

felt this study would be of benefit to the whole County.

Councillor Tonks said that the need for Regional transportation is very great in the County and the two cities and he hoped the study would present a concrete recommendation with solutions to these transportation problems.

Deputy Warden Nicholson said he was not arguing as to the merits of the study, he did not see how it would do the rural areas of the County any more good than it would do Hants or Lunenburg Counties.

Councillor McCabe questioned the benefit to the County, he said he would like the \$9,000.00 spent for gravel for three miles of the Highway he had to drive over this morning and he believed that this study would have no benefit at all to 85% of the County.

Councillor Hussey said he attended a meeting held on the subject at which other Councillors attended and with all the experts they had it came down to the matter of the private transportation companies were willing to provide transportation facilities in those areas where it was profitable for them.

Councillor Bell pointed out that the urban Councillors supported ARDA although it would be of little benefit to them because they felt it would be of great benefit to the rural portion of the County.

Mr. Hattie replied to Councillor Gaetz that the Board used to have a policy that they share in the cost of TV's for the schools and in other cases area rates were levied to pay for them.

Councillor Gaetz pointed out that Council is considering the expenditure of \$7,000.00 to \$9,000.00 for a transportation study and at the same time refusing TV's in some schools at a cost of \$6,000.00 and thereby depriving some children of teaching aids necessary for their learning.

Councillor Hudson asked whether the purpose of this study was to help people in the County working in the City or people in the City working in the County.

In a standing vote of 15 - 6, the amendment was carried.

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

AMENDMENT:

"THAT the amount of \$6,300.00 for television sets be placed back in the Capital Budget for the Municipal School Board and that the Report of the Finance and Executive Committee be so amended".
(Amendment defeated).

Councillor P. Baker said it appeared that the Councillors in districts which already had TV's in schools were against getting them in the other districts and he felt the children in outside schools should have the same privileges.

Councillor Allen pointed out that this would be a capital item and as such would have to be paid for by the County outside the annexed area, after annexation.

Deputy Warden Nicholson said that this is a "make do" year and only most essential items should be considered. He was not against equipping schools but felt that there are some items which could be done without this year. He pointed out that funding over a ten

year period would cost double and a TV would just not last 10 years anyway.

Councillor Street agreed that TV's in schools were desirable teaching aids but with good teachers not an absolute necessity. He suggested that since some districts have provided their own, that other districts which feel that TV's are necessary in school do the same.

Councillor Hudson agreed that TV's were not necessary if there are good teachers but the County did not have enough good teachers.

Councillor Bell felt it was not fair to provide TV's in schools for some and not all. He felt it was considered necessary for the children's education that it should be put on the curriculum and be all over the County.

Councillor McCabe felt that Halifax County has just as good teachers as any other Municipality, that through his investigations it has come out that some children coming to County schools from the City are not as far advanced as the County students.

Councillor Gaetz felt that if the Department of Education recommended TV's in schools and provided the programmes for them that it was up to the inspectors to see that they were used properly so that all children would be able to participate in the program.

On the amendment, Councillor Tonks and Councillor Street requested a recorded vote.

For: 15, 14, 10, 8, 7, 6, 3 ----- 7

Against: 21, 20, 19, 18, 17, 16, 13, 12, 11, 5, 4, 2, 1 ----- 13 (Amendment defeated)

Councillor Gaetz felt that if the two grants applied for for the Lawrencetown Community Centre and the George Washington Carver Recreation Centers were to be denied then the annual grant to the Halifax Police Boy's Club should also be denied. He pointed out that the Community Centers did a great deal for the people in the communities and that the County should be assisting its own people if they were going to help other municipalities in their projects.

Deputy Warden Nicholson said that a lot of the grants were cut down and no new ones undertaken, in fact he had refused to support applications from organizations in his own district.

Mr. Hattie explained that for many years a grant was given to the George Washington Carver Community Centre until it got on its feet and the Lawrencetown group had been applying for several years and since there are many community centres in the County and as grants could not be given to all the Council had established a policy that not grants be given at all. As for the Police Boy's Club, this \$75.00 is not so much a grant as it is in lieu of taxes, that they applied for relief of taxes and there was no provision for approving this so the grant was made instead which covered a portion of their taxes.

Councillor Gaetz said he had done some investigation and could not find out any work the Police Boy's Club did for the County.

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

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

"THAT the Annual Council Session adjourn until 7:00 p.m."
(Motion carried).

EVENING SESSION

The evening session of the Annual session of the Council of the Municipality of the County of Halifax convened at 7:15 p.m., with Warden I. Settle presiding.

The Clerk called the Roll.

The Clerk advised Council that the Special Report of the Finance and Executive Committee re Area Rates had been tabled for Councillors' consideration.

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

"THAT the Special Report of the Finance and Executive Committee re area rates be adopted and these area rates are hereby levied by the Council". (Motion carried).

Mr. Hattie again advised Council that the Report re District rates had been tabled for Councillors' consideration.

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

"THAT the District Rates as presented to Council this date be and are hereby levied". (Motion carried).

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

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

"THAT the Final Report of the Finance and Executive Committee including the estimates for the year 1968 and levying the tax rates of \$3.72". (Motion carried).

Councillor Gaetz questioned the fact that a grant was not made to the Lawrencetown Community Hall, that grants were being recommended for the Police Boy's Club and Halifax Symphony Society.

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

AMENDMENT:

"THAT the Report of the Finance and Executive Committee be amended by striking out of the Estimates the amount of \$75.00 for the Halifax Police Boy's Club and \$250.00 for the Halifax Symphony Society". (Amendment defeated".)

Councillor Daye questioned the wisdom of this motion.

Councillor Gaetz stated he felt that these two (2) grants were approved then grants to other community projects should be approved.

Councillor Street stated that it would be impossible for Council to consider all such requests.

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

Councillor Butler questioned the amount of assessment used to determine the tax rate and the amount of assessment shown in the Report of the Director of Assessment.

Mr. Hattie explained that the difference in the amount of the assessment figure was due to assessments which have a fixed tax rate.

Councillor Butler indicated he felt that the best way to deal with the estimates was to start at the first and go through item by item.

This was agreed to by Council and proceeded to deal with the estimates on this basis.

Councillor Butler questioned the amount shown in the estimates re Councillors remuneration.

Mr. Hattie explained that this amount covered the twelve regular sessions of Council and a possible special session.

Councillor Tonks stated that he felt that it would be a saving to the Municipality if Councillors were paid in arrears twice a year.

It was moved by Councillor Tonks:

"THAT the Bylaw re remuneration of Councillors be amended by paying Councillors in arrears every six months - June and December". (No seconder).

Councillor Baker questioned the item of \$1,400.00 re MFOA convention.

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

"THAT the item 416 Convention MFOA in an amount of \$1,400.00 be deleted from the estimates for the year 1968". (Motion defeated).

Councillor Hudson questioned the money paid for bounties and felt that this should be discontinued.

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

"THAT the bylaw with respect to the payment of bounties be amended by deleting Section 10". (Motion defeated).

Councillor Daye and Councillor McCabe stated that they felt that the paying of bounties was a direct benefit to ratepayers and should not be discontinued.

Councillor Baker questioned the grant to the Nova Scotia Home for Coloured Children not so much as to the grant of \$200.00 but as to the operation of this Home and the name for the Home.

Councillor Johnson stated that he agreed with Councillor Baker and felt the name should be changed.

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

"THAT the Warden, Deputy Warden, Chairman of the Welfare Committee, Councillor Johnson, be a Committee to meet with the members of the Board of the Nova Scotia Home for Coloured Children to find out more about the operation and name of the institution". (Motion carried).

Councillor Snair questioned as to monies raised re Cape Bonnie Fund.

Councillor Baker and Mr. Hattie explained the proposed method of distribution and Councillor Baker advised that he had expected a private bill to be introduced at the last sitting of the Legislation which would allow this distribution to be carried out.

Mr. Cox advised Councillor Baker that an amendment had been made to the Trustees Act which would allow for an application to be made to the Court for this distribution.

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

"THAT the interest on tax arrears and on Improvement Changes be increased to 8%". (Motion carried).

Council continued to deal with the estimates, with Mr. Hattie answering a number of questions with regard to various items.

The Warden called for a vote on the motion to adopt the Finance and Executive Committee Report and to set the tax rate at \$5.72 per \$100.00 of assessment. (Motion carried).

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

"THAT Council go into Committee of the whole".
(Motion carried).

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

"THAT Council reconvene from Committee of the whole".
(Motion carried).

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

"THAT Mr. Hattie and Mr. McMahon be permitted to attend the M.F.O.A. Conference in June". (Motion carried).

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

"THAT a letter be written to the Minister and Government for the consideration given to this Council". (Motion carried).

Councillor Allen stated that he felt that the Finance Committee should be commended for the time that they spent on the budget and that Mr. Hattie, the Municipal Clerk, should be commended for the excellent work he did in preparing the Brief which was presented to the Minister.

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

"THAT the minutes of today's Annual Session be adopted". (Motion carried).

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

"THAT Council rescind that portion of Councillor Hussey's motion calling for debate before the end of the Annual Session and substitute therefore debate at the May session". (Motion carried).

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

"THAT the Annual Session of Council adjourn".
(Motion carried).

Council closed with the singing of "God Save The Queen".

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

The April session of Council convened at 10:00 a.m., Tuesday, April 16, 1968, with Warden I. Settle presiding.

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

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

"THAT the Municipal Council advise the Canadian Transport Commission that the Council has no objection to the shelters at Fletcher and Kinsac being removed". (Motion carried).

The Clerk read a letter from the Minister of Education.

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

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

Councillor Daye said that this County spent two million dollars to provide a Home for the aged in this County and there was considerable difficulty in getting people admitted there. He specified a case of a patient who had been trying to get in there for some time and was able and willing to pay her own way. He felt it was ridiculous for the County to be discouraging paying patients since the accommodations are there and it is costing this County money if the accommodations are not being used.

Councillor P. Baker stated that this was not an isolated case, that there had been several others, one was an old gentleman of 79 years. He said that under the present system there is considerable confusion, the Welfare Committee is confused, the Ocean View administration is confused and the County Placement Officer is confused, he said that there are accommodations available but there are so many strings attached to patients being admitted that it was most unsatisfactory.

In reply to Councillor Tonks, Mr. Hattie said that it is the Classification Committee who makes the classifications as to who will go into Ocean View and the Committee is made up of doctors and representatives of the Provincial Welfare Department. He said he believed that at County Hospital, the Medical Officer and Superintendent sit in with the Committee when they are making their classifications but did not know if the same was true at Ocean View.

Solicitor Cox said that the Committee is a Provincial Board to determine whether the Province shall share in the cost of maintaining these patients. He said that others can be taken into Ocean View even if not approved by the Committee but the cost of such patients would be solely an expenditure of the County.

Councillor McCabe asked what was the minimum age where a person could go to Ocean View?

Solicitor Cox replied that this did not have too much bearing on the situation, that the Board simply decided whether the Province will pay its share of the cost.

Councillor Giles observed that if the lady in question was willing to pay her own way, he did not see how this had anything to do with the Committee.

Councillor P. Baker, Chairman of the Welfare Committee, said he asked for a meeting this week but it would depend on whether the Darrah Committee would be available and he felt that Mr. Coulter should also be included in this meeting.

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

"THAT Council ask for representation on the Classification Committee". (Motion carried).

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

"THAT another letter be written to the Minister of Education asking for clarification of the matter of amending the Education Act in that the Municipal School Board would have the right to set entrance age of pupils rather than Local Boards of Trustees". (Motion carried).

Councillor Tonks said that in the minutes of the previous Council session, there were two items deferred to the next session and asked why these items were not included on the agenda of this session.

Mr. Hattie said that the matter of the resolution from the Municipality of Sydney was to be studied by the Welfare Committee and they had not had a chance to meet on it as yet.

Councillor Tonks felt that items which are deferred from time to time should be placed on the agenda and not ignored and forgotten, that Councillors should not have to bring these matters up before this Council.

Councillor Baker, Chairman of the Welfare Committee, called for a meeting of that Committee at 12:00 noon today to deal with the Sydney resolution.

The Clerk read the Report of the Public Works Committee.

Councillor Bell explained that there was one street in his district which the petition for paving had not come in for because the people on the street wanted to make sure the sewer laterals were all in before the street was paved, now that they have been installed the residents were petitioning for paving and he wondered if this could be included in this year's program.

Councillor Butler said he was in the same position in his district because the contractors on Swan Street and Inglewood Drive had not completed all the sewer connections prior to the deadline required by the Public Works Department.

Mr. Gallagher said that for a number of years the petitions have been coming in "dribs and drabs" necessitating tenders to be late and requiring riders added to them for those areas coming in with late petitions and this was why a deadline was set. He informed Council that letters went out to all Councillors in January to this effect.

Councillor Hussey said he noticed in the papers that streets in Fairview and Rockingham were being paved and the City of Halifax "picking up the tab". He asked why this

was not available to Jollimore and if preferential treatment was being given?

Warden Settle said that the City has agreed to pay for the streets in the areas to be annexed when they are annexed but they have not given preferential treatment to any particular district.

Councillor Hussey said that the road between Spryfield and Harrietsfield has been paid for by the Province whereas other roads in the County, Kirk Road and Albion Road were just as much accesses to Purcell's Cove Road and were not taken over by the Province.

Mr. Gallagher replied that this depends on the classification placed on roads by the Department of Highways, some are considered main arterics and other C2 and C3 roads.

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

"THAT the Minister of Highways be asked to review their classification of Highways, as in the opinion of Council, there are other roads in the Municipality of the County of Halifax that are just as much roads leading to some community as the Harrietsfield Road". (Motion carried).

Mr. Hattie said that only the streets which appeared on the circulated list to Councillors were approved by the City and others would have to be approved by this Council and by City council.

In a standing motion, the motion was carried.

The Clerk continued to read the Report of the Public Works Committee.

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

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

Councillor Snair voiced his approval that the tax sale funds were to be equally divided among districts and asked whether the County would be liable for the lands in Sackville used by the Boy Scouts and Girl Guides which had been deeded to the County.

Solicitor Cox replied that there was no liability on the part of the County for upkeep of buildings.

Councillor Hudson asked whether it would be possible for a Councillor to acquire lands for park purposes at tax sales. Solicitor Cox replied in the affirmative.

Councillor Daye and Councillor C. Baker spoke their approval on the new distribution policy of tax lien monies for district purposes.

In reply to Councillor Gaetz, Mr. Hattie said that there is a provision in the Act where such monies must be spent for park purposes.

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

April Council Session - 1968
Tuesday, April 16, 1968

Municipality of the County of Halifax,
Temporary Borrowing Resolution,
Street Paving - \$42,000.00

"THAT WHEREAS by Section 6 of Chapter 186 of the Revised Statutes, The Municipal Affairs Act, it is enacted among other things, in effect, that subject to the provisions of Section 8 of the said Act and notwithstanding any of the provisions of any special or general Act of the Legislature of Nova Scotia, 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 improving and maintaining streets;

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

AND WHEREAS it is deemed necessary by the Municipal Council of the Municipality of the County of Halifax to borrow a sum not exceeding Forty-two Thousand Dollars (\$42,000.00) for the purpose of improving and maintaining streets;

AND WHEREAS by the Municipal Affairs Act such sum in the discretion of the Municipal Council be borrowed or raised in one sum at one time or in instalments at different times and the sum required shall be borrowed or raised by the issue and sale of debentures of the Municipality to such an amount as the Council thereof deems necessary to raise such sum;

AND WHEREAS it is deemed expedient to postpone the issue of such debentures and to borrow such sum, not exceeding Forty-two Thousand Dollars (\$42,000.00) as may be necessary for the purpose aforesaid from the Royal Bank of Canada at Armdale, Nova Scotia, the sum so borrowed to be repaid said Bank from the proceeds of said debentures when sold;

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED that the Municipality of the County of Halifax do, under and by virtue of the Municipal Affairs Act, and subject to the approval of the Minister of Municipal Affairs, borrow or raise by way of loan on the credit of the said Municipality, a sum not exceeding Forty-two Thousand Dollars (\$42,000.00) for the purposes aforesaid;

THAT under and in accordance with said The Municipal Affairs Act such sum be borrowed or raised by the issue and sale of debentures of the Municipality to such an amount as the Council thereof deems necessary to raise such sum;

THAT the issue of such debentures be postponed and that the said Municipality do, under and by virtue of the provisions of Section 148 (1) of Chapter 7 of the Acts of 1955, the Municipal Act and subject to the approval of the Minister of Municipal Affairs, borrow a sum or sums of money not exceeding Forty-two Thousand Dollars (\$42,000.00) from the Royal Bank of Canada at Armdale, Nova Scotia;

THAT such sum or sums be borrowed from said Bank for a period not exceeding twelve months with interest thereon to be paid said Bank at the rate of 7 1/4 per centum per annum and that the amount so borrowed be repaid the said Bank from the proceeds of the said debentures when sold. (Motion carried).

The Clerk read the Report of the Municipal School Board.

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

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

Deputy Warden Nicholson said that this is the only electrically heated school the County is building and he did not see that it made any difference whether the additions were put on later or added with the original building. He felt that this Report should come to Capital Building Committee and from there to Finance and Executive Committee especially since H. R. Doane and Company are presently making a forecast for the next five years and it should be studied together in detail.

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

AMENDMENT:

"THAT this Report be referred to the School Capital Program Committee and to the Finance and Executive Committee". (Amendment carried).

Councillor Tonks questioned the proposed location of the Junior High School in Cole Harbour, he felt it was negligence in planning to spend money for another lot in Cole Harbour when the Municipality already had property served by water and sewer in Eastern Passage and when almost 50% of the pupils came from Eastern Passage. He did not see that the Cole Harbour location would be of any benefit to the County and added that there would be unnecessary costs for transporting all these pupils from Eastern Passage.

Mr. Perry replied that the School Board recommended this location because Cole Harbour was more centrally located and eventually students would have to be brought in also from Preston area since Graham Creighton School is now overcrowded and it was felt it would be better to have one large central Junior High School and if the school was built in Eastern Passage then another Junior High School would have to be built eventually.

Councillor Street said it seemed a little irrational not placing a school where 50% of the pupils are located and he believed that the Board had made a gross error in selecting the Cole Harbour site.

Mr. Perry said that pupils were now having to be transported from Eastern Passage to the Graham Creighton High School and this would tie in with the Junior High School transportation from Eastern Passage also. He said that it had been the Board's policy to intergrate the schools and if two schools were necessary it might put the Board in the position of having separate junior high schools.

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

"THAT the Municipal School Board be asked to reconsider the proposed site for a Junior High School at Cole Harbour particularly where this is a suitable site for this school at Elkins Barracks and where over 50% of the children come from the Eastern Passage area". (Motion carried).

In reply to Councillor P. Baker, Mr. Bensted said that the land at Cole Harbour had been purchased and the purchase price was around \$28,000.00.

Councillor Tonks was not concerned as to whether the school would be ideally located. He was concerned as to how much it was going to cost and did not think the Board even considered what it would cost when it decided on the location.

Councillor Gaetz felt that a more centrally located school would effect greater savings in years to come. He pointed out that the school enrollments were increasing in both the Preston and Eastern Passage districts.

Deputy Warden Nicholson said that the school Board had control over the location anyway so he did not see the point of the motion.

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

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

"THAT the Department of Education be asked to study the possibility of increasing the school year to twelve (12) months instead of the present ten (10) months and report to this Council". (Motion carried).

Mr. Perry felt that this was something which came under the Department of Education because they laid down the length of the school year. He added that there may be considerable difficulties with a 12 month system in that many families plan for summer vacations but that he would like to see the suggestion studied.

In a standing vote, the motion was carried.

In reply to Councillor Gaetz, Deputy Warden Nicholson said that the School Capital Program Committee would continue progress on the school plans with the projected date of opening and meanwhile the question of the addition would be studied.

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

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

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

Councillor Street said that five minutes ago it was stated that the Cole Harbour site had been purchased, now this Report says the site was being obtained. He also wanted to know when they planned to begin laying the footings for this school?

Mr. Bensted replied that 7/8 of the property had been acquired and the deed for the balance of the property had been received this morning and that the building would be started as soon as the Architects had finished their plans and submitted them to the Department of Education for approval so that tenders could be called.

Councillor Street suggested that land for school purposes should be acquired by means of option so that the County would not have to pay the interest on the purchase price for six or eight months while the property was not being used.

Deputy Warden Nicholson said that this has never been the practice but he believed it is an idea worth considering.

Solicitor Cox said there was no reason why the County could not operate on an option basis so long as a suitable agreement could be made with the land owner.

Councillor Hudson said she understood it had not been the practice to call subcontracts for the installation of gym equipment and that tenders had not yet been called for gym

equipment for the Five Island Lake School.

Mr. Hattie said that they call for separate tenders for gym equipment ordinarily because it does not cost as much as if it were included in the original contract.

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

Councillor Street expressed serious concern over mounting welfare costs and pointed out that in some districts in particular where the per capita cost was highest there should be stricter control by the Welfare Department and that Councillors should not encourage persons to apply for welfare unless it was absolutely necessary. He said that a ceiling had been placed on welfare payments but despite that, for the first three months of this year the figure was \$177,000.00.

Councillor P. Baker said that this County has a Department of Welfare set up with a professional Director and assistant and a program set up for them to carry out. He pointed out that Councillors have very little influence over how the welfare is administered and the Welfare Committee has very little control also because this is done by the specialists in the Welfare Department through the program which they are given to carry out.

Councillor Tonks felt that the Welfare Committee could do something about the high cost of welfare by issuing vouchers for food and other necessities instead of issuing cheques to the recipient which were often misused. He did not feel that the district figures were accurate because in his district welfare families were moved in some cases for lack of accommodation in the district where they came from. He felt this County should give consideration to Newfoundland Premier Smallwood's policy that welfare people be given work to do and if they refused, to take them off the welfare rolls. He said that in his district they had difficulty getting the ditches cleaned out and such projects could be carried out by welfare recipients.

Councillor Daye agreed that welfare payments were getting out of all bounds and that the whole program should be studied from Municipal, Provincial, and Federal points of view as he advocated three or four years ago. He said that there were attitudes throughout the County that some people were saying "why should I go to work every day when another fellow down the road can loaf around and get just as much as I do?". He felt that the people should accept employment for the County where it was available in return for welfare.

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

"THAT Council adjourn until 2:00 p.m., at which time the Director of Welfare be asked to be present".
(Motion carried).

AFTERNOON SESSION

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

Councillor Johnson expressed concern regarding the mounting costs of welfare but pointed out that much of it was due to seasonal employment. He did not agree to welfare being paid on a voucher basis because he felt it was very embarrassing to people who through no fault of their own had to rely on welfare. He suggested that perhaps the welfare workers could look a little closer at applications for welfare.

Councillor P. Baker said that we hear all the time about lazy people abusing welfare and expects that this is true, but the Provincial Government quoted that according to their figures it was not more than 5% and that one could expect that there will always be a certain element that would have to be watched. He asked Mr. Cleary, Director of Welfare, whether he would assist any Councillors who wished to give names of people in their district who were abusing welfare and if so what action would be taken, if any.

Mr. Cleary said he would be happy to get such information from any Councillors so that it could be investigated and those responsible could be prosecuted.

It was moved by Councillor Tonks:

"THAT this Council cut off all welfare costs on the part of the Municipality at the time when welfare expenditures have reached the point where the Department of Welfare of the Province of Nova Scotia cuts off the sharing of welfare costs for the Municipality of the County of Halifax".
(No seconder).

In reply to Councillor Tonks, Mr. Cleary said that if a person is temporarily unemployed and would need his car to transport him to work when he gets back to work they do not require him to get rid of his car, and that in cases where there is illness in a home and an emergency can be anticipated, that phone service is considered essential. He said that the Provincial Government has approved the projected welfare budget for 1968 but have not decided as yet how much of the expense it will share for Ocean View.

Councillor Bell said that being realistic, with the cost of living increasing, it can be expected that welfare costs would also rise. He said he knew of three cases where men had deserted their families in the last month and felt there should be some way the County could recover from these men who went to work in Ontario and refused to maintain their families.

Mr. Cleary said that the abuses of welfare are very small and where it is suspected it is investigated and prosecuted but they can base their investigations only on the information they receive and some people do give false information and they do not find out about it till later. He said that the cost of welfare in January was \$37,810.16, that the scales were not reduced but the method of issuing the assistance was changed.

Councillor Street felt that if there was going to be an anticipated increase over the budgeted amount the Council should know about it very soon so that appropriate action could be taken and the amount shared. With regard to housing costing more in some areas, he said that in Terence Bay where the per capita cost of welfare was highest he was sure the housing costs there were not as high as in the more urban districts.

Councillor P. Baker said he would like to advise Council that Terence Bay is only one of the 10 communities in district 10 and that it is not one of the higher per capita welfare cost areas although other communities in his district were higher but it was unfair and entirely wrong to say that Terence Bay was the highest welfare cost community. He asked that Mr. Cleary prepare a breakdown by school section in his district for the next Council session.

Mr. Cleary agreed to make available a monthly breakdown of anticipated costs of welfare for the next monthly session as requested by Councillor Street.

Councillor Bell said he would like to know who is getting welfare in his district so that he could be of some help to the Director.

Mr. Cleary said he could get that information by coming into his office and going over the lists.

Councillor Daye expressed concern about high costs of welfare to the County because he knew of a number of cases where it was being abused. He said that when welfare provided food, shelter, clothing, lights, phone, etc., it did not encourage people to go out and work and if a couple of crushers were put in the Eastern Shore it would give these people something to do in return for the welfare they are receiving.

Mr. Cleary said that the group of people in this classification is so small that it would not have any overall affect on welfare, that those men on welfare who are able bodied are mostly lacking in skill and education in sufficient amount to obtain employment. He said that under the Canada Assistance Act there are more people able to get assistance.

Councillor McCabe said he had occasion to refer many cases to the Welfare Department and always found them most co-operative.

Councillor P. Baker pointed out that Mr. Cleary has invited Councillors to give any information re abuse of welfare payments and hopes that Councillors will take advantage of it. He asked whether Councillor Daye felt that welfare people who shopped at his store were not deserving of welfare. He wondered how many of the Councillors had visited the homes of the deserving cases where children had no shoes to wear and empty guts but who are too proud to apply for welfare themselves. He did not think it fair for the deserving and the depressed to be accused on this Council floor of the wrong of the few. He said that the welfare expended would be justified if only 75% of it went to deserving cases. He thought it ridiculous to spend thousands of dollars for a professional Welfare Director, his assistant, staff and provide them with a program and then for Councillors to "set themselves up here as social workers". He reminded Council that this County lost one excellent director two years ago by just such irresponsible insinuations.

Councillor Hussey had a word of appreciation for Mr. Cleary and the work that he and his staff are doing.

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

"THAT if any Councillor sees any evidence of any malpractice in administration of welfare or any deserving case, that that Councillor take the matter up privately with the Director of Welfare". (Motion carried).

Councillor P. Baker asked that Mr. Cleary make available to the Welfare Committee the names of persons advised by Councillors of abusing Welfare and the action to be taken.

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

Councillor Tonks asked whether welfare people could be used to carry out labour projects.

Mr. Cleary said that there is such a provision in the Welfare Act, and read it to Council.

It was moved by Councillor Tonks:

"THAT this Council ask the Province of Nova Scotia to adopt that part of the Canada Assistance Act whereby there will be instituted an approved work activity program". (No seconder).

Solicitor Cox said that at the present time the agreement is between the Federal and Provincial Governments and the regulations provided by the province state that work for the Municipality cannot be a condition upon which welfare is received.

Councillor Johnson said he understood that Canada Manpower is doing considerable work retraining people of unskilled class and this should bring some reduction in the need for welfare in future.

Councillor Street asked Mr. Cleary to give Council the budgeted figure for the month of April or May for the next session.

The Clerk read the Report of the Welfare Committee.

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

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

Councillor Tonks observed that this Report is exactly opposite to the City of Sydney's request and he felt this Council should support the recommendation.

In a standing vote of 14 - 6, the motion was carried.

Solicitor Cox reported that he had appeared before the Private and Local Bills Committee as per Council's instruction regarding the City of Halifax Bill re Tax Rates if the proposed annexation were approved. He said that there were a number of amendments to the Bill before it was passed by the Committee and by the House and would not become final until approved by the Governor in Council. He gave a brief outline of the three alternatives contained in the Bill.

Councillor Allen congratulated Solicitor Cox on the work he had done on the County's behalf in this connection.

Councillor P. Baker said that there was a petition circulated and submitted calling for a plebiscite and a representation made by this Council requesting a plebiscite and asked, in spite of this "do we sit back and assume that annexation is a foregone conclusion".

Solicitor Cox said that the bills limited to an order which the Board of Public Utilities may approve or not and it only becomes law when it is passed by the Governor in Council. He believed that there was no presumption on the part of the House that annexation would take place necessarily.

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

"THAT this April Session of Council adjourn".
(Motion carried).

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

The regular monthly session of the Council of the Municipality of the County of Halifax convened at 10:00 a.m., Tuesday, May 21, 1968, with Warden I. Settle presiding.

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

Under correspondence, the Clerk read a letter from the Halifax Association of the Nova Scotia Federation of Home and School Associations.

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

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

The Clerk read a letter from the Halifax County Municipal School Board.

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

"THAT an Area Rate of \$0.05 be levied for school purposes in Halifax County School Section No. 56".
(Motion carried).

Councillor Tonks asked whether there had been a reply from the Classification Committee at Ocean View as per Council's request last month. Mr. Hattie replied that there had been no official answer but the County was represented by Mr. Caswell of the Welfare Department on the Committee and they had met with members of the Welfare Committee and he felt there was much better understanding of the problem as a result of this liaison.

Councillor Tonks said he had a copy of a letter sent to the Clerk which has not been brought before this Council. It was from a Captain at Shearwater regarding school services. He asked what was the procedure in such matters?

Mr. Hattie replied that not all letters were brought before Council, some were passed on to the appropriate departments for acknowledgement but in the case of the letter in question the matter was under investigation and negotiation.

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

"THAT the minutes of the session of April 16, 1968, be approved". (Motion carried).

The Clerk read the Report of the Warden to Council.

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

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

In reply to Councillor Tonks, Warden Settle said that on the work being done on Musquodoboit Reclamation, the Federal Government paid 45%, the Province 45%, and the County 10%.

Councillor Giles suggested a tour of the entire project by Councillors who were not familiar with the project and those who would be interested.

Councillor Daye expressed his pleasure with the proposed park to be built up in Ship Harbour because it would do much to help tourism on the Eastern Shore.

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

The Clerk read the Report of the County Planning Board.

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

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

Councillor P. Baker took exception to City demolished buildings being dumped in his district and creating unsightly messes and another unsightly premises in the Westwood Subdivision. He said he realized several County officials had visited the locations but charged that nothing was being done about it under the Unsightly Premises Act. He said that one Contractor, George Redmond, had torn down buildings and dumped the materials by the roadside and when approached by County officials through the Department of Highways, the ends of the boards were sawn off which extended out over Department of Highways property and dumped in with the rest.

Councillor Colin Baker said he passed the Westwood property in question yesterday and the old car bodies, mud, dogs, and old bones, etc., was just terrible. He said that in his district City demolished building material was being dumped but it was controlled.

Councillor Bell believed there should be more supervised dumps all over the County so that the people would find it easier to clean up their properties and have the unsightly materials disposed of.

Councillor Tonks said that in his area several months ago he complained about an apartment house of five units and only one exit and that the owner was served with a Notice and given ten days to fix it up and asked where were the fines and fees charged against these offenders, why these people were not taken to Court or if there were not sufficient Bylaws to handle this and also uncontrolled garbage dumping in the County.

Mr. Gough said that the Health Department and Unsightly Premises official went to the Goodwood property together with a Constable, which was the only way they could get in, and the matter was turned over to the Solicitor for action.

Councillor P. Baker said that the property looked like a TV picture of Viet Nam on a rainy day and that the County is providing the City of Halifax with a garbage dump. He wondered if the City of Halifax would be so passive if the County tore down some of its unsightly buildings and dumped the materials on the Halifax Commons. Councillor Baker said that the threats, warnings, and notices had been going on for long enough and he wanted action, when it was going to be taken and how?

Mr. Gough said that as far as the lumber on the side of the Brookside Road this was on Department of Highways property and they would have to take the Province to court under the Unsightly Premises Act but he believed that this was going to be filled in.

Councillor Giles felt that either the Act should be enforced or scrapped. He said there was one case where Messrs. Gough and West visited a property and said it was unsightly but the owner said it was not and asked whether a decision would be made.

Councillor Allen said that a week or so ago he took Mr. Gough's Assistant on a tour of part of his district which was all they were able to cover and he felt the problem was largely because there was not enough staff to check out these unsightly premises and suggested some part time staff in this department. He felt it was time for more prosecutions under the Act because this would be the greatest deterrent to offenders.

Councillor C. Baker said he felt in many cases the County was just as great an offender under the Unsightly Premises Act because there was a property in Councillor Allen's district which belonged to the County of Halifax and should have been cleaned up long ago. Mr. Gough said that this was a case of the property being deeded over to the developer some time ago and that Solicitor Cox was looking into the matter as regards to responsibility in the case.

In reply to Councillor McCabe, Mr. Hattie said that an order had been issued to tear down the building on the old Lear property in Armdale.

In reply to Councillor Giles, Mr. Hattie said there had been three or four prosecutions in the past couple of years.

Councillor Giles felt that since the problem was getting worse there should be more people charged and prosecuted. He felt that the only people paying heed to the orders to clean up their properties were the timid, and the "bad actors" were laughing at the County officials and not paying any attention to them.

Mr. Hattie defended the good work which had been done in the past few years throughout the County on Unsightly Premises and pointed out that the people have to be given a certain period of time to clean up unsightly premises before further action is taken.

Councillor Tonks referred to the Conrod property in Eastern Passage. He said this man had been taken to Court and fined \$500.00 and his place was worse than ever, so apparently the fine did not bother him much. He also pointed out that the local dump at Eastern Passage had been closed because it was a fire hazard, yet a private operator was operating right next to the old dump without a license or permit and there was oil being dumped there and it was a great fire hazard.

Councillor Daye pointed out that it would cost money to prosecute these people and if they had nothing it could not be recovered.

Councillor P. Baker said that many of these offenders had plenty of money, they bought up old houses, rented them for a month or so and let them run down and kept them for the land but these were creating unsightly premises and such people certainly had lots of money to collect from.

Mr. Gough told Council that his Department was in a very embarrassing position when they have to tell people to clean up their properties because "we literally have no place where we can tell them to take this garbage". He said that garbage dumping facilities were badly needed throughout the County and the lack of these facilities was hampering the effectiveness of carrying out more work under the Unsightly Premises Act.

Councillor P. Baker said that last year a man came to this Council with a proposal to operate a press where old cars could be disposed of but that operation was not getting very much business.

Mr. Gough told of a further problem when a car is unsightly and on somebody's property and the owner is somewhere else, it is most difficult to take such a case to Court but that facilities for disposing of lumber and such materials was the biggest problem.

The Solicitor agreed with Councillor Allen that the County could remove an unsightly car from a property and the property owner would have to pay the expenses and it would then become a matter between the property owner and the registered car owner.

Deputy Warden Nicholson said that they have toured many areas and investigated many possible locations throughout the County for use as a dump but somehow the people in the area find out about it and object to a dump in their area. He said that prosecutions were held up for various reasons, sometimes causing undue hardship on people had to be considered.

Councillor Giles said that this Council was responsible for Unsightly Premises in the County and as such it is the Council's responsibility to make a decision, right or wrong, and stick to it.

Councillor Gaetz suggested one of the cone-shaped burning apparatuses, used in the burning of wood waste at lumber and pulp mills. Councillor McCabe said he knew of one of these being installed at a cost of \$5,000.00 and that it was very effective.

Mr. Gough, in reply to Councillor Tonks, said he believed the fireplace could be partly incorporated in the house instead of reducing the sideyard clearance.

In reply to Councillor Tonks, Mr. Hattie said that the homeowners are taxed for sewer on their frontage but in this case the sewage charges would be paid by the subdivision.

Councillor Tonks noted that the Planning Board recommended the zone change in their report and he felt their recommendation should be withheld until Council had heard the people speak at the Public Hearing.

Deputy Warden Nicholson pointed out that the Planning Board had not recommended the zone change, that they had simply recommended the Public Hearing.

Councillor Street believed that the first step in enforcing Unsightly Premises Act was to provide suitable disposal facilities and this should be done on a long term basis and he felt that the Planning Board should look at this matter again.

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

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

"THAT whereas much of the material from various demolition jobs in the City of Halifax is being dumped in various areas of the County of Halifax;

AND WHEREAS this material causes unsightly conditions along the highways, or on privately owned lands;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Council of the Municipality of the County of Halifax request the Council of the City of Halifax and the Council of the City of Dartmouth to place appropriate clauses in their Demolition Contracts whereby

the demolition contractor would be required to cut and burn all combustionable material in the City Incinerator, and dump the remaining material in the City owned dump, and under no circumstances should the demolition contractor be allowed to dump in County areas;

Intention of County to take action against any one dumping indiscriminately in the County of Halifax". (Motion carried).

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

"THAT be it resolved that the Council of the Municipality of the County of Halifax give notice in the usual manner of its intention to amend the Zoning Bylaw by rezoning a portion of the Ferguson farm property located on the Herring Cove Road from R-2 Zone to C-1 Zone". (Motion carried).

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

"THAT the staff be instructed to enforce the Unsightly Premises Legislations". (Motion carried).

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

"THAT the proposed amendment to the Subdivision Regulations, as contained in the County Planning Board Report of this date, be approved". (Motion carried).

The Clerk read the Report of the Public Works Committee.

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

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

In reply to Councillor Street, Mr. Hattie said that the deadline for the Report to Halifax City Council by the City of Halifax Planning Board and Public Works Department on the County's recommendation re water and sewer services for Kline Heights was June 15th.

Councillor Street was concerned as to whether the City Council would approve the County's recommendation for the development of Kline Heights. He said that it is a terrific hardship on the people there and a health hazard as sewage is literally running down the streets, contaminating wells, etc., and it is very important that this work begin as soon as possible so that the people in Kline Heights will have water and sewer services before next year.

In reply to question, Mr. Gallagher said the job would probably take about eight months but this would depend on availability of contractors in this particular type of work, if they were not too busy it might be completed earlier.

Councillor Tonks objected to the County asking the people on Howard Avenue to sign a lien on their property for ever when this is not done in other parts of the County. Mr. Gallagher explained that this was done because past experience had showed that people will petition for water services and when water is provided on the basis of the bona fide signatures, then many of the people do not take the central water and the County has to

subsidize the utility and this was a method by which they were hoping to make the utility self supporting.

Mr. Hattie added to this that a meeting could be arranged with the Public Works Department and the residents of Howard Avenue to explain the whole thing to them and see what their feeling was so that they could come to a self sufficient arrangement.

Councillor Giles wondered where the water was coming from for the land assembly in Sackville and if this would mean that there would be insufficient water for the Bedford area. He feared that the water and sewer development for Bedford which had been planned would be deferred because the water would not be sufficient since it was being used for this other project.

Mr. Hattie pointed out that this Council has approved water and sewer system for Bedford along the same lines as was provided in the Spryfield-Fairview areas but the water came under the Public Service Commission and they cannot supply it until they get a source. He said that the Nova Scotia Housing Commission is in the same position as a subdivider and they have to get their own source of water but as far as the provision of water and sewer for the Bedford area it is certainly not being bypassed, that there are many possibilities to be looked into but plans are going ahead for that area.

Councillor Giles felt that as long as this "vendetta" was going on between the two cities, that there was not much hope of the water from Pockwock Lake being used for Bedford because the City of Halifax wanted it and the City of Dartmouth was against it.

Mr. Hattie said that what they are interested in is providing sources of water for the whole of the Halifax-Dartmouth area including the County for the next 50 years and it is not known what the ADB will say as to the source but there should be one package deal in order to provide water.

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

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

"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 Lower Sackville, 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 FROM
IRENE DAVIS

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

BEGINNING at a wood stake marking the most easterly corner of Lot #15 now or formerly owned by one Lucille Avery;

THENCE North thirty-eight degrees zero minutes West ($38^{\circ}00'W$) along the northeast boundary of the above mentioned Lot #15 a distance of one hundred and sixty-three feet (163') to the most easterly corner of Lot #43 now or formerly owned by one Sackville Supplies Limited;

THENCE North fifty-two degrees zero minutes East ($52^{\circ}00'E$) along the southeast boundary of an unnamed sixty-six foot (66') right-of-way a distance of fifty-eight feet (58') to the most westerly corner of Lot #16 now or formerly owned by one Donald Shortell;

THENCE South thirty-eight degrees zero minutes East ($38^{\circ}00'E$) along the southwest boundary of the above mentioned Lot #16 a distance of one hundred and sixty-three feet (163') to the northwest boundary of a sixty-six foot (66') right-of-way now or formerly called Irene Avenue;

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IRENE DAVIS CONT'D

THENCE South fifty-two degrees zero minutes West ($352^{\circ}00'00''$)
along the northwest boundary of the above mentioned right-of-way
a distance of fifty-eight feet (58') to the PLACE OF BEGINNING;

ALL the above described lot, piece or parcel of land being more
particularly shown outlined in red on a plan made by Donald V. Purcell,
P. L. S. and dated the 9th day of May 1963.

MAY COUNCIL SESSION - 1968

Tuesday, May 21, 1968

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

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 Lower Sackville, 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 FROM
SACKVILLE SUPPLIES LIMITED

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

BEGINNING at a wood stake marking the most easterly corner of Lot #48 now or formerly owned by one Sackville Supplies Limited;

THENCE North thirty-eight degrees zero minutes West ($N38^{\circ}00'W$) along the northeast boundary of the above mentioned Lot #48 a distance of one hundred and fifty-two feet (152') to the southeast boundary of a sixty-six foot (66') right-of-way now or formerly called Dorothy Drive;

THENCE North fifty-two degrees zero minutes East ($N52^{\circ}00'E$) along the southeast boundary of the above mentioned right-of-way a distance of sixty-six feet (66') to the most westerly corner of Lot #49 now or formerly owned by one Sackville Supplies Limited;

THENCE South thirty-eight degrees zero minutes East ($S38^{\circ}00'E$) along the southwest boundary of the above mentioned Lot #49 a distance of one hundred and fifty-two feet (152') to the northwest boundary of Lot #16 now or formerly owned by one Donald Shortell;

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SACKVILLE SUPPLIES LIMITED CONT'D

THENCE South fifty-two degrees zero minutes West ($352^{\circ}00'W$) along the northwest boundary of the above mentioned Lot #16 and the northwest boundary of an unnamed fifty-eight foot (58') right-of-way a distance of sixty-six feet (66') to the PLACE OF BEGINNING;

ALL the above described lot, piece or parcel of land being more particularly shown outlined in red on a plan made by Donald V. Purcell, P. L. S. and dated the 9th day of May 1968.

The Clerk had a list of streets to be added to this year's paving program distributed to Council. He said the City of Halifax would pay the cost of these streets after annexation.

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

"THAT the Municipality of the County of Halifax approve the addition to the 1968 Street Paving Program as the City of Halifax has agreed to pay the \$18,422.71 that the Municipality would normally pay". (Motion carried).

In reply to Councillor Street, Mr. Gallagher said that Dutch Village Road was under the jurisdiction jointly of the Province and the City of Halifax, that the City was maintaining the street this year but he believed that in order to have a portion of the street repaved through Fairview, it would be the jurisdiction of the City.

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

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

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

AFTERNOON SESSION

The afternoon session of Council convened at 2:15 p.m., with Warden Settle presiding.

The Assistant Municipal Clerk called the Roll.

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

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

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

Councillor Tonks felt that the Municipal School Board had been very negligent regarding the locating of the new Junior High School in Cole Harbour. He felt that it should have been in Eastern Passage and that there were sufficient students there to justify an eight (8) room addition to the Talahasee School. He said the letter he referred to this morning regarding this had never reached the Board and he felt this would have had considerable bearing on their decision. He said also he did not get the minutes of the last meeting for two weeks after the meeting and the Bylaws stated that they were to be circulated within 48 hours of the meeting and asked who was responsible.

Mr. Bensted said that this Council has no jurisdiction over School Board minutes but the meeting of the Capital School Board was reported and the minutes went through the Clerk's office.

Councillor Tonks said it was absurd to expect the people in Halifax County to respect the Bylaws if they were not being enforced by the County itself and the Bylaws clearly stated that minutes should go out within 48 hours.

Councillor McCabe said that the Sydney Stephen High School, which was built of cement block in 1960, had spreading in the walls and ceiling of 1 1/2 inches and asked if the contractor who built the school could not be brought in to do something about it. He said there was a similar school in Musquodoboit 20 years old which was in better shape.

Deputy Warden Nicholson said that his Committee would look into this as they were working on an addition to that school anyway.

Councillor Hudson felt there should be more cooperation between the Capital Building Committee and the Municipal School Board. She said that the Municipal School Board found itself in a position many times having to make repairs which the School Capital Program Committee took no responsibility for.

Councillor Giles felt that the Municipal School Board was just as qualified regarding school building as the Capital Building Committee and if they felt the job was not good enough they should not have taken it over.

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

The Clerk read the Report of the Municipal School Board.

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

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

Councillor Giles said that in January of this year the Hammonds Plains School was declared surplus and that all the plumbing had been removed and wanted to know under whose authority it had been moved and why because the residents in that community had indicated that they wanted the building for a community centre and it would cost at least \$1,000.00 to have the plumbing and other fixtures replaced. He said he reported the matter to Mr. Bensted about a month ago, as soon as he heard about it and was told the matter would be investigated.

Councillor Bell suggested that in similar circumstances in future the Councillor should have reported this to the Board so that they could investigate.

Councillor Hudson pointed out that there are over 100 schools in the County and the Board could not visit them every week and know everything that was going on.

Mr. Hattie verified that the school was declared surplus in January and that tenders were not called because the community wanted it but he had just heard about the fixtures being removed.

Mr. Perry, Supervisor of Schools, said that the fixtures were removed in December, and were either used as replacements in other schools or put in storage for standby in case of breakdown in other schools and that the blackboards had been taken out because it was felt they would be of no use to the community.

Councillor Giles felt that the people of the community should not have to pay off the capital debt after the school was stripped and they should get allowance for the fixtures which were removed. He said that community spirit was very important and things like this destroy community incentive and although Mr. Perry is only interested in education he must realize that education is not the apex of all.

Deputy Warden Nicholson said that since the building still had \$6,000.00 capital debt owing on it he would be prepared to recommend that the community be reimbursed from that amount for the value of the fixtures taken out.

Councillor Snair asked whether the School Board did not have jurisdiction over adding or removing anything from schools until they were declared surplus.

Deputy Warden Nicholson said he saw no point of the Board stripping the school like this. He also questioned the tuition fees charged to County students in the cities.

Mr. Perry said that the City of Halifax does not take students living in the County and that Dartmouth took them only in the Commercial field.

In reply to Councillor C. Baker, Mr. Perry said that the School Board has set up a meeting with the people in Sambro and Ketch Harbour for tomorrow morning to do a revaluation before they make any decision.

Councillor Tonks again questioned the wisdom of the School Board in locating the new Junior High School in Cole Harbour where the transportation problem would involve 535 children over a 10-15 mile area. He said if it was located at Eastern Passage it would only involve transportation of 215 children, half the distance, and he felt this was completely disregarding the cost which was a burden to the taxpayers of the County.

Mr. Perry said that there were other problems both economic and social and that more busses would be needed if the school was to be located in Eastern Passage; also that the Board was committed to integration and this would preclude integration of the negro children

in the Preston area, and that in order to give students a full comprehensive program a larger school was necessary for an enrollment of between 600 and 900.

Councillor Tonks asked why the original location was changed and said he could show Mr. Perry the plans for the school in Eastern Passage which was in the Planning Office.

In reply to Councillor Isenor, Mr. Perry said that there was a very broad policy regarding the use and functions of school busses but usually there was one educational tour provided for each bus per year.

Councillor Isenor said that in past years, on parents nights and other school functions, where many students were interested, bus service was provided but not this year. Mr. Perry replied that it would involve paying the bus drivers overtime and they were trying to remain within their budget.

Councillor Moser asked who condemned the school busses, and if it was the Department of Highways how could they be purchased by a private person and be put back on the road?

Mr. Perry explained that when a bus is seven or eight (7 or 8) years old they start looking to see whether it is an economic unit and the staff make recommendations and also the Board of Public Utilities and when they present these to the Board they either reject or approve these recommendations. He said if busses are condemned by the Board of Public Utilities the person buying the bus must meet any regulations that are laid down.

Councillor Hudson said that busses used for transportation for which no fare was charged did not come under the Board of Public Utilities.

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

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

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

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

In reply to Councillor Moser, Mr. Hattie explained the various types of coverages under the Maritime Medical Care Program.

In reply to Councillor Hussey, Mr. Hattie said that the residents can have the interest rates on sewer charges increased depending on the cost of money to the Municipality.

Regarding the appointment of Constables, Councillor Baker said that some of them have very questionable ethics and with annexation coming up, he felt that a good look should be taken at the licensing of these people. He cited several cases where good decent people were intimidated by these Constables although he admitted that many of them carried out their duties ethically and there was a need for them. He felt that when these names are submitted to Council for approval they should be accompanied by a description of the agency hiring them and the principals of the Company included in the application.

Councillor Allen wondered if the South Shore Tourist Association was aware that they had been given a grant this year?

Councillor Tonks felt that following the report of Doane and Company that the Finance and Executive Committee should come up with some definite recommendations especially as regarding Federal grants so that necessary legislation would be set up when it would be needed. He felt that drastic reductions of staff in the Administration offices would have to be made and that these people who were let go should have time to find other positions.

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

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

Municipality of the County of Halifax,
Temporary Borrowing Resolution,
Cole Harbour Junior High School - \$10,000.00

"THAT WHEREAS by Section 6 of Chapter 186 of the Revised Statutes, the Municipal Affairs Act, it is enacted among other things, in effect, that subject to the provisions of Section 8 of the said Act and notwithstanding any of the provisions of any special or general Act of the Legislature of Nova Scotia, 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 school purposes and erecting or purchasing or improving land for such buildings;

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

AND WHEREAS it is deemed necessary by the Municipal Council of the Municipality of the County of Halifax to borrow a sum not exceeding Ten Thousand Dollars (\$10,000.00) 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 by the Municipal Affairs Act such sum shall in the discretion of the Municipal Council be borrowed or raised in one sum at one time or in instalments at different times and the sum required shall be borrowed or raised by the issue and sale of debentures of the Municipality to such an amount as the Council thereof deems necessary to raise such sum;

AND WHEREAS it is deemed expedient to postpone the issue of such debentures and to borrow such sum, not exceeding Ten Thousand Dollars (\$10,000.00) as may be necessary for the purpose aforesaid from the Royal Bank of Canada at Armdale, Nova Scotia, the sum so borrowed to be repaid said Bank from the proceeds of said debentures when sold;

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED that the Municipality of the County of Halifax do, under and by virtue of the Municipal Affairs Act, and subject to the approval of the Minister of Municipal Affairs, borrow or raise by way of loan on the credit of the said Municipality, a sum not exceeding Ten Thousand Dollars (\$10,000.00) for the purposes aforesaid;

THAT under and in accordance with said The Municipal Affairs Act such sum be borrowed or raised by the issue and sale of debentures of the Municipality to such an amount as the Council thereof deems necessary to raise such sum;

THAT the issue of such debentures be postponed and that the said Municipality do, under and by virtue of the provisions of Section 148 (1) of Chapter 7 of the Acts of