

Councillor Allen stated that Mr. Cox made a suggestion with regard to a seminar for Councillors to deal with duties of Committees, etc. Due to Mr. Hatties' absence and the matter of the preparing of a Brief to be presented to the Minister, that this matter be deferred for a few days. He suggested that a seminar be held before Council adjourns its Annual Session.

Councillor Hussey stated that he thought Mr. Cox's suggestion was very nice but felt that his resolution should be tabled.

Councillor Tonks said he understood that the motion to defer had been defeated.

Councillor Allen thought the Brief should be dealt with before the Annual Session adjourns.

Councillor P. Baker thought he had the right to place this before Council and it should be so tabled.

Councillor Allen said he would want this seminar to be held first, before the Brief is tabled.

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

"THAT Councillor Hussey's brief be tabled and a Seminar be held before Council adjourns for the Annual Session".  
(Motion carried).

The Warden declared the motion carried.

Mr. Bensted read the Report of the Committee on Jury Lists. He advised that this item was deferred at the last session of Council.

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

"THAT the Report of the Committee on Jury Lists be adopted". (Motion carried).

Mr. Bensted advised that the matter of School Area Rates had been deferred at the request of Councillors so that they could discuss these with the Trustees.

It was agreed by Council that this item again be deferred.

The Assistant Clerk read the Report of the Emergency Measures Organization.

Deputy Warden Nicholson asked if there would be a budget presented to the Finance and Executive Committee?

Councillor Tonks questioned the budget for 1968 which showed the remuneration for the Co-ordinator as \$6,210.00 per annum whereas he understood that the Finance and Executive Committee had approved a salary of \$5,000.00 only and also that it had been indicated by Provincial Authorities that they could only share in a salary of \$5,000.00.

Mr. Bensted advised that the Emergency Measures Organization budget for the year 1968 had not been dealt with by the Finance and Executive Committee and the budget was not being

considered by Council today, just the general Report.

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

"THAT the Report of the Emergency Measures Organization Committee be adopted". (Motion carried, as amended).

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

AMENDMENT:

"THAT the paragraph on page 4 of the Emergency Measures Organization Report re budget be deleted". (Amendment carried).

The Warden called for a vote on the amendment to delete the paragraph on page 4 of the Emergency Measures Organization Report.

Councillor Tonks referred to the Dog Bylaw with regard to the commission paid to local Constables.

Mr. Bensted advised that when the original Bylaw had been drafted, the commission had been 50% of the fee. He advised, however, that when the fees were adjusted some years ago, the commission had been reduced to 25%.

Councillor Tonks indicated that he felt that Council should give consideration to reducing this to 20%.

Mr. Bensted advised that this would create a problem as it is difficult now to obtain Constables to carry out these duties and that it would be more difficult if the commission were reduced to 20%.

Mr. Quigley, Director of Emergency Measures Organization, appeared before Council to answer questions with regard to his Report.

Councillor Gaetz asked if this training for firemen was available to all Fire Departments and the Director explained that if he would make application, arrangements could no doubt be made through the Zone Controller to make application to the Fire Marshal who would arrange to supply an Instructor.

Councillor Hudson asked if there was any special reason why the Director of Nursing Services of the Red Cross was not asked to attend this meeting?

Mr. Quigley stated that he would arrange to take the matter up with the Provincial Director and ask if this could be arranged.

Councillor Gaetz asked what the operation re Radiological Kit consisted of?

Mr. Quigley stated that Councillor Bell could advise him on this.

Councillor Bell advised that the generator was not being used at Armdale, and Fairview Fire Department had asked that it be transferred to them as they wished to use it. He also stated that it was better for the generator to be used from time to time to keep it in good working order.

Councillor Bell also advised that it could be used for flood lights in case of any emergency such as fire.

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

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

"THAT the Visiting Committee of the Halifax County Hospital be reappointed for 1968". (Motion carried).

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

"THAT the Visiting Committee of the Ocean View Municipal Home be reappointed for 1968". (Motion carried).

With regard to the Municipal Building Board, Councillor Moser felt that this Committee should be removed as they have not met once in the last two years.

Mr. Cox, in reply to Councillor Moser, stated that this Board sat in on any appeals from the Building Inspector, and they must, therefore, be retained.

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

"THAT the members of the Municipal Building Board be reappointed for 1968". (Motion carried).

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

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

"THAT the members of the Veterinary Assistance Board - Halifax - Musquodoboit be reappointed for 1968". (Motion carried).

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

"THAT the Veterinary Assistance Board members be reappointed for 1968". (Motion carried).

Deputy Warden Nicholson asked if the members of the Court of Appeal were asked to serve or if they were just appointed?

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

"THAT Samuel F. Riuda be reappointed as a member of the Court of Appeal". (Motion carried).

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

"THAT Richard F. Tolson be reappointed as a member of the Court of Appeal". (Motion carried).

Councillor Daye and Councillor Johnson nominated Vernard Day as a member of the Court of Appeal.

Councillor P. Baker and Councillor Tonks nominated Arthur MacKenzie as a member of the Court of Appeal.

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

"THAT nominations cease". (Motion carried).

The Warden called for a ballot and following the ballot, declared Arthur MacKenzie duly elected to the Court of Appeal.

Councillor Street asked if there had ever been any other Auditor other than Mr. Stech?

Mr. Bensted advised that Mr. Frank E. Smith had been with the County prior to his retirement from private practice.

Councillor Butler asked that the firm of Nightingale Hayman & Company be appointed.

Councillor Smeltzer asked if they had a set fee?

Mr. McMahon, Chief Accountant, advised that the amount paid for the 1967 auditing was \$6,200.00. This was an increase of \$2,000.00 from the previous year.

Councillor P. Baker asked if the firm of Nightingale Hayman & Company would act if they were appointed and Councillor Butler advised Councillor P. Baker that they would do so.

Deputy Warden Nicholson asked if this \$6,000.00 was for the work carried out by the two firms or if it just covered the work of one firm?

Mr. McMahon, in reply to Deputy Warden Nicholson, advised that this amount covered the work carried out by the two firms.

It was agreed to defer the appointment of the Auditor until after lunch.

It was agreed by Council that the Financial Statements of the Municipality of the County of Halifax, the Financial Statements of the Halifax County Hospital, and the Ocean View Manor, along with the Report of the Auditors be deferred.

The Assistant Clerk read the Report of the Atlantic Provinces Housing Conference.

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

"THAT the Report of the Atlantic Provinces Housing Conference be accepted". (Motion carried).

Deputy Warden Nicholson stated that the Minister had indicated that applications from Municipalities for land assembly would be welcomed. Deputy Warden Nicholson stated that this was in line with the thinking of the Public Housing Committee.

Councillor Gaetz asked if this figure of 585,000 housing units covered all of the Province?

Warden Settle, in reply to Councillor Gaetz, advised that this figure covered all of Canada, and not just the Province.



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

"THAT Council confirm the offices of the Municipality of the County of Halifax will operate on Daylight Saving Time as of 12:01 a.m., April 23, 1968, until 12:01 a.m., October 27, 1968, and that the residents of the Municipality be asked to co-operate by conforming to Atlantic Daylight Time as of those dates". (Motion carried).

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

"THAT the Municipal Clerk and Treasurer and the Warden or 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).

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

"THAT Council authorize the borrowing of certain monies from the ROYAL BANK OF CANADA to meet the current expenditure of the Corporation of the Municipality of the County of Halifax for the year 1968;

WHEREAS it is necessary to borrow the sum of THREE MILLION, THREE HUNDRED AND FIFTY THOUSAND-----00/100 DOLLARS from the ROYAL BANK OF CANADA to meet the now current expenditure of the Corporation until such time as the taxes to be levied therefor can be collected;

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED by the Municipal Council of the Corporation of the Municipality of the County of Halifax as follows:

1. THAT the Warden with the Treasurer of the said Corporation be and they are hereby authorized under the seal of the Corporation to borrow from the ROYAL BANK OF CANADA the sum of THREE MILLION, THREE HUNDRED AND FIFTY THOUSAND-----00/100 DOLLARS as the same may be required from time to time to meet the now current expenditure of the said Corporation which said expenditure has been duly authorized by the Council;
2. THAT the said Warden with the Treasurer aforesaid, be and they are hereby authorized to pay or allow to the said Bank, interest on that part of the said sum of THREE MILLION, THREE HUNDRED AND FIFTY THOUSAND-----00/100 DOLLARS that has been advanced to the Municipality and evidenced by Notes at the rate of 7 1/4 percent per annum, which may be paid or allowed in advance by way of discount or otherwise howsoever as they may deem best;
3. THAT the said sum of THREE MILLION, THREE HUNDRED AND FIFTY THOUSAND-----00/100 DOLLARS so to be borrowed, shall be made payable on demand and the Promissory Notes of the said Corporation, if any, given therefor, may be redeemed by the said Warden and Treasurer from time to time but no renewal there of shall fall due later than the said 31st of March, 1969;

4. THAT the Promissory Note or Notes of the said Corporation, sealed with the corporate seal and signed by the Warden and Treasurer of the said Corporation be given from time to time as required, in security for the amounts borrowed from time to time under the provisions of this resolution;

5. THAT the giving of such renewal Note and Notes, as aforesaid, shall not be deemed satisfaction to the said Bank of the said advance or interest, but as evidence only of indebtedness." (Motion carried).

Councillor Allen asked if this money is borrowed as required. He asked that if the Warden and Clerk were incapacitated, would the Deputy Warden and the Assistant Clerk be able to sign these Notes?

Mr. Cox, in reply to Councillor Allen, advised that the Deputy Warden and the Assistant Clerk could be authorized to sign these Notes, if and when necessary.

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

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

"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).

With regard to the renewal of Temporary Borrowings re Schools, Mr. Bensted asked that this item be deferred until Mr. Hattie, Municipal Clerk, was available to discuss these in detail with Council.

The Assistant Clerk read the Report of the Halifax-South East & Halifax Musquodoboit Veterinary Assistance Boards.

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

"THAT the Reports of the Halifax-South East & Halifax Musquodoboit Veterinary Assistance Boards be received".  
(Motion carried).

Councillor Butler questioned as to whether the Board of Health has considered the recommendations re meat inspection contained in this Report?

Mr. Bensted advised that this Report had not been submitted at the time that meat inspection was being considered by the Board of Health.

Councillor Tonks suggested that they reduce the pay in mileage to veterinarians.

Mr. Bensted advised that the fee paid not only covered their mileage but that it also covered part of the fee for their services provided.

Councillor McCabe stated that he thought Mr. Bensted had put this very nicely. He also stated that there was to be a certain amount expected for their services.

Councillor Gaetz asked about the relationship between the Board of Veterinary Assistance and the general public.

Councillor Gaetz went on to tell of an incident which had occurred in his district. He explained of how a man with a sick horse had called the veterinarian. The veterinarian told the man that he was sorry but he could not come at the moment as he was going away and would not be returning until Monday. The man called Councillor Gaetz and explained the situation to him and Councillor Gaetz advised him to call the Halifax Veterinary, as he felt the case should have been referred to Halifax in the first instance. The man then called the Halifax Veterinary and he was advised that they could not come at the moment; so the man again called Councillor Gaetz. Councillor Gaetz then suggested that the man call Dr. Shaw. He advised Council that he has had to depend on Dr. Shaw so many times. He stated that when the man had called the veterinarian, he had wanted to know if he would get paid if he went down.

Councillor Gaetz went on to explain that Dr. Shaw had told them what to do with the horse, and she advised that if they did not receive results, she would try to come out during the night.

Councillor P. Baker thought Dr. Shaw should have some recognition. He felt she was very well qualified.

Councillor McCabe stated that to his knowledge he had heard of no complaints with regard to this particular matter.

Deputy Warden Nicholson said that with respect to the amount of money we are spending for these services, we should have some satisfaction from these people.

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

Councillor Moser thought that perhaps the rental fee of \$25.00 could be saved by meeting elsewhere other than the Belmont Hotel.

Councillor Gaetz agreed with Councillor Moser's suggestion and said this matter should be looked into.

Councillor P. Baker asked if Council could send Councillor Gaetz as a delegate to investigate this matter.

Councillor Gaetz said that this matter was supposed to be looked into, and he has been wondering why action has not yet taken place.

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

"THAT it be brought to the attention of the Board Appointees that some complaints have been received and suggest that they follow up these complaints with local Councillors and also suggest that the Municipal Council Chambers are available for meetings". (Motion carried).

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

"THAT Council adjourn until 2:30 p.m."  
(Motion carried).

AFTERNOON SESSION

The afternoon session of the fourth day of the Annual Session of Halifax County Council convened at 2:30 p.m., with Warden I. Settle presiding.

The Assistant Clerk called the Roll.

The Assistant Clerk read the Report of the Welfare Committee re Ocean View Manor.

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

"THAT the Report of the Welfare Committee re Ocean View Manor be adopted". (Motion carried).

Councillor Snair felt that the Committee was misinformed on the transfer of these patients and he asked why should we have to send some patients so far away when we have the facilities right here in our own County. He wanted to know if it was the experts or the Welfare Committee who had made up these figures re Ocean View Manor.

Councillor P. Baker, in reply to Councillor Snair, stated that it was the experts who set this rate. This figure was set down by the Commission and Council has no control over it; that the Committee was to make arrangements for the change over of 30 residential beds to nursing beds.

Councillor McCabe wanted to know the cost of maintaining or keeping a patient in the Ocean View Manor?

Councillor P. Baker advised Councillor McCabe that the estimated cost would be \$17.00 a day for this year.

Mr. Bensted, in reply to Councillor McCabe, advised that this rate was the same throughout Ocean View Manor.

Councillor P. Baker advised that this \$17.00 covered everything; for example, drugs, medicines, surgical supplies, etc.

Councillor McCabe wanted to know what effect this would have on people whose only income was their old age pension?

Mr. Bensted advised that the old age pension would be used and the balance of the cost would be paid for by the Municipality concerned.

Deputy Warden Nicholson asked what the old rate per day was?

Deputy Warden Nicholson was advised by Mr. Bensted that the old rate was \$9.00 per day.

Councillor Tonks wanted to know if anything went toward operating costs at the Hospital? He wanted to know the County's portion of this Capital cost.

Mr. Bensted, in reply to Councillor Tonks, advised that the County's portion of the Capital cost was 1/3 of the total cost.

Councillor P. Baker stated that need was there for the Halifax, Dartmouth and County areas. He stated that the doors were open to everyone, provided, of course, that the County was taken care of first. He thought the Province should look into this matter as



some do not receive the proper care they need in their present location. He thought that the Province should take an interest in placing these people in the Ocean View Manor.

Mr. Lynch, Superintendent of Ocean View Manor, appeared before Council to answer queries.

Deputy Warden Nicholson wanted to know what effect the proposed annexation would have on the Ocean View Manor, with regard to the proposed areas to be annexed?

Mr. Lynch, in reply to Deputy Warden Nicholson, advised that at the moment, eleven (11) of the patients presently in the Home came from the proposed annexation area.

Councillor P. Baker felt that the answer is the lack of nursing care in the City of Halifax. He felt that the City Home was overcrowded and thought the Municipality should give these people a little bit of comfort before they pass on. He felt that the people should be forced here and now to use these accommodations.

Councillor Snair said, "We wanted to provide a Home for Halifax County". He said that what is happening is that the County does not have enough patients so we have to tax the tax payers of Halifax County to pay for the patients from Halifax and Dartmouth. He also stated that the Home was too big. He felt it should have only been built large enough to accommodate these people of Halifax County and we should not be worrying about the people from the other two cities.

Councillor P. Baker advised that it was not the fault of the Government; he stated that we made provision for expansion for another 50 beds. He stated that the Provincial Department was wondering how we were going to treat this problem.

Mr. Bensted advised Council that having outside patients will be better for the Municipality as they will be helping to subsidize us at the \$17.00 per diem rate.

Councillor McCabe asked Mr. Lynch how many beds were vacant in the Home at the present time?

Mr. Lynch replied that 70 beds were vacant and 110 were occupied.

Councillor Snair asked if these beds were only available for a certain class of patient.

Councillor McCabe asked Mr. Lynch if it were mandatory to have a certain number of beds remain vacant for light nursing units?

Mr. Lynch advised that the policy was to keep two or three such beds vacant in order to handle patients who might require hospitalization for a short period of time.

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

Mr. Bensted read the Report of the Board of Management - Halifax County Hospital.

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

"THAT the Report of the Board of Management be referred to the Finance and Executive Committee". (Motion carried).



Councillor Snair asked that this Report be referred to the Finance and Executive Committee for their consideration.

Councillor P. Baker asked that if the Report is referred to the Finance and Executive Committee, that it be brought back to be dealt with at the Annual Session.

Councillor Street stated that the \$9,000.00 as stated in the Report seemed to be a reasonable amount and could see no reason why it should not be dealt with at the present time.

Mr. Eric J. Davies, Superintendent of Halifax County Hospital, appeared before Council to answer their questions.

Deputy Warden Nicholson inquired as to whether these additional charges would have any affect on the general tax rate?

Mr. Bensted advised Council that the \$1.00 per diem covered such items as capital expenditures, debt service charges and extra salaries. Mr. Bensted also advised that the budget for the Halifax County Hospital had not as yet been approved by the Hospital Insurance Commission.

Councillor Street asked what these costs were last year so that they could be compared with the costs for this year.

Mr. Davies advised that he did not have these figures at the present time. He anticipated that they should have these figures shortly from the Hospital Commission.

Councillor Street asked if this \$9,000.00 was an increase over last year's costs? Councillor Street also asked what the amount of \$4,800.00 would cover?

Warden Settle, in reply to Councillor Street, advised that outside Municipalities paid \$1.00 per diem per patient and that the \$9,000.00 is coming from this account.

Councillor Tonks asked if the \$4,800.00 salary for the Medical Health Officer had been approved by Stevenson and Kellogg Limited?

Mr. Davies replied that this figure had been discussed with the Doctor at the time of his appointment to the staff and had been approved by Council.

Councillor Tonks thought that the Finance and Executive Committee should have taken a long hard look at these salaries before they were approved.

Deputy Warden Nicholson asked Councillor Tonks just what salaries he was referring to.

Councillor Tonks stated that he felt that we should compare the salaries of other Cities and Counties with those of Halifax County.

Councillor P. Baker suggested that this should be from all over Nova Scotia and not just the surrounding areas of Halifax County.

Councillor P. Baker stated that these people were well qualified and we could not just go out on the street and choose anyone. He stated that Stevenson and Kellogg Limited had looked over these very carefully and, also, stated that if we lowered the salaries,

we would lose staff and we would find it hard to find someone else to fill these positions.

Deputy Warden Nicholson wanted to know if the County would be able to stay in this position for the next two years?

Councillor Butler asked if these salaries were approved over a three year period.

Councillor Bell stated that the Hospital was losing some valuable men because of other places offering them a better salary. He also stated that we might be saving money in the long run by keeping these men at the these salaries.

Councillor P. Baker wanted to know that if the proposed annexation were to take place, if these men would be taken out of their present positions and placed in other institutions? He stated that the Hospital Commission had assured these men that they would have the final say as to what would take place. Councillor Baker also stated that if we want to maintain this high standard, we must keep on improving these positions and the only way we can maintain these high standards is to keep the present staff and pay a decent salary.

Deputy Warden Nicholson stated that every expenditure should come before the Finance and Executive Committee and he felt that this item should be referred to them.

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

Councillor McCabe wanted some advice as to who the authorities would be with regard to having a chain link fence being placed around the garbage dump in his district. He stated that this was placed before the Finance and Executive Committee about six (6) months ago.

Councillor Tonks advised that he did know of a fence being located in his area.

Councillor P. Baker advised that this matter was still under the control of the Contractor. Councillor Baker also advised that some of this fencing had been removed.

Councillor McCabe was advised by Mr. Bensted and Councillor P. Baker that this would have to be dealt with after the Contractor had completed his contract at Ocean View Home.

Council agreed to deal next with the Financial Statements of the Halifax County Hospital.

Councillor Gaetz stated that as these statements came out at such a short time, that they should be deferred until Councillors had some time to study them.

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

"THAT the Financial Statements of the Halifax County Hospital be deferred". (Motion carried).

Mr. Cox advised Council that the Municipal Act states that an Auditor be appointed each year and that the Municipality can appoint one or two Auditors.

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

"THAT one (1) Auditor be appointed for the year 1968". (Motion carried).

Councillor Allen stated that the original motion was to appoint an Auditor. He stated that another firm was named as a possible appointee and this should be considered carefully.

Councillor Gaetz asked if there would be any advantage in having two Auditors instead of one in checking over these Accounts?

Mr. Bensted advised that Auditors are required to be registered with the Department of Municipal Affairs.

Councillor Giles asked how this would affect us money wise? He wanted to know if this would make much difference if we had one or two Auditors?

Mr. Bensted thought that Council might wish to defer this matter to the Finance and Executive Committee for their consideration.

Councillor Allen thought that the Finance and Executive Committee should look into the possible aspects of dollars involved in hiring a new Auditor.

Councillor Massey asked how these two Auditors checked each other's work?

Mr. Bensted advised that they would both accept the full responsibility of the Auditor's Report and would also accept the full responsibility of doing their work.

Councillor Street stated that only one (1) Auditor should be appointed and that this matter should not be referred to the Finance and Executive Committee.

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

Mr. Cox, Solicitor, advised that voting would have to be carried out by ballot. He advised that the Auditor must have a clear majority of the Councillors present in order to be duly elected.

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

"THAT W. A. Stech and H. R. Doane & Company be nominated". (Motion carried).

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

"THAT Nightingale Hayman & Company be nominated". (Motion carried).

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

"THAT nominations cease". (Motion carried).

The Warden appointed Councillor Butler and Councillor Street as scrutineers.

There being no clear majority on the first vote, the Warden called for a second vote on the names of H. R. Doane & Company and Nightingale Hayman & Company.

The Warden appointed Deputy Warden Nicholson and Councillor Tonks as scrutineers.

As a result of the second ballot, the Warden declared Nightingale Hayman & Company duly elected as Auditors.

Mr. Cox advised Council as to the City of Halifax Bill No. 72 and, in particular, Sections 47 and 48.

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

"THAT the County Solicitor be and he is hereby instructed to appear before the Private and Local Bills Committee and oppose Sections 47 and 48 of the City of Halifax Bill No. 72 on the grounds of the wording of the Sections and for the reasons set forth in the County's Notice of Objection to the decision of the Public Utilities Board re annexation". (Motion carried).

Councillor Mussey stated that he had several requests from people in his area to have these rates set by the Province of Nova Scotia instead of by the City of Halifax.

Mr. Cox replied that to his understanding this matter was to come before the Private and Local Bills Committee at 10:00 a.m., Tuesday, March 26, 1968.

Councillor Butler said he understood that we could only oppose the two Sections 47 and 48 because of the fact that it was a Private Bill.

Mr. Cox stated he thought that Councillor Mussey should appear before the Committee himself to discuss this matter with the Private and Local Bills Committee.

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

Mr. Cox read the section in the Regional Library Act which stated that Council could give a notice of its' intention to withdraw as of December 31st any year, subject to one years notice.

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

"THAT Council give notice of its intention to withdraw from participation in the agreement with the Minister of Education relative to the Halifax Regional Library on the 31st day of December, 1969;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk be and he is hereby instructed to prepared and deliver the required notice".

Councillor Tonks asked if this motion was to be given in writing with a mover and a seconder?

Councillor Gaetz asked if we were going to discontinue with the Library services which are now being provided?

Mr. Cox stated that under the present agreement certain services are to be provided and the Province is obliged to share a certain amount of the costs.

Councillor P. Baker stated he was in full favor of this.

Councillor Hudson stated she could not understand why this Council wanted to do away with the Library.

Deputy Warden Nicholson stated that Councillor P. Baker was not trying to abandon the Library, but, he stated that some things would have to be changed if annexation took place.

Councillor Street asked if the Council could not renegotiate the agreement. He too thought the motion, as proposed, was to abandon the Library altogether. He thought it was an extremely regressive step to take.

Councillor P. Baker stated we do not have any control over the Councillors on the Library Board and it was for this reason he moved this resolution.

Councillor McCabe wanted to know if this resolution was to eliminate the Library altogether?

Councillor Johnson suggested that a new agreement be sought by Council.

Councillor Giles stated that Library costs are going higher and higher every year and felt that some halt should be called now before it gets too much out of hand.

Councillor Allen felt that this should be deferred until a later session of Council when we had a more definite answer as to the effects of annexation.

Councillor P. Baker wanted to know how long it would be before we received a reply from this question? Councillor Baker replied he would only be too glad to bring this resolution in again at the September session of Council.

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

"THAT this item be deferred until the September session of Council, 1968". (Motion carried).

Councillor Hudson asked just what Committees this Council had any control over.

The Warden replied that all we have control over is the cost sharing.

Councillor Gaetz wanted to know if the extension Library at Bedford had been approved by this Council?

Mr. Bensted advised that the program of the Regional Library Board in providing a Branch Library, etc., has been placed before Council.

Councillor Snair asked if the Finance and Executive Committee has the power to change the budget of the Regional Library Board?

Mr. Cox replied in the negative. He advised that the budget is the prerogative of the Library Board. He said that Council referred the budget back to the Board to see if some reductions could be made.

Councillor Snair wanted to know what prerogative the Library Board had to change a budget which had to be approved by Provincial authorities. He wanted to know just where we stood as far as the Provincial Government was concerned?

Mr. Cox stated that the Provincial Government approved a certain budget and if this budget is changed, it will have to be approved again.



Councillor Snair stated that an increase of \$23,000.00 over an 8 year period was not a substantial increase and only this year 35% of this increase was approved by this Council re the Report from Stevenson and Kellogg Limited. Councillor Snair felt that the Library Board was trying to keep in line at all times.

Councillor Bell stated that all we have asked is that the Report be referred back to the Library Board to see if the Board could not cut down some of these costs. He advised that this is all the Council is asking the Board to do; they are not asking to abandon the Library altogether.

Councillor Allen stated that the School Board was able to cut down some of their expenses and that no consideration has been taken with regard to the proposed annexation but we should try to cut down some of these expenses.

Councillor Tonks advised that the biggest expenses were the salaries, and this was due to the approval of the Stevenson and Kellogg Report. He requested a deferral of the Stevenson and Kellogg Report for one year.

Councillor P. Baker asked if this deferral referred to all concerned? He stated that the Ocean View Manor and Halifax County Hospital employees were receiving "miserable" salaries, and they were doing such an excellent job, that he felt that if the salaries were changed, we would be looking for more staff.

Councillor Street stated that the problem was not just the salaries of the Stevenson and Kellogg Limited Report. He thought we should reconsider this report and that Council should all go along on the same basis.

Mr. Cox replied that certain contracts of employment had been entered into, and he stated that action could be taken re future increases, but if the present salaries were reduced this may involve some legal problems.

Mr. Bensted advised Council that all salaries had been adjusted as of January 1, 1968, on the basis of the Stevenson and Kellogg Report.

Councillor Allen stated that as a member of the Salary Committee much time had been spent going over these salaries and they were compared with the City and said that perhaps there are areas in which there are variations. He thought the Salary Committee functions as a Committee and it should be up to the Salary Committee to look after this matter. Councillor Allen stated he intended to vote against this motion.

Deputy Warden Nicholson asked Mr. Cox just what could happen in a case such as this?

Mr. Cox advised Council that Council could pass a motion of this type but he also advised that people could resign or the County might be sued.

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

"THAT the Finance and Executive be asked to take a serious look at any future increases under the Stevenson and Kellogg Report".  
(Motion carried).

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

"THAT Council adjourn until Tuesday, April 9, 1968".  
(Motion carried).

FIFTH DAY

The fifth day of the Annual session of the Council of the Municipality of the County of Halifax convened at 10:00 a.m., Tuesday, April 9, 1968, with Warden Settle presiding.

Council observed a moment's silence in respect to the recent slaying of Dr. Martin Luther King.

The Clerk called the roll.

The Clerk read a letter from District 115 ratepayers Association.

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

"THAT this letter be referred to the Finance and Executive Committee". (Motion carried).

The Clerk read a letter from John R. Murray regarding a transfer from one school in the County to another.

Council agreed that this be referred to the School Board.

The Clerk read a letter from the C. N. R. wishing the Council to approve the removal of two railway shelters in the County.

Councillor Smeltzer said that the people in his district have no objection to the shelter being removed at Kinsac.

Council agreed to defer this matter until the April session.

The Clerk read a resolution from the Council of the City of Sydney.

Councillor P. Baker did not feel that Councillors knew sufficient about this at the moment to vote intelligently on it.

Councillor Tonks said he would support the resolution because of the large amount of money it was costing the County.

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

"THAT the Director of Welfare report to the next session of Council". (Motion defeated).

Deputy Warden Nicholson said that no matter who runs Welfare it is still going to cost us money, it would just be a matter of who was going to run it. He said that School operations could be turned over to the Provincial Government and other items and if these things were approved there would be no need for having this Council.

Councillor P. Baker believed that the Federal Government is having a good look at Welfare right across Canada and that the new Liberal Leader is pretty interested and that some changes may be made from a Federal level.

AMENDMENT:

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

"THAT this be referred to the Welfare Committee for a report at the April session of Council". (Amendment carried).

Councillor Bell thought there was a lot of merit to the resolution but that welfare was going to continue to cost money the only question was who was going to handle it.

Deputy Warden Nicholson pointed out that this is just a request to support a resolution and if approved the Provincial Government will simply say that the County's share of the program is "x" amount of dollars and there would be no saving.

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

The Clerk read a letter from District 13 ratepayers re land at Elkins Barracks.

Councillor Tonks pointed out that the district is not trying to get something for nothing, it has spent a lot of time and money on this land for community purposes and did not think it should belong to someone else.

Mr. Hattie advised that a district is not a political entity and cannot own land.

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

"THAT this letter be referred to the Finance and Executive Committee for report". (Motion carried).

The Clerk read a letter from District 13 ratepayers, re the bad condition of roads in the district, especially Home's Road.

Councillor Tonks said he had contacted the Department of Highways himself but received no co-operation, just excuses.

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

"THAT a letter be written to the Minister of Highways with regard to this matter". (Motion carried).

The Clerk read a letter from the George Washington Carver Community Center requesting a Grant.

Council agreed that this be referred to the Finance and Executive Committee.

Warden Settle read a letter from Mr. Hattie expressing his appreciation for flowers sent from Council at the time of his mother's death recently.

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

"THAT the minutes of March 21, 1968, and March 25, 1968, be approved". (Motion carried).

The Clerk introduced the School Area rates on the agenda.

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

"THAT the area rates for School purposes as presented to Council this date, be levied for the year 1968". (Motion carried).

The Clerk read the Report of the Municipal School Board.

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

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

Deputy Warden Nicholson questioned the nonshareable expenses, the furniture and teachers' aids. Mr. Perry said that if Council approved this item under capital building, it would become a shareable expense.

Deputy Warden Nicholson also felt that this figure should include the teaching aids, extra furniture, etc., for the areas to be amalgamated so that Council could be realistic about it and pay the costs before amalgamation.

Mr. Perry explained that the Province pays up to \$110.00 per classroom for equipment and with rising costs they find that the \$110.00 only covers chalk, paper, stencils, etc. He said that the \$42,000.00 included TV's, tape recorders and audio visual equipment and that amalgamation area provided much of their own audio visual equipment through the levying of district rates.

Councillor Street suggested that if the urban areas wanted this audio visual equipment that they provide it for themselves through their district rate but this Council must separate what is desirable from what is necessary.

Councillor Snair could see no sense in referring this back to Finance and Executive Committee, that he objected to the \$42,000.00 there and also on the School Board level as he does now in Council.

Councillor Hussey felt that the administration of this County was doing a good job but this was the technical side and the Councillors were appointed "by the grace of God" and their responsibility is to keep costs down and if Council cannot control these expenditures like the Library Board, it is wasting its time sitting here.

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

"THAT the item of a capital borrowing of \$42,000.00 be deleted from the Report of the Municipal School Board". (Amendment withdrawn).

Mr. Perry said that the \$42,000.00 included \$6,300.00 for school TV's; \$2,500.00 for duplicators; film projectors, and record players. He said that the Musquodoboit Rural High School had requested five (5) new sewing machines to replace those purchased in 1951 which were no longer repairable and there was a need for drafting and Industrial Arts equipment at Duncan MacMillan High School for 20 classes, and for Industrial Arts equipment for another school. He said that the science labs were insufficiently equipped and because of the updating in the science program in order to keep pace with modern technology, there was \$6,000.00 worth of equipment required for these labs in order to give all children an equal opportunity and to meet the foundation program requirements.



Councillor Daye said that over the years he has tried to impress on Council the absolute necessity of lowering expenses because the taxpayers can no longer stand any further tax burdens. He felt that any of these little luxuries which can be done without should be done without and not come before this Council for approval hidden in a lump sum.

In reply to question, Mr. Perry said that the list of the detailed items went to the Finance and Executive Committee.

Councillor Butler maintained that the secret of the whole thing is the difference in the Council's estimates and the School Board's budget last year and that somewhere along the line somebody missed out on \$456,000.00. He said Council should find out why these deficits occurred last year because somebody has to know. He said it appeared that because it was election year "they went cheap". He said "if we can throw money around like that we might as well not be here". He said that at this rate somebody is liable to lose a million dollars this year chasing around from one committee to another.

Mr. Hattie said that the same argument came up last year, that the total administrative costs of the Municipal School Board of about \$100,000.00 were not included in the Board's final estimates. He said also when the school board asked about a year ago to put the teachers on a 12-month pay plan it cost some \$232,000.00 and last year Council decided to get special legislation to spread this over a three year period but since there was a possibility that annexation might take place the amount was all paid last year and charged to 1967 operations.

Councillor Butler said it appeared they budgeted for a deficit and should have added \$0.35 to the tax rate instead of \$0.05 last year.

Mr. Hattie said that last year the estimates were for something like 35 additional teachers but when school started there was an increase of more than 1,000 students than anticipated so that 83 additional teachers were required.

Councillor Butler concluded that trained people are being paid big money to administer the affairs of this Council and they should not miss \$100,000.00.

Councillor Hudson said that the students in Musquodoboit Rural High School would not be able to pass their grade eleven and twelve Provincials if they did not have the science equipment asked for by the School Board. She said if the students cannot take Industrial Arts they will have to repeat a year to take French instead and this is going to cost the County a great deal more money to bring these students back for another year, however, she said she would go along with deleting TV's for this year.

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

"THAT the Report of the Municipal School Board be referred back to the Finance and Executive Committee and School Board". (Motion carried).

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

Councillor P. Baker asked about the requested caution light at the Shad Bay School.

Mr. Perry replied that he had written to the Department of Highways but had received no reply as yet.



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

"THAT this Council not provide funds for any member of Council or any member of the staff of the Municipality to attend any conventions or courses for the year, without prior approval of Council". (Motion carried).

Councillor Hudson did not think that the staff should be included in this motion.

Councillor Street said that when a private company reaches emergencies in their finances they sometimes decided to cancel all courses even for staff for a specified period and he felt that Council was facing such an emergency.

Councillor Gaetz was concerned that the librarian would be very disappointed if she could not attend the librarian's conference in Manitoba this summer because she felt it was very educational to her.

Solicitor Mann said that this was a motion of principle in order to restrain from excess expenditures.

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

The Clerk read the Supplementary Report of the Regional Library Board.

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

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

Councillor Hussey said he made two motions on the Library Board in order to reduce expenditures and was laughed at, he felt there was no will or desire of the Library Board to cut down expenditures.

Councillor Tonks said that there has been considerable reduction in the Library Board's budget from last year but that there was a salary increase of \$23,000.00 so that actually \$11,000.00 less than last year and he felt that the librarian had done a good job in effecting such a reduction in expenditures.

Solicitor Cox said that the Regional Library Act included an agreement with this Municipality and the Department of Education, that the budget is presented to this Council and the County must pay the budget. He also noted that Council had some control in that the Board included representatives of this Council.

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

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

"THAT the Regional Library Board be requested to reduce the amount in the Library Board Budget for Books from \$29,000.00 to \$15,000.00". (Motion defeated):

Councillor Snair did not see any point in sending this back to the Library Board and calling still another meeting to deal with it at a cost of over \$100.00 when the conclusion would be the same.

Councillor Tonks did not see how the Library Budget for books could be cut from \$29,000.00 down to \$15,000.00 this year since it was cut by \$5,000.00 last year and there is a new Regional Library branch opened up in Bedford.

Councillor Mussey understood that a great deal of money was spent on reference books for the Department of Education and he felt that somewhere expenses could be curtailed.

Mr. Hattie said that the Library Board does not provide reference books for the Department of Education, but rather reference books in the Library that could be used by high school or University students.

Deputy Warden Nicholson said that every month this Council delays setting its rate, it is costing the County about \$30,000.00 in bank interest.

Councillor P. Baker was in favour of Councillor Mussey's attempts to cut expenses but did not see how it could be done in the manner suggested so withdrew from seconding the motion.

Councillor Daye seconded the motion.

Councillor Tonks suggested that if Councillor Mussey wanted to curtail expenses he might vote on deleting the Bedford branch of the Regional Library.

Councillor Bell said that this only represented \$0.04 or \$0.05 of the tax rate anyway but in all fairness to the Library Board, he felt they were doing a good job.

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

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 of Council convened at 2:00 p.m., with Warden Settle presiding.

The Clerk called the Roll.

The Clerk introduced the appointment of District and Municipal Officers as next on the agenda.

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

"THAT the District and Municipal Officers as laid before Council this date, be appointed for the year 1968". (Motion carried).

Council then dealt with the District expenditures for 1967.

Councillor Tonks noted that one District had apparently deficit budgeted to the amount of \$1,000.00 last year and since the County had to pay interest of 7 1/4% for its money the charge to that district should include the maximum interest paid by the County.

Mr. Hattie said that this would be taken into consideration by the Finance and Executive Committee and would appear in revenue for 1968.

Councillor Street asked whether there was any district which had not paid for the fire protection received from other districts for last year. He felt that this should be cleaned up before annexation.

Councillor P. Baker said if he was referring to his district he was not going to pay any such accounts because many of the calls were for grass and forest fires which were the responsibility of the Department of Lands and Forests.

Deputy Warden Nicholson asked if Councillor Baker was saying he did not want the Lakeside Fire Department going in his district in future.

Councillor Baker said they may as well not come because they don't do anything anyway and by the time they get there the houses are all burned down. He said he had no objection to legitimate calls but pointed out that there was also a volunteer fire department in his district but people have been calling in the Lakeside Department with little thought to the need and he understood that the district was supposed to pay \$150.00 for each piece of equipment answering such a call.

Councillor Street asked if there was any legal means of collecting fire protection fees from a district.

Solicitor Mann said that this was a matter to be worked out between Councillors.

Mr. Hattie said that it has been a policy of Council that if a fire department answered a call in another district there is a set rate charged to the district for the call.

Deputy Warden Nicholson said that the Lakeside Fire Department would be very happy if they did not have to answer calls in District 10 at 3:00 a.m., but, he pointed out that his fire department cost \$22,000.00 a year and it had to be paid for.

Councillor P. Baker said that they also had very sloppy bookkeeping because he had not received a bill for these services for two or three years although he knew the Lakeside

Fire Department had been in the area several times.

Councillor McCabe said he had a similar problem with a neighbouring district some years ago and he threatened to seize the other district. He suggested that Councillor Street do the same.

Councillor P. Baker said he was very appreciative of having the volunteers come in when needed but felt that the district was being exploited by people calling them in indiscriminately when they should call the forest rangers in cases where it was under their jurisdiction. He said that no bills were received and now he understood that a substantial bill was going to be presented to his district and he did not know what it represented.

Deputy Warden Nicholson said that part of District 10 could be protected by the Lakeside Fire Department but not all of it because it was too great a distance for the equipment to get there quickly.

Councillor Hussey suggested that the local Fire Department should answer the call and if they needed assistance that they call in another fire department on a mutual aid agreement.

Mr. Hattie said that only since the first of this year the bills for district fire fighting are coming into the County office but before this time they were handled by Mr. Ferguson on behalf of the area.

Councillor Johnson said he had an agreement with districts 14 and 15 but this is for structural fires only so that they don't answer calls for grass fires except where a house is in immediate danger but he stressed that the bill for the call should be sent out immediately after the fire and not nine or ten months later so that the Councillor would know exactly what it represented.

Councillor Moser said he appreciated the fire protection in his district which was provided by outside fire departments and also for the assistance of the Department of Lands and Forests. He said he got bills for \$700.00 one time and since most of them were for grass fires he refused to pay them and paid only half. He said that after April 15th when it was illegal to set fires that the persons who did so should be reported and prosecuted.

Councillor C. Baker said it was fine to argue whose responsibility a fire was but in the meantime you could not stand around and let a house burn down. He said he is now faced with having to provide fire protection for Harrietsfield and Sambro.

Councillor Snair felt that this was a matter to be settled between districts and had no place on the Council floor. He said that the Department of Lands and Forests give the local fire departments hoses and back tanks and he appreciates the speed with which they answer calls for fires in his district.

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

Mr. Hattie said that the District Rates and Area Rates were not yet completed, so Council agreed to defer this item until later.

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

THAT

Municipality of the County of Halifax,  
Renewal of Temporary Borrowing,  
Spryfield High School - \$2,000,000.00

"WHEREAS the Municipality of the County of Halifax is authorized by law to borrow or raise by way of loan by the issue and sale of debentures of the Municipality a sum not exceeding Two Million Dollars (\$2,000,000.00) for the purpose of erecting, acquiring, purchasing, altering, adding to, improving, furnishing or equipping buildings for school purposes and erecting or purchasing or improving land for such buildings;

AND WHEREAS the said Municipality by resolution passed by Council thereof on the \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_ and approved by the Minister of Municipal Affairs on the \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_ was authorized to postpone the issue of such debentures and borrow by way of loan on overdraft on the credit of the municipality such sum from the Royal Bank of Canada at Arndale, for a period not exceeding twelve months;

AND WHEREAS it is deemed expedient that the period of such borrowing from said Bank be further extended;

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED that subject to the approval of the Minister of Municipal Affairs the authorized period of such borrowing from said Bank is extended for a further period not exceeding twelve months from the date on which this resolution shall have been approved by the Minister of Municipal Affairs".  
(Motion carried).

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

THAT

Municipality of the County of Halifax,  
Temporary Borrowing Resolution,  
\$1,000,000.00 - Cole Harbour Junior High School

"WHEREAS the Municipality of the County of Halifax is authorized by law to borrow or raise by way of loan by the issue and sale of debentures of the Municipality a sum not exceeding One Million Dollars (\$1,000,000.00) for the purpose of erecting, acquiring, purchasing, altering, adding to, improving, furnishing or equipping buildings for school purposes and erecting or purchasing or improving land for such buildings;

AND WHEREAS the said Municipality by resolution passed by the Council thereof on the \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_ and approved by the Minister of Municipal Affairs on the \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_ was authorized to postpone the issue of such debentures and borrow by way of loan on overdraft on the credit of the municipality such sum from the Royal Bank of Canada at Arndale for a period not exceeding twelve months;

AND WHEREAS it is deemed expedient that the period of such borrowing from said Bank be further extended;



BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED that subject to the approval of the Minister of Municipal Affairs the authorized period of such borrowing from said Bank is extended for a further period not exceeding twelve months from the date on which this resolution shall have been approved by the Minister of Municipal Affairs". (Motion carried).

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

THAT

Municipality of the County of Halifax,  
Renewal Temporary Borrowing,  
Rockingham Sewers,  
\$15,000.00

"WHEREAS the Municipality of the County of Halifax is authorized by law to borrow or raise by way of loan by the issue and sale of debentures of the Municipality a sum not exceeding Fifteen Thousand Dollars (\$15,000.00) for the purpose of constructing, altering, extending or improving public sewers or drains and acquiring or purchasing materials, machinery, implements or plant deemed requisite or advisable therefor;

AND WHEREAS the said Municipality by resolution passed by the Council thereof on the \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_ and approved by the Minister of Municipal Affairs on the \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_ was authorized to postpone the issue of such debentures and borrow by way of loan on overdraft on the credit of the municipality such sum from the Royal Bank of Canada at Armdale for a period not exceeding twelve months;

AND WHEREAS it is deemed expedient that the period of such borrowing from said Bank be further extended;

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED that subject to the approval of the Minister of Municipal Affairs the authorized period of such borrowing from said Bank is extended for a further period not exceeding twelve months from the date on which this resolution shall have been approved by the Minister of Municipal Affairs". (Motion carried).

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

THAT

Municipality of the County of Halifax,  
Renewal of Temporary Borrowing,  
Armdale-Spryfield Laterals - \$286,000.00

"WHEREAS the Municipality of the County of Halifax is authorized by law to borrow or raise by way of loan by the issue and sale of debentures of the Municipality a sum not exceeding Two Hundred Eighty-six Thousand Dollars (\$286,000.00) for the purpose of constructing, altering, extending or improving public sewers or drains and acquiring or purchasing materials, machinery, implements or plant deemed requisite or advisable therefor;

AND WHEREAS the said municipality by resolution passed by the Council thereof on the \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_ and approved by the Minister of Municipal Affairs on the \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_ was authorized to postpone the issue of such debentures and borrow by way of loan on overdraft on the credit of the municipality such sum from the Royal Bank of Canada at Armdale for a period not exceeding twelve months;

AND WHEREAS it is deemed expedient that the period of such borrowing from said Bank be further extended;

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED that subject to the approval of the Minister of Municipal Affairs the authorized period of such borrowing from said Bank is extended for a further period not exceeding twelve months from the date on which this resolution shall have been approved by the Minister of Municipal Affairs". (Motion carried).

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

THAT

Municipality of the County of Halifax,  
Renewal of Temporary Borrowing,  
Armdale-Jollimore Laterals - \$250,000.00

"WHEREAS the Municipality of the County of Halifax is authorized by law to borrow or raise by way of loan by the issue and sale of debentures of the Municipality a sum not exceeding Two Hundred Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$250,000.00) for the purpose of constructing, altering, extending or improving public sewers or drains and acquiring or purchasing materials, machinery, implements or plant deemed requisite or advisable therefor;

AND WHEREAS the said Municipality by resolution passed by the Council thereof on the \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_ and approved by the Minister of Municipal Affairs on the \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_ was authorized to postpone the issue of such debentures and borrow by way of loan on overdraft on the credit of the municipality such sum from the Royal Bank of Canada at Armdale for a period not exceeding twelve months;

AND WHEREAS it is deemed expedient that the period of such borrowing from said Bank be further extended;

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED that subject to the approval of the Minister of Municipal Affairs the authorized period of such borrowing from said Bank is extended for a further period not exceeding twelve months from the date on which this resolution shall have been approved by the Minister of Municipal Affairs". (Motion carried).

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

THAT

Municipality of the County of Halifax,  
Renewal of Temporary Borrowing,  
Melville Cove Pumping Station - \$150,000.00

"WHEREAS the Municipality of the County of Halifax is authorized by law to borrow or raise by way of loan by the issue and sale of debentures of the Municipality a sum not exceeding One Hundred Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$150,000.00) for the purpose of constructing, altering, extending or improving public sewers or drains and acquiring or purchasing materials, machinery, implements or plant deemed requisite or advisable therefor;

AND WHEREAS the said municipality by resolution passed by the Council thereof on the \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_ and approved by the Minister of Municipal Affairs on the \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_ was authorized to postpone the issue of such debentures and borrow by way of loan on overdraft on the credit of the municipality such sum from the Royal Bank of Canada at Armdale for a period not exceeding twelve months;

AND WHEREAS it is deemed expedient that the period of such borrowing from said Bank be further extended;

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED that subject to the approval of the Minister of Municipal Affairs the authorized period of such borrowing from said Bank is extended for a further period not exceeding twelve months from the date on which this resolution shall have been approved by the Minister of Municipal Affairs". (Motion carried).

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

THAT

Municipality of the County of Halifax,  
Renewal of Temporary Borrowing,  
Bedford Sewers - \$100,000.00

"WHEREAS the Municipality of the County of Halifax is authorized by law to borrow or raise by way of loan by the issue and sale of debentures of the Municipality a sum not exceeding One Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$100,000.00) for the purpose of constructing, altering, extending or improving public drains or sewers and acquiring or purchasing materials, machinery, implements or plant deemed requisite or advisable therefor;

AND WHEREAS the said municipality by resolution passed by the Council thereof on the \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_ and approved by the Minister of Municipal Affairs on the \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_ was authorized to postpone the issue of such debentures and borrow by way of loan on overdraft on the credit of the Municipality such sum from the Royal Bank of Canada at Armdale for a period not exceeding twelve months;

AND WHEREAS it is deemed expedient that the period of such borrowing from said Bank be further extended;

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED that subject to the approval of the Minister of Municipal Affairs the authorized period of such borrowing from said Bank is extended for a further period not exceeding twelve months from the date on which this resolution shall have been approved by the Minister of Municipal Affairs". (Motion carried).

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

THAT

Municipality of the County of Halifax,  
Renewal of Temporary Borrowing,  
Lakeside Industrial Park - \$1,200,000.00

"WHEREAS the Municipality of the County of Halifax is authorized by law to borrow or raise by way of loan by the issue and sale of debentures of the Municipality a sum not exceeding One Million Two Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$1,200,000.00) for the purpose of purchasing, equipping and maintaining fire fighting equipment therefor;

AND WHEREAS the said municipality by resolution passed by the Council thereof on the \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_ and approved by the Minister of Municipal Affairs on the \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_ was authorized to postpone the issue of such debentures and borrow by way of loan on overdraft on the credit of the Municipality such sum from the Royal Bank of Canada at Armdale for a period not exceeding twelve months;

AND WHEREAS it is deemed expedient that the period of such borrowing from said Bank be further extended;

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED that subject to the approval of the Minister of Municipal Affairs the authorized period of such borrowing from said Bank is extended for a further period not exceeding twelve months from the date on which this resolution shall have been approved by the Minister of Municipal Affairs". (Motion carried).

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

THAT

Municipality of the County of Halifax,  
Renewal of Temporary Borrowing,  
District 7 Fire Pumps - \$20,000.00

"WHEREAS the Municipality of the County of Halifax is authorized by law to borrow or raise by way of loan by the issue and sale of debentures of the Municipality a sum not exceeding Twenty Thousand Dollars (\$20,000.00) for the purpose of purchasing, equipping, and maintaining fire fighting equipment;

AND WHEREAS the said municipality by resolution passed by the Council thereof on the \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_ and approved by the Minister of Municipal Affairs on the \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_ was authorized to postpone the issue of such

debentures and borrow by way of loan on overdraft on the credit of the Municipality such sum from the Royal Bank of Canada at Armdale for a period not exceeding twelve months;

AND WHEREAS it is deemed expedient that the period of such borrowing from said Bank be further extended;

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED that subject to the approval of the Minister of Municipal Affairs the authorized period of such borrowing from said Bank is extended for a further period not exceeding twelve months from the date on which this resolution shall have been approved by the Minister of Municipal Affairs". (Motion carried).

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

THAT

Municipality of the County of Halifax,  
Renewal of Temporary Borrowing,  
Lakeside Fire Equipment - \$20,000.00

"WHEREAS the Municipality of the County of Halifax is authorized by law to borrow or raise by way of loan by the issue and sale of debentures of the Municipality a sum not exceeding Twenty Thousand Dollars (\$20,000.00) for the purpose of purchasing, equipping and maintaining fire fighting equipment therefor;

AND WHEREAS the said municipality by resolution passed by the Council thereof on the            day of            and approved by the Minister of Municipal Affairs on the            day of            was authorized to postpone the issue of such debentures and borrow by way of loan on overdraft on the credit of the Municipality such sum from the Royal Bank of Canada at Armdale for a period not exceeding twelve months;

AND WHEREAS it is deemed expedient that the period of such borrowing from said Bank be further extended;

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED that subject to the approval of the Minister of Municipal Affairs the authorized period of such borrowing from said Bank is extended for a further period not exceeding twelve months from the date on which this resolution shall have been approved by the Minister of Municipal Affairs". (Motion carried).



Council then dealt with the Financial Statements of the County, County Hospital, and Ocean View Manor.

Councillor C. Baker said that it was understood that the Spryfield Laterals came down through Herring Cove were for the benefit of the people in Spryfield and that those in Herring Cove would not have to pay for them or hook up unless their cesspools were unsatisfactory but now the people are getting bills for them and cannot afford to pay them. He was most concerned about the older people who had adequate facilities being forced to pay out sums of \$2,000.00 and more when they were led to believe that this would not happen.

Mr. Hattie said that these laterals were for the benefit of Spryfield, Jollimore and Arndale and that they cost just as much as a treatment plant would.

Councillor P. Baker said that in the planning stages they were going to put the treatment plant in Spryfield but for economic reasons decided to put it in Herring Cove and at that time he was asked to speak on behalf of the people in Herring Cove and he was assured that there would be no cost to them except perhaps the interest and he had this verified two weeks ago by ex-Councillor Hanrahan who was chairman of the Public Works Committee at the time. He felt that these people were "led down the garden path" and that a great injustice had been done.

It was moved by Councillor P. Baker, seconded by Councillor C. Baker;

"THAT the matter of sewage charges in the Herring Cove area be referred back to the Public Works Committee and the Finance and Executive Committee". (Motion carried).

Councillor P. Baker continued that if this service had been planned for the people in Herring Cove, it would have been a different matter but the sewer lines were laid above the level of the houses so that the people were being forced to pay for something they could not use. He suggested a meeting with the Councillor of the District and Mr. Hanrahan.

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

Councillor Giles asked whether the members of the Committee could be provided with the back minutes dealing with this matter so that they would be familiar with it.

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

"THAT the Financial Statements of the Municipality of the County of Halifax including the Revenue and Expenditure Statement, the Revenue Fund Balance Sheet, the Capital Fund Balance Sheet (General), the Capital Fund Balance Sheet (Schools), the Continuity of Investments in Capital Assets, General and School, and other exhibits and Statements be approved". (Motion carried).

Councillor Butler felt that County Hospital should not be prepaying insurance because they could get a three year policy and pay it in annual installments and at the end of the three years they should call for tenders. He said this amounted to quite a few dollars when you considered three years insurance premiums and the interest on that money when it could be put on an annual basis.

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

"THAT the Financial Statement of the Halifax County Hospital be approved". (Motion carried).

Council then dealt with the Ocean View Manor Financial Statements.

Councillor P. Baker asked when the effects of the old building would be disposed of?

He pointed out that two watchmen were being employed and if time keeps going on they may be paying out more than is in the buildings. He also explained that the amount of insurance premium paid was so small that it would not be worth advertising for tenders because the ad would cost as much as the insurance, but they did write letters to the major insurance companies inviting tenders.

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

"THAT the total insurance of the Municipality of the County of Halifax be referred back to the Finance and Executive Committee". (Motion carried).

Councillor Butler did not believe all County property was properly insured, he said that some of the sewer laterals could cause problems for which the County was liable and it could cost a great deal of money unless comprehensive liability insurance was carried.

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

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

"THAT the Financial Statements of the Ocean View Municipal Home for the year 1968, be approved". (Motion carried).

In reply to question, Councillor Moser felt that the \$17.00 daily rate at Ocean View was reasonable. He said that it meant that everyone got the same treatment, that a beggar would get the same privileges at Ocean View as a millionaire and if a person had some money and put it in a trust account at Ocean View, when it was used up he would be provided with exactly the same services and still get his \$15.00 a month from old age pension for comforts.

Mr. Hattie explained that the strike which took place during construction delayed the takeover of Ocean View from September to February and this meant a great cost in extra staff that was being trained for the new Home in September. Also, losing revenue daily from patients for the first month and a half this year so that they had to bring up the population at Ocean View to 180 fairly quickly in order to average the 120 patients per day which was the basis of their estimates.

Councillor Hudson felt that the argument for raising the per day rate was illogical. She said that the people would just not stay there. She also believed that some patients were being disturbed by others wondering into their rooms at night.

Councillor P. Baker pointed out that this is a home for the aged and not a prison, that doors are open to the general public from 9:00 a.m. to 9:30 p.m. and he did not think they should have a curfew placed on them. He said the reason for the delay in completing the construction at Ocean View was labour's failure to co-operate despite many pleas. He

felt that those complaining loudest about the daily rates were the young people who were putting their old relatives away at Ocean View to get rid of them and looking to a little sum of money that might be left to them so they are threatening to take the old people out of Ocean View and putting them in "flophouses" in Halifax for \$45.00 a week so that they will get some of the money that is left.

In reply to Councillor Isenor, Councillor P. Baker said that there was no barrier re money at Ocean View. He pointed out though that this is a home for the aged and not for the chronically ill, although, there was a grave need for a home for the chronically ill.

Mr. Hattie explained that there is a Committee made up of psychiatrists, doctors, and psychologists which classify the persons to go to the various County institutions. He said that this must not become a chronic hospital although there are some bed patients there.

Councillor Gaetz did not agree with the \$500.00 which a person was allowed to keep for funeral expenses. He felt that if a man worked all his life and had saved \$2,000.00 for the sort of burial he wanted that this should be his privilege and the County should not take this away from him. Mr. Hattie replied that \$500.00 is the maximum amount the Province will allow the County to keep for them.

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

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

"THAT the Report of the Auditors be approved". (Motion carried).

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

"THAT the motion to appoint Nightingale Hayman and Company as Auditors of the Municipality be rescinded". (Motion defeated).

Councillor P. Baker said he had no connection with either auditing firm but he had heard much talk and inflections cast upon Mr. Stech and H. R. Doane & Company because the Council did not see fit to reappoint them after using the same firm for 35 years and he felt that it cast a reflection on them since this was more of a prestige account than anything since they do not make much money on it.

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

AMENDMENT:

"THAT this motion be deferred until a time when all members of Council are present". (Amendment defeated).

Councillor P. Baker felt that this Council had unintentionally caused some harm to the Doane Company.

Solicitor Mann reminded Council that the Auditors must be appointed at the Annual Session.

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

In reply to Councillor Hudson, Councillor P. Baker said he was at Council but was on the phone at the time the vote was taken before.

In reply to question, Solicitor Mann said that although a new Auditor had been appointed that the appointment had not been given to them officially.

Councillor Hudson said she did not agree with changing the Auditors when it was done but had no very strong reason for it but felt it would be very ill advised to change it again now, that Council should stand behind its decision.

Deputy Warden Nicholson said that one does not change Auditors like taxi cabs, that an Auditor is retained indefinitely unless there is reason to get rid of them and for this reason the County failing to reappoint Doane & Company cast a reflection on them.

Councillor Tonks felt that this motion was now doing an injustice to the newly appointed firm.

Councillor Hussey said he had also heard comments and there were raised eyebrows and people wondering what Doane's had done wrong and he felt that the records should be straightened out.

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

Councillor P. Baker felt that a statement should be issued explaining that there was no fault found with the former Auditor.

Councillor Hudson suggested that there was nothing wrong with the Auditors but there was something wrong with Councillors, "they were asleep at the switch" when the appointment was made.

Council then dealt with the Joint Estimates.

In reply to Councillor Hussey, Mr. Hattie said that most of the \$9,000.00 increase in the budget of the Halifax City Prison was for increased salaries necessitated by Union agreements.

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

"THAT the Joint Estimates for 1968 be approved". (Motion carried).

In reply to Councillor Smeltzer, Mr. Hattie said that the Eastern Shore Tourist Association had made application for a further grant of \$2,000.00 for this year.

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

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

"THAT the Report of the Finance and Executive Committee be approved, deleting the section re Capital Expenses for schools". (Motion carried).

Councillor Giles said that in the last number of days everyone has been trying to get someone else to cut down on expenses, the School Board have cut their's down a little bit, the Library Board say they can't but it appears that everyone wants somebody else to cut back and if Councillors want someone else to make a sacrifice they should show their sincerity by being willing to make a sacrifice themselves.



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

"THAT the Bylaw re Councillors remuneration be amended so that all Councillors serving on Committees and Boards serve for the rest of the year 1968 without receiving Committee pay and without receiving mileage if they reside within 10 miles of the Municipal Office". (Motion defeated).

Solicitor Mann pointed out that there are certain Boards over which this Council has no jurisdiction, the Municipal School Board, the Board of Management of the Halifax County Hospital, and the Regional Library Board.

Councillor Moser said it was alright for people drawing government pension or being paid civil servants already being paid with the tax payers money to forego their \$10.00 a day they could sit in Council 365 days a year if the government told them to and not lose anything, but when the day came that he figured he wasn't worth his \$10.00 a day then he would resign.

Deputy Warden Nicholson felt that this was laughable, it sounded like a "bunch of Boy Scouts or something", and it would not effect the tax rate one cent.

Councillor P. Baker said he had been keeping a record of his calls for the past few months which come in day and night, and they are certainly not all from Terence Bay. He said he is quite happy to get calls from people all over Halifax County and to be able to help them. He said he believed his services were worth \$10.00 a day or perhaps \$20.00 or more and he said it had nothing to do with sincerity, that he showed his sincerity by going into any and every district of the County when necessary and by having his phone open seven (7) days a week and 24 hours a day. He suggested that there was some sincerity lacking on the Library Board when none of the Councillors would even second Councillor Hussey's motion to attempt to cut expenses there.

Councillor Daye agreed that \$10.00 was little enough for the long day Councillors were required to put in to say nothing of the travelling around they had to do every day, especially in the larger districts and he felt that when a man spends \$1,300.00 to \$1,400.00 to get elected, he should get a day's pay.

Councillor Giles said that if the Councillors were civil servants or pensioners was irrelevant because years ago everyone had an equal choice.

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

AMENDMENT:

"THAT the matter of Committee pay be left up to the individual Councillor as to whether the Councillor wishes to accept the Committee remuneration or whether the Councillor voluntarily wishes not to accept remuneration for Committee pay". (Amendment ruled out of order by Solicitor).

Councillor Tonks and Councillor Giles requested a recorded vote.

FOR: DISTRICTS - 5, 6, 8, 13.

AGAINST: DISTRICTS - 1, 2, 4, 9, 10, 11, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21.

Councillor Giles then offered to serve on any Committee to which he was appointed without remuneration.



Councillor Tonks asked what the County planned to do about the public right-of-way they had placed over a man's back yard on Caldwell Road for the children travelling to school. He said that the man protested the action as being done without his approval and he was concerned lest he might not be able to sell his property in future if he wished to do so because of the right-of-way.

Warden Settle said he had discussed it with the man and that he was in agreement.

Councillor Tonks said he was not in agreement when he contacted him last Saturday night.

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

"THAT the Department of Highways be asked to give early consideration to the construction of the link of Highway from Long Cove, Pennant, to Terence Bay and if it is not feasible, to build the entire link in a single year, then to program its construction over a two to four year period". (Motion carried).

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

Councillor Isenor requested that the Finance and Executive Committee through Mr. Hattie provide a breakdown of increases in expenditures for the year and the percentage so that Councillors would know what exactly to attribute the increases in tax rate to.

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

"THAT the Minister of Highways be asked to consider placing an amber caution light at the top of Shad Bay hill near the Atlantic Memorial School". (Motion carried).

Councillor P. Baker said that a caution light in front of the Atlantic Memorial School at Shad Bay was a necessity because there was a very steep hill leading to the school and just beyond the driveway through which many busses pass each day and that there are about 450 pupils attending this school and even some of the Department of Highways personnel have agreed that a caution light should be placed there.

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

"THAT Council adjourn until Tuesday, April 16, 1968, at 10:00 a.m.". (Motion carried).

The sixth day of the Annual Session of the Council of the Municipality of the County of Halifax convened at 3:00 p.m., Tuesday, April 16, 1968, with Warden I. Settle presiding.

The Clerk called the Roll.

Regarding the minutes of the previous session, Councillor Gaetz pointed out that the Department of Highways helps to maintain Horne's Road but any major work is done on a shareable basis since it is a subdivision road and probably this is why it has not been paved according to the requests of the people on that road.

Councillor Tonks advised that Horne's Road has been taken over by the Department of Highways and they are responsible for it.

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

"THAT the minutes of April 9, 1968, be approved, as amended". (Motion carried).

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

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

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

In reply to Councillor Gaetz, Councillor Street said that the TV's in the budget were deleted because although they were certainly a desirable teaching aid they were not absolutely essential.

Councillor Daye said that even the students are saying now that if they would get rid of the TV's and some of the fills and get good teachers, they would learn a lot more and it would be better for the taxpayer.

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

"THAT the paragraph dealing with an amount of \$7,500.00 to \$9,375.00 for a Regional Highway Transportation Study be deleted from the Report of the Finance and Executive Committee". (Motion carried).

Councillor Street said that this was a split decision in Finance and Executive Committee but he felt this was an important study to all of the County and much of their future industrial development would hinge on this study.

Councillor Snair was against the County participating in this study because he felt the Department of Highways were going to put the roads where they wanted anyway and he could see no benefit of this study for the County. He pointed out that the County has already spent \$40,000.00 for a Master Plan and the Department of Highways have yet to approve the roads on it so he felt this study would accomplish nothing more than to give a bunch of surveyors some summer work.

Councillor Allen felt that since the Atlantic Development Board and the Province were willing to assist so substantially in the cost of the study that they must consider it of some urgency because the ADB is not in the habit of spending money unless necessary and he