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- MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL COUNCIL SESSION OF THE
FIRST YEAR COUNCIL OF THE THIRTY-SIXTH COUNCIL OF THE
MUNICIPALITY OF THE COUNTY OF HALIFAX.

The first day of the Annual Session of the Council of the Municipality of the County of Halifax convened at 10:00 a.m., Tuesday, March 19, 1968, with Warden I. Settle presiding.

Following the Lord's Prayer, the Clerk called the roll.

It was moved by Councillor P. Baker, seconded by Councillor Moser:

"THAT Mr. A. W. Cox be appointed Municipal Solicitor for the ensuing year, under the same terms as previous years". (Motion carried).

Councillor Tonks asked whether the senior Municipal staff would come up for appointment other than the Solicitor, he said that unless this was done that "we are simply rubber stamps". He felt that there should be a bylaw brought in to require Council to appoint senior staff each year because several Councillors feel that they should have some control and direction over senior staff and he suggested that such legislation be brought in a little later.

The Warden called for a vote on the motion. (Motion carried).

Councillor P. Baker said that maybe some Councillors feel like "rubber stamps" but pointed out "you can't win'em all", but at least can keep trying and that if Councillors feel that they are rubber stamps they should get out of public life. Councillor Baker said he had had a lot of "run-ins" with staff over various problems but pointed out that staff members were human too and he had a very great respect for the staff. He said he himself did not feel like a rubber stamp and no one was going to muzzle him and that if Councillors made a sincere attempt to work with staff, they would find that most problems could be handled satisfactorily.

Councillor G. Moser said he certainly felt like a rubber stamp with regard to the Municipal School Board, when they can spend over a quarter of a million dollars without this Council knowing anything about it. He pointed out that when this Council votes on a budget for the School Board it has no guarantee that they will not again overspend it by a half million dollars or so and that at the present time this Council did not even have any representatives on the School Board, for three of the Council's former representatives were defeated Councillors and had retained their positions on the School Board leaving this Council no control and this amounts to taxation without representation and he felt legislation should be brought in to replace Council representatives on the Municipal School Board if they were defeated candidates.

The Clerk introduced the Public Hearing on the Ravenswood property at Armdale, advising that the matter had been duly advertised according to the Town Planning Act and there have been no written objections received.

Mr. Mitchell, representing the Nova Scotia Teacher's Union, appeared before Council saying that he had appeared on the matter in January when, due to a technical mistake, it had to be done all over again, he urged Council to give favourable consideration to this proposed zone change.

It was moved by Deputy Warden Nicholson, seconded by Councillor Butler:

"THAT the zoning bylaw be and the same is hereby amended to rezoning the Ravenswood Property, so called, at Armdale, from R-1 (Single Family, Residential) to R-4 (Multiple Residential)". (Motion carried).

Councillor Tonks asked just how much this little technical mistake cost the people of Halifax County? Mr. Hattie replied that it would be the cost of the advertisement, approximately \$60.00.

The Warden called for a vote on the motion. (Motion carried).

It was moved by Councillor Daye, seconded by Councillor P. Baker:

"THAT the minutes of February 20, 1968, be approved, as amended". (Motion carried).

Councillor Tonks said that the minutes indicated that he was trying to disrupt committees by requesting that Councillors concerned with specific Committee problems be included in the Committee meeting dealing with them, he said his intention was that local Councillors be informed of what was going on in the various Committees with respect to their own district. He also objected to the minutes stating that he was against locating public housing in his district and that he was not against public housing in his district. He showed samples of materials taken from the old Ocean View Welfare Home Building and asked that these be appended to the Building Inspector's report, he added that if the engineers felt that this material was sound then he did not think their advice was too sound and if Councillors were skeptical as to whether these samples came from the old Ocean View building, they would be able to see for themselves tomorrow when they visited Ocean View Manor. Councillor Tonks said that a former building inspector in his district had attempted to remove sills from underneath the building some years ago and they were so rotten they had to be removed with a shovel.

Mr. Hattie read a letter from the Halifax Kiwanis Club inviting the Councillors for lunch next Monday.

It was moved by Councillor Snair, seconded by Councillor Gaetz:

"THAT this invitation be accepted". (Motion carried).

Mr. Hattie read a letter from Mr. David Leonard of Stewart, Covert, and MacKeen, law firm representing the ratepayers of Uplands Park.

Mr. Gough explained that the crusher site is 1,500 feet back from the intersection and it is a pit operation and there would be no blasting at all. He said it is approximately one mile, as the crow flies, from the crusher site to Uplands Park; that there was a building permit issued on this and he believed the only appeal would be through the Building Board.

Council agreed that this matter be deferred until a more accurate picture could be derived from maps of the area.

The Clerk read a letter from the Hon. Stephen Pyke regarding road drainage.

Councillor Hussey said this was a matter of serious interest in his district and he has brought the problems to Mr. Gallagher's attention and he had been very helpful but he believed the County administration has the responsibility of ferreting out the problem, the responsibility for it and effecting a solution. He said that these are good people, they pay their taxes and the problems were not of their making, in one case he said a family of a widow and three children were without heat for 48 hours due to flooding on Forward Avenue and he felt this County owed them a solution.

Councillor Tonks observed that the Honourable Minister stated he was aware of the problem but didn't say he was about to do anything to solve it. He said there was a culvert on Howard Ave. in Eastern Passage which has been plugged for four years, that they have been trying to get something done about it, but the Department of Highways could not just go on forever saying "wait until spring".

Councillor Gaetz questioned whether this was Provincial or Federal responsibility, that certainly sea water washing over a property was not Provincial responsibility.

Councillor P. Baker said he had two calls yesterday with complaints of flooding and whether it is Federal, Provincial or Contractor's responsibility, he believed it was the responsibility of this Council to its ratepayers to determine whose jurisdiction this came under. He said there was flooding on MacMullin Drive and at 39 Circle Drive, 4 - 6 feet of water in the basements every time it rains, that these people are paying their taxes and have called this building and everyone else they could think of to get assistance and there are hundreds more such cases.

Councillor C. Baker said that in Herring Cove after the Colonel King school was built and the water course changed, that three basements were flooded when it rained and it never happened before the school was built.

Mr. Gallagher explained the situation where the County gets a permit to lay sewage ditches under the highway, posts a bond and after final inspections are found satisfactory, the property is deeded back to the Department of Highways. He said it was not right to accuse the Municipal Department of Works for the flooding problems on Forward Avenue. He said that in this case, the solution is largely in the hands of the people themselves, that by having a petition signed by 66 2/3 of the abutting property owners, the street can be taken over by the Department of Highways but it can not be done without the petition. He pointed out that there was not one cent appropriated for road drainage in the County budget.

Councillor Giles said that in Bedford there were roads which were turned over to the Department of Highways and they were worse than some of the roads which were not listed so that it was just "leading people down the garden path", to say that their problems would cease if the road became listed.

Councillor Street believed that a lot of these problems arose from the natural terrain of the area and did not think the Municipal Works Department can be blamed for other people. He felt that roads were graded as much as possible to alleviate any drainage problem but it was useless to criticize people for drainage problems which were caused by natural local conditions.

Councillor P. Baker pointed out that none of these drainage problems were present before the water and sewer installations were done but that dozens of them had come up since and he believed it was the responsibility of this Council to see that the problems were investigated to determine who was actually responsible.

It was moved by Councillor Tonks, seconded by Councillor P. Baker:

"THAT a letter go to the Minister of Highways requesting that the Department of Highways carry out an extensive program of road and drainage improvement in the Municipality of the County of Halifax, and particularly, in the Residential areas". (Motion carried).

Councillor Street felt that the motion should not be so general but should be more specific so that the Province could do something about it.

Councillor Tonks said that about 90% of his phone calls are Department of Highways problems and if this Council starts trying to list all of the problem areas, there would be two or three hundred of them. He reminded Council of the plugged culvert in Eastern Passage and did not think the Department of Highways should have any more time to solve that one because it has already been four years.

Councillor Street felt that this Council should not tell the Department of Highways what to do and should be careful of the wording.

Councillor Tonks replied that the term he used was "requested".

Councillor Moser did not feel that the whole County could be covered, he said he had two phone calls this morning that people could not get off their roads because of flooding, but this was spring flooding and the government could not be expected to do everything.

Councillor C. Baker said that any such calls he gets he takes to the engineer in charge and he looks after it. He suggested that other Councillors handle these problems themselves.

Councillor Bell said that in his district the people built quite high but when the new roads came in they were built higher and it caused flooding on properties which were becoming increasingly worse but he had received fine co-operation from Mr. Gallagher in the many times he had to call him; he even went out on Sundays to answer calls in this regard but he did feel that there should be more emphasis put on proper drainage when new roads are being built.

Councillor Street said that recently the City had to spend a lot of money to solve a drainage problem when actually water from the County was draining into the City. He said that this time of year with the frost still in the ground there was going to be drainage problems regardless.

Deputy Warden Nicholson said that such problems in his district he handled himself and he got plenty of co-operation.

Councillor P. Baker complained that when he called the Highways garage in Fairview he was greeted with arrogance and bad language.

Councillor Butler said he had very good co-operation from the Department of Highways and he had been calling them about 20 times a week in the four months he had been a Councillor.

Councillor P. Baker said that three or four years ago he tried to get something done about the "death trap" at the Nine Mile River Bridge and nothing was done and he was interested to note that last week it was brought up in the Provincial Legislature.

Councillor Tonks asked the Warden how many years ago it was that he had been approached by the people on the Ross Road in an attempt to get some ditching done there? Warden Settle replied that he had the Department of Highways down there three or four times but this was a very difficult area because the Ross Road is very flat and it is very difficult to get water to run uphill.

Warden Settle called for a vote on the motion. (Motion carried).

Mr. Hattie read a letter from the Department of Lands and Forests regarding a letter from the Bedford Service Commission.

It was moved by Councillor Hussey, seconded by Councillor Snair:

"THAT this letter be filed". (Motion carried).

Solicitor Cox read and explained the proposed legislation to Council and replied to questions from the floor.

It was moved by Councillor Tonks, seconded by Councillor Street:

"THAT the Legislation, as presented to Council by the Solicitor this date, be approved, and that the Solicitor be instructed to appear before the Private and Local Bills Committee in connection with this matter". (Motion carried).

Solicitor Cox read the proposed resolution to amend the Education Act.

It was moved by Councillor Moser, seconded by Councillor P. Baker:

"THAT Council request the Provincial Government to take immediate action to amend the Education Act so that Council members, who are members of the School Board, cease to hold such office when they cease to be members of Council;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this matter be referred to the Union of Nova Scotia Municipalities".

Councillor Hudson said that surely there are other Boards and Committees of this Council to which this should also apply.

Warden Settle said that most other Boards had such restrictions in their regulations.

Deputy Warden Nicholson felt that this should apply to all Boards and Committees.

Solicitor Cox agreed to redraft this proposed legislation in include others.

Council agreed to defer the matter until the resolution was redrafted.

Councillor Hussey requested permission to present a brief to Council.

It was moved by Councillor Hussey, seconded by Councillor P. Baker:

"THAT this brief be adopted".

Councillor P. Baker felt it would be enlightening and of advantage to Councillors who are not too clear as to their responsibilities and who are too prone to blame things on staff. He said he asked Mr. Perry about a deficit he heard on the outside and Mr. Perry replied that there would be a small deficit, and at the next Council session the small deficit turned out to be over \$400,000.00 and he did not consider this small. He asked Solicitor Cox if this Council was not writing a blank cheque to the Municipal School Board and if they could not be compelled to follow a budget.

Deputy Warden Nicholson felt that before a vote is taken all Councillors should have a copy of this brief to study and it should be dealt with during the debate on the Report of the Finance and Executive Committee.

Council agreed that Councillor Hussey's resolution be deferred.

The Clerk read the Warden's Report to Council.

It was moved by Councillor P. Baker, seconded by Councillor Gaetz:

"THAT the Report of the Warden be received". (Motion carried).

Councillor Tonks asked whether there was any proposal in sight for the Clarence Park land on which the County had taken an option. Warden Settle replied that he did not know of any.

Deputy Warden Nicholson commended the Warden on the third paragraph of his Report and agreed that Welfare and Education costs should not come out of property taxes.

Councillor Tonks suggested that costs for these things should come by having legalized lotteries, etc.

It was moved by Councillor P. Baker, seconded by Councillor Moser:

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

AFTERNOON SESSION

The afternoon session convened at 2:00 p.m., with Warden I. Settle presiding.

The Clerk called the roll.

Council agreed to deal with the report of the County Board of Health, which was scheduled for this hour.

The Clerk read the Report of the County Board of Health.

It was moved by Councillor Bell, seconded by Councillor Cleveland:

"THAT the Report of the County Board of Health be adopted". (Motion carried).

Dr. Cameron, Medical Health Officer, presented his report.

It was moved by Councillor P. Baker, seconded by Councillor Bell:

"THAT the Report of the Medical Health Officer for the County of Halifax be received". (Motion carried).

Councillor Bell said that Dr. Cameron had done an excellent job and had given wonderful co-operation to the Board of Health.

Councillor P. Baker shared those views and said that unlike other offices, the Board of Health did not insist on 9 - 5 hours, that they were available 7 days a week and 24 hours a day when needed and didn't put decisions off till Monday morning but acted immediately when necessary.

Dr. Cameron, in reply to question, said that he did not know of any recent cases of people dying from the consumption of contaminated meat and that they can tell whether an animal has TB after they kill it in addition to many other diseases, by checking the glands, etc. He also replied to question that "government inspected" meat if kept in a warm place long enough, would become contaminated. He said that the big problem was not with animals from Halifax County, but those coming in from other areas of the Province where we do not know whether the meat is good or not.

Councillor Giles said that the swimming pool on the Bedford playground had a bacteria count of 1,200 and asked if this was fit for the children to swim in? Dr. Cameron replied in the negative.

Regarding sewers, Dr. Cameron said that new sewers are going in and more will be going in, he admitted that any open sewer is a bad thing but the health is still good in the County and to his knowledge, no one has yet become sick from an open sewer for which we should be thankful.

In reply to Deputy Warden Nicholson, Dr. Cameron said there are no tests which are absolutely 100% sure but that if meat is properly cooked it is safe to eat.

Councillor McCabe said that the people he represents are not against meat inspection but they do object the way it is legislated at the present time and it will create a hardship all around the County of Halifax because we are simply making it mandatory that

all meat sold be inspected, not that all meat be inspected.

Councillor P. Baker said that there are other things which come up in the Board of Health, such as septic tanks and various problems which require legislation and enforcement and some create a very real hardship on the poor people but that these regulations must be made in order to serve the general good.

Councillor Moser felt it was discrimination that the County should have meat inspection and that if Agriculture Minister Akerley was behind it he should take a long look when one man in this Council could push it through.

Councillor Gaetz said he was not opposed to meat inspection but in the way it was being handled because it was forcing the people to bring their animals in to the abattoir at great cost and inconvenience and that the abattoir would not butcher more than one animal a week for a person. He said also that if this law were strictly enforced it would not allow a person to grow a feeder animal for his own use.

Councillor Bell pointed out that both the Federal and Provincial Governments were looking into this matter and believed that if the butchers got together they could get their own meat inspection in their own districts without having to go through the abattoir. He said that the Board has done this in order to protect the welfare of the people of Halifax County.

Councillor Daye said he believed the people of Halifax County agreed with meat inspection but it would certainly cause a hardship on many small business and force some of them out of business. He suggested that there be an inspector who could go to the slaughter houses throughout the County one day per week and then everybody would be happy.

Councillor P. Baker said that the statement that the abattoir will only kill one animal per week is absolutely wrong, they will take 50 or 100 to be killed; he said they also buy hides, they charge \$4.50 for killing an animal and pay \$3.50 for the hide so the killing actually only costs \$1.00.

Councillor Hussey believed that the Department of Health and Councillor P. Baker should be commended for the strong stand they have taken on the issue.

The Warden called for a vote on the motion. (Motion carried).

It was moved by Councillor Giles, seconded by Councillor Hussey:

"THAT the Legislation re exemption of personal property of Moirs Limited, at Bedford, be approved for the years 1968, 1969, 1970, and the Solicitor be instructed to present this Legislation to the House of Assembly".
(Motion carried).

Solicitor Cox read the redrafted resolution arising from the morning's business.

Council agreed to defer this matter to the April session for a further report following a study by Solicitor Cox.

It was moved by Councillor Tonks, seconded by Deputy Warden Nicholson:

"THAT the Report of the County Planning Board be received". (Motion carried).

The Clerk read the Annual Report of the County Planning Board.

It was moved by Councillor Hussey, seconded by Councillor Gaetz:

"THAT the Annual Report of the County Planning Board be approved". (Motion carried).

Councillor P. Baker said that when the sites are being investigated for a County garbage dump, he hoped that the local Councillors would be so advised, he warned that such a move in his district would not meet with a very warm reception.

Councillor Moser objected to the regulation that mobile homes had to be located 500 feet from the road. He felt this should be reduced because a great many of them were violating the regulation anyway and no one was doing anything about it. He pointed out that many mobile homes are more expensive and nicer than the permanent homes.

Solicitor Cox advised that this was one of the matters which is under study at the present time under the rezoning bylaws.

Mr. Gough said that Solicitor Cox has attended several meetings with them where this has been studied and the nucleus of the problem must include the planned area; but is more or less at a standstill until the annexation decision has been made, however, tentative legislation has been drafted which will waive the 500 foot requirement if other stipulations are met.

Councillor Street said that we must all accept some controls and this just has to be accepted.

Councillor P. Baker also objected to the 500 foot requirement for mobile homes because it seems unwarranted. He said this regulation was based on conditions several years ago when unsightly trailers were parked by the side of the road but the nature of mobile homes has changed a great deal and he felt the bylaw should be adapted to suit the times.

Councillor Giles felt that the trailer bylaw was so loose that it would be impossible to get a conviction on it in court.

Solicitor Cox said that it had never been challenged but agreed that the bylaw should be updated.

The Warden called for a vote on the motion. (Motion carried).

Warden Settle welcomed ex-Councillor Curren and ex-Councillor MacKenzie in the galleries.

Regarding the matter of the crusher site near Uplands Park, Mr. Gough presented maps to Council describing the property involved.

Councillor Giles said he could see no connection between the two and could not see how there could be any objection. He said the crushers they have there are not capable

of crushing blasted rock anyway and the area comes under the Bedford Service Commission and not Uplands Park.

Councillor Tonks felt that since the people requested to be heard in Council that they be allowed to present their point.

It was moved by Councillor Giles, seconded by Councillor C. Baker:

"THAT the request from a Solicitor to appear before Council be answered and the proper procedure pointed out to the party concerned". (Motion carried).

The Clerk read the Supplementary Report of the County Planning Board.

It was moved by Councillor Hussey, seconded by Deputy Warden Nicholson:

"THAT the Supplementary Report of the Planning Board be adopted". (Motion carried).

The Clerk presented the Report of the County Court of Appeal.

It was moved by Councillor Giles, seconded by Councillor Street:

"THAT the Report of the Appeal Court be received". (Motion carried).

Mr. Purcell, Director of Assessment, presented his report.

It was moved by Councillor Gaetz, seconded by Councillor Butler:

"THAT the Report of the Director of Assessment be adopted". (Motion carried).

In reply to question, Mr. Purcell said that the Province pays a Grant in Lieu of taxes re farm machinery and that Fairey Aviation at Eastern Passage first came under the Bonus Act but that ran out in 1959 but the Bonus Act applies to their building at the International Airport.

Councillor Giles felt that there was a terribly wide difference in assessments on land which has not yet been built on and he gave the example of two approved lots within 500 feet of each other, relatively the same footage and value. He said he would like to see 100% used for assessment purposes.

Deputy Warden Nicholson pointed out that this was a very difficult problem because some prices were very much inflated in some areas.

Councillor Gaetz felt that Councillors should have had a lot more time to study the assessment figures and that it was very difficult to deal with them at a glance.

In reply to question, Mr. Purcell said that only churches and church halls were tax exempt unless the church hall was used for other than church purposes, that all dwellings of clergymen, wherever they were situated, were taxable, and in the case of church camps only the portion actually used for church services was exempt.

Further in reply to question, Mr. Purcell said that the total assessment has gone down in District No. 8 because of tax concessions given to Shaws. In this case they were not liable to area rates but were liable to improvement charges.

Councillor Hudson asked whether the district fire departments were expected to provide fire protection to these firms since they did not pay district rates.

Solicitor Cox said that in most of these cases the firms supplied their own services like fire protection and if they did not pay the district rate, the district fire department was not compelled to answer a fire call.

Solicitor Cox replied to question that district rates can be levied on a whole district, a part of a district, or two districts combined and that the district does not have to provide their services to anyone outside their area rate boundary.

The Warden called for a vote on the motion. (Motion carried).

The Clerk read the Report of the Public Works Committee.

It was moved by Councillor Smeltzer, seconded by Councillor Gaetz:

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

In reply to Councillor Giles, Mr. Hattie said that if the resolution is approved the remainder of the County would not have to pay for this Pumping Station.

Solicitor Cox read the Resolution re the Agreement.

It was moved by Councillor Allen, seconded by Councillor Hussey:

"THAT the Council be authorized to submit to CMHC an application for the maximum loan obtainable for the construction of a Municipal Sewage Pumping Station to be constructed in the Whimsical Lake area of the Municipality". (Motion carried).

MARCH COUNCIL SESSION - 1968

Tuesday, March 19, 1968

It was moved by Councillor Hussey, seconded by Councillor Bell:

"THAT WHEREAS the Council is of the opinion that the hereinafter rights of the hereinafter described land are required for the purpose of a sewer easement through a portion of Jollimore, Halifax County;

AND WHEREAS the Council is of the opinion that no agreement can be made for the purchase thereof;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Council expropriate the right at any time to enter upon the lands hereinafter described for the purpose of laying down and constructing sewers and drains, and pipes for water and gas, and conduits for maintaining the same at all time in good condition and shall have access to the said lands at all times by its servants, employees, workmen, and agents and that the compensation for the said rights to the land be \$1.00;

AND BE IT RESOLVED FURTHER that the lands to be affected by these rights are as below." Motion Carried.

EASEMENT REQUIRED OVER LANDS
WITHIN THE FLEMING HEIGHTS SUBDIVISION
JOLLIMORE

ALL that certain lot, piece or parcel of land situate, lying and being in the Fleming Heights Subdivision at Jollimore in the County of Halifax, Province of Nova Scotia bounded and more particularly described as follows;

BEGINNING at the juncture of the western boundary of Lakeview Avenue as shown on said plan and the northern boundary of Lot X;

THENCE to run South sixty-six degrees thirty-seven minutes East (S66°37'E) along a prolongation of said northern boundary of Lot X for a distance of six point four eight (6.48') feet;

THENCE to run South zero degrees thirty-seven minutes thirty seconds East (S00°37'30"E) a distance of one hundred and sixteen point nine eight (116.98') feet or unto the northern boundary of the lands owned by J. O. & B. M. Yeadon;

THENCE to run South sixty-two degrees fifty-six minutes zero seconds West (S62°56'00"W) along said northern boundary of the lands owned by J. O. & B. M. Yeadon a distance of twenty-two point three four (22.34') feet unto a point distant two hundred and twenty-three point six four (223.64') feet on a bearing of North sixty-two degrees fifty-six minutes zero seconds East (N62°56'00"E) from the southwestern corner of the Fleming Heights Subdivision;

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THENCE to run North zero degrees thirty-seven minutes thirty seconds West ($N00^{\circ}37'30''W$) a distance of twenty-two point four six (22.46') feet unto a point;

THENCE to run North sixty degrees forty minutes zero seconds West ($N60^{\circ}40'00''W$) along a prolongation of the southern boundary of Lot X aforesaid a distance of forty-one point three eight (41.38') feet unto a wooden post set at the juncture of the said southern boundary of Lot X and the western boundary of Lakeview Avenue aforesaid;

THENCE to run North twenty-nine degrees twenty minutes zero seconds East ($N29^{\circ}20'00''E$) along said western boundary of Lakeview Avenue a distance of one hundred (100') feet or unto the PLACE OF BEGINNING;

ALL the said above described lot, piece or parcel of land being more particularly shown outlined in green as a sewer right-of-way on a plan prepared by Frank Longstaff, P.L. S., said plan dated March 7, 1968.

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THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Council expropriate the right at any time to enter upon the lands hereinafter described for the purpose of laying down and constructing sewers and drains, and pipes for water and gas, and conduits for maintaining the same at all time in good condition and shall have access to the said lands at all times by its servants, employees, workmen, and agents and that the compensation for the said rights to the land be \$1.00;

AND BE IT RESOLVED FURTHER that the lands to be affected by these rights are as below." Motion Carried.

EASEMENT REQUIRED OVER LANDS
OWNED BY J. O. & B. M. YEADON
AT JOLLIMORE

ALL that certain lot, piece or parcel of land situate, lying and being on the lands owned by J. O. & B. M. Yeadon at Jollimore in the County of Halifax, Province of Nova Scotia bounded and more particularly described as follows;

BEGINNING at a point on the southern boundary of Fleming Heights Subdivision, distant two hundred and twenty-three point six four (223.64') feet on a bearing of North sixty-two degrees fifty-six minutes zero seconds East ($N62^{\circ}56'00"E$) from the southwestern corner of said Fleming Heights Subdivision;

THENCE to run North sixty-two degrees fifty-six minutes zero seconds East ($N62^{\circ}56'00"E$) along said southern boundary of Fleming Heights Subdivision a distance of twenty-two point three four (22.34') feet unto a point;

THENCE to run South zero degrees thirty-seven minutes thirty seconds East ($S00^{\circ}37'30"E$) a distance of three hundred and forty-three point four three (343.43') feet unto a point on Joyce Avenue;

THENCE to run South eighty-nine degrees twenty-two minutes thirty seconds West ($S89^{\circ}22'30"W$) a distance of ten (10') feet unto a point which is distant fifteen (15') feet on a bearing of South zero degrees thirty-seven minutes thirty seconds East ($S00^{\circ}37'30"E$) from the centre of a manhole on Joyce Avenue;

Deputy Warden Nicholson pointed out that delaying this report would not mean any saving this year in school expenses because these schools have already been approved by this Council.

Councillor Hussey explained that in building schools there are the "must haves, the could haves, and the should haves", and maybe some of the should haves could be eliminated.

Deputy Warden Nicholson explained that much of this program included additions to present schools because all districts were eager to provide commercial teaching rooms immediately because the government is paying 100% of the cost of these.

Councillor Colin Baker said that the new school for Ketch Harbour-Sambro area is long overdue and he did not think this one should be deleted in any event because they had been overcrowded for some time.

The Warden called for a standing vote on the motion. (Motion defeated).

Mr. Hattie, in reply to Councillor P. Baker, said that the money would be borrowed by the County for new schools in areas to be annexed and the City would have to take over the debt but during this period of uncertainty he did not propose to fund any new schools in these areas.

The Clerk read the Preliminary Report of the Finance and Executive Committee.

It was moved by Councillor Allen, seconded by Councillor Street:

"THAT the Preliminary Report of the Finance and Executive Committee be adopted". (Motion carried, as amended).

It was moved by Councillor P. Baker, seconded by Councillor Giles:

AMENDMENT #1

"THAT the Income restrictions for applying for Widow's Exemption be raised to \$2,000.00". (Amendment defeated).

Councillor Daye objected to the spread between the salaries of the Chairman and members of the Appeal Board.

Councillor Tonks agreed that this was out of line and felt that the Chairman of the Appeal Board was very arrogant in writing about the new rates not being brought in this year.

Mr. Hattie explained that the reason the Chairman received more was because he had most of the responsibility, that he had to write up the daily reports and the final report and the two other members acted on the Board and asked questions.

It was moved by Councillor Tonks, seconded by Councillor Daye:

"THAT the Report of the Finance and Executive Committee be amended with respect to the remuneration of the Court of Appeal by changing the remuneration of the Chairman to \$35.00 per day". (Amendment carried).

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THENCE to continue South eighty-nine degrees twenty-two minutes thirty seconds West ($389^{\circ} 22' 30'' W$) a distance of ten (10') feet unto a point;

THENCE to run North zero degrees thirty-seven minutes thirty seconds West ($000^{\circ} 37' 30'' W$) a distance of three hundred and thirty-three point four nine (333.49') feet or unto the southern boundary of Fleming Heights Subdivision at the PLACE OF BEGINNING;

ALL the said above described lot, piece or parcel of land being more particularly shown outlined in brown on a plan prepared by Frank Longstaff P.L. S. and dated the 7th day of March 1968.

The Clerk read the Report of the School Capital Program Committee.

It was moved by Deputy Warden Nicholson, seconded by Councillor Butler:

"THAT the Report of the School Capital Program Committee be approved". (Motion carried).

Councillor Bell criticized the Committee for not inviting the local Councillor to attend meetings dealing with schools in his district according to the bylaw, he said at their last meeting he just happened to be in the school building that he had not been invited despite this having been brought up at the last session and if the Committee was not going to abide by the bylaw, they might as well throw them in the waste basket.

Deputy Warden Nicholson said that at this Committee they meet all day and consider schools in most districts of the County at every meeting. He asked if the Committee was expected to bring in all Councillors to every Committee meeting.

Councillor Bell said he wanted to be included in all meetings having to do with schools in his area and he did not care about the salary or mileage.

Mr. Hattie explained that Councillors are called in when tenders are being called, when preliminary plans and final plans were brought in and when final inspections were carried out, but they could not bring in every Councillor to every meeting.

Councillor Tonks asked when the tentative opening date was for the new Junior High School in Cole Harbour. Warden Settle said that tenders haven't been called as yet and Mr. Hattie said the School Board asked for the school to be ready for September, 1969.

It was moved by Councillor Hussey, seconded by Councillor Tonks:

"THAT the 1968 Capital Program be referred to the Finance and Executive, for study to see if savings can be made during the coming year". (Motion defeated).

Deputy Warden Nicholson said that the widows could always apply for relief from payment of taxes if they could not pay their taxes and Councillor Snair added that if the family was on welfare, the Welfare could pay the taxes and 75% could be recovered.

Councillor Snair said that now when we are trying to hold the tax rate, he did not think it was reasonable to raise the widow's allowable income.

The Warden called for a vote on the first amendment. (Amendment defeated).

The Warden called for a vote on the second amendment. (Amendment carried).

The Clerk read the Special Report of the Finance and Executive Committee.

It was moved by Councillor Snair, seconded by Councillor Gaetz:

"THAT the Special Report of the Finance and Executive Committee be adopted". (Motion carried).

In reply to Councillor Tonks, Mr. Hattie said that the Clerk and Accountant could probably do this but not as quickly as Council would like. He said that figures compiled by staff can always be prejudiced and it is better to have an independent assessment on something as important as this. He said that there are some pretty serious things coming up and everything we do is going to cost twice as much next year because there will only be half as much assessment. He said that these figures must be dug out as quickly and efficiently as possible so that Council can make informed decisions on matters pertaining to annexation.

The Warden called for a vote on the motion. (Motion carried).

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Moved by Councillor Butler, seconded by Councillor Street that the following issuing resolution be approved:-

" Municipality of the County of Halifax Issuing
Resolution - \$2,000,000 - Schools
\$700,000 - Cole Harbour Junior High
254,000 - Duncan MacMillan High
475,000 - Hammonds Plains Elementary
230,000 - Humber Park - Westphal
184,000 - Lower Sackville - Elementary
68,000 - Sackville Junior High - Addition
58,500 - Herring Cove - Addition
30,000 - Portable Classrooms at
- Cole Harbour - \$15,000
- Waverley - \$7,500
- Porters Lake - \$7,500 "

1. WHEREAS by Section 6 of Chapter 193 of the Revised Statutes of Nova Scotia, 1967, the Municipal Affairs Act, it is enacted among other things, in effect, that subject to the provisions of Section 8 of said Act every Municipality of a County or District shall have full power and authority to borrow or raise by way of loan from time to time on the credit of the municipality such sum or sums as the council thereof deems necessary for the purpose of erecting, acquiring, purchasing, altering, adding to, improving, furnishing or equipping buildings for schools, garages and other buildings for school purposes and acquiring or purchasing or improving land for such buildings;

2. AND WHEREAS by Section 8 of said the Municipal Affairs Act, it is enacted among other things, in effect, that no money shall be borrowed until such proposed borrowing has been approved by the Minister of Municipal Affairs;

3. AND WHEREAS pursuant to the provisions of Section 147 of the Municipal Act and of a resolution passed by the Municipal Council on the 27th day of March A.D., 1967, the said Council postponed the issue and sale of debentures and did borrow from the Royal Bank of Canada at Halifax a sum not exceeding One Million Dollars (\$1,000,000) for the purpose of erecting, furnishing or equipping a new Junior High School at Cole Harbour in the County of Halifax and acquiring or purchasing or improving land for such buildings;

4. AND WHEREAS pursuant to the provisions of Section 147 of the Municipal Act and of a resolution passed by the Municipal Council on the 19th day of September A.D. 1967 and approved by the Minister of Municipal Affairs on the 29th day of November A.D., 1967, the said Council postponed the issue and sale of debentures and did borrow from the Royal Bank of Canada at Halifax a sum not exceeding Three Hundred and Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$350,000) for the purpose of erecting, furnishing or equipping buildings in addition to the Duncan MacMillan High School in the County of Halifax and acquiring or purchasing or improving land for such buildings;

5. AND WHEREAS pursuant to the resolutions hereinbefore recited and pending the issue and sale of debentures, the Municipality of the County of Halifax has borrowed by way of temporary loan from the Royal Bank of Canada at Halifax for the respective purposes therein authorized, the following sums aggregating Nine Hundred and Fifty-four Thousand Dollars (\$954,000) for the

respective purposes hereinafter set forth:

For the purpose set forth in Paragraph 3 hereof
the sum of Seven Hundred Thousand Dollars \$700,000

For the purpose set forth in Paragraph 4 hereof
the sum of Two Hundred and Fifty-four Thousand
Dollars 254,000
\$954,000

6. AND WHEREAS such sums were borrowed from the said Bank for periods not exceeding twelve months respectively with interest at a rate not exceeding seven per centum (7%) per annum, and it is now deemed necessary to issue and sell debentures and to repay the said Bank the sums so borrowed;

7. AND WHEREAS the Municipal Council deems it necessary to borrow or raise by way of loan on the credit of the Municipality by the issue and sale of debentures a sum not exceeding Four Hundred and Seventy-five Thousand Dollars (\$475,000) for the purpose of erecting, furnishing or equipping buildings for an Elementary School at Hammonds Plains in the County of Halifax and acquiring or purchasing or improving land for such buildings;

8. AND WHEREAS the Municipal Council deems it necessary to borrow or raise by way of loan on the credit of the Municipality by the issue and sale of debentures a sum not exceeding Two Hundred and Thirty Thousand Dollars (\$230,000) for the purpose of erecting, furnishing or equipping buildings for the Humber Park School at Westphal in the County of Halifax and acquiring or purchasing or improving land for such buildings;

9. AND WHEREAS the Municipal Council deems it necessary to borrow or raise by way of loan on the credit of the Municipality by the issue and sale of debentures a sum not exceeding One Hundred

and Eighty-four Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$184,500) for the purpose of erecting, furnishing or equipping buildings for the Lower Sackville Elementary School in the County of Halifax and acquiring or purchasing or improving land for such buildings;

10. AND WHEREAS the Municipal Council deems it necessary to borrow or raise by way of loan on the credit of the Municipality by the issue and sale of debentures a sum not exceeding Sixty-eight Thousand Dollars (\$68,000) for the purpose of erecting, furnishing or equipping buildings for an addition to the Sackville Junior High School in the County of Halifax and acquiring or purchasing or improving land for such buildings;

11. AND WHEREAS the Municipal Council deems it necessary to borrow or raise by way of loan on the credit of the Municipality by the issue and sale of debentures a sum not exceeding Fifty-eight Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$58,500) for the purpose of erecting, furnishing or equipping buildings for an addition to the Herring Cove School in the County of Halifax and acquiring or purchasing or improving land for such buildings;

12. AND WHEREAS the Municipal Council deems it necessary to borrow or raise by way of loan on the credit of the Municipality by the issue and sale of debentures a sum not exceeding Fifteen Thousand Dollars (\$15,000) for the purpose of erecting, acquiring, purchasing, furnishing or equipping two portable classrooms to be used in the Cole Harbour area in the County of Halifax.

13. AND WHEREAS the Municipal Council deems it necessary to borrow or raise by way of loan on the credit of the Municipality by the issue and sale of debentures a sum not exceeding Seven Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$7,500) for the purpose of erecting,

acquiring, purchasing, furnishing or equipping a portable class-room to be used in the Waverley area in the County of Halifax;

14. AND WHEREAS the Municipal Council deems it necessary to borrow or raise by way of loan on the credit of the Municipality by the issue and sale of debentures a sum not exceeding Seven Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$7,500) for the purpose of erecting, acquiring, purchasing, furnishing or equipping a portable class-room to be used in the Porters Lake area in the County of Halifax;

15. AND WHEREAS the Municipal Council deems it necessary to borrow or raise by way of loan on the credit of the Municipality by the issue and sale of debentures the following sums aggregating One Million and Forty-six Thousand Dollars (\$1,046,000) for the respective purposes hereinafter set forth:

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| For the purpose set forth in Paragraph 7 hereof the sum of Four Hundred and Seventy-five Thousand Dollars | \$475,000.00 |
| For the purpose set forth in Paragraph 8 hereof the sum of Two Hundred and Thirty Thousand Dollars | 230,000.00 |
| For the purpose set forth in Paragraph 9 hereof the sum of One Hundred and Eighty-four Thousand Five Hundred Dollars | 184,500.00 |
| For the purpose set forth in Paragraph 10 hereof the sum of Sixty-eight Thousand Dollars | 68,000.00 |
| For the purpose set forth in Paragraph 11 hereof the sum of Fifty-eight Thousand Five Hundred Dollars | 58,500.00 |
| For the purpose set forth in Paragraph 12 hereof the sum of Fifteen Thousand Dollars | 15,000.00 |
| For the purpose set forth in Paragraph 13 hereof the sum of Seven Thousand Five Hundred Dollars | 7,500.00 |
| For the purpose set forth in Paragraph 14 hereof the sum of Seven Thousand Five Hundred Dollars | 7,500.00 |
| | <u>\$1,046,000.00</u> |

16. AND WHEREAS the Municipal Council deems it necessary to issue and sell debentures of the Municipality in the aggregate principal amount of Two Million Dollars (\$2,000,000.00) to raise the sum required to repay the said temporary loans aggregating Nine Hundred and Fifty-four Thousand Dollars (\$954,000.00) for the respective purposes hereinbefore set forth in Paragraph 5 of this resolution, and to raise, in part, to the extent of One Million and Forty-six Thousand Dollars (\$1,046,000.00) for the purpose set forth in Paragraph 15 of this resolution in addition to the said sums borrowed pursuant to the resolutions hereinbefore set forth by way of temporary loan for the aforesaid purposes;

17. AND WHEREAS it is provided by Section 7 of said the Municipal Affairs Act that the Council of every Municipality of a county or a district is empowered to authorize such committee as the council may determine, on behalf of the municipality to change the rate of interest from that set out in the resolution of the council which provided for the issue of debentures, to such other rate as the committee may determine;

18. AND WHEREAS it is further provided that a resolution of the committee under this Section must be passed before the debentures are sold and shall not be effective unless a true copy thereof certified by the clerk of the municipality as having been duly passed unanimously, or certified by members purporting to be all the members of the committee, has been filed with the Minister of Municipal Affairs and the Minister has approved thereof;

19. BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED that under and by virtue of said the Municipal Affairs Act the Municipality do, subject to

the approval of the Minister of Municipal Affairs, borrow or raise by way of loan on the credit of the Municipality the said sum of Two Million Dollars (\$2,000,000.00) for the purpose aforesaid;

20. THAT under and in accordance with said the Municipal Affairs Act, the said sum be borrowed or raised by the issue and sale of debentures of the Municipality to an amount not exceeding Two Million Dollars (\$2,000,00);

21. THAT Two Thousand (2,000) debentures of the said Municipality for One Thousand Dollars (\$1,000.00) each be accordingly issued and sold;

22. THAT the said debentures be numbered consecutively 68-A-0001 to 68-A-2000 inclusive, be dated the 15th day of April, A.D., 1968 and be payable as follows:

DEBENTURE NUMBERS:

68-0001 to 68-A-0100 incl. in one year from date thereof;
68-0101 to 68-A-0200 incl. in two years from date thereof;
68-0201 to 68-A-0300 incl. in three years from date thereof;
68-0301 to 68-A-0400 incl. in four years from date thereof;
68-0401 to 68-A-0500 incl. in five years from date thereof;
68-0501 to 68-A-0600 incl. in six years from date thereof;
68-0601 to 68-A-0700 incl. in seven years from date thereof;
68-0701 to 68-A-0800 incl. in eight years from date thereof;
68-0801 to 68-A-0900 incl. in nine years from date thereof;
68-0901 to 68-A-1000 incl. in ten years from date thereof;
68-1001 to 68-A-1100 incl. in eleven years from date thereof;
68-1101 to 68-A-1200 incl. in twelve years from date thereof;
68-1201 to 68-A-1300 incl. in thirteen years from date thereof;
68-1301 to 68-A-1400 incl. in fourteen years from date thereof;
68-1401 to 68-A-1500 incl. in fifteen years from date thereof;
68-1501 to 68-A-1600 incl. in sixteen years from date thereof;
68-1601 to 68-A-1700 incl. in seventeen years from date thereof;
68-1701 to 68-A-1800 incl. in eighteen years from date thereof;
68-1801 to 68-A-1900 incl. in nineteen years from date thereof;
68-1901 to 68-A-2000 incl. in twenty years from date thereof;

23. THAT the said debentures be payable at any office of the Royal Bank of Canada in Nova Scotia and at the principal office

of the said Bank in Saint John, Charlottetown, Montreal or Toronto at the option of the holder, and bear interest at the rate of 7 1/2% per centum per annum payable semi-annually at any said office at the option of the holder;

24. THAT the Finance Committee of the Municipality be hereby authorized on behalf of the Municipality to change the rate of interest from the rate set out in this resolution;

25. THAT a resolution of this Committee changing the interest rate must be passed before the debentures are sold and shall not be effective unless a true copy thereof certified by the clerk of the municipality as having been duly passed unanimously, or certified by members purporting to be all the members of the Committee, has been filed with the Minister of Municipal Affairs and the Minister has approved thereof;

26. THAT the Warden of the Municipality do sign the said debentures or have them impressed with a printed facsimile of his signature and the Clerk thereof do countersign the said debentures, that they do seal the same with the corporate seal of the said Municipality, and that the said Clerk do sign the interest coupons or if the same are lithographed, either sign the same or have them impressed with a facsimile of his signature;

27. THAT the Warden and Clerk of the said Municipality do sell and deliver the said debentures at such price, to such person and in such manner as they shall deem proper;

28. THAT the net proceeds of the said debentures from the sale be applied to the repayment of the said temporary loans aggregating Nine Hundred and Fifty-four Thousand Dollars (\$954,000.00)

referred to in Paragraph 5 hereof, and to the extent of any balance of such net proceeds to the purposes hereinbefore referred to in Paragraph 15 hereof and authorized to be borrowed in addition to the temporary loans pursuant to the aforesaid resolutions.

It was moved by Councillor Snair, seconded by Councillor Giles:

"THAT Council adjourn to meet at 10:00 a.m. tomorrow at Ocean View Manor". (Motion carried).

SECOND DAY

Council met at the Ocean View Manor at 10:00 a.m. Following the inspection of the Ocean View Manor, Council then proceeded to the Halifax County Hospital for lunch and an inspection of the County Hospital.

Following the inspection, Council adjourned until 10:00 a.m., Thursday morning.

THIRD DAY MORNING

The third day morning of the Annual Meeting of the Council of the Municipality of the County of Halifax convened at 10:00 a.m., with Warden I. Settle presiding.

The Clerk called the Roll.

The Municipal Clerk advised that there was no correspondence to be dealt with.

It was agreed by Council that the Minutes of Tuesday, March 19, and Wednesday, March 20, 1968, be deferred for approval until Council members had a chance to read them.

Mr. Hattie read the brief as presented by Councillor Hussey.

It was moved by Councillor Hussey, seconded by Councillor P. Baker:

"BE IT RESOLVED THAT a Committee be appointed to consist of the Warden, the County Solicitor, and two Councillors to enquire into the matters raised in Councillor Hussey's statement of March 19, 1968; a copy of which is attached to this resolution;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT a senior member of the staff of the Department of Municipal Affairs be requested to act on this Committee". (Motion deferred until Monday, March 25, 1968).

Councillor Moser stated he agreed with the report, particularly with regard to the Municipal School Board.

Councillor P. Baker asked if the Municipal Clerk had any jurisdiction over the Municipal School Board? He stated he was also concerned with the operation of the Municipal School Board and the deficit for the year 1967.

Mr. Cox, in reply to Councillor P. Baker's question, outlined to Council the background with regard to the establishment of the Municipal School Board as a corporate body under legislation and advised Council that the members of the Municipal School Board were appointed by the Municipal Council and the Provincial Government; that the Municipal School Board and the Municipal Council were required to meet the cost of the foundation program as laid down by the Provincial Department of Education. Also, that any deficit incurred by the Municipal School Board must be included in the next years budget. Mr. Cox advised that items over and above the foundation program, as recommended by the Municipal School Board, may or may not be approved for by Council as they see fit. Mr. Cox advised that Council has control of the Capital Program that is recommended to the Municipal Council by the Municipal School Board, but on the other hand, Council is obligated to provide sufficient classrooms and facilities that are required to carry out the foundation program.

Councillor Daye stated that the general public blamed Council for the expenditures of the Municipal School Board.

Councillor Bell stated that he felt the Municipal School Board was not consistent in the equipment that they provide to various schools.

Mr. Hattie stated he understood that the equipment that is placed in the school depends on the requests from the teaching staff and the teaching program carried out in the school.

Councillor Moser stated he felt that Council should be able to control the deficit of the Municipal School Board.

Councillor Allen questioned as to the continuing Committee which reviews the educational program and makes recommendations to the Minister of Education.

Mr. Hattie stated that the Municipal School Board does not always carry out all the recommended programs of the Provincial Department of Education but they are required to carry out the minimum foundation program.

Councillor McCabe stated that he felt that such an investigation would be of little or no use.

Councillor Hussey stated that his main interest was to determine how far a Councillor can go in requesting assistance or services through a Department of the Municipality and how far the Department Head was required to act on Councillor's request.

Mr. Cox, the Solicitor, stated that he felt that he and the Clerk could prepare an outline for the Councillors which would give them a better understanding as to the power and authority of Boards and Committees, etc.

Councillor Gaetz stated he felt that Council is casting reflections on the ex-Councillors on the Municipal School Board.

Councillor Tonks stated that he would like to get back to the original motion, and stated that he disagreed with Councillor Hussey in his statements with regard to the Regional Library Board. Councillor Tonks stated that the budget was reviewed by members of the Board at a regular meeting and that Councillor Hussey was not present at that meeting. Councillor Tonks stated that the Board and not the staff set the budget. Councillor Tonks stated that he felt that this resolution was completely out of line and does not do justice to the Council itself.

Councillor Allen stated that he felt the Solicitor had provided the answer and that perhaps a seminar could be held at which time the Clerk and the Solicitor could answer a lot of questions which were now bothering some of the Councillors.

It was moved by Councillor Allen, seconded by Councillor Johnson:

"THAT the resolution of Councillor Hussey, be deferred until Monday, March 25, 1968". (Motion carried).

Councillor Snair stated he felt that part of the problem is a lack of understanding on the part of the newer Councillors and felt that staff were most co-operative in any problems that arose.

Mr. Hattie stated that he and the staff were only too willing to meet at any time with County Councillors and discuss any matter with them.

Councillor Baker stated that he felt that people should know that the Council has no control over the foundation program as laid down by the Department of Education.

The Warden called for a vote on the motion to defer. (Motion carried).

The Clerk read the Report of the Finance and Executive Committee.

Councillor Allen questioned the matter of Poll Tax bills being mailed late and the procedure in which interest was calculated and Warrants issued, and Mr. Bensted supplied these answers.

Councillor Tonks questioned the matter of Constables submitting their applications to the Clerk and not to Council and this was explained by the Solicitor and the Clerk.

It was moved by Councillor Allen, seconded by Deputy Warden Nicholson:

"THAT the Report of the Finance and Executive Committee, re Tax Warrants, etc., be adopted".
(Motion carried).

It was moved by Councillor Moser, seconded by Councillor Snair:

"THAT Constable Thomas E. Burke and Constable Charles Mitchell be appointed for Constables for the ensuing year". (Motion carried).

The Clerk read the Report of the Finance and Executive Committee with regard to dog fees and dog control.

It was moved by Councillor Bell, seconded by Councillor Allen:

"THAT the Report of the Finance and Executive Committee re dog licenses and fines be adopted". (Motion carried).

Councillor P. Baker questioned the purpose of the increase in fees and the method of collection of dogs by the Constables and the amounts paid to the Constables, and Mr. Hattie advised Councillor Baker as to these details.

Councillor Moser stated that he felt that the people who looked after their dogs were being persecuted.

It was moved by Councillor Baker, seconded by Councillor Moser:

AMENDMENT TO MOTION

"THAT the fees for dog licenses for 1968 remain the same as 1967". (Amendment defeated).

Councillor McCabe stated that he did not agree with the report.

Councillor C. Baker questioned that this was the answer and suggested that dog owners who allow their dogs to run at large should be fined in Court.

Mr. Cox, Solicitor, stated that this was a most difficult thing to prosecute and obtain a conviction due to the fact that very few people were willing to give evidence.

Councillor Butler stated that he felt the fines for dogs reclaimed by their owners was not high enough and felt that it should be \$25.00.

It was moved by Councillor Butler, seconded by Councillor Snair:

AMENDMENT

"THAT the fine for reclaiming dogs at the pound be \$25.00". (Amendment defeated).

Deputy Warden Nicholson advised Council that all the Finance Committee was trying to do was to eliminate the subsidy re dog control out of the general tax rate.

Councillor Isenor stated he did not think that this was the answer.

Councillor P. Baker stated that he still felt that we were penalizing the people who actually controlled their dogs.

The Warden called for a vote on the amendment to raise the fine for reclaimed dogs to \$25.00. (Amendment defeated).

The Warden called for a vote on the amendment to leave the dog fees the same as 1967. (Amendment defeated).

The Warden called for a vote on the original motion. (Motion carried).

The Clerk read the Report of the Municipal School Board.

It was moved by Councillor Snair, seconded by Councillor Gaetz:

"THAT the report of the Municipal School Board be received". (Motion carried).

Mr. Hattie advised that Mr. Perry, the Superintendent of the Municipal School Board, was present and Mr. Perry took the seat to answer questions.

In reply to a question from Councillor Isenor, Mr. Perry advised as to the type of items included in the proposed Capital Budget for equipment and furniture.

Councillor P. Baker questioned Mr. Perry as to whether he had received any official notice as to the delayed opening of the Vocational High School in Dartmouth to serve Dartmouth and the Eastern Shore.

Mr. Perry advised that he understood, unofficially, that classes would not be available in September 1968 as originally scheduled and that he was very disappointed to hear this news, but that he had not received any official communication to this effect.

Councillor Allen questioned as to how many busses had been purchased from revenue?

Mr. Langley, the Business Manager for the Municipal School Board, advised that no busses had been purchased from revenue in recent years. Mr. Langley also advised that surplus busses were sold by tender.

Councillor Moser questioned Mr. Perry as to some surplus busses being bought by individuals and were still on the road, and questioned as to why the Municipal School Board had disposed of these particular vehicles.

Mr. Perry advised that busses are retired upon the recommendation of school staff and the Board of Public Utilities Inspector.

Mr. Cox stated that the Board of Public Utilities deals with utilities only and if an individual should buy a bus and use it for his own purposes, which did not come under the Board of Utilities jurisdiction, then they would not have any control over that vehicle being on the road.

Councillor Tonks questioned the items being asked for visual aids and Mr. Perry advised that these items were for schools that did not have any visual aid classrooms. Councillor Tonks questioned as to whether there was any intention to phase out the school at Wellington, Eastern Passage, and suggested that if the school was to remain open, that the Municipal School Board Maintenance staff should have a look at the chalkboards.

Councillor McCabe questioned Mr. Perry as to the number of Supervisory staff which had been added during the past year and the cost of this program?

Mr. Perry explained the details of the set up as re-organized under the Department of Education program and also answered questions as to the number of pupils in classrooms, etc.

Councillor Baker questioned Mr. Perry as to the possibility of the Municipal School Board requesting the Provincial Department of Highways to place a warning light over the road in front of the Atlantic Memorial School, as he felt this was a very dangerous hazard to the school children.

Mr. Perry advised Councillor P. Baker that he would place this item on the agenda of the next meeting of the Municipal School Board.

The Warden called for a vote on the motion. (Motion carried).

It was moved by Councillor Allen, seconded by Deputy Warden Nicholson:

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

THIRD DAY AFTERNOON

The afternoon session of Council convened at 2:00 p.m., with Warden I. Settle presiding.

The Clerk called the Roll.

The Clerk read the Report of the Finance and Executive Committee with regard to the Municipal School Board Report.

It was moved by Councillor Allen, seconded by Deputy Warden Nicholson:

"THAT the Report of the Finance and Executive Committee re Municipal School Board Budget be adopted". (Motion carried).

Mr. Perry, Superintendent, Municipal School Board, again appeared before Council to answer questions.

Mr. Perry advised Councillor Giles that the changes in the Supervisory staff meant an increase cost of approximately \$6,000.00 a year, salary wise.

Councillor Giles stated that he felt the public should know that the cost of education is the cause of the continuing increase in taxes.

Councillor Hussey stated that if the Provincial Government wants this level of education, then the Provincial Government should provide the funds to pay for it.

Mr. Cox, the Solicitor, again pointed out to Council that Council appoints the majority of the members to the Municipal School Board and, therefore, has some control over the actions of the Municipal School Board.

Councillor Hudson stated that she felt that the newly elected Councillors should have determined these things before they even ran for Council.

Councillor Bell stated he felt that while the Municipal School Board minutes are available, if Councillors wish to go to the Municipal School Board office and read them, that portions of the minutes with regard to general operation could be made available to the Councillors.

Councillor Daye stated he felt that we are living beyond our means.

Mr. Cox, Solicitor, stated that the question of the Municipal School Board minutes being available to Councillors has been discussed a good many times in Council and that this is a policy matter for the Municipal School Board itself to decide.

Councillor Street stated that this can easily be answered by the four representatives of Council on the Municipal School Board.

Councillor Snair stated that as a newly appointed member to the Municipal School Board that he questioned the wisdom of circulating the full minutes of the Municipal School Board.

Deputy Warden Nicholson said that he was not interested in the portion of the minutes which dealt with personalities, but would like to see the business portion of the meetings, particularly, with regard to new schools and financial matters.

Councillor Allen stated that it was not always convenient for Councillors to go to the Municipal School Board office during office hours to read the minutes.

Councillor Baker stated that the Halifax County Hospital Board is also an independent Board but they publish their full minutes for the benefit of all Councillors.

Mr. Perry, in reply to a question by Deputy Warden Nicholson, explained in part the reason for items in the budget not approved for Provincial Grants.

Deputy Warden Nicholson stated that he was very concerned that the cost of education is getting beyond the means of some classes of tax payers.

Councillor Gaetz stated that he felt that the Municipal School Board minutes should not be published in their entirety but only portions of the minutes.

Councillor Tonks stated he felt that Council should have some way by receiving this information from the Municipal School Board. He also stated that there should be some means of cutting down the budget still farther.

Mr. Perry, in answer to a query by Councillor Hudson, stated that he was unable to give the exact percentage of the grade 11 pupils who passed Provincial exams but felt that there was approximately 50%.

Councillor Hudson stated that she felt that the Municipality of the County of Halifax was only providing the minimum standards of education.

Mr. Perry answered a query from Councillor McCabe with regard to amount of sick leave being used by teachers.

The Warden called for a vote on the motion. (Motion carried).

It was moved by Councillor Baker, seconded by Councillor Moser:

"THAT the Municipal School Board be requested to circulate the minutes of the Municipal School Board to the members of the Municipal Council". (Motion carried).

It was moved by Councillor Baker, seconded by Councillor Gaetz:

"THAT the Department of Education be asked to proceed with the plans for the construction and opening of the Dartmouth Regional Vocational School without delay;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution be sent to the Premier of the Province". (Motion carried).

The Clerk advised that Mr. Cleary, Director of Welfare, was present to read his report.

Mr. Cleary, Director of Welfare, proceeded to read the Report of the Director of Welfare.

It was moved by Councillor Bell, seconded by Councillor Butler:

"THAT the Report of the Director of Welfare be received". (Motion carried).

Councillor Butler stated he would like to have a list of the people in his district who were presently receiving assistance.

Mr. Cleary stated that he did not feel that this was very good practice, but that if Councillor Butler would see him in the office, he would provide him with this information.

Deputy Warden Nicholson stated he felt that this information should be available to any particular Councillor who requested it.

Councillor Johnson stated he felt that any Councillor who wished to, could approach the Director of Welfare and receive any information that he required without having such a list.

Councillor Daye stated he felt that welfare costs were getting out of control, that some people are getting welfare who should not and some people are getting welfare who would be glad to work for it and there should be some means available for them to work for this assistance.

Councillor P. Baker felt that the provision of list of names to Councillors was not practical. He stated that he felt that the present system of administration was good.

Councillor Hussey agreed with Councillor P. Baker.

Mr. Cleary, in reply to a question by Councillor Tonks, stated that it was not the practice of the Department of Welfare to actually buy homes for individuals but that on occasion they did arrange financing.

Councillor Butler stated that he still felt that such lists should be available to individual Councillors.

Councillor Moser also stated that he agreed with Councillor Butler with this regard.

The Warden called for a vote on the motion. (Motion carried).

It was moved by Councillor Street, seconded by Councillor Bell:

"THAT consideration of the Municipal School Board Financial Statements be deferred". (Motion carried).

The Clerk read the Report of the Municipal Collector.

It was moved by Councillor Isenor, seconded by Councillor Street:

"THAT the Report of the Municipal Collector be received". (Motion carried).

Mr. Gerard Kelly, the Municipal Collector, appeared before Council and answered a number of questions by Councillors.

The Warden called for a vote on the motion. (Motion carried).

It was moved by Councillor Street, seconded by Councillor Tonks:

"THAT the statement of Municipal Taxes paid and outstanding by Districts for 1967 be received".
(Motion carried).

The Clerk read the Report of the Jury Lists Committee.

It was moved by Councillor Allen, seconded by Councillor Gaetz:

"THAT the Report of the Jury Lists be referred back to the Committee". (Motion carried).

The Solicitor read the proposed amendment to the dog bylaw, covering the changes approved by Council.

It was moved by Councillor Snair, seconded by Councillor Street:

"BE IT RESOLVED that the following be and the same is hereby adopted and enacted as an amendment to the Dog By-law of the Municipality of the County of Halifax when and if the same has received the approval of the Minister of Municipal Affairs, and that the Municipal Clerk be and he is hereby instructed to forward the same to the Minister and request his approval hereof.

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A BY-LAW TO AMEND THE DOG BY-LAW

MARCH SESSION

1. Subsection (1) of Section 2 of the Dog By-law is amended by deleting the figures and symbols "\$4.00," "\$6.00," "\$8.00," and "\$12.00" and substituting therefor the figures and symbols "\$6.00," "\$8.00," "\$10.00," and "\$14.00" respectively.
2. Section 13 of the Dog By-law as amended is amended by deleting the words "five dollars" in the fifth line thereof and substituting therefor the words "ten dollars".
3. Section 14 of the Dog By-law is amended by deleting the words "five dollars" in the last line thereof and substituting therefor the words "thirteen dollars". (Motion carried).

Councillor Moser and Councillor P. Baker called for a recorded vote.

The Warden called for a recorded vote, which was recorded as follows:

FOR - Districts - 1, 2, 3, 4, 6, 7, 8, 12, 13, 14, 15, 17, 18, 21.

AGAINST - Districts - 9, 10, 11, 16, 19, 20.

The Warden declared the motion carried 14 - 6.

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It was moved by Councillor Baker, seconded by Councillor Street:

"BE IT RESOLVED that the following be and the same is hereby adopted and enacted as an amendment to the Building By-law of the Municipality of the County of Halifax when and if the same has received the approval of the Minister of Municipal Affairs, and that the Municipal Clerk be and he is hereby instructed to forward the same to the Minister and request his approval hereof".

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MARCH SESSION

A BY-LAW TO AMEND THE BUILDING BY-LAW

1. Section 1 of the Building By-law is repealed and the following substituted therefor:

1. This By-law shall apply to Municipal Districts 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, to that part of 17 that was on the 20th of November 1967 District 18, 21, to all that land lying 500 feet on either side of all paved roads as they become paved in that part of District 19 that was on the 20th day of November 1967 District 24, and to Sheet Harbour School Section and Watt Section School Section and 500 feet on either side of highways numbered 7 and 24 in that part of District 18 that was on the 20th day of November 1967 District 21. (Motion carried).

Mr. Cox advised the Committee that the purpose of this amendment was to include district 16 as a building district and also to bring the bylaw up to date with regard to the new district numbers. He advised Council that there were no other changes with the exception of the addition of district 16.

The Warden called for a vote on the motion. (Motion carried).

The Clerk presented the Report re Area School Rates and advised Council that the item with regard to St. Margaret's School Section 117 was to be deleted.

Councillor Allen and Councillor Street stated that they would like to discuss the matter of the area rate with the Local Board of Trustees before this Report was presented.

It was agreed by Council that this Report be deferred until a later date in the session.

The Clerk read the Report of the Regional Library Board.

It was moved by Councillor Snair, seconded by Councillor Tonks:

"THAT the Report of the Regional Library Board be received". (Motion carried).

Mrs. Somers, the Chief Librarian, appeared before Council to answer queries with regard to the budget, etc.

Councillor Allen questioned the amount of travelling expense in 1967 and the proposed travelling expense in 1968. Mrs. Somers advised that the travelling expense account covered the expenses with regard to the bookmobile overnight stops in the Sheet Harbour area and also, covered travelling expenses with regard to the Chief Librarian and one member of the Board attending the Canadian Library Association Conference and expenses with regard to the Assistant Chief Librarian and a member of the Board attending the Atlantic Library Conference. Mrs. Somers advised that the Canadian Library Association Conference would be in Jasper and the Atlantic Library Conference would be in Digby, Nova Scotia.

Councillor Baker stated that in view of the Finance and Executive Committee and the Council trying to cut down expenses, that the Chairman of the Regional Library Board would be willing to forgo the trip to Jasper.

It was moved by Councillor Allen, seconded by Councillor Butler:

AMENDMENT

"THAT the Report of the Regional Library Board be referred back to the Regional Library Board for re-consideration, particularly, with regard to the matter of expenses re Conferences". (Amendment carried).

Councillor Butler questioned the awarding of insurance and was advised by Mr. Hattie that this was covered by tender.

Mr. Cox, Solicitor, explained to Council the setting up of the Regional Library Board and the agreement between the Municipality of the County of Halifax and the

Provincial Government as approved by the Municipal Council. He advised Council that the Municipal Council was obliged to meet the budget of the Regional Library Board.

Councillor Baker questioned as to whether or not it was time for the Municipal Council to have a second look at this agreement.

Mr. Cox advised Council that Council can withdraw as of December 31st. of any given year providing that a years notice is given.

Councillor Daye stated he felt that the costs of the Regional Library Board were getting out of hand.

Councillor Snair, Chairman of the Regional Library Board, advised Council that the estimates for the Regional Library Board were considered in January, February, and March and were approved. He stated that if the Board had to call a special meeting, the costs of the special meeting would offset any savings that might be made.

Councillor Baker stated that he felt it was still worthwhile for the budget to go back to the Board for re-consideration.

Councillor Tonks stated he agreed with Councillor Butler with regard to the insurance being awarded by tender and had questioned this with the Municipal Clerk at a meeting of the Regional Library Board. Councillor Tonks also stated he agreed that it was not necessary for the Chairman to attend the Conference and that this item could be re-considered by the Board. Councillor Tonks also indicated that he thought it might be advisable for the Board to increase the amount of rent which is payable to the Municipality of the County of Halifax.

The Warden called for a vote on the amendment to the motion. (Amendment carried).

It was moved by Councillor Allen, seconded by Councillor Street:

"THAT Council adjourn until Monday morning at 10:00 a.m.". (Motion carried).

The fourth day morning of the Annual Session of the Council of the Municipality of the County of Halifax convened at 10:00 a.m., with Warden Ira Settle presiding.

The Assistant Clerk called the roll.

The Warden announced that Mr. Hattie's mother had passed away.

Mr. Bensted advised that she had been ill for some time and had been in hospital. He advised that she had passed away on Sunday evening.

It was moved by Councillor Allen, seconded by Councillor Butler:

"THAT a floral tribute be sent to Mr. R. G. Hattie and Family with regard to the loss of Mr. Hattie's mother".
(Motion carried).

The Warden asked how many of the Councillors were going to the Kiwanis dinner?

Councillor Giles and Councillor Hussey advised that they would not be going to the dinner.

Mr. Bensted read a letter from School District No. 115 Ratepayers Association with regard to the appointment of a school traffic Constable to supervise the crosswalk at the Kearney Lake Road.

It was moved by Councillor Butler, seconded by Councillor Bell:

"THAT Ross Taylor be appointed as Traffic Constable in Rockingham". (Motion carried).

The Assistant Clerk advised that there was no other correspondence.

Mr. Bensted brought up the #18 item on the agenda.

Councillor Gaetz asked that this item be deferred.

Councillor Allen stated that these were statements of fact and he moved that they be received.

It was moved by Councillor Allen, seconded by Councillor Hudson:

"THAT the Financial Statements of the Municipal School Board including the Revenue and Expenditure Statement, the Balance Sheets, and the various schedules attached, be approved".
(Motion carried).

It was moved by Councillor Allen, seconded by Councillor Bell:

"THAT the Minutes of Tuesday, March 19, 1968, and Wednesday, March 20, 1968, be approved, as amended". (Motion carried).

Council agreed to deal next with Councillor Hussey's brief, next on the agenda.