special Constables. He had been told that there was no power now but that it could be obtained by change in legislation.

Councillor Baker said he had no objection to outside Constables coming into his District. It was difficult to get District Constables to act now because it was "too close to home."

Councillor Stubbs said that the Constables whose appointed she had moved would be made available to the County in an emergency, although they were being privately employed.

Warden Leverman put the motion for adoption. Motion carried.

Councillors Archibald and Cruikshank moved:-

"THAT Mr. Austin MacKay be appointed to the Musquodoboit Valley Veterinary Assistance Board to replace the late George S. Dickie."  
Motion carried.

Councillors Blackburn and Flawn moved:-

"THAT Leo Hopkins of Beaver Bank be appointed Constable to take the place of the late Thomas Carter." Motion carried.

Councillors McGrath and Curren moved:-

"THAT Council instruct the Solicitor to prepare proposed legislation and seek its passage at the next session of the Legislature, giving the Council authority to appoint Constables for specific duties."  
Motion carried.

Councillor Stubbs asked if meetings of the Municipal School Board are covered by the press.

Deputy Warden Burris replied that although they are not always covered by the press, they are always open to the press.

Councillor Henley expressed sincere appreciation to the Councillors for the expression of condolence he had received from them on the death of his father.

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The Municipal Clerk read a letter from the George Washington Carver Association, expressing appreciation of the \$200.00 grant given to it by County Council. Council agreed the letter be filed.

Councillor Archibald asked the form of the grant to the Musquodoboit Valley Hospital. Mr. Hattie replied that it was not a capital grant but a grant for operating purposes.

Council continued discussion on matters pertaining to the County Planning Board.

Mr. Reardon explained changes in the Zoning By-law to prohibit trailer parking along main highways, except by re-zoning.

Councillor Moser suggested that the 500 feet proposed back from the highway for this zoning was too much.

Councillor Snair felt that 500 feet was not keeping them off the highway but back in the woods. He thought 200 feet was enough. He said he was prepared to make a motion to this effect.

Councillor Blackburn said that there were lots of opportunities for trailers to locate on sideroads and that he felt that 500 feet back from the main highway was not too much.

Councillor Spears said that what was needed is more trailer courts. He thought people who owned trailers would appreciate this.

Councillor Moser said he would second Councillor Snair's motion.

In reply to Councillor Settle, the Municipal Solicitor said that trailers illegally parked would be affected by this proposed re-zoning.

Councillor McGrath asked if the By-law could be enforced.

Councillor Blackburn said that the problem appears to be that we cannot get people to start trailer courts as long as trailers are allowed to park anywhere. There was no incentive for persons

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to invest their money in trailer courts.

Councillor Stubbs asked the approximate cost of trailer courts. She said that many Municipalities had their own Municipal run trailer courts and this may be a venture in which the County is missing the boat.

The Municipal Solicitor said that the County cannot operate Municipal Trailer Courts under the present legislation.

Councillor Hanrahan said that he did not think it was the intention to prevent trailers being used by tourists or trailers being used by persons who would be only staying a few days, from parking just off the main highways.

Mr. Reardon said that the Zoning was only meant to control permanently located trailers.

Councillor Henley said that he felt that since it had been such a problem over the years, it should be referred back to the Planning Board for a more definite report.

Councillor Blackburn asked the basis of assessment on trailer courts.

The Municipal Solicitor explained that the trailers, as such, were assessed as any other property. Land used for a trailer court would be assessed as improved land when it was made into a trailer court.

The Municipal Solicitor said that he thought the motions by Councillor Snair and Moser should probably be an amendment to the motion in which Council would give notice of its intention to amend the Zoning By-law. Councillor Snair then withdrew his motion.

Councillor Stubbs said that she thought the Provincial Government was doing a poor job of providing facilities for tourists travelling by trailer. Warden Leverman said that he

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thought the Government had a long-range plan and that it would provide large trailer parks for tourists.

Councillors McGrath and Snair moved:-

"THAT the Council give notice of its intention to amend the Zoning By-law by extending the general building area as shown on a map attached hereto as appendix "A" and prohibiting "T" use in the said area shown in black, but permitting "T" use in the area shown in orange." Motion carried.

Councillors Curren and Spears moved:-

"THAT the Council give notice of its intention to amend the Zoning By-law by zoning the area surrounding the International Airport at Kelly Lake, in accordance with the plans considered by Council, and attached hereto as appendix "A." Motion carried.

Councillors White and Curren moved:-

"THAT the Council give notice of its intention to amend the Zoning By-law by zoning the area at Eastern Passage in accordance with the plans considered by Council and attached hereto as appendix "A." Motion carried.

Councillor Stubbs asked if the Finance and Executive Committee would have any different powers than the present Finance Committee. If so, she would like to have a copy of the proposed new powers.

The Municipal Solicitor explained that the powers of the Finance and Executive Committee would, in addition to the powers of the present Finance Committee, include the powers of Committees being abolished, together with a paragraph permitting the Finance Committee to attend to matters not otherwise specifically assigned to other Committees.

Councillors Snair and Hanrahan moved:-

"THAT Council adjourn until 2:00 p.m." Motion carried.

*copy of A.A.*

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THIRD DAY AFTERNOON

Council met at 2:00 p.m.

Roll called.

Warden F. G. H. Leverman in the chair.

Councillors Settle and Stubbs moved:-

"THAT the Council give notice of its intention to amend the Zoning By-law by re-zoning the L. B. Morash property at Gaston Road from "R4" to "T" Zone." Motion carried.

Councillors Settle and Curren moved:-

"THAT the Council give notice of its intention to amend the Zoning By-law in accordance with the provisions considered by Council and attached to this resolution as appendix "A." Motion carried.

The Municipal Clerk read the report of the Committee re the Social Assistance Act.

Deputy Warden Burris and Councillor Daye moved:-

"THAT the report of the Special Committee re Social Assistance Act, be adopted."

Mr. Dattie explained to Council how it was proposed to handle the new Welfare Assistance set up, with the organization of a Welfare Department within the County.

Councillor Baker asked if it would be possible to have a number, whether Welfare Officer or someone in his Department would be available at night or over the weekends.

Councillor Blackburn foresaw many problems. He suggested that there be a month overlapping of the new Welfare Department set up and the present Welfare Officers.

Councillor Turner said he could see where the Councillors were going to do the work of the Welfare Officers. On the other hand Deputy Warden Burris said that it had always been his practice not to have anything to do with the Welfare Officers, who had been a body corporate.



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Councillor Daye said he understood Mr. Rooney would have his organization completed by the beginning of the year. He felt that Councillors did not want to get involved in Welfare work.

Councillor Williams thought that it was still the responsibility of the Councillor to help those in his District because Councillors were put in there with this as one of the reasons. He felt it was a duty to help residents of his District.

Councillor Hanrahan asked if it would not be possible for Districts to still appoint Welfare Officers if they wanted to. The Municipal Solicitor said that they could have one if they paid him, but he would not be a member of a Welfare Committee or have authority to issue orders.

Councillor Curren, commenting on the remarks of some Councillors concerning the emergencies, said that he thought that these claims were greatly exaggerated. He said that if an emergency case did occur in any District he believed that there would be a Red Cross or Church Organization in the area which would be only too pleased to take care of a family over the weekend.

Councillor Baker recalled an emergency in his District where the family was evicted on a Saturday evening. He said the new Welfare Director was being paid a good salary and he felt that he should be available when needed.

Councillor Williams asked if there had been any approximate cost of this new Welfare Department arrived at. He understood that it was going to cost a lot more than the present set up.

Councillor Hanrahan said that it would probably cost more at the start but he thought that the staff would get out and rehabilitate many of those who are now on relief and that it would eventually save money.

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Councillor Flawn asked what there was to stop a Councillor from getting out an emergency order and having the order eventually covered officially by the Welfare Department.

The Municipal Solicitor said that Councillors never have had any authority to give Welfare out and would not under the new system. However, if a Departmental understanding was arrived at, this possibly could be done.

Warden Leverman put the question for adoption of the report.  
Motion carried.

The Municipal Clerk read the report of the Garbage Disposal Committee.

Councillors Settle and Curren moved:-

"THAT the report of the Garbage Disposal Committee be adopted."

In answer to a question, Councillor Settle said that he thought the only factor limiting the burning of garbage at the incinerator was the fact that the garbage was not separated. If this were done, he thought that the incinerator could probably burn more than the 40 tons per day for which it was built.

Councillor Blackburn asked if the incinerator were working to capacity now and if it could be put on a double shift in order to accommodate other Districts that would want to make use of it.

Councillor Settle said that at the last meeting of the Committee, some consideration had been given to the modification of the cleaning doors and he thought that this would improve the situation.

Warden Leverman put the question for adoption of the report.  
Motion carried.

Councillor Stubbs brought up the matter of a 2 percent Sales Tax for Educational Purposes. She thought that at least five million dollars could be raised to this method each year. She said that

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She said that property owners were being taxed all they could bear at the present time to pay for Educational Costs.

Councillors Stubbs and Williams moved:-

"THAT the Provincial Government be requested to make a study of the feasibility of a 2 percent Sales Tax for Educational Purposes to be paid back to Municipal Governments on a per student basis."

Councillor Daye said that he felt that the Provincial Government has made more ways of raising money through taxes than Municipalities. He thought that the Government should undertake this study.

Councillor Blackburn said he understood the matter was brought up at the meeting of the Union of Nova Scotia Municipalities and had been given to a Committee to study.

Warden Leverman said all matters pertaining to Education had been given to a Committee for study and that this Committee already had had one meeting and was shortly holding another. It will suggest to the Government some answer to the problems created by Education Costs. However, he said, that the Premier had stated at the meeting that the Government will not consider a Sales Tax for Education Purposes.

Councillor Stubbs said that when it is realized that the County is going to lose more of its Transitional Grant next year and that where Halifax County is hit hard by the cost of Education, the County should spearhead this drive.

Warden Leverman put the question for adoption of the motion. Motion carried.

Councillor Cruikshank asked for a recorded vote. The Municipal Solicitor explained that a recorded vote should be moved before a vote is taken and that it could only be done after a vote is taken if it were by the unanimous consent of Council. Since all Councillors were not in agreement, a recorded vote was not taken.

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The Municipal Clerk read the report of the Finance Committee.

Deputy Warden Burris and Councillor Snair moved:-

"THAT the report of the Finance Committee be adopted."

Councillor Stubbs said she was very disappointed that no consideration had been given to doing away with fees for Committee Meetings. She said that it appears that the same few Councillors will continue to be represented on the majority of Committees. She felt that this was not good business and further that it would be difficult to get good men to run for Council, if Council continued to pay only \$800.00 per year.

Councillor Baker said that he still felt that there should be no increase for Councillors but that he should have made clearer earlier that he was in agreement with an increase for the Warden. He felt this was a step in the right direction, and that the position of the Warden was an exacting task.

Councillor Stubbs said that the figures she had given the other day showed that the County would be saving money by increasing Councillors' salaries to \$1200.00 or \$1500.00 per annum and do away with Committee fees. She said that if the County were going to pay the Warden \$5800.00 a year that he should be elected at large by the Ratepayers and that the Municipal Act should be changed to permit this. She did not think he should be elected by the Councillors.

Councillor Hanrahan said he regretted that there was nothing in the report about safety patrols. He felt that there would be some action soon. He said he agreed with an increase for the Warden but he also agreed that Councillors should get \$100.00 per month for twelve meetings a year.

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Councillors Stubbs and Hanrahan moved:-

"THAT the report of the Finance Committee be amended with respect to remuneration of Councillors and that the remuneration be set by amending the By-law concerned to set the salaries at \$100.00 per month."

Councillor Blackburn said he agreed that the Warden should be elected by the people at large. He did not think a person could serve as Warden and represent a District as a Councillor at the same time. Sooner or later he said it would cause conflict.

Councillor Evans said that he valued his time and that his duties as a Councillor are increasing. For this reason he said he was in favour of an increase.

Councillor Hanrahan said that it was not only the work that was done at Council or Committee Meetings that took so much time but that a great amount of work was required to be done outside Council in the District.

Councillors Snair and Curren moved:-

"THAT the vote on the amendment be recorded."

Councillor Stubbs asked if the Deputy Warden got any extra under the present set up.

Warden Leverman said that he did not.

Warden Leverman then put the question for adoption of the amendment.

The vote was -

FOR - Councillors Hanrahan, Stubbs and Evans.  
AGAINST - Councillors Snair, Curren, Moser, Baker, Spears, White, Settle, Sellars, Williams, Daye, MacKenzie, Henley, Turner, Deputy Warden Burris, Councillors Archibald, Cruikshank, Isenor, Blackburn and Flawn.

Warden Leverman declared the amendment lost with 3 voting for the amendment and 19 against.

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Councillors Stubbs and Blackburn moved:-

"THAT this Council seek special legislation at the next meeting of the Legislature, so that the Warden will be elected by the County at large instead of by Council as at present."

Councillor Curren said that if a Warden had to run an election over the County as a whole, then the County was paying the Warden a very small remuneration. He did not think it would be possible to get worthwhile men to run an election over such an area with such small remuneration.

Councillor Stubbs observed that no Municipality pays Councillors for running an election.

Warden Leverman put the question for adoption of the motion.  
Motion lost.

Councillor Snair moved:-

"THAT Council adjourn until 10:00 o'clock Monday morning."  
Motion carried.

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FOURTH DAY MORNING

Council met at 10:00 a.m.

Roll called.

Warden F. G. H. Leverman in the chair.

Councillors Archibald and Curren moved:-

"THAT the Minutes of the Second Day morning and afternoon be adopted."  
Motion carried.

Councillors Archibald and Daye moved:-

"THAT Council dispense with the reading of the Minutes of the Third Day."  
Motion carried.

Councillor Redmond asked that the report of the Nominating Committee be printed and distributed as soon as it was available.

Warden Leverman said that this would be done.

The Municipal Clerk read a letter from Mr. E. J. Vickery, regarding the appointment of a Civil Defence Co-ordinator for the County of Halifax.

Councillor Flawn commented that in a previous report from the Civil Defence Representatives, it had been suggested that the Councillors of the District interest responsible citizens to take the initiative in organizing Civil Defence within their Districts. However, he said if it is to be left to the individual Councillors to interest citizens it might take a long time. If a Co-ordinator were appointed it would cost the County about 10 percent or \$200.00 per year, plus mileage and this would take the responsibility off the Councillors. The Co-ordinator would work under the general direction of Mr. Vickery. However, Councillor Flawn said he was not making any direct recommendation at this time.

Councillor Blackburn asked what was being done in the City and in the Town of Dartmouth. Councillor Flawn said that the City has a full-time Civil Defence staff. Dartmouth has an organization headed up by a former Councillor, together with a Deputy. Both

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these places have large quantities of Civil Defence equipment on hand. In the County some twenty-six residents had taken the staff course in Civil Defence at Arnprior, but as yet there was no one to head them up and direct their operations.

Councillor Redmond agreed with Councillor Flawn that it was not likely the County would get co-ordination from twenty-six Councillors. He thought the letter from Mr. Vickery suggested a ~~very~~ inexpensive method, which would solve the situation and get the job done more efficiently.

Councillor Hanrahan and Redmond moved:-

"THAT this Council proceed in accordance with the suggestions contained in a letter from Mr. E. J. Vickery, dated December 5, 1959, and proceed with the appointment of a Civil Defence Co-ordinator." Motion carried.

Council recessed for five minutes, in order to permit the bringing in of the report of the Regional Library Committee.

The Municipal Clerk read the report of the Regional Library Committee.

Councillors McGrath and Spears moved:-

"THAT the report of the Regional Library Committee be adopted."

With respect to the proposed salaries laid down, Councillor Williams pointed out that school bus drivers get only \$1,800 per year, while it was proposed that the Library drivers get \$2,600. Councillor Redmond said that the driver of the Bookmobile would be on the job twelve months a year and would also require a better education.

Miss Alberta Letts, Director of Provincial Libraries, said that the drivers would also do clerical work as assistants to the Bookmobile Librarians.

Councillor Moser asked how often the bookmobiles would visit the rural areas.



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Miss Letts said that plans would indicate they would visit the rural areas once a month and the more heavily populated areas every two weeks. She said that from experience she had learned that if sufficient books are loaned, once a month visits to rural areas have proved sufficient.

Councillor Moser stated that if once a week service was given in urban areas, then the rural areas will want the same service.

Councillor McGrath pointed out that urban areas, which have 90 percent of the assessment, will pay most of the cost but that the rural areas will benefit the most.

Councillor Blackburn asked if the Bookmobiles would operate outside a minimum radius of the branch library in the new Administration Building or whether the library there would be only a storage space.

Miss Letts said she understood it would be both - a library branch and a storage library. She said she would not want to suggest a mileage limit on where the service would begin. In Victoria County only four weeks had been lost last year due to bad roads and this was while the roads were closed. She thought if there were a chance that Bookmobiles could not get into an area because of bad roads, then extra books would be loaned before this condition occurred.

Warden Leverman commented that he thought a minimum radius might permit the Bookmobiles to better serve the rural areas.

Miss Letts commented that in Annapolis Valley the Bookmobiles do not serve an area within a five-mile limit of the branch library.

Councillor MacKenzie said that in his District one area was fourteen miles from the paved highway and asked if it would be served.

Miss Letts said that Bookmobiles do not only serve communities on paved highways and that experience has shown that many of the

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requests came from remote areas and the Bookmobiles definitely visited these areas.

Councillor Hanrahan asked if the Bookmobiles would tend to eliminate some of the school libraries.

Miss Letts said that the Bookmobiles should not replace these libraries but each should complement the other.

Councillor Daye asked if the County were going to vote \$58,000 for Regional Libraries and still let little children walk to school. He said the ratepayers in his District were more concerned about transportation for these children than they were about Bookmobiles.

Councillor Stubbs wondered if the County were not setting a high goal by trying to be in operation by June.

Miss Letts said she recommended that the County purchase only two Bookmobiles for the first year. She pointed out that it was going to cost a lot for books for the first few years.

Miss Letts said that if any community preferred to have a branch library instead of the Bookmobile service, then the community would have to provide the quarters and Janitor's services.

Councillor Snair said he thought the Council should know more in black and white of what the County is getting for its money. He said it was all right to listen to stories but some discrepancies always occurred. He thought rural areas should have at least equal service with the urban areas.

Miss Letts repeated that experience showed that rural areas prefer once a month service. She pointed out, however, that the Regional Library Board, which would be composed of members of the Council, actually determined the time spent by the Bookmobiles in serving the rural areas. She said that it might be found that once a month service was sufficient even in the urban areas.

Warden Leverman put the question for adoption of the report.

Motion carried.

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The Municipal Clerk read the report of the Welfare Committee.

Referring to that part of the report concerning the Provincial sharing in the cost of a Sprinkler System, Mr. Hattie said that the Province had agreed to share in this cost as part of the operating cost if the capital expenditure were advertised over eight years. This would mean an additional cost of 5.3 cents per patient day.

Councillors Snair and Daye moved:-

"THAT the report of the Welfare Committee be adopted, together with appendices."

Councillor Baker asked about ambulance service provided at the Hospital; about the installation of storm windows and the increase in the hours for visiting.

In replying, Councillor Snair said that the Hospital had a Station Wagon which was equipped with an ambulance stretcher, which was used solely for transporting the patients between the Ocean View Home and the Halifax County Hospital or between City Hospitals and the Halifax County Hospital. He said that storm windows had been installed on the Infirmary and that the matter of visiting hours had been placed in the hands of the Superintendent, Mr. Davies, who had not yet reported back on the matter.

Councillor Stubbs asked for an explanation concerning the transfer of Mr. Lynch to the Ocean View Home, since a replacement for him had not yet been secured for the Halifax County Hospital.

Councillor Snair said that to date Mr. Lynch has been responsible for the overseeing of the modernization of the Ocean View Home and the equipping of the Home which had been a big task. He had gone there beginning November 1st. With Mrs. Lynch he was busy preparing for the placing in operation of the Home.

Mrs. Stubbs commented that it appeared to be a queer situation when two key people are taken out of the County Hospital and not replaced.

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Warden Leverman explained that they were taken out because it had been thought that the Home would be ready for operation earlier than had proved possible.

Commenting on a statement that Mrs. Lynch was preparing drapes and curtains, Mrs. Stubbs said it appeared unusual to have a Dietitian turn into a seamstress.

Councillor Snair said that the placing into operation of the Ocean View Home had created an unusual situation. He said that a man had been looking after the carpentry work but that when it came to the equipment of the Home proper, it was necessary to have a man experienced in this type of operation. Mr. Lynch had certainly not been idle during this time.

Mrs. Stubbs asked who was acting as Dietitian at the Hospital. Councillor Snair said that Mr. Davies was getting along quite well but was looking for a properly qualified Dietitian. He said Mr. Davies had not been asked to appear today because the last time he had appeared there had been no questions and as a result he had lost considerable time from his own work. However, if Councillors wanted to question Mr. Davies he was prepared to bring Mr. Davies over together with any other staff Council wanted to answer questions.

Mrs. Stubbs asked if Mr. and Mrs. Lynch were receiving the same pay as before and had they just been slipped in to head the new Home.

Councillor Snair declared that Council had appointed them as Superintendent and Dietitian of the Ocean View Home.

Mrs. Stubbs interjected that this was only a temporary situation.

Councillor Snair said it was not to his understanding.

Councillor Redmond commented that the lack of a Dietitian at the County Hospital had created some difficulties. He said that Mr. Davies was not able to be there twenty-four hours a day.

Councillor Redmond said that when Mr. Davies was absent from the County Hospital and with Mr. Lynch gone, there was no one there to answer his questions. He thought someone should have been taken

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on in Mr. Lynch's place at the time.

Councillor MacKenzie pointed out that Mr. Lynch had assumed the duties of Superintendent for several months without an Assistant, after the previous Superintendent had left, and nobody had raised objection at that time.

Councillor Stubbs wanted to know if an assistant were going to be appointed.

Councillor Archibald said that the Welfare Committee was waiting on Mr. Davies to make a report on who might be the Assistant.

Councillor Blackburn said that he had had experience in opening various places. He thought Mr. and Mrs. Lynch had their time very well occupied, preparing for the opening of the Ocean View Home. He felt that money in having them supervise the work there, if somebody else had been employed to look after this work, the County would still have to have at least Mr. or Mrs. Lynch there to tell that person what was needed.

Councillors Moser and Spears moved:-

"THAT Council adjourn until 2 p.m."

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Council met at 2:00 p.m.

Roll called.

Warden F. G. H. Leverman in the chair.

Council resumed discussion of the report of the Welfare Committee.

Councillor Stubbs asked who was helping Mr. Davies discharge his duties and had any idea been given to replacing Mr. Lynch.

Councillor Snair said he had contacted Mr. Davies during the noon hour and Mr. Davies was now present to answer any questions.

Mr. Davies said that he had agreed with the transfer of Mr. Lynch to the Ocean View Home and that he felt there was a lot of work to be done there, and that it could best be accomplished by having an experienced person in charge. He said he had a man in mind to replace Mr. Lynch and was trying him out. However, he wanted to go slow on any recommendation. He said the man who was being tried out was perhaps a little shy education-wise but with training might prove all right.

Councillor Stubbs asked if this were a director from the Committee.

Mr. Davies said it was not. The Committee had told him to study the situation and make recommendations. He said that the Hospital was in a stage of transition administration-wise and he was making haste slowly.

Councillor Stubbs asked who was replacing Mrs. Lynch.

Mr. Davies said Mrs. Lynch had done a lot of other work besides acting as Dietitian. Her work other than that of a Dietitian was now being handled by another staff member. He had advertised for a Dietitian but had had no answers. He had contacted persons in the position to assist but nothing had developed as yet. He felt that

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the Hospital should get a qualified person as Dietitian. In the meantime Mrs. Smith was supervising the Dietary work now.

Councillor Baker asked if the storm windows in the Infirmary had been put on.

Mr. Davies replied that 129 windows had been placed.

Councillor Baker asked if any thought had been given to the extension of the Visiting hours. He said it was difficult for some people to visit at the present visiting times.

Mr. Davies said that this matter was under study. It was difficult to handle without extra staff, unless they were able to make use of volunteer help and he said that the Hospital was hoping to be able to do this. He felt that the Hospital should increase its visiting hours. He said it was good therapy as well as good public relations.

Warden Leverman put the question for the adoption of the report. Motion carried.

The Municipal Solicitor read a draft of changes in the County By-laws, brought about by agreement of Council to make some changes in times of their meetings and a new distribution of duties of various Committees.

Council agreed that the By-laws be printed and distributed and dealt with at the January Session.

Councillors Snair and Spears moved:-

"THAT this Council adopt a Borrowing Resolution in the amount of \$21,000 for the purpose of installing a Sprinkler System at the Ocean View Municipal Home." Motion carried.

Councillors Daye and Redmond moved:-

"THAT this Council adopt a Borrowing Resolution in the amount of \$30,000 for renovations and furnishings at the Ocean View Municipal Home." Motion carried.

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The Municipal Clerk read the report of the Redistribution Committee.

Councillors Hanrahan and Archibald moved:-

"THAT the report of the Redistribution Committee be adopted." Motion carried.

Councillors Flawn and Curren moved:-

"THAT Wilbert Daye, Tufts Cove,  
Allan Hicks, Halifax,  
be appointed County Constables."  
Motion carried.

Councillor Snair said that signs which the County had built and erected at the highway entrances to the County had cost from \$400 to \$500 each, were in a very dilapidated condition and were a disgrace to the County. He said he had been trying to get action for some time to have this situation rectified but to date nothing had been done.

Warden Leverman said that instructions had been given to the Planning Engineer to have this work done.

Councillor Balcome said he had spoken to Mr. Hattie about the matter five months ago, but so far as he knew nothing had been done.

Mr. Hattie said that work had been given to the Engineers to undertake but that apparently someone had not got it done.

The Municipal Clerk read the report of the Joint Committees on Planning and Public Services.

Councillors Flawn and Settle moved:-

"THAT the report of a series of Joint Meetings of the Public Services Committee and the Halifax County Planning Board be adopted and that the Macnab Report be accepted."

Councillor McGrath asked what the County had paid Canadian-British Engineering Services in one year for their work. Mr. Hattie said that the service was provided on a percentage basis on the cost of works and charged in with capital costs of the various projects.



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Councillor Moser said that the County should give careful consideration to the entire matter, if part of the Utility Services were to be taken in by the Town of Dartmouth. He felt that the rest of the County was going to get "hooked" if the County lost these services.

In reply to a question from Councillor McGrath, the Municipal Solicitor explained the proper approach that should be considered in the assessing of assets and liabilities of the County in any negotiations.

Councillor Moser asked what position the County would be in with the City just waiting to reach out and grab a section on the western side of the Harbour, if the amalgamation with Dartmouth went through.

Warden Leverman put the question for adoption of the report. Motion carried.

The Municipal Clerk read the report of the Public Services Committee.

Councillors Flawn and Settle moved:-

"THAT the report of the Public Services Committee be adopted."

Councillor Curren said that he understood that the Public Services Committee had met with the Public Service Commission of the City regarding the Rockingham situation and he said, although he understood not much had come out of this meeting, he regretted that no mention had been made of it in this report.

Councillor Moser said the County should be skeptical about extending any services on the eastern side of the Harbour. The money could probably be better spent on the western side, in view of the possible amalgamation.

Councillor Flawn said that water utilities were not reflected in the tax structure, as it was a self-financing service. He

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said that the County provides the funds only for the original financing of the services and the users of the services pay this back. The sewers, however, are on a different assessment basis and are paid for by those persons who use or could use it by a rate on their assessment. He agreed that the County-at-large paid 50 percent of the cost of the laterals. Trunk Sewers are not paid for by the County in the same way, he said. The County does not pay 50 percent of the capital cost or the maintenance of these sewers but it is charged back by lien against the properties than can be served. He said he personally recommended continuance of the 50-50 basis on the older subdivisions but he said, in the case of newer subdivisions the County was not sharing costs but required either that the Subdivider install the services or that if it is done by the County the Subdivider is required to make a capital contribution to the amount of the difference of the actual cost and what might be returned on an assessment basis.

Councillor Flawn explained the background of the sewer lien discussions and recommendations made by District 14D Ratepayers Association. He said he felt that the homeowner does not object to paying for what he gets but does object to paying for what he might get.

Speaking concerning the extensions in Clarence Park, he said he felt these extensions would be in the interest of the County. It would mean, he thought, that Central Mortgage and Housing Corporation would do away with direct grants in lieu of taxation and that payment of full taxes would be made when and if the extensions are approved.

Speaking of the water services on the west side of the Harbour, he explained that a portion of the service line between the main and the property line on the water services had produced revenues

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to the County, which own these lines, but that last year with exceptional frost conditions he was doubtful whether the County even broke even.

With regard to services in the Rockingham area, Councillor Flawn said that all he could say at the moment was that it was still a live issue on the agenda. He said he thought it must be a long time proposition, so far as the Public Service Commission is concerned. He pointed out that there was a large tract of vacant land in the way of the extensions, but that this was now being subdivided and if the Subdivider were willing to go along on the same basis as other areas, then the service might not be so far away as it might appear.

Councillor Flawn said that the start of sewer service in Bedford may also be in the offing with possible construction of a line to serve the new Bedford High School. He said that the preliminary report from the Canadian-British Engineers appears to make this a feasible project. He said if this is carried out Central Mortgage and Housing Corporation was willing to go along with 6,000 foot lots for loans instead of the 15,000 foot minimum required when no services are installed, if the County were prepared to install services in the area in the near future.

Warden Leverman put the question for adoption of the report.  
Motion carried.

Councillors Flawn and Settle moved:-

"THAT Canadian-British Consulting Engineers be asked to carry out a feasibility study with respect to the disposal of sewage from the new Bedford High School and adjacent areas." Motion carried.

Councillor Stubbs said that it was ashame that the County was putting in all these sewers and that there was not a By-law to compel people who do not have properly functioning sewage service to connect up to the sewer service.

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Councillor Stubbs moved:-

"THAT Council adopt a By-law to compel anyone who has no proper sewage disposal and who abutts a sewer lateral, to take facilities by one year after such service is available, and that any person who has a private disposal system, which, in according to a Sanitary Inspector, is not operating satisfactorily, can be compelled to accept public sewer services."

Discussion then ensued as to whether persons could be forced to hook up under present legislation.

Councillor Hanrahan objected to giving such persons a one year period in which to connect up. He thought this was simply along them to contaminate water of their neighbors for that year.

Councillor Redmond seconded the motion.

Warden Leverman put the question for adoption of the motion.

Motion carried.

Councillors Spears and McGrath moved:-

"THAT this Council approve a temporary borrowing resolution in the amount of \$15,100.00 for water installations in South Woodside and on Allenwood Avenue."  
Motion carried.

The Municipal Clerk read the report of the Revenue Committee.

Councillors Spears and Daye moved:-

"THAT the report of the Revenue Committee be adopted."

The question arose as to some names, which were reported by certain Councillors to be missing from the report of those recommended for relief from taxes.

Councillor Hanrahan asked if the Revenue Committee had given any study to the property transfer tax and suggested that this should be done and a report brought in.

The Municipal Solicitor said that this had been approved, in principle, last year, but that Councillors had agreed to wait

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until it could be determined how the application of this tax by the City of Halifax worked out and that if no difficulty were encountered by the City, then the County would proceed to seek legislation at the next session of the Legislature.

Councillor Flawn said he felt strongly that where a person owns property but is not in a position to pay taxes, taxes should be allowed to accumulate and not written off. He said that relatives, in many cases, were just waiting to get their hands on these properties, tax free; that these relatives would not admit relationship until the present owners die.

Councillor Blackburn said he agreed with Councillor Flawn and felt that the matter should be followed up by the new Committee.

Councillor Stubbs felt that any decision concerning this should apply equally over the County and not be left up to the individual Councillor to decide whether a person should be relieved of taxes or not. She thought that the Welfare Officer should present a case history in all matters of this kind brought before the Board.

Councillor Redmond agreed that there needed to be serious consideration as to the policy of the Committee in this matter.

Councillor Stubbs said that she thought Councillors should get a list of lands in their Districts which were being put up for tax sale, each time such a sale was held.

The four names which had inadvertently been left off the report of the Revenue Committee were added to the report.

Warden Leverman put the question for adoption of the report.  
Motion carried.

Councillor Turner said that he felt that Council should meet again during the evening in order to finish its business.

Councillors Turner and Spears moved:-

"THAT Council adjourn until 6:30 p.m."  
Motion carried.

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FOURTH DAY EVENING

Council met at 6:30 p.m.

Roll called.

Warden F. G. H. Leverman in the chair.

Warden Leverman spoke about his earlier suggestions regarding the re-organization of Committees, and asked for comment on his proposed amalgamation of the Public Services Committee and the County Planning Board.

Councillor Settle said that he felt that the functions of the two bodies complemented one another. He felt that combining the Committees would be a forward step and would benefit the County. He also felt that it was an advantage to include Parks in the work of this suggested combined Committee. He said that it had been difficult to get the two Committees together, as separate Committees, but he believed that combining the Committees would lead to greater efficiency. He agreed it would be a busy Committee but that he did not feel there was too much work to be handled by the two Committees combined as one Committee.

In answer to Councillor Blackburn, Mr. Hattie said that the Public Services Committee averaged about twenty meetings a year and the County Planning Board about thirty meetings a year. He said that there are many times when one Committee must find out what the other Committee is doing before a decision could be made and this presented a bottleneck which would be eliminated by the combining of the two Committees. He felt this combining of the Committees would result in much more efficiency.

Councillor Spears wondered if too much time was not spent in Committees on minor details. He felt that more preliminary work on many matters could be handled by the Engineers and the Committee act on their recommendations. He felt that the Committee should be able to act on these recommendations if the persons were doing their work properly.

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Councillor White said he saw merit in the Joint Meetings and much more if the Committee were combined.

Councillor Curren said he felt that water and sewer services needed a very efficient Committee to act on them. He thought if there were a Joint Committee there would be many short discussions. He said he did not think there had been enough Public Services Committee meetings.

Councillor Moser said he disagreed.

Councillor Snair said that he doubted that even with Monthly Sessions of Council, the work of the Committees, particularly the Planning Board, could be reduced. If the Committees were combined it would mean meetings five times a week and the work was just not going to get done. He felt that the County Planning Board, particularly should be by itself if it were to complete its work.

Councillor White thought it was purely a matter of timing.

Councillor Hanrahan thought that there should be close liaison but nothing would be accomplished to facilitate matters by combining the Committees. However, he thought they should meet together in a Joint Meeting at least once a month.

Basing his opinions, he said, on the report of Dr. Macnab, Councillor Redmond said it appeared that some difficulties may have occurred in the past because of insufficient staff. If the staff were brought up to strength and it was efficient, this should eliminate these difficulties and it would appear that considerable thought should be given to the matter before appointing two separate Committees again.

Mr. Hattie said that he thought that Parks and Public Lands could probably come under the jurisdiction of the Public Services Committee. He agreed that both the County Planning Board and the

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Public Services Committee spent a great deal of time in Committee work. He pointed, however, that in the City of Halifax all this work comes under one Board. The Board was able to sit as one Committee and adjourn and meet as another whenever necessary. He felt many times that too much time was spent in detail. He thought with proper agendas it should be possible to eliminate some of this detail. However, he said, that only experience would tell whether one Committee could do the work as efficiently as two.

Councillor Stubbs said that she felt the only way to get answers in the past had been to get the staff cornered in Committee Meetings.

Councillor Williams asked what responsibility would be left to Building Inspectors in the Districts if the Chief Building Inspector were appointed.

Councillor Blackburn felt that the Revenue, Resources and Industrial Committees could be combined into one.

Councillor Henley said that he thought criticism of the Planning Board in the past had been that it did not approve plans very quickly. Even with a greater staff he did not think this could be eliminated, if there were only one Committee.

Councillors Snair and McGrath moved:-

"THAT the Public Services Committee and the County Planning Board remain as separate Committees and that the work of Parks and Public Lands Committee be included in the work of the Public Services Committee, and that the Committee be renamed as a Public Works Committee."

Councillors Blackburn and Moser moved:-

"THAT the duties of the Trade Committee be included in the work of the Public Works Committee."

Councillor Settle said he thought there should be better liaison between the Industrial Committee and the Planning Board.



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Councillor Redmond said Council should combine the Industrial and Resources Committee as they both dealt with resources and man made industry.

Councillor Flawn said that he thought that Parks and Public Lands Committee should be part of the County Planning Board. He said as a member of the Public Services Committee he would not know anything about Parks until he read about them in the paper. Parks usually come first to the Planning Board when a Subdivider presents plans.

In answer to Deputy Warden Burriss, Councillor Flawn said he agreed that the Public Works and the County Planning Board should be combined.

Deputy Warden Burriss then commented that he thought that the suggestion had a lot of merit, particularly when the two Committees have so much in common.

Councillors Blackburn and Moser withdrew their amendment.

The Municipal Solicitor explained the set-up under the Act. He said the County Planning Board had to be appointed as such, but that Council could make the same members, the members of the Public Services Committee and the Parks and Public Lands Committee.

Warden Leverman put the question for adoption of the motion.  
Motion carried.

Councillors Stubbs and Balcome moved:-

"THAT the members of the Planning Board be automatically members of the Industrial Committee." Motion carried.

Councillors Williams and McGrath moved:-

"THAT the matter of District No. 18 becoming a Building District be referred to the Planning Board for study and report."  
Motion carried.

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Councillor Williams complained that he knew nothing of what was going on and nothing of what the Committees were doing. He hopes that this situation will be corrected in the coming year.

Councillor Blackburn read the minutes of a meeting of the Board of Health of District No. 27.

Councillors Blackburn and McGrath moved:-

"THAT WHEREAS the people of Polling District No. 27 have expressed a desire to have a Garbage Collection Service instituted in that area;

AND WHEREAS they wish to pay the cost of such service by means of an area rate levied on the areas to be served;

AND WHEREAS they wish the service to start as soon as possible;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that Council approve, in principle, such service and the levying of an area rate on the area to be served, to pay such services from its inception to the end of the fiscal year, following the next annual session of Council." Motion carried.

Councillor Stubbs asked for a clarification of the situation regarding mileage rates being paid to staff members and to Councillors. She said she understood that Council had approved \$0.12 a mile but that subsequently this was found out to apply only to employees, and she would like to clear up the matter before she had to pay money back.

The Municipal Solicitor suggested that legislation could be sought to set mileage rates.

Councillors Stubbs and Daye moved:-

"THAT Councillors receive mileage for each day's service at the Council and that the mileage be paid at the rate of \$0.12 per mile and that the Solicitors be requested to seek special legislation at the next session of the Legislature to make this possible."

Councillor Blackburn said that he did not think this was the time or place to ask for any increase in mileage.

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Councillors Cruikshank and Turner moved:-

"THAT a recorded vote be taken."

It was pointed out that the motion carried two different proposals, whereupon Councillor Stubbs agreed that she would separate her motions.

Councillors Stubbs and Daye moved:-

"THAT Councillors be paid mileage for each day's session of the Council."

The result of the recorded vote was,-

FOR: Councillors Daye, Williams, Sellars, Stubbs, Spears, Moser, McGrath and Snair.

AGAINST: Councillors Flawn, Blackburn, Isenor, Cruikshank, Deputy Warden Burris, Councillors Turner, Henley, MacKenzie, Redmond, Settle, White, Hanrahan, Balcome and Baker.

The Warden declared the motion lost.

Councillors Stubbs and MacKenzie moved:-

"THAT the Councillors' mileage be paid at the rate of \$0.12 per mile and the Solicitor be requested to seek special legislation at the next session of the Legislature to make this possible."  
Motion carried.

Councillors Stubbs and Daye moved:-

"THAT the School Capital Program Committee be composed of five members, together with the Councillor or Councillors of the Districts concerned."

Councillor Curren said that there seemed to have been a lot of misunderstanding about the work of this Committee in the past year. He said some Councillors seemed to think they should be present at any meeting when even the slightest item concerning the District is discussed. He said the original intention was that the Councillor would only be called in when the Committee was in the District. He thought this was the time to clarify the situation.

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Considerable discussion then followed as to the expense of having Councillors attend all meetings where items concerning their Districts were discussed and also as to when and where local Councillors should attend these meetings.

Councillor Curren suggested that the Councillor or Councillors of the District should only attend the meetings at selections of sites, examination of preliminary plans, the awarding of the contract and the final inspection.

Councillor Redmond agreed with Councillor Curren. He said he thought that that was all that was necessary.

Councillor Turner said he believed that the Committee should be left as it is.

Councillor Flawn pointed out that when the School Capital Program Committee Report is written it involved every District. He asked if this meant that there would have to be a full Council meeting as the School Capital Program Committee. He agreed that such a meeting would be ridiculous. He said the Committee has called in Councillors at the times that Councillor Curren had mentioned. He said during the past three years the system had worked and that in the County of Halifax more new schools had been built than in the rest of Nova Scotia.

Warden Leverman put the question for adoption of the motion.  
Motion carried.

Councillors McGrath and Moser moved:-

"THAT the Nominating Committee be appointed by the Chair." Motion carried.

Warden Leverman then named Councillor Spears as Chairman of the Nominating Committee with Councillors Blackburn, Archibald, Henley and White as members.

The Municipal Solicitor then explained proposed amendments to the By-laws with respect to procedure. He said that the

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proposed amendments were brought about by the agreements of Council on the first day with respect to changes in Committees and other matters. If the amendments were agreed upon and passed at this Session, they could possibly have the approval of the Minister of Municipal Affairs within a few days. However, if they were printed and not dealt with until next session of Council, Council Committees would have to proceed under the By-laws as they presently exist and would be unable to make the changes agreed upon until Council had approved the amendments.

Councillors McGrath and Curren moved:-

"THAT the amendments to the By-laws with respect to procedure be approved."  
Motion carried.

Councillors Curren and McGrath moved:-

"THAT the Committees of Council and Boards appointed by Council continue in office until the proposed By-laws, dealing with them, become official, or until such time as Council may otherwise determine."  
Motion carried.

Councillors Stubbs and McGrath moved:-

"THAT the Municipality of the County of Halifax be one Welfare District, effective the 1st day of January, A.D. 1960."  
Motion carried.

Councillors Flawn and Balcome moved:-

"THAT this Council approve expropriation of lands for the erection of a Pumping Station at Chocolate Lake at a fee of \$1.00." Motion carried.

Councillors Williams and Balcome moved:-

"THAT this Council approve expropriation of lands from C. E. MacCulloch at Westphal at a fee of \$1.00." Motion carried.

Councillors Settle and Redmond moved:-

"THAT this Council approve expropriation of lands on -  
India Street, Tufts Cove  
at a fee of \$1.00." Motion carried.



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Councillors Settle and McGrath moved:-

"THAT this Council approve expropriation of lands on Leahy Road at a fee of \$1.00." Motion carried.

Councillors Settle and McGrath moved:-

"THAT this Council approve expropriation of lands in Clarence Park at a fee of \$1.00." Motion carried.

Councillors Stubbs and McGrath moved:-

"THAT this Council approve expropriation of lands from Harry E. Walker at a fee of \$1.00." Motion carried.

Councillors McGrath and Baker moved:-

"THAT this Council approve expropriation of lands from Ralph Greenough at a fee of \$1.00." Motion carried.

Councillors Daye and McGrath moved:-

"THAT this Council approve expropriation of lands from Eva Davison at a fee of \$1.00." Motion carried.

Councillors Stubbs and Settle moved:-

"THAT this Council approve expropriation of lands from Toivo Koponen at a fee of \$1.00." Motion carried.

Councillors Balcome and Daye moved:-

"THAT this Council approve expropriation of lands from Raymond Andrews at a fee of \$1.00." Motion carried.

Councillors Williams and MacKenzie moved:-

"THAT this Council approve expropriation of lands from Gordon Trevor at a fee of \$1.00." Motion carried.

Councillors Stubbs and Settle moved:-

"THAT this Council approve expropriation of lands from Pearl Burrell at a fee of \$1.00." Motion carried.

Councillors Stubbs and Sellars moved:-

"THAT this Council approve expropriation of lands from Shirley Brown at a fee of \$1.00." Motion carried.

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Councillors Williams and Sellars moved:-

"THAT this Council approve expropriation of lands from John Mason at a fee of \$1.00." Motion carried.

Councillors Hanrahan and Balcome moved:-

"THAT this Council approve expropriation of a portion of Craigmere Drive at a fee of \$1.00." Motion carried.

Councillors Flawn and Isenor moved:-

"THAT this Council approve expropriation of lands from Harold Snyder at a fee of \$1.00." Motion carried.

Councillors McGrath and Settle moved:-

"THAT this Council approve expropriation of a certain section of Hillcrest Street at a fee of \$1.00." Motion carried.

Councillors Balcome and Isenor moved:-

"THAT this Council approve expropriation of a portion of Willett Street at a fee of \$1.00." Motion carried.

Councillors Settle and Stubbs moved:-

"THAT this Council approve expropriation of a portion of Rose Drive at a fee of \$1.00." Motion carried.

Councillors Balcome and Hanrahan moved:-

"THAT this Council approve expropriation of a portion of School Avenue at a fee of \$1.00." Motion carried.

Councillors Hanrahan and Warden Leverman moved:-

"THAT this Council approve expropriation of lands from Umlah and Heirs at a fee of \$1.00." Motion carried.

Councillors Redmond and Williams moved:-

"THAT this Council approve expropriation of lands for the erection of a school at Grand Desert at a sum of \$650.00." Motion carried.

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Warden Leverman and Councillor Curren moved:-

"THAT the Solicitor be instructed to prepare an attempt to obtain the passage of legislation at the next session of the Provincial Legislature, giving authority to the Municipality to control and regulate or prohibit parking on Municipal property and to enforce such regulations as Council may make." Motion carried.

Warden Leverman said, in explaining the motion, that there had been parking on school grounds and other Municipal property but the R.C.M.P. would not do anything because there was nothing in the By-laws to cover this.

Warden Leverman then resumed the chair.

Councillors McGrath and Turner moved:-

"THAT Boxing Day, December 26th, 1959, be declared a Municipal Holiday, and that the Municipal Offices be closed on that day." Motion carried.

Councillor Cruikshank said that it had been reported to him that the cost of administration of the County had reached 20 percent of the revenue. He said that this was a staggering figure and asked if he could have a report at the next session concerning this. It was agreed that the Municipal Clerk would prepare this report.

Councillor Baker brought up the matter of school property at Terence Bay, which was being graded five feet above the level of adjacent property and asked where the responsibility lay for flooding of this adjacent property and the destruction of the well on this property. He said he intended to ask for some action to have this matter rectified.

Councillors McGrath and Flawn moved:-

"THAT the minutes of the Third Day Morning and Afternoon be adopted as circulated." Motion carried.



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Council agreed that appointments to Special Committees be made by the chair.

Warden Leverman made the following appointments:-

TO THE COUNTY BOARD OF HEALTH

Councillors Isenor, Henley and Hanrahan.

TO THE COMMITTEE ON PRINTING AND REPORTING

Warden Leverman and R. G. Hattie.

MEMBERS OF THE COMMISSIONERS OF THE COURT HOUSE

Warden Leverman and Councillor McGrath.

REDISTRIBUTION COMMITTEE

Councillors Hanrahan, Blackburn, Curren, Stubbs and Archibald.

SPECIAL COMMITTEE RE SOCIAL ASSISTANCE

Not re-appointed.

REGIONAL LIBRARY COMMITTEE

Duties will be transferred to the Regional Library Board.

HIGHWAYS COMMITTEE

Disbanded.

Councillors Curren and Daye moved:-

"THAT the work of the Garbage Disposal Committee be now handed over to the Committee on Public Works." Motion carried.

Councillor Baker asked if anything had been considered about trying to eliminate the dog nuisance. He said that this problem was on the increase.

Warden Leverman he said that he understood over 200 dogs had been destroyed last year in the County.

Councillors Baker and Curren moved:-

"THAT the matter of establishing Pounds and a Dog Catcher be referred to the appropriate Committee of Council for study and report back to Council." Motion carried.

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Councillor Turner said he had had many complaints about the abolishing of bounties by Council.

Councillor Moser said that the Safety Committee had taken the matter up again but he could not get agreement.

Councillor Daye said he was not opposed to bounties.

Councillors Turner and Daye moved:-

"THAT the matter of renewing the paying of a bounty on raccoons, wildcats and fox be referred to the Solicitor to bring in a proposed amendment to the By-laws at a future session."  
Motion carried.

Councillor Stubbs read a letter from District 14D Ratepayers Association regarding the payments to a Solicitor and Auditors and asked who was going to be responsible for these accounts incurred by her District.

Mr. Hattie said he had referred the matter to the Municipal Solicitor and it had been his opinion that the account did not apply to the District as a whole.

Councillor Stubbs complained that she was the only Councillor whose accounts were not accepted and paid without question.

The Municipal Solicitor explained that if a bill is incurred by part of the District, such as the sewer lien, only that part of the District can be assessed for this bill. The County, he said, or the District, could pay a special rate on those concerned. He said the District Funds are really Municipal Funds and not District Funds.

Councillor Stubbs said she wanted to see copies of all District expenditures. She said that many District apparently, have not even budgeted for their District Rates. She again asked who was now responsible for these bills that have been incurred by her District.

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There was considerable discussion as to how the District Funds could be spent.

Councillors Redmond and Stubbs moved:-

"THAT the Solicitor be instructed to prepare a brief on these District Funds." Motion carried.

The Municipal Clerk read the report of the Nominating Committee.

Councillors Spears and Henley moved:-

"THAT the report of the Nominating Committee be adopted." Motion carried.

Councillor Spears suggested that in view of the fact that the Municipal Staff was now altogether in one building and whereas the staff had put up with many difficulties in the past and had proved loyal and faithful, that the Council, as a whole, might this year finance a Christmas party for the staff.

Councillors Spears and Blackburn moved:-

"THAT Councillors be asked to contribute to the cost of providing a Christmas party for the Municipal staff."

Councillor Baker moved an amendment:-

"THAT the funds collected to be used for a Christmas party for the staff, be used for a party for the patients at the Halifax County Hospital."

The Solicitor ruled that the amendment was out-of-order and said that if that is what Councillor Baker desired, Council should defeat the motion and bring in a separate motion.

Councillor Blackburn moved an amendment:-

"THAT each Councillor be asked to contribute \$1.00 per person to the financing of the Christmas party for the staff."

He said that the staff had helped over and above duties expected of them. If Councillors were going to argue about it, he felt it would spoil the principal of the occasion.

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Councillors Daye and Baker said that they were not in favour of contributing toward a Christmas party for the staff but felt that the funds should be turned over for a party for the patients at the Hospital.

Councillor Stubbs said she had a large family for which to provide a Christmas party and she did not feel that she should contribute to a Christmas party for the staff.

Mr. Hattie said that if there were not unanimous agreement on the matter, he felt that the staff would prefer to hold their own Christmas party.

The amendment and the motion were then withdrawn.

Councillors McGrath and Redmond moved:-

"THAT Council agree that the reading of the Minutes of the Fourth Day be dispensed with." Motion carried.

Councillor Henley said he had enjoyed a very happy year in Council and thanked Councillors for the courtesies which had been extended to him.

Councillors Snair and Hanrahan moved:-

"THAT Council adjourn sine die."  
Motion carried.

The Council Session concluded with the singing of God Save the Queen.

PLANNING BOARD REPORT TO COUNCIL.

TO HIS HONOUR THE WARDEN AND MEMBERS OF THE MUNICIPAL COUNCIL:

COUNCILLORS:

The Halifax County Planning Board has held nine (9) meetings since September session of Council dealing with 270 subdivision plans and 40 miscellaneous items: one (1) special meeting was held on September 21, 1959, at the International Airport at Kelly Lake. The Planning Board made an inspection of Districts surrounding the airport for the purpose of observing the proposed zoned lands as presented by the Planning Engineer.

One (1) special meeting was held to discuss the proposed zoning plan of the International Airport. This meeting was attended by other interested parties made up of the following representatives:

Dr. Ronald Reifler, Pantus Factory Locating Service, Chicago,  
U. S. A., Consultants to Nova Scotia Light & Power Co.

Mr. Harrington, Nova Scotia Light & Power Co.

Mr. Anderson, Nova Scotia Light & Power Co.

Mr. Edmison, T. C. A.

Wing Commander Ingrams, R. C. A. F.

Mr. Orville Pulsifer, Board of Trade.

Mr. D. J. Bird, Director, Community Planning.

Warden F. G. H. Leverman,

Mr. R. G. Hattie, Municipal Clerk & Treasurer.

Mr. W. Cox, County Solicitor.

Councillor Ira Settle, Chairman of Planning Board.

Councillors Granville Snair,

C. Gregory McGrath,

Granville Moser,

Howard Daye,

Gerald B. Hanrahan

T. B. Blackburn,

A. C. Eisenor, Jr.

Mr. Frank Miller, Press.

Mr. Charles F. Reardon, Planning Engineer.

Dr. Reifler, a representative of Fantus Factory Locating Service, Chicago, U. S. A., a firm retained by the Nova Scotia Light & Power Company, for consulting purposes, said that they are constantly on the lookout for large organizations who wish to locate their headquarters on or near the sight of an international airport. He impressed upon the meeting that sufficient land should be zoned to meet any maximum requirements: in too many instances, a minimum of land is zoned and expansion of industrial sites or even expansion of the Airport facilities becomes impracticable and therefore many airports are becoming obsolete.

Dr. Reifler was asked by the Board if he thought the 4,280 acres of Industrial Zoning on the proposed Halifax International Airport was too great. He said the Industrial coverage on the proposed zoning plan was a very good figure to start with and that he would not wish to see a lesser amount; he also felt the restricted building areas immediately adjacent to the Industrial Zone was a good idea because it adds further protection by controlling the type of development. He went on to say that many organizations looking for industrial sites are interested as well in the type of developments that are allowed along approach roads and land adjacent to the Industrial sites. The main arteries from the cities should be zoned so as not to allow poor or disorganized development, which leaves a poor first impression, which impression is most important.

#### ROAD IMPROVEMENT.

Surveys and Improvement estimates have now been completed on the following roads:

Twilight Lane, Port Wallis.

Rocklin Road, Port Wallis.

Sunset Road, Port Wallis.

The following roads are presently being constructed under the Road Improvement Program:

Old Henry Road, Spryfield.

Acorn Road, Spryfield.

Bryden Avenue, Spryfield.

The following road surveys are now completed and deeds are

being prepared for acceptance by the Department of Highways:

- Brennan Road, Shad Bay.
- Rutledge Street, Bedford.
- Marriott Street, Kline Heights.
- Parkstone Road, Tuft's Cove.
- Mountain Road, Kline Heights.
- Boutilier's Lane, Port Wallis.
- Yorkshire Avenue, Tuft's Cove.
- Road to School, Waverley.
- Road to School, Bedford (South of New High School)
- Main Street, Bedford.
- High Street, Bedford.

HOUSE LINES.

The Board recommends the approval of a foundation on lot B12 of Hubley Subdivision, Woodlawn, as shown on a plan by K. W. Robb, dated November 21, 1959, having only the southwest corner of the foundation a lesser distance than 30 feet. The lesser distance is 20 feet and was caused by the change of direction of the front line but the foundation is in line with all other houses on the street.

APPROVAL OF UNDERSIZED LOTS.

(a) Donald Russell, Lower Ship Harbour.

The Board recommends to Council the approval of lot L-2 for a camp site lot as shown on a plan dated August 14, 1959, surveyed by K. W. Robb, P. L. S. The dimensions of the lot are as follows: Frontage - - 55 feet; East side line - - 138 feet; West side line - - 273 feet and the back line - 160 feet. The total square footage is approximately 24,000 square feet.

(b) Harry Snyder.

Mr. Snyder of Fairview was given a building permit on October 22, 1958, to build on lot A of the Bert MacDonald Subdivision. This lot A was approved for addition to lots 9 and 10. The Building Inspector missed the fact that it was approved for addition to lots 9 and 10 and thought it was approved as a separate lot and issued a permit for the construction of a dwelling. Mr. Snyder has since tried to get a mortgage on the house and the mortgage company

will not issue a mortgage unless this lot can be registered in the Registry of Deeds as a separate lot. The lot size is as follows: Frontage - - 50.5 feet; North side line - - 97.2 feet; Back line - - 38.2 feet; South side line - - 101 feet. The total area of this lot is approximately 4,500 square feet. Because of these circumstances, the County Planning Board recommends the approval of lot A as a separate lot.

AMENDMENTS TO ZONING BY-LAW.

There are a number of Amendments to the Zoning By-Law that the Board wishes to recommend to Council and these recommendations will be dealt with in a separate report.

INTENTION TO ZONE INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT.

The Board will deal with this important item separately from this report.

INTENTION TO ZONE EASTERN PASSAGE.

The Board will deal with the zoning of Eastern Passage separately from this report.

RE-ZONING, L. B. MORASH PROPERTY, GASTON ROAD.

The Board recommends the re-zoning of the property of L. B. Morash located on the west side of Gaston Road from R4 Residential Zoning to T Zone (Trailer Park Zone.)

Respectfully submitted,

(Signed by the Board)

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TO HIS HONOUR THE WARDEEN AND MEMBERS OF THE MUNICIPAL COUNCIL:

COUNCILLORS:

The Planning Board has considered and recommends the following Amendments to the Zoning By-Law:

1. Section 63 (a) of The Zoning By-Law is amended by striking out the words "P and T use" and substituting therefor the words "and P use."
2. Section 64 of The Zoning By-Law is amended by striking out the words "P and T uses" in the second line and the third and fourth lines respectively and substituting therefor the words "and P uses."
3. Section 14 of The Zoning By-Law is amended by adding immediately after the words "Appendix "A"" in the second line thereof the words "and Appendix "B" and Appendix "C"".
4. The Zoning By-Law is amended by adding thereto Appendix "B" and Appendix "C" being additions to the Zoning Maps contained in Appendix "A" to the Zoning By-Law.
5. Section 2 of The Zoning By-Law is amended by adding to the definition of "Non-conforming use" immediately after the word "land" in the first line thereof the word "legally".
6. Clause (g) of Section 19 of the said Zoning By-Law is repealed and the following substituted therefor:

"(g) (i) Where a building is situated on a corner lot it shall be at least 30 feet from each street abutting such lot.

(ii) The Board may, upon application by the owner of the corner lot, or his agent, determine which is the principal street abutting such lot and may then reduce the 30 foot distance requirement from any other street abutting such lot to what it deems a reasonable distance less than 30 feet."

Amendments to Zoning  
By-Law.

7. Clause (g) of Section 24 of the said Zoning By-Law is repealed and the following substituted therefor:

"(g) (i) Where a building is situated on a corner lot it shall be at least 30 feet from each street abutting such lot.

(ii) The Board may, upon application by the owner of the corner lot, or his agent, determine which is the principal street abutting such lot and may then reduce the 30 foot distance requirement from any other street abutting such lot to what it deems a reasonable distance less than 30 feet."

8. Clause (g) of Section 28 of the said Zoning By-Law is repealed and the following substituted therefor:

(g) (i) Where a building is situated on a corner lot it shall be at least 30 feet from each street abutting such lot.

(ii) The Board may, upon application by the owner of the corner lot, or his agent, determine which is the principal street abutting such lot and may then reduce the 30 foot distance requirement from any other street abutting such lot to what it deems a reasonable distance less than 30 feet."

9. Clause (f) of Section 32 of the said Zoning By-Law is repealed and the following substituted therefor:

(g) (i) Where a building is situated on a corner lot it shall be at least 30 feet from each street abutting such lot.

(ii) The Board may, upon application by the owner of the corner lot, or his agent, determine which is the principal street abutting such lot and may then reduce the 30 foot distance requirement for any other street abutting such lot to what it deems a reasonable

distance less than 30 feet."

10. Clause (e) of Section 60 of the said Zoning By-Law is repealed and the following substituted therefor:

(g) (i) Where a building is situated on a corner lot it shall be at least 30 feet from each street abutting such lot.

(ii) The Board may, upon application by the owner of the corner lot, or his agent, determine which is the principal street abutting such lot and may then reduce the 30 foot distance requirement from any other street abutting such lot to what it deems a reasonable distance less than 30 feet."

Respectfully submitted,

(Signed by the Committee)

Finance Committee Report Continued

a Committee Meeting has proved to be a satisfactory method in the past, not only with this Council, but it is a method used today by most Boards and Commissions - for instance, a Local Advisory Committee of the National Employment Service, Halifax Bridge Commission and other bodies that could be named.

After full consideration your Committee makes the following recommendations:-

THAT remuneration of Councillors remain as it is, with the exception of the position of Warden and your Committee recommends that where it is anticipated that the Warden will spend a majority of his time in the office of the new Administration Building each day and where the duties of the office are increasing all the time by reason of representing this Municipality in many and various public functions, that the honorarium of the Warden be increased to \$5000.00 per annum, with no remuneration for attendance at Committee Meetings. This again is a matter which is more in keeping with the practice of other Municipal Corporations - not only in this Province but throughout Canada.

Your Committee has studied carefully all the proposals that were placed before the Council in the preliminary discussions relative to this matter on Wednesday, December 9th, and after long and careful deliberation, respectfully submit the above to the Council and recommend its acceptance.

Respectfully submitted,  
(Signed by the Committee)

REPORT OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE

To His Honor the Warden and Members of the Municipal Council.

Councillors:-

At yesterday's session there was a resolution passed to the effect that the report of the Municipal School Board be referred to the Finance Committee for further study and later report to Council.

The Finance Committee considered the report of the Municipal School Board at a meeting held last evening in some considerable detail and the Committee felt that in view of the size of the program recommended by the Municipal School Board and because of the present conditions in the Bond Market, that the Committee would like to have the month of December to study the situation and perhaps present a capital budget for Council's consideration at the January Session of the Council. Your Committee, therefore, recommends that no further action be taken on this matter until the next meeting of the Council.

On Wednesday, December 9th, a resolution referred the matter of Councillors' remuneration to the Finance Committee for further consideration. This, also, was discussed in great detail at a meeting of the Finance Committee held last evening and it was the opinion of the Committee that with the general change in the administrative set up that has been suggested at this Council Meeting, such as Monthly Council Meetings, a reduction in the number of Committee Meetings, etc., that there will be fewer Committee Meetings in future in any event.

The Committee also felt that it would be extremely doubtful if there would be good attendance at any Committee Meetings without some remuneration being paid to those who were supposed to attend such meetings. After all payment of persons attending

REPORT OF A SERIES OF JOINT MEETINGS OF THE PUBLIC SERVICES COMMITTEE AND THE HALIFAX COUNTY PLANNING BOARD

To His Honor the Warden and Members of the Municipal Council.

Councillors:-

Following the receipt of the Macnab Report, both the Public Services Committee and the Halifax County Planning Board held several meetings as individual Committees to study the report.

Dr. Macnab himself was in attendance at the first such meeting. Where Public Services Committee work and Planning work is all part of the Engineering setup, several joint meetings were held of both Committees to further study the situation. The needs of both the Planning Department and the Public Services end of things were discussed in some considerable length with both Engineers.

The Macnab Report is appended to this report and should perhaps be read before the recommendations of these Joint Committees are fully dealt with by the Council.

As a result of the Joint Meetings and all the deliberations in connection with this matter, it is recommended to Council that we employ, as soon as possible, a Senior Engineer for Public Services to start with. Later on, if deemed advisable, he might be made Director of Engineering, but it was felt that it would be better to start off with just making him responsible for one branch of the Engineering Department. Mr. Fraser would be retained to do Engineering work and to bring records up-to-date.

Both Committees agreed that salaries of all employees, other than stenographers, female clerks, etc., have not kept pace with other similar technical departments and your Committee recommends as an interim measure, that the technical personnel of both the Planning and Public Services end of the Engineering Department be granted a 15 percent increase in salary as an interim measure and that the whole matter of salary scale for the Engineering

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Department should be referred to the Finance Committee for study and an early report back to this Council.

Your Committee also recommends that an appropriate Committee of Council be empowered to add to the Engineering Department as necessary. It is difficult to spell out exactly what additional staff will be needed until our new Engineer has been appointed but certainly with addition sewers coming into use, sewer maintenance crews will be required. Along with sewer service personnel, in order to properly supervise the maintenance of the sewer systems, an additional truck will be required and it is recommended that one additional vehicle be purchased, similar to the one already operated by our Water Utility, which is a half-ton pick up truck.

In connection with Building Inspection and again having regard to the report of Dr. Macnab, your Committee recommends that all building inspection in future should be carried out by full-time Building Inspectors whose salaries would be paid by the Municipality as a whole. The Committee further recommends that a Building Inspector be named as the Building Inspector for Halifax County. Other permanent officials working under him would be Assistants to the Building Inspector and would issue permits in his name until such time as legislation might provide for them signing in their own name. This, it was felt by both Committees, would give a much better type of building inspection than is possible to have under the existing set up and that the additional expense involved be defrayed by a permit charge on the following scale:-

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Up to	- \$ 5,000	- \$ 2.00
Between \$5,000 and \$15,000		- 5.00
Between \$15,000 and \$30,000		- 10.00
Over \$30,000		- 20.00

Respectfully submitted,

(Signed by the Committee)



October 19, 1959.

REPORT OF DR. MacNAE RE ENGINEERING ORGANIZATION

To His Honor the Warden -  
Chairmen of Committees  
and  
Members of Council of the  
Municipality of the County  
of Halifax

Gentlemen:

I have been instructed by you to make an investigation of the engineering organization of your County and make recommendations for the improvement thereof.

The proper function of your Engineering Department is to design, construct, operate and plan the various work and facilities needed to serve the municipality both urban and rural.

The engineer must always consider the economics of any project he is called upon to direct but he must also remember that the policy which he must carry out is decided by a higher authority; and therefore, it is only right that where dealing with questions related to his work, the engineer should be allowed to sit in so as to have a general understanding of the whole matter.

To make such recommendations, I have not only found it necessary to review the actual work of the engineering department but to consider the whole organization setup of the Municipal Council and its committees as it applies to this department.

While this may be outside any general instructions, I believe it will be of value as a part of my report.

One of the difficulties in past operations appears to have been that resulting from relatively few council meetings per year. With the increased number of meetings and the practice of calling special meetings when necessary, it would seem that this situation has been adequately met at least for the present.

This arrangement is further improved by having a number of committees set up to carry on work in their respective fields. The authority of these committees having been approved by Council.

In this setup the most important is the committee on Finance. There are also committees dealing with Public Services, Planning, Education, Parks and Public Playgrounds, etc.

While the work of all these bodies is most important and while there is some co-operation and co-ordination of the work of these bodies due to the fact some members of Council do sit on all or most all of them, it is my opinion that this arrangement can and should be improved.

One of the reasons that I have mentioned these matters in this report is that I find in some cases an engineer is the Secretary of a Committee wasting his time and energy on work that in my judgment should be primarily clerical.

Would it not be possible to abandon this system of multiple committees and boards and establish one general or executive committee giving fair and proper representations to all parts of the municipality and dealing with all matters relative to the financing and growth of the County?

Under such a system the general minutes of proceedings should be available to all executive officials. Careful agendas should be prepared for all meetings and Executive officials could be called in to give technical and financial advice where necessary.

It is my opinion that such a setup would result in much better administration particularly because it has now developed to the classification of Big Business which with the passage of time will be bigger. This factor emphasizes the importance of having co-ordination and co-operation of knowledge.

The broad general functions of your Engineering Department have already been set out. Let us examine in more detail the work of this department as it now stands. It is theoretically divided into two departments or sections between providing services and planning. As usual in such cases, it is necessary for very close co-operation. Services cannot be properly designed or constructed without a reasonable knowledge of the planned growth of an area or community and generally speaking good planning cannot be carried out without a full knowledge of the services which are and will be available in future. This is particularly true because in providing services sound economic practice must prevail due to the fact that such works, if properly designed, have a long working life of 50 to 100 years or more. Area planning must allow for this so that sources of supply, capacity, etc. will be adequate over the long period.

Coming more specifically to the work of the sections.

FIRST - PUBLIC SERVICES DIVISION

I am instructed that the work is presently carried on by a staff of

- 1 Engineer
- 1 Technical Assistant (not Engineer)  
full time
- 1 Technical Assistant (not Engineer)  
part time in this Division and part time in  
Planning Division
- 1 Foreman
- 1 Clerk (female)
- 1 Stenographer

Casual labourers hired when necessary.

The physical plant operated by this staff is located on both sides of Halifax Harbour.

On the Dartmouth side, there are approximately 15 miles of sewer main serving 1,140 homes and 30.8 miles of water main serving approximately 2,000 customers. There are also installed 284 hydrants.

In addition there is a large trunk sewer from Micmac Lake to the Town boundary of Dartmouth which was built entirely at the County expense and must be maintained by it.

MacNab Report Continued

On the Halifax side there are approximately 10 miles of sewer main.

The water services on the Halifax side of the County are provided and operated by the Public Service Commission of Halifax.

The general Engineering of sewer construction and design on both sides of the Harbour and water on the Dartmouth side is carried out for the County by the Canadian-British Engineering Consultants.

In addition to the above the engineer of this section has had the responsibility for the keeping of plant records, the reading of meters and repair of same, billing customers, signing up contracts for extensions into new subdivisions as well as attending meetings of committees having to do with this work. There are also complaints that must be dealt with if good public relations are to be established and maintained. There is also the work of departmental intercommunication which is important and can be time consuming.

I now understand that the matter of billing customers is being transferred to the financial department, which is where it belongs.

It is not suggested that the Engineer is required to do all this work but it does seem clear that the present staff is inadequate.

There is also the question of canvassing and signing up new contracts. This is another matter that in my opinion should be handled by the Financial Department. The revenue from services is all part of the financial setup and work connected with it should very properly be looked after by it.

One other matter that should be mentioned in a report of this kind is the matter of plant records. I am not referring to financial plant records which are a must and should be completed at once on the completion of all capital works so that actual capital costs are available for records. Only in this way can a continuous inventory and valuation be maintained. If it is a replacement job, the materials removed together with the original cost of same adjusted for depreciation should be arrived at and entered in proper plant record. This work is of course a co-operative effort between the Engineering and Financial staffs. The necessity of and directions for the carrying out of this work are provided for by the Board of Public Utilities.

The records of which I wish to speak are the records of plant locations and details of meters, valves, services, tee's, hydrants, etc. Each meter when it is purchased should have a card allotted to it. Such card should have all vital information such as serial number, when purchased, when installed, when taken out for inspection, error, if any, recorded, date put back into service, who repaired by and who installed by. With this method, the life history of your meters can be kept with very little trouble. A similar record can and should be maintained for valves and hydrants. Card records should also be kept for service connections, curb cocks, valves, etc. While proper forms have been prepared for many of these records, they are far from up to date due to lack of time which further appears to be due to lack of staff.

SECOND - PLANNING DIVISION

The work of the planning Engineer appears to be much more difficult to define than that of the Utilities or Service Section. Planning officials have carried on this work since 1954.

In this Division the staff consists of:

One planning Engineer  
One assistant (not an Engineer)  
                                    full time  
One assistant (not an Engineer)  
                                    part time  
One secretary

I am informed that the planning Engineer has many responsibilities. These include roads mostly under agreement with the Provincial Government but still time consuming.

Parks and Public Lands which it is understood includes certain work in the way of checking surveys for the acquirement of lands for Public lands such as parks and land for schools.

Another important item once Zoning By-laws are in effect may be the work of the Building Board of which the Planning Engineer is presently Secretary.

Drainage work is a matter on which considerable time may be spent. While the sewers are designed for sanitary drainage only and storm drainage generally will be cared for by the Department of Highways, it is not hard to foresee that in times of heavy precipitation flooding problems will result on which the County is sure to be involved.

There is also the question of building inspection and supervision. Already it is noted that apartment houses are arising and in some cases industrial structures of some magnitude.

There can be no doubt that general public safety will require the services of a man with a knowledge of structures to supervise and pass on the adequacy and safety of proposed buildings.

As previously mentioned, planning is a matter that cannot be done to provide for conditions a year or so hence. From estimates that seem to be generally agreed upon the metropolitan population by the year 2000 will be around 400,000 people, which would indicate that the urbanized section of the County will have a population of from 100 to 125,000 people.

This is only 40 years hence and certainly this is not too long to have broad general plans prepared to care for this growth giving proper consideration to all the amenities of a modern living such as streets and highways, water and sewer, schools, playgrounds, parks, etc. This volume of work alone may require more than the service of one technically trained man.

As in the Service Section, there is also the matter of calls, complaints and interdepartmental communications, which must be looked after and do consume time but again must be taken care of.

MacNab Report Continued

I have set the work of these Departments out in some detail. While I realize that you are familiar with them, you may be inclined to miss the detail, which I, as a stranger, have seen, in the work of the two sections and I have no hesitation in saying that it will be necessary to add additional staff.

There is also the question of salaries paid to this staff. I have been given a list of the exact salaries of each person in these sections and I must say that in several cases I am surprised that they have continued to give their services for these salaries. I strongly recommend that an increase in salaries to these staffs be considered immediately. There are two other matters that I would like to point out before I come to my final conclusion in this report.

As mentioned heretofore your heavy sewer construction on both sides of the Harbour and your water construction on the Dartmouth side are now being carried out by Consultants. It is my opinion that this arrangement is often very much to the advantage of the client because the Consultant has staff available that can deal with any special project as it arises, whereas very often the client would find it very difficult and more expensive to secure staff of its own. This matter is one of policy and I believe, will tie in to my final recommendation.

As has already been pointed out on the Halifax side the water plant is constructed and operated by the Public Service Commission of Halifax. It is my suggestion that this matter should be investigated with the thought in mind that this Commission could handle water problems on both sides of the Harbour. There is no doubt that the organization which the P. S. C. has already in operation would require very little strengthening to handle the additional work required by such an arrangement. This, of course, is again a matter of policy and negotiation and will further tie in to my last and final recommendation.

I have given the questions which you have submitted to me considerable thought but I have not attempted to set out the duties or arrangements which should be made in your Engineering Department to best carry on the work. As I have already said, it is my considered opinion that your present staffs are inadequate. It is further my opinion that your organization has reached the status where it requires a Director of Engineering. Such a man would deal directly with Council or its Executive Committee, if such is set up, and it would be his duty to see that the various items which have been directed in this report are carried out. Such a man would of necessity be a man with considerable experience in utility and Municipal work and of course, to get such a man a fairly substantial salary would have to be paid. With an organization consisting of an Engineering Director responsible either to the Municipal Council or to an Executive Committee set up by Council working with the Clerical Department of the County which should include all its financial activity, it is my considered opinion that your work could be handled for some years to come without any great changes except those herein mentioned.

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Because of this final recommendation, I have not been specific in setting out the duties of the present Engineering staffs. If such an organization is set up, I believe that the man who is to lead it should not be hampered by any plan already on paper but should be free to build his own organization.

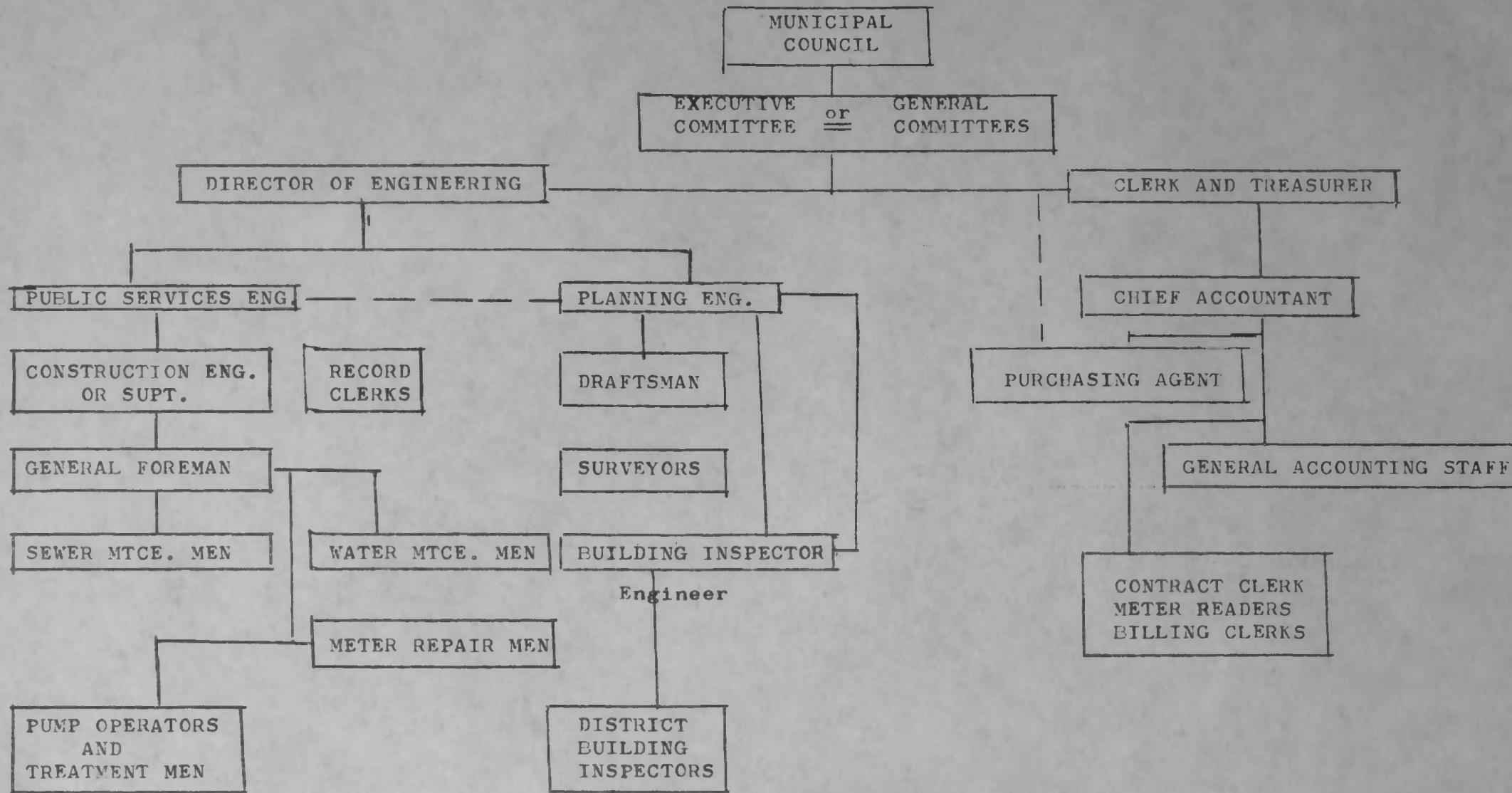
Respectively submitted,

(Sgd.) IRA P. MACNAB,

Registered Professional  
Engineer.

MUNICIPALITY OF THE COUNTY OF HALIFAX

SUGGESTED ORGANIZATION CHART



REPORT OF THE MUNICIPAL SCHOOL BOARD OF HALIFAX COUNTY

December 1959

To His Honour the Warden and Members of the Municipal Council:

The Municipal School Board wishes to present to Municipal Council at its December meeting the following information and certain recommendations for Capital work for the years 1960-61:

ENROLLMENTS

At the opening of school in September 1959 it was found that the total enrollments for the Municipality of the County of Halifax was 24,235 school children. This compared with 22,507 school children attending the schools in September 1958. The enrollment is broken down as follows along with the comparison for the school year 1958-1959:

<u>GRADES</u>	<u>1959-60</u>	<u>1958-59</u>
Auxiliary Class	49	56
Primary	2979	2984
Grade I	2717	2365
Grade II	2488	2512
Grade III	2680	2419
Grade IV	2421	2318
Grade V	2412	2250
Grade VI	2365	2108
Grade VII	2046	1809
Grade VIII	1480	1323
Grade IX	1183	1038
Grade X	772	732
Grade XI	489	508
Grade XII	154	85
Totals	<u>24,235</u>	<u>22,507</u>

NUMBER OF TEACHERS & CLASSIFICATION

In September 1959 there was a total of 844 teachers in the County of Halifax. This compared with a total of 761 teachers in September 1958. The classification of teachers is as follows with a comparison or classification for the year 1958-59:

<u>CLASSIFICATION</u>	<u>1959-60</u>	<u>1958-59</u>
Professional Certificate Class I Academic	21	27
Professional Certificate Class II H.School	123	96
Professional Certificate Class III	29	35
Teachers' License Class I	42	29
Teachers' License Class II	329	276
Teachers' License Class III	195	184
Teachers' License Class IV	68	67
Teachers Permit Class I	10	12
Teachers Permit Class II	27	35
Totals	<u>844</u>	<u>761</u>

RECOMMENDED CAPITAL PROGRAM FOR THE YEAR 1960

BROOKSIDE

It is recommended that a six-room school to teach grades III to VI inclusive be built near the present Brookside school. At the present time 73 children from this area are being conveyed to the Atlantic



Memorial Consolidated School and this Consolidated School will not be able to accommodate these children in September 1960. The school population is increasing rapidly in this area. This school should have a suitable all-purpose room, a principal's office, a teacher's room and a suitable library. As stated it should be built near the present school and the present school would then teach primary, I and II.

TERRENCE BAY

It is recommended that a six-room addition be added to the present Terrence Bay School. There are 60 children be conveyed from this area to the Atlantic Memorial Consolidated School and this Consolidated school will not be able to handle these children in September 1960. This school should also teach primary to VI inclusive. In making recommendation to add six rooms, it is the feeling of the Municipal School Board that the present school which has four academic rooms of which two rooms have folding doors are not satisfactory. These two rooms could be used as a suitable all-purpose room and when growth warrants, one of the rooms in the all-purpose room could be used for a suitable classroom. The new wing could teach the primary grades. There would be one primary grade. The new wing would need a principal's office, and a suitable library. The old wing has a suitable principal's office. It is further recommended that the four rooms in the old wing should have tile flooring placed over the present concrete floor which is not satisfactory. The lighting in these four rooms, too, is not satisfactory and should be replaced with fluorescent lighting.

JOLLIMORE

It is recommended that a four-room school be built in Jollimore between Lake William road and the present Jollimore School. This school should be built with provision to add four more rooms. At the present time Jollimore has one classroom in the library of the present school and the population is increasing by 40 students per year. It is recommended that this school would teach primary to IV inclusive and that it be provided with suitable all-purpose room, a principal's office, and a suitable library.

NEW ROAD

It is recommended that a new six-room school be built adjoining the present school. In building this school provision should be made for four additional rooms at a later date. This school would teach

primary, I, II and III. In 1960 there will be two primary classes. This school should have a suitable all-purpose room, a principal's office and a library which would serve this new school as well as the old school. At the present time this area has seven academic classrooms. In September 1960 it is estimated there will be 350 children to attend the New Road School and the increase in school population has been 40 pupils per year.

CENTRAL CONSOLIDATED It is recommended that the basement room in Central Consolidated School, Tangier, be finished as a classroom. At the present time there is overcrowding in the grade VII level. It is estimated that more children will be entering the school next fall.

LAKE LOON It is recommended that a two-room addition be added to the present three-room school. At the present time the primary grades are on half-time. It will be necessary to replace the present oil furnace with a new heating unit, preferably hot water. This school has, at present, a dug well which is inadequate. It would also need a new disposal field. A teacher's room should also be added. The lighting in the present three rooms is inadequate and it is recommended that it be replaced with fluorescent lighting.

RECOMMENDED CAPITAL PROGRAM FOR 1961

ARMDALE It is recommended that a new ten-room school with provision to add four more classrooms be built near the present Junior High School in Armdale. This school would teach primary to grade VI inclusive and would have two primary classes. This school should have a suitable all-purpose room, a principal's office, a teacher's room and a suitable library. In the building of this school, it is the intention of the Municipal School Board to move all the primary grades out of the Junior High School and have grades VII and VIII taught in the present Junior High School. This area is growing by two classrooms per year and with further development of the subdivisions in the area will increase more.

SPRYFIELD It is recommended that a new High School be built in the Spryfield area and be ready for occupancy by September 1961. This school would serve not only Spryfield but also Harrietsfield, Herring Cove, Portuguese Cove, Ketch Harbour and Sambro. At the present time these

children are being accommodated at the Halifax West Municipal High School. Halifax West Municipal High School now has 1360 school children enrolled and with the building of the Bedford High School which will be ready for occupancy in September 1960 it will only be relieved by 240 children and there are more than 200 school children coming into this school each year. It is estimated that by September 1961 there will be 325 High School children from Spryfield, Harrietsfield, Herring Cove, Portuguese Cove, Ketch Harbour and Sambro. This area is increasing by approximately 60 High School students per year. It is therefore recommended that a twenty-room school to teach grades IX, X, XI and XII be built near the present thirteen-room school that is now under construction. This school should be provided with the following: a principal's office, a teacher's room, library, an all-purpose room to be used as a cafeteria, gymnasium and assembly area, a physics and biology lab combined, a chemistry lab, a room for industrial arts, a room for domestic science, a kitchen adjacent to the cafeteria and a limited number of showers.

BEDFORD

It is recommended that a six-room school to teach grades VI, VII and VIII be built near the Central School in Bedford. In building this school it is recommended that provision be made for four more rooms in the future. The reason that this school should be built in a central location, either near the present Bedford school or the Fort Sackville school is, this school would serve the entire Bedford school section for the higher grades and this would eliminate conveyance. It is the intention of the Municipal School Board in September 1960 to have two grade VIII classes attend the Bedford High School, however, it will not be possible to continue this arrangement as this area is growing by 60 students per year. It is recommended that this school should have a suitable all-purpose room, a principal's office, a teacher's room, a library and a demonstration table placed in one of the classrooms for the teaching of science in grades VII and VIII.

STACKING CHAIRS

It is recommended that 3,000 stacking chairs be purchased during the year 1960. These chairs are to be placed in schools now under construction and schools recommended for completion in 1960. The chairs

The Municipal School Board could advise the School Buildings Committee at a later date the quantity to be distributed to each school.

TOTAL ESTIMATED CAPITAL COST FOR THIS PROGRAM

AS PROVIDED BY THE SCHOOL BUILDINGS COMMITTEE - \$1,202,500

We would like at this time, however, to bring to your attention that there will be further Capital Recommendations in our February Report to Council.

In February 1959, the following recommendation was made to Municipal Council regarding Eastern Consolidated School at Moser River: "A four-room addition should be added to this school. Since there is no all-purpose room in this school at the moment it is recommended that an all-purpose room be added. The reason for this is, that most of the children are conveyed by bus to the school and there is no room for lunch periods. Since this school was erected in 1956 there has been a gradual increase in the school population. It has increased by 150 in March 1957 to an estimated 236 for September 1959."

Further to this recommendation the trustees of Eastern Consolidated School appeared before the Municipal School Board advising them that the area provided for this all-purpose room was entirely inadequate. The Board concurs to this complaint of the trustees and it is recommended to Municipal Council that a suitable all-purpose room be provided.

In regard to the building program in Halifax County, the Municipal School Board would request that there be closer co-operation between the School Buildings Committee and the Municipal School Board. When a recommendation for the building of schools is approved by Municipal Council there is little information given in regard to the progress being made in the program until the school is ready for occupancy. It is the Boards' considered opinion that preliminary plans should be sent to the Municipal School Board before a contract is awarded to the Contractor. Also that a progress report be sent to the Board periodically so that trustees who contact the Board may be given first-hand information. If this were done, it is felt that many problems in the construction of schools in Halifax County could be solved before they become a public issue.

Conveyance is giving the Municipal School Board considerable concern. The Board now has 54 municipally owned busses as well as 15 feeder busses in operation.

More busses have to be purchased for the year 1960. It is estimated that for the year 1960 conveyance costs will amount to \$305,000. The Board would therefore, like to bring to the attention of all Councillors that the Municipal School Board may provide conveyance for all children living beyond the  $2\frac{1}{2}$  mile limit. Many requests have been received for conveyance within this distance but the Board has no authority to grant such request.

The Municipal School Board received a request from residents of Armdale whose children are attending West Armdale School, that a constable be placed on St. Margaret's Bay Road to insure the children across safely.

A ruling was received from the Department of Education that it is not the responsibility of the Municipal School Board to provide such services and that there is no provision in the Education Act to allow the Board to pay for this. Provision for such service and other improvements would be entirely the responsibility of Municipal Council.

It was decided by the Municipal School Board that this information be presented to Municipal Council and that the Municipal School Board suggest that Municipal Council give this matter in regard to West Armdale some study and also any other situation that might arise in the County with regard to the safety of children.

Respectfully submitted,

MUNICIPAL SCHOOL BOARD



George D. Barris  
Chairman

December 2, 1959

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REPORT OF THE NOMINATING COMMITTEE

To His Honor the Warden and Members of the Municipal Council.

Councillors:-

Your Nominating Committee wishes to report the following:-

FINANCE AND EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Councillors Snair, Flawn, Blackburn, Spears and Archibald.

REGIONAL LIBRARY BOARD

Councillors McGrath, Isenor, Turner, Baker and Stubbs.

COUNTY PLANNING BOARD

Councillors Henley, Spears, Settle, Sellars and Williams.

PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE

Councillors Blackburn, McGrath, Redmond, Hanrahan and White.

WELFARE COMMITTEE

Councillors Stubbs, Snair, Moser, Archibald and Daye.

SCHOOL CAPITAL PROGRAM COMMITTEE

Councillors Flawn, White, Curren, Hanrahan and MacKenzie.

JURY LISTS COMMITTEE

Councillors Balcome, Turner and Cruikshank.

ARBITRATION COMMITTEE

Deputy Warden Burris, Councillors Evans and Baker.

Respectfully submitted,

(Signed by the Committee)

REPORT OF THE PUBLIC SERVICES COMMITTEE

To His Honor the Warden and Members of the Municipal Council.

Councillors:-

Your Committee on Public Services wishes to report as follows:-

ARNDALE GRAVITY SECTION

BAY ROAD SECTION

This project has been completed, subject to final inspection and approval of the system and the cleanup of the general area being made to the Engineer's satisfaction.

DUTCH VILLAGE ROAD SECTION

This project has been completed, subject to final inspection and approval of manholes, the testing of the complete cast iron pumping main system. The extension to this project, sewer and sewer services on Rosemount Avenue, is to be considered separately and has not been started as yet.

TACOMA DRIVE AND CHESTNUT LAND SUBDIVISION

The remaining house services are complete and the Contractor is cleaning up.

WESTPHAL - MAIN STREET AREA

Final measure has been approved by the Engineers. Some 850' of sewer is expected to be constructed by the same Contractor as a Contract extension. The 850' of sewer will link a "dry" portion of the system to a functioning sewer.

SPRINGVALE AND TUFTS COVE PUMPING STATIONS

Approximately forty percent of the work has been completed on these stations. The foundation and brickwork and blockwork have been substantially completed on the Springvale Station. At Tufts Cove the excavation has been completed and the base slab poured.

ARNDALE ROTARY PUMPING STATION

The excavation for the pumping station has been completed but no concrete for the foundations has been poured.

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BALCOME DRIVE & CRESCENT AVENUE PUMPING STATIONS

The excavation for the pumping station has been completed for the Balcome Drive pumping station but no concrete has been poured.

The site for the Crescent Avenue station has been cleared.

FAIRVIEW HIGH PRESSURE AREA - EXTENSION II

This contract has now been completed.

RED BRIDGE TRUNK SEWER - STAGE II

Complete and functional - some cleanup yet to be done.

HERRING COVE ROAD

Although the Contractor is experiencing difficulty in excavating the type of rock found in this area approximately one-third of the excavation has been completed. About one-half of the 21" diameter and one-fifth of the 8" diameter sewer mains have been installed. No house services have been constructed to date.

MAJOR STREET AREA

Including house services, the works of the Contract are about 80% complete. Unfortunately November was so wet that road work on a scale that would give complete reinstatement in dryer periods has in many cases had only a stop gap effect. December Meetings held with Highways re these streets. They have indicated that they are bringing forth a conditional acceptance of the streets (cleanup required in the spring).

SCHOOL AVENUE - FAIRVIEW

The design has been completed on the some 2500 feet of sewer for School Avenue. The Drawings and Contract Documents have been turned over to the County of Halifax ready for their advertising for bids.



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SEWERAGE - SPRYFIELD SCHOOLS

Preliminary site work and Engineering have been completed on this job, plans and profiles have been drafted and alternative methods of housing filters are being considered.

WOODLAWN HEIGHTS SUBDIVISION

Water extensions in this subdivision are now approximately fifty percent complete and should be finished very shortly.

Four other small extensions are being started, or have just been started. These are as follows:-

Athorpe Drive  
Property Finance Limited Subdivision - South Woodside  
Arron Drive  
and a small extension on Main Avenue

It might be interesting for Council to know that for the past few months we have been adding approximately fifty customers to our Water Utility on the Dartmouth side.

EASEMENTS

Approximately 16 easements will be required either for Water and Sewer extensions or for certain streets at Tufts Cove. These will be introduced separately from the report.

NEW WORK

Your Committee has had requests for extension of water and sewer on Glenwood Avenue, which is estimated to cost approximately \$5,100.00 and also for extension of the services originally planned for the Property Finance Company's subdivision at South Woodside. Estimated cost about \$10,000.00. Your Committee recommends and will introduce to Council, separately from this report, a Temporary Borrowing Resolution to an amount of \$15,100.00 to carry out these proposed new installations.

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Report of the Public Services Committee Continued

The Committee has considered carefully the representations of the District No. 14D Ratepayers Association, relative to the Trunk Sewer Charge on the Dartmouth side of the Harbour and as a result of these considerations your Committee recommends to Council that the By-laws or Legislation, if necessary, be amended so that if the sewer laterals have not reached any lot in the described catchment area at the time the second payment falls due, that the time for the second payment and subsequent payments be extended until the Engineer certifies that the service is available.

An interview with Central Mortgage and Housing Corporation clarified their position with regard to increasing the loan value by the assurance of these services, namely, the first Progress Payment will include the increased value, due to the sewer services, and will only be required to be paid immediately before the first Progress Payment is made. This allows the homeowner to incorporate the approximate value of the lien into his long-term mortgage, which could be up to twenty-five years.

Your Committee has also discussed with C.M.H.C. the matter of payment of Taxes on the houses owned by that Corporation at Clarence Park. C.M.H.C. has indicated that if this Council will pass a resolution to the effect that the County will take over all services normally provided by Municipal Government in the Clarence Park area, that the Corporation will consider the payment of full taxes on property owned by the Corporation at Clarence Park. Your Committee recommends that Council endorse this matter in principle, and that the Public Services Committee be authorized to further negotiate with C.M.H.C. to this effect.

HOUSE SERVICES

In areas of the Municipality served by the Public Service Commission of Halifax, the original policy was for the Commission

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to install water mains only, and the house service lines from the main to the street line are actually owned by the Municipality. This causes complications, particularly in a winter like last year, when house services were freezing in many localities, yet if the freezing took place in the service line between the main and the street line, the thawing of same in the eyes of the Public Service Commission was the responsibility of the Municipality.

The Manager of the Commission has indicated that in all probability the Commission would now be willing to take over the house services and your Committee requests authorization of Council to negotiate with the Public Service Commission of Halifax with respect to the sale of this asset to the Public Service Commission, so that they will, in future, be entirely responsible for the complete Water Utility on the western shores of Halifax Harbour. This will probably mean doing away with the original agreement that had been entered into with the Public Service Commission but in the Committee's opinion this original agreement has outlived its usefulness and could well be abandoned at this time.

Respectfully submitted,

(Signed by the Committee)

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REPORT OF THE REDISTRIBUTION COMMITTEE

To His Honor the Warden and Members of the Municipal Council.

Councillors:-

Your Committee on Redistribution has had one meeting since the last session of Council. At that meeting reports of previous Committees on Redistribution were studied; maps showing the Polling Districts of the County were gone over carefully; up-to-date population figures and numbers of ratepayers of Districts were reviewed and as a result of these studies it became apparent that any proposed redistribution of Council seats involves a long and serious study.

As it does not seem probable that there is much inherent value in recommending a change in the redistribution of Council seats very far in advance of the date of the next Municipal Elections, which will not be until the fall of 1961, your Committee felt that rather than jump into a situation whereby hasty recommendations might be made, it would be far better to study the matter more carefully than it has had an opportunity yet to do and keep Council advised as to this Committee's activities from time to time.

It is hoped that when all the details required have been collected for the perusal of the Committee and keeping in mind the area and mileage involved, as well as the population and the number of ratepayers, that this Committee will have some very useful recommendations to place before this Council.

Respectfully submitted,  
(Signed by the Committee)

REPORT OF THE REGIONAL LIBRARY COMMITTEE

To His Honor the Warden and Members of the Municipal Council.

Councillors:-

At the last Annual Session of this Council in February of this year, the report of this Committee that was adopted by the Council read in part as follows:-

"Your Committee has studied the situation from all aspects and realizing that there will be space to establish a headquarters when the new Municipal Building is completed and realizing that there is no space available other than going out and renting additional space, your Committee recommends to Council that a Regional Library Scheme be established in the Municipality of the County of Halifax, the planning for which should be started as soon as the new Municipal Building has been completed, where there will be space in which to work, space in which to provide book storage and parking facilities for the necessary Bookmobiles."

At the same session of Council this Committee presented to Council a probably budget as follows:-

1 Head Librarian	@ \$5,000.00	=	\$ 5,000.00
1 Asst. Librarian	@ 4,200.00	=	4,200.00
3 Bookmobile Librarians	@ 3,600.00	=	11,400.00
3 Drivers	to @ 2,600.00	=	7,800.00
1 Secretary-Bookkeeper	@ 3,000.00	=	3,000.00
1 Clerk	@ 2,400.00	=	2,400.00
<u>TOTAL SALARIES</u>			<u>\$ 33,800.00</u>
Books			25,000.00
Bookmobile Expense			5,000.00
Overnight Expenditures			1,000.00
Supplies			1,000.00
Postage and Telephone			500.00
Insurance			500.00
Vehicle Reserve			1,500.00
			<u>\$ 68,300.00</u>

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Continued

POPULATION -

County of Halifax.....83,559

COST OF A REGIONAL LIBRARY TO THE MUNICIPALITY OF THE COUNTY OF HALIFAX

(a) Province pays up to a maximum of  
\$0.35 per capita.....\$ 29,245.65

The Municipality would have to  
provide the balance of the budget  
which would equal.....\$ 68,300.00

Less:

The Provincial contribu-  
tion of..... 29,245.65

Or a total of.....\$ 39,054.35

You will note that when this last matter was placed before the Council the Province of Nova Scotia contributed up to a maximum of \$0.35 per capita, based on Dominion census figures. By amendments in the Regulations governing Regional Libraries this has now been changed to a contribution by the Province up to a maximum of \$0.50 per capita, using the latest Dominion census figures. This means that if the County were to place the same \$39,054.35 in its estimates for the year 1960, the Provincial proportion would be the same amount and actually the Province would share equally with the Municipality up to a maximum contribution of \$0.50 per person of \$41,779.50 from each party.

Your Committee has again met with Miss Letts, the Provincial Librarian in charge of Regional Library Establishments, and as a matter of fact I have asked her to be present here today. We have discussed with her the matter of annual budgets once again and also the usual method that has been used in other Municipalities in setting up their Regional Libraries. As a result of these discussions, it is the opinion of this Committee that if we can

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appoint a Chief Librarian shortly, there is no reason why the Library service cannot be provided to this Municipality commencing in June or July of the year 1960. The year 1960 would require that a budget for a full year be voted, as the capital expenses for busses and other equipment would be taken out of the first year's operating budget. Salaries, however, would be fractional as we would naturally not have to employ bus drivers, etc., until about June. The Chief Librarian and Assistant, however, should be appointed immediately if we are to have a Regional Library in operation in the year 1960 and your Committee requests permission of this Council to advertise for a Chief Librarian and Assistant and appoint same as quickly as possible.

Respectfully submitted,  
(Signed by the Committee)

REPORT OF THE REVENUE COMMITTEE

TO HIS HONOR THE WARDEN  
AND MEMBERS OF THE MUNICIPAL COUNCIL

Councillors:-

Yours Committee has received and dealt with several applications re relief from payment of taxes and recommends the following exemptions:

<u>DISTRICT</u>	<u>NAME</u>	<u>ADDRESS</u>	<u>EXEMPTION</u> <u>1959 TAXES</u>
14D-153	Mrs. John J. Mason	Woodlawn	\$ 147.97
14G-138	Mrs. Hilda Dixon	Tufts Cove (Exemption on \$2,500.00)	63.25
22-35	Ernest J. Pace	Ecum Secum Bridge	15.70
22-35	Roy H. Richardson	Mitchell Bay	19.24
10-132	Harold Wm. Ryan Sr.	Terence Bay	25.96
10-132	Alvin Joseph Slaunwhite	Terence Bay	16.20
23-12	Walter Dahr	Caribou Mines	15.30
27-75	Clarence C. Dunn	Lower Sackville	15.00

We also recommend relief from payment of taxes on the following, providing that the Councillors concerned see that affidavits are filed with the Municipal Clerk before December 31st., 1959:

11-118	Mr. Weldon Findlay	Sambro	15.00
17-53	Regis Wolfe	Grand Desert	84.46

Respectfully submitted

(Signed by the Committee)



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REPORT OF THE GARBAGE DISPOSAL COMMITTEE

To His Honor the Warden and Members of the Municipal Council.  
Councillors:-

Your Committee wishes to report that since the September Session of Council the garbage collected by contractors in District No. 11 and 12 has been burned at the incinerator, commencing on the 14th day of September. In addition to this, District No. 8 has since called for tenders for the collection of garbage in Rockingham School Section and in Bedford School Section of District No. 8 and tenders have been awarded for garbage collection service which started on the 2nd day of November, 1959. This means that garbage is presently being burned from all those Districts that have a public garbage collection service and in addition to this private contractors from District No. 14 are also burning a considerable amount of garbage as well.

The daily tonnage is approximating thirty (30) tons and although there are some operational difficulties that are being rapidly overcome, your Committee feels that with one or two minor alterations, the operation at the incinerator will continue in a satisfactory manner.

Respectfully submitted,  
(Signed by the Committee)

REPORT OF THE SCHOOL CAPITAL PROGRAM COMMITTEE

To His Honor the Warden and Members of the Municipal Council.

Councillors:-

1. Balance of 1957 Program -

(a) Shad Bay - all 10 rooms in use.

2. Balance of 1958 Program -

(a) Beaver Bank - Purchase of land - not completed;

(b) Woodside (South) - Under construction;

(c) Bedford High School - Under construction.

3. 1959 Program - First portion

(a) Beechville - Completed;

(b) Eastern Passage - All rooms in use;

(c) Middle Sackville - Under construction;

(d) Herring Cove - Under construction;

(e) Rockingham - Under construction;

(f) East Chezzetcook - First call for tenders - no award made. Hot water heating system now being installed;

(g) Spryfield - 13 Rooms - Under construction;

(h) Cole Harbour - Under construction;

(i) Harrietsfield - Under construction;

(j) Lower Sackville - Under construction;

(k) Moser River - Under construction. Has been held up for steel, which is now on site;

(l) Timberlea - Under construction;

(m) Central Armdale - Tender accepted subject to approval by the Minister of Municipal Affairs of the additional borrowings;

(n) Windsor Junction - New addition now in use;

(o) Terence Bay - Completed;

(p) East Preston - Under construction. Has been held up for steel which is now on site;

(q) Sheet Harbour Passage - Under construction;

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- (r) St. Margaret's Bay - Tenders close December 14, 1959;
- (s) Ingram River (Boutilier's Point) - Under construction;
- (t) Tangier - Completed.

4. 1959 Program - Second portion -

- (a) Woodlawn - 12 rooms - One meeting in the area. No decision reached on selection of site;
- (b) Spryfield - 12 rooms - Negotiations for purchase of site underway;
- (c) Lawrencetown - Negotiations to purchase site still being carried on by the County Solicitors;
- (d) Grand Desert - A resolution to expropriate the site will be presented as a separate motion;
- (e) Musquodoboit Rural High - Architects now preparing plans and specifications;
- (f) Tufts Cove - System be fabricated;
- (g) Rockingham - Held up on advice of Municipal School Board;
- (h) Mushaboom - Completed;
- (i) Halifax West Municipal High School - Under construction;
- (j) Spryfield Sewerage Disposal - This work to be carried out in conjunction with the building of the new school.

5. Purchase of land -

- (a) Manor Park, Woodlawn - 12 room school - Awaiting further development by Mr. Dickie;
- (b) Leiblin Subdivision - 12 room school - Site selected. Negotiations to purchase underway;
- (c) Fort Sackville School - Bedford - No action;
- (d) Armdale Junior High School Site - Preliminary negotiations made. No final decision;
- (e) Woodside - North - Land being surveyed.

6. Naming of Schools -

Your Committee recommends that the name of the Moser River School be changed from Moser River Consolidated to EASTERN CONSOLIDATED.

School Capital Program Report Continued

Suggestions and approval are required for the following schools:-

Wellington Station - Grand Lake  
Cole Harbour  
Timberlea  
Rockingham  
Spryfield  
Sheet Harbour Passage

Respectfully submitted,

(Signed by the Committee)

REPORT OF THE SPECIAL COMMITTEE RE SOCIAL ASSISTANCE ACT

To His Honor the Warden and Members of the Municipal Council.

Councillors:-

Your Special Committee on Social Assistance begs to report that as a result of the Special Council Meeting of October 30, 1959, your Committee has appointed Mr. Daniel J. Rooney to be Director of Welfare for the Municipality of the County of Halifax. Mr. Rooney commences his duties with the Municipality on December 14, 1959, and will be taking over his duties as Director as from that date.

Your Committee has studied in detail the whole matter of Welfare Assistance and how it could be best organized in the Municipality of the County of Halifax. We have discussed these matters with the Deputy Minister of Welfare and have gone into considerable detail with respect to the matter. Your Committee recommends to Council that two additional Welfare Workers be employed for the Welfare Department to do case investigation work in the field. The Committee has already some applications on file, as a result of the original advertisement for the Director of Welfare, but where these positions are not that as a head of a Department but rather case workers in the field, your Committee has re-advertised and we now have additional applications which are presently being screened and persons being interviewed, etc.

Your Committee feels that this is the best way in which to organize a Welfare Department because we will have trained workers for the most part, whose duties will not only be the dispensing of social assistance to those in need but it is hoped that under the guidance of our Director that people drawing relief will be encouraged to rehabilitate themselves and become once again useful members of society.

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Act Continued

Your Committee has discussed the pros and cons of keeping a local person in each District as a Welfare Officer, but where there are many Districts that have very few people on relief it would appear that this is not essential in all cases. Under the new legislation the Province of Nova Scotia will pay 50% of the administration costs to any Municipality in its administration of the Social Assistance Act.

We have discussed this matter in great detail with the Deputy Minister and other members of the Department and they have indicated that they would not share any costs incurred by the Municipality by way of payments to local Welfare Officers because the Department feels that the employment of local Welfare Officers is beyond the scope of interpretation of the Act and only those costs incurred by the operation of a properly organized Welfare Department would be shared on a 50% basis by the Department of Welfare of the Province of Nova Scotia.

It was with the full realization that the Department would not share in costs incurred by payment to local officers and with the hope that proper follow up of individual cases by trained people in earnest efforts to rehabilitate those drawing Social Assistance, that we make the recommendation as noted above for two additional Welfare Workers. This we feel is most urgent because the Committee would like to see them appointed and ready to go to work by the first day of January, 1960, as on that date the responsibility of administration of Social Assistance will fall on the Municipality.

In addition to the above recommendations, your Committee recommends that the Finance Committee be empowered to provide

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Assistance Act Continued

the Welfare Department with necessary office equipment, such as desks, typewriters and dictating equipment.

It is also recommended that commencing the first of January, 1960, the Municipality of the County of Halifax be one Poor District.

Respectfully submitted,

(Signed by the Committee)

REPORT OF THE WELFARE COMMITTEE

To His Honor the Warden and Members of the Municipal Council.

Councillors:-

At the September Session of Council we announced the fact that Mr. E. J. Davies, who had previously been Administrator of the Verdun Protestant Hospital, had taken over his duties as Superintendent of the Halifax County Hospital as of the 10th day of September, 1959. We are pleased to say at this time that this appointment is proving out to be satisfactory. Many changes have been inaugurated by Mr. Davies - particularly in maintenance methods and in the administration of stores, and other administrative improvements have been made.

The Welfare Home at Elkins Barracks is complete except for the installation of a sprinkler system which the Department of Welfare and the Fire Marshal have insisted on being installed before the Home is occupied. This can be completed and the Building ready for occupancy by the first of the year. There are one or two problems that arise in this connection.

First of all there has been a policy statement issued by the Department of Public Welfare with respect to the installation of Sprinkler Systems, a copy of which is attached to this report. You will note from this that the Provincial Government, although it does not share in the Capital Costs generally, is willing to share in the costs of installation of a Sprinkler System by including the carrying charges of the Sprinkler System as part of the operational costs of the Welfare Home, provided that the plans and the method of amalgamation are approved by various Provincial Authorities. Your Committee has had such plans approved by the Fire Marshal, the Provincial Auditor, and the Department of Welfare, and have called for tenders for the installation of a



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Sprinkler System - the cost of which will come to approximately \$21,000.00. We propose to introduce, separate from this report, a Temporary Borrowing Resolution to an amount of \$21,000.00.

Secondly, the Committee has requested the Fire Marshal to permit occupancy as soon as the sleeping accommodation has been sprinklered. No final decision has been arrived at as yet but it is anticipated that we shall have a report from the Fire Marshal with respect to this matter within a matter of the next few days, and if his recommendations are favourable in this regard, it may be possible to start transferring patients from our present Cole Harbour Hospital to the new Welfare Institution prior to the first of January, 1960. If there is any possibility of this, your Welfare Committee proposes to do so. Furnishings, bedding, cutlery, dishes, etc., for the new Welfare Institution will amount altogether to a figure close to \$10,000.00. Renovations, etc., that have been carried out are slightly in excess of the \$17,000.00 that has been authorized by Council thus far. Your Committee, therefore, recommends that the original resolution of the Temporary Borrowing to an amount of \$25,000.00 for renovations to the Welfare Institution at Eastern Passage be rescinded and that a new Temporary Borrowing resolution be authorized by Council in an amount of \$30,000.00. Your Committee proposes to introduce this Temporary Borrowing Resolution separate from this report.

One other matter that concerns the Welfare Committee greatly is the acceptance of patients at the new Welfare Institution known as the Ocean View Home. In the past local Welfare Officers have determined who is the indigent party that requires care in the Municipal Home. The capacity of the Home is somewhat limited and it would indeed be an easy thing for Councillors of some Districts to refer many elderly people to the new Institution for care. Some

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measure of policy with regard to this matter will have to be established by the Council at this session and it is thought that possibly where a new Welfare Department is being established and where the Ocean View Home will apparently come under the jurisdiction of the Welfare Committee of the Council, it is suggested that possibly admissions to our new Welfare Institution should be recommended by Mr. D. J. Rooney, the head of our new Welfare Department. Your Committee hopes to get an expression of opinion from the Council, relative to these matters.

Attached to this report we file a copy of the report of the Farm Manager.

Respectfully submitted,  
(Signed by the Committee)

POLICY STATEMENT

RE: SPRINKLER SYSTEMS - MUNICIPAL HOMES

Date Issued - March 15, 1959

The Fire Marshal has recommended the installation of sprinkler systems in all municipal homes that do not have this protection at the present time. We are informed by the Fire Marshal that there is selcom, if ever, loss of life in buildings that are protected by sprinkler systems and judging from the reports submitted to us by the Fire Marshal this is the most important step that we can take in protecting the patients in these homes in case of fire.

Accordingly, therefore, the Government of the Province of Nova Scotia is prepared to include the cost of sprinkler systems in the per diem rate for municipal homes if the costs can be amortized over a period of years in such a way that the rate will not be greatly increased. We would suggest that if your municipality is considering installing a sprinkler system, you should obtain estimates of cost and present a plan to us for the amortization of these costs over a reasonable period of time. We can tell you from your submission whether or not the Province is prepared to accept such costs in the calculation of the per diem rate and with this assurance, your municipality can proceed to install the system.

(Sgd.) F. R. MacKINNON

Director of Social Assistance.

REPORT OF THE FARM MANAGER

To His Honor the Warden and Members of the Municipal Council.

Councillors:-

Since the September meeting we have started and completed a new pighouse. The building is 70 ft. by 32 ft. and the capacity is for 12 sows and one boar or about 200 feeders. The building has 14 windows and 1 door and a set of double doors for the manure basement, to prevent opening the building every day for cleaning and letting cold in on the little pigs.

The building is finished outside with clapboards and fire-proof 3 in 1 shingles. The footing and wall is drained by a rock drain. It is wired with 220 wiring but water has not been put in as yet.

We have graded the cellar under the stores, put in concrete floor and moved the tractors and machinery down, but we need a separate room for our tools.

We have about 20 acres of fall plowing done on some grass land that was getting poor for hay crop.

We have hauled 120 loads of manure to the hay field.

We have cut some wood around the new school on the Cole Harbour Road on advice of Councillor Settle. It is regretted that we could not cut it sooner but we are at it again and will finish in a day or so.

We have made about 12 barrels or 2400 lbs. of sauer kraut and about 10 more barrels are to be made.

At the present time we have the following livestock:-

- 20 Milking Cows
- 10 Heffers due in the coming winter
- 6 Heffers ready for breeding
- 7 Heffers - 1 year old
- 1 Bull - 2 years old
- 1 Bull - 10 months old
- 1 Bull Calf
- 2 Field Calves

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In the old pighouse we have 112 hogs, different weights and size.

In the new pighouse we have 1 sow, 1 boar, 28 pigs and 6 shoats.

At the present time the henhouse holds as follows:-

Pen #1	600 birds
Pen #2	300 birds
Pen #3	600 birds
Pen #4	620 birds

Respectfully submitted,

(Sgd.) C. MOOY,

Farm Manager.