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FIRST YEAR MEETINGS

of the

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of the

MUNICIPALITY OF THE COUNTY
OF HALIFAX

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Annual Council Session - 1971

Monday, March 29, 1971

A G E N D A

ANNUAL COUNCIL SESSION

MARCH 29, 1971

SECOND DAY

1. Opening of Council.
2. Roll Call.
3. Approval of Minutes of March 16, 1971.
4. Letters and Communications.
5. Business arising from the Minutes.
6. Report of the Planning Advisory Committee.
7. Report of the Municipal School Board re Budget 1971.
8. Report of the Public Works Committee.
9. Request from the Halifax-Dartmouth Regional Authority to sell 15.5 acres of land at Lower Sackville.
10. Resolution re Siren Agreement - Cow Bay Road, Eastern Passage (1st day).
11. Report of the Finance and Executive Committee re Tax Warrants, etc. (1st day).
12. Report of the Court of Appeal (1st day).
13. Report of the Director of Assessment (1st day).
14. Report of the Director of Welfare (1st day).
15. Report of the Municipal Collector (1st day).
16. Statement of Outstanding Taxes (1st day).
17. Report of the Regional Library Board (1st day).
18. 1971 Capital Budget (Schools).

DISTRICT & MUNICIPAL OFFICERS

Lists still required from Districts No. 2, 15, 18 and 21.

Annual Council Session - March, 1971

A G E N D A

ANNUAL COUNCIL SESSION

MARCH 16, 1971

1. Opening of Council.
2. Roll Call.
3. Appointment of Municipal Solicitor.
4. Approval of Minutes of February 16, 1971.
5. Letters and Communications.
6. Business arising from the Minutes.
7. Report of the Warden.
8. Report of the Director of Planning and Development.
9. Report of the Planning Advisory Committee.
10. Annual Report of the Planning Advisory Committee.
11. Report of the Public Works Committee.
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13. Expropriations -
 - (a) Lands of Ted B. Blackburn, Lower Sackville.
 - (b) Lands of Ellen Adams, Lower Sackville.
 - (c) Required over Garfield Hartley Subdivision, Lots 10, 11, 12 and 13, and over Robert A. Taylor Subdivision, Lots A and B and over lands of Donald Pye and over lands of Lewis Breakspeare at Lower Sackville.
 - (d) Lands of Bedford Park Subdivision, Bedford.
 - (e) Lands of the Estate of Mrs. A. Maud Hart, Bedford.

Annual Council Session - March, 1971

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 - (c) Lands of Cyril G. Merson, Lower Sackville
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 22. Resolution re Siren Agreement - Cow Bay Road, Eastern Passage.
 23. Report of the Finance and Executive Committee re Tax Warrants, etc.
 24. Report of the Court of Appeal.
 25. Report of the Director of Assessment.
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2:00 P.M.

26. Report of the County Board of Health.
27. Report of the Medical Health Officer.
28. Annual Report of the Director of Welfare.
29. Report of the Municipal Collector.
30. Statement of Outstanding Taxes.
31. Report of the Regional Library Board.

12:00 NOON MEETING OF THE FINANCE AND EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

NOTE: DISTRICT & MUNICIPAL OFFICERS

These lists required from all Councillors if not already submitted

RECEIVED MAR 26 1971

NOVA SCOTIA

OFFICE OF THE MINISTER



DEPARTMENT OF LANDS AND FORESTS

Halifax, N. S.
March 23, 1971.

Mr. R. G. Hattie,
Municipal Clerk and Treasurer,
Municipality of the County of Halifax,
Box 300, Armdale,
Halifax, N. S.

Dear Mr. Hattie:

I wish to acknowledge your letter dated March 17, 1971 outlining the resolution as passed by the Municipality of the County of Halifax re the control of dogs running at large in wooded areas.

Please be assured that our field staff are well aware of this situation and steps have been taken to control this matter as best they can.

Yours very truly,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Benoit Comeau".

Benoit Comeau.

BC:M

March 17, 1971.

The Hon. Beniot Comeau,
Minister,
Department of Lands & Forests,
Province of Nova Scotia,
Halifax, Nova Scotia.

Dear Mr. Minister:-

At a regular meeting of the Municipal Council of the Municipality of the County of Halifax held on March 16, 1971, the matter of packs of dogs running in the woods and killing animals was discussed. Several cases were cited where dogs had killed deer in various parts of the Municipality. As a result of these discussions, the following resolution was duly passed by the Council:-

"THAT a letter be written to the Minister of Lands and Forests, asking the Minister to see that his Department exercise control of dogs running at large in the woods and killing deer and other wildlife of the forests of Nova Scotia."

Your early attention to this matter will be much appreciated.

Yours very truly,

R. G. Hattie,
Municipal Clerk and Treasurer.

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OFFICE OF THE PRIME MINISTER • CABINET DU PREMIER MINISTRE

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March 23, 1971.

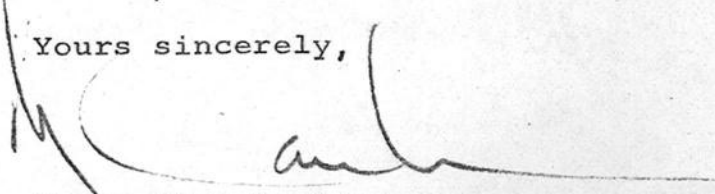
Mr. R. G. Hattie,
Municipal Clerk and Treasurer,
Municipality of the County of Halifax,
Post Office Box 300, Armdale,
Halifax, Nova Scotia.

Dear Mr. Hattie:

On behalf of the Prime Minister, I wish to acknowledge receipt of your letter dated March 17, with respect to a resolution by the Council of the County of Halifax pertaining to the development of Fundy Tidal Power.

Kindly note, if you please, that your letter will be brought to the Prime Minister's attention; kindly also be advised that your letter will be communicated to the Minister of Energy, Mines and Resources, the Honourable Joseph Greene for consideration and further reply.

Yours sincerely,



Henry Alan Lawless,
Correspondence Secretary.

March 17, 1971.

The Hon. Pierre Elliot Trudeau,
Prime Minister,
Government of Canada,
Ottawa, Canada.

Dear Mr. Prime Minister:-

I attach hereto a copy of a letter to Mr. J. M. Forrestall, M.P., containing a resolution of the Council of the Municipality of the County of Halifax in which the Council states its support in the development of Fundy Tidal Power as soon as possible.

It would appear that the oil resources of the world are being used in such an alarming rate that the only answer for power in the future, unless there are further breakthroughs in the generation of power to nuclear device at reasonable costs, that the only answer will be the development of as much electric power as possible from water power.

Apparently, Tidal Power installations have been effective in other countries, producing large quantities of electric power at reasonable rates. It is felt by the Council that the development of Fundy Tidal Power is the answer is the answer to future development in the Province of Nova Scotia.

Yours very truly,

R. G. Hattie,
Municipal Clerk and Treasurer.

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OFFICE OF THE PRIME MINISTER • CABINET DU PREMIER MINISTRE

O t t a w a (4),
March 23, 1971.

Mr. R.G. Hattie,
Municipal Clerk and Treasurer,
Municipality of the County of Halifax,
Municipal Administration Building,
38 Dutch Village Road,
Post Office Box 300, Armdale,
Halifax, Nova Scotia.

Dear Mr. Hattie:

On behalf of the Prime Minister, I wish to acknowledge receipt of your letter with respect to a resolution pertaining to the possible contamination of the waters of Halifax Harbour by oil spillage.

I have been instructed to advise you that a copy of your communication is being referred to the Office of the Minister of Transport, the Honourable Don Jamieson, for consideration and further reply.

Yours sincerely,

Henry Alan Lawless,
Correspondence Secretary.

March 17, 1971.

Hon. Pierre Elliot Trudeau,
Prime Minister,
Government of Canada,
Ottawa, Canada.

Dear Mr. Prime Minister:-

From time to time the waters of Halifax Harbour and Bedford Basin are polluted by oil. This pollution often arises when ships are taking on oil or pumping oil ashore and this spillage seems to be largely caused through carelessness of the personnel handling the particular operation.

This matter of oil pollution was discussed at a regular meeting of the Municipal Council of the Municipality of the County of Halifax held on March 16, 1971, and as a result of the debate, the following resolution was duly passed:-

"THAT a recommendation go to the Premier of the Province of Nova Scotia and the Prime Minister of Canada, that a patrol board be set up to patrol the waters of Halifax Harbour and Bedford Basin to keep a watch on ships tied up in the Harbour or in the Basin to see that there is no spillage of oil to contaminate the waters of Halifax Harbour or Bedford Basin."

It would be appreciated if you could give this matter your early consideration.

Yours very truly,

R. G. Hattie,
Municipal Clerk and Treasurer.

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MUNICIPAL SCHOOL BOARD

MUNICIPALITY OF THE COUNTY OF HALIFAX

PHONE 477-5641

BOX 90. ARMDALE P. O. HALIFAX. N. S.

March 23, 1971

Mr. R. G. Hattie
Municipal Clerk and Treasurer
Municipality of the County of Halifax
Box 300, Armdale
Halifax, N. S.

Dear Mr. Hattie:

In reply to your letter of March 17, 1971, this is to advise you that your request for the breakdown of the number of students in all districts, including the junior and senior high school figures in all districts in Halifax County, was forwarded to the Municipal School Board for their direction as the forwarding of school information to persons other than trustees and Municipal Council is outside the present policy framework.

The direction of the Board was that a letter be written to Mr. Deveaux of Eastern Passage to request him to write the Board advising the Board as to the information that he requires. This letter has been written and we anticipate communication from Mr. Deveaux in the near future.

I therefore regret that I cannot comply with your request and give you a breakdown of the number of students as requested in your letter of March 17.

Very truly yours,

K. W. Perry
Superintendent

KWP:pmt

March 17, 1971.

Mr. Karl Perry,
Superintendent of Schools,
Municipal School Board,
Armdale, Halifax, N. S.

Dear Mr. Perry:-

At yesterday's session of the Municipal Council a letter was read from Mr. Eugene Deveaux, President of District No. 13 Ratepayers' Association, expressing the disappointment of that Association of Council approving an additional 8 rooms to be built on the Graham Creighton High School and pointing out that the Ratepayers of District No. 13 have long advocated the building of a combined Junior and Senior High School for the Eastern Passage-Cow Bay area.

As usual, there was considerable discussion about the matter, which resulted in Council passing the following resolution:-

"THAT the total breakdown of school students in all Districts be forwarded to Mr. Deveaux of Eastern Passage, including the Junior and Senior High School figures in all Districts in Halifax County."

I would appreciate it if you could give me a breakdown of the number of students so that I can forward this information to Mr. Deveaux.

Yours very truly,

R. G. Hattie,
Municipal Clerk and Treasurer.

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MINISTER OF PUBLIC HEALTH
NOVA SCOTIA

RECEIVED MAR 4 1971

Halifax, March 1, 1971

Mr. H. G. Bensted
Assistant Municipal Clerk
Municipality of the County of Halifax
P. O. Box 300
Armdale, Nova Scotia

Dear Mr. Bensted:

In reply to your letter of January 26th re Sewage Disposal System, Eastern Shore Rural High School, Musquodoboit Harbour, Halifax County, please be advised we have not as yet received the report studying the conditions of the inlet. However, I am informed it should be available soon and I will be happy to correspond with you further when I have received it.

Yours very truly,

Scott MacNutt

RECEIVED MAR 9 1971 NEW SCOTIA

OFFICE OF THE MINISTER



DEPARTMENT OF LANDS AND FORESTS

Halifax, N. S.
March 5, 1971.

Mr. R. G. Hattie,
Municipal Clerk & Treasurer,
Municipality of the County of Halifax,
P. O. Box 300,
Armdale, N. S.

Dear Mr. Hattie:

Your letter addressed to Honorable Gerald A. Regan dated January 6, 1971, with the attached correspondence re the dredging operation at Eastern Passage, Halifax County, has been brought to my attention.

I am advised by my Deputy Minister, Mr. R. H. Burgess, that the J. P. Porter Company stopped removing sand from the Eastern Passage area during the early part of January 1971, as their requirements for fill at the container pier were completed.

I am also advised that the previous administration had set up an Advisory Committee to report on these operations at Eastern Passage and that for the past year measurements were being taken along the shore line and in the area where the excavation was being carried out.

The minutes of the last meeting of this Committee indicate that the dredged area is being gradually filled up again with foreign material, but the Committee are unable to determine where this material was coming from.

2 - Mr. R. G. Hattie


March 5, 1971.

The minutes also indicate that the Advisory Committee agreed that "there is no visible measurable damage within the areas where measurements have been conducted that can be attributed to dredging operations at this time".

Mr. Burgess advises me, however, that, in his opinion, the continual removal of large quantities of material from this area will eventually cause deterioration to the immediate shoreline. He goes on to state that he will be recommending the cancellation of the lease to J. P. Porter Company so that no further material can be removed from this area.

I wish to assure you that full consideration will be given to the cancellation of this lease by the Government.

Yours very truly,


Benoit Comeau.

BC:M

c.c. Hon. Gerald A. Regan.



RECEIVED MAR 8 1971

MINISTER OF HIGHWAYS
PROVINCE OF NOVA SCOTIA

Halifax, Nova Scotia
March 3, 1971

Mr. R. G. Hattie,
Municipal Clerk and Treasurer
Municipality of the County of Halifax
Post Office Box 500
Armdale, Nova Scotia.

Dear Mr. Hattie:

This will acknowledge your letter of February 17, 1971, advising that the Municipal Council had passed a Resolution requesting that the Minister of Highways remove a barrier on the road at South East Passage.

We have been in touch with the Base Commander, Canadian Forces Base, Shearwater, who has assured the Department that he is willing to cooperate to the extent of permitting the public to have access, through Department of National Defence property, to the South East Passage road.

Final details will be worked out as soon as Captain Cocks receives clearance from Headquarters in Ottawa.

Yours very truly,

A. Garnet Brown

February 17, 1971.

The Hon. A. Garnet Brown,
Minister of Highways,
Department of Highways,
Province of Nova Scotia,
Halifax, Nova Scotia.

Dear Mr. Minister:-

I wish to thank you for your letter of February 10th, regarding a barrier placed across a road at Eastern Passage by the Department of National Defence.

This letter was read at a regularly called meeting of the Municipal Council of the Municipality of the County of Halifax held on February 16, 1971.

Where a portion of the road at South East Passage has been barred from the public use by the Department of National Defence, being that part of the road listed by the Department of Highways of the Province of Nova Scotia under Authority No. 853, South East Passage section from Magazine to Hartlen's, a length of 0.3 miles, it was felt by the Council that it was the responsibility of the Department of Highways to have this barrier removed.

As a result of the debate on the floor of Council, the following resolution was duly passed,-

"THAT this Council request the Minister of Highways to remove the barrier on the Eastern Passage highway."

Your early consideration and action on this matter will be very much appreciated.

Yours very truly,

R. G. Hattie,
Municipal Clerk and Treasurer.

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NOVA SCOTIA

RECEIVED MAR 4 1971

W. P. KERR
DEPUTY MINISTERHALIFAX, Nova Scotia
March 3, 1971

Mr. R. G. Hattie
Municipal Clerk and Treasurer
Municipality of the County of Halifax
P.O. Box 300, Armdale
HALIFAX, Nova Scotia

Dear Mr. Hattie:

We wish to acknowledge receipt of your letter of February 10, 1971 in which you quote a resolution that was passed at the last session of your Municipal Council.

After reading the report which appeared in the January 20 issue of the Mail Star and the copy of the Resolution which appears in your above-mentioned letter, it would appear to me your Municipality should be made fully aware of the fact the Department of Highways has never assumed any jurisdiction or control of the construction of buildings on private roads throughout the Province of Nova Scotia. As you know, with the exception of Park areas, of which there are very few in the Province, the Department does not make any attempt to control the erection of buildings outside of 300 feet from the centre line of a Public Highway or outside 200 feet from the right of way boundary of a controlled access highway.

It appears to us that the control of building development throughout the Province is the direct responsibility of the respective Municipal Government concerned whether it be in a City, Town, Village or Rural area. This Department is not in a position to tell your Municipality how they should administer building permits, but it may, however, under the terms of our formal agreement, first entered into between your Municipality

and the Department of Highways on July 26, 1957 refuse to take over any roads which were not physically in existence at that time unless they are constructed to an acceptable standard by others.

Referring back to the original agreement of July 26, 1957 it will be noted that at that time there were some sixteen miles of so-called private roads in existence in the suburban area of Halifax County. I am sure that you realize as well as I that both your Municipality and this Department has put a great deal of time, effort and money into the planned program of getting the roads listed as public Provincial Highways and as of this date, some fourteen years later, the task has not as yet been completed. The much larger task of cleaning up other most unsatisfactory conditions which resulted from a lack of sub-division development control, particularly, but not exclusively in the Halifax Suburban area, prior to 1957, will undoubtedly remain with us for many years to come.

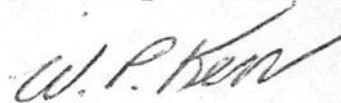
The resolution passed by your Council suggesting that building permits should be issued authorizing building on private roads is in our opinion a proposal which would take us back to the horse and buggy days and ignore the basic necessities of modern day living. If your Council is envisaging a person who owns a large tract of land and wishes to build his home a mile or more from a Public Highway and other modern facilities we have no objection whatsoever to him doing so. If, however, he wishes to sub-divide his land and thereby initiate the development of an area we feel quite strongly that your Council as well as this and other related Departments of Government are duty bound to control and co-ordinate the development to the best of their ability in consideration of the interests of the Community as a whole.

We therefore conclude that the root of the problem is really not the issuing of building permits but rather the approval of building lots on private roads. We know some building lots are still being approved on private roads in your Municipality and that this is contrary to the terms of our formal agreement which has been in effect for fourteen years and at the moment is in the process of being revised. In fact, it also appears to be in conflict with the requirements of the Planning Act, Chapter 16, Revised Statutes of Nova Scotia 1967 as amended by 1970, Chapter 87.

March 3, 1971

With reference to that portion of your Council's resolution pertaining to the possible need for Legislation we feel this matter should be referred to the Department of Municipal Affairs. In this regard I am taking the privilege of forwarding a copy of this letter along with a copy of your Council's resolution to the Deputy Minister, Municipal Affairs, Mr. W. E. Moseley, for whatever action he may deem necessary and appropriate.

Yours very truly,



- W. P. Kerr -

c.c. Mr. W. E. Moseley
Deputy Minister
Department of Municipal Affairs

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UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE COMMISSION



COMMISSION D'ASSURANCE-CHÔMAGE

File: 510-2-217

1075 Main Street
Moncton, N.B.
25 February, 1971

Municipality of the County of Halifax
Municipal Administration Building
38 Dutch Village Road
Post Office Box 300
Armdale, Halifax, N.S.

Attn: Mr. R. G. Hattie,
Municipal Clerk and Treasurer

Dear Sir

As indicated to you by our District Manager at Halifax in his letter of 22 February, yours of 19 February has been referred to this office for reply.

As a means to provide further facilities within the County of Halifax to assist persons wishing to apply for unemployment insurance benefits in the completion of claim forms, we will be willing to explore with you the appointment of Agents at suitable locations. The actual appointment of such Agents is the prerogative of the Commission itself, but we are able to make appropriate recommendations.

The Agents referred to are private individuals who would be well and favourably known in the community to be served, who are prepared to make available suitable premises and who, for a fee payable by the Commission, are prepared to interview claimants and to assist them in the preparation of claims.

Ordinarily, the Commission will appoint an Agent only in communities where a definite need is indicated having regard to difficulties encountered by certain types or groups of claimants and having regard to distance from one of our offices.

Our Manager at Halifax will be requested to make a preliminary appraisal of the need for service and will then get in touch with you to review the matter together.

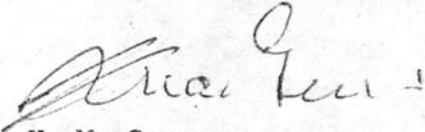
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After the issue has been fully appraised, we will enquire to the Commission whether it is prepared to authorize appointment of an Agent(s) for any specific area.



H. MacGregor
A/Regional Director Insurance
Atlantic Region

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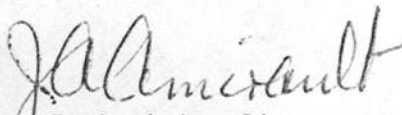
Mr. R. G. Hattie
Municipal Clerk and Treasurer
Municipality of the County of Halifax
Municipal Administration Building
38 Dutch Village Road
Halifax, Nova Scotia

Dear Sir:

I am in receipt of your letter of February 19th regarding the resolution passed by your Council on February 16, 1971.

The Council resolution deals with Commission Policy and is outside my area of jurisdiction. I have, therefore, passed your letter on to our Regional office for reply.

Yours truly,


J. A. Amirault
District Manager

February 19, 1971.

Manager,
Unemployment Insurance Commission,
5670 Spring Garden Road,
Halifax, Nova Scotia.

Dear Sir:-

At a regularly called meeting of the Municipal Council of the Municipality of the County of Halifax, held on February 16, 1971, the question was brought up of the considerable delay between the time of making application for unemployment insurance and actually receiving the Unemployment Insurance Commission cheque.

The Councillor who brought the matter before Council indicated that much of the delay seemed to be due to the fact that applications were some times incorrectly made out, which meant that the documents had to be returned to the applicant and re-submitted before any action could be taken. This might mean a delay of up to two weeks before corrections in the application form could be made by the applicant and returned to the Unemployment Insurance Commission office.

It was further pointed out that it is not always convenient for a person who is unemployed and may not own his own car, to travel all the way to Halifax to make out the application form and so on.

As a result of the debate on the floor of Council, the following resolution was duly passed,-

"THAT the Unemployment Insurance Commission be requested to have a man available one day every two weeks to sit in various parts of the Municipality of the County of Halifax beyond the 25-mile radius in the Halifax-Dartmouth area."

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It was felt that if a member of your staff could circulate in the larger centres of the Municipality and this became known, that applications for Unemployment Insurance could be received by him; corrections could be made at the time if there were any errors made in the application form, and applications would then be correct and could be processed more quickly.

I would appreciate hearing your comments on this matter at the earliest possible date.

Yours very truly,

R. G. Hattie,
Municipal Clerk and Treasurer.

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Mr. R. G. Hattie,
Municipal Clerk and Treasurer,
Municipality of the County of Halifax,
P.O. Box 300, Armdale,
HALIFAX, Nova Scotia.

Dear Mr. Hattie,

Please refer to your letter of February 18, 1971, which includes the text of a resolution passed by the Municipality of the County of Halifax concerning the swordfishing industry in Nova Scotia.

The problem of mercury contamination in swordfish and the impact of the discovery of this on the swordfishing fleet has been of concern to me for some time. I appreciate the local concern and the problems that have resulted from the elimination of this fishery and we are now in the process of considering what approach should be taken to relieve the situation. As a preliminary step, a task force of federal and provincial officials is already at work assessing the scope of the problem after which they will be in a position to recommend a course of action to follow.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Jack Davis".

Jack Davis.

February 18, 1971.

The Hon. Jack Davis,
Minister of Fisheries,
House of Commons,
Ottawa, Canada.

Dear Mr. Minister:-

At a regular meeting of the Municipal Council of the Municipality of the County of Halifax, held on the 16th day of February, 1971, considerable concern was expressed about those fishermen who are now unemployed as a result of them not being permitted to engage in the swordfishing industry because of the high mercury content recently found in swordfish that have been caught in southern waters.

There are several fleets of swordfishing boats in Halifax County that employ a considerable number of men. These people do not want to be unemployed and wish to persue their occupation of fishing but will require some assistance in re-equipping their boats for other than swordfishing.

As a result of the discussions on the floor of Council, the following resolution was duly passed:-

"WHEREAS those engaged in the swordfishing industry in Nova Scotia are suffering great hardship caused by the curtailment of fishing following the discovery of mercury contamination in swordfish caught by them;

BE IT RESOLVED that both the Federal and Provincial Governments be requested to take immediate steps to relieve this hardship by taking whatever steps are necessary, including the payment of grants for conversion of the boats for other uses and compensation for loss of income."

It would be much appreciated if you could give this matter your early consideration.

Yours very truly,

R. G. Hattie,
Municipal Clerk and Treasurer.

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OFFICE OF THE MINISTER

DEPARTMENT
OF
FISHERIES

P. O. BOX 696
HALIFAX, N. S.

Halifax, Nova Scotia
February 19, 1971

Mr. R. G. Hattie
Municipal Clerk and Treasurer
Municipality of the County of Halifax
Post Office Box 300, Armdale
Halifax, Nova Scotia

Dear Mr. Hattie:

I wish to acknowledge receipt of your letter dated February 18, 1971, regarding the resolution passed by Council concerning the swordfish industry.

Please be advised that on February 8, 1971, we held an important meeting of all interested people in the swordfish industry, to discuss their problems in general. The meeting produced several resolutions, copy of which I enclose for your information.

We are presently exploring what compensation is available to these people. We are also studying the different ways that these boats can be converted into other types of fishing. This will necessitate a training program for these fishermen. In this we have the full support and understanding of Canada Manpower.

Nobody knows at this time what is going to happen to the swordfish industry. The source of mercury contamination must be found but this will be very difficult since swordfish travel great distances. The future of the swordfish industry will have to depend on the level of mercury found in the fish. The most tolerable amount of mercury is 0.5 parts per million.

I thank you for your interest in this problem.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Benoit Comeau".

Benoit Comeau

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Resolutions Passed at a Meeting of Fishermen, Dealers and
Others Involved in the Swordfish and Halibut Fisheries,
Held in Province House, Halifax, Nova Scotia - February 8, 1971.

1. THAT compensation be paid by the federal and/or provincial governments to the owners of all swordfish and halibut that have to be destroyed by reason of mercury contamination.
2. THAT the provincial and federal governments devise and establish a program of deficiency payments to the owners and crews of swordfish and/or halibut fishing boats which suffer reductions in gross income by reason of mercury contamination and that such deficiency payments be continued until the boats are able to operate profitably.
3. THAT subsidies be made available to cover 100% of the costs of converting swordfish and/or halibut fishing boats to engage in other fisheries.
4. THAT federal officials continue intensive investigations into tolerance levels for mercury in human food and, if present levels in swordfish and halibut should be found to be safe that the restrictions be lifted immediately.
5. THAT the appropriate governmental agencies take immediate steps, through ICNAF and/or other international organizations, to find the sources of mercury pollution and to eliminate them.
6. THAT compensation in full be provided for all past and future landings of swordfish and/or halibut which are detained or destroyed by government authorities.
7. THAT the owners of bait at present held in storage for the swordfish and halibut fisheries be compensated for their losses if these fisheries collapse and the bait cannot be sold.

8. THAT full consideration be given to compensation for losses incurred in respect of gear and supplies peculiar to the swordfish fishery.

9. THAT representations be made to the Department of National Health and Welfare such that its officials will work closely with their counterparts in the United States to determine safe tolerances for mercury in fishery products and whether or not the existing standard of .5 parts per million is a necessary and reasonable one.

February 18, 1971.

The Hon. Benoit Comeau,
Minister of Fisheries,
Province of Nova Scotia,
Halifax, Nova Scotia.

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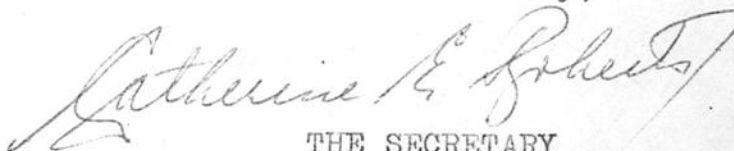
Mr. R. G. Hattie,
Municipal Clerk and Treasurer,
Municipality of the County of Halifax,
Post Office Box 300, Armdale,
Halifax, Nova Scotia.

Dear Mr. Hattie:

We have for acknowledgment your letter of the seventeenth setting forth the feelings of the Municipal Council of the Municipality of the County of Halifax regarding the manner in which the above noted Union makes appointments to committees, panels, etc., as well as Council's feelings relating to the Committee on Resolutions.

We wish to advise that your communication will be brought to the attention of the Executive Committee at the next meeting.

Yours faithfully,



THE SECRETARY
(Mrs. Catherine E. Roberts)

The Union of Nova Scotia Municipalities

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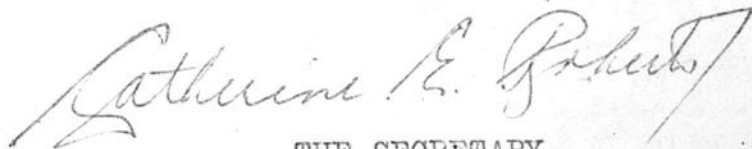
Mr. R. G. Hattie,
Municipal Clerk and Treasurer,
Municipality of the County of Halifax,
Post Office Box 300, Armdale,
Halifax, Nova Scotia.

Dear Mr. Hattie:

Re: Municipal Income Tax - Study

With reference to your letter of the eighteenth regarding a study of a Municipal Income Tax to augment Municipal revenues, this is to advise that our Financial Consultant, Mr. Harold A. Renouf, C.A., is being asked to prepare a statement thereon for our next Executive meeting.

Yours faithfully,



THE SECRETARY
(Mrs. Catherine E. Roberts)

February 18, 1971.

Mrs. Catherine E. Roberts,
Se-Secretary,
Union of Nova Scotia Municipalities,
P.O. Box 1145,
Halifax, Nova Scotia.

Dear Mrs. Roberts:-

There has been discussion lately in the Halifax, City Council with respect to the possibility of a Municipal Income Tax to augment Municipal revenues. This could probably be achieved by increasing the percentage of Income Tax to be paid to the Province of Nova Scotia and the Province could, in turn, reimburse the Municipalities in some formula.

This matter was discussed to some considerable extent at a meeting of the Municipal Council of the Municipality of the County of Halifax held on February 16, 1971, and as a result from the debate on the matter, the following resolution was duly passed:-

"THAT this Council go on record as being in favour of a Municipal Income Tax to help support the high cost of education and welfare and that the Union of Nova Scotia Municipalities be asked to make a study of this matter with a view toward making a definite recommendation to Government in this regard."

It would be appreciated if the Union's financial consultant would have a look at this in the near future and it just might be possible to discuss this with the Government before the conclusion of this year's session of the Legislature.

Yours very truly,

R. G. Hattie,
Municipal Clerk and Treasurer.

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

The first day of the Annual Session of the Council of the Municipality of the County of Halifax convened at 10:00 a.m., Tuesday, March 16th., 1971, with Warden Ira Settle presiding.

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

Warden Settle welcomed the students from the Graham Creighton High School and commended them for their interest in Municipal Government, which they would one day soon be taking a part in.

The Clerk read a letter of application from A.W. Cox for the position of Municipal Solicitor for the coming year.

It was moved by Councillor P. Baker; seconded by Councillor Moser: -

"THAT Mr. A.W. Cox be reappointed as Municipal Solicitor."

Councillor Gaetz and Deputy Warden Nicholson moved: -

"THAT nominations cease."

On the motion - Motion carried.

The Warden declared Mr. A.W. Cox duly reappointed as Municipal Solicitor. It was moved by Councillor Tonks; seconded by Councillor P. Baker: -

"THAT the Minutes of the February 16th., 1971 Session of Council be approved as amended."
Motion carried.

Councillor Tonks reminded Council that letters had gone to the Premier and Prime Minister re pollution of Halifax Harbour, Bedford Basin, and in particular Eastern Passage due to contamination of shellfish, particularly lobster. He said that a petition had been received on this matter and it is going to be taken up by the Ratepayers but he felt that a letter should be written requesting a Harbour Police Patrol be set up, for when DOT put such a Harbour Patrol on there was no spillage from the ships anchored in harbour.

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

"THAT a recommendation go to the Premier and Prime Minister that a Halifax, Bedford Basin Patrol be set up to keep a watch on ships tied up in Halifax Harbour, Bedford Basin, to see that there is no spillage of oil to contaminate these waters."
Motion carried.

Councillor Tonks pointed out that a fine of one hundred dollars or two hundred dollars (\$100 - \$200.) was not the answer, that perhaps the Water Commission should make a followup study and see that the problem is stopped before it starts. Motion carried.

The Clerk read a letter from the Halifax Kiwanis Club of Halifax inviting Councillors to a luncheon on March 29th., 1971.

It was moved by Councillor Gaetz; seconded by Councillor Dunbar: -

"THAT the invitation be accepted."

Motion carried.

Voting - 13/2.

The Clerk read a letter from the Secretary Treasurer of the Eastern Shore Wildlife Association.

Deputy Warden Nicholson suggested that this was the responsibility of the Provincial Department of Lands and Forests.

Councillor P. Baker said that the destruction of wild life by stray dogs has been a problem for years and Mr. Wheadon, the Provincial Game Warden in his area simply tells people to take a gun and shoot them but there are firearms laws that prevent this to a large extent. He pointed out that not all of the dogs are strays, but many of them licensed.

It was moved by Councillor P. Baker; seconded by Councillor Moser: -

"THAT a letter be written to the Minister of Lands and Forests asking that his Department exercise control over dogs running at large in the woods and killing the deer until other wild life of the forrests of Nova Scotia."
Motion carried.

Councillor Tonks felt that if the Dog Constables did not have to take such abuse, if they were backed up by the county and if they received remuneration for their efforts (Licensing) then they would be encouraged to do more effective job and he cited several instances. He asked what was being done about people who refused to buy dog licenses and about the counter sale of licenses which formerly went to the Constables.

Mr. Hattie replied that he would have to investigate the matter but would have the information available for the Councillors later today, and that usually the one who sells the licenses receives the revenue from it.

Councillor P. Baker said he had a list of people in his area who have not purchased dog licenses and would submit them today ; he pointed out that the dog catcher does not receive any compensation for their trips unless they collect the licenses.