

Moved by Councillor Isenor; seconded by Councillor Nicholson:-

"THAT the report of the Finance
and Executive Committee re Budget
be received."
Motion carried.

Moved by Councillor Nicholson; seconded by Councillor Gaetz:-

"THAT the report of the Court of
Appeal be received."
Motion carried.

Councillor Slauenwhite asked if this constituted the final report of the Court of Appeal. He had been advised by a resident in the Sackville area that the latter had received a registered letter advising him that he was to appear before the Appeal Board, but he could not find this item in the report. He said that there had always been problems like this in which individuals were required to be notified by registered mail by way of card placed in their post box. In some cases individuals picked up the registered mail after the date of appeal had expired. Councillor Slauenwhite stated that no decision had been rendered in the report and he felt it should have been. The Clerk stated that this individual case could be checked to see what had happened. Councillor Tonks wished to know if it was necessary to appear in person in order to appeal and was advised that it could be done by letter if the individual so desired. Councillor Tonks drew attention to Item #27 in the report of the Court of Appeal, stating that the original assessment had been \$3,600 and it was reduced to \$900. There seemed to be something wrong with a \$2,700 reduction. Mr. Cox stated that that had to do with information which came to the attention of the assessor after an assessment had been made. Councillor Tonks seemed to think that the Department of Highways could have supplied this information.

Mr. W.M. Purcell, Director of Assessment for the Municipality appeared before Council and presented his Annual Report. In Mr. Purcell's report it had been pointed out that the increase in County assessment had been larger than expected this year, amounting to \$22,106,475. The total for 1971 was \$219,756,125.00 while the 1972 figure was \$241,862,600. There had also been a large increase in the number of assessments, the increase being 2,504. The letter stated that the appointment of an additional assessor was now necessary as the work load had increased by 5,268 accounts. The population of the County was also increasing. In 1971 it had been 80,767, which was 8,444 more than in 1970, when the count was 72,323. There were more property transfers in 1971 than in the previous year. The 1971 total of 3,000 was 169 greater than the 1970 total of 2,831. Real estate prices were still rising so it was necessary to keep revising assessments in order to keep them up to date. Most of the assessments in the County will be increased for 1973. There were more assessment appeals than last year - 231 in 1972 as compared with 168 in 1971. The Assessment appeal Court confirmed 192 and reduced 39. The total reductions made by the Court amounted to \$75,115 of which \$22,000 was exempt and \$53,115 taxable.

THAT the issue of such debentures be postponed and the said Municipality do, under and by virtue of the provisions of Section 147 of the Municipal Act and subject to the approval of the Minister of Municipal Affairs, borrow by way of loan on the credit of the Municipality a sum or sums not exceeding \$2,300. from the Royal Bank of Canada at Halifax.

THAT such sum or sums be borrowed from said Bank for a period not exceeding twelve months from the day which this resolution shall have been approved by the Minister of Municipal Affairs, with interest thereon to be paid such Bank at such rate as shall be agreed upon and that the amount so borrowed be repaid the said Bank from the proceeds of the debentures when sold."

Motion carried.

Council then dealt with the Revised Bylaws. Mr. Cox referred to the Mobile Home Bylaw which had been revised as to form and this had already been referred to Council. He mentioned changes in Bylaw No. 29, Part 1 and the definition of a mobile home park, as contained in paragraph 2(h). The next major change occurred in Part 3, Single Mobile Homes on Individual Lots, paragraphs 9 to 25, dealing with this matter. These changes had all been approved by Council. Councillor Tonks was of the opinion that the people of Halifax County did not realize that a mobile home could not be placed wherever the owner wished and a permit was always necessary. The Clerk stated that part of the problem originated with the sellers of such mobile homes in that they did not give correct information. It was suggested that posters giving the terms of the bylaw be placed in sellers' offices and Mr. Cox stated that this was a fact under Section 38 of the Mobile Home Bylaw.

At this point Councillor Tonks made reference to the Dog Bylaw and gave as his opinion that the date of purchase of a license should be the first of the year, instead of the 1st of April. Mr. Cox pointed out that the amended bylaw had been approved by Council and was now before the Minister. Councillor Jennex stated he believed it should be left at April 1st.

Mr. Cox referred to Bylaw No. 30 stating that this agreement had less than a year to run. This was agreed to by Council.

Moved by Councillor Nicholson; seconded by Councillor Johnson:-

"THAT Bylaws 29,30,31,32,35, and 36
be approved."
Motion carried.

Forty-seven appellants did not appear. A decision had been received from the County Court regarding an appeal which was heard in the Court last summer. The total assessment on three properties in Bedford was \$103,650.00 and this was reduced by the County Court Judge to \$74,240.

Councillor Tonks wished to know whether Council had the right to appeal the County Court Judge's decision and was informed that this was correct. The question was then raised as to whether tax-exempt properties were mostly Federal property, and Mr. Purcell referred to a summary attached to his report which had been broken down into different categories and Federal property was the biggest item. When questioned as to whether the Federal grant would vary in accordance with the increase in assessment, the reply was that it would, as the Federal Government paid in proportion to the assessment increase. Councillor Tonks stated that every time the tax rate is increased, the Federal grant goes down and the taxpayer is therefore paying a lot.

Councillor Hudson wished to know how residential assessments compared with industrial, and was informed that the residential was too high.

Councillor Tonks enquired as to what would account for the tax exemptions in the Eastern Passage area and Mr. Purcell replied that probably a large portion would be for schools, churches, Ocean View Manor, and Texaco but that 1973 will be the last year for the Texaco agreement.

Councillor McCabe enquired if assessors tried to get to every property, and was told that this was so but sometimes an assessor could not get in for various reasons.

Councillor Hudson wished to know if, in the event of the railway leasing land for buildings, such property would be tax exempt and was told that the lessee is taxable for the property and building while the lease is in effect.

Some discussion ensued regarding tax exemption, particularly with regard to the fire departments, and it was pointed out that there was an exemption for the fire department in the Act if they own and occupy a building. If it is occupied by some other party the department is assessed. With regard to church properties if any of their buildings are rented out to a business firm, they are not exempt.

Moved by Councillor Gaetz; seconded by Councillor Nicholson:-

"THAT the Report of the Director of Assessment be received."
Motion carried.

Moved by Councillor Nicholson; seconded by Councillor Baker:-

"THAT the Annual Session of Council be adjourned until 10.00 a.m. on April 11th, 1972."
Motion carried.

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

SECOND DAY

The Second Day of the Annual Session of the Council of the Municipality of the County of Halifax convened at 10.00 a.m., Tuesday, April 11th., 1972, with Warden Ira Settle presiding.

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

It was moved by Councillor Tonks; seconded by Councillor Nicholson:-

"THAT Miss Lillian Mellish be appointed
as recording secretary."
Motion carried.

With regards to the Minutes of March 21st., 1972, Councillor Hudson drew the attention of Council to two errors - one on Page 4 concerning the motion for further information on R.R. Tumilty as a Constable, where it was stated that the motion was withdrawn, and the word "withdrawn" ought to read "carried." Councillor Hudson also felt that on Page 2 where Mr. Alan C. Shaw had addressed Council with regard to Family Planning Association that Councillor Nicholson's statement that any recommendation should come from the Finance and Executive Committee should have been phrased as a motion.

Agreed by Council for these changes to be made.

It was moved by Councillor Moser; seconded by Councillor Nicholson:-

"THAT the Minutes of March 21st., 1972 be approved
as amended."
Motion carried.

There were no letters or communications requiring the attention of Council, and there was no business arising from the minutes.

The next item on the Agenda dealt with Notice of Reconsideration re Municipal Building Board, and Mr. Cox pointed out that this did not have to be considered as the last item on the Agenda but could be dealt with at any time.

It was moved by Councillor Nicholson; seconded by Councillor Hudson:-

"THAT the Notice of Reconsideration re
the Municipal Building Board be left
until the end of today's business."
Motion withdrawn.

Before the motion could be presented to Council, Councillor Nicholson requested that it be withdrawn.

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

"THAT the matter be reconsidered."
Motion carried.

Mr. Hattie then proceeded to read the Report from Mr. Arthur Harrigan, Chairman of the Municipal Building Board, dated April 3rd., 1972.

Councillor Hudson felt that this letter in effect amounted to nothing at all, providing no details of any complaint, which was what Council wished to have. She was of the opinion that a listing should have been supplied. Councillor Tonks wished to know if there was any cost breakdown. Mr. Hattie replied that each case would take approximately an hour and a half to two or three hours during an afternoon to cover each case. Councillor Tonks was advised that the Committee members were paid at the rate of \$10.00 plus mileage. Councillor McCabe felt that each individual had the right to appeal the decision of the Building Inspector and wanted to know whether other municipalities had appeal boards. Mr. Cox replied that he was not aware of any. Councillor McCabe repeated that the right to appeal should be retained. Councillor Moser stated that each case should go to the Building Board and not Council because justice to the taxpayer would be lost if Council were to make such decisions. Councillor Hudson stated that while the applicant had the right to appeal the decision of the Building Inspector, a right to appeal the decision of the Board should exist. Councillor Tonks, however, was of the opinion that, since Council members were elected to make decisions for the people, this right should not be thrown away. An appeal should come to Council, and not to an Appeal Board or Inspector. Councillor Moser objected, stating that there should be an independent Board to make these decisions. Councillor Nicholson stated that he had mixed feelings on the subject and there was merit on both sides, but he would personally have to support maintaining the Board.

Mr. Cox suggested that existing legislation could be amended and authority to hear appeals vested in Council.

It was moved by Councillor Tonks; seconded by Councillor Hudson:-

"THAT the matter of the legislation with respect to the Municipal Building Board be repealed by requesting the Provincial Legislature to repeal the existing special legislation with respect to the Board of Appeals, and the right of appeal be vested in Council."
On the vote of three in favour, and 13 against,
Motion Defeated."

Item # 8 on the Agenda dealt with appointment of Boards and Committees. The Visiting Committee of Halifax County Hospital was considered first.

Moved by Councillor Moser; seconded by Councillor Williams:-

"THAT the Visiting Committee for Halifax County Hospital be reappointed for the ensuing year."
Motion carried.

The Visiting Committee for Ocean View Manor was considered next, and it was moved by Councillor Baker; seconded by Councillor Tonks:-

"THAT the Visiting Committee for Ocean View Manor be reappointed for the ensuing year."
Motion carried.

With regard to the Veterinary Assistance Board for the Musquodoboit area, Councillor McCabe commented on the competence of the present members, Mr. Havelock Erskine and Mr. Austin MacKay. It was moved by Councillor McCabe; seconded by Councillor Isenor:-

"THAT Mr. Havelock Erskine and Mr. Austin MacKay be reappointed members of the Veterinary Assistance Board, Musquodoboit area, for the ensuing year."
Motion carried.

Moved by Councillor Tonks; seconded by Councillor Gaetz:-

"THAT the Halifax S.E. Veterinary Board be composed of Mr. Melvin Harris and Mr. Henry Bonang."
Motion carried.

Moved by Councillor Baker; seconded by Councillor Jennex:-

"THAT the members of the Board of Appeal consist of Mr. Samuel Rhuda
Mr. Vernard Day and
Mr. Lloyd Edwards."
Motion carried.

Moved by Councillor Nicholson; seconded by Councillor Hudson:-

"THAT nominations cease."
Motion carried.

Moved by Councillor Tonks; seconded by Councillor Nicholson:-

"THAT the present firm of auditors consisting of Messrs. Thorne, Gunn, Helliwell & Christenson (Nightingale, Hayman & Co.) be reappointed for the ensuing year."
Motion carried.

Moved by Councillor Nicholson; seconded by Councillor Hudson:-

"THAT nominations cease."
Motion carried.

Moved by Councillor Isenor; seconded by Councillor Baker:-

"THAT the Municipal Building Board be reappointed for the ensuing year."
Motion carried.

Moved by Councillor Tonks; seconded by Councillor Nicholson:-

"THAT the Supplementary Report of the Board of Appeal be received."
Motion carried.

Moved by Councillor Tonks; seconded by Councillor Nicholson:-

"THAT the Report of the Municipal Building Board be received."
Motion carried.

Councillor Hudson drew to the attention of Council the fact that, during the February Session of Council in 1969 a motion had been passed that an application from residents of Windsor Junction be considered to have the railway crossing changed from private to public. This crossing had been in use since 1918 and there were presently 13 houses, plus a recreation center, on the other side of this crossing. People should not be required to pay for a private crossing. She was asked whether each individual paid \$5.00 and answered that this was so, and the cost was as high as \$25.00 in some households. This matter had been open since 1969 and she felt that something should be done about it. The Clerk pointed out that other crossings have been kept private. Councillor Tonks asserted that \$25.00 for any one household was far too much. Mr. Hattie stated that the decision is not made by the railway but by the Board of Transport Commissioners.

Moved by Councillor Hudson; seconded by Councillor Tonks:-

"THAT a Report be made to the Board of Transport Commission to make the Private Crossing at Mileage 16.31 a public crossing."
Motion carried.

Item #10 on the Agenda dealt with the Annual Report to the Director of Welfare, and Mr. E.C. Mason, Director of Welfare, read the Annual Report submitted in this connection.

Moved by Councillor Gaetz; seconded by Councillor Johnson:-

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

After reading of the report, Mr. Mason asked if there were any questions and Councillor Moser cited the case of one woman who had telephoned Ocean View Manor and had been informed that she would receive \$15.00 monthly out of her O.A. pension, and he seemed to think that there was some misrepresentation here. However, Mr. Mason replied that persons are entitled to keep \$15.00 comfort allowance and the rest goes towards maintenance. He went on to state that the County of Halifax would not undertake to make any payments in any Home until it was first investigated and sanctioned by the Provincial Department of Welfare. The County pays the balance of the monthly billing, after the \$15.00 is deducted.

Councillor Baker raised the question of mortgage payments by persons building new homes, and inquired as to whether or not the Department of Welfare would pay mortgages if the individuals involved were unable to do this. Mr. Mason replied that this would be possible, but the amount payable would have to be in line with a certain set figure and this might not pay the full amount of the mortgage. Councillor Baker then asked if mortgages had been paid in the past and was told that they had been.

Councillor Nicholson stated that he had no objections to mortgages being paid on certain homes, especially those for older people, but, he strongly objected to co-op housing with very high mortgages being subsidized by Welfare payments. Mr. Mason replied that the Department would have to look very thoroughly into mortgage payments in each requested case.

Councillor Dunbar referred to Table 1 of the report of the Department of Welfare where the average monthly caseload for 1971 was 768 and wished to know how many case workers were involved in these cases. Mr. Mason stated that there were 8 case workers, and Councillor Dunbar then referred to the table of Statistics relating to Cost Sharing, also attached to the Department's report where four groupings were shown. In the second section which dealt with the number of homes for Special Care Cases, he estimated that the Provincial cost sharing was 66 2/3 per cent and the County share was 33 1/3 per cent, pointing out that statistics in other sections showed Provincial cost sharing to be 75 per cent and County cost sharing 25 per cent and wished to know why the cost was not consistent. Mr. Mason agreed that those statistics were correct and referred the matter to Mr. Hattie for comment. Mr. Hattie replied that in the cases requiring special care, since Social Assistance came into effect the percentage had been 66 2/3 and not 75 per cent as in general assistance.

Table 11 was then referred to, which showed 2 burials, at an average cost of \$280.00 per burial, and Mr. Mason was asked if this was correct. He stated that it was approximately correct. A ceiling of \$350.00 had been established and where the full amount of \$350.00 is not required, the cost would be less.

Councillor Tonks pointed out that the Province will pay up to \$200.00 for social assistance and not more than that. If extra assistance is required the County pays it and the Province pays their percentage share of approximately \$150,000. for 1971.

Councillor McCabe was of the opinion that the Provincial Government should give more than 25 per cent, probably 35 per cent and by that means the County could erase deficits in its budget. Councillor Williams stated that it would be of interest if Council could hear the letter from the Minister of Welfare, re Provincial Assistance, but Mr. Mason did not have that letter with him. It was pointed out that it could be one to three years before help was received in this matter. While the present cost was estimated at \$150,000. for 1972, \$175,000. was a more likely figure and possibly higher than that as every one of the cases required a social worker. Councillor Tonks wished to know whether Mr. Mason had any indication of how County Welfare compared with City Welfare and the reply given was that there was a substantial increase - between 30 and 35 per cent.

He pointed out, however, that it was not always fair to compare in this way, but in terms of dollars and cents the cost was quite high.

The Clerk replied that the per capita cost per client in the Cities of Sydney and Dartmouth are higher than the City of Halifax because Halifax is the larger municipality.

Councillor Williams inquired as to whether any benefits are derived from the Deserted Mothers assistance. He stated that these people were supposed to be taken to court where legal procedures take place. Mr. Mason answered that, when a mother is deserted and applies for assistance from the Welfare Department, before the application is processed the deserted mother must go to Family Court in Halifax and lay a charge against her husband in an effort to obtain maintenance from him.

After this is done and if no assistance can be obtained from this quarter, then she qualifies for assistance as a Deserted Mother. There are occasions when the husband will not respond, but, in some cases he does. Councillor Williams stated he was not arguing this point, but wanted to know if the County received money back and if so, how much. Mr. Mason replied that, in a case where \$100.00 was being paid through the Family Court it might be necessary to add another \$50.00 monthly to support that home and this was reflected on the statistics, but no money back was actually received. Councillor Nicholson wanted to know what success there was with cases such as that brought up by Councillor Williams, and if there was jurisdiction outside the Province.

Mr. Mason said that quite a period of time had elapsed since a study had been done, but when a father is outside the Province the chances of receiving assistance from him are very remote. Councillor Nicholson made the statement that in that case the County was receiving practically nothing and Mr. Mason concurred with this.

Councillor Mosher asked whether anybody followed up a case where a father was supposed to pay \$25.00 to \$50.00 monthly, did it for a short time, and then stopped.

Mr. Mason replied that there were occasions when this did happen but it was necessary to inform Family Court all over again that the mother is not receiving maintenance payments., and the whole process must be repeated. Because of the structure of the Court it is impossible to do it any other way.

Councillor Hudson stated that there was legislation bringing Family Courts under the Department of Justice instead of Welfare, and she wished to know if this would not make a difference. Mr. Mason replied that this was brought to the attention of the Committee last week, as a result of the appointment of a two-man commission by the Provincial Government to look into these matters. A brief will be submitted on behalf of the Welfare Committee to the Commission.

At this point, Warden Settle informed Council that the Honorable Alan Sullivan, Minister of Welfare was present, and he had been asked to speak. Hon. Mr. Sullivan expressed his pleasure to Council in being asked to speak. He stated that some of the points which had been brought up are true, with collections by Family Court running about 80 per cent of which approximately \$375,000.00 are obtained from fathers for the maintenance of wives and children.

Deficiencies in methods of dealing with situations are recognized and attempts being made to correct them. When a family breaks up he pointed out that it is very hard for the father to pay. The Department hopes to make improvements but financially it is in a tight position. Welfare costs are accelerating, with \$30,000,000. being paid last year and \$45,000,000. being anticipated for 1972.

The Department is attempting to get money to people who are legitimately entitled to it, and he hoped that soon this responsibility could be taken away from municipalities completely and placed with a Provincial Department. The matter had been taken up, but up to the present this has not been possible. He realized that municipalities are being stressed to the limit and people are paying taxes which they cannot afford to pay.

This concluded the Minister's address.

Moved by Councillor McCabe; seconded by Councillor Moser:-

"THAT the Province of Nova Scotia be requested to increase their share of general assistance re Welfare from 25 per cent to 35 per cent so that the percentage to the Municipality would be reduced to 15 per cent."
Motion carried.

An amendment was moved by Councillor Tonks; seconded by Councillor Nicholson:-

"THAT if the Province does not agree with the above, then the Municipality of the County of Halifax will set a maximum of \$200.00 per month on all welfare cases, such as the Province has set on their assistance cases."
Amendment defeated.

Before this amendment was presented to Council, some Councillors expressed their feelings on the matter. Councillors Jennex and Johnson opposed the amendment, stating that it would work an undue hardship on the people especially a woman left with a large number of children to support. Councillor Nicholson referred to the possibility of new legislation coming from the Federal Government, which might base the Children's Allowance on a means test. Councillor Slauenwhite wanted to know if the additional \$150,000. required would be cost-shared by the Province and was told that this would be so.

Councillor Dunbar referred to a case in his District #8 where an individual had been a resident of Halifax City, moved into District #8, and applied for welfare benefits. The man in question was not working and had made no attempt to obtain work, and from a physical point of view, there appeared to be nothing wrong with him and no reason at all why he should not work. When the case worker had called at his home, he was in bed at 10. a.m. and after the case worker had left the man had made phone calls complaining about the lack of welfare payments. He was referred to a particular company to get work but did nothing. However, his family were involved, and the case worker made things so uncomfortable for the man that he finally did get out and get a job and so came off welfare. Councillor Dunbar stated that this could be an extreme case and not the general rule, but he did not see why taxes should be spent on cases of this nature.

Councillor Jennex wanted to know if Provincial Social Assistance could be provided for people who could not work and was told that this could be done. Councillor Nicholson felt that he ought to know who was on welfare in his district and was supported in this view by Councillor Moser. Councillor Snair stated that many people were on fixed incomes and cannot do the things other people are doing, but on the other hand those who can work are refusing to try and she felt the situation was getting ridiculous.

On request, the Clerk re-read the motion and amendment. Councillor Williams then wished to know if the Municipal Assistance Act did not state that the County must look after these people. Mr. Cox replied that in the Act no minimum is set but a limit can be placed on the amount shared by the Province but the Canada Assistance Act must be complied with.

He stated he was not familiar with the guide lines of the Canada Assistance Act. Councillor Williams felt that the Federal-Provincial Social Assistance Act should be looked into and guide lines ascertained.

On request, the motion was re-read. Councillor Tonks stated that, if the Province refused to pay more than \$200.00 the County should adopt the same policy and pay only \$200.00 .

Mr. Cox stated that the Social Assistance Act provides that the Welfare Committee shall provide assistance for persons in need. Council could make regulations setting standards for assistance for such persons but he did not know what those standards were. Mr. Hattie answered that Council was still sticking to 1967 standards laid down. The Social Assistance Act requires a Welfare Committee to assist people who are in need and if more than \$200.00 is considered necessary, it should be paid. Councillor Tonks disagreed with this, stating that the Welfare Committee has laid down a policy, and a firm stand should be taken. Council should stay with old 1967 prices, not one that was higher in one family than in another.

Councillor Jennex stated that the Welfare Department did not set the policy and the motion was not in order.

The Warden called for a vote on the amendment which was lost on a vote of 8 to 8. The motion was carried.

Moved by Councillor Tonks; seconded by Councillor Nicholson:-

"THAT Lloyd Misener be appointed as
Constable for sale of dog tags in
District No. 13"
Motion carried.

It was then agreed to move back to Item #11 concerning the annual report of the Municipal Collector.

The annual report was read by Mr. G.J. Kelly, Municipal Collector.

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

"That the Report of the Municipal Collector
be received."
Motion carried.

Item #12 on the Agenda referred to Statment of Outstanding Taxes.

It was moved by Councillor Nicholson; seconded by Councillor Isenor:-

"THAT the Report on Outstanding Taxes
be received."
Motion carried.

It was moved by Councillor Gaetz; no seconder:-

"THAT Council adjourn until April 12th
at 10:00 a.m. at Ocean View Manor."
No seconder.

Moved by Councillor Nicholson; seconded Councillor Tonks:-

"THAT reports be deferred that appear
on today's Agenda and proceed to
Resolutions."
Motion carried.

Item #18 dealt with a Resolution re Daylight Saving time.

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

"THAT Council confirm that the offices of
the Municipality of the County of Halifax
will operate on Daylight Saving Time as of
12:01 a.m., April 30th., 1972 until 12:01 a.m.
October 29th., 1972 and that the residents of the
Municipality be asked to cooperate by confirming
to Atlantic Daylight Saving Time as of those
dates."
Motion carried.

Item #19 dealt with a Resolution re Safety Deposit Box.

Moved by Councillor Gaetz; seconded by Councillor Slauenwhite:-

"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.

Item #20 dealt with a resolution re Temporary Borrowing to cover current
requirements.

Moved by Councillor Nicholson; seconded by Councillor Tonks:-

"That Council authorize the borrowing of certain monies from the Royal Bank of Canada to meet the current expenditures of the Corporation of the Municipality of the County of Halifax for the year 1972.

WHEREAS it is necessary to borrow the sum of FOUR MILLION ----00/100 DOLLARS from the Royal Bank of Canada to meet the new current expenditure of the Corporation until such time as the taxes to be levied therefore 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 said Corporation to borrow from the Royal Bank of Canada the sum of FOUR MILLION -----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 FOUR MILLION ----- 00/100 DOLLARS that has been advanced to the Municipality and evidenced by Notes at the rate of 6 1/4 per cent 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 FOUR MILLION -----00/100 DOLLARS so to be borrowed, shall be made payable on demand and the Promissory Notes of the said Corporation, if any, given therefore, 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 1973;
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.

Item #21 dealt with a Resolution re Coupons and Bonds.

Moved by Councillor Hudson; seconded by Councillor Nicholson:-

"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.

Item #22 dealt with a Resolution re Trust accounts - Ocean View Manor.

It was moved by Councillor Moser; seconded by Councillor Jennex:-

"THAT the Trustees of Ocean View Trust Accounts be Mr. Thomas G. Cleary and Mr. R.G. Hattie."
Motion carried.

Item #23 dealt with Temporary Borrowing District #14 re Sidewalks.

Moved by Councillor Nicholson; seconded by Councillor Tonks:-

MUNICIPALITY OF THE COUNTY OF HALIFAX
Temporary Borrowing Resolution
\$15,000 - Dist. #14 re Sidewalks.

WHEREAS by Section 6 of Chapter 193 of the Revised Statutes of Nova Scotia, 1967 the Municipal Affairs Act, it is enacted among other things, in effect, that subject to the provisions of Section 8 of said Act every municipality of a county or district shall have full power and authority to borrow or raise by way of loan from time to time on the credit of the municipality such sum or sums as the Council thereof deems necessary for the purpose of sidewalks - Dist. #14 and acquiring or purchasing materials, machinery, implements, or plant deemed requisite or advisable therefor;

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

AND WHEREAS the Municipal Council of the Municipality of the County of Halifax deems it necessary to borrow a sum not exceeding \$15,000. for Sidewalks - District #14 and acquiring or purchasing materials, machinery, implements or plant deemed requisite or advisable therefore;

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

AND WHEREAS it is deemed expedient to postpone the issue of debentures and to borrow such sum for the purpose aforesaid from the Royal Bank of Canada at Halifax the sum so borrowed to be repaid to said Bank from the proceeds of the debentures when sold;

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED that under and by virtue of said the Municipal Affairs Act the Municipality of the County of Halifax do, subject to the approval of the Minister of Municipal Affairs, borrow or raise by way of loan on the credit of the Municipality a sum not exceeding \$15,000. for the purpose aforesaid;

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

THAT the issue of such debentures be postponed and the said Municipality do, under and by virtue of the provisions of Section 147 of the Municipal Act and subject to the approval of the Minister of Municipal Affairs, borrow by way of loan on the credit of the Municipality a sum or sums not exceeding \$15,000. from the Royal Bank of Canada at Halifax.

THAT such sum or sums be borrowed from said Bank for a period not exceeding twelve months from the day which this resolution shall have been approved by the Minister of Municipal Affairs, with interest thereon to be paid such Bank at such rate as shall be agreed upon and that the amount so borrowed be repaid the said Bank from the proceeds of the debentures when sold."

Motion carried.

Item #24 dealt with appointment of delegates to Union of Nova Scotia Municipalities Conference at Sydney from June 4th to 7th., 1972.

Moved by Councillor Tonks; seconded by Councillor Nicholson:-

"THAT the Warden be empowered to name the delegates to the Union of Nova Scotia Municipalities Conference to be held at Sydney - June 4th to 7th, 1972 and report to Council at the April Session 1972."
Motion carried.

Item #16 dealt with the Report of the Finance and Executive Committee, and while Council did not deal with this report in full, it was moved by Councillor Tonks; seconded by Councillor Nicholson:-

"THAT Council adopt Item 5 of the Report of the Finance and Executive Committee."
Motion carried.

The next matter under consideration was the appointment of Constables for the sale of dog tags.

Moved by Councillor Slaunwhite; seconded by Councillor Gaetz:-

"THAT Carl R. Rodgers be appointed
Constable for the sale of dog tags in
District #21."
Motion carried.

Moved by Councillor Hudson; seconded by Councillor Nicholson:-

"THAT Gordon Snow be appointed Constable
for the sale of dog tags in District #6,"
Motion carried.

Moved by Councillor Baker; seconded by Councillor Tonks:-

"THAT George Henneberry be appointed
Constable for the sale of dog tags in
Herring Cove."
Motion carried.

Moved by Councillor Johnson; seconded by Councillor Gaetz:-

"THAT Ross Bonang be appointed Constable
for the sale of dog tags in District #16."
Motion carried.

Moved by Councillor Nicholson; seconded by Councillor Moser:-

"THAT the following be appointed as
Constables re Dogs :-

Harry Mitchell - Dist. 2 & 10
Loring Sawler - Dist. 7
Roy Giles - Dist. 8
Vernon Boutilier- Dist. 9
Marion Boutilier- Dist. 9
Wayne Misener - Dist. 13
John Buggie - Dist. 14
George Chapman - Dist. 14
Edward Redmond - Dist. 15
Reginald DeYoung- Dist. 15
Gordon Crowell - Dist. 15
Ross Bonin - Dist. 16
Allen Mills - Dist. 17
Herbert Lowe - Dist. 17
Richard Keys - Dist. 20
Thomas Wood - Dist. 21
Lyall Guest - Dist. 21

Moved by Councillor Nicholson; seconded by Councillor Tonks:-

"THAT the Annual Session of Council be adjourned until Wednesday, April 12th., 1972 when Council will meet at Ocean View Manor at 10:00 a.m. and following a visit at Ocean View Home, will go to the Halifax County Hospital at 1:00 for lunch and further that following the meetings at Ocean View Manor and the Halifax County Hospital, that the Annual Session of Council be adjourned until Tuesday, April 18th., 1972, the same date as the regular April Meeting of the Council."
Motion carried.

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

THIRD DAY

Councillors met at Ocean View Manor on Wednesday, April 12th., 1972 at the hour of ten o'clock in the forenoon and proceeded to the Halifax County Hospital at the noon hour.

A Visitation was carried out at both Institutions.

MINUTES - ANNUAL COUNCIL SESSION

TUESDAY, APRIL 18th., 1972.

FOURTH DAY

The fourth day of the Annual Session of the Council of the Municipality of the County of Halifax convened at 10.00 a.m., Tuesday, April 18th., 1972 with Warden Ira Settle presiding.

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

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

"THAT Miss Lillian Mellish be appointed
as recording secretary."
Motion carried.

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

"THAT the Minutes of the Session of
April 11th., 1972 be approved."
Deferred.

Councillor Hudson objected to approval being granted at this time, drawing the attention to Council to some errors regarding the Department of Welfare report as read by Mr. E.C. Mason, Director of Welfare, and discussions with this gentleman, in particular paragraph 3 of page 5 where an average cost of \$380.00 per burial was mentioned and she felt this figure should read \$280.00.

It was therefore moved by Councillor Hudson; seconded by Councillor Nicholson:-

"THAT approval of the Minutes be deferred until
Mr. Mason had reviewed that part relating to the
Welfare report."
Motion carried.

Moved by Councillor Tonks; seconded by Councillor Snair:-

"THAT the Minutes of the third day be
approved."
Motion carried.

Councillor Tonks then advised that, due to business commitments, he was compelled to resign from Council. His resignation would take effect as from the date of completion of the Annual Session.

Moved by Councillor Nicholson; seconded by Councillor Gaetz:-

"THAT Council accept the resignation of
Councillor Tonks."
Motion carried.

This resignation was received with regret by Council, several Councillors expressing such regret and commending Councillor Tonks for the good work he had done.

It was moved by Councillor Nicholson; seconded by Councillor Cleveland:-

"THAT the seat on Council for District #13
be declared vacant as of the date of the
termination of the Annual Session of Council."
Motion carried.

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

Moved by Councillor Cleveland; seconded by Councillor Moser:-

"THAT the Report of the County Board of Health
be received."
Motion carried.

Warden Settle then stated that Dr. Cameron, Medical Health Officer, was present and could present his own detailed report. Dr. Cameron then addressed Council and summarized the Report. He stated that changes had been made in the placement of certain offices, and the Head Office was now located in the down town area of Halifax. The Dartmouth office had been changed to a new building in the central part of Dartmouth, while the location of other offices remained the same. A small sub-office had been opened at Preston.

Dr. Cameron stated that the highlights of the Report were basically the same. So far as sewer and water services were concerned, extensions were under way and it was hoped that within two years such services would be available to all of the urban area and some semi-urban areas.

The combined day-care and medical-dental-nursing centre at North Preston was referred to as a model centre which had been organized and built by residents of the community. Residents and Councillors for that section had kept pushing for this particular type of centre, and Dr. Cameron did not think that such a model centre existed in any part of the Province. He suggested that any Councillor who had the time should drive out to see it.

Water supplies were a big concern for the Board of Health, not only with regards to trailer courts, but also homes built or bought in areas where they should never have been placed, this having occurred during 1950 and 1962. Sewer services could not be placed in these areas without the County spending \$300,000. or more, and this is a problem that requires investigation. As the County grows the Board of Health proposes not to allow any building on lots that are small or undersized so that problems of this type will not come up again.

Work being done in the control of tuberculosis and venereal disease was referred to, and new cases developing in these cases was stated to be small. Skin testing was being done in the schools for tuberculosis, vision and audio tests conducted, and a lot of X-rays taken. Dental services presented a problem and it was hoped that such services would be increased by 25 per cent but a shortage of staff existed.

Water sampling in Halifax County was approximately 90 per cent but dairies are not included. Councillor Dunbar inquired as to the procedure carried out by the Board in regard to water sampling in areas where water and sewer systems were working effectively, and was informed that sampling was done on a weekly basis and sometimes daily. Councillor Dunbar referred to Valley View Subdivision where central services had been in effect for 7 or 8 years and some difficulty had been experienced in 1971 with regard to discolouration, dust, etc., wanting to know whether such factors were taken into consideration when chlorination was put into effect.

Dr. Cameron replied that this was so, but he would take note of this particular area of District #8, Bedford, and find out how many water samples were being taken. Councillor Dunbar also said that artesian wells existed in this area and last summer a shortage of water had existed for the whole Subdivision so that it became necessary for the Fire Department to bring water in, which was coming out of Second Lake, at which time discoloration became more noticeable. He claimed also that the water did not taste too well, but, so long as it was chlorinated, this was the important thing.

Dr. Cameron also mentioned that in some trailer courts pipes would freeze in winter. Councillor Dunbar replied that there was an electric tape which could be wrapped around the pipes but it had to be done by a qualified person. Dr. Cameron said that one person thought this procedure would run his bill up but Councillor Dunbar said that the tape was inexpensive and the cost negligible. Councillor McCabe asserted that perhaps some of these persons were thinking right as his power bill had just about doubled during the past winter, with an extra cost of between \$15.00 and \$18.00 every two months.

Dr. Cameron was questioned as to staff shortages when people were trying to build homes, and stated that from August on a great many applications for building permits were received and, though his staff in this field had doubled from what had existed 3 or 4 years ago, there were still not enough to handle the large number of applications.

Councillor Dunbar commended Dr. Cameron for the fine report received and requested that he pass on to the members of his staff the Councillor's thanks for the fine co-operation received.

Councillor Hudson asked if there had been an increase in venereal disease, but Dr. Cameron said "no", and that the figures have actually dropped. He referred to the listing on page 4 of his report and said that, while the figures had been expected to go up, they had not. He said that the number of cases for Halifax City looked high but, since this included transients, it presented a somewhat false picture.

Councillor Tonks wished to know if the new owner of an approved lot of land needed a new approval. Dr. Cameron replied that approval was good for only one year and Mr. Cox confirmed this. He stated that it need not be a calendar year but any twelve-month period.

Councillor Tonks then raised the question of rat control and Dr. Cameron stated that, while a number of complaints had been received from Halifax County residents, the Board of Health had not found much evidence of any great number of rats. He explained further that, if an individual case is found, the Board writes to the owner telling him to get the matter cleared up. The owner can obtain assistance from the Board as they have a trained staff for such work.

Moved by Councillor Nicholson; seconded by Councillor Williams:-

"THAT the report of the Medical Health
Officer, Dr. Cameron, be received."
Motion carried,

The next item on the agenda dealt with the Report of the Finance and Executive Committee, and the Clerk read this report.

Moved by Councillor Nicholson; seconded by Councillor Johnson:-

"THAT the paragraph re New Road Teacherage at North Preston in the Report of the Finance and Executive Committee be deleted."
Motion carried.

Moved by Councillor Nicholson; seconded by Councillor Gaetz:-

"THAT the Report of the Finance and Executive Committee be adopted as revised."
Motion carried.

Councillor McCabe referred to that portion of the Report dealing with area supervisors, listing some of the duties of these persons and explaining the position of the School Board. The duties listed were - visit and evaluate teachers; deal with complaints, testing program, coordination, aims and goals, remedial reading, elementary French and science, grouping of children, family life education, development of remedial programs.

Councillor McCabe stated that, from a personal point of view, he thought these supervisors were a necessity and ought to be maintained so that school would not become second rate. He believed it to be within the jurisdiction of the School Board as to whom they could hire. Councillor Nicholson replied that the Finance and Executive Committee never considered that they had the right to tell any School board who they could or could not hire. He agreed that people coming into Halifax County might want to know what the system of education was but they would also want to know what the tax rate was. He stated that parents were very dissatisfied with the system of education generally, particularly the supervisors and their secretaries, and objected to paying for something they did not want. He said he had been told by the Provincial Department of education that over-staffing existed and he quoted from the "Hamilton Spectator" where mention was made that the city was forced to consider reducing staff because the days of unlimited spending were over, and, Ontario could not afford to pay. He stated that he was not attempting to run down the School Board but merely trying to call a halt before the County became too far involved. While all costs were escalating and some costs could not be kept down, others could and the School Board should state that they could go no further. Councillor McCabe objected on the grounds that costs in all organizations and levels of government are rising and will continue to rise and school drop-outs compared very favourably with other Provinces and possibly with the U.S.A. Councillor Nicholson replied that, if taxes continue to be raised, there will be extra people on Welfare. He went on to state that there was a definite recommendation from the Finance and Executive Committee to delete Area Supervisors, and, if Council accepts this recommendation it goes to the Province. The Province says we are over-staffed and I want this proved. Councillor Hudson stated that she was opposed to the Area Supervisor recommendation and if anyone stated that we are over-staffed, that person is either a fool or a liar. Councillor Hudson stated that there was no way the Provincial Government would share in salaries if the School Board were over-staffed. If a teacher's ability is not discovered within the first two years, there is no choice but to keep them on staff, and this is a constant problem. It was her opinion that schools should be kept in operation all the year round; it would not reduce cost very much, but it would help.

Halifax County had had only one high school fourteen years ago and then students had to be sent to Halifax, Dartmouth, or a private school. Naturally costs had gone up.

Councillor Williams asked if consultants were employed in addition to supervisors and was informed that there might be one. He thought there was more than one and the service of the supervisors was therefore being duplicated. He wished to have a report on the cost of the consultant and to know what he was doing, if he shared an office, if he is paid mileage, and what his salary is. He stated that there was chaos in the schools but the Premier of the Province had set a guideline of 5 per cent, and this should be implemented immediately.

Councillor Hudson wanted to know what consultants are on the Board as the latter had not been allowed to hire one this year. Councillor Williams claimed that this was incorrect and there are consultants.

Councillor Gaetz suggested that it might be a good idea to ask Mr. Perry to come and answer questions as Councillor McCabe was not familiar with the situation as Mr. Perry and was being "put on the spot". He stated that at one time he had been in favour of Area Supervisors but was losing faith in them. The Department of Education sets down the curriculum but he had never seen children go to school less often, and the children stated they had nothing to do at certain times.

He favoured increasing the number of school days to 200. He questioned whether Area Supervisors were of any real help, stating that there were principals and vice-principals and Area Supervisors were not needed. He stated that the Chairman of the School Board had announced a reduction in staff of 10 to 20 teachers, and this fact bothered him. Councillor McCabe said this was correct in certain schools and was caused by a drop in pupil enrolment.

Councillor Gaetz advocated placing other teachers in schools, most particularly in those areas such as Musquodoboit Harbour, Chezzetcook, Grand Desert, and Porter's Lake where residents are complaining because the children have nothing to do.

Councillor Snair wished to know whether the drop-out rate in Sir John A. MacDonald was greater than in any other high school.

Councillor Nicholson stated that in order to maintain a financial program the Board of Education will have to make cuts. He said he was satisfied with Councillor McCabe's report but the School Board was going to have to cut back. He agreed with a previous remark that, if a supervisor driving around the road was more important than a teacher, perhaps the public should be informed of that, and told that taxes had gone up because of education.

Councillor Johnson claimed that nothing would be gained by reducing service, and suggested that the Municipal School Board and Finance and Executive Committee should meet and discuss matters so that a better understanding would result.

Councillor Williams claimed that in the area with which he was acquainted the children were going to school a full day and sometimes the teacher worked up to 10.00 p.m. Perhaps it would be advisable to re-install Truant Officers.

Councillor Gaetz stated that staff was not to blame but the Department of Education might have something wrong with their curriculum. Children are only going to school 195 days and some did not go more than 175 and perhaps the latter was due to the distances that had to be travelled.

Moved by Councillor Nicholson; seconded by Deputy Warden Cleveland:-

"THAT a letter be sent to the Minister of Education and Deputy Minister requesting that a survey be made of the school system in Halifax County to determine whether or not the school system in Halifax County is over-staffed."

Motion carried.

Councillor Hudson stated that, according to the Foundation Program, they could also hire additional Supervisors, but if the school system was not yet up to the required number of Supervisors, she wished to know how it was possible that these persons were unnecessary.

Councillor Williams stated that at the last meeting a letter had been received from the Premier regarding the teacher situation. He thought the situation was serious and considered that a resolution should be passed that 5 per cent be paid to teachers in the Province of Nova Scotia. Councillor Nicholson replied that Council was in no position to interfere with the Provincial Government and the Teacher's Union, and he could not go along with any such recommendation.

Councillor Williams agreed with Councillor Nicholson as regards non-interference but stated that Council represented the children, as well as the teachers, and that the 5 per cent that Premier Regan had promised should be paid for the full term, as well as the extra five days. The teachers had not been asked whether or not they wished to work 5 extra days but it had simply been tacked on. The same thing should take place again next year. Mr. Cox said it was a negotiable matter.

Councillor McCabe asserted that this was not a quarrel between the School Board and the teachers, but between the teachers and the Government, and he felt it was a dangerous thing. The Premier had set 5 per cent with no negotiations, but the Hon. Mr. Nicholson had suggested deducting 5 days instead of adding them on, and teachers would not accept this. He also thought that council ought not to interfere as this could lead to the Municipal Government being asked to make up the difference in pay and trouble would be caused.

Councillor Williams felt that the Municipal School Board had a responsibility to both teachers and ratepayers to see that this situation cease immediately, and if it cannot be done sensibly by the Premier and Provincial Government then the Municipal Government should take a hand. It becomes the prerogative of the Municipal Government and that would settle the issue.

Moved by Councillor Williams; seconded by Councillor Baker:-

"THAT a letter be sent to the Premier of the Province of Nova Scotia asking that the Government proceed with the 5 per cent increase in teachers' salaries that had been approved by the Government and, in addition, offer the teachers an additional five days' pay to cover the extension of the teaching year to 195 days, and do the same thing again next year."

Motion defeated.

Moved by Councillor Nicholson; seconded by Councillor Gaetz:-

"THAT the Supplementary Report of the Finance And Executive Committee be adopted."

Motion carried.

Mr. Cox stated that a bill had been introduced into the present session of the Legislature calling for taxes to be paid on lands of the Nova Scotia Housing Commission and that bill was defeated.

Warden Settle called the attention of Council to the letter of Deputy Warden Cleveland dated April 18th., 1972, advising that a Regional Meeting had been called to meet in the Council Chambers of the Municipal Administration Building on Friday, April 21st., 1972 at 9.00 a.m. The purpose of the meeting was to have as many members of Council as well as the Councils of the Cities of Halifax and Dartmouth, get together to see if there were any resolutions of this region which should go to the Annual Conference of the Union of Nova Scotia Municipalities to be held in Sydney from June 4th to 7th., 1972. All Councillors, Wardens, and Mayors were invited to attend.

The Clerk read the Report of the Board of Management, Ocean View Manor.

Moved by Councillor Moser; seconded by Councillor Jennex:-

"THAT the Report of the Board of Management of Ocean View Manor be received and the recommended increase to \$15.00 per day adopted."

Councillor Gaetz remarked that at Ocean View Manor it had been recommended by The Board of Management that the rate per day be increased from \$12.00 to \$15.00 and wanted to know whether other institutions were that high. He was informed that this was not so, most institutions having a rate of \$12.00 or \$12.50 but a number of them want a higher rate. At Ocean View Manor the rate had been \$17.00 per day, then it had dropped to \$12.00 and the Board had encountered some financial difficulties. The Manor is not filled to capacity. There had been approximately 22 or 27 children there but they had been removed. Councillor Gaetz wished to know why Ocean View would have to charge \$15.00 when the rate at Keddy's Nursing Manor is \$11.00. Councillor Jennex pointed out that, even if the rate were increased, there would still be difficulty making ends meet. Motion carried.

The next item on the agenda concerned the appointment of delegates to attend the Union of Nova Scotia Municipalities convention to be held in Sydney, N.S. from June 4th to 7th, 1972. Warden Settle filed his recommendation .

Moved by Councillor Gaetz; seconded by Councillor Nicholson:-

"THAT the Report of the Warden re delegates to the Union of Nova Scotia Municipalities Convention be adopted."
Motion carried.

Councillor Williams wanted to know why there was a difference between a voting delegate and a non-voting delegate as both required transportation to and from Sydney. Warden Settle replied that it was necessary for voting delegates to be there at all times, but with non-voting delegates it was optional. Councillor Williams stated that, if a voting delegate could not go, then another must take his place, and was informed that the alternate delegate would get \$100.00 and become a voting delegate . Warden Settle went on to say that, while all Councillors could attend, a special duty would be required of voting delegates because they have the right to vote. While the others are registered and can take part in debates, there are certain things they cannot do such as vote on motions, so there was a difference.

Mr. Cox pointed out that a non-voting delegate cannot make a motion.

Some discussion then took place regarding the paving of highways.

It was moved by Councillor Baker; seconded by Councillor Williams:-

"THAT Council request the Minister of Highways
to consider paving the highway from Harrietsfield
to Sambro this year."

Motion carried.

Moved by Councillor McCabe; seconded by Councillor Isenor:-

"THAT a letter go to the Honourable George Riley
and a copy to the Honourable Garnet Brown asking
that consideration be given to improving the road
from Musquodoboit Hospital, going through Brookvale,
Higginsville, and joining the Mooseland Road."
Motion carried.

The bad condition of the road at Terence Bay from the Catholic Cemetery to Prospect was pointed out by Councillor Williams, who stated that the School Board and various delivery services refused to go over this road.

It was moved by Councillor Williams; seconded by Councillor Baker:-

"THAT a letter be written to the Minister of
Highways asking that consideration be given
to paving the road from Star of the Sea
Cemetery at Terence Bay to Prospect."
Motion carried.

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

"THAT Council adjourn until 2:00 P.m."
Motion carried.

AFTERNOON SESSION

The Afternoon session convened at 2:00 P.M., with Warden Ira Settle presiding. The Clerk called the Roll.

The Annual Report of the Regional Library Board had been circulated last week, and Councillors had had an opportunity to read it.

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

"THAT the Annual Report of the Regional Library Board, including the financial statement, for the year ended December 31st., 1971 be received."
Motion carried.

Mrs. Carin Somer, Chief Librarian appeared before Council to answer any questions relating to the report.

Councillor Hudson wished to know how the matter of the proposed library in Sheet Harbour stood. Mrs. Somers replied that some consideration was being given for a mobile branch between Musquodoboit Harbour and Sheet Harbour but nothing definite has been decided and costs would have to be ascertained. The matter was, however, under study.

When questioned by Councillor Jennex, Mrs. Somers stated that library facilities to schools were being phased out, and a start had been made on this in 1971. As of September 1972 junior high schools would start to be phased out. She gave as the reason for this procedure that insufficient funds were available. She said that there were a fair number of library and professional books available and things appeared to be working out satisfactorily.
Motion carried.

.With regards to item #13 on the agenda having to do with Joint Estimates, it was moved by Councillor Slauenwhite; seconded by Councillor Nicholson:-

"THAT Joint Estimates be referred to the Finance and Executive Committee."
Motion carried.

Regarding deferral of approval of the Minutes of the Session of April 11th., 1972, relating to the Department of Welfare, revised pages 5 and 6 were presented correcting the errors previously mentioned.

Moved by Councillor Hudson; seconded by Councillor Johnson:-

"THAT the revised minutes of the Session of April 11th., 1972 be approved."
Motion carried.

Mr. Cox drew the attention of Council to the regulations under the new Police Services Act whereby Constables are appointed by the Police Commission and on a form of application which requires that a bond be filed and Civil Constables were appointed by the Municipality but a bond is also required. He stated that he had endeavoured to find out the type of bond required, and this information will be available at the May Session of Council.

Councillor Hudson asked whether it would be possible for the County to pay the cost of this bond and Mr. Cox replied that this was very probable so far as Constables employed by the County was concerned. Councillor Nicholson wanted to know if it was a necessity and Mr. Cox said that it was. He suggested that the matter be set over until the May 2nd Session of Council and this was agreed to by Council.

It was moved by Councillor Nicholson; seconded by Councillor Hudson:-

"THAT the appointment of District and Municipal Officers be approved with the exception of Constables other than Dog Constables."
Motion carried.

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

"THAT The Annual Session be adjourned.
until May 2nd., 1972 at 10:00 a.m.
Motion carried.

MINUTES - ANNUAL COUNCIL SESSION

TUESDAY, MAY 2nd., 1972

FIFTH DAY

The fifth day of the Annual Session of Council of the Municipality of the County of Halifax convened at 10.00 a.m., Tuesday, May 2nd., 1972, with Warden Ira Settle presiding.

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

It was moved by Councillor Isenor; seconded by Councillor Slauenwhite:-

"THAT Miss Lillian Mellish be appointed as recording secretary for this Session of Council."
Motion carried.

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

"THAT the minutes of the Annual Session of Council of April 18th., 1972 and the April Session of Council be adopted as amended."
Motion carried.

The Clerk stated that there was no letters or communications. Mr. Cox advised Council with regards to Bill 131, an Act to amend the Village Service Act which is presently before the Provincial Legislative Assembly. Mr. Cox stated that a Village Commission has certain rights under the Planning Act providing the Municipality is not occupying that field.

It was moved by Councillor Nicholson; seconded by Councillor Moser:-

"THAT the Solicitor be instructed to approve Bill No. 131 - an Act to Amend the Village Service Act re planning before the appropriate Committee of the Legislature."
Motion carried.

There was no business arising from the Minutes.

Item #7 on the Agenda referred to District Budget and Rates, and after some discussion, it was moved by Councillor Moser; seconded by Councillor Baker:-

"THAT the District Rates prepared for the year 1972 be approved and they are hereby levied for the year 1972."
Motion carried.

On Item #18 re Area School Rates, it was moved by Councillor Nicholson; seconded by Councillor Gaetz:-

"THAT the Area School Rates prepared for 1972 be approved, and that these school area rates be and they are hereby levied for the year 1972."
Motion carried.

Councillor Tonks felt that the Education Act should be changed as it should not be possible for one district to levy an area rate for other districts. Councillor Gaetz agreed with this and stated that the only thing to do was to get constituents in various areas to attend meetings called for the specific purpose of levying area rates . Mr. Cox stated that amendments to the Education Act were presently before the Legislature but he had no knowledge of what these amendments were at the present time.

Moved by Councillor Tonks; seconded by Councillor Nicholson:-

"THAT the Minister of Education be requested to consider the fact that it is possible under the present legislation for Annual School meetings to cause to have our area rate for school purposes to be levied on several districts (particularly in the case of Area Schools) and see if some satisfactory solutions cannot be found which would make it impossible for an annual school meeting to vote on area rates for school purposes that might effect several Municipal Districts as well as the District in which the school is located."
Motion carried.

It was moved by Councillor Tonks; seconded by Councillor Baker:-

"THAT the Special Report of the Finance and Executive Committee re Special Area rates be adopted and the Area Rates recommended be hereby levied for the year 1972."
Motion carried.

On item #10 re Financial Statements, it was pointed out to Council that the statements now available were only draft statements and not final ones, and were only there for purposes of information, and it was suggested that this item be deferred until a later session of Council. It was therefore moved by Councillor Nicholson; seconded by Councillor Moser:-

"THAT the Financial Statements of the Municipality be deferred until a later Session of Council."
Motion carried.

Re Item #11 the Clerk read the Supplementary Report of the Public Works Committee.

Moved by Councillor Gaetz; seconded by Councillor Slauenwhite:-

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

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

"THAT the Warden and the Clerk be and they are hereby authorized and instructed to make application for a loan in the amount of two-thirds of the estimated cost of the sewage pumping station located at Cole Harbour or \$315,000.00 from Central Mortgage and Housing Corporation."
Motion carried.

It was moved by Councillor Moser; seconded by Councillor Snair:-

TEMPORARY BORROWING RESOLUTION
Pumping Station - Cole Harbour
\$470,000.00

WHEREAS by Section 6 of Chapter 193 of the Revised Statutes of Nova Scotia, 1967, the Municipal Affairs Act, it is enacted among other things, in effect, that subject to the provisions of Section 8 of said Act every municipality of a county or district shall have full power and authority to borrow or raise by way of loan from time to time on the credit of the municipality a sum or sums as the Council thereof deems necessary for the purpose of a pumping station - Cole Harbour - and acquiring or purchasing materials, machinery, implements, or plant deemed requisite or advisable therefore;

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

AND WHEREAS the Municipal Council of the Municipality of the County of Halifax deems it necessary to borrow a sum not exceeding \$470,000.00 and acquiring or purchasing materials, machinery, implements or plant deemed requisite or advisable therefore;

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

AND WHEREAS it is deemed expedient to postpone the issue of debentures and to borrow such sum for the purpose aforesaid from the Royal Bank of Canada at Halifax the sum so borrowed to be repaid to said Bank from the proceeds of the debentures when sold;

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED that under and by virtue of said the Municipal Affairs act the Municipality of the County Of Halifax do, subject to the approval of the Minister of Municipal Affairs, borrow or raise by way of loan on the credit of the Municipality a sum not exceeding \$470,000.00 for the purpose aforesaid;