

SECOND DAY MORNING.

January 13, 1960

Council met at 10:00 a.m.

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

Councillors Spears and Evans moved:-

"THAT council dispense with the reading of the Minutes of the First Day Morning and Afternoon." Motion carried.

Warden Leverman informed Councillors that the formal opening of the Building would take place on January 22nd., at 3 o'clock. Dress for the occasion would be Business Suit. He said that plans had been worked out for the occasion and for the seating of the guests.

Councillor Flawn and Turner moved:-

"THAT the cost of refreshments for the guests at the official opening of the New Building be shared by the individual Councillors.

Councillor Stubbs asked if there were no contingency funds from which the cost could be paid and thought that it might be paid from the Warden and Clerks contingency fund.

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

Councillor Hanrahan said that he thought that the cost should be paid out of contingency funds, because he did not think Councillors could be forced to pay for the dinner. The Municipal Solicitor said that the money could not be deducted from Councillors pay without their prior consent.

Councillor Stubbs said that Councillors have to do a lot of travelling in their District and that they hadn't got any increase at the last session, but that the Warden had, she said that she could be counted out of any sharing in the cost because she would not stay anyway. She added that she didn't see why the taxpayers should be asked to pay \$5.00 for the privilege of the Warden meeting the Queen.

Warden Leverman took strong objections to such remarks and said that any such suggestion is entirely erroneous. He said that he had never made any such charge.

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Deputy Warden Burris said he felt honored to be a co-host on the occasion. Councillor Settle said that he felt it was something that Council should feel privileged to do.

Councillor Redmond said that since the Building was the property of the taxpayers of Halifax County, he felt that the taxpayers would be proud to be the host on the occasion. Councillor Daye said that he didn't think that the taxpayers should be asked to pay, he did not think it was a good principal.

Council agreed that those who are willing to pay would be accessed for their share and the balance would be taken out of the Wardens **contingency** fund.

Councillors Spears and Daye moved:-

"THAT Councillor Balcome be appointed as the additional member on the County Planning Board as agreed on by the nominating committee." Motion carried.

The Municipal Solicitor outlined the details of the sewer connection By-law.

Councillor Stubbs asked if an order could be made against a property owner as soon as the By-law was approved, provided service has been available for one year or whether it would be necessary to wait one year from the date of the approval of the By-law before an order could be made. The Municipal Solicitor said that any order could be made from the date of the coming into effect of the By-law.

Councillor Stubbs and Settle moved:-

"THAT the sewer connection By-law be approved." Motion carried.

The Municipal Solicitor explained the terms of a proposed By-law in connection with bounties on Racoons, Wildcats, and Foxes.

Councillors Curren and Henley moved:-

"THAT a By-law to amend chapter thirteen of the revised By-laws 1957 the regulation of animals By-law be approved."

Councillors Archibald and Henley moved the amendment to the motion:-

"That the bounty proposed to be paid for racoons be increased to \$2.00."

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Councillor Moser said that he thought it was a waste of the taxpayers money. He charged that snouts were brought in from other counties in order to claim the bounties in Halifax County. He said the Government gets all the revenue from the forests and hunting licenses and that the Government should pay the bounties.

Warden Leverman put the question for adoption of the amendment. Amendment carried.

Warden Leverman put the question for adoption of the By-law as amended Motion carried.

The Municipal Solicitor explained proposed legislation to be sought at the next session of the Legislature.

Councillors Redmond and Evans moved:-

"THAT the draft legislation entitled "An act relating to the Municipality of the County of Halifax " be approved." Motion carried.

The Solicitor explained the terms of the By-law to amend the Building By-law.

Councillors Flawn and Hanrahan moved:-

"THAT a By-law to amend the Building By-law be approved." Motion carried.

The Solicitor explained the proposed By-law re the apointment of Building Inspectors and the charging of fees for the Building permits.

Councillors Stubbs and Spears moved:-

"THAT the salaries of all present Building Inspectors be paid by the Municipality out of general Revenue at the same rate they are now being paid with effect from the first of January 1960 and until such time as the By-law is approved and the new system of Building Inspection instituted.

Councillor Flawn said that it was not his understanding that Building Inspectors would be paid out of general revenue until such time as the Building Permit fees came into existance. Councillor Curren asked if it would not be possible to appoint more than one Building Inspector for a District under the present setup. The Solicitor said that this would be possible.

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Councillor Flawn then said that this was the means of putting into effect legislation whereby some Districts would be subsidizing the salaries of Building Inspectors.

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

Councillors Curren and Settle moved:-

"THAT the Municipality sell to Her Majesty The Queen in the right of Nova Scotia represented in this behalf by the Honourable The Minister of Highways, that portion of the Woodlawn School property required by the Minister for Highway purposes for an amount equal to the total cost of the property to the Municipality, less improvement that the amount of land sold bears to the total area of the property and that the Warden and Clerk be and they are hereby authorized to sign a deed for this purpose." Motion carried.

Councillors Flawn and Settle moved:-

"THAT the Warden and the Clerk be and they are hereby authorized to sign an agreement releasing W. S. Crooker from responsibility under the subdividers agreement on payment of capital contribution." Motion carried.

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

Councillors Daye and Deputy Warden Burris moved:-

"THAT the report of the Special Committee on Social Assistance be adopted."

Councillor Stubbs brought up the matter of Miss. Hepburn being paid only \$1800.00 per year. She said she believed she was the lowest paid member of the staff in spite of the fact that she was doing a fine job. Warden Leverman asked that the matter be brought up during the consideration of the Finance Committee report.

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

Councillors Flawn and Snair moved:-

"THAT the Treasurer, R. G. Hattie, and the Superintendent of the Halifax County Hospital, Eric Davies, be and are hereby authorized to be the signing authority for Old age Pension and Old Age Security Accounts for the Halifax County Hospital with The Bank of Nova Scotia, Coburg Road and Robie Street Branch." Motion carried.

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Councillors Settle and Turner moved:-

"THAT the Treasurer, R. G. Hattie and the Superintendent of the Oceanview Municipal Home, J. T. Lynch, be and are hereby authorized to the signing authority for Old Age Pension and Old Age Security Accounts for the Oceanview Municipal Home with the Bank of Nova Scotia, Coburg Road and Robie Street Branch." Motion carried.

The matter of completion of Water Installations in the Tom O'Shanter Subdivision was considered by Council. Councillor Flawn said that some of the terms of the agreement were not consistent with his understanding of the matter. Council agreed that the matter of purchase of these assets deferred to the February Session for further study.

Councillors Turner and Redmond moved:-

"THAT the Warden and Clerk be and are hereby authorized to sign a lease for rental of a portion of the space in the new Municipal Building to the Committee Housing Survey." Motion carried.

Councillor Stubbs brought up the matter of Rental Controls. She said she wouldn't want to think that the County had been committed to Rental Controls without knowing more about the situation. Warden Leverman said that the Mayor of Halifax had asked for a meeting on the matter. He said that council had been supplied with copies of the Morrison Rental Report and that he had asked Councillors for written opinions. He said that unfortunately only about eight replies had been received, he said that he found himself in a difficult situation because he did not know what to say at such a meeting as he had not been given any direction by Council.

Councillor Stubbs said that she did not think anyone should speak without the authority or the feeling of Council.

Warden Leverman asked the Council to continue with the agenda and said that the matter of Rental Controls would be brought up later.

Councillors Moser and Spears moved:-

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

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Council met at 2:00 p.m.

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

Municipal Clerk read the report of the Finance Committee.

Warden Burris and Councillor Flawn moved:-

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

In reply to Councillor Baker, Mr. Hattie listed the construction to be completed in 1960 program for Schools. Councillor Daye wondered how far the county was going with the taxpayers money in providing a regional library. Warden Leverman said the matter had already been discussed and approved by Council.

Councillor Daye observed that the County needed a lot more things than a Regional Library.

Councillor Moser said that he thought that Council must consider now the recommendations for new Schools. He said more considerations should be given to the matter than just approval of requests for new schools to replace old schools. He said that the cost of school construction was reaching a ridiculous figure, he added that the county was suffering from a floating population moving out into the County from the City and charged that the stable population was paying for it.

Warden Leverman said that the Finance Committee was giving much thought to this and that was the reason why it was delaying its report on the matter. Councillor Curren said that the School Capital Program Committee was working closely with the Chief Administrative Officer of the School Board in arriving at the requirements for School Buildings. He said that it was necessary that Council look ahead and forecast or it would be back where it was in 1955 with classes on part-time. He said that it was hard to realize but it appeared that no sooner was a school built than it was filled. He said that he had fought to get council recommendations a year in advance so that it could be prepared for future school construction.

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Councillor Redmond concurred and said that one mistake in the past had been that Council had not looked far enough into the future. He said that the only alternative to building these schools is greater utilization of present classrooms. To do this might require night classes for the senior grades, he thought.

In answer to a question Mr. Hattie said that the outstanding liability for schools to which the county was already committed and has not yet funded is slightly over two and one-half million dollars not including the 1960 recommendations.

Councillor Redmond said that he felt it was the duty of the Municipal School Board to recognize the need for classrooms and make recommendations to Council accordingly. He then felt it was up to Council to determine how and if it could finance such schools recommended. He said that if council cannot provide these classrooms needed then the School Board would have to find some other recourse.

Councillor Stubbs pointed out that part of the 1961 recommendations was for a High School in the Spryfield area. She said that council could not hide its head to the needs of education, she said, that these children are not going to disappear but will be there when the school is built. She added that if the school was needed in 1961 Council was going to have to start long before then to have it ready in time.

Councillor Settle said cost of education had a big impact on the County and he thought the key to the situation was in the increase in school population of two thousand pupils per year and said that schools are not frills but a necessity.

Warden Leverman said that in his opinion the problem was the fact that the Department of Municipal Affairs will only allow the County to borrow so much money per year. He said that this means that the county cannot build all the schools which the public demanded. He pointed out that the cost of money was the highest it ever has been. Warden Leverman added that it was never the intention of bill 66, that every school in the county be remodeled and yet he said that is what apparently the county is trying to do. It was

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not concentrating on just building the new schools that were absolutely needed.

Councillor Williams observed that the taxpayers are going to be overburdened and he said that is the reason he had seconded the motion at the December Session asking for a 2% sale tax to be applied to education.

Councillor Blackburn wondered if consideration had ever been given to a longer school day so that more classes could be accommodated. By this method he thought that junior classes could probably be taught in the earlier part of the day and the senior classes in the later part of the day.

Councillor Redmond said that he didn't think greater use of schools had been considered by the School Board but he thought it would require a change in the education act which he said, was within the prerogative of council to ask. He added that if the county was unable to make greater utilization of the present schools or to continue with the building program then there would be nothing else but to revert to part-time classes.

Warden Leverman said that the increase in assessment for 1960 would be about five million dollars, but he added, the revenue from this was not comparable with the increased costs of school construction.

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

Councillor Settle and Redmond moved:-

"THAT This Council approve a temporary borrowing resolution in the amount of \$410,000.00 for the construction of schools." Motion carried.

Councillors Blackburn and Evans moved:-

"THAT this council approve a temporary borrowing resolution in the amount of \$119,000.00 for completion of the Municipal Building." Motion carried.

The Municipal Clerk read the report of the Welfare Committee.

Councillor Stubbs said that she objected to Mrs. Lynch being appointed as matron of the Oceanview Home. She said she would like to see a copy of the Welfare Report where it was agreed that Mrs. Lynch would be recommended as Matron.

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Councillor Snair and Archibald moved:-

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

Councillor Stubbs and Redmond moved an amendment to the motion:-

"THAT the council employ a registered nurse to be Director of Nursing at Oceanview Municipal Home."

Councillor Curren observed that it appeared to him that there was a lot of work, that registered nurses would not do which would be part of the duties of a Matron. Councillor Moser said that the county should be grateful that it had two people such as Mr. and Mrs Lynch to run this home.

Councillor Stubbs said that she did not think the county had the authority to hire a person not a registered nurse as director of nurses or as a matron. Councillor Snair said that it appeared to him that the By-laws would indicate the county was ~~thinking in~~ terms too big for the size of the Municipal Home. He said he didn't think that the county needed a Director of Nurses to supervise two registered nurses. Councillor Redmond asked why it was necessary to have four firemen. Councillor Snair explained that the present heating system was coal burning and that the firemen were needed to tend the furnaces but said that they would have other duties in preparing the grounds that would keep them busy all the time. He said that it was the intention of the committee to later convert the heating system to oil fire.

Warden Leverman put the question for adoption of the amendment. Amendment lost.

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

Councillor Snair and Daye moved:-

"THAT the policy with respect to admission of Welfare patients to the Oceanview Municipal Home be approved."

Councillor Stubbs asked who the Medical Office for the new Municipal Home would be. Councillor Snair said that Doctor Wentzell, who is presently serving part-time on the staff of the County Hospital, would carry out the duties of Medical Office at the Municipal Home.

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

Council agreed to leave appointment of a Visiting Committee for the new Municipal Home until the next session of council.

The Municipal Clerk read a letter from the Municipal School Board requesting that a basement classroom at Ingram River be finished.

Councillors Curren and Settle moved:-

"THAT the recommendation of the Municipal School Board re Ingram River basement classroom be approved." Motion carried.

The Municipal Clerk read the report of the Safety Committee.

Councillors Moser and Hanrahan moved:-

"THAT the report of the safety committee be referred to the finance committee for report at the February Session." Motion carried.

Councillors Flawn and Turner moved:-

"THAT the Warden and Treasurer be and they are hereby authorized to arrange with the Royal Bank of Canada, Armdale for an over-draft at such bank for a sum not exceeding \$1,400,000.00 and the Treasurer is authorized to use such over-draft to defray ordinary expenses of the Municipality for the year 1960." Motion carried.

Councillors Curren and Daye moved:-

"THAT the proposed act relating to the Municipality of The County Of Halifax be amended by adding thereto the following."

"The Council of the Municipality may make By-laws with respect to the control regulation and prohibition of vehicles parking on Municipal property." Motion carried.

Councillors Balcome and Hanrahan moved:-

"THAT Roy St.Clair Bochner be appointed County Constable in District No. 12 Municipality of the County Of Halifax." Motion carried.

Councillors ~~Spears~~ and Baker moved:-

"THAT Carl Westhaver be appointed as County Constable in District No. 11." Motion carried.

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Deputy Warden Burris and Councillor Archibald moved:-

"THAT James Flemming be appointed as Surveyor of Logs and Lumber in District No. 23." Motion carried.

Councillors Daye and MacKenzie moved:-

"THAT whereas the Department of Public Health of the Province of Nova Scotia has indicated that it will pay a subsidy of \$100.00 per month to Dr. Leydon of Ship Harbour from January 1, 1960 to September 1, 1960, in order to assist him to establish a Medical practice in this area.

AND WHEREAS this Municipality has in the past paid a subsidy in similar instances to match the subsidy paid by the Department of Public Health of the Province of Nova Scotia.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that this Council pay a subsidy to Dr. Leydon of Ship Harbour at the rate of \$100.00 per month from January 1, 1960 to September 1, 1960, to assist him in establishing a practice in the Ship Harbour area." Motion carried.

Council considered the matter of borrowing \$61,000.00 for the construction of Sewer Laterals in the Louisburg Lane, Spikenard Avenue area and Councillor Settle said that there was some urgency in the matter as the construction Company which was to do the work felt that it best could be accomplished during the winter months as part of the work had to be carried out on swampy lands.

Councillors Settle and Flawn moved:-

"THAT this council approve a temporary borrowing of \$61,000.00 for the construction of Sewer Laterals in the Louisburg Lane, Spikenard Avenue area." Motion carried.

Deputy Warden Burris in the chair.

Councillor Stubbs again brought up the matter of Rental Controls and said that she thought that Council should tread very lightly in the matter. She said that she would not like to see Rental Control on everything because she did not like the position it would place a great many homeowners in. Councillor Flawn said that he had expressed his views in a letter to Warden Leverman.

Councillor Stubbs asked if District 14 could be exempted from Rental Control. The Municipal Solicitor said that Rental Control would not come into effect until the County had passed a By-law under the Rental Control Act and at that time the County could define the areas to which rental controls would apply.

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Councillor Sanir said he did not think Rental Controls were needed in the rural areas. He said that in his area he did not think excess rentals were charged and he did not think controls were needed. However, he did not know whether rentals controls were needed in the suburban areas. Councillor Curren said that he thought that the rental controls recommended applied only to the suburban areas.

Councillor White said that he felt that Rental Controls would be an advantage in his area. He pointed out that this problem is peculiar to certain areas.

Councillors Henley and Turner moved:-

"THAT the financial statements of the Municipality be published in graphic form for the general information of the public." Motion carried.

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

Warden Leverman said that it appeared from the answers he had received that Councillors were not opposed to rental controls but that final authority should not be in one man or board but that there should be an appeal from the decision of that authority.

Councillors Spears and Hanrahan moved:-

"THAT the minutes of the first day session be approved." Motion carried.

Councillors Moser and Stubbs moved:-

"THAT the Finance Committee consider the matter of remuneration of Councillors at the rate of \$100.00 per month and report back to the February Session of Council." Motion carried.

Councillors Baker and Daye moved:-

"THAT the minutes of the 4th. day Session, December 14th., be approved." Motion carried.

Mr. Rhydwen read the minutes of the second days meeting, January 13th.

Councillors Redmond and Moser moved:-

"THAT the minutes of the 2nd. Day meeting, January 13th., 1960 be approved." Motion carried.

Councillors Redmond and Moser moved:-

"THAT Council adjourn Sine Die". Motion carried.

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of the

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of the

THIRTY-THIRD COUNCIL

of the

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MINUTES OF THE FEBRUARY-MARCH ANNUAL
SESSION OF THE THIRTY-THIRD COUNCIL
OF THE MUNICIPALITY OF THE COUNTY OF
HALIFAX.

FIRST DAY MORNING

February 24, 1960

Council met at 10:00 a. m.

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

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

The Municipal Clerk read a letter from Cox, Palmeto, and Rogers submitting an application for reappointment as Solicitors for the County.

Councillors Moser and Daye moved:-

"THAT the firm of Cox, Palmeto and Rogers be appointed Municipal Solicitors for the ensuing year." Motion carried.

Councillor Stubbs asked that the letter last on the list of communications be read first because it might affect the legality of the Session.

The Municipal Clerk read a letter from Mr. Arnold Whitworth in which he claimed that Councillors Flawn and Blackburn had disqualified themselves.

The Municipal Solicitor explained those parts of the Municipal Act which apply in this matter. He said he could find no provision in the Municipal Act for the Council to declare the seat vacant. In fact, he said, he felt there was a restriction upon Council to act in a matter like this.

Councillor Stubbs said that she felt with the evidence "which we have at hand" it was the duty of Council to file information with the Magistrate's Court in the matter. She said she would move a motion to that effect.

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Councillor Moser said that he could'nt see where Council could act because it did'nt have any information before it except the allegation. He said that he was unable to vote without full information on the matter. Councillor Moser said that as a member of the Welfare Committee he had acted in the best interest of the ratepayers, if a tender was low he voted for it. He felt that it was not up to him to go out and investigate every firm which tendered. He suggested that if he did he would be told to mind his own business. He said that if there was anything wrong he would be the first to come out and say so. Councillor Moser said that when the tender of Halifax Wholesalers Limited was accepted it was done in good faith because it was the lowest tender.

Councillor Redmond seconded Councillor Stubbs motion:-

"THAT the Clerk file information in the Magistrate's Court with respect to the alleged disqualification of Councillors Blackburn and Flawn."

Councillor Curren asked if it was not the duty of the person making the charge to prove by court action that the charges were true, before Council could act on such an allegation. He said that in his mind Council had no authority to vote on this matter.

The Municipal Solicitor said that he felt that it was up to Council to decide whether it had sufficient information to direct the Clerk. Councillor Stubbs said that she had a photostat copy of a voucher showing a payment to Halifax Wholesalers. She said that other records could be checked to find out if the information contained in the allegation was true.

Councillor Daye said he concurred with Councillor Moser. He said that everything was done in good faith in accepting these tenders.

First Day Morning Continued.

Councillor Baker said that in his opinion there was no reflection on any Committee. He thought there should be an inquiry into the matter. If the persons were found not guilty then they should have an apology.

Councillor Blackburn asked how long Halifax Wholesalers Limited had been doing business with the County. The Municipal Clerk said that he could not answer definitely but it had been for a long time.

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

Councillor Stubbs said that she wanted to file at this time a brief which she had read to the Council of Suburban Ratepayers and which she said she thought would show that the Warden himself would have to prove his qualifications. She claimed that the Warden had received a commission from the firm of Major Brothers and that cheques made out to Western Furniture and Appliances would show, by checking the signing authorities, who F. G. H. Leverman, whose signature appeared on the cheques, really was.

The Municipal Clerk read a letter from MacCullochs Company Limited regarding zoning. Council agreed to refer the letter to the Planning Board.

The Municipal Clerk read a letter from the Municipal School Board and Trustees of Cole Harbour School Section regarding the naming of the new School there.

Councillors Settle and Redmond moved:-

"THAT the new School at Cole Harbour be known as The Colonel John Stuart School." Motion carried.

First Day Morning Continued.

The Municipal Clerk read a letter from the Director of Community Planning concerning the participation of the County in the Metropolitan Housing Survey. Council agreed to refer the letter to the Planning Board.

The Municipal Clerk read a letter from the Lower Sackville School Section No. 75 concerning action of Council in dealing with teachers' salaries. Council agreed that the letter be filed.

The Municipal Clerk read a letter from Mr. R. A. Kanigsberg requesting permission to appear before Council on behalf of a client requesting that he be allowed to make representation regarding his client's trailer property.

Councillor Settle said that since the letter had been received Mr. Kanigsberg had appeared before the County Planning Board and the matter was now cleared up. He said that he thought there would be found a misunderstanding and that Mr. Kanigsberg no longer wished to appear before Council. Council agreed to refer the letter to the County Planning Board.

Warden Leverman introduced Mr. E. T. Marriott, who, since the last Session of Council, had assumed the duties of Chief Administrative Officer of the Municipal School Board.

Mr. Marriott read the report of the Municipal School Board.

Deputy Warden Burriss and Councillor Curren moved:-

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

Councillor MacKenzie said that there was some urgency for a School Building program in District 20. Deputy Warden Burriss said that the problem had been discussed by the Municipal School Board and that meetings were now being held in the District concerning the matter. Councillor MacKenzie said that meetings had been held and that two areas were in favour and in the other area where there was a split vote, the deciding vote was in favour.

First Day Morning Continued.

Councillor Daye asked who was responsible for giving instruction to bus drivers. Mr. Marriott said that the bus driver is usually the assistant Janitor and therefore under the Janitor for instruction. He said that the line of authority is for the principal of a school to request the Janitor to carry out certain duties which are then passed on to the bus driver to carry out if possible.

Commenting on the inadequacy of the Foundation Scale, Councillor Settle said that this could be extended to other school costs in which the Province participates. He pointed out that the Foundation Scale allowed only \$250.00 per room, per annum for maintenance. He said that might have been all right in 1956 but, with the increasing costs, this amount today was insufficient to maintain a classroom. He pointed out that the County has to pay 100 percent of costs over the Foundation Scale.

Councillor Moser claimed that the County was on a "shoal", so far as the cost of education was concerned. He thought the County had gone education crazy. He said that it was time that frills were done away with. Councillor Moser agreed that many things were desirable but only so long as the taxpayers could afford them. He pointed out that they did not have all these things when he went to school but that schools then turned out lawyers, doctors and many other prominent persons.

Councillor Burris said it had been suggested that "the Municipal School Board had been recommending many things because it thought it was good for the people." He pointed out that the Municipal School Board acts under the Education Act and is required to provide facilities. He said it was not the prerogative of the Municipal School Board to decide what education facilities it would provide if they were needed but that the Board must recommend to Council. It was then up to Council to decide whether it would approve.

First Day Morning Continued.

Councillor Daye concurred with Councillor Moser.

In reply to a question, Mr. Marriott said that the School Library and the Regional Library Bookmobile are entirely different. The School Library was to supplement study, particularly in higher grades. The Bookmobile, he said, was a Community Library, the same as a permanent central Library in cities and towns. In answer to another question, he said that he did not think there was any intent on the part of the Municipal School Board to do away with useable schools, merely to replace them. Councillors Blackburn and Flawn suggested that more use could be made of School Libraries.

Councillor Stubbs asked what participation had been made by the County in an offer to place copies of Encyclopedia Britanica in schools. Mr. Marriott said he felt that full use had been made of the offer. He said that all High Schools would be receiving it and that all smaller schools, except a very few, would be getting it also.

Councillor Flawn referred to the request for a Library in a school where lower grades were taught. He wondered what use was made of reference books by grades up to grade six. Mr. Marriott said that he believed, as an educator, that supplementary reading was needed for grades 1st on. He said it had been suggested that teachers were not making use of the facilities, and if that were so then the Municipal School Board should be giving supervision and he accepted the challenge. He said that there should be library periods during school hours.

Councillor Flawn questioned whether, in making recommendations for a library, a large library was needed to permit study to be carried out there; or if just a small room where books could be kept and given out to take home, was sufficient.

First Day Morning Continued.

Councillor Moser brought up the matter of school books for grades 9 on being changed so often. Mr. Marriott said that it was quite possible that parents did not see the changes in books for the Elementary Grades because they were not paying directly for them. He pointed out that school books are re-edited constantly and new editions issued as necessary.

Councillor Stubbs said she saw no mention of a rate on the Port Wallis-Westphal area, to pay teachers for last year and for which the area is committed. She asked why this rate had not been brought in.

Mr. Marriott said that questionnaires had been sent out to various School Sections but not all the replies had been received when the report was made up.

Councillor Stubbs said that the rate had never been put on, although it had been recommended as a retroactive rate to pay for teachers' salaries in 1959.

Councillors Moser and Curren moved:-

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

FIRST DAY AFTERNOON

February 24th., 1960

Council met at 2:00 p. m.

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

Council continued discussion on the report of the Municipal School Board.

Councillor Flawn drew attention to the fact that it was apparently costing the County \$90,000 a year for educational facilities at Service Schools for which there was no tax return.

Mr. Hattie said that the Provincial Government pays the Foundation Program Scale and that the Federal Government pays the balance. He said that teachers at Service Schools do not cost the County anything.

Councillor Flawn said that apparently children in Service Schools get one standard of education and those ordinary citizens in the County get a lower standard. He recommended that the Municipal School Board consider taking up with the Department of National Defence the matter of the disparity in educational facilities.

In answer to a question, Mr. Marriott said he believed that pupils who were children of Service Personnel and who were of High School age would be attending County High Schools next year.

Councillors Hanrahan and Moser moved an amendment:-

"THAT the report of the Municipal School Board and its appendices be referred to the Finance and Executive Committee."

Deputy Warden Burris pointed out that \$300,000. of the increased Estimates for the operation of the Municipal School Board was earmarked for increases in teachers' salaries, which had been granted by Council a year ago.

First Day Afternoon Continued

Warden Leverman put the question for adoption of the amendment. Amendment carried.

Councillors Evans and Moser moved:-

"THAT the Annual Financial Report of the Municipal School Board for the year 1959 be received." Motion carried.

Councillor Stubbs referred to the report of the morning Session which appeared in the press and said that public faith in the Municipal Government has been shaken. She said she had not realized earlier, when discussing the affairs of the County Hospital, just how serious the situation at the Halifax County Hospital really was. She suggested that at that time Council had tried to humiliate her and others in Council because of it.

Councillors Stubbs and Redmond moved:-

"THAT the Council of the Municipality of the County of Halifax ask the Government of the Province of Nova Scotia to appoint a Royal Commission to study all aspects of administration and financing of the Municipality." Motion lost.

Councillor Stubbs asked if she could take this as meaning that all Councillors, except two, were condoning the situation.

Warden Leverman said that he could not answer the question but only give Council the result of the vote.

Councillor Stubbs then asked why information about the Halifax County Hospital records had been kept secret. She asked why there was no mention of this situation in the Auditors' Report and if this was why one of the Auditors had submitted his resignation in the midst of an audit. She asked if any Committee had a right to keep this information from County Council.

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Councillor Hanrahan asked if it were the intention to stick to the agenda or to listen to charges, real or imaginary. He said that if they were real they should be backed up; otherwise, he continued, Council should get on with the agenda.

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 Baker asked why no action had been taken on a school addition at Terence Bay.

Councillor Flawn said that the design of the addition would be handled by the County's own architectural staff, which was presently finishing off several other schools and was almost ready to start on plans for Terence Bay.

Councillor Redmond said that the work had been done on the heating system at East Chezzetcook school but asked that if further work recommended was to be carried out.

Councillor Flawn agreed that the heating plant had been put in but that this was above ground level. He said that the disposal field would be most difficult to build now because of the frost in the ground and that it would be done as soon as possible.

Councillor Baker said that the heating system installed last year at Terence Bay was not working satisfactorily.

Councillor Settle asked for information about the proposed school at Lake Loon. He said that it might be possible now to get a water supply for this school from the new Town of Dartmouth main from Lake Major.

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

Council considered a proposed Act respecting a Deed Transfer Tax in the Municipality of the County of Halifax. The Municipal Solicitor explained the proposed Act.

Councillor Stubbs said that she felt this proposed Act was most unfair. She said it was all right for a Municipality which was closely knit, but she said it was not fair in such a large area which extends from extreme rural to extreme Metropolitan areas. She said that the burden of the tax would be on suburban homeowners who wish to buy. She said that the biggest turnover of homes was in the suburban areas, where the values were highest and she said these people would have to bear the burden. Councillor Stubbs added that Councillors had no right to sit and tax people without them having a say.

Councillor Hanrahan said that with all the services being demanded by the public, money to pay for these services must be found somewhere.

Councillor Redmond said that he felt that such a tax would create a burden on people least capable of paying. He thought it would be better to collect more money if needed by direct taxation.

Councillors Hanrahan and White moved:-

"THAT the proposed legislation entitled
"An Act Respecting a Deed Transfer Tax in
the Municipality of the County of Halifax"
be approved and the Solicitors be instructed
to prepare it for presentation to the Legislature."

Councillor Blackburn moved an amendment to the motion:-

"THAT the proposed legislation be approved with the
addition of a minimum tax of \$5.00 for transfer."

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There was no seconder for the amendment.

Warden Leverman put the question for adoption of the motion.

Motion carried.

Councillor Stubbs said that she was giving notice of motion of re-consideration.

The Municipal Solicitor gave a ruling on that section of the By-laws pertaining to the rules of Council procedure. Councillor Stubbs said she saw no advantage in her motion and therefore, would withdraw her notice of re-consideration.

Councillor Moser then gave notice of re-consideration of the motion for tomorrow morning at 10:00 O'Clock.

Councillor Baker said he wanted to resign as a member of the Regional Library Board. He said he believed he had good reasons for submitting his resignation but did not wish to present them at this time.

Council agreed to accept Councillor Baker's resignation.

Council agreed to make nomination from the floor for replacement of Councillor Baker.

Councillors Henley and Balcome moved:-

"THAT Councillor Evans be a member of the Regional Library Board to replace Councillor Baker."

Deputy Warden Burris and Councillor Hanrahan moved:-

"THAT nominations cease."

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

Warden Leverman then put the question for adoption of the motion for Councillor Evan's election. Motion carried.

Councillor Baker then said he was prepared to give the reasons for his resignation. He said that he had the feeling that he was placed on the Regional Library Board to be "used".

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He said that he had been told by a Councillor that since he had been against Regional Libraries in the first instance, he had been put there as a "watch dog" over Regional Library expenditures. He said he took objection to this and therefore, had offered his resignation.

Councillor Spears then took strong exception to Councillor Baker's allegations. He said that the Nominating Committee had never thought of and never discussed the reasons given by Councillor Baker. He said that in making up the membership of the Committee, the Nomination Committee had tried to give representation to all parts of the County. He said that one Councillor from the central section had been placed on the Committee and that two Councillors from the east and two from the west, with one Councillor each from the east and west being from the rural areas.

Councillor Archibald said that Councillor Baker was very misinformed and agreed with the remarks of Councillor Spears.

Councillors Henley and White concurred in the remarks of Councillor Spears and Councillor Archibald.

Councillors Moser and Spears moved:-

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

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SECOND DAY MORNING

Council met at 10:00 a. m.

Roll Called. Warden F. G. H. Leverman in the Chair.

Councillors Spears and Daye moved:-

"THAT the reading of the minutes of the first day Session be dispensed with."
Motion Carried.

The Municipal Clerk read a letter from Rockingham School Section No. 115 suggesting that the new 10-room school in Governor Park be named the Wentworth Park School.

Councillors Curren and Settle moved:-

"THAT the new 10-room school in Rockingham School Section No. 115 be known as the Wentworth Park School." Motion carried.

The Municipal Clerk read a letter from the Canadian Paraplegic Association concerning a grant for 1960. Council agreed that the letter be referred to the Finance Committee.

The Municipal Clerk read a letter from R. J. McCleave, M. P., expressing his regret at being unable to attend the Official Opening and hoping that he would be able to visit the new Building in the near future. Council agreed the letter be filed.

The Municipal Clerk read a letter from the Canadian Library Association asking financial support for the association. Council agreed that the letter be referred to the Finance Committee.

Council gave reconsideration to an act respecting a deed transfer tax in the Municipality of the County of Halifax.

Councillor Stubbs said that in view of possible future aid from the Provincial Government she would move that the motion be tabled until after the present Session of the Legislature.

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Councillor Henley said that he thought that the County should still seek Legislation because even with increased Provincial aid it may be that in the future the County will still need more revenue and at that time it could be discussed again before a by-law is adopted.

Councillor Redmond seconded the motion:-

"THAT the proposed Legislation entitled, 'an Act respecting a Deed Transfer Tax in the Municipality of the County of Halifax' be tabled until after the present Session of the Provincial Legislature."

Warden Leverman put the question for adoption of the motion to table the proposed Act. Motion lost.

Warden Leverman put the question on the motion originally passed at the first day sitting and moved by Councillors Hanrahan and White:-

"THAT the proposed Legislation entitled 'an Act respecting a Deed Transfer Tax in the Municipality of the County of Halifax' be approved and the Solicitors be instructed to prepare same for presentation to the Legislature." Motion carried.

Councillor Flawn asked permission to rise on a point of privilege. He said that yesterday his validity to sit as a Councillor had been questioned. He said that he had a daughter under contract with the Municipal School Board and he was now faced with the problem of having her resign, asking her to leave his home, or to continue as heretofore. He said that after due consideration he was going to allow her to honour her contract and to let her live on at his home. In the interim he said, he was taking a calculated risk in continuing as heretofore and said that his daughter would resign from the Municipal School Board in June.

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Councillor Stubbs asked if there was anything to prevent relatives of any person working for the County.

The Municipal Solicitor said that he was employed as Municipal Solicitor and not as a Solicitor to individual Councillors. He said he would not become involved in any dispute between individual Councillors.

Councillor Stubbs observed that, "that was a hot potato", which the Solicitor had tossed.

The Municipal Solicitor said that he was not prepared to give an opinion on what indirect benefit, under the Section of the Municipal Act applying, is and that that was a matter for the Courts to decide. He again referred to the Section of the Municipal Act which applied to the situation.

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

Councillors Settle and Henley moved:-

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

Councillor Flawn asked whether, when the Municipal School Board recommended additional Schools for new Subdivisions, these Subdivisions were actually planned or whether they were just futuristic thinking.

Councillor Settle said that where a large subdivision is planned the subdivider is required to submit a master plan for all lots, but that the subdivider normally sought approval of only a portion of the proposed subdivision at a time. However, by having the master plan, the Planning Board was able to think of future requirements such as Schools, Parks, and Churches.

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Councillor Stubbs asked if tenders were called for all paving.

Councillor Settle said that it was the policy of the Planning Board to spread the paving program throughout the entire area and not do all the roads in one Section at a time. Warden Leverman pointed out that it was not the sole prerogative of the County to decide what streets were to be paved. He pointed out that the Department of Highways also has a say in the matter.

Councillor Stubbs again asked if tenders were called for paving, and further asked if tenders were called for Surveying done in the County, by the County.

The County Planning Engineer said that twelve invitations to tender had been sent out for the paving program. He said that in every case the lowest tender had been awarded the contract. The allocation of surveying to outside firms was handled by Robert Gough.

Councillor Stubbs then commented that she did not think surveying jobs should be given to only three or four firms. She then asked why thousands of dollars had been spent on surveying on the Hamshaw property.

The Planning Engineer said that surveying jobs are distributed as evenly as possible; and before a surveyor is hired to do work for the County, the hiring must be approved by the County Planning Board which knew who the owners of the firms were. He said that, in connection with the Hamshaw property, it had been done in conjunction with the Department of Highways which wanted to take over the roads in the Subdivision but could not do so until they had been surveyed and brought up to standard.

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He said that the Department had approached the County to do the surveying on a 50-50 basis, but on the condition that the survey would have to be done on the whole subdivision which was widely scattered. Subsequently, he said, the surveyors had encountered many difficulties in doing the actual surveying.

Councillor Stubbs then asked why special consideration had been given to this subdivision without the matter coming before Council.

Councillor McGrath said that he took objection to this remark by Councillor Stubbs. He said the matter had come before Council and that Councillor Stubbs was present in Council at the time. He said that the cost of road improvements will be paid by the abbutors but that the people in the subdivision could not pay for the surveying program also.

Councillor Stubbs asked why the name of J. P. MacDonald appeared on so many vouchers in connection with this survey.

The Planning Engineer said that Mr. MacDonald had bought up the remaining lots in the subdivision after the survey had started, but that he didn't know who Mr. MacDonald was.

Councillor Curren pointed out that the people who had bought the lots in the subdivision after it was originally established over fifty years ago had cut out their own roads and had never had any help from the County. He said that they had never had any money spent on their behalf by the County before this, although they had been paying taxes for years. He claimed it was the most neglected area in the County.

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Councillor Settle said that this was no special policy and that the County had had the same problems in Tufts Cove where a surveyor had been hired to do the necessary surveying in order to establish the street lines.

Councillor McGrath suggested that it might be a revelation to Councillor Stubbs to drive into this subdivision and see what the Councillors were talking about. He said that it looks a lot different than it does on paper. He then asked if something could be done to speed up the taking over of the roads in the Subdivision. He further asked what the name of J. P. MacDonald had to do with the question in any case.

Councillor Stubbs said that as long as his name appears on voucher she wanted the information.

Mr. Reardon said that the County had never paid for any surveying for Mr. MacDonald. Councillor Curren added that the county had not paid for any surveying for Mrs. Hamshaw either.

The Planning Engineer said that it was done for the people living there.

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

"THAT the report of the County Planning Board be approved in principle and that it be referred to the Finance and Executive Committee." Amendment carried.

Warden Leverman recognized Warden Langley of Richmond County in the audience and invited him to address County Council.

Warden Langley referred to Warden Leverman's visit to his County recently and congratulated Halifax County on its new Building

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He said that because of industrial developments in his area stimulated by a new Pulp Mill, the Municipalities there were setting up a Metropolitan area which would be in operation shortly to direct future planning in the right way. He also said that it was his opinion that the Provincial Government should pass legislation to make it not so easy for any Town or City to grab off the cream of industry from a County area.

Warden Langley also referred to the new Harbour created in the Strait of Canso by the Causeway and said that the adjoining Municipalities there had formed a four-County industrial development Committee to attract industry to the area. He said that he thought that the area was progressing.

Warden Leverman thanked the speaker.

The Municipal Clerk read the report of the County Jailer.

Councillors Snair and Daye moved:-

"THAT the report of the Jailer be adopted."
Motion carried.

Councillor Stubbs said that she did not think the sanitary conditions at the jail were good. She said it had been mentioned at Committee meetings "about the horrible condition this hovel is in". She added that with prison reform coming she hoped the County would soon see the end of this "miserable place".

Councillors Moser and McGrath moved:-

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

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SECOND DAY AFTERNOON

Council met at 2:00 p. m.

Roll Called. Warden F. G. H. Leverman in the Chair.

Warden Leverman explained the information distributed to Councillors from the Union of Nova Scotia Municipalities concerning the Government sharing in the cost of supervisory principal's salaries. He said that the recommendation from the Government to the Union was for the approval of the Union if it agreed. He said that this had come about as a result of a brief presented to the Government by the Education Committee of the Union some weeks ago.

Council considered an Act relating to the Municipality of the County of Halifax.

Referring to the Sections dealing with the appointment of Building Inspectors, Councillor Stubbs said that she did not want to see the Planning Engineer also become the Building Inspector. She said that she wanted the Chief Building Inspector to be the man in charge of the Department and fully responsible and the job not combined with any other work. She said that she understood that this was the feeling of the meeting of the joint committees of Planning and Public Services.

Councillor Flawn said that this had all been gone over in Committee and agreed upon. He said that now the Council was being asked to rehash the whole thing.

In answer to questions Mr. Hattie explained the Building Inspectors now are an authority unto themselves under present legislation. He said that they lay information themselves and do not have to act through the Municipal Clerk.

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Councillors Redmond and McGrath moved:-

"THAT the proposed legislation entitled, 'An Act Relating to the Municipality of The County of Halifax', be approved and that the Solicitor be requested to prepare Legislation for the present Session of the Legislature." Motion carried.

Councillors Curren and McGrath moved:-

"THAT the report of the Board of Appeal be received and filed." Motion carried.

Deputy Warden Burris in the Chair.

The Director of Assessment read his annual report to Council.

Councillors Spears and Curren moved:-

"THAT the report of the Director of Assessment be received."

Councillor Moser repeated the statements he had made several times previously that the stable population was paying the cost of Education for the floating population. He said there should be some burden of tax on tenants to help pay their share. The Director of Assessment pointed out that this could not be done under present Legislation.

Councillor Blackburn suggested that Assessors should not work continuously within one area but that the districts in which they work should be changed from time to time perhaps, every three years.

The Director of Assessment said that the principle was good but that in actual practice changing assessors around would slow down the work because the Department did not have enough assessors.

Councillor Hanrahan said that he did not think it would be a good idea to rotate assessors.

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Councillor Blackburn said that he felt that many people were of the opinion that they were not getting a fair deal from the Assessors because they became too familiar with the areas.

The Municipal Solicitor pointed out a legal problem in that Assessors must have personally confirmed any assessment upon which they might be questioned by the Board of Appeal; and if not, the evidence of the Assessor would not stand up in court, if the case was appealed.

Councillor Stubbs said that she felt that the Board of Appeal was not appointed properly. She claimed that the Board listens to the Assessor and not to the people who are appealing. She said that she would agree that people are being made fools of.

Councillor Blackburn said that he was going to fight for rotation of assessors and wouldn't be satisfied until they were rotated. Councillor Stubbs said that she felt that Assessors counter-argued appeals with appellants. She said there should be a lawyer to act as chairman of the Board and that a qualified builder or architect should be a member. She felt that the County should be studying the Regional Appeal Board suggested by the Department of Municipal Affairs. She said that Council had considered such a Board last year but nothing had been done.

Mr. Hattie said that the Regional Appeal Board was approved by County Council last year. The Municipal Solicitor agreed and added that it had been turned down by the City and the Town.

Councillor Stubbs said that she would move a motion that the County again approach the City and the Town on the matter.

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She said that anyone who has appeared before the Board has a feeling of insecurity because there was no lawyer on the Board. She said it should be a completely independent board.

Councillor Moser said that after Mr. Cook had died, the new Assessor who had come into his District said that apparently "a long yard stick" had been used in making assessments in his district.

Councillor Blackburn asked why a man dealing in Real Estate in the County had been appointed to the Assessment Appeal Board.

Deputy Warden Burris put the question for adoption of the motion. Motion carried.

Councillor Stubbs and Henley moved:-

"THAT the Town of Dartmouth and the City of Halifax be approached to see whether they would join with the Municipality of the County of Halifax in having a Regional Assessment Appeal Board."

Councillor Snair asked if members of an Appeal Board from the City would be as able to know about the value of County properties as a person from the County.

Councillor Blackburn said that if he had any more complaints from his District about any assessor dealing in Real Estate it would be over the front pages of the newspapers. He said that the complainants were willing to swear to this information.

The Director of Assessment said that the assessor in question had been questioned about the matter and he admitted he had bought two lots many years ago, one of which he still has and the other one of which he had sold several years ago.

Deputy Warden Burris put the question for adoption of the motion. Motion carried.

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Councillor McGrath gave notice of re-consideration with respect to the motion. Councillors Blackburn and Curren moved:-

"THAT no assessor be assessing in the same district for more than five years, no portion of which period shall be calculated prior to the 25th day of February, 1960."

Councillor Baker said that to change assessors would mean needing a larger staff to cope with the work. Councillor Henley said that the fact that only sixty-one appeals out of the large number of assessments in the County would indicate the high calibre of assessment in the County.

Councillor Blackburn said that there was nothing equal about assessment in the County because Councillors were afraid to have equal assessment. If the rotating of assessors involves any extra work, he said the whole Assessment Department should be housecleaned and that the Director of Assessment should be replaced.

Deputy Warden Burris put the question for adoption of the motion. Motion lost.

Councillors Moser and Snair moved:-

"THAT Council adjourn until 10:00 a. m. tomorrow at the Ocean View Municipal Home".
Motion carried.

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THIRD DAY MORNING

Council met at 10 a. m. at the Ocean View Municipal Home.

Roll called.

Council then adjourned to inspect the Home facilities.

THIRD DAY AFTERNOON

Council met a 2:00 p. m. at the Halifax County Hospital.

Roll called.

Council then adjourned to carry out it's annual visit to
and inspection of the hospital and farm facilities.

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FOURTH DAY MORNING

Council met at 10:00 a. m.

Roll called. Deputy Warden George Burris in the Chair.

Councillors Snair and Daye moved:-

"THAT the reading of the minutes of the Second Day be dispensed with."
Motion carried.

Councillors Flawn and Archibald moved:-

"THAT the minutes of the First Day Session be adopted." Motion carried.

The Municipal Clerk read a letter from K. W. Robb, Provincial Land Surveyor, taking issue with a statement given to the press by Planning Engineer, Charles Reardon, and making charges concerning Mr. Reardon.

Councillor Stubbs said that she thought this verified what she had said in her brief presented to Council on the first day. She thought it was a very poor policy to have a Planning Engineer such as this on the County Staff. She claimed that what Mr. Reardon had done was "very poor ethics". She said that from the evidence in her possession and from phone calls this situation is one of the most difficult in the County today. She claimed that there was discrimination in the actions of Mr. Reardon and the County Planning Board.

Councillor Hanrahan questioned whether the Planning Engineer had ever instructed a letter to be sent concerning the possibility of the services of Kenneth Reardon being employed as a Surveyor by Subdividers.

He doubted that there was any collusion in the matter.

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Councillor Flawn said that if the County had to decide every opinion it was going to be kept pretty busy. He said that members of the staff had a right to their own private opinions and that Mr. Reardon was no exception.

Councillor Stubbs said that employees as well as Councillors have no rights as private citizens when they are employed by the County or elected to County Council. She said that they have an integrity to maintain. Councillor Flawn strongly objected, pointing out that neither staff members or Councillors lose their rights as private citizens.

Councillors Hanrahan and White moved:-

"THAT the letter from K. W. Robb be referred to the County Planning Board."

Councillor Redmond observed that the letter from Mr. Robb inferred that the County Planning Engineer had been discriminatory and guilty of poor public relations. He said it was Council's duty to see that the County Staff is efficient and maintaining good public relations. The County Planning Board should report back, he said, whether these charges made by Mr. Robb are true or not.

Councillor Spears said that he was not going to act as a juror in a private feud between the Planning Engineer and private Surveyors. He said the matter had nothing to do with the Planning Board.

Councillor Settle said he resented any insinuation of discrimination. He said he did not think anyone could substantiate those charges. He added that he did not think Council wanted the Planning Board to be a "rubber stamp" and that if there had been delays it had been for good reasons.

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So far as deciding the matter at hand, he said he did not think the Planning Board could put anyone under oath and act as a Court of Inquiry.

Councillor Stubbs said that she hoped when the matter was discussed by the Planning Board the public would come forth with evidence to indicate just what has been going on.

Deputy Warden Burris put the question for adoption of the motion. Motion lost.

Council gave reconsideration to a motion concerning the approaching of the City of Halifax and the Town of Dartmouth with respect to setting up a Regional Appeal Board. After Council gave unanimous consent to add the notice of reconsideration to the agenda inasmuch as the County had not discussed regular business at the next session following notice of reconsideration.

Councillor McGrath said that in giving notice of reconsideration his question was a matter of cost sharing and the salaries to be offered.

The Municipal Solicitor explained the Act pertaining to the setting up of a Regional Appeal Board.

In reply to a question Mr. Hattie said that the County had indicated its interest but that from newspaper reports he understood that the City and the Town preferred to maintain their present set-up. He thought that the cost would have to be worked out by the Arbitration Committee as to what portion each of the bodies would bear.

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Councillor Blackburn asked if Hants County and Colchester County could not be partners in such an appeal board. Mr. Hattie said that he believed that this was covered by the Act. Councillor Snair said that he believed it would be more feasible to team up with other municipalities rather than the City or the Town.

Mr. Cox said that he did not think the motion committed the County but only required the County to approach the City and Town as to whether they might join in such an Appeal Board.

Deputy Warden Burris put the question on the motion originally passed at the first day sitting as it was moved by Councillors Stubbs and Henley.

"THAT the Town of Dartmouth and the City of Halifax be approached to see whether they would join with the Municipality of the County of Halifax in having a Regional Assessment Appeal Board." Motion lost.

The Municipal Clerk read the report of the Finance and Executive Committee.

Councillors Archibald and Snair moved:-

"THAT the interim report of the Finance and Executive Committee be adopted."

Councillor Moser maintained that raising the dog licence fees would only be persecuting certain dog owners. He did not think that this would cure the situation of dogs running at large. He said it would be an incentive for the Constables to go around and sell licences but they would not shoot or destroy dogs running at large.

Councillor Stubbs said that she was disappointed that there was no recommendation for more stringent dog regulation. She felt that people would allow dogs to run at large whether the licence fee was large or small. Councillor Daye thought that the raising of licence fee was a step forward.

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Councillor Baker said that he thought the County would have to take strong action. He said that the situation was a disgrace around the school yards where dogs were running in packs. He said that it was time the County put teeth into its dog regulations. He said that raising the fee would be some help but was not the entire answer. He thought that some arrangement could be worked out with the Society for the Prevention of Cruelty if there were some grant to the society.

Councillor Curren said he thought the increase in fees was not the answer. He felt that when a constable picks up a dog the owner should have to pay a fee for the return of the dog and he thought some regulation should be drawn up to permit this. He thought that the present act is out of date.

Councillor McGrath said that the dogs causing the trouble are not the pets but the mongrels which are running at large. Increasing licence fees would not help this situation.

Councillor Settle said that he thought the answer would be found in a stray animal patrol but that it had been turned down by previous Councils. He said that while some Districts individually now have constables for dog patrols, constables do not have the equipment. He thought that a joint effort on the part of the districts concerned might be the answer.

Councillor Redmond thought that the proposed increase in fees was penalizing owners who have been observing the law. He claimed that if licence fees were raised it would cost the County more to control the situation in the long run. The increase could well aggravate a situation which, he said, is even now serious.

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Councillor Blackburn said that he thought the increase in fees was a step in the right direction. He thought Constables would be more active if there were more incentive to sell licences and people who keep more than one dog would think twice before keeping them with an increased licence fee.

Councillor Snair said that the increase in licence fees would help to defray the cost of a dog catcher and equipment and that the county may be able to afford this with an increase in fees.

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

"THAT this recommendation be referred back to the Finance and Executive Committee with the request that the Committee bring in specific recommendations and possible cost of employing a Dog Catcher."

Councillor Hanrahan observed that the trouble is not with dogs which are licenced but with those which are not licenced.

Councillor Stubbs said that she would go along with an increase in fees if a Dog Catcher were hired. She said that presently Districts pay for dog catching out of district funds that do not get any of the licence fee.

Councillor Spears said that he had been told by the S.P.C., that if it received an annual grant from the County similar to that received from the City it would be quite prepared to house dogs picked up by the dog catchers. However, it would not take any part in the actual dog catching.

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However, if these licenced dogs were picked up, the owner should have a chance to reclaim them by paying the cost of holding the dog.

Councillors Henley and Williams moved an amendment to the amendment to the motion:-

"THAT the Solicitor be asked to draw up necessary legislation that would provide for dog pounds if necessary and establish a fine in the case of a person whose dog is picked up by a local constable, while running at large."

Deputy Warden Burris put the question for adoption of the amendment to the amendment to the motion. Amendment to the amendment carried.

Deputy Warden Burris put the question for adoption of the amendment to the motion. Amendment lost.

Councillors Spears and Redmond moved:-

"THAT Council adjourn until after lunch at the Hotel." Motion carried.

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FOURTH DAY AFTERNOON

Council met at 3:00 p. m.

Roll called. Deputy Warden George Burris in the Chair.

Councillors Archibald and Hanrahan moved:-

"THAT County Council express its appreciation to the Halifax Kiwanis Club for having Councillors as its guests to-day for luncheon." Motion carried.

Council continued discussion of the preliminary report of the Finance and Executive Committee.

Councillor McGrath said he had been speaking with members of the firm of H. R. Doane and Company and he had been told they would be willing to act as Municipal Auditors if they were appointed.

Councillors McGrath and Sellars moved an amendment to the motion:-

"THAT the report of the Finance and Executive Committee be amended by deleting the recommendation of the Finance and Executive Committee naming Gordon Johnson to be one of the Auditors and substituting therefore the name of H. R. Doane and Company along with W. A. Stech, C. A."

Councillor Redmond said he believed it had been the policy of Council to appoint individuals from two different firms, but wanted to know if the by-laws required the individuals be named.

The Municipal Solicitor said that from the context of the Act he believed that Council was required to name the individuals.

Councillor Stubbs asked then why the by-law governing the appointment of Auditors said that the Council could appoint Auditors or a firm of Auditors. The Municipal Solicitor said that where there is a conflict between the by-laws and the Act, the Act governs. After further checking, Mr. Cox said he believed that it was possible to name a firm of Auditors rather than the individual.

Councillor Blackburn said that H. R. Doane and Company were Auditors for the Town of Dartmouth and the City of Halifax.

Fourth Day Afternoon Cont.

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Deputy Warden Burris put the question for adoption of the amendment to the motion. Amendment carried.

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Councillors Flawn and Blackburn moved:-

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Councillor Stubbs said that she would not vote for the motion unless Mr. Smith explains a lot of things. She said that in his report of last year he had passed over a lot of things. She wanted to know why Council was not told about the mess that the County Hospital Accounts are in. She felt that it was up to the Auditor to bring this before Council.

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Mr. Hattie said that there was no question but that County Hospital Accounts are in order and that the Auditors statements tomorrow would show that. For any Councillor to say otherwise was a mis-statement of fact, he said.

Councillor Stubbs said that unless the statements are fabricated then they could not be correct. She said that there was a lot of things that needed to be explained.

Mr. Hattie said that Councillor Stubbs has caused a lot of trouble in the Accounts Department. He said that the Department had been quite busy trying to get accounts ready for Council and annual Audit. He said that all accounts have been balanced now and reconciled with the Bank Statements. What Councillor Stubbs was looking at had been old and new debit sheets which had not been entered in the journal. He said he could assure Councillor Stubbs that there was no feverish activity on anyones part to get these accounts worked up because of anything Councillor Stubbs had done or said.

Mr. Hattie continued that there was a lot of work to the Accounting. He said it has been a big job to bring the Hospital Accounts up-to-date since taking over the Hospital Accounting and at the same time keep up all the other accounts of the County, and pointed out that the Hospital Accounts had only fallen behind because of the illness of the Hospital Superintendent at that time.

Councillor Moser asked if there was an insinuation that Mr. Smith had resigned because something was wrong. If there was he thought that a charge of being a public nuisance should be brought against the persons who brought in this false information.

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Councillor White observed that he thought that Mr. Smith had recourse to a civil action.

Councillor Snair suggested that Mr. Smith be asked to appear before Council and let those who have accusations to make, make them to his face.

Councillor Baker said that he did not think there were any reflections on Mr. Smith's honesty. He did think however, that the County Hospital Accounts had been mixed up to some extent. He said he had "bugged" Mr. Hattie and his assistants on this matter.

Mr. Hattie said that Councillor Baker had wanted information on a certain Account and Mr. Hattie explained that he had wanted to be very careful about this and he told Councillor Baker this. He said Councillor Baker wanted action and as a result he had made a clerical error in missing a couple of debits against the Account and as a result the account was over-paid.

Councillor Baker said he had been told money had been kept in envelopes at the County Hospital.

Mr. Hattie said that these were trustee accounts that had nothing to do with the Municipality. These were private trustee accounts; however, when the County had taken over County Hospital Accounting these trustee Accounts had been taken over also and these statements were now up-to-date.

Councillor Baker said that he believed that he had been quoted as saying that Warden Leverman had said there was nothing left in a certain account about which he had inquired. He said that that was not so and that he had spoken to the Warden coming out of a meeting and the Warden could not have had the information to have made the statement which was attributed to him. He said that he was satisfied that things were in order.

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Mr. Hattie said that Mr. Smith was resigning because he is now 75 and after the death of his brother and on doctor's advice he had submitted his resignation.

Councillor Blackburn said that less than a week ago he would have resigned as a Councillor instead of as a Director of Halifax Wholesalers Limited, but the ratepayers in his district, he said, wanted him to stay and fight. He said that since coming into Council reflections had been cast about every Councillor, members of the staff and of the Solicitors and their staff. He said that this has got to be straightened out; either there are some twenty-five Councillors wrong, or one or two wrong, he said. He added that some terrible reflections had been made about the staff. He believed that this has got to be cut out and County Council get down to work.

He said that he felt as a member of the Welfare Committee that the Committee had done the best job it was capable of last year; it had taken terrific abuse. He said that the County now has a good man in charge of the Hospital but the County would lose him if this kept up. He said that he didn't have to take this abuse. Councillor Blackburn continued that if he had been a member of the Municipal staff he would have gotten out before now, rather than take this abuse. He said if as much effort was put into building this County up as tearing it down it would be the best Municipality in the Eastern Canada.

Mr. Hattie said that both Mr. Smith and Mr. Stech are professional people. He said they are independent auditors working for different firms and that they were not going to jeopardise their professional standing by doing anything that was not ethical.

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Councillor Moser said that this man has been discriminated against and his firm discriminated against, and that he should be given a chance to defend himself. He thought that they should take court action if the Councillors who are making the charges can't prove the charges. Councillor Daye thought that Mr. Smith would welcome the chance to defend himself. He said that with all the allegations that have been made in Council he felt that he's been looked at as a "crook" now.

Councillor Snair said that the same Councillors who are kicking up all the fuss now about the Hospital Accounts are the same ones who made a move at the last meeting of the Welfare Committee to have the Accounts transferred back to the Hospital.

Deputy Warden Burris put the question for adoption of the motion. Motion carried.

Referring to that part of the Finance and Executive report concerning Councillors salaries Councillor Flawn said that he was one of those who had voted against a recommendation to increase the salaries. He pointed out that a decision on whether they were to be increased or not should be reached now and not when a by-law was brought in as any increase would affect the 1960 estimates.

Deputy Warden Burris put the question for adoption of the motion as amended. Motion carried.

The Municipal Clerk read the report of the Municipal School Board.

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Councillors Settle and Curren moved:-

"THAT the special report of the Municipal School Board dealing with the supervisory plan and presented to Council this date be adopted."

Councillor McGrath asked in view of the report if area rates could be reconsidered where such rates had been asked in order to pay bonuses. The Municipal Clerk said that they could not be reconsidered after the area rates are passed by Council, and that the only way would be for Council to adjourn and give the sections a change to reconsider the rates asked.

Mr. Marriott, Chief Administrative Officer of the Municipal School Board, said that fourteen areas have area rates but that only two or three of the area rates are for bonusing teachers' salaries.

Councillor Settle said he believed that the Port Wallis-Westphal area had voted supervisory bonuses only on condition that the Municipal School Board didn't do anything in this regard.

Councillor Redmond explained in replying to a suggestion that the matter be referred to the Finance and Executive Committee that previously not enough Committee consideration had been given to many matters, but now it was going the other way and too much was being referred to Committees and Councillors were abdicating their position. He said that this recommendation should be dealt with by Council and not by Committee.

Deputy Warden Burris put the question for adoption of the motion. Motion carried.

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Councillors Stubbs and Baker moved:-

"THAT Council adopt the policy that the cost of disposal of dogs be borne by the Municipality rather than by District funds."

Councillor Flawn asked if rates were to be set for this or if it was to be left to the discretion of the individual Constables. Councillor Stubbs suggested that the amount of \$2.50 per dog, as charged in her District, could be included.

Deputy Warden Burris put the question for adoption of the motion. Motion lost.

Councillor Spears asked if there was authority to have dogs destroyed by charging the destruction to District rates. The Municipal Solicitor said he believed this authority existed.

Councillors Moser and Blackburn moved:-

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

The Assistant Municipal Clerk read the report of the Municipal Collector.

Councillors McGrath and Snair moved:-

"THAT the report of the Municipal Collector be received and filed."

Councillor Stubbs said that she had asked for a list of properties sold for taxes and for what amounts they had been sold. She asked that she be given this information before the end of the meeting.

In reply to a question from Councillor Blackburn, Mr. Hattie said that there would be about \$10,000.00 available from the lien law accounts for park purposes this year.

Deputy Warden Burris put the question for adoption of the motion. Motion carried. Councillors Snair and Hanrahan moved:-

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

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FIFTH DAY MORNING

Council met at 10:00 a. m.

Roll called. Deputy Warden George Burris in the Chair.

Councillors Turner and Archibald moved:-

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

Councillors Redmond and Spears moved:-

"THAT the Minutes of the second day Session be adopted". Motion carried.

Doctor Duncan MacMillan, Medical Health Officer for Halifax East, read his report.

Councillors Henley and Daye moved:-

"THAT the Report of the Medical Health Officer for Halifax East be received". Motion carried.

Doctor Kevin Smith, Medical Health Officer for Halifax West read his report.

Councillors Flawn and Spears moved:-

"THAT the Report of the Medical Health Officer for Halifax West be received". Motion carried.

Doctor Kevin Smith read the report of the Jail Physician.

Councillors Curren and Snair moved:-

"THAT the Report of the Jail Physician be received". Motion carried.

Councillor Blackburn drew attention to a report which he had received to the effect that the Municipal sign on the Truro Highway had been blown down and broken.

Councillors Spears said that the matter of these signs had come up at the last meeting of the Planning Board and that all signs will be looked after.

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Council agreed that the Municipal Clerk have the sign on the Truro Highway locked after immediately.

The Municipal Clerk read a letter from Ratepayers of School Section No. 127A at Lower Sackville concerning the naming of the School District as Stephen School District, and requesting that the name of the High School at Bedford be the Sidney Stephen High School.

Councillor Stubbs said that she thought it was flagrant disrespect for the express desire of Ratepayers if Council didn't give the name requested to the School.

Councillors Stubbs and Williams moved:-

"THAT the Council change the name of the new Bedford High School to accede to the wishes of the Ratepayers of the area and name this School the Sidney Stephen High School."

Councillor Curren said that he felt it would be poor policy for Council to object to the wishes of the people of the School Sections concerned. Councillor Blackburn said although those at the meeting of the Sections were unanimous in choosing the name he had talked with many others who didn't know who Sidney Stephen is.

Councillor Flawn said it was the intention in erecting the plaque at the formal opening of the new School to recognize Mr. Stephen.

Deputy Warden Burris put the question for adoption of the motion. Motion carried.

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The Municipal Clerk read a letter from 14D Ratepayers Association concerning the election of the Warden by general vote. Council agreed the letter be filed.

The Municipal Clerk read a letter from the Vice-Chairman of the Board of the Halifax Infirmary suggesting that Council might make a grant to aid in construction of the new wing of the Hospital. Council agreed that the matter be referred to the Finance Committee.

Council gave consideration to a proposed Mobile Home By-law.

Councillors Stubbs and White moved:-

"THAT Section 7 of Part 2 of the Mobile Home By-law be changed so that an individual has the right of appeal to the Municipal Building Board when the individuals permit has been cancelled by a Building Inspector".
Motion carried.

Councillors McGrath and Spears moved:-

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

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FIFTH DAY AFTERNOON

Council met at 2:00 p. m.

Roll called. Deputy Warden George Burris in the Chair.

Council continued its discussion of the Mobile Home By-law.

Councillors Curren and Moser moved:-

"THAT the renewal license fee for Mobile Home Parks be amended as Follows:

For one Mobile Home	-	\$ 5.00
For two to ten Mobile Homes	-	30.00
From eleven to twenty Mobile Homes	-	40.00
From twenty-one to thirty Mobile Homes	-	50.00
From thirty-one to forty Mobile Homes	-	60.00
From forty-one to fifty Mobile Homes	-	75.00
Over fifty Mobile Homes	-	100.00"

There was some discussion of the proposed license fees for renewals and the distinction between a Mobile Home and when a Mobile Home becomes a permanent structure.

Deputy Warden Burris put the question for adoption of the motion. Motion carried.

Councillors Snair and Henley moved:-

"THAT Part 8 Section 32 sub-sections 3 and 4 be amended to read that electric outlets will be in accordance with Canadian Electrical Code". Motion carried.

Councillors Snair and Curren moved:-

"THAT Part 15 be deleted from the Mobile Home By-law". Motion carried.

Councillor Redmond said that taxpayers are confused by the constant revision of the By-laws. He hoped that County was arriving at a time when it won't need more than minor revisions to its By-laws. He pointed out that By-Laws had been completely revised in 1950 and it seems they had been revised at every meeting of Council since.

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Councillors Spears and Henley moved:-

"THAT approval of the Mobile Home By-law be deferred until the amended copies are circulated to all members of Council and dealt with at a later Session of Council".
Motion carried.

The Municipal Clerk read the report of the Welfare Committee.

Councillors Snair and Archibald moved:-

"THAT the Report of the Welfare Committee be adopted".

Councillor Baker asked for information concerning two patients from his district who had been transferred from the Ocean View Municipal Home to the Halifax County Hospital. Mr. Lynch, Superintendent of the Ocean View Home explained the circumstances.

Councillor Stubbs, referring to the removal of the patients, said she had been apprehensive about transferring patients back to the County Hospital as mentally incompetent. She felt that the policy should be decided by Council as otherwise it was putting a tremendous onus on the Welfare Committee and she didn't want to be part of this Committee unless the policy was determined by Council. She said she had pointed out the possible repercussions from such a move as had occurred, although she was not disagreeing with what had been done.

Councillor Blackburn pointed out that in establishing an Municipal Home the County was going through a change-over period. He said he felt that the Ocean View Municipal Home was one of the best in Nova Scotia. He said he didn't think any Councillor was capable of saying whether a person should be a patient at the County Hospital or the Municipal Home. He said that is why the County has well qualified people to advise it on these matters.

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Mr. Hattie said that the Department of Health had co-operated very well in conducting regular psychiatric surveys in order to determine the status of patients. He said that although there had been some doubt about some of the patients to be transferred to the new Municipal Home it was agreed to transfer all Welfare Patients and that their status determined after they had been given a chance to adjust if possible to their new surroundings.

Councillor Redmond agreed with Councillor Stubbs that relatives of patients who were to be examined for certification should be notified and given a chance to have a family Doctor examine them if they so wished.

Councillor Snair pointed out that the situation concerning the change of patients from one Institution to the other worked both ways. He said he had been told that the Hospital doctors now feel that some of the certified patients can be decertified and moved to the Municipal Home.

Councillor Stubbs said that she only wanted to be sure that relatives were notified where patients were to be examined for possible certification.

Councillor Snair said that Councillor Stubbs had been given the information at a Welfare Committee meeting, that relatives would be notified.

Deputy Warden Burris put the question for adoption of the motion. Motion carried.

The Public Relations Officer was asked to explain about a special progress edition of the Halifax newspapers and the information concerning the possibility of the County placing an advertisement in this special edition..

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Councillors Hanrahan and MacKenzie moved:-

"**THAT** the Council concur in inserting an advertisement in the "Progress in Nova Scotia Edition" of the Herald and Mail at a cost of approximately \$450.00".

Councillor Blackburn said that the County should insert a full page ad. He said that those who have gotten publicity recently in the newspaper had cost the taxpayers of the County two to three hundred thousand dollars and that their actions in tearing down the County had done irreparable harm to future bond issues of the County. Councillor Williams said that the County should have publicity to get Industry to locate in the County.

Councillors Blackburn and Daye moved:-

"**THAT** Council concur in taking a full page advertisement in the "Progress in Nova Scotia Edition" of the Halifax Herald and Mail".

Deputy Warden Burris put the question for adoption of the amendment to the motion. Amendment lost

Deputy Warden Burris put the question for adoption of the motion. Motion carried.

Councillor Spears asked permission to rise on a point of privilege. He said that during the past few days the County had been smeared by certain individuals and that it had been smeared universally. He said that some individuals had taken the County to task and while the persons who were criticized were not named there was a reference that some Councillors were using their District Funds as a "kitty". He said that in the eyes of the Districts and the County it might appear as though Councillors possibly were guilty. He said he would like to tell this Council and the Ratepayers of his District and of the County that the

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Accounts of his District were open at any time to be checked. He said that he felt sure that the staff would help any person wanting to check them and he was quite certain if they were checked no discrepancy would be found.

Councillor White said that he agreed with every word that Councillor Spears had said.

Councillor Stubbs said that she had listened to enough snide remarks. The only way the air could be cleared would be to have a Royal Commission and that if nothing was found wrong it would make a fool of Councillor Stubbs and that she would resign the next day.

Councillor Curren said that he agreed with Councillor Spears and the Accounts of his District could be checked and he would welcome his Ratepayers to do so. Councillor Daye said that if anything could be found wrong with the Accounts of his District he would resign.

Councillor Blackburn said his accounts will be given to the Ratepayers and they are wide open. He said that it would be necessary to have more than the Royal Commission for he would not back anything that had gone on before he came to Council, but he would stand behind everything that had gone on since he had been elected a member.

Councillor Baker said that if any Councillors were inferring that there was any discrepancy in his books they were wide open for examination. He said that he had not been briefed on this but that he would second the motion for adoption for the request for a Royal Commission.

Fifth Day Afternoon Continued.

Councillor Stubbs and Baker moved:-

"THAT the County ask for a Royal Commission to investigate all aspects of Municipal Administration".

Councillor Redmond said that at previous meetings there had been some arguments and the Councillors had defended their accounts. He said that apparently saying that the funds were open for inspection had not cleared the air and he thought that any suggestion for clearing the air would be welcomed but he could think of no other way except the Royal Commission.

The Municipal Solicitor said that he thought the matter had already been discussed and that it was now too late to give notice of reconsideration for the motion which had been passed the other day. He said that it can only be discussed now by rescinding the vote on the previous motion but that the same motion could not be brought up time after time.

Councillors Isenor and Henley moved:-

"THAT the Council stop all criticism and get on with the business of Council".
Motion carried.

Councillor Daye asked if Council was going to sit day after day listening to the same story of one or two Councillors. He said that Council was acting like a bunch of School Boys. Councillor Redmond said that he thought the County was setting a dangerous precedent in passing a motion to stop criticism. He said that such a motion would eliminate a lot of discussion that should take place.

The Municipal Solicitor said he didn't think the motion would have any affect on the right of Councillors to express opinions.

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Councillor Evans said that he didn't go along with the motion. He was prepared to accept criticism and would go along with any suggestion to clear the air. Councillor Blackburn said he would welcome a public inquiry if it was not going to cost the Ratepayers in his District any money.

Councillor Isener said he would withdraw his motion, as Councillor Henley who seconded the motion was absent from Council, Council agreed to table the motion until the Councillor returned.

Councillors Stubbs and Baker moved:-

"THAT the vote made earlier this week asking for a Royal Commission to investigate all aspects of Administration and the County be rescinded".

Deputy Warden Burris put the question for adoption of the motion. Motion lost.

Councillors Moser and Spears moved:-

"THAT Council adjourn until 10:00 o'clock tomorrow morning".

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SIXTH DAY MORNING

March 2nd, 1960

Council met at 10:00 a.m.

Roll called.

Deputy Warden George Burris in the chair.

Councillors Archibald and Isenor moved:

"THAT Council defer the reading of the Minutes of the Fifth day." Motion carried.

Councillors Flawn and Archibald moved:

"THAT the Minutes of the Third and Fourth Days be adopted, as amended." Motion carried.

Councillor Moser brought up the matter of protection to buyers of mobile homes against dealers who give the buyers the idea that they can park their trailers anywhere in the County.

Councillor Stubbs asked if the County could require trailer sales companies to post a list of available trailer parking areas and to make these lists available to buyers.

Councillors Stubbs and Baker moved:

"THAT the Solicitors bring in an amendment to the proposed By-law re Mobile Homes so that trailer sales organizations would be required to have a map showing the location of Trailer Courts and other locations where trailers could be located, and a copy of the Mobile Home By-Law."

Councillor Hanrahan said he did not think that the County should force sales organizations to post By-laws. He said that if a man can buy an expensive trailer the onus is on him to find out the laws.

Deputy Warden Burris put the question for adoption of the motion. Motion carried.

Councillors Flawn and Archibald moved:

"THAT this Council approve a temporary borrowing in the amount of \$645,000.00 for the purpose of school construction." Motion carried.

Councillors Balcome and Moser moved:

"THAT this Council approve a temporary borrowing resolution in the amount of \$500,000.00 for construction on the Municipal Building." Motion carried.

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Councillors Settle and Daye moved:

"THAT this Council approve a temporary borrowing resolution in the amount of \$300,000.00 for the construction of Stage III of the Dartmouth-County Trunk Sewer." Motion carried.

Councillors Balcome and White moved:-

"THAT this Council approve a temporary borrowing resolution in the amount of \$590,000.00 for construction of Fairview Sewers." Motion carried.

Councillors Curran and Hanrahan moved:-

"THAT this Council approve a temporary borrowing resolution in the amount of \$90,000.00 for construction of the Municipal Incinerator." Motion carried.

Mr. D. J. Rooney read the report of the Director of Welfare.

Councillors Daye and Baker moved:

"THAT the report of the Director of Welfare be adopted."

Mr. Rooney said that his Department is getting a very good understanding of all welfare cases and is able to quickly assess any request for assistance including such requests as those for drugs or glasses.

Speaking about the suggestion that other welfare items such as drugs, glasses, etc., be included under the jurisdiction of the Welfare Department as a charge against the Municipality as a whole, Councillor Settle said that he felt that the County should do this properly and not leave loose ends lying around. When the welfare was transferred to the Municipal Welfare Department it should be done completely if the County was going to have an efficient department set-up.

Deputy Warden Burris put the question for adoption of the motion. Motion carried.

Councillors Redmond and Williams moved:-

"THAT the proposal contained in Mr. Rooney's report be adopted and the charges for drugs, funerals and other welfare expenses be borne by the Municipality as a whole out of general Municipal funds." Motion carried.

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Councillor Archibald and Curran moved:-

"THAT the Director of Welfare ask the Halifax Visiting Dispensary to advise his Department in future of all cases applying to the Dispensary for aid." Motion carried.

Council considered a By-law to amend the District 14 Sewer Tax By-law.

Councillor Stubbs said that home builders are still adversely effected by liens on property and that the liens were a hindrance to building in the area. She said that any property being sold in the area had to have this lien figured into the cost of it. She said that Central Mortgage and Housing Corporation would not make loans for home building because of this lien.

Councillor Settle said he would go along with the idea of lifting the lien, but he was satisfied that the proposed By-law amendment was a help. He said that in such a large area there were bound to be pockets where it would take some time to get sewers to these areas and so builders in those areas would naturally be effected.

Councillor McGrath asked if there was any other area where similar situations prevailed.

Mr. Hattie said that the Fairview Trunk Sewer was not yet completed but when it was Council would be asked to pass a similar By-law.

The Municipal Solicitor said that it might be possible to delay filing of certificates and thus avoid the lien until such time as sewer service is available. However, he said, this would take some time to study and determine the repercussions.

Councillors Flawn and Curran moved:-

"THAT a By-law to amend the District 14 Sewer Tax By-law be approved."

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Councillor Snair pointed out that if the lien was lifted or deferred, then the County would have no security for the borrowing for construction of the sewer.

Councillor Settle said that it was not the intention that the lien should not be applied at all but deferred until the sewer service was available to serve properties.

Deputy Warden Burris put the question for adoption of the motion. Motion carried.

Councillor Stubbs and Settle moved:-

"THAT the Solicitors be asked to bring in a new By-law that would lift the lien for the Trunk Sewer on the Dartmouth side of the Harbour for a period of two years or until sewer laterals are within forty feet of the lot concerned." Motion lost.

Councillor Stubbs said that it was a lack of consideration on the part of Councillors for this area that was causing people to seek amalgamation. She claimed that the County was cutting it's own political throat.

Councillors Hanrahan and Moser moved:-

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

SIXTH DAY AFTERNOON

Council met a 2:00 p.m.

Roll called.

Deputy Warden George Burris in the chair.

Councillor Redmond and White moved:-

"THAT the reading of the Subdivision Regulations be deferred until tomorrow." Motion lost.

Council considered the proposed Subdivision Regulations.

Councillors Spears and Henley moved:-

"THAT the Subdivision Regulations of the Municipality of the County of Halifax be approved." Motion carried.

Council agreed to a recess of fifteen minutes to permit the Regional Library Board and the Finance Committee and Executive Committee to meet.

Council resumed session at 3:45 p.m.

The Municipal Clerk read the report of the Finance and Executive Committee.

Councillors Archibald and White moved:-

"THAT the Report of the Finance and Executive Committee be adopted."

Councillor Stubbs asked that copies of District Financial Statements be given to County Councillors and all Councillors should be required to submit budgets for their annual area rates.

Councillor Redmond said that if Council were going to use a paring knife it must use it on all departments. He said that Education costs are decreasing percentage-wise so that other costs might be increasing. He said that there must be a complete study of the situation. He said that educations were decreasing although at the same time the transitional grant has decreased and the provincial sharing has also decreased.

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Deputy Warden Burris put the question for adoption of the motion. Motion carried.

Councillors Cruikshank and Hanrahan moved:-

"THAT the Council try to make arrangements to have the chart showing Municipal expenditures in graphic form published in the Halifax Herald and Mail." Motion carried.

Councillor Stubbs said that what she wanted from Council was an itemized statement of all District accounts. Councillor Daye said he did not think any Councillor wanted to squander the taxpayers' money.

Councillor Stubbs said that these were public funds and that Councillors have a right to know what is spent. She said the only way in which the accounts are open to the public is by having them presented to Council.

Councillor Daye said that any Councillor who was going to budget and have a debt of \$10,000.00 had something wrong with their head.

Councillor Snair asked if the Councillors were going to have to pass their accounts in to Councillor Stubbs before they were approved.

Councillor Stubbs said that Councillors were asked to approve District Rates without knowing what they were voting on. She said that was the illegality of the situation.

Councillor Hanrahan said he did not see why Council should put the Staff to all this extra work. He said District funds could only be spent on certain items according to the Municipal Act. He said he thought Councillor Stubbs only wanted these accounts to show them to her ratepayers.

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Councillor Moser challenged Councillor Stubbs to say his accounts were being spent wildly or wrongly. He said if she did

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he would take her to Court. He claimed he was being discriminated against and asked her to name any Councillor who spent District Funds wrongly.

Councillor Stubbs said that these are public funds and that she had a right to know what they were spent on. She also said she was asking for a budget so that she would know what she was voting District funds for. She said that Council was a party to any wrong spending if it did not know what it was being budgeted for. She did not know how the auditors could determine if funds were spent properly if no budget was presented.

Councillor Redmond said if he thought there was anyone insinuating he was using his District funds wrongly he would be the first to get up and oppose it. He said that he had not presented any budget in the past but had just asked that a certain rate be set according to what he thought the District needs were.

Councillor Curran explained how he and Councillor McGrath had worked out the budget for his District for the past four years, and said that the budget had worked out very closely with the expenditures.

Councillor Snair said that last Spring he had approached all Councillors for their budgets for area rates and the only Councillor who did not have one at that time was the Councillor in question.

Councillor Stubbs said that she understood from Mr. Levy that Halifax County was the only municipality which levies District rates without going to the public for approval. She said that she went to her ratepayers' meeting the other night with her budget. She thought that this was the first time it had been done.

Councillor Flawn said that rates in District 28 are set by the Ratepayers' Association which approved District Expenditures and passed them to the Councillor to ask for District Rates required.

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He said that he always felt that he should vote for any other Councillor's rate as he believed he knew what he wanted for his District. He said perhaps he was letting the people in one District down by letting them overspend \$10,000.00. He said perhaps he should have scanned these accounts more carefully to see that the funds were not over-expended.

Councillor Stubbs and Redmond moved:-

"THAT an itemized statement of District funds be included with the Financial Statement of the Municipality and an itemized budget be prepared for District levies this year."

The Municipal Solicitor said he had been asked to prepare a Brief on area rates - on how they were levied and how they should be spent. He then read his Brief to Council.

In answer to a question, Mr. Cox said it was not necessary to have a petition of ratepayers in order to levy a District rate, but that was one means of doing so. He said that Council can levy a rate on a District or refuse to levy a rate if it so desires.

Councillor Moser said he would go along with an investigation by the Government of the Municipality but not by Royal Commission which would cost the taxpayers money. He said he was completely fed up with the way Council had been going on and that he was prepared to resign.

Deputy Warden Burris put the question for adoption of the motion. Motion carried.

Councillors Moser and Hanrahan moved:-

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

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SEVENTH DAY MORNING

Council met at 10:00 a. m.

Roll called. Warden F. G. H. Leverman in the Chair.

Councillors McGrath and Curren moved:-

"THAT the reading of the minutes of the sixth day Session be deferred." Motion carried.

Councillors Redmond and Williams moved:-

"THAT the minutes of the fifth day Session be adopted." Motion carried.

Council agreed to hear a statement by Warden Leverman. Warden Leverman then read a statement concerning charges and accusations which had been made at the Council Session.

The Municipal Clerk then received permission to read a similar statement.

Deputy Warden Burris said that according to the records of the Municipal School Board the Board is carrying out the business of the Board according to the policies established by previous Boards. He said that the Board had been scrupulously careful in expending Public Funds. He said any expenditure is made only after public tenders had been called whenever possible. He said that placing of Insurance on School Buildings is one item such as this which has been awarded by tender, and was awarded to Major Brothers Limited on the basis of the lowest tender. He said he had copies of commissions paid and copies of these were available to Councillors. He said under the arrangements for placing the Insurance the Board decides who should get the commissions and Major Brothers are so instructed.

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

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Councillors McGrath and Isenor moved:-

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

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Councillor Daye said that he had always taken a stand against the establishment of the Library because he felt more things were really needed. He did not quarrel with the statement that a Library was a good thing but he felt that schools and other things were needed more urgently. He pointed out that the costs for the establishment of a Regional Library had increased considerably and not even a Bookmobile was on the road yet. He claimed that only a few people were demanding the services of a Regional Library.

Councillor McGrath pointed out that the cost of the Regional Library would be only 2.4 cents on the assessment or it would cost \$2.40 for a \$10,000.00 assessment. He pointed out that it now cost County residents \$5.00 per year to belong to the City Library.

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

The annual reports of the District Building Inspectors were distributed.

Councillors Settle and Snair moved:-

"THAT the report of Building Inspectors for Districts Nos. 7, 8, 27, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14D, 14G, 15, 17, 18, 21 and 28 be received and filed." Motion carried.

Nominations for members of the Visiting Committee for the Ocean View Municipal Home were received.

Councillor Stubbs proposed the name of Mrs. Neiva Penny of Port Wallis.

Councillor Daye proposed the name of the Rev. Mr. Hebb of Ship Harbour.

Councillor White proposed the name of Mrs. Frank Walker of Eastern Passage.

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Councillor McGrath proposed the name of Rev. Father Heffler, of Bedford.

Councillor Settle proposed the name of the Rev. Eric Fullerton, of Cole Harbour.

Councillor Snair proposed the name of the Rev. Mr. Millar, of Hubbards.

Councillors Redmond and Williams moved:-

"THAT nominations cease for the Visiting Committee for Ocean View Municipal Home." Motion carried.

Warden Leverman appointed Councillors Flawn and Snair as scrutineers.

As a result of the vote Warden Leverman said that Mrs. Walker, Rev. Father Heffler, and Rev. Eric Fullerton had been elected as members of the Visiting Committee.

Council received nominations for appointment to the Municipal Building Board.

Councillor Flawn proposed the name of Delbert Fredericks of Woodside.

Councillor McGrath proposed the name of Ernest Barrett of Sackville.

Councillor Turner proposed the name of Andrew Thompson of Glen Margaret.

Councillor Snair and Deputy Warden Burris moved:-

"THAT nominations cease for appointments to the Municipal Building Board." Motion carried.

Councillors Flawn and Settle moved:-

"THAT the Clerk deposit a ballot in the Ballot Box for Andrew Thompson, Ernest Barrett and Delbert Fredericks." Motion carried.

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Seventh Day Morning Continued.

Council received nominations for appointment to the Halifax, Musquodoboit Veterinary Assistance Board.

Councillor Archibald proposed the name of Austin MacKay of Middle Musquodoboit.

Deputy Warden Burriss proposed the name of Havelock Erskine, Upper Musquodoboit.

Councillors McGrath and Curren moved:-

"THAT nominations for appointments to the Halifax-Musquodoboit Veterinary Assistance Board cease." Motion carried.

Deputy Warden Burriss and Councillor Archibald moved:-

"THAT the Clerk deposit a ballot in favour of Austin MacKay, and Havelock Erskine to be members of the Halifax-Musquodoboit Veterinary Assistance Board." Motion carried.

Council received nominations for appointment to the Halifax-South East Veterinary Assistance Board.

Councillor Settle proposed the name of Gerald Isenor of Woodlawn.

Councillor Redmond proposed the name of Nelson Gaetz of Head of Chezzetcook.

Councillors Curren and White moved:-

"THAT nominations for appointments to the Halifax-South East Veterinary Assistance Board cease." Motion carried.

Councillors Moser and MacKenzie moved:-

"THAT the Clerk deposit a ballot in favour of Gerald Isenor and Nelson Gaetz as members of the Halifax-South East Veterinary Assistance Board." Motion carried.

Councillors Moser and Hanrahan moved:-

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

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SEVENTH DAY AFTERNOON

Council met at 2:00 p. m.

Roll called. Warden L. G. H. Leverman in the Chair.

Council received nominations for the appointment of a Medical Health Officer for Halifax-East.

Councillors Redmond and Daye moved:-

"THAT Doctor Duncan MacMillan be appointed the Medical Health Officer for Halifax-East at the same salary." Motion carried.

Council received nominations for the appointment of a Medical Health Officer for Halifax-West.

Councillors Hanrahan and Baker moved:-

"THAT Doctor Kevin Smith be appointed the Medical Health Officer for Halifax-West at the same salary." Motion carried.

Councillors Redmond and Williams moved:-

"THAT a ballot be deposited in favour of Doctor Duncan MacMillan, Sheet Harbour, as Medical Health Officer for Halifax-East and for Doctor Kevin Smith as Medical Health Officer for Halifax-West." Motion carried.

Council received nominations for the appointment of the Jail Physician.

Councillor Redmond proposed the name of Doctor Kevin Smith.

Deputy Warden Burriss and Councillor Cruikshank moved:-

"THAT nominations for the appointment of the Jail Physician cease." Motion carried.

Councillors Redmond and Henley moved:-

"THAT the Clerk deposit a ballot in favour of Doctor Kevin Smith as Jail Physician." Motion carried.

Council received nominations for the appointment to the Board of Appeal.

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Councillor Henley Proposed the name of J. S. Donaldson as a representative from Halifax-East.

Councillor Daye proposed the name of Edmond Webber as a representative from Halifax-East.

Deputy Warden Burris and Councillor Turner moved:-

"THAT nominations cease." Motion carried.

Warden Leverman appointed Councillors Cruikshank and Curren as scrutineers.

As a result of the vote Warden Leverman said that J. S. Donaldson had been elected as a member of the Board of Appeal from Halifax-East.

Councillor McGrath proposed the name of R. F. Tolson as a member of the Board of Appeal from Halifax-West.

Councillors Redmond and Williams moved:-

"THAT nominations cease."

Councillors Redmond and Williams moved:-

"THAT the Clerk deposit a ballot in the Ballot Box for R. F. Tolson as a member of the Board of Appeal for Halifax West." Motion carried.

Councillor Cruikshank and Deputy Warden Burris proposed the name of Roy Archibald as a member of the Board of Appeal for Halifax-North-West.

Councillors Turner and Williams moved:-

"THAT nominations cease."

Councillors McGrath and Moser moved:-

"THAT the Clerk deposit a ballot in the Ballot Box in favour of Roy Archibald as a member of the Board of Appeal for Halifax North-West." Motion carried.

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Warden Leverman brought up the matter of Rental Control. He pointed out he had asked for written opinions from Councillors but he had not had replies from everyone.

Councillor Stubbs said that at a meeting of Ratepayers in her District they had not approved Rental Control for that area. She said that what was really needed was a more stringent housing code to regulate what can be rented.

Councillor Settle said that he agreed that the supply and demand for homes was the ultimate answer; meanwhile he favoured Rental Control. However, he said, it would be dangerous to have a "freeze" of rents such as in war time. He said he was in agreement that there should be an Appeal Board.

Councillor McGrath said that so far as District 8 was concerned he was opposed to rental control for the reason that the cost of such an operation had never been given. He asked if anyone had any idea of what it was going to cost.

Councillor Stubbs said only a minority group wanted Rental Controls. She said that if the County adopted Rental Control it was not going to put Tufts Cove or Port Wallis under it. She said that Dartmouth was not very keen on Rental Control so far as she knew. She said that she didn't feel that there was enough of a problem in the County to worry about.

Warden Leverman read a letter concerning the matter from the Halifax and District Labour Council.

Councillors Snair and McGrath moved:-

"THAT this Council not participate in a system of Rental Controls at the present time."

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Councillor Snair said he felt that the County was being dragged into Rental Controls for the benefit of a few to help pay the cost of such a control. He said he didn't agree with the Morrison Report. He said he didn't know what good it would do and that the County would not benefit.

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

Councillor Stubbs asked if there was any merit in asking for Legislation to regulate the type of Housing that could be rented and thus control facilities which should be required in a home before it can be rented.

The Municipal Solicitor said that it was covered by legislation for occupancy permits which was now being prepared for presentation to the legislature.

Councillor Snair said that members were probably wondering why there had been no Hospital Board report. He said that the Board of Management so far had had only one meeting and due to the fact that there were three government members on the Board and therefore it was necessary to have a meeting of the Board to prepare the report he had overlooked this situation and the report was not yet ready. He said there would be a meeting of the Hospital Management Board on Monday and he would bring in a report on Thursday.

The Municipal Clerk presented the reports of the District Board of Health.

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Seventh Day Afternoon Continued.

Mr. Hattie said that practically without exception the reports show that there were no outbreaks of contagious or infectious diseases in the districts, and that the health generally is good. He said that District ten had reported that there was some outbreak of infectious disease there.

Councillors Redmond and McGrath moved:-

"THAT the reports of the local Boards of Health for Districts 7, 8, 9, 10, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, and 26 be accepted." Motion carried.

Councillors Redmond and Deputy Warden Burris moved:-

"THAT the annual poll tax of thirty cents (.30) for the support of the poor, as provided by Section 4, (3) of Chapter 100 of the Acts of Nova Scotia, 1938, be not levied for the year 1960." Motion carried.

Councillors Curren and Snair moved:-

"THAT the Municipal Clerk and Treasurer and the Warden or the Chairman of the Finance and Executive Committee be authorized to sign the Royal Bank of Canada forms re Safety Deposit Box and that the Clerk and Treasurer and the Warden or the Chairman of the Finance and Executive Committee have access to the said Safety Deposit Box." Motion carried.

Councillors Redmond and Williams moved:-

"THAT the Municipal Clerk and Treasurer, or a person whom he delegates, be authorized to take delivery of paid coupons and bonds charged to the account operated in the name of the Municipality of the County of Halifax, Bond Redemption Accounts (Both Municipal and School) in the Royal Bank of Canada." Motion carried.

Councillors Flawn and Redmond moved:-

"THAT this Council approves of an agreement for the purchase of a Water and Sewer System from the Commodore Company Limited and that the Clerk and Treasurer and the Warden be authorized to sign the agreement on behalf of the County." Motion carried.

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Councillor Baker asked if there was any way by which a flat rate for specific purposes could be placed as an area rate and cited such purposes as garbage collection. He said that a garbage collection system in his District had been turned down because a man with a large assessment would have to pay more than a man with a small assessment for the same purpose.

The Municipal Solicitor said it would require special legislation to do this.

Councillor Baker said he felt it would be a good thing to have such legislation to provide for a common rate to be charged for certain services on a residential basis.

Councillors Redmond and McGrath did not agree. Councillor Redmond said there would be many difficulties involved and that it would not be of benefit to the County at large to have such legislation.

Councillor Settle pointed out that if such legislation were available it could be extended to cover education and that this could cause a lot of complications.

Councillors Baker and Moser moved:-

"THAT the Solicitor draw up and request from the Legislature, legislation permitting the Municipality to pass By-laws enabling area rates to be assessed and raised on a residence basis." Motion carried.

Councillor Williams brought up the matter of the condition of the Public Wharf at Petpeswick. He said it had been purchased by Council for Park purposes and it was now in a disgraceful condition. He said that his hands were tied in the matter.

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He said he couldn't get people in his area to take an interest in it because it was Municipally owned. Some work on improving the wharf had been done but it had never been finished. A job should be completed and then it might be able to get some organization to take over and manage it, he said.

Councillor Curren said that the County had voted to buy the Wharf because a local organization had agreed to look after it.

Councillor Redmond said that Council had set a precedent when it had purchased this wharf. He said it was the only place where the County had purchased land for public recreation and now it was the County's responsibility. The policy had been set that the County would accept the donations of land from subdividers for park purposes, but there had never been any policy under which the County would buy land for these purposes.

Warden Leverman said it was his understanding that the County would purchase the land on the understanding that the Board of Trade in the area would repair or build up the wharf and maintain it. He said it was the only place in the area left where the public could get access to the water.

The Municipal Clerk presented the reports of the Halifax-Musquodoboit Veterinary Assistance Board and the Halifax-South East Veterinary Assistance Board.

Councillors Archibald and Deputy Warden Burris moved:-

"THAT the reports of the Veterinary Assistance Board for both the Musquodoboit area and the Halifax-South East area be received." Motion carried.

Councillors Snair and Curren moved:-

"THAT this Annual Session of Council adjourn until Tuesday, March 8, 1960 at 10:00 a. m." Motion carried.

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March 8, 1960

EIGHTH DAY MORNING

Council met at 10:00 a. m.

Roll called. Warden F. G. H. Leverman in the Chair.

Councillors Snair and Curren moved:-

"THAT the minutes of the sixth day morning and afternoon be adopted." Motion carried.

Councillors McGrath and Moser moved:-

"THAT the reading of the seventh days minutes be deferred." Motion carried.

The Municipal Clerk read a letter from the Halifax County Fire Chiefs' Association concerning road conditions, snow clearing and requesting that parking be prohibited during certain times.

Warden Leverman said that last year there was a similar request from the Council of Suburban Ratepayers and it had been forwarded to the Minister of Highways, but no action had been taken.

Council agreed to refer the letter to the Finance and Executive Committee for action.

Warden Leverman said he had a request from the County Members of the Legislature to be their guests at dinner on Wednesday, March 9th., at 6:00 p. m.

The Municipal Solicitor outlined the details of a Replotting By-law.

Councillors Settle and Snair moved:-

"THAT Council approve the By-law known as the Replotting By-law of lot A - Bert McDonald Subdivision." Motion carried.

Council agreed to recess for fifteen minutes.

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Eighth Day Morning Continued.

Council reconvened at 11:00 a. m.

The Municipal Clerk read the Report of the Board of Management of the Halifax County Hospital, the Report of the Superintendent of the Hospital, the Report of the Medical Health Officer of the Hospital and the Report of the Farm Manager.

Councillors Snair and Archibald moved:-

"THAT the Report of the Board of Management of the Halifax County Hospital together with appendices be adopted."

Councillor Blackburn asked how the per diem rate now compared with the rate last year. Warden Leverman said that the Financial Report would be presented later.

The Municipal Clerk said that the rate was up somewhat and that there probably will be need for another increase this year in the rate.

Councillor Settle said that he was concerned about the contamination of Bisett Lake. He said it had been pointed out in the Metropolitan Report submitted some years ago that this was a possibility and that the report had recommended a twenty-four-inch Water Main be built from the Dartmouth Reservoir to serve the area. He said that the Public Works Committee has been considering a **sixteen-inch** Main which would also serve Shearwater. He thought this would be a mistake and that consideration should be given to the twenty-four-inch Main as **recommended**. He said there had been a suggestion that the County buy lands for water shed to protect this Lake but he felt that the cost would be astronomical whereas the additional cost between the sixteen-inch and twenty-four-inch mains would not be too great.

Eighth Day Morning Continued.

Councillor Henley said he concurred with remarks of Councillor Baker and that the Farm Manager should be answerable to the Superintendent. He said that the Farm should be a department of the Hospital.

In answer to a question from Councillor Stubbs, Mr. Hattie said that the Department of Health is paying one-third of the cost of Maintenance of patients at the County Hospital, but this does not include any share in capital cost. He said there was an indication in the Speech from the Throne this year that this sharing may be increased to fifty per cent.

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

Councillors Flawn and Blackburn moved:-

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

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EIGHTH DAY AFTERNOON

Council met at 2:00 p. m.

Roll called. Warden F. G. H. Leverman in the Chair.

Council considered the appointment of District Officers.

Some discussion took place as to whether under the new Building Inspection set-up proposed, it would also take in Sanitary Inspection or whether District Sanitary Inspectors should be appointed additionally.

Mr. Hattie pointed out that this matter had never fully been discussed by Council and no policy had therefore been decided as to whether the Building Inspectors under the proposed new set-up would also be Sanitary Inspectors. For that reason he had suggested that the Sanitary Inspectors for the Districts be appointed on an interim basis until such time as policy had been decided by Council possibly at the April Session.

Councillors Curren and Settle moved:-

"THAT the District Officers for the ensuing year as recommended by individual Councillors be approved with the exception of Building and Sanitary Inspectors." Motion carried.

Councillors Redmond and Evans moved:-

"THAT the Building and Sanitary Inspectors be appointed for the ensuing year or until the necessary Legislative authority is obtained and the necessary By-laws passed by Council and the new system of Building Inspection for the Municipality as a whole is inaugurated, whichever term is the shorter and if such system is inaugurated during the ensuing year then Building and Sanitary Inspectors appointed during this meeting shall cease to hold office upon the inauguration of the new system." Motion carried.

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Eighth Day Afternoon Continued.

Deputy Warden Burris in the Chair.

Council considered the Mobile Home By-Law.

Councillors Henley and Williams moved:-

"THAT the Mobile Home By-Law be approved,
as read."

Councillor Flawn said he was opposed as it stood because it penalized Mobile Home sales people since it took no consideration of the fact that sales people in the Town of Dartmouth and the City of Halifax could sell mobile homes without the posting of a County Zoning Map and the proposed By-laws. He said it was a rank injustice to Mobile sales people in the County.

Councillor Henley said the County was pioneering in this matter and he felt that the rest of the Province would fall in line.

The Planning Engineer said he had had a meeting with Trailer Sales People and owners of Mobile Home Parks. It had been the opinion of these meetings that such By-laws would not hinder their business but help it. He said this was a unanimous agreement.

Councillor Moser said the proposed By-law was discriminatory.

Councillors Hanrahan and Flawn moved an amendment to the motion:-

"THAT, that part of the Mobile Home By-law dealing with the posting of Maps and By-laws in Trailers sales area be deleted."

Deputy Warden Burris put the question for adoption of the amendment. Amendment lost.

Councillors Turner and Henley asked for a recorded vote on the motion.

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Eighth Day Afternoon Continued.

Deputy Warden Burris put the question for adoption of the motion.

FOR: Councillors Settle, Stubbs, Sellars, Williams, Henley, Archibald, Cruikshank, Isenor, Balcome, Spears, Baker, Moser, McGrath, Curren and Snair. - 15.

AGAINST: Councillors Evans, Redmond, Daye, MacKenzie, Turner, Flawn, White, and Hanrahan - 8.

Deputy Warden Burris declared the motion carried.

Warden Leverman in the Chair.

Councillors Snair and Curren moved:-

"THAT Council rescind the Motion passed on March 2nd., 1960, authorizing the temporary borrowing of \$645,000.00 for School purposes." Motion carried unanimously.

Councillors Curren and Settle moved:-

"THAT this Council move a temporary borrowing resolution in the amount of \$400,000.00 for Water Extensions." Motion carried.

Councillors Flawn and Williams moved:-

"THAT this Council approve a temporary borrowing resolution in the amount of \$45,000.00 for Schools." Motion carried.

Councillors Balcome and Daye moved:-

"THAT this Council approve a temporary borrowing resolution in the amount of \$66,500.00 for Sewer Extensions under the Fairview Underpass." Motion carried.

Councillors Curren and MacKenzie moved:-

"THAT this Council approve a temporary borrowing resolution in the amount of \$33,000.00 for Fairview Sewer Extensions." Motion carried.

Eighth Day Afternoon Continued.

Councillors Settle and Snair moved:-

"THAT this Council approve the temporary borrowing resolution in the amount of \$72,000.00 for Tufts Cove Sewer Services." Motion carried.

Councillors MacKenzir and Henley moved:-

"THAT the Warden and Clerk be and they are hereby authorized to arrange with the Royal Bank of Canada, Armdale, for an overdraft at such Bank for a sum not exceeding \$70,000. and the Treasurer is authorized to use such over draft to defray the ordinary expenses of the Water Utilities of the Municipality for the year 1960." Motion carried.

Councillors McGrath and Settle moved:-

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

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NINTH DAY MORNING.

Council met at 10:00 a.m.

Roll called. Warden F. G. H. Leverman in the Chair.

Warden Leverman announced that the dinner which was to be tendered Councillors by the County Members of the Legislature had been postponed because of the recent storm and would now be held during the April Session.

Councillors Spears and Flawn moved:-

"THAT the minutes of the Seventh Day Morning and Afternoon be adopted."
Motion carried.

Councillors McGrath and Hanrahan moved:-

"THAT the reading of the Eighth Day Minutes be deferred." Motion carried.

Councillor Stubbs asked if the Clerk had received any reply from the Provincial Government concerning the request for a study for a School for Retarded Children. Mr. Hattie said that he believed that the answer had been read at the time it was received and that the answer said that the matter was under study.

Council considered a By-law concerning the Replotting of Lots 9, and 10 and Lot (A) of the Bert MacDonald Subdivision, Fairview Halifax County.

Councillors Settle and Spears moved:-

"THAT this Council approve a By-law concerning the Replotting of Lots 9 and 10 and Lot A of the Bert MacDonald Subdivision, Fairview, Halifax County."
Motion carried.

Councillors Hanrahan and Snair moved:-

"THAT the Warden and the Clerk be and they are hereby authorized to execute a lease with the proper representatives of the Provincial Government leasing certain office accommodation to the Metropolitan Area Housing Survey, on the terms contained in a lease a copy of which is attached to this resolution." Motion carried.

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Ninth Day Morning Continued.

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Council considered proposed legislation regarding the establishing of Dog Pounds.

Councillors Snair and Curren moved:-

"THAT Legislation re Dog Pounds be approved."
Motion carried.

Council considered proposed legislation re the Collection of Area Rates on a "Residence" basis.

Councillors Baker and White moved:-

"THAT Legislation with respect to area rates be approved on a "residence" basis."
Motion carried.

Council considered a resolution regarding participation in the Metropolitan Housing Survey.

Councillors Flawn and McGrath moved:-

"THAT whereas representatives of the Government of Canada, the Province of Nova Scotia, the City of Halifax, the Town of Dartmouth and the Municipality of the County of Halifax have agreed to participate jointly in a study of housing conditions in the Halifax-Dartmouth Metropolitan area.

And Whereas it has been agreed between these parties that said study will be conducted under the direction of Mr. Stanley Woolmer, and that the study will cover a period of three years at an annual cost of \$30,000.00, 25% of which is to be borne by the City of Halifax, the Town of Dartmouth and the Municipality of the County of Halifax in the same proportion as other joint expenditures are shared.

Therefore Be It Resolved that the Municipality of the County of Halifax hereby ratifies its participation in the said study in the above recited terms.

And Be It Further Resolved that the Municipality of the County of Halifax hereby requests that the Province of Nova Scotia bear 25% of the total cost of such survey and that the Government of Canada bear 50% of the total cost of such survey.

Warden Leverman pointed out that the Metropolitan Housing Survey was a scheme embracing overall planning for the Metropolitan area, particularly insofar as to where new subdivisions should be located with regard to services and development.

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Councillor Moser said that slum clearance in the City of Halifax was jeopardizing the County. He said the slum clearance program was driving people out of the City and as a result they are settling in the County. He said many of them are living in shacks. He pointed out that the City paid the cost of food and rent for one year when these people were on Welfare Assistance but after one year they became the responsibility of the County. He said that this was a deplorable situation.

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

Councillors Flawn and Snair moved:-

"THAT the Warden and the Clerk be and they are hereby authorized to execute a lease with the Municipal School Board leasing to the said Board certain office accommodation in the Municipal Administration Building for an annual rental of \$5,000.00 ." Motion carried.

Councillors Evans and Moser moved:-

"THAT a By-law respecting an increase in Councillors remunerations be approved."

Councillors Flawn and Curren moved:-

"THAT a Recorded Vote be taken."

For: Councillors Snair, McGrath, Moser, Hanrahan Stubbs, Sellars, Evans, Redmond, Daye, Henley, Deputy Warden Burris, Archibald, and Isenor, — 13.

Against: Councillors Curren, Baker, White, Settle, Williams, MacKenzie, Turner, Blackburn, and Flawn, — 9.

Warden Leverman declared the motion carried.

Council considered a By-law amending the Dog Licence fees.

Councillors Baker and Curren moved:-

"THAT the By-law respecting Dog Licence fees be approved."

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Ninth Day Morning Continued.

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Councillor Moser said that the increase was not going to cure the ills caused by dogs running at large. He claimed that the County was simply persecuting the man who keeps his dog under control and looks after it.

Councillor Hanrahan said that the proposed fees were too high. Councillor Stubbs said that she wouldn't vote for the increase in fees unless there was a method of dog control instituted. She said it would be unfair to the people otherwise.

Councillor Curren said that one of the most important things in the County now is to look after the dog situation. He said that dogs were roaming in packs and are a menace, the County has got to establish some system of control he argued.

Councillor Redmond said that the establishment of pounds and the appointment of one or more dog catchers would be the only way to control the situation. He said that the increase of fees would only aggravate the present situation which is serious.

Councillor Evans said that dog fees had been increased previously and the situation had not been cured. He thought that the Districts involved should set an area rate to cover the overhead cost of looking after the control of dogs.

Councillor Daye said he believed the situation involved the whole County and that it was time that the Council took definite action.

Councillor Blackburn said that people who are being penalized are the people who don't own dogs. Councillor McGrath thought the matter should be discussed with the Society for Prevention of Cruelty. He said he didn't think the Finance Committee had given enough consideration or study to the matter.

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Councillors McGrath and White moved:-

"THAT a further and complete study be
gone into with the S.P.C. to determine
what is the best method of controlling
the matter of dogs running at large."

Warden Leverman put the question for adoption of the
amendment. Amendment carried.

Council considered the Financial Statements and Exhibits
for the year 1959.

Councillors Snair and McGrath moved:-

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

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NINTH DAY AFTERNOON

Council met at 2:00 p. m.

Roll called. Warden F. G. H. Leverman in the Chair.

Warden Leverman commented on the fact that some By-laws passed by the Council had yet not been given approval by the Minister of Municipal Affairs. He said it put the County in a rather peculiar position.

The Municipal Solicitor said that to his knowledge only two By-laws had not yet been approved, and these were the Zoning and Building By-laws which had been passed a considerable time previously.

He said that on checking with the Department of Municipal Affairs he had been told that they had not had the opportunity to go over them because the Department had had no Solicitor. He said there was a Solicitor appointed now and that he would be studying them.

Councillor Stubbs raised a question of whether the 5% charge for uncollectable taxes was not too high.

The Municipal Clerk pointed out that all areas were credited with the full amount of the levy made whether it was collected by the Municipality or not. He said that he thought that 5% was a good average over a period of years.

Council considered the Financial Statements and Exhibits.

Deputy Warden Burris in the Chair.

There was considerable discussion as to the merits of continuing the City Market to which the County paid an annual grant to the City.

Ninth Day Afternoon Continued.

Warden Leverman in the Chair.

Warden Leverman said that from his information the City was proposing the abolition of the City Market. He said that if it was supporting the small County farmer then he felt it should be supported by the County but he didn't feel this County support should be forthcoming if those who use the stalls are buying from the larger packing House Firms and reselling to the public.

Councillors Daye and Moser moved:-

"THAT the Financial statements of the Municipality of the County of Halifax for the year 1959, including the Revenue Fund Balance Sheet, the Continuity of Investments in Capital Assets and the Continuity of Surplus, be approved."

Councillors Stubbs and McGrath moved an amendment:-

"THAT the Financial statements be received awaiting the attachment of the Auditors Certificate."

Warden Leverman put the question for adoption of the amendment. Amendment carried.

Councillors Redmond and Williams moved:-

"THAT this annual session of Council adjourn until Thursday at 10:00 a. m." Motion carried.

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TENTH DAY MORNING

Council met at 10:00 a. m.

Roll called. Warden F. G. H. Leverman in the Chair.

Councillors Moser and Daye moved:-

"THAT the minutes of the eighth days Session be approved." Motion carried.

Councillors Redmond and Henley moved:-

"THAT the reading of the minutes of the ninth days Session be deferred." Motion carried.

The Municipal Clerk read a letter from John Brenton, submitting his resignation as Building Inspector for District 14D and 14G.

Councillor Settle explained that Mr. Brenton was resigning for health reasons on his Doctor's advise. Councillor Stubbs said that while the letter said the resignation should take place April 1st., he had indicated he might be able to continue until April 30th.

Councillors Settle and Stubbs moved:-

"THAT this Council accepts with regret the resignation of Mr. John Brenton as Building Inspector for District 14D and 14G, and expresses the hope that he will be able to continue his duties until April 30th., 1960." Motion carried.

Councillors Flawn and Redmond moved:-

"THAT this Council approve renewal of a temporary borrowing resolution in the amount of \$645,000.00 for schools". Motion carried.

The Municipal Solicitor and the Planning Engineer explained amendments to the subdivision Regulations inadvertently left out where the Regulations had been submitted for earlier consideration in the Session.

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Tenth Day Morning Continued.

Councillors Curren and Henley moved:-

"THAT the amendments to the Subdivision Regulations placed before Council this date be approved." Motion carried.

The Municipal Clerk read the Report of the Public Works Committee.

Councillors Hanrahan and McGrath moved:-

"THAT the Report of the Public Works Committee, be adopted." Motion carried.

Councillor Settle suggested that a sign be erected or publicity given indicating the exact location of the new Branch Office at Westphal.

Warden Leverman said that during yesterday's meeting with the Premier he had indicated to the Premier that the County would soon be approaching the Government concerning areas which did not have the density of population and therefore were unable to sustain the cost of Sewer and Water as paying propositions, asking the Government for consideration of some help for these areas. He said that the Premier had said the Government would give consideration to such assistance.

Councillor Curren said he hoped action would be forthcoming right after this Session on the matter of Sewer and Water in the Rockingham area. He pointed out that the area had been populated for years but had not been able to get services, although new Subdivisions in other parts of the County had. He said it has been indicated to him that although Water and Sewer Installations will be costly the people of central Rockingham were willing to pay the cost. He hoped that the survey would be done early this Spring to find out just how far the people are willing to go.

Tenth Day Morning Continued.

Councillor Williams asked if municipal taxes could be paid at the Branch Office at Westphal. The Municipal Clerk said that he expected eventually people would be able to pay Water Bills there but that the matter of Tax Bills is almost an impossibility without a duplication of tax ledger cards and considerably greater expense. He said that almost 80% of taxes now come in by mail.

Councillor Settle agreed with Councillor Williams that tax collection was desirable at the Branch Office. He said that while 80% of Taxes might be paid by mail, he doubted if 80% of the Taxpayers did this. He thought that an interim receipt could be given at the Branch Office and the Official Receipt mailed out after the money had been transferred to the Main Office.

The Municipal Clerk said that if this were to be done there would have to be more office space, vault space and more staff at the Branch Office. He also pointed out that 80% of the Taxpayers now mail their taxes into the County.

Councillor Snair asked if anything had been done about acquiring a Water and Sewer Service at Eastern Passage from the Department of National Defence.

The Municipal Clerk said that this is under study by the Public Works Committee.

Councillor Evans said that it was not convenient for many people on the Eastern side of the Harbour to come to the Main Office to pay their taxes. He felt it would be better to be able to pay taxes at the Branch Office than to have to send a Constable out to collect taxes.

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Tenth Day Morning Continued.

Councillor Stubbs said that she understood that the Town of Dartmouth had unefficably been given the approval to go ahead with installation of a Trunk Sewer on the West side of the Harbour with the County participating in the cost. She pointed out that this participation had been turned down last year by the Public Service Committee.

Councillor Flawn said that this was part of an agreement made in 1955 and left in abeyance. It was now the feeling that the time is ready to go ahead with this matter. The Committee had agreed now to go ahead with the design of this trunk sewer to a point where it would be above the normal lake level so that when the time came for further extension it could be done without disturbing lake levels.

In reply to another question from Councillor Stubbs, Councillor Flawn said that no money had been requested for installation of pipes on the north side of Lake Banook. It was only a matter of design now and any suggestion that pipes were being laid was incorrect. He pointed out that the County must have a design before it could assess the cost.

Councillor Stubbs said that this sounded like a lot of Financial "hokey pokey". She said that she thought the County was leading the Town along with delusions that the County was ready to participate when, as a matter of fact, it didn't even know the cost.

Councillor Hanrahan said that the Town had come to the County and told it to honour the agreement "or else". The County had to have a preliminary estimate prepared and the design was needed for this before any recommendation could be made to Council.

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Tenth Day Morning Continued.

The Municipal Clerk pointed out that at this point even the Town did not know the cost of such a trunk sewer. He said that Engineering Services Limited had been told to bring their preliminary estimates up to date so the situation could be properly assessed.

The Municipal Solicitor explained the agreement with the Town of Dartmouth and said that the County was bound to participate unless the Town released it.

Councillor Stubbs said that, that was not her understanding in conversation with Mayor Akerley particularly since the County was not participating in anything that was going to help the Town of Dartmouth financially. Councillor Stubbs said that actually it was going to cost the Town more money to go along with the agreement. She claimed that the matter should have come before Council and asked if there was assurance, before any commitment was made for construction of the Sewer, that it would come back to Council.

Councillor Hanrahan said that definitely it would have to come back to Council.

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

Councillors Hanrahan and Flawn moved:-

"THAT this Council approve expropriation of an easement required re Titus Street, Fairview, from J. B. MacDonald, B.D. Stevens and Harriet M. Brunt et al for the sum of \$1.00". Motion carried.

Deputy Warden Burris in the Chair.

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Tenth Day Morning Continued.

Council considered Area School Rates.

Some discussion took place as to whether Area School Rates submitted by the Municipal School Board could be changed by Council.

Warden Leverman in the Chair.

Discussion regarding whether the rates could be changed continued.

Councillors Curren and Archibald moved:-

"THAT the Area Rates for School Section purposes as recommended by the Municipal School Board and presented to Council this date, they be approved".

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

"THAT the Area Rates for School purposes for Woodside School Section 154 be reduced to 4 cents per \$100.00 per assessment from 5 cents".

Warden Leverman put the question for adoption of the amendment. Amendment carried.

Warden Leverman put the motion as amended. Motion carried.

Councillors Moser and Blackburn moved:-

"THAT Council adjourn until 2:15 this afternoon". Motion carried.

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Council met at 2:15 p.m.

Roll Called. Warden F. G. H. Leverman in the Chair.

Council considered the report on District Expenditures.

Councillor Flawn asked if any bills approved by a Councillor or by a person authorized to approve them would be paid if there were no District Funds from which to pay them. He asked if this were done why it was necessary to set up District Budgets.

The Municipal Clerk said it had been the custom that if a District over ran its credit that the Municipality would honour the bill and the district was required to make up the debit the following year.

Councillor Evans said he was not too happy with the way his district had been treated in the past, with particular reference to Hospital Bills which have been charged back. He said that his District had a hardship trying to levy a rate when there was no Industry in the District to help out. He didn't think any District should have to face such a deficit as his especially when it landed on his District almost overnight after the new Hospital Plan came into effect.

The Municipal Clerk said that bills which were incurred at the Hospital by unmarried mother cases had by policy of Council for many years been charged back to the poor districts in which the patient has settled. He said that when the Hospital Act came into effect the Hospitals cleared their books with the result that some Districts were hard hit.

Councillor Blackburn asked if the debit in District 14 in 1959 was for the same reason. Councillor Settle said that because of funds coming back into his District from the Government share of Welfare Assistance the debit in his District would be reduced by about \$4,000.00. He said that some of this deficit

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would have been incurred because of Welfare cases.

Councillor Hanrahan asked if Districts were allowed to carry debit balances from year to year. The Municipal Solicitor said the District should be rated to wipe out the debit in the ensuing year.

Councillor Hanrahan asked if it would be permissible for District 16 deficit to be liquidated over a five year period. The Municipal Clerk pointed out that to liquidate the debt in one year would impose an extremely high rate and if Council could establish a policy of allowing the District to pay over a period of years it would undoubtedly assist the District. Councillor Turner asked if Council could legally write off these accounts.

The Municipal Solicitor said that the money was paid to the Hospital and the Municipality has the right to recover the monies legally from the District concerned. He said that it could probably, if Council so decided, write off the debt the same as any other collectable debt.

Councillors Blackburn and Turner moved:-

"THAT this Council write off \$5,000.00 of the Grace Hospital Bills that had been charged against District 16."

Councillor Daye said that if Council went along with this motion, it should wipe out all district deficits.

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

Councillors Hanrahan and Curren moved:-

"THAT District No. 16 be allowed a period of five years in which to make up the deficit in District No. 16 funds as at December 31, 1959. Motion carried.

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Councillors Snair and McGrath moved:-

"THAT the District Funds Statement of Revenue and Expenditure for the year 1959 be received and filed." Motion carried.

Council considered the 1960 estimates of District rates.

Councillor Stubbs said that the amount of the deficit in District 14 was about the same amount that was spent on parks and public lands. For that reason she had not included in the proposed budget for the district submitted by herself levy for any deficit. This was done, she said, because parks and public lands were not of benefit to the district as a whole. She said that before a rate was levied for parks the people of her district wanted to wait until the Royal Commission had made its findings in order to determine whether County Council can levy such a rate.

Councillor Settle said that District 14 had always had a surplus prior to 1959. The reason for the deficit, he said, was because of the transfer of \$13,000 to welfare accounts. Councillor Settle took exception to the charge that expenditures on parks was responsible for the deficit. He said the parks were for the use of the whole district, and he said that he saw people from all over the district using the parks. He pointed out that one of the parks was right in the heart of the Port Wallis-Westphal area.

Councillor Hanrahan asked whether a new method in handling welfare in that district was responsible for the deficit; and if not, what was the reason for the huge deficit? Councillor Settle said that in previous years the welfare officers had been appointed and he had not interfered with them, but this was as far as he would go by way of explanation.

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Councillor Stubbs said that if the District Funds were overspent it was not because they were overspent on the poor, but that they were overspent on other things. Councillor Blackburn observed that where a district was represented by two or more councillors, they must get together and work out the District estimates.

Councillor Daye said that Councillor Settle always had had a surplus in his district previously, and had always managed to look after the operation of Penhorn Park without incurring a deficit. He said Councillors should take off their hats to him. He said that until now he had always thought of District 14 as a booming district.

Councillors Settle and Daye moved:-

"THAT Budget No. 1, providing for a District rate of three cents for District No. 14 be approved for the year 1960.

Councillor Stubbs attempted to introduce an amendment calling for a two-cent district rate. The Municipal Solicitor said that the amendment was out of order and could not be accepted. He said the proper procedure for Council, if it did not want to approve the three-cent rate was to vote against the motion -- and if the motion was defeated then to introduce a new motion calling for adoption of Budget No. 2.

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

Councillors Snair and MacKenzie moved:-

"THAT the budgets for the other districts for district rates for 1960 be approved." Motion carried.

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The Municipal Solicitor explained the provisions of the proposed "Amalgamation Bill" now before the Nova Scotia Legislature. He said that the Bill had been discussed by the Finance and Executive Committee, and as a result certain recommendations were being made to Council concerning amendments which it felt should be proposed.

Councillors Flawn and Archibald moved:-

"THAT this Council instruct our Solicitor to make the following presentations received before Council to the Law Amendments Committee of the Legislature with respect to Bill No. 50:

Section 258: there should be a provision here for the Minister to hold a public hearing before he approves the by-law.

Section 264: the word "conclusive" should be taken out, leaving the petitions as "evidence" only.

Section : there should be an opportunity for interested parties to appear before the Minister before the granting of a poll.

Section 262: there should be a notice sent to the Municipality affected, and there should be notice to all interested parties.

Section 265: there should be a revision made to provide for the voting of any corporate ratepayer; and there should be procedure for a tie vote if it occurred; and further that scrutineers should be appointed from both Municipalities affected.

Section 275: there should be provision that where a service commission does not cease to exist but is only subdivided, the assets are divided pro rata.

Section : there should be provisions for the determining of the status of municipal councillors.

Section : there should be provision to provide for the education of children attending a school serving a number of districts, where all of these districts are not included in the amalgamation.

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Section : there should be a provision to protect a Town from having to take over assets that might be placed in the area to be amalgamated during the period in which the changed in boundaries was being contemplated unless agreed upon by both parties.

Motion carried.

Warden Leverman commented on a recommendation of the Municipal School Board concerning the building of a new 10-room school near the present Armdale Junior High School, and referred to the fact that in the meantime it was proposed to change junior grades now being taught at Armdale Junior High School to Fairview. He said this would mean that small children would have to walk along the Dutch Village Road which would be under reconstruction this year. He suggested that the new school which was recommended in the 1961 program be proceeded with as early as possible. If this were done, he said, the people of the area would be prepared to go along with the matter of having their children attend the Fairview school.

Warden Leverman and Councillor Hanrahan moved:-

"THAT Council approve the building of a new 10-room school adjacent to Armdale Junior High School at the earliest possible moment and completed as soon as possible."

Councillor Baker asked what affect this would have on the 1960 program and asked if it would slow it down. Councillor Flawn said it would depend on a number of things and would require the cooperation of the Public Works Committee in providing sewer and water; otherwise, he said, it was be necessary to construct a disposal field and dig a well which would mean possible delay.

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Councillor Baker said he couldn't support the motion if it meant any delay in construction of a school in his district. Councillor Curren said he felt every school proposed to be built was as important as any other.

Councillor Curren and Stubbs moved an amendment:-

"THAT the whole 1961 school building program as prepared by the Municipal School Board be approved."

Councillor Stubbs said there were many other areas which needed new schools as badly as the one in question.

The Municipal Clerk said that while one school might not make any difference to the capital school program Council should, before plunging into the 1961 program, examine the entire capital expenditure program very thoroughly. He said that the County was spending money faster in the past few years than it had been able to fund in any one individual year.

Councillor Redmond asked if it was the prerogative of Council to change the recommendations of the Municipal School Board? If this were so, he said, Council might just as well forget about School Board recommendations. He said he felt that the 1960 program was most urgent.

Deputy Warden Burris, speaking as chairman of the Municipal School Board, said the Board had agreed there was no objection to proceeding with the school in Armdale provided it did not interfere with the 1960 program.

Councillors Blackburn and Redmond moved:

"THAT the matter of a 10-room school adjacent to the Armdale Junior High School and the 1961 proposed school building program be referred to the April session of Council." Motion carried.

Because of the motion to refer, the original motion and the amendment were not put to vote.

Councillors Stubbs and Baker moved:

"THAT Council adjourn until 7 o'clock this evening." Motion carried.

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TENTH DAY EVENING

Council met at 7 p.m.

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

The Municipal Clerk reported that there was not a quorum of Councillors present.

Warden Leverman pointed out that although he had warned he intended to commence the meeting sharp at seven o'clock, the meeting was twelve minutes later in being called, and that still not a quorum was present.

Councillors McGrath and Curren moved:-

"THAT Council adjourn until 10 a.m. Friday."

Councillors Evans and Redmond moved an amendment:-

"THAT Council adjourn until 10 a.m. Monday."

Warden Leverman put the question for adoption of the amendment. Amendment carried.

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ELEVENTH DAY MORNING.

Council met at 10:00 a.m.

Roll called. Warden F. G. H. Leverman in the Chair.

Councillors Evans and White moved:-

"THAT the minutes of the Ninth Day be approved." Motion carried.

Councillors Curren and Henley moved:-

"THAT the minutes of the Tenth Day Morning and Afternoon and Evening be deferred." Motion carried.

Councillors Archibald and Hanrahan moved:-

"THAT this Council approve the renewal of a temporary borrowing resolution in the amount of \$500,000.00 for the Dartmouth County Trunk Sewer." Motion carried.

Councillor Evans asked how long a property would be in arrears before being sold for taxes owing.

Mr. Hattie said that it could be sold when one years taxes were outstanding, but the County had not made a practise of selling a property until at least three years taxes were outstanding.

Councillor Evans said he felt this imposed a hardship on his District, and asked if it wouldn't be better to include a minimum requirement of taxes outstanding or years in arrears.

Council considered the Special Report re special area rates.

Councillors Spair and Archibald moved:-

"THAT the Special report of the Finance and Executive Committee be adopted and that the special area rates set forth therein be and the same are hereby leived, except as therein postponed."

Councillor Stubbs asked by what authority did the Finance and Executive Committee could levy a rate of three cents on District 14D for parks.

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Councillor Stubbs pointed out that a Ratepayers Meeting held in the area which was a recognized meeting for the area had voted against a levy. She said that the levy had been turned down by a vote of 32 to 9 .

Councillor Stubbs said that the meeting which had asked for the rate was called by some of the citizens in the Westphal - Woodlawn District and had not been attended by a great number of citizens. She said that at yesterdays meeting a great number did not want the rate levied. She said that the people did not want to be taxed for more parks and she thought that Council should follow the Municipal Act which requires a petition of a majority of the Ratepayers before it made any levy. Councillor Stubbs said that about 250 people were at yesterdays meeting but it was a very confused meeting and that many people didn't know how they were voting.

Councillor Settle said that what Councillor Stubbs had said was substantially correct but at the Ratepayers Meeting which had voted against the levy the vote was 32 - 9 against the levy. But he said, the feeling about this was so strong that a special citizens meeting was called and that it had voted to ask Council for a levy not exceeding 3 cents. Between 65 and 70 persons had attended this meeting, he said.

He read what he said was substantially the motion put at yesterdays meeting and he had the signed statement of Mr. A. H. Weldon that the motion was defeated. This motion had asked Council not to levy a 3 cent rate.

Councillor Settle said that the policy is that the parks will serve all of District 14. He said that if the Port Wallis area had the funds to set up a park, this levy could help them also.

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He said further that money had been paid out of District Funds to set up the park to which Councillor Stubbs referred to as being set up in the Port Wallis area.

Councillors Stubbs and Baker moved:-

"THAT a rate of \$0.03 be levied on all the Ratepayers in District No. 14D with the exceptions of Cherry Brook and Port Wallis beyond the Red Bridge Pond."

Councillor Settle said that he felt that what was planned in the way of park facilities for Port Wallis would not be bettered anywhere else in the County. He said that if these plans go through no one will be able to say in a year that that area didn't have the best of parks.

Warden Leverman put the question for adoption of the amendment. Amendment lost.

Councillors Daye and Williams raised the question of Councillors not voting.

Warden Leverman said that Councillors must vote unless they were personally interested in the matter or excused. He then put the question for adoption of the amendment again. Amendment lost.

Councillors Curren and McGrath moved an amendment:-

"THAT the Rate for Garbage Collection in Bedford and Rockingham be changed from \$0.08 to \$0.07."
Amendment carried.

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

Council considered the Financial Statements of the Halifax County Hospital.

Councillors raised a number of questions concerning the Hospital and particularly the Farm Accounts and other Statements.

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Considerable discussion followed concerning the statements.

Councillors Evans and Henley moved:-

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

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ELEVENTH DAY AFTERNOON

Council met at 2:45 p.m.

Roll called. Warden F. G. H. Leverman in the Chair.

Council continued its consideration of the Halifax
County Hospital statements.

Councillors Baker and Moser moved:-

"THAT the Financial Statements of the
Halifax County Hospital be tabled."
Motion carried.

The Municipal Clerk read the report of the Jury Lists
Committee.

Councillors Curran and Balcome moved:-

"THAT the report of the Committee on
Jury Lists be received and filed."
Motion carried.

The Municipal Clerk read the final report of the Finance
and Executive Committee.

Councillors Archibald and Snair moved:-

"THAT the final report of the Finance and
Executive Committee be adopted."

Councillor Stubbs moved an amendment to the motion:-

"THAT Account No. 4711 - Bedford Lions Club
\$200.00 be deleted from the estimates."

There was no seconder for the amendment to the motion
and the amendment was withdrawn.

Councillors Daye, Moser and Williams protested the high
cost of Education in the County and said they felt the Government was
not meeting its obligations in the sharing of the cost of Education.

Councillor Curran asked if Councillors had any suggestions
as to how the County could reduce its School Building Program. He
asked if Councillors had attended the annual School Meetings and if
they were satisfied as to how the monies were being spent.

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Councillor Hanrahan suggested that the age limit for pupils should be raised from 5 to 6 years. He said that now teachers of those primary classes are only baby-sitters.

Councillor Flawn said that the report is not a unanimous report. He said he did not agree with it. During the past year Council had agreed at various sessions to vote money for various things, he said, and now it was being faced with the cost of these items. He said he had stated time after time that the County was providing more space in the schools than it could afford. He said that now the Municipal School Board was going to double up on classrooms in his District.

Councillor Flawn said that Council had seen fit to provide supervisory salaries for supervising principals whether the Government went along with it or not. He said the County had seen fit to approve a Regional Library whether it was geared to it or not.

He pointed out that Council had increased Councillors salaries, increased the amount of reserves, that the County had uncollected Hospital Accounts approaching \$935,000.00 and that not very much had been done to collect this.

He said that as the County can only put out debentures at 6% it was necessary to include a large sum for discounting debenture principal. Councillor Flawn said he didn't think the County was ready for this budget. He pointed out that the County is not allowed to budget for a deficit although this is a favourite practise, he said, of higher Governments in times of want.

Councillor Flawn said that the County had approved various items which in themselves, perhaps, amount only to a fraction of a cent but now add up to twelve cents on the dollar. He said

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that the older citizens are the ones that are going to be hit the hardest.

Councillor Moser thought the Municipal School Board should go into matters more thoroughly than they do before making recommendations to Council. Councillor Daye doubted that the County could afford a Regional Library.

Councillors Daye and Henley moved an amendment:-

"THAT the estimates be referred back to the Finance and Executive Committee to see if something cannot be done toward reducing the total expenditures for the year 1960."

Councillor Flawn said that to do this would be to send it back to the Committee which already has its hands tied by the vote of Council. He said to make any changes the County would have to rescind all motions made in 1959 dealing with Financial Expenditures and then the Committee might be able to do something.

Deputy Warden Burriss said that the Municipal School Board has quite a number of delegations appearing before it and not just asking but demanding certain things. He said the Municipal School Board has minimum requirements to meet and keeping in mind the needs of the schools that is what the Board attempts to recommend. He said that the Municipal School Board is in a difficult position if it went along with all request for maintenance from local School Boards the rate would be up about another 50 cents. He said that some areas probably think the Municipal School Board is too harsh.

Councillor Henley said that he wished to withdraw as Seconder of the amendment. Councillor Daye also withdrew the amendment.

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

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Councillor Stubbs said that savings could be made by paying Councillors a salary instead of an honorarium and Committee fees and by doing away with the Warden's salary and Secretary. She said she didn't think the Warden had any more work to do than any other Councillor. She said she was appalled by the waste in School construction and suggested there were too many frills. She said other money could be saved by doing away with the grant to the Bedford Lions Club and the George Washington Carver Recreation Centre.

Councillor Williams said that in view of the high general rate which he had not expected he would ask to have his area rate rescinded.

Councillor Archibald pointed out that 47 cents of the increase was due to Education and another 2 cents for Welfare which couldn't be changed. He said that this leaves only 9 cents in the increase which the Finance Committee could do anything with and that most of this has already been committed by Council.

Deputy Warden Burris pointed out that a large portion of the Municipal School Board increase was created by Council by increasing Teachers Salaries a year ago. He said that Council has now come to the day of reckoning.

Councillor Settle didn't think that the increase in Education cost was a matter of waste or carelessness, but because Education cost were going up all over Canada.

Councillors Turner and Henley moved:-

"THAT the decision of Council in connection with the adoption of the report of the Finance and Executive Committee and estimates, be rescinded." Motion carried.

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Councillors Hanrahan and Archibald moved:-

"THAT the final report of the Finance and Executive Committee together with the estimates for 1960 be adopted." Motion carried.

Councillors Williams and Daye moved:

"THAT the Area Rate of \$0.04 for District purposes for District 18 approved by Council, be rescinded, and that no Area Rate for District purposes be levied in District 18 for the year 1960." Motion carried.

Councillors Stubbs and Henley moved:-

"THAT the vote for an Area Rate for Parks and Playgrounds on District 14D approved by Council this date, be rescinded, insofar as the Cherry Brook and Port Wallis, beyond the Red Bridge Pond, Areas is concerned." Motion lost.

The Municipal Clerk read the report of the Auditors.

Councillors Moser and Curren moved:-

"THAT the report of the Auditors for the year 1959 be adopted." Motion carried.

Councillors Williams and Daye moved:-

"THAT the Balance Sheets and Revenue and Expenditure Statements and various exhibits of the Halifax County Hospital for the year ending December 31st., 1959 be adopted." Motion carried.

Councillors Moser and Williams moved:-

"THAT the Financial Statements including the Balance Sheet, Revenue and Expenditure Statements and the various exhibits of the Municipality of the County of Halifax for the year 1959 be approved." Motion carried.

Councillors Henley and Stubbs moved:-

"THAT whereas reports indicate that the 3% Hospital Tax has produced in excess of \$3,000,000.00 over and above the original estimate,

THAT this Council ask the Provincial Government to make all or part of this amount available Provincially for Educational purposes and;

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THAT in future the Tax be known as the Hospital and Education Tax to be apportion 2% for Hospital purposes and 1% for Education purposes and that it be allocated on the basis of School Population Provincially and;

Further that a copy of this Resolution be forwarded to the Union of Nova Scotia Municipalities." Motion carried.

Councillors Turner and Moser moved:-

"THAT the minutes of the Tenth Day Morning and Afternoon and Evening Session be approved." Motion carried .

Councillors Henley and Turner moved:-

"THAT the School at Sheet Harbour Passage be named the Sheet Harbour Passage School." Motion carried.

Mr. Rhydwen read the minutes of the Eleventh Day

Afternoon.

Councillors Henley and Curren moved:-

"THAT the minutes of the Eleventh Day Morning and Afternoon be adopted." Motion carried.

Councillors Henley and Daye moved:-

"THAT this Annual Session of Council adjourn and that Council immediately convene in the March Session of Council." Motion carried.

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE MARCH SESSION OF COUNCIL HELD ON MARCH 21st., 1960

Council met at 5:00 p.m.

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

The Municipal Clerk reported that there was no business for the March Session.

Councillors Williams and Moser moved:-

"THAT the March Session of Council adjourn." Motion carried.