

Councillor Hudson advised that the ventilation system still was not working in the George P. Vanier Junior High School and asked if there was any reply on school sites for Bedford?

Mr. Bensted said that the Housing Commission was still acquiring land and they will advise re school sites in the near future.

Re the George P. Vanier Junior High School, Deputy Warden Nicholson felt that the ventilation problem had been checked and that the architects said it was in working order. He felt this was a psychological problem because there were no windows in the Industrial Arts room and there had been many small complaints from this teacher.

Deputy Warden Nicholson voiced concern about the damage being done to the Sir John A. MacDonald High School by students and suggested that the Municipal School Board should do some policing of that school.

Councillor Hudson suggested that the School Board should send some of the students home until they were taught to behave themselves. She said it was not the School Board's responsibility to police students but provide them with an education.

Councillor P. Baker suggested that perhaps the school bus drivers who did nothing all day could be pressed into service for this purpose.

Councillor Colin Baker advised Council of one bus driver in his district who has been acting very badly, passing by some children on the road and picking up others as he chose and the parents had complained to the School Board but getting no action phoned him. Councillor Baker said he phoned Mr. Verge and was told that he did not know if they could dismiss this man because he was in the Union.

Solicitor Cox advised that under the Union Agreement the employer can investigate and discipline an employee.

Councillor P. Baker reminded Council that at Halifax County Hospital 28 employees had been dismissed and they have a Union.

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

Warden Settle reported on the meeting he attended yesterday with a committee of the Nova Scotia Hospital Commission. He said it was a fact-finding committee that was established with the view to hospital needs up to 1980 and looking very forward toward a total hospital and that Dr. Cameron had attended and explained the needs of the County very fully.

Councillor P. Baker said he was very pleased about this because this Council had made numerous submissions in the past to the Provincial Government because of the great need for facilities of a chronic and intensive care nature for patients who were released from hospital and had nowhere to go.

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

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

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

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

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

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

Mr. T. G. Cleary, Director of Welfare, read the Report of the Director of Welfare to Council.

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

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

Councillor P. Baker felt that the Family Courts were falling down on their job. He explained that when a husband deserts his wife and family, he can be taken to the Family Court and ordered to pay a number of dollars per week and what is actually happening is that the husband does not pay and the family come to the County Welfare who has to give them assistance. He said that the men deserting their families and refusing to pay the Court Order were acting in contempt and it was a mockery of our courts and costing a great deal of the money to the taxpayers, with over 100 deserted wives on the Welfare rolls last year, while the husband in most cases is in the area working and living well.

Mr. Cleary said his department recognized this problem and is working on compiling statistics with a view to making some submission to the Government through the Welfare Committee.

Solicitor Cox agreed that this was acting in contempt of court but the difficulty in many cases was that the husband moved away and the courts do not have any jurisdiction outside the Province.

Councillor Gaetz spoke of the upgrading assistance planned for the Preston area and asked about similar assistance to other poverty problems in the County.

Mr. Cleary replied that the people in Preston as everyone in the County who receive assistance must meet the eligibility requirements of the Welfare Department and that the \$245,000.00 would be used for emergency repairs and basic needs only, that this did not include housing.

Councillor Johnson said that the people in Preston were hoping that the program for housing assistance would envelop in that area because a great many of the people wanted only borrowing power, they wanted to build their own homes, pay for them and own them, they did not want homes provided by

Welfare or anyone, but there were other cases for example, deserted wives who would not have the income to pay mortgages.

Mr. Cleary suggested that mother's qualifying for Mother's Allowances would be able to meet small mortgages.

Councillor Tonks asked whether assistance was given in educating the people receiving welfare on income management.

Mr. Cleary reported that this was a part of their work and was important in some cases to assist families on how to buy nutritional foods at low cost and he said they were having considerable success in helping these people to become self-supporting which was indicated by the caseload breakdown attached to the Report. He agreed with Councillor Gaetz that the subsistence level approved by the County was inadequate and they had submitted recommendations to the Government that the basic necessities be enlarged to cover more of what they considered basic necessary items; however, of the \$36,000.00 submitted they were cut down by \$95,000.00 so this meant that they could not assist families to any great extent but could only provide assistance covering specific items as laid down.

In reply to Councillor McCabe, Mr. Hattie said that there was no provision in the Assessment Act for a widower to receive widow's exemption from taxes to the extent of a widow but he could apply for tax relief on the grounds of inadequate income.

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

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

THIRD DAY AFTERNOON

The third day afternoon session convened at 2:00 p.m., Thursday, March 20, 1969, with Warden Settle presiding.

The Clerk called the roll.

The Clerk read the Annual Report of the County Medical Health Officer.

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

"THAT the Report of the Director of Atlantic Health Officer be received". (Motion carried).

Dr. Cameron said regarding the extension of water and sewer facilities that this is one of the things that is of the utmost importance especially in the Bedford area and also in the other areas because of the many building lots that are submitted for approval which cannot pass the soil tests and sanitary requirements.

In reply to Councillor Giles, Dr. Cameron said that you cannot use different yardsticks to approve lots for building in different parts of the County but in areas where there is more acreage and it is less expensive, it is easier for an applicant to acquire additional footage to his property in order to meet the sanitary requirements.

In reply to Councillor Hudson, Dr. Cameron said that they maintain a staff of inspectors to at least four (4) at all times and many of them still have 10 days vacation at the end of the year showing that they have not taken all of their vacation.

Councillor Daye felt that there were too many restrictions on people wanting to build houses in the more remote areas and in many cases common sense would be better than a lot of regulations.

In reply to Councillor Giles, Dr. Cameron said that the soil testing and sanitary requirements could in fact encourage pocket development.

In reply to Councillor P. Baker, Dr. Cameron said that in 1966 or 1967 the pollution rate of Bisset's Lake was very high but the exact amount of chlorine required was indicated by the inspectors who tested the water.

In reply to Councillor McCabe, Dr. Cameron said he had read a copy of the new regulations for camp sites and they did not seem too strict and that the Health Board is always concerned about garbage which is not properly disposed of.

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

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

"THAT the minutes of the session of March 18th., and March 19th., be approved, as amended". (Motion carried).

Councillor Tonks referred to the statement he made where a man was washed overboard while trying to navigate the channel where the barge was located and this was denied by the Company operating the dredge in the area but the man in question was on television and also the owner of the boat telling this story and it is a true fact.

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

In reply to the Warden, Councillor Tonks said that the Eastern Passage delegation met with the Premier yesterday on the matter of dredging but he said it was a matter that would have to come before the Government; however, the barge did disappear from the area and was not back again this morning.

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

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

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

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

Councillor McCabe asked what is done with people who refuse to pay their poll tax? Mr. Kelly replied that they do all they can to collect.

In reply to Councillor Giles, Mr. Kelly said that there are a few more tax exemptions approved each year but these are not increasing percentage wise and that some of the people who would formerly be exempted are now looked after by the Welfare Department.

Councillor Giles observed that this was just lowering the amount of the Collection Department and increasing it by the same amount of the Welfare Department but the result to the taxpayer was the same.

Further in reply to questions, Mr. Kelly said that the rule is to take action after three (3) years that taxes are unpaid but some properties are difficult to sell, some owners are making an attempt to pay their taxes and every consideration is given to them and that a great deal of the unpaid taxes shown are taxes that are left by the owner purposely so that he can request a tax sale of his property to get a clear deed at which time they would be paid and by far the largest amount of outstanding taxes are recent years.

In reply to Councillor Tonks, Solicitor Cox said that this County has no authority to issue tax certificates but Halifax City has and the City of Dartmouth has applied for permission, but this requires special legislation.

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

"THAT the Statement of Municipal Taxes paid and outstanding by Districts for the year 1968 be received". (Motion carried).

The Clerk read the 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).

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

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

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

"THAT the rest of the appendices to the Regional Library Report be received". (Motion carried).

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

"THAT the Financial Statements of the Regional Library Board, including the Revenue and Expenditure Statement, the Capital Fund Balance Sheet, and the Statement of Continuity of Investments in Capital Assets and the Auditor's Report be adopted". (Motion carried).

Councillor Daye said that since there were libraries in the schools, he did not believe that the other libraries were necessary and the taxpayers could not afford them.

Councillor McCabe suggested that the amount spent for libraries was very small in comparison with other County expenditures and that this is the most important service the County provides together with schools.

Councillor Daye argued that this only represented the Countys' share and even though the cost sharing was paid by the Provincial and Federal Governments, it still came out of the same taxpayers pockets.

Councillor Snair, Chairman of the Library Board, said that all Departments were instructed to hold their budgets down for this year and the Library Board had not only held down the budget but it was actually \$0.02 per \$100.00 less than it was last year and it could not be cut any further.

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

"THAT the Budget of the Regional Library Board be approved". (Motion carried).

Deputy Warden Nicholson felt that this budget should be submitted to the Finance and Executive Committee with all the rest and the total budget brought in at once. He pointed out that Councillors had not time to study

it and he felt the Finance and Executive Committee should go over it before it was approved.

Councillor Giles disagreed with this saying that Council had given the Library Board this authority and had to live with it and he felt the budget as submitted was a commendable effort.

Councillor Tonks said that this budget had been submitted to the Provincial Government at the end of December and it was discussed and revised many times and had been approved by the Province and he did not see any possible way it could be changed further.

Councillor P. Baker said if the Councillors do not have the right to study and investigate a report or budget presented to them there might as well not be any Council.

Councillor Giles suggested that this may be the reason why new Councillors were elected to repair the mistakes of the old, that they may not always be right but they could not very well be more wrong.

Councillor Moser pointed out that just because approval was given in this Council did not mean that all Councillors voted for it, and he for one had voted against the libraries in the first place.

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

Solicitor Cox submitted a number of revised By-laws and advised Council to approve them in principle and then study them one by one and giving final approval to the whole revised By-laws instead of doing them individually.

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

"THAT after each By-law has been approved that it be approved "in principle" and that when Council has completed reviewing the By-laws, that they be approved as a whole, as a complete set of By-laws". (Motion carried).

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

"THAT the Interpretation By-law be approved in principle". (Motion carried).

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

"THAT the By-law respecting Municipal Streets and Property be approved in principle". (Motion carried).

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

"THAT Council adjourn until 10:00 a.m., Monday, March 24, 1969". (Motion carried).

FOURTH DAY MORNING

The fourth day morning of the Annual County Council session convened at 10:00 a.m., Monday, March 24, 1969, with Warden Settle presiding.

The Clerk called the roll.

Councillor Gaetz advised Council of the fire in Chezzetcook yesterday which burned all the belongings of the Wilcott family, whose father is in Hospital at Camp Hill. He said that the family is in dire need and any contributions would be very well received and could be sent to the local fire department or to himself.

The Clerk reported that there was no correspondence received.

Council agreed to defer the approval of Thursday's Council minutes to later in the session.

The Clerk read the Report of the Halifax East Veterinarian Assistance Board.

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

"THAT the Report of the Musquodoboit Veterinarian Assistance Board be received". (Motion carried).

In reply to Councillor Gaetz, Mr. Hattie said that the Veterinarians felt that if they were to be on call, they should receive a monthly honorarium and that this would be paid under an agreement of the Veterinarian's Assistance Board with the Veterinarian after the special legislation is passed by the Provincial Government and this amount is being paid to the Veterinarians in the meantime.

In reply to Councillor Tonks, Mr. Hattie advised that the appointment to the Board replacement was a Government appointee.

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

The Clerk read the Report of the Halifax South East Veterinarian Assistance Board.

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

"THAT the Report of the Halifax South East Veterinarian Assistance Board be received". (Motion carried).

Councillor Gaetz expressed the feeling that the new set up was working well. He said there had been some confusion in the past but on his suggestion all people phoned the Halifax Veterinarian Hospital and are directed from there.

In reply to question, Mr. Hattie said that they County's contribution

is \$2,600.00 per year for the two Veterinarian Boards and the Province contributes on the basis of what the County pays and the Board makes the contracts with the Veterinarians.

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

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

"THAT the matter of the Report of the Municipal School Board Report and Report of School Capital Program Committee be deferred until later in this session".
(Motion carried).

Council resumed the reading and discussion of the new proposed By-laws, approving each section in principle as it went through them.

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

"THAT the Jail Limits By-law be approved in principle". (Motion carried).

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

"THAT the By-law to Repeal - Halifax County Hospital By-law be approved in principle".
(Motion carried).

Councillor P. Baker requested that by-laws of the Halifax County Hospital be provided to all Councillors who were not Board members.

In reply to Councillor Tonks, Solicitor Cox said that this by-law has not actually been repealed but any effectiveness of it has been taken away from it by the new by-laws of the Board as approved by the Nova Scotia Hospital Insurance Commission and that the old by-law is just cluttering up the books at the present time.

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

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

"THAT the Health and Sanitation By-law be approved in principle". (Motion carried).

Mr. Hattie, in reply to Councillor Tonks, re Section 8 of the Mischiefs and Nuisances By-law, said that advertisements were placed in the paper saying that air rifles were not to be sold to County residents and that any complaints had been investigated by the R.C.M.P.

Warden Settle, Councillor Tonks, and Councillor McCabe felt that a by-law re snowmobiles should be studied.

Councillor Gaetz reported that there had been disturbance complaints

against a bunch of hippies hanging out at an establishment on the #7 Highway.

Solicitor Cox agreed to look into these items.

Councillor McCabe felt that there should be some way to advise hunters that they should seek permission when hunting on private property and he questioned the right of the Department of Lands and Forests to issue hunting licenses to persons to hunt on property which was not theirs but private property. He advised Council that when a man is cutting in his woodlot with five or six hunters shooting around him it can be very disconcerting.

Solicitor Cox said that the hunting license does not carry any authority for persons to trespass on private property.

Councillor Tonks took exception to the limited use of air rifles. He pointed out that various Rifle Associations to which he had belonged used air rifles to give instruction to boy scouts and various groups of young boys on the proper use of firearms until they became sufficiently adapt in the proper handling to be handed even .22's or high powered rifles. He felt that this by-law should exclude the use of air rifles when used as instructional aid by Rifle Associations.

Deputy Warden Nicholson pointed out that there were an awful lot of windows and street lights broken and other damage to the County school by air rifles now and that any relaxation in the by-law would help open the door to more such damage.

Councillor Giles pointed out that there is no reason why a high powered rifle should be dangerous in the hands of a young boy who has had proper instruction, and he questioned the fairness of restricting the air rifles as a training aid just because a bunch of juvenile delinquents are causing damage. He pointed out that anyone can buy a high powered rifle and he did not see the point in restricting the use of air guns.

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

"THAT the clause dealing with air rifles in the Mischiefs and Nuisances By-law remain as is". (Motion carried).

Councillor Tonks called a point of order in carrying a motion in which there were descensors, that according to the old by-laws there was to be a standing vote.

Solicitor Cox advised that it had been accepted parliamentary procedure which ran through all meetings he was aware of, through the Provincial House of Assembly the Chairman may accept a motion carried in whatever method he chooses, that it be at the discretion of the chairman.

Councillor Tonks also questioned the Council appointment when there was only one nominee as happened in session last week when they by-laws state "there shall be two nominees".

Solicitor Cox replied that this by-law was still in affect.

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

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

"THAT the by-law governing ferries be predominately displayed in all ferries". (Motion carried).

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

"THAT the Ferry By-law be approved in principle". (Motion carried).

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

"THAT the Mischiefs and Nuisances By-law be approved in principle". (Motion carried).

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

"THAT the provisions clause in the old dog by-law dealing with a discount of \$1.00 if paid before the end of May be re-inserted in the by-law". (Motion carried).

Councillor Tonks felt that by eliminating the rebate to dog owners who purchased their dog licenses before June was destroying the incentive to pay for the licenses when the dog tax collector called at the door and the result usually was that the people did not get around to licensing their dogs.

Councillor McCabe pointed out that most people preferred to purchase their dog licenses from the local collector and if the deadline was March 1st., and the constables not appointed until the annual session of Council in March, this would allow this by-law to be affective.

Deputy Warden Nicholson pointed out that the longer you delay the collecting of any tax, the more it is costing to borrow in order to run the establishment.

Councillor Tonks contended that the amount considered here is a mere pittance compared with the household tax and the Finance and Executive Committee have not recommended any proposal to encourage homeowners to pay their taxes earlier, such as the volunteer idea he mentioned earlier.

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

In reply to Councillor Gaetz, Mr. Hattie said that the County has been using Dr. Shaw's in Halifax and the Dartmouth Dog Pound on the Dartmouth side for County dog pounds, and that some constables picked up dogs and contained them in barns in the district rather than driving all the way into the City. He said that this was not technically right but did save mileage.

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

"THAT the Dog By-law be approved in principle". (Motion carried).

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

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

"THAT the Municipal Parking By-law
be approved in principle". (Motion carried).

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

"THAT the Street Improvement By-law
be approved in principle". (Motion carried).

In reply to Councillor McCabe, Solicitor Cox said that this by-law applied only to the streets and roads to which the County pays a share.

In reply to Councillor McCabe, Mr. Hattie said that the Department of Highways appropriates 40 feet so that it leaves space for ditching and poles although they are not going to build a road any wider than is necessary. Regarding liens for road improvement, he said he did not think the County has ever sold a property for this purpose.

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

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

"THAT the Destruction of Documents By-law
be approved in principle". (Motion carried).

Councillor Giles asked whether the Deed Transfer Tax By-law applied to a father who transferred a piece of land to his son or gave a piece of property away as a gift?

Solicitor Cox replied that it would only be applicable in a case where there was a mortgage on the property or some other consideration and the amount would be a percentage of that consideration.

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

"THAT the Deed Transfer Tax By-law
be approved in principle". (Motion carried).

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

"THAT the area rates for school purposes as
requested by various school sections and as
recommended by the Municipal School Board be
hereby levied". (Motion carried).

In reply to Councillor Tonks, Mr. Hattie explained that the 5% was for uncollectible taxes and carrying charges.

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

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

"THAT Council adjourn until 10:00 a.m.,
Thursday, March 27, 1969". (Motion carried).

FIFTH DAY MORNING

The fifth day morning of the annual session of the Council of the Municipality of the County of Halifax convened at 10:00 a.m., with Deputy Warden Nicholson presiding.

The Clerk called the roll.

The Clerk reported that there was no correspondence.

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

"THAT the minutes of Monday, March 24, 1969, be approved". (Motion carried).

Council agreed to deal with the March 24, 1969, minutes later in the session.

The Clerk read the Report of the Emergency Measures Organization Control Committee.

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

"THAT the Report of the Emergency Measures Organization Committee be received". (Motion carried).

Councillor P. Baker questioned the reference in the Report which stated that the County lost money by not having a secretary in the Emergency Measures Organization office. He said "it looks as though someone is trying to push someone for something".

Councillor Tonks said that this was the opinion only of the Director of Emergency Measures Organization and referred to the cost sharing which would have been allowed by the Provincial and Federal Governments and whenever money is paid under cost sharing this money is used for the people of Halifax County.

Councillor P. Baker suggested that if they wanted backing they should look at the shameful display in the Spryfield area when the children were lost and he questioned where the Emergency Measures Organization was at that time.

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

The Clerk read the Supplementary Report of the Emergency Measures Organization Control Committee.

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

"THAT the Supplementary Report of the Emergency Measures Organization Committee be received". (Motion carried).

The Clerk advised that the Emergency Measures Organization budget is still in the hands of the Finance and Executive Committee and Council agreed

to deal with this later.

Councillor P. Baker said it had been suggested by the former Administrator of Halifax County Hospital that the Visiting Committee did not visit the Hospital as often as they might and he questioned whether the members were interested in serving on this committee, that they should be asked if they wished to serve. He pointed out that the only report he had from them was the one he read in the press stating that the keys for the fire doors did not open these emergency doors and upon the Board's investigation that report was found to be in error.

Mr. Hattie advised that no one had tendered a resignation from that Committee.

Councillor Tonks said that in the Terms of Reference of the Visiting Committee he thought the duties of the Committee were to report to the Board of Management of the Hospital and not to the press and they should be so advised.

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

"THAT the matter of appointing the Visiting Committee at the Halifax County Hospital be deferred until the end of this Annual Session of Council". (Motion carried).

Solicitor Cox advised that the only requirement of the Visiting Committee in this regard is to report to the Minister of Health.

Council unanimously agreed to reconsider the motion. (Motion carried).

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

"THAT this same Visiting Committee be appointed for Ocean View Manor as for the year 1968, that is to say:
Mrs. Basil Gordon, Reverend Eric Fullerton,
Reverend Father Heffler". (Motion carried).

Councillor Moser questioned whether there was any need for the Municipal Building Board since they had not met for two (2) years?

Solicitor Cox said that Council is obliged to appoint this Board in case there are any appeals but there have been no appeals for the past two (2) years and this is why the Board has not met. He agreed that this was a credit to the Building Inspectors.

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

"THAT Mr. George Redmond be nominated to the Municipal Building Board".

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

"THAT Mr. Arthur Yorke be appointed to the Municipal Building Board".

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

"THAT the appointment of the Municipal Building Board be deferred until the end of this Annual Session". (Motion carried).

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

"THAT Havelock Erskine and Austin MacKay be appointed as members of the Halifax Veterinary Assistance Board". (Motion carried).

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

"THAT Melvin Harris and Henry Bonang be appointed as members of the Veterinary Assistance Board for the balance of the County". (Motion carried).

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

"THAT Samuel Rhuda be appointed to the Appeal Court".

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

"THAT Arthur C. MacKenzie be appointed to the Appeal Court".

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

"THAT Vernon Day be appointed to the Appeal Court".

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

"THAT Richard Tolson be appointed to the Appeal Court".

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

"THAT nominations cease". (Motion carried).

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

"THAT the members of the Board of Appeal be appointed: one from Halifax County East, one from Halifax County West, and one from Halifax County Center". (Motion carried).

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

"THAT a ballot be deposited for
Mr. Samuel F. Rhuda and for
Mr. Richard Tolson as members of
the Board of Appeal". (Motion carried).

Solicitor Cox suggested that with the re-assessment coming up this year, this Board would be liable to have a heavier workload and that the appointees should be asked whether in the light of this they were willing to serve.

Councillor Daye said that Mr. Vernon Daye had said he was willing to serve.

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

"THAT the appointment of the Appeal Court
from Halifax East be deferred until the
end of this Annual Session". (Motion carried).

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

"THAT H. R. Doane and Company be appointed
as auditors of the Municipality of the County
of Halifax for the year 1969".

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

"THAT Nightingale, Hayman & Company be
appointed as auditors".

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

"THAT nominations cease".
(Motion carried).

On a balloted vote, the Deputy Warden declared the firm of Nightingale, Hayman & Company appointed as County auditors for 1969.

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

"THAT the review of the Financial Statements
be deferred until the end of the Annual Session".
(Motion carried).

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

"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 27, 1969, until 12:01 a.m.,
October 26, 1969, 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 Gaetz, seconded by Councillor Johnson:

"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 Isenor, seconded by Councillor McCabe:

"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 1969;

WHEREAS it is necessary to borrow the sum of THREE MILLION, NINE HUNDRED AND EIGHTEEN THOUSAND SIX HUNDRED AND FIFTY----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, NINE HUNDRED AND EIGHTEEN THOUSAND SIX HUNDRED AND FIFTY----00/100 DOLLARS as the same may be required from time to time to meet the new 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, NINE HUNDRED AND EIGHTEEN THOUSAND SIX HUNDRED AND FIFTY----00/100 DOLLARS that has been advanced to the Municipality and evidenced by Notes at the rate of 7-3/4 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, NINE HUNDRED AND EIGHTEEN THOUSAND SIX HUNDRED AND FIFTY---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 thereof shall fall due later than the said 31st of March, 1970;
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 Tonks said he thought it was about time the Council considered the great amount of money interest on borrowing is costing the County and he suggested there should be facilities where people who wanted could pay their taxes in advance to avoid the expensive interest that the County has been paying. He said he was prepared to make a motion that this County seek the necessary legislation to enable it to do this unless the Finance and Executive Committee came up with a similar resolution.

Deputy Warden Nicholson advised that the Finance and Executive Committee is looking into the feasibility of this.

It was moved by Councillor Tonks:

"THAT this Council ask the Minister of Municipal Affairs to allow the Municipality to issue tax vouchers". (No seconder).

Solicitor Cox ruled the resolution out of order.

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).

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

"THAT Carl Westhaver be appointed as a County Constable". (Motion carried).

Solicitor Cox, in reply to Councillor Hudson, said that there are three types of Constables, the Provincial Constables under which the County has no jurisdiction; the County Constables which this Council appoints and has jurisdiction throughout the County; and the Special Constables whose authority is limited as to place and duties as laid down in the appointment. He said that a dog catcher is a Constable with the authorities of a County Constable anywhere in the County.

Mr. Hattie said that although the Constables have authority to handle dog complaints in all areas of the County, many of them will not do it.

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

"THAT Mr. Evan Crowe's appointment as a pound keeper in the Municipality of the County of Halifax be referred to the Finance and Executive Committee".
(Motion carried).

Councillor P. Baker asked what would be the legal position of this County in establishing pounds in the case of valuable dogs who were destroyed or harmed. He felt that with the pounds being handled as they are at present by veterinarians, at least the County would have some protection.

Solicitor Cox said that Council must exercise proper and reasonable care in appointing pound keepers but could not dictate how they should operate so that the County could not be responsible for the actions of the pound keepers unless someone had been appointed to that position through negligence in investigating the applicant.

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

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

"THAT the appointment of Constable Gordon Snow as a pound keeper be referred to the Finance and Executive Committee". (Motion carried).

In reply to question, Solicitor Cox interpreted the Dog Act that the pound keeper must be appointed by this Council but the appointment remains in force unless it is revoked or the pound keeper resigns from this position.

Councillor Gaetz said that the fee of \$3.00 for picking up a dog was outrageous, that sometimes it took half a day to catch a dog and "we cannot expect a man to work for nothing".

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

"THAT the District and Municipal Officers as recommended to Council as of this date be appointed until the Annual Session of Council in 1970". (Motion carried).

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

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

FIFTH DAY AFTERNOON

The fifth day afternoon session of Halifax County Council convened at 2:00 p.m., with Deputy Warden Nicholson presiding.

The Clerk called the roll.

In reply to Councillor Daye, Deputy Warden Nicholson said that the Finance and Executive Committee has covered the preliminary study of income and expenditures and are in the process of preparing a submission to the Provincial Government for additional Municipal funds, that this includes a 5 year forecast and there is little this Council can do to establish a firm budget for the coming year until the results of this submission are known.

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

"THAT the Joint Estimates be deferred until the end of the Annual Session".
(Motion carried).

Councillor Giles felt that before the budget is brought down, every effort should be made to bring down expenditures wherever possible.

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

Mr. Mattie clarified the purpose of District Rates as a fund which can be spent on any Municipal project which would be of benefit to the whole district and submitted to and approved by this Council.

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

"THAT the breakdown of District Rates for the year 1968 be approved subject to the miscellaneous items being clarified".
(Motion carried).

Council then dealt with the District Budgets and Rates for 1969.

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

"THAT the District Budget for the year 1968 be approved and that the District Rates recommended by and are hereby levied".
(Motion carried).

In reply to Councillor Gaetz, Mr. Mattie said that the Accounting Office keeps separate accounts for the old districts 15 and 17 but they have to be shown as one district in the Report.

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

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

re the Chezzetcook (old district 15) Fire Department.

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

"THAT the Report of the Finance and Executive Committee dated March 27th., re advance re Chezzetcook Fire Department be approved". (Motion carried).

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

"THAT the minutes of the session of March 24th., be approved". (Motion carried).

Councillor Tonks said that the building which housed the Fire Department in Eastern Passage also housed the Gulf Steel Corporation which has an open pit which is boiling tar continually, that this is a frame building with no wall in between and is a considerable fire hazard together with a smoke and soot nuisance and he had brought the matter to the Finance and Executive Committee requesting that when the new lease is signed with Gulf Steel that they erect a fireproof wall between their operation and the Fire Department because if it ever caught fire the fire equipment would be lost.

Mr. Hattie said that the Warden had visited the area and discussed the matter with the Gulf Steel people but he did not know the details of the agreement reached and that Warden Settle, who is absent today due to attending a Union of Municipalities meeting at Province House, would have to give Council the details of this matter.

Councillor Giles reminded Council of the correspondence re Air Pollution which had been deferred to this Council until after annexation and felt that this matter should be dealt with.

Solicitor Cox said that the Regional Authority had requested that the Cities and the County pass a resolution to place Air Pollution under their authority and he had drafted the necessary legislation and passed it on but did not know if any action had been taken on it.

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

"THAT the Sarah C. Johnson application for approval of an undersized lot be deferred". (Motion withdrawn).

Solicitor Cox said that there had been a Public Hearing on this application and a decision had been deferred because additional information was to have been provided by the applicant, but it was his advice that if the application were changed it would necessitate another Public Hearing.

Mr. Gough, Director of Planning, said that originally they received an application from Miss Johnson and her property had been divided by the public highway. He said that about two (2) years ago she had a dwelling on the far side of the road and applied for its approval and in the interim she removed the building and the Department of Health came into it because there had to be a new

well and it was turned down by the Board of Health so that she asked for approval of the property for a wharf and fish shed. He read a letter written to Miss Johnson in which additional information on her intentions for this property was requested at an early date so that it could be dealt with at this session of Council but no reply had been received.

Solicitor Cox said that his advice would be that this should be treated as a new application and advertised over again because the original advertisement did not give the information to the public concerned as to the present intent of the use of that property.

Councillor P. Baker said he did not like to create a hardship on anyone but with this explanation it appeared that this applicant had been dealt with fairly by Council and had received the Public Hearing as requested and because of this he withdrew as seconder of the motion.

There being no new seconder for the motion, it was declared invalid.

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

"THAT Council do not approve the application of Sarah C. Johnson for approval for an under-sized lot, known as Lot A, at Ketch Harbour, Halifax County, Nova Scotia, be not approved by this Council". (Motion carried).

Councillor P. Baker advised Council that there is a lady at Ocean View Manor who will be celebrating her 103rd birthday on April 1, 1969, that she is very active and it is the custom of the Welfare Committee to meet on that day and spend an hour with her and he felt it would be a nice gesture for this Council to send her a birthday card.

Councillor Gaetz added to this that the lady's grandson who has an entertainment group will be providing entertainment in honour of her birthday the evening of April 1st., and anyone interested should attend.

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

"THAT Council recommend to the Finance and Executive Committee that a social evening be held for Councillors and their wives and staff". (Motion withdrawn).

Many Councillors agreed with this idea in principle but did not feel that an expense to the taxpayers of the County could be justified for this purpose.

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

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

"THAT Council approve a social evening between Council and staff and their spouses and that Council set up a Committee of three to arrange details". (Motion carried).

Councillor C. Baker, Councillor H. Daye, and Councillor T. Tonks volunteered to act on this Committee, without remuneration.

The Clerk read the Final Report on the School Bus Conveyance Committee.

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

"THAT the Report of the School Bus Conveyance Committee be received".
(Motion carried).

Deputy Warden Nicholson felt that a vote of thanks was in order for this Committee for the work they have done.

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

"THAT Bert Langille, Beaver Bank, be appointed as Constable in District No. 21".
(Motion carried).

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

"THAT Council go into Committee of the Whole while discussing Bill 89". (Motion carried).

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

"THAT Deputy Warden Nicholson be Chairman of Committee of the Whole". (Motion carried).

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

"THAT we convene into Council from Committee of the Whole". (Motion carried).

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

"THAT a letter be sent to the Premier, the Minister of Municipal Affairs, and all Provincial M.L.A.'s asking that Bill 89 not be dealt with at this session of the Legislature, but deferred for the period of one year for further study". (Motion carried).

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

"THAT Mr. Cox and Mr. Gough appear before the Law Amendments Committee of the Legislature in support of this Council's request to defer Bill 89 until the next session of the Legislature". (Motion carried).

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

"THAT the Annual Session of Council adjourn until the 15th. day of April, 1969, at 10:00 a.m.". (Motion carried).

SIXTH DAY

The sixth day of the annual session of Halifax County Council convened at 10:00 a.m., Tuesday, April 15, 1969, with Warden Settle presiding.

The Assistant Municipal Clerk called the roll.

It was reported that Councillor Snair was still in Hospital and that Councillor Cleveland would not be present today.

The Clerk advised that there was no correspondence.

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

"THAT the minutes of Thursday, March 27, 1969, be approved". (Motion carried).

The Assistant Clerk reported that he had contacted the members of the Halifax County Hospital Visiting Committee as requested but was not able to contact Monseigneur Murphy but the others had said they were willing to act again this year with the exception of Mrs. Sydney Roberts.

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

"THAT Mrs. Foster Gaetz be nominated to replace Mrs. Sydney Roberts as a member of the Visiting Committee".

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

"THAT nominations cease".
(Motion carried).

Councillor P. Baker pointed out that although the Visiting Committee is only required to meet four (4) times a year, he did not think they had visited the Hospital since last October and he felt that if the members of that Committee agreed to act, that they should be prepared to meet as often as their terms of reference stated, and that they should be provided with a description of their duties and responsibilities.

Solicitor Cox said that he had made up a schedule of their duties and this could be provided to the new committees and although they did not come under the jurisdiction of this Council, a letter could be written to them requesting that copies of their minutes be made available to the Board of Management.

Council agreed that such a letter be written to the Visiting Committee.

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

"THAT Arthur Harrigan be nominated to the Visiting Committee of the Halifax County Hospital".

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

"THAT Very Reverend Monseigneur Gerald Murphy
be nominated to the Visiting Committee of the
Halifax County Hospital".

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

"THAT Reverend Charles Ellis be nominated
to the Visiting Committee of the Halifax
County Hospital".

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

"THAT Reverend A. C. Snow be nominated to
the Visiting Committee of the Halifax
County Hospital".

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

"THAT nominations cease".
(Motion carried).

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

"THAT a ballot be deposited for all of
those nominated". (Motion carried).

A ballot was taken and Warden Settle declared Mr. A. Harrigan,
Very Reverend Monseigneur Gerald Murphy, Reverend Charles Ellis, and
Reverend A. C. Snow duly elected.

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

"THAT Andrew Thompson, Glen Margaret, be
nominated to the Municipal Building Board".

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

"THAT George Redmond, Chezzetcook, be nominated
to the Municipal Building Board".

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

"THAT Arthur Harrigan, Harrigan Cove, be nominated
to the Municipal Building Board".

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

"THAT Frank Holman, Middle Musquodoboit, be
nominated to the Municipal Building Board".

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

"THAT nominations cease".
(Motion carried).

As a result of an election from these four (4) nominees, Warden Settle declared the new Municipal Building Board to consist of Messrs. George Redmond, Andrew Thompson, and Frank Holman.

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

"THAT Mr. Vernard Day be nominated to the Appeal Court (Halifax East)".

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

"THAT nominations cease".
(Motion carried).

Warden Settle declared that Mr. Vernard Day be the new member of the Appeal Court and that a ballot be deposited for him in the Ballot Box.

In reply to Councillor Hudson, Warden Settle said he had talked with Mr. Tolson and he understood that his dissatisfaction was not with the appointment so much as the remuneration.

Deputy Warden Nicholson said that the Finance and Executive Committee did not recommend any increase in the remuneration from last year so that if these people do not want to act on that basis, they will have to refrain from acting because he would not recommend any further increase at this time.

Councillor Hudson said that Mr. Tolson is willing to act but wanted an increase in remuneration.

Councillor P. Baker pointed out that there are boards and committees of this Council which act for \$10 for a full day and other who work for nothing and these people want more than \$25 and \$30 per day.

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

"THAT Mr. Richard Tolson's appointment as a member of the Appeal Court be rescinded".
(Motion deferred).

In reply to Councillor P. Baker, Mr. Bensted said that the members of the Appeal Board received \$25 per day and the Chairman \$35 a day because of more responsibilities.

Solicitor Cox said he thought it had been customary for the Chairman to prepare the draft report and submit it for approval by the other members and in this way his duties are greater than the other members of the Board.

In reply to Councillor McCabe, Solicitor Cox said that this coming year is going to be different situation then usual because of the re-assessment being carried out, usually the Board sits for about five (5) days, however, judging from the last re-assessment and the experience of re-assessment in Halifax and Dartmouth, instead of days it may well run into weeks.

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

"THAT this motion be deferred for one (1) month". (Motion carried).

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

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

"THAT the Finance and Executive Committee Report re submission to the Premier be received". (Motion carried).

Councillor Tonks felt that there had been lengthy discussions on finances by this Council and as the administrative body, this Council had a duty to set the tax rate and find out where the money is coming from. He felt that this Council was negligent in not applying for transitional grants when a portion of the County was arbitrarily, by a three-man commission, annexed to the City of Halifax, and that the County should be repaid by the City for the services it had installed as was the case when part of the County was annexed to the City of Dartmouth where the Province is still paying transitional grants. He pointed out that with a population of 6,000 as his district had, this was similar to other towns across Canada whose taxes were not any higher than this County's present tax rate yet they had all the services and that if this County allowed the tax rate to go one cent above \$3.72, that this administration staff should be reduced by 50% and that the higher administrative positions if put out for tender, would receive many applications. He felt that if the Province did not give the County this money, then "we should turn this administration over to the Province". He said that he went along with a progressive raise in salaries at first because he was a novice in Council but did fight against an increase in pay for Councillors during his first month in Council.

Councillor McCabe paid tribute to those who prepared this submission, saying that it was very concise and clear and he saw nothing wrong in making this submission. He took issue regarding the remarks of the administration saying that he felt it was good as any government in the Province, and he questioned the lack of rural representation on the Board of Public Utilities.

Deputy Warden Nicholson said "it is fine to say now that we should have made this submission before but at that time we were in a spot where we did not know what was right". He said that this County took the advice of the experts as did the Public Utilities Board. He said that he did not

want to see the rate going up either but that most of it was due to education and welfare costs and "we have to educate and feed our people". He felt that rather than crying over what has happened in the past, which was unavoidable, that Council should be looking to what they have to do in the future. He said that the Finance and Executive Committee did not agree to increases in the top administrative staff, only the yearly increases for other staff as set out in the Stevenson and Kellogg Report. He pointed out that the teachers of the City of Halifax are getting more pay than those in the County and there is a saving there. He said "we know we are not going to get less students in this area, we know that we are going to get more and schools and have to be provided for them whether it is this County or the Cities".

Councillor P. Baker took exception to Councillor Tonks' remarks saying that he was doing a disservice to this County when you consider the effect this could have on Canadian and U. S. investors coming in the area. He agreed that tenders could be put out for top administration posts in the County but questioned the calibre of applicants you would get and he did not feel that any saving in this way would even affect the tax rate. He pointed out that the Finance and Executive Committee are still slashing the budget and last week some \$40,000.00 was saved with regard to the Welfare because they did not feel it was justified in order to get \$160,000.00 but that those people would not starve.

Councillor Hudson felt that there was reason to discuss administration costs in the County, and the reason being legislation by the Province that will take away the decisions in planning and leave the County with nothing but the financial responsibility and that there should be a Regional Planning Board and a Regional Board of Public Utilities because the County should not be operating its own Public Utility Board since it is too great a burden on the taxpayers of the County.

Councillor Tonks felt that there was negligence in the action which resulted in a portion of the County being expropriated with no transitional grants being provided to the County. He said that a former Councillor fought in this Council for years for a 2% Provincial sales and services tax but it was not approved by the Province, the amount resulting from this tax according to figures would have paid the education cost. He said he had made three (3) motions on this Council floor regarding welfare, which if initiated would have greatly reduced the cost but that he could not even get a seconder. He pointed out that on the Library Board he had effected a saving by making a motion that they meet quarterly instead of monthly and he felt the same could be done with other boards and committees. He felt that the Province should either put on this 2% tax or approve some form of pari-mutual tax.

Councillor Gaetz pointed out that the administrative staff had been reduced by 14 persons in recent months, some had left and not been replaced and others let go because of the lighter work load and he felt that Councillors attending committees should get this \$10.00.

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

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

"THAT this Council go on record as
favouring a Regional Government".
(Motion defeated).

Councillor Hudson said that the reason for this motion was not only the tax rate but because it was coming anyway and it would ultimately make more effective government.

Councillor P. Baker said if Council jumped into a hasty decision here it could end up by costing the County a great deal more money.

Councillor McCabe said that if any Councillor feels he is not earning \$150.00 a month he should not be here, and it is as simple as that.

Councillor Hudson contended that the Provincial Government had already taken one step in Regional Government and if decision making was taken away in the matter of planning, then the financial responsibility should also be assumed by the same authority.

Deputy Warden Nicholson said that water utilities are being turned over as fast as possible but that the Public Service Commission do not take care of sewage. He felt that regional planning would only result in less representation for the people in Halifax County, that regional school boards were being proposed for areas like Truro and Colchester County. He said that someday this might come and someday this might be the proper thing to do, but not now.

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

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

"THAT the Annual Session of Council be
adjourned until May 20, 1969, or as such
earlier date as may be set by the Warden".
(Motion carried).

SEVENTH DAY

The Annual Session of the Council of the Municipality of the County of Halifax convened on Tuesday, May 20, 1969, at 10:00 a.m., with Warden I. Settle presiding.

The Assistant Clerk called the Roll.

Deputy Warden Nicholson reported that the Finance and Executive Committee were asking for a further delay before bringing back a final report to Council and are exhausting every possible avenue in order to bring in a more realistic tax rate. He said that although the news media seem to have the tax rate set, the Finance and Executive Commission were certainly not satisfied with it and were sorry they did not have more information for Council today, but were still looking into every possible source of revenue and possibilities of cutting the budget even further. He said that their final report may be one which will be criticized but Councillors come in here to do a job and must be prepared for criticisms as they arise.

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

"THAT the Annual Session of Council be adjourned until June Session or an earlier date as set by the Warden".
(Motion carried).

EIGHTH DAY

The eighth day of the Annual Session of the Council of the Municipality of the County of Halifax convened on Thursday, May 29, 1969, at 10:00 a.m., with Warden Settle presiding.

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

Warden Settle advised Council that Councillor Colin Baker was confined at home and would not be present today. Councillor Snair also being absent due to ill health.

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

"THAT the minutes of April 15, 1969, and May 20, 1969, of the Annual Session, 1969, be approved". (Motion carried).

Councillor Tonks inquired as to whether there was any answer to the letters with regard to the breakwater at Eastern Passage.

Mr. Hattie advised that no answer had been received to date.

Councillor Baker inquired as to whether any action had been taken with regard to a meeting of the Housing Committee with the Minister? Mr. Hattie advised that Mr. Harding was not available at the present time and that a meeting would be arranged as soon as he returned.

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

"THAT in making up the agenda, that after correspondence there should be an item headed, "Business arising from the Minutes". (Motion carried).

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

"THAT the practice of bringing bottles of pop into the Council Chamber be stopped". (Motion defeated).

Councillor Hudson felt this was necessary due to the fact that she felt that the pop bottles sometime contained more than pop.

Councillor Baker stated that whether the motion was defeated or not, that he would still bring pop into the Council Chamber when he so desired to do so. He stated that other governing bodies were allowed to have glasses of water, pop or what have you, and he could see no reason why this Council should be denied the privilege.

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

It was moved by Councillor Tonks:

WHEREAS the Government of the Province of Nova Scotia through its Board of Commissioners of Public Utilities dictated to the Municipality of the County of Halifax, through its order for annexation, that the said Municipality of the County of Halifax, turn over approximately 1/3 of the entire administrative business of the Municipality of the County of Halifax, to another Municipal unit without reimbursement to the Municipality of the County of Halifax;

AND WHEREAS the Provincial Government did not see fit to allow a 2% sales tax to be levied to cover the cost of education in the County of Halifax, upon request from the Municipality of the County of Halifax;

AND WHEREAS the Provincial Government did not see fit to allow a 10% levy on pari-mutual betting in the County of Halifax upon request from the Municipality of the County of Halifax;

AND WHEREAS the Provincial Government developed a land assembly project in the County of Halifax without consultation with the governing body of the Municipality of the County of Halifax, in direct contravention of the said Countys' Master Plan, causing undue hardship on the taxpayers of that Municipality by creating an immediate need for services including an urgent requirement for new schools in the area to be developed;

AND WHEREAS the Government of the Province of Nova Scotia sets forth the regulations regarding the standards to be met with regard to education and welfare by the Municipality of the County of Halifax;

AND WHEREAS the Provincial Government saw fit to grant \$175,000 on a once only basis to the Municipality of the County of Halifax upon its request for \$700,000 and continued transitional grants because of the costs of annexation;

AND WHEREAS the increased cost for transporting children to and from County schools will be further aggravated by the demand for increased wages by school bus drivers and mechanics;

AND WHEREAS the continued increase in property tax to the homeowners in the County of Halifax without the benefit of minimum standard requirement for services (such as sewer and water) is creating a situation in the County of Halifax whereby prospective homeowners and present homeowners, cannot afford to own a home in the County of Halifax;

AND WHEREAS the cost of education and welfare to the Municipality of the County of Halifax exceeds 80% of the total assessment of the County of Halifax, and this cost is not proportioned to the established residency of the populace of County of Halifax, due to the greater movement of persons throughout Halifax County exceeding that of any other portion of the Province;

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED that the Municipality of the County of Halifax inform the Government of the Province of Nova Scotia that the said Municipality will no longer use monies derived by its powers of taxation for the purpose of education and welfare;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that as of this date the entire responsibility for these services in the County of Halifax will be borne by the Provincial Government of the Province of Nova Scotia".
(No seconder).

The Solicitor advised that this was no a proper motion and there was no seconder for the motion.

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

"THAT representation be made to the Provincial Government to have legislation enacted to have the total costs of education and welfare assumed by the Provincial Government". (Motion carried).

Deputy Warden Nicholson stated that there were changes coming in the education cost sharing which he felt would help the situation.

Councillor P. Baker stated that action was needed now and that the taxpayers were over the barrell.

Deputy Warden Nicholson stated that he felt a more sensible approach must be taken with regard to greater and realistic cost sharing by the Provincial Government.

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

Councillor McCabe welcomed Mr. Hattie, the Municipal Clerk, and Councillor Tonks back to Council.

Mr. Hattie read a letter from the South Shore Tourist Association with regard to a grant.

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

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

Councillor Gaetz brought to the attention of Council the proposed reduction in the Armed Forces in the Halifax-Dartmouth area and felt this was of serious consequent insofar as the economy of Halifax County was concerned.

Councillor P. Baker agreed with Councillor Gaetz and it was agreed by Council for this item to be referred to the Finance and Executive Committee for a resolution to be placed before Council.

Mr. Hattie read the Report of the Finance and Executive Committee with regard to the estimates for 1969.

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

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

Councillor Daye questioned the matter of ceasing to pay bounties and felt that this was of direct benefit to some of the taxpayers and should not be dropped.

Councillor Tonks questioned the welfare staff requirements and asked that the Finance and Executive Committee take a close look at these staff requirements.

Councillor P. Baker and Councillor Moser indicated that they felt that dropping of the bounties was a good thing.

Councillor Gaetz questioned the reduction in the School Board requirements for the year and indicated that he could not see how the School Board could operate on a lesser budget.

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

AMENDMENT:

"THAT the last paragraph in the report of the Finance and Executive Committee re removal of bounties be deleted from the Report". (Amendment defeated).

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

"THAT the fifth paragraph in the Report of the Finance and Executive Committee re 1969 Estimates dealing with reduction in non-shareable costs in maintenance and school stenographers be deleted from the Report". (Amendment defeated).

Councillor Hudson stated that she felt this action was unrealistic.

Councillor P. Baker stated he felt that this action by the Finance and Executive Committee was necessary and that there were other areas where the School Board could make savings, particularly with regard to fuel oil and anti-freeze on the school busses.

Councillor McCabe stated that he felt that Councillor Baker should be prepared to substantiate these charges.

Councillor Isenor stated that some expenditures are necessary but it is a question as to whether or not we can afford them.

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

Deputy Warden Nicholson advised Council that an informal meeting had been held with the Board of Public Utilities by the Warden, Deputy Warden, the Solicitor, and the Assistant Municipal Clerk. Mr. Cox advised that following this informal meeting the Board had made a decision that they could not open up or change its original decision.

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

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

AMENDMENT:

"THAT Section 10 of the Regulation of Animals By-law be repealed". (Amendment carried).

Councillor Daye and Councillor Baker requested a recorded vote.

The Warden called for a Recorded Vote as follows:

FOR: Districts 6, 2, 8, 9, 10, 13, 16, 18, 19, 20, 21 ---- 11
AGAINST: Districts 15, 17 ----- 2

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

"THAT a letter go forward to the Department of Lands and Forests requesting that where the Halifax County By-law has been repealed that the Department of Lands and Forests be requested to pay bounties on wildcat, racoon, and fox". (Motion carried).

It was moved by Councillor Tonks:

"THAT the hiring of an additional worker and the re-classification of another worker be deferred and the amount for Welfare salaries in the budget be reduced to \$80,000". (No seconder).

It was moved by Councillor Tonks:

"THAT the Grant for \$100 for the Nova Scotia Home for Coloured Children be deleted from the Estimates". (No seconder).

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 reconvened at 2:00 p.m., with Warden Settle presiding.

The Clerk called the Roll.

Council continued to study the Estimates.

Councillor P. Baker stated that he would like to bring to the attention of Council the problem with regard to reporting of Council Sessions by one of the local radio stations. Councillor Baker stated that he had been misquoted with regard to his statement in Council this morning with regard to the matter of bringing pop into the Council Chamber and felt that this radio station should be more responsible in this reporting.

Councillor Hudson questioned the amount paid to the Warden's secretary as compared to the argument re School Board Budget re stenographers.

Deputy Warden Nicholson said it was not a matter of questioning the amount paid but the matter of cost sharing by the Provincial Government.

Councillor Tonks questioned the amount of Estimates with regard to administration and office expenses compared to previous years.

Councillor McCabe questioned as to whether or not Mr. Tolson had agreed to act on the Appeal Court? Mr. Bensted, Assistant Municipal Clerk and Treasurer, stated that Mr. Tolson had indicated that he was prepared to act on the Appeal Court.

Councillor McCabe requested that in the future copies of the Weed Inspector's Reports be made available to the Councillors.

Councillor Tonks questioned the item re Veterinary Assistance Board and moved:

"THAT this item be deleted from the Estimates". (No seconder).

Councillor Hudson questioned the amount it was costing us to keep patients in Nursing Homes.

Councillor P. Baker stated that there was no home suitable for these cases to be placed in due to the fact that they did not qualify for Ocean View Manor. Councillor Baker stated that they are also trying to interest other Municipalities into using the facilities at Ocean View Manor and that the regulations should be more flexible to allow some of the people in Nursing Homes to be admitted into Ocean View Manor.

Councillor P. Baker explained to Councillor Gaetz the question of assets owned by applicants wishing to enter Ocean View Manor.

Councillor Baker stated that he did not feel that the name of Nova Scotia

Home for Coloured Children should be continued to be used and felt that some action should be taken to have this name changed by the Directors of the Home.

Councillor Tonks questioned the necessity of maintaining the building next door for the Welfare Department and whether or not this staff could not be housed in the Municipal Administration Building. It was agreed by the Deputy Warden that this item could be looked at by the Welfare Committee.

Councillor Daye questioned welfare costs and it was moved by Councillor Daye, seconded by Councillor Tonks:

"THAT the sum of \$100,000 be cut from the Welfare Budget for the year 1969".
(Motion defeated).

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

Councillor Hudson questioned the items in Ocean View Manor Welfare Statements with regard to discount re sale of debentures.

Mr. Hattie advised that he would obtain this information for Councillor Hudson.

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

"THAT the Grant to the Eastern Shore Tourist Association be increased to \$2,000 from \$1,000 in the 1969 Budget". (Motion defeated).

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

"THAT the Grant to the Eastern Shore Tourist Association be deleted from the 1969 Budget".
(Motion defeated).

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

"THAT the Grant for the Canada Games, Bedford Yacht Club in the amount of \$400 be deleted from the 1969 Budget". (Motion defeated).

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

"THAT the request for a Grant to the South Shore Tourist Association not be granted".
(Motion carried).

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

"THAT the rental to the Eastern Passage Fire Department be forgiven and no rent charged in the future to the Eastern Passage Fire Department".
(Motion defeated).

Deputy Warden Nicholson indicated that this matter had not been discussed by the Finance and Executive Committee due to the fact that Councillor Tonks had been laid up at home.

Councillor Tonks indicated he felt that the Finance and Executive Committee had had plenty of time to deal with this item.

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

It was moved by Councillor Tonks:

"THAT the Provincial Government be approached to increase the Grant in lieu of property tax to the Municipality of the County of Halifax to \$50,000". (No seconder).

Warden Settle explained the manner in which this formula was worked out and it was indicated that the Municipality might lose rather than gain.

The Warden called for a vote on the motion. (No seconder).

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

"THAT the Estimates for the year 1969, both as to Revenue & Expenditure be approved". (Motion carried).

Deputy Warden Nicholson was in the Chair at this point due to the Warden having to attend another meeting.

Councillor P. Baker stated that a resolution had been passed at the previous session with regard to Halifax Natal Day and Dartmouth Natal Day and felt that these resolutions should be rescinded.

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

"THAT the resolution passed at the May session of Council with respect to Halifax Natal Day be rescinded". (Motion carried).

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

"THAT the resolution passed at the May session of Council with respect to Dartmouth Natal Day be rescinded". (Motion carried).

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

"THAT the offices of the Municipality be closed on Halifax Natal Day". (Motion carried).

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

"THAT the offices of the Municipality be closed on Dartmouth Natal Day". (Motion carried).

Councillor Tonks stated that the Finance and Executive Committee had indicated some time ago that they would consider a form of a rebate to taxpayers paying their taxes prior to the due date, but as yet nothing had been recommended by the Finance and Executive Committee.

It was moved by Councillor Tonks:

"THAT a discount of 2% be granted to all ratepayers be allowed for all ratepayers who pay their Tax Bills prior to August 1, 1970". (No seconder).

As there was no seconder, no action on the motion.

Warden Settle replaced Deputy Warden Nicholson in the Chair.

The Clerk read the Report of the Finance and Executive Committee with regard to special area rates.

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

"THAT the special report of the Finance and Executive Committee re special area rates be approved as amended". (Motion carried).

Councillor Tonks advised Council that there was a definite problem in the Eastern Passage area with regard to old smoke and noise by the dredging equipment carrying out the dredging by J. P. Porter Construction Company.

It was moved by Councillor Tonks:

"THAT representation be made to the Federal and Provincial Government with respect to smoke and noise operated by the dredging operation at Eastern Passage". (No seconder).

Councillor Tonks stated that this motion was necessary due to the fact that Mr. Cox, the Solicitor, advised that where this dredge was operating on navigable waters that it was beyond the jurisdiction of the Municipality.

As there was no seconder, no action was taken on this motion.

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

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

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

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

AMENDMENT:

"THAT that part of the report dealing with the proposed school at Ross Road be deferred until the June session of Council". (Amendment carried).

Councillor Gaetz questioned the fact that no action was taken by the Finance and Executive Committee with regard to the Visiting Committee at the Halifax County Hospital being paid.

Councillor Baker stated that he felt that this was volunteer work and that persons serving on this type of Committee would not expect remuneration.

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

The Clerk tabled the Financial Statements of the Municipality of the County of Halifax, the Ocean View Manor, and the Halifax County Hospital for the year 1969.

Councillor Hudson questioned the item of discount on debentures with regard to Ocean View Manor and Mr. Mattie advised that this would be checked and he would provide her with the answer as soon as possible.

Councillor McCabe questioned as to prisoners convicted under the Nova Scotia Liquor Commission regulations and was told that the Board for these prisoners was paid for by the Provincial Government.

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

"THAT the Financial Statements for the Municipality of the County of Halifax, Ocean View Manor, and Halifax County Hospital, for the year 1969 be approved". (Motion carried).

The Clerk tabled the Joint Estimates for the year 1969.

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

"THAT the Joint Estimates for 1969 be approved". (Motion carried).

The Clerk tabled a report with regard to Capital Budget for the next five (5) year period.

Councillor Hudson stated that the Municipal School Board had wished to meet with the School Capital Program Committee with regard to the School Bus Garage but had been unable to do so.

Councillor Gaetz stated that the Municipal School Board felt that there should be two (2) smaller garages instead of one (1) large garage as originally recommended.