

It was moved by Councillor Fader, seconded by Councillor Deveaux:

"THAT a letter be sent to Premier Gerald Regan opposing the location of the proposed Sports Complex in the downtown portion of the City of Halifax." (See deferral)

It was moved by Deputy Warden Streach , seconded by Councillor Anderson:

"THAT this motion be deferred until the February Session of Council." Motion Carried.

Councillor MacKenzie advised that he had received complaints from people who had been notified by the Minister of Fisheries that their boat licenses are to be cancelled. He stated that he was quite concerned about the people in his area, and might be looking for support from this Council at a later date. He stated that a number of the people have other jobs but they are minimal and they are not making enough to carry them through the whole year. Then, he said, a number of the people may turn the operation over to their sons and there is some concern in this regard. He commented that others have borrowed money to get into lobster fishing - and they feel they will not be able to sell their boats and equipment unless to someone who is going into fishing. He stated that representation would probably be made to the proper parties with regard to this at a later date. He said that the fishermen had received no warning and he felt that this was very unfair.

Councillor Killam felt it might possibly be of value to invite the Regional Director of Fisheries to make a visit to Councillor MacKenzie's area and talk with the people. He stated that he had done this with the people in his District and the Regional Director was excellent at the meeting.

Deputy Warden Streach felt that it was time that Councillors should assess the situation with the Federal Government at this time. He said it appeared to him that any comments that should be made should be on a constructive basis. He felt that, as a Council, we should be speaking about it. He was aware that productivity had dropped substantially. It was moved by Deputy Warden Streach seconded by Councillor Deveaux:

"THAT a letter be forwarded to Prime Minister Trudeau indicating the concern of this Council, as an elected body, with the Federal Program re Wage and Price Restraints and urging the Prime Minister to have the Government place more emphasis on cutbacks in Federal Budgets." Motion carried.

Councillor Dunbar advised that he had received a year-end review on the Metropolitan Area Planning Commission. He said it was the first time he had received such a report and was very pleased.

Councillor Lawrence brought up the matter of Widow's Exemptions. It was moved by Councillor Lawrence, seconded by Councillor Gaetz:

"THAT the Finance and Executive Committee be asked to consider increasing the allowable income to widows and that it be raised to the maximum allowable, that is \$3,500.00." Motion carried.

Councillor Anderson brought up the matter of the Municipal Parking Lot, stating that the situation was very bad. He commented that he understood that some people park and then go elsewhere to their daily work.

It was moved by Councillor Anderson, seconded by Councillor Fader:

"THAT the Municipal Clerk look into the parking situation at the Municipal Building." Motion carried.

Councillor Smith advised that he had received complaints about the telephone system at the Municipal Building and asked if something could be done to split the Social Assistance from our Board or else enlarge our Board.

JANUARY COUNCIL SESSION - 1976
TUESDAY, JANUARY 20th., 1976
MINUTES - (CONTINUED)

Mr. Bensted advised the Councillor that the Telephone Company is carrying out a survey of the situation at the present time.

Councillor Deveaux spoke at some length on bi-lingualism, stating that the situation is getting worse - that people who are bi-lingual are getting the promotions over people who are not. He felt the program was being implemented the wrong way. He felt that we should support the residents of the Annapolis Valley in this situation.

Councillor Killam commented that this is quite a serious matter. This, he stated, is something more than a small problem, it is a major problem. He said he abhorred the way it was handled but if a vote was to be taken, he requested a recorded vote.

Councillor Johnson stated that he appreciated the statements made by Councillor Deveaux but his opinion was that this was not the Municipality's affair. He felt that there was little that we could contribute to this situation and actually it was none of our business.

Councillor Williams felt the Council should go along with Councillor Deveaux. He spoke about the influence of the Quebec Government spreading and remarked on their request that Queen Elizabeth not be asked to open the Olympics. He felt this was open defiance.

Deputy Warden Streach said he could appreciate Councillor Killam's comments - he said he was proud to be a Canadian but what is happening is a situation of vital importance.

Councillor Gaetz stated that he had his own views on the matter, but that he would be a little hesitant on voting on something that could effect representatives in his area.

It was moved by Councillor Deveaux, seconded by Councillor Williams:

"THAT a letter be sent to the Prime Minister, with a copy to the Minister of Defence (Mr. Richardson) and Mrs. J.N. Johnson of R.R.#3, Middleton, Nova Scotia, expressing support for residents of the Annapolis Valley in their opposition to the proposed implementation of a Francophone Squadron at Greenwood." Motion defeated.

Councillor Hudson felt that there was some misunderstanding. She stated that there was a tremendous amount of money being spent on this program. If the Federal Government were asked to divert this money to the education system so that our children could be taught, that would be a different matter. She said she would oppose the motion as it stood. She felt it would be a great opportunity for Greenwood to have a large number of french speaking people there so that the children would have someone to practise their language. On the other hand, the French children could learn English from our children.

On the recorded vote, the result was as follows:

<u>FOR</u>	<u>AGAINST</u>
District No. 4	District No. 1
District No. 5	District No. 3
District No. 6	District No. 7
District No. 10	District No. 8
District No. 13	District No. 9
District No. 16	District No. 11
District No. 17	District No. 14
	District No. 15

Warden Settle declared the motion defeated.

It was moved by Deputy Warden Streach, seconded by Councillor Killam:

"THAT this Council go on record as questioning the present program of the Federal Government with regard to bi-lingualism and to re-assess its position and seriously consider diverting those funds, spent unwisely for this program, by some means, into the Educational System." (See Motion to defer.)

JANUARY COUNCIL SESSION - 1976
TUESDAY, JANUARY 20th., 1976
MINUTES - (CONTINUED)

Councillor Killam said he would go along with this motion. He felt we needed a positive approach and suggest we get this money into the Educational System.

Councillor Deveaux said he would go along with the Educational System but guaranteed it would not stop their spending.

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

"THAT the matter be deferred until the next Session of Council." Motion carried.

Councillor Lawrence felt that we should be considering contingencies for the County's garbage problem if the City cuts off our use of the incinerator.

Councillor Lawrence also asked if there was a possibility of hiring a full-time Inspector of Unsightly properties. She stated there was no mention in the Finance Report and would like it discussed at the next Session of Council.

Councillor Deveaux questioned the involvement of the Municipality in putting in services for property owners and was advised by the Municipal Clerk that this was being looked into.

Councillor MacKenzie noticed that a request had been received from the Y.M.C.A. for a grant. The Municipal Clerk advised that the Finance and Executive Committee would be discussing this with the Y.M.C.A. before making a decision.

Councillor Killam commented that if Councillors would note in the information provided them, un-employment figures have doubled, therefore, it may well be that our services will be hit with added expenditures. Social Assistance allowances for families will be going up.

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

"THAT Council adjourn." Motion carried.

M I N U T E S & R E P O R T S

of the

T H I R D Y E A R M E E T I N G S

of the

T H I R T Y - E I G H T H C O U N C I L

of the

M U N I C I P A L I T Y O F T H E C O U N T Y O F H A L I F A X

F E B R U A R Y C O U N C I L S E S S I O N

T U E S D A Y , F E B R U A R Y 1 7 t h . , 1 9 7 6

INDEX

Appointment - Miss Doris Leonard as Recording Secretary - Motion-----	1
ARDA - Letter to Federal Minister of Development concerning funds - Motion-----	12
Bi-lingualism - Motion re Education-----	5
County Legislation - be presented to the Legislature - Motion-----	9
CBC Broadcasts - letter re reception - Motion-----	12
Chief Building Inspector - approval of supplementary report - Motion-----	12
Director of Planning & Development - approval of report - Motion-----	6
Finance and Executive Committee - approval of report - Motion-----	7-9
Finance and Executive Committee - request for a meeting re solid waste disposal - Motion---	12
Farm assessment legislation - request for support - Motion -----	12
Federal Minister of Development - Letter concerning funds re ARDA - Motion-----	12
Housing Authority - Approval of establishment - Motion-----	9
Halifax-Dartmouth Appeal - appointment of J.F.R. McMahon as representative on the Board of Directors - Motion-----	10
Issuing Resolution - for sewer purposes, Wellington - resolution-----	9-10
Issuing Resolution - for general purposes - resolution-----	11-12
Keefe, R.J. - approval under 1966 Legislation Lot #3, Upper Sackville - Motion-----	6
Leonard, Miss Doris, appointment as Recording Secretary - Motion-----	1
Letter - to the Deputy Minister of Lands and Forests re study of the Shubenacadie - Stewiacke Canal - Motion-----	2
Letter - re release of school construction moratorium - Motion-----	2
Letter - to Premier re high cost of energy - Motion-----	3
Letter - to Premier re location of Sports Complex -----	3-5
Letter - re reception of CBC Broadcasts - Motion -----	12
Letter - Federal Minister of Development concerning funds re ARDA - Motion-----	12
Motion - appointment of Miss Doris Leonard as Recording Secretary-----	1
Motion - matter of the Shubenacadie Canal be referred to the Planning Advisory Committee-	1-2
Motion - approval of January Council Session Minutes-----	2
Motion - Letter to the Deputy Minister of Lands and Forests re study of the Shubenacadie - Stewiacke Canal -----	2
Motion - Letter re release of school construction moratorium-----	2
Motion - Letter to Premier re high cost of energy -----	3
Motion - Letter to Premier re location of Sports Complex-----	3-5
Motion - Council go on record of questioning the present program re bi-lingualism-----	5
Motion - approval of Warden's Report-----	5
Motion - adjournment of Morning Session-----	5
Motion - approval of Director of Planning and Development Report-----	6
Motion - approval of Planning Advisory Committee Report -----	6
Municipality of the County of Halifax - continuance of the Zoning By-law and official town plan - resolution -----	6
Motion - approval of Lot #3, lands of R.J. Keefe Subdivision, Lower Sackville under 1966 Legislation -----	6
Motion - approval of Municipal School Board Report-----	6
Motion - approval of School Capital Program Committee Report-----	6-7
Motion - approval of Finance and Executive Committee Report-----	7-9
Motion - re establishment of a housing authority-----	9
Motion - County Legislation be presented to the Legislature-----	9
Municipal Pension Plan - amendments - resolution-----	9
Motion - appointment of J.F.R. McMahon, representative re Board of Directors of the Halifax-Dartmouth appeal-----	10
Motion - Finance and Executive Committee request a meeting re solid waste disposal-----	12
Motion - request for support re proposed farm assessment legislation -----	12
Motion - Letter re reception of CBC Broadcasts-----	12
Motion - Letter to Federal Minister of Development concerning funds re ARDA-----	12
Motion - approval of Supplementary Report of the Chief Building Inspector -----	12

INDEX

Motion - Council go into Closed Session-----13
Motion - Adjournment-----13

Ocean View Manor - approval of per diem rates - resolution-----11

Planning Advisory Committee - matter of the Shubenacadie Canal be referred - Motion-----1-2
Premier - Letter re high cost of energy - Motion -----3
Planning Advisory Committee - approval of report - Motion-----6

Recording Secretary - appointment of Miss Doris Leonard - Motion-----1
Resolution - continuance of the Zoning By-law and the official town plan re
Municipality of the County of Halifax -----6
Resolution - amendments re Municipal Pension Plan-----9
Resolution - Issuing resolutions re sewer purposes, Wellington-----9-10
Resolution - approval of per diem rates at Ocean View Manor-----11
Resolution - Issuing Resolution re general purposes-----11-12

Shubenacadie Canal - Be referred to the Planning Advisory Committee - Motion-----1-2
Shubenacadie-Stewiacke Canal - Letter to Deputy Minister of Lands and
Forests re study - Motion-----2

School Construction - Letter re release of moratorium - Motion-----2
Sports Complex - Letter to Premier re location - Motion-----3-5
School Capital Program Committee - approval of Report -----6-7
Solid Waste Disposal - be referred to Finance and Executive Committee - Motion-----12

Upper Sackville - approval under 1966 Legislation Lot #3, R.J. Keefe Subd., Resolution-----6

Warden's Report - approval - motion-----5
Wellington - Issuing Resolution re sewer purposes - Resolution-----9-10

MINUTES OF THE FEBRUARY SESSION OF THE MUNICIPAL COUNCIL
OF THE THIRD YEAR COUNCIL OF THE THIRTY-EIGHTH COUNCIL
OF THE
MUNICIPALITY OF THE COUNTY OF HALIFAX

The Monthly Session of the Council of the Municipality of the County of Halifax convened at the Municipal Administration Building at 10:00 a.m., Tuesday, February 17th., 1976, with Warden Ira S. Settle presiding.

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

It was moved by Councillor Anderson, seconded by Councillor Deveaux:

"THAT Miss Doris Leonard be appointed
Recording Secretary for this Session of
Council." Motion carried.

Councillor Hudson announced that representatives from the Waverley Ratepayers Association were present this morning and were desirous of making a presentation to Council and asked permission for them to do so. This was granted by Council.

Mr. John Benjamin, Chairman of the Waverley Ratepayers Association, came down to the dais to address the members of Council. He said he wished to express the thanks of the Ratepayers Association to their Councillor for her assistance with regard to the project they are involved in at this time and would also like to thank the members of the Municipal Council for the opportunity to speak before them, and present the problem to them.

Mr. Benjamin stated that they had a serious problem at the Canal system. He stated that a contractor is building a residence along side the Canal at Port Wallis Locks and said that as residents they felt that this would seriously jeopardise the use of the Canal.

At this time, Mr. Benjamin pointed out on a sketch just where this problem is located. He stated that this problem is located a short distance from the Underpass. He said that it was an historical site and should be kept intact. He stated that at the dam there was a right-of-way logging trail to the lower end of the Canal. He said that the trail was still evident, but the roadway was now being blocked by the residence and the Ratepayers Association feel that this is poor planning. They feel that it should be a recreational area.

Mr. Benjamin, said that this residence is being built with the consent of County regulations. He said they were asking for Council's attention to this problem as it was of wider interest even than to the Waverley Ratepayers Association. He said that since the bulldozers had turned over the soil the Department of Environment had been advised and they had come and looked over the site, Mr. J. Hefler, the Chief Building Inspector, had been written to and they had been informed that a Building Permit had been issued on August 21st., 1975, that this preliminary permit was for footings only, whereupon they had informed Mr. Hefler that a structure was being put up, and a letter was written to the contractor asking him to stop. He said they had been advised by their Solicitor, Jon Davies, to file an appeal in protest over this building.

Mr. Benjamin stated that a letter had been received from the Municipal Clerk who stated, in his opinion after consultation with the Solicitor, that the Association was out of time and that the period for appealing had expired.

Mr. Benjamin, said with regard to the Department of Health having approved the site that they felt this was questionable because the site is a former river bed. He stated there was no where for any effluent to go except down the river bed into Lake William.

He stated that they did not concur with the Department of Health and requested that there should be further studies on their part. He stated that the Ratepayers also questioned the ownership of the land. He said they felt it should be Crown land. He also advised, that they were awaiting a report on the Provincial - Federal Environmental study on the Canal and felt that they should have a progress report.

Mr. Benjamin said that there was a booklet put out by the Department of Recreation with the Canal being promoted by the Department of Recreation of the Province of Nova Scotia.

He stated he understood that all the studies were to protect the land around the Canal. They find themselves in a situation where they feel that lands are being developed by private individuals. He said he felt that the County had side-tracked and ignored the Waverley Ratepayers Association in the suggestion of an Appeal and in view of that they had to come up with some way to stop this development.

He said he understood that it was the practise in the County of Halifax that before the Chief Building Inspector issued his Permit he received a permit from the Regional Development Board and they wondered why this developer had received preferential treatment. He said they would like to have some answers and advised that they had taken this appeal to the Provincial Government.

He said the appeal date had been tentatively set for April 18th. He also stated that the Association felt they were carrying out the duties that the Municipal Council should be carrying out, and requested the Municipal Council to assist the Association by pressuring the Government to support them.

He stated that the ultimate aim was to open up that land for park and recreational use, and asked that an independent survey be made of the property line. He also requested that the Building By-law be revised, that a suitable setback from waterways be considered, and they were also asking for financial assistance in this "local hassle". He felt that they were acting on behalf of the County, and asked that a moratorium on all new construction be passed along the Canal until a report had been received.

Councillor Deveaux asked if this was a small building and was advised by Mr. Benjamin that if it was a private residence it was certainly an oversized residence and they were questioning the size.

Councillor Nicholson suggested that this matter be referred back to the Planning Advisory Committee and the Solicitor to see what could be done, and it was therefore moved by Councillor Nicholson, seconded by Councillor Williams:

"THAT the matter of the Shubenacadie Canal be referred to the Planning Advisory Committee and the Solicitor with some action within two weeks." Motion carried.

Mr. Cox advised at this point that the County is not obliged to withhold permits until the Regional Development Permit is issued.

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

"THAT the Minutes of the January Session of Council held on January 20th., 1976 be approved." Motion carried.

Mr. Bensted drew the attention of the Members of Council to two (2) motions which had been deferred from the January Session of Council.

It was agreed to defer these two motions until the arrival of Deputy Warden Streach.

Mr. Bensted, Municipal Clerk, then gave a short review of the correspondence received.

It was moved by Councillor Nicholson, seconded by Councillor Smith:

"THAT a letter be sent to the Deputy Minister of Lands and Forests with regard to the study to be done on this Shubenacadie-Stewiacke Canal." Motion carried.

It was moved by Councillor Anderson, seconded by Councillor Deveaux:

"THAT a letter be sent to the Premier, the Minister of Education, the M.L.A.'s for Halifax County and the Leader of the Opposition requesting immediate action with regard to the release of school construction moratorium." Motion carried.

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 17, 1976

Councillor Williams brought up the matter of power rates and stated that a letter had been sent to the Premier, as Chairman of the Power Corporation, to see if some relief could not be given to people on fixed incomes or in dire circumstances. He added that we have never had a sensible answer from the Premier and he felt it was time that we did have one. He said he was not going to fall for the Premier putting the onus on the Public Utilities Board. It was moved by Councillor Williams, seconded by Councillor Deveaux:

"THAT a follow-up letter be sent to the Premier re the effect of high energy costs to persons on fixed incomes and Senior Citizens, and request that a public inquiry be established to determine the reason for such increases." Motion carried.

Councillor Deveaux agreed with Councillor Williams and said he felt that the fuel adjustment was getting ridiculous, that the Premier had promised there would be no change. He stated that people need answers because many feel that the situation is going to worsen.

Councillor Williams commented that to put the blame on the Oil Companies was ridiculous, and that the Government was still operating on the contract that was signed in 1971. He said he would suggest to the Premier that Nova Scotia is paying the highest gas tax in Canada and that that money should be put towards helping people.

Councillor McCabe commented that a new contract had recently been entered into with the Power Corporation employees which means more money and the Corporation has to get the money somewhere.

Councillor Williams commented that there had only been one increase in oil and that the problem was that the Province had bought out a viable Light and Power company.

Councillor Nicholson commented that he did not think that that kind of an inquiry would bring out the answers but there had to be a solution somewhere.

Councillor McCabe said he had heard Premier Regan say that it was due to additional cost of oil, and surely he knows more about the administration in this Province than this Council does.

Deputy Warden Streach said he could sympathize with Councillor Williams but was not starting to debate politics. He agreed that helping senior citizens would be very favorable. He added that the small business man is having a hard time to survive. He said he could not debate how this was going to be arranged, but he agreed with the motion on the floor. He felt that if one does not understand the situation it is a lot harder to pay bills. He felt that these things should be brought out into the open.

The Members of Council then returned to the two (2) motions which had been deferred from the January Session of Council.

Deputy Warden Streach thanked the Members of Council for deferring until he had arrived. He indicated that the reason he had deferred from the January Session with regard to the Metro Centre was so that he might bring in further information. He referred to the sketch which he had prepared which would give some idea of what the Metro Centre would consist of, and he explained this sketch in detail. He said that the Province and the City had agreed to operate the Arena space, the Exhibition space, the Convention space and the Recreation space. He commented that the County of Halifax are not particularly involved. Of course he added, any money the Province puts in is really the taxpayers money.

Deputy Warden Streach stated that over the past four months he had attended meetings as to the location, etc., of the Metro Centre in the downtown area. He added that the decision was made by a higher authority than the Committee as to the location, it having been made by the Premier.

He said he had given serious consideration with regard to this motion since the last Session of Council. He added that he could see some problems in the location of this Centre and stated that during the time he had spent on the Committee he had come to the conclusion that he could not support the motion as it reads. He said he would hate to see this Council go on record as opposing it on these grounds. He said there were no construction plans in place as of this date.

Councillor Hudson said the best reason in the world for opposing is that the Province cannot afford to spend fifteen million dollars on a Metro Centre when it cannot afford to build schools.

Councillor Nicholson felt that Deputy Warden Streach had given a very good report. He also felt that it was not possible to get better road access to the Metro Centre than we had now, and added that he would still support the motion. He also stated that he felt the Centre was going in the wrong place, that the idea was to supplement Trade Mart. He felt that the Premier had no alternative but to put it down there, but added that the Dunbrack Street would have meant cheaper land and much more parking. He added that the Halifax Forum never made money and that this building would not make money in that location.

Councillor Fader said he had to agree with the remarks of Councillor Hudson with regard to schools. He stated he felt that the Premier had not put enough study into this location.

Councillor Slauenwhite said he was in favour with the location, that a Convention Centre had to be in the downtown area close to Hotels and Motels in the area. He added that the Atlantic Winter Fair may have to take a look at itself. However, he added that he wouldn't say it was the total answer to all our needs.

Councillor MacKenzie commented that it appeared to him that plans were already progressing. With regard to parking, he said he had to agree that parking in Scotia Square was frustrating. He said he was pleased that Deputy Warden Streach had mentioned the Atlantic Winter Fair. He felt that it had been a great asset to our Province and hoped it would continue.

Councillor Anderson commented that he did not think anything we could say would have any effect.

Councillor Williams agreed that fifteen million dollars could be spent elsewhere and he felt that the County should go on record that this money could be better spent in other places.

Councillor Killam commented that sometimes there is too much politics getting in. We know that Halifax City Council have now approved this site. If we criticize, and then, should we approach the Provincial Government for buildings in the County to have an exhibition, we lay ourselves open to criticism. He commented that it was his opinion that the Premier would play politics no matter where it would go. He felt that we would not appreciate anyone interfering in our business. He also felt that the building funds were mis-directed. He commented that there is a lot of talk about energy crises, and stated that there are a lot of areas that need attention. He said he would rather put money into this type of thing. He said it would probably be closer to twenty million, however, he stated that he did not think this Council should criticize the policy of another Council.

Councillor Gaetz agreed with Councillor Killam and commented that he felt we should look for another place for the Atlantic Winter Fair and the Metro Centre was more of a Convention Centre.

Deputy Warden Streach stated that the priority of the Provincial Government in spending their money was wrong. He commented that the City of Halifax sold the Forum property. Some people are against this Centre because it is downtown, they think that the Atlantic Winter Fair cannot be held there. He said he thought it could. He said the Board of Directors of the Winter Fair were disappointed. He felt that if we take a negative attitude we are being stupid. He stated that the difference in location simply means the housing of livestock will have to be gone into.

Councillor Fader commented that it was only fair that we should oppose the motion when we do not have answers to the questions - that if there is no opposition, you do not get a better Government.

Councillor Lawrence felt that this motion was a complete lost cause. She felt there was no point in writing a letter to the Premier that the matter was already "in the works". She thought the situation was very poorly thought out, that the Winter Fair has no hope of going into the downtown area like that. She reiterated that she felt it was useless to write a letter saying that we oppose the location.

Mr. Bensted read the deferred motion of January 20th., 1976 which had been moved by Councillor Fader and seconded by Councillor Deveaux:

"THAT a letter be sent to Premier G. Regan opposing the location of the proposed Sports Complex in the downtown portion of the City of Halifax." (See amendment) Motion carried as amended.

Councillor Hudson moved the following amendment to that motion, which was seconded by Councillor Williams:

"THAT a letter be sent to Premier G. Regan expressing dissatisfaction as to the location of the proposed Sports Complex in the downtown portion of the City of Halifax and further opposed any expenditures with regard to the Sports Complex until such time as monies are available for needed school construction." Amendment carried.

Mr. Bensted then brought up the second motion which had been deferred from the January 20th Session of Council which read as follows:

"THAT this Council go on record as questioning the present program of the Federal Government with regard to bi-lingualism and to re-assess its position and seriously consider diverting those funds, spent unwisely by this program, by some means, into the Educational System." Motion carried.

Deputy Warden Streach felt that we must be tolerant with regard to this matter - and that it might prove very useful to have the English speak French and the French speak English. He commented that the vast sums of money are creating hardships because of the way in which the Federal Government is implementing this program. He commented that if the Federal Government had a program to educate people in bi-lingualism through the educational system, people would probably be much more tolerant.

The Report of the Warden was the next item on the Agenda.

It was moved by Councillor Nicholson, seconded by Councillor Killam:

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

Some discussion ensued with regard to the housing mentioned in the Report of the Warden. Mr. Bensted advised Council Members that he had had discussions on this matter and that regulations which have been approved have not been filtered down to this level, that the program is to encourage medium density. He said he understood that there are no strings attached, and that it is basically with regard to smaller area lots.

Deputy Warden Streach asked if this meant that municipalities could go outside the development area that has been proposed for the metro area, and develop some central water and sewer systems.

Councillor Lawrence asked if it was known whether the Union of Nova Scotia Municipalities was going to have any input into what is going to be decided with regard to this medium density or is this the decision of Central Mortgage and Housing Corporation.

Warden Settle stated that he felt it would be Central Mortgage and Housing Corporation policy.

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

"THAT Council adjourn for lunch and return at 1:30.

A standing vote was taken with the result eleven (11) for and six (6) against. Warden Settle declared the motion carried.

AFTERNOON SESSION

The afternoon Session of the Municipal Council convened at 1:30 with Warden Settle presiding. The Municipal Clerk called the Roll.

The next item was the Report of the Director of Planning and Development.

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

"THAT the Report of the Director of Planning and Development be received." Motion carried.

Next on the Agenda, was the Report of the Planning Advisory Committee.

It was moved by Councillor MacKenzie, seconded by Councillor Smith:

"THAT the Report of the Planning Advisory Committee be approved." Motion carried.

It was moved by Councillor Anderson, seconded by Councillor Dunbar:

"WHEREAS on the 27th day of February, 1974 the Minister of Municipal Affairs made an order under the Planning Act which had the effect of continuing the Zoning By-law and the Official Town Plan for the Municipality of the County of Halifax in office until the 1st day of March, 1976.

AND WHEREAS in the best interests of planning, Council considers it desirable that the said Zoning By-law and Official Town Plan be continued in force until replaced by a new Zoning By-law and a Municipal Development Plan;

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council request the Minister of Municipal Affairs to make an Order under the said Planning Act extending the period during which the Zoning By-law and the Official Town Plan for the Municipality of the County of Halifax will remain in full force and effect." Motion carried.

It was moved by Councillor Dunbar, seconded by Deputy Warden Streach:

"BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council give notice in the usual manner of its intention to approve Lot No. 3 of the R.J. Keefe Subdivision, Lower Sackville, under the 1966 Legislation." Motion carried.

Councillor Hudson asked if we had a choice as to holding a Public Hearing and was advised by the Municipal Solicitor that this was so, that it was up to Council.

The next item was the Report of the Municipal School Board. Mr. Bensted gave a summary of this report.

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

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

Councillor Lawrence commented that there was no breakdown as to how the money was to be expended. She felt it should be on a 50-50 basis to make it easier for buses to go into the schools and not more for the playground.

The next item was the Report of the School Capital Program Committee.

It was moved by Councillor Nicholson, seconded by Councillor Slauenwhite:

"THAT the Report of the School Capital Program Committee be approved." Motion carried.

Councillor McCabe stated that they had had a delegation in from Musquodoboit Harbour with regard to the junior high school and commented that they were becoming frustrated as we are.

Mr. Bensted advised that the Committee was proceeding with investigations with regard to this junior high school site.

Councillor Fader asked when information was expected from the Department of Recreation with regard to the Athletic Field at Lower Sackville.

Mr. Bensted advised that he had had no word as yet, that they did not know just how much money they would have to work with.

Some discussion ensued with regard to the improvements as noted in the Report of the Municipal School Board.

Councillor Nicholson commented that each one has to stand on its own merit, that these matters have to go through many channels before we get anything done.

Councillor Anderson commented that Councillors deal with the public and they are not satisfied to be put off. When the general public makes a request of a Committee, the Committee is duty bound to make an answer.

Councillor Hudson asked how close the Committee was to getting a site for the junior high school and was advised by the Municipal Clerk that the Committee is negotiating with regard to two sites and they are hopeful that one of these will be accepted.

Councillor Hudson asked if there was any development with regard to the road into Sackville High School and the Municipal Clerk said that this entrance to the school was designated at the time of construction.

Councillor Fader commented that he had spoken to George Doucet, M.L.A. and that they hope in the near future to set up a letter dealing with this matter.

Councillor Hudson commented that it is a terrible mess at times and she was advised by the Municipal Clerk that this road is owned by the Nova Scotia Housing Commission.

The next item on the Agenda was the Report of the Finance and Executive Committee.

Mr. Bensted gave a brief summary of the report and it was moved by Councillor Gaetz, seconded by Councillor Williams:

"THAT the Report of the Finance and Executive Committee be approved as amended." Motion Carried.

Councillor Gaetz asked what caused the change in the per diem rate at Ocean View Manor.

The Municipal Clerk advised that one of the major reasons is because of the change in the population, that they had had a number of patients who needed very heavy care. A number of these had passed away mainly due to their age and the demand lessened in this area. He stated that the demand for casual or part-time work had greatly reduced.

Councillor Killam commented that his concern was with regard to an alternate plan for solid waste. He stated that every week driving in, one sees hundreds of bags of garbage and he was becoming increasingly nervous with the months going by so quickly whether we would be unable to use the facilities of the City of Halifax as of the first of July. He stated that something had to be done and he felt that we should have at least one resolution that would ask the "powers that be" to lay it on the line so that we would know what we are doing.

Councillor Killam stated he felt this Council should request that the same kind of consideration be given to this Council that was given to the City of Dartmouth. He commented that we are in a situation where we have to find out what is going on, whether we form a Committee or whether the Finance and Executive Committee is commissioned by this Council to seek a meeting with the Premier. He stated that there is no way that if it is announced that Jack Lake is decided upon that it would be ready before 1977.

He further stated that all Members of this Council have a responsibility to their people in this matter. He said that months go by so quickly that he felt that action should take place at this Council Session to sit down with the Premier and discuss this matter. The Premier was the one who changed the Beaverbank site, and he felt that he had a responsibility to sit down with this Council and state whether or not it is going to be Jack Lake.

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 17, 1976

Councillor Killam further stated that this matter is in the Province's "back yard" but we have to get on with this. He felt our heads had been "in the sand" and we have to get them out and decide what to do.

Councillor Nicholson spoke with regards to the proposed legislation - Section No. 3. He commented that it appeared to be that we could penalize a Council appointee but had no authority to penalize government appointees. He did not think that we should be our brother's keeper.

It was moved by Councillor Nicholson, seconded by Councillor Anderson:

"THAT Section 3 of the proposed Legislation
be deleted." Motion carried.

A standing vote was taken on this motion with the result eleven (11) for six (6) against. Warden Settle declared the motion carried.

Mr. Cox, Municipal Solicitor said he had explained why we cannot penalize provincial appointments. The legislation should apply to Council Members as well as Committee Members. Council Members are placed here by Council. It only deals with Councillors serving on Boards or Committee and people appointed to these Boards or Committees by Council.

Councillor Nicholson stated that the biggest offenders are the Government Appointees and we have no authority to penalize them.

Councillor Hudson commented that the reason was, once we had appointed a particular person to a Board, and if that person had left the area, you could not always get a resignation. If it happened in future, then we would have to go after it again. If a Councillor became ill where you must have a full Committee would be such an instance. The Councillor would still remain a Councillor but his or her place should be filled on the Committee by someone else while he or she was ill.

Councillor Dunbar stated that he would like to refer to the remarks of Councillor Killam and commented that to most of his remarks he agreed. He stated that he felt if we wanted to get at the root of the problem we first have to find out what is contained in the report of the Environmental Hearing which is absolutely impossible to get. He stated that, as far as Bedford is concerned, if the Report does finally come out and Jack Lake is the favoured site that there will be serious objection by the people of Bedford. This, he said, would further delay tactics. Then, we would still be faced with the problem of where we would find a site... He felt that the starting point would be to try and find out what is in that report. He also stated that at the present time, he would like to see considerable more pressure come out of this Council to find out about this report.

Councillor Dunbar stated that the people in Bedford are stymied at every turn to get that Report. He commented that even individuals who are quite close to top executives do not know what is contained in that report. He commented that it is under heavy lock and key.

Councillor Lawrence said she was unhappy that there was no Staff report with regard to Unsightly Premises that she had been asking for, and asked if the Finance and Executive Committee had made any decision in this regard and if so why had Council not been advised.

Councillor Hudson suggested that Council go into closed session to discuss staff.

Councillor MacKenzie asked if he understood by the Report of the Finance and Executive Committee that they were approving the establishing of two (2) Housing Authorities and asked if it was in order to appoint someone for the Eastern Shore. He said it was necessary that they get someone appointed as their building was nearing completion.

Councillor Deveaux said he was disappointed that the installation of water and sewer services from the lot line had been turned down. He agreed that it looked as if it would cause problems but wondered if it could be elaborated on.

Mr. Bensted advised that the Municipality would have to find the money involved and would have to fund it until it was re-paid. He stated that we had enough of a problem now to find the money to handle this matter. After installation is made if an individual cannot pay the money what are you going to do. He stated that the Municipality goes further than the City in that we take the service to the lot line.

Deputy Warden Streach spoke on the proposed legislation re assessment of farm property. He commented that in view of the fact that it is becoming more important all the time he wondered if it would be useful to seek the assistance of other municipalities through Farm Organizations - if this would carry more support to this Council.

It was moved by Councillor Anderson, seconded by Councillor MacKenzie:

"BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council record its approval of the establishment of a housing authority at the present time which would deal with all senior citizen housing projects east of the City of Dartmouth and that a second housing authority be established at the appropriate time when such is required to deal with senior citizen housing projects in the Bedford-Waverley-Sackville and western areas of the Municipality." Motion carried.

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

"BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Solicitor be and he is hereby instructed to take the necessary and appropriate steps to introduce at the coming Session of the Legislature the County Legislation presented to the February 1976 Session of Council, a copy of which is attached to these Minutes." Motion carried.

It was moved by Councillor Killam, seconded by Councillor Fader:

"WHEREAS the Pension Consultants of the Municipality have recommended certain amendments to the existing Municipal Pension Plan;

AND WHEREAS the proposed amendments have been placed before the employees who are members of the Pension Plan and such amendments were approved by the employees;

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the said Pension Plan be amended in accordance with the amendments presented to Council at the February 1976 Session, a copy of which is attached to this resolution;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the Warden and the Clerk be and they are hereby authorized and instructed to execute all documents necessary to give effect to this resolution." Motion carried.

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

Municipality of the County of Halifax
Issuing Resolution
\$65,368.72 - Central Mortgage & Housing
Corporation - Sewers - Wellington - 73-10

WHEREAS the Municipality of the County of Halifax is authorized by law to borrow by the issue and sale of debentures of the Municipality a sum not exceeding Two Hundred Seventy Thousand Dollars (\$270,000) for the purpose of constructing, acquiring or purchasing materials, machinery, implements or plant deemed requisite or advisable therefore;

AND WHEREAS pursuant to a resolution passed by the Municipal Council on the 19th day of June, 1973, the Council, with the approval of the Minister of Municipal Affairs dated the 7th day of November, 1973, borrowed One Hundred Eighteen Thousand Dollars (\$118,000), and pursuant to a resolution passed by the Municipal Council on the 15th day of October, 1974, the Council, with the approval of the Minister of Municipal Affairs dated the 5th day of November, 1974, borrowed One Hundred Fifty-Two Thousand Dollars (\$152,000), the said Council postponed the issue and sale of debentures and did borrow from the Royal Bank of Canada at Halifax, a sum not exceeding Two Hundred Seventy Thousand Dollars (\$270,000) for the purpose set out above;

AND WHEREAS it is now deemed necessary to issue and sell debentures and to repay the Bank a portion of the sum so borrowed;

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED THAT one (1) debenture of the Municipality for Sixty-Five Thousand Three Hundred Sixty-eight Dollars and Seventy-two cents (\$65,368.72) be issued and sold;

THAT the debenture be numbered 76-A-1;

THAT the debenture be dated the 1st day of January, 1976.

THAT the debenture be payable as follows:

<u>PAYMENT NUMBER</u>	<u>DATE DUE</u>	<u>PRINCIPAL</u>	<u>INTEREST</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
1	January 1, 1977	\$ 1,060.54	\$ 6,140.80	\$ 7,201.34
2	January 1, 1978	1,173.42	6,845.03	8,018.45
3	January 1, 1979	1,298.32	6,720.13	8,018.45
4	January 1, 1980	1,436.52	6,581.93	8,018.45
5	January 1, 1981	1,589.42	6,429.03	8,018.45
6	January 1, 1982	1,758.60	6,259.85	8,018.45
7	January 1, 1983	1,945.79	6,072.66	8,018.45
8	January 1, 1984	2,152.90	5,865.55	8,018.45
9	January 1, 1985	2,382.06	5,636.39	8,018.45
10	January 1, 1986	2,635.61	5,382.84	8,018.45
11	January 1, 1987	2,916.14	5,102.31	8,018.45
12	January 1, 1988	3,226.54	4,791.91	8,018.45
13	January 1, 1989	3,569.98	4,448.47	8,018.45
14	January 1, 1990	3,949.97	4,068.48	8,018.45
15	January 1, 1991	4,370.41	3,648.04	8,018.45
16	January 1, 1992	4,835.60	3,182.85	8,018.45
17	January 1, 1993	5,350.30	2,668.15	8,018.45
18	January 1, 1994	5,919.80	2,098.65	8,018.45
19	January 1, 1995	6,549.90	1,468.55	8,018.45
20	January 1, 1996	7,246.90	771.37	8,018.27
		<u>\$65,368.72</u>	<u>\$94,182.99</u>	<u>\$159,551.71</u>

THAT the said principal and interest be payable at any office of the Royal Bank of Canada at Halifax, Province of Nova Scotia, and at the principal office of the said Bank in either of the Cities of Toronto or Ottawa, Province of Ontario, at the option of the holder, the said interest to be at the rate of Ten and Three-eighths (10 3/8%) per centum per annum calculated semi-annually and payable annually, the first instalment of principal and interest to be in the sum of Seven Thousand Two Hundred One Dollars and Thirty-four cents (\$7,201.34) due and payable on the 1st day of January, 1977, and the subsequent instalments of blended principal and interest to be in the sum of Eight Thousand Eighteen Dollars and Forty-Five Cents (\$8,018.45) for the second to nineteen inclusive instalments, due and payable on the 1st day of January, 1978, to and including the 1st day of January, 1995, and the final or twentieth instalment of blended principal and interest to be in the sum of Eight Thousand Eighteen Dollars and Twenty-seven Cents (\$8,018.27), due and payable on the 1st day of January, 1996.

THAT the Warden of the Municipality sign the debenture or have it impressed with a printed facsimile of his signature and the Clerk of the Municipality countersign the debenture, that they seal it with the seal of the Municipality, and that the Clerk sign the interest coupons or have them impressed with a facsimile of his signature;

THAT the Warden and Clerk of the Municipality sell and deliver the debenture at such price, to such person and in such manner as they shall deem proper.

THAT a portion of the amount borrowed from the Bank be repaid to the Bank out of the proceeds when sold." Motion carried.

It was moved by Councillor Anderson, seconded by Councillor Slauenwhite:

"BE IT RESOLVED THAT Mr. J.F.R. McMahon be and he is hereby appointed as the Municipality's representative on the Board of Directors of the Halifax-Dartmouth Appeal." Motion carried.

It was moved by Councillor Smith, seconded by Councillor MacKenzie:

"WHEREAS at the January 1976 Session of Council certain per diem rates applicable to Ocean View Manor were approved by Council;

AND WHEREAS since that time certain changes in circumstances made it advisable to review the said rates;

AND WHEREAS as a result of such review it is considered advisable that the rates be reduced to the following:

\$24.50 for Light Care
\$29.50 for Heavy Care

AND WHEREAS no bills have been rendered based on the previously approved rates;

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the resolution of Council passed at the said January Session be and the same is hereby rescinded;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the per diem rates for Ocean View Manor effective the 1st of January, 1976 be fixed as follows:

\$24.50 for Light Care
\$29.50 for Heavy Care

Motion carried.

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

Municipality of the County of Halifax
Issuing Resolution - Debenture Exchange
\$4,000.000 - General Purposes
(69-4), (69-26), (73-18), (74-14)

WHEREAS by resolution passed by the Municipality of the County of Halifax on the 18th day of November, 1975 and approved by the Minister of Municipal Affairs on the 16th day of December, 1975, and amended by a resolution passed by the Municipality of the County of Halifax on the 20th day of January, 1976, and approved by the Minister of Municipal Affairs on the 22nd day of January, 1976 provision was made to sell debentures in the principal amount of Four Million Dollars (\$4,000.000) for general purposes;

AND WHEREAS by paragraphs ten (10) eleven (11) thirteen (13) and fifteen (15) of the said resolution as amended, it was resolved that the said debentures be numbered 76-A-001 to 76-A-1092 inclusive and bear interest at 10½% and 10 3/4% per centum per annum;

AND WHEREAS it is now deemed necessary to exchange debentures numbered 76-A-308 to 76-A-407 inclusive in the principal amount of \$1,000 each, due on the 15th day of January, 1983, and bearing interest at 10½% for one debenture numbered 76-A-1093 in the amount of \$100,000 due on the 15th day of January, 1983, and to bear interest at the rate of 10½% and to exchange debentures 76-A524 to 76-A623 inclusive in the principal amount of \$1,000 each, due on the 15th day of January, 1985, and bearing interest at 10½% for one debenture numbered 76-A1094 in the amount of \$100,000 due on the 15th day of January, 1985, and to bear interest at the rate of 10½% per centum per annum;

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED THAT debentures numbered 76-A-308 to 76-A-407 inclusive in the principal amount of \$1,000 each be indelibly cancelled and that one debenture in the principal amount of \$100,000 dated the 15th day of January, 1976, to bear interest at the rate of 10½% per centum per annum and to be payable in seven years from the date thereof, be issued in substitution therefore and debentures numbered 76-A524 to 76-A-623 inclusive in the principal amount of \$1,000 each be indelibly cancelled and that one debenture in the principal amount of \$100,000 dated the 15th day of January, 1976, to bear interest at the rate of 10½% per centum per annum and to be payable in nine years from the date thereof be issued in substitution therefor;

THAT the Warden and Clerk be authorized to do such things as are necessary to effect the exchange. Motion carried.

It was moved by Councillor Nicholson, seconded by Councillor Killam:

"THAT the Finance and Executive Committee request a meeting with the Premier of Nova Scotia, the Minister of Municipal Affairs, the Minister of the Environment, to obtain a definite answer with regard to the problem of solid waste disposal." Motion carried.

It was moved by Councillor Slauenwhite, seconded by Councillor Nicholson:

"THAT the matter of farm assessment, as contained in the proposed legislation, be referred to the Union of Nova Scotia Municipalities and the Nova Scotia Federation of Agriculture for their support." Motion carried.

Councillor Lawrence spoke on the reception of CBC in the mornings in the Western Area advising that it is blacked out, and almost impossible to receive. She stated that some people may not think this is important but commented that it is a service we are paying for. She felt it was ridiculous that twenty-three miles from the City they could not get the National News.

It was moved by Councillor Lawrence and seconded by Councillor Deveaux:

"THAT letters go forward to C.R.T.C. AND C.B.C. Public Relations also the Federal Members of Parliament advising that in the western area of Halifax County, people are unable to receive CBC Broadcasting once the pattern changes to night-time broadcast." Motion carried.

Councillor Deveaux spoke with regard to Agricultural Rehabilitation and Development Act (ARDA) commenting that the Federal Government had discontinued their grants. He commented that this had done a lot of good and with the cutbacks coming up, the Provincial Government would possibly cut them out.

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

"THAT a letter go to the Federal Minister of Development (with a copy to the Provincial Department of Development) expressing concern and asking them to reconsider and resume the funds that were previously for ARDA." Motion carried.

The Council then considered the Report of the Chief Building Inspector.

It was moved by Councillor Fader, seconded by Councillor Deveaux:

"THAT the Supplementary Report of the Chief Building Inspector be approved." Motion carried.

Councillor Fader requested that the Taxi By-law and the Dog By-law be considered on the Agenda of the March 16th., 1976 Session of Council, also that the 1975 Building Code be considered.

Councillor Dunbar asked if there had been any indication with regard to a report from the Board of Commissioners of Public Utilities.

Mr. Cox advised that after the hearing we were requested for additional information which was prepared and filed. Mr. Bensted later contacted the Board to inquire if there was any further additional information they needed but we have not heard from them to date.

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

"THAT Council go into a closed Session."
Motion carried.

Council reconvened from the closed session.

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

"THAT Council adjourn."
Motion carried.

W

M I N U T E S & R E P O R T S

of the

T H I R D Y E A R M E E T I N G S

of the

T H I R T Y - E I G H T H C O U N C I L

of the

M U N I C I P A L I T Y O F T H E C O U N T Y O F H A L I F A X

A N N U A L C O U N C I L S E S S I O N

Tuesday, March 16th., 1976

Tuesday, April 20th., 1976

Tuesday, May 18th., 1976

NOTE: Pages # 172-176 are missing from the book due to a numbering error.

MUNICIPAL COUNCIL SESSION - 1976
TUESDAY, MARCH 16th., - 1976

INDEX

Auditors - appointment of Thorne, Riddell and Company for the year 1976 - Motion-----	14
Bedford Service Commission - approval to speak of two spokesmen re landfill operation, Motion-1-2	
Bedford - landfill operation - Motion-----	2-4
Cox, A. William - appointment as Municipal Solicitor - Motion-----	1
Correspondence - be received - Motion-----	7
Chief Building Inspector - approval of Supplementary Report - Motion-----	8
Director of Planning and Development - approval of report - Motion-----	7
Department of Highways - be advised of the concern of residents re construction of a causeway and bridge at Porters Lake - Motion-----	10
Director of Assessment - approval of annual report - Motion-----	14
Director of Social Assistance - approval of annual report - Motion-----	14
District Officers - approved as amended - Motion-----	15
Dog Constables - appointment for licensing dogs - Motion-----	19
Finance and Executive Committee - approval of report re appointment of Solicitor - Motion-----	1
Finance and Executive Committee - referral of Municipal School Board Report re area school rates - Motion-----	9
Finance and Executive Committee - approval of report - Motion-----	10
Federation of Mayors and Municipalities - be urged to request the Federal Government to reinstate assistance program - Resolution-----	11
Finance and Executive Committee - review the payment re election workers - Motion-----	13
Finance and Executive Committee - approval of report - Motion-----	15
Finance and Executive Committee - seek a meeting with the Premier and Cabinet re shareable costs - Motion-----	17
Finance and Executive Committee - approval of report re Special area rates - Motion-----	17
Finance and Executive Committee - approval of third report - Motion-----	17-18
Finance and Executive Committee - approval of final report - Motion-----	19
Halifax-Dartmouth Regional Authority - re membership - Motion-----	4-5
Halifax-Dartmouth Regional Authority - consider other arrangements re appointment of Secretary-Treasurer - Motion-----	6
Halifax-Dartmouth Regional Authority - request for minutes for council member-Motion-----	6
Halifax County Hospital - re lease of property - Resolution-----	12
Halifax County Regional Library - be provided with six copies of the By-laws - Motion-----	12-13
Halifax County Hospital - appointment of Visiting Committee - Motion-----	16
Halifax Southeast Veterinary Assistance Board - appointment of Mr. Melvin Harris and Mr. Roscoe Tafflemire-Motion-----	16
Halifax Musquodoboit Veterinary Assistance Board - appointment of Mr. Havelock Erskine and Mr. Austin MacKay - Motion-----	16
Leonard, Miss Doris, appointment as recording secretary - Motion-----	1
Landfill operation - re Bedford - Motion-----	2-4
Lower Sackville - approval of rezoning re lands of Grant MacLaine - Motion-----	8
Lower Sackville - approval of rezoning re lands of Elia Ramia - Motion-----	8
Motion - appointment of Miss Doris Leonard as recording secretary-----	1
Motion - approval of Finance & Executive Committee report re appointment of Solicitor-----	1
Motion - appointment of Mr. A. William Cox, as Municipal Solicitor-----	1
Motion - approval of February Council Session minutes-----	1
Motion - approval to speak of two spokesmen from Bedford Service Commission re landfill operation-----	2-4
Motion - membership re Halifax-Dartmouth Regional Authority-----	4-5
Motion - Solicitor prepare a summary re legal position of independent bodies-----	5-6
Motion - Halifax-Dartmouth Regional Authority consider other arrangements re appointment of Secretary-Treasurer-----	6
Motion - request for minutes for Council Members re Halifax Dartmouth Regional Authority-----	6
Motion - correspondence be received-----	7
Motion - approval of Warden's report-----	7
Motion - approval of Director of Planning and Development Report-----	7
Motion - approval of Planning Advisory Committee report-----	7
Motion - Solicitor attend the Provincial Planning Appeal Board re Russell Attree Property-----	7
Motion - Planning Advisory Committee consider the possibility of greater set backs re building with water frontage-----	7
Motion - approval of amended zoning by-law for industrial uses re District #3-----	8
Motion - approval of rezoning re lands of Grant MacLaine, Lower Sackville-----	8
Motion - approval of rezoning re lands of Elia Ramia at Lower Sackville-----	8
Motion - approval of Supplementary Chief Building Inspectors' Report-----	8
Motion - approval of Municipal School Board Report-----	8-9

Motion - referral of Municipal School Board Report re area school rates to Finance and Executive Committee-----	9
Motion - Municipal School Board be requested to circulate the minutes of the meetings to the Municipal Council-----	9-10
Motion - Municipal School Board be requested to consider providing schoolyard lighting-----	10
Motion - approval of School Capital Program Committee report-----	10
Motion - approval of Finance and Executive Committee report-----	10
Motion - referral of remuneration re Weed Inspector to the Finance and Executive Committee-----	10
Motion - Department of Highways be advised of the concern of residents re construction of a causeway & bridge at Porter's Lake.-----	11
Motion - Item 19 to 23 inclusive of March Agenda be deferred to April Session-----	12
Motion - Halifax County Regional Library be provided with six copies of the By-law-----	12-13
Motion - The Finance and Executive Committee review the payment of election workers-----	13
Motion - adjournment of First Session-----	13
Motion - approval of annual Director of Assessment's Report-----	14
Motion - approval of annual Planning Advisory Committee report-----	14
Motion - approval of annual Director of Social Assistance Report-----	14
Motion - appointments by Council be deferred-----	14
Motion - appointment of Thorne, Riddell & Company as Auditors for 1976-----	14
Motion - approval of Revisal Section as tabled-----	14-15
Motion - approval of the annual report of the Municipal Collector and the statement re outstanding taxes-----	15
Motion - approval of Finance & Executive Committee Report-----	15
Motion - Finance and Executive Committee seek a meeting with the Premier and Cabinet re shareable costs-----	15
Motion - that the Municipal School Board review their estimates-----	15
Motion - approval of District officers as amended-----	15
Motion - adjournment of Second Session-----	15
Motion - approval of Minutes of Second Day Annual Session-----	16
Motion - appointment of Visiting Committee re Halifax County Hospital-----	16
Motion - appointment of Mr. Melvin Harris and Mr. Roscoe Tafflemire to the Halifax Southeast Veterinary Assistance Board-----	16
Motion - appointment of Mr. Havelock Erskine and Mr. Austin MacKay to the Halifax Musquodoboit Veterinary Assistance Board-----	16
Motion - appointment of Mr. Arthur Harrigan, Mr. Owen Dillman and Mr. Frank Holman to the Municipal Building Board-----	17
Motion - authorization to take delivery re paid coupons and bonds-----	17
Motion - authorization re Safety Deposit Boxes-----	17
Motion - approval of area school rates-----	17
Motion - approval of Finance and Executive Committee report re Special Area Rates-----	17
Motion - approval of Revenue and Expenditures for 1976-----	18-19
Motion - Municipal School Board consider hiring a new teacher re Mooseland School-----	19
Motion - appointment of Dog Constables for licensing of dogs-----	19
Motion - approval of final Finance and Executive Committee report-----	19
Motion - approval of Tax Rate-----	19-20
Motion - approval of Minutes of Annual Council Session, Third Day-----	20
Motion - adjournment of annual session-----	20
Ocean View Manor - appointment of Visiting Committee - Motion-----	16
Planning Advisory Committee - approval of report - Motion-----	7
Planning Appeal Board - the Solicitor be instructed to attend re Russell Attree Property - Motion-----	7
Planning Advisory Committee - consider greater set backs re buildings with water frontage - Motion-----	7
Porter's Lake - Department of Highways be advised of the concern of residents re construction of causeway and Bridge - Motion-----	10
Planning Advisory Committee - approval of annual report - Motion-----	14
Recording Secretary - appointment of Miss Doris Leonard - Motion-----	1
Rezoning - approval re lands of Grant MacLaine - Lower Sackville - Motion-----	8
Ramia, Elia - approval of rezoning re lands at Lower Sackville - Motion-----	8
Resolution - approval of amendment re Retirement Pension Plan-----	11
Resolution - Council urge the Federation of Mayors and Municipalities to request the Federal Government to reinstate assistance programs-----	11
Resolution - Lease of Property re Halifax County Hospital-----	12
Revisal Section - approved as tabled - Motion-----	14-15
Revenue and Expenditures - for 1976 approved - Motion-----	18-19
Solicitor - approval of Finance and Executive Committee report re appointment - Motion-----	1
Solicitor - appointment of Mr. A. William Cox, Q.C. - Motion-----	1
Solicitor - prepare a summary re legal position of independent bodies - Motion-----	5-6
Secretary - Treasurer - Halifax-Dartmouth Regional Authority consider other arrangements re appointment - Motion-----	6
Solicitor - be instructed to appear before the Planning Appeal Board re Russell Attree Property - Motion-----	7
School Yard Lighting - The Municipal School Board be requested to consider this service - Motion-----	10
School Capital Program Committee - approval of report - Motion-----	10
Safety Deposit Boxes - re authorization - Motion-----	17
Special Area Rates - approved - Motion-----	17
Special Area Rates - approval of Finance and Executive Committee report - Motion-----	17

Thorne, Riddell & Company - appointment as Auditors for 1976 - Motion-----14
Tax Rate - approval - Motion-----19-20
Visiting Committee - appointment for Halifax County Hospital - Motion-----16
Visiting Committee - appointment for Ocean View Manor - Motion-----16
Warden's Report - approval - Motion-----7
Weed Inspector - referral of remuneration to the Finance and Executive Committee - Motion-----11
Zoning By-law - approval of amendment re Industrial uses for District #3, - Motion-----8

MINUTES OF THE MARCH SESSION OF THE MUNICIPAL COUNCIL
OF THE THIRD YEAR COUNCIL OF THE THIRTY - EIGHTH COUNCIL
OF THE
MUNICIPALITY OF THE COUNTY OF HALIFAX

The Annual Session of the Council of the Municipality of the County of Halifax convened at the Municipal Administration Building at 10:00 a.m., Tuesday, March 16th., 1976 with Warden Ira S. Settle presiding.

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

It was moved by Councillor Anderson, seconded by Councillor MacKenzie:

"THAT Miss Doris Leonard be appointed Recording Secretary for this Session of Council."
Motion carried.

Mr. Bensted, Municipal Clerk advised that Deputy Warden Streach and Councillor Williams would be absent from this Session as they were both out of the City.

Mr. Bensted announced that the first item of business was the Report of the Finance and Executive Committee re appointment of a Municipal Solicitor, and he referred to the letter of application by Mr. A. William Cox, Q.C., attached to the report.

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

"THAT the Report of the Finance and Executive Committee re the appointment of a Municipal Solicitor be approved."
Motion carried.

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

"THAT Mr. A. William Cox, Q.C., be appointed as Municipal Solicitor for the Municipality of the County of Halifax for the year 1976."
Motion carried.

It was moved by Councillor Anderson, seconded by Councillor Smith:

"THAT the Minutes of the February Session of Council held on February 17th., 1976 be approved."
Motion carried.

The next item was Letters and Communications. Mr. Bensted drew the attention of Council Members to a letter received from Mrs. B. Joan Pryde, Clerk-Treasurer of the Bedford Service Commission requesting an audience for members of the Bedford Service Commission with the Municipal Council. Mr. Bensted's reply was also attached. The Municipal Clerk also announced that he had had a letter from Mr. Kenneth A. McInnis, Barrister, who advised that he would be speaking on behalf of the Bedford Service Commission.

Councillor Dunbar drew attention to the fact that there was a large delegation present at Council from the Bedford Service Commission and he requested that instead of one spokesman being heard for the Commission that they be allowed to present two, as there were different facets to the problem that they would like to bring out. It was, therefore, moved by Councillor Dunbar, seconded by Councillor McCabe:

"THAT the Municipal Council permit two (2) spokesmen to be heard on behalf of the Bedford Service Commission." Motion carried.

Mr. James McLean, Chairman of the Bedford Service Commission, then spoke at some length on how the people of Bedford had been denied a Public Hearing regarding the site for the landfill operation. He commented that the Province, apparently led by the Honourable Mr. G. Bagnell, had changed the location to Bedford and had not regarded the effects this would have on the Community. He stated that he was not persuaded that this was the best site. Regardless of public feeling, Mr. Bagnell had moved immediately into an agreement

TUESDAY, MARCH 16, 1976

to confirm the Jack Lake location. At this point he read a report from the Director of Environment of Ontario. He stated that this location should not be approved, that "never will there be a dump in Bedford."

Mr. Kenneth A. McInnis, Barrister, then took the Chair on behalf of the Bedford Service Commission. He stated that he had distributed copies of his statement to members of Council. He expressed his thanks to the Warden and Members of Council for the opportunity to present the case of the people of Bedford and asked for their support in having this regional problem settled.

Mr. McInnis then gave an outline of activities from 1972 on and recalled that the CanPlan Report did not define the location at Bedford to be a suitable site, and stated that the best location was Juniper Lake. He added that the Metropolitan Area Planning Commission chose the Beaverbank site. He commented that there were two things that were very clear from these reports (1) that Short Term disposal in Bedford was not the answer and (2) Juniper Lake was clearly the designated site. He felt that the "powers-that-be" be they the Provincial Government or the Regional Authority appeared determined to turn the Community of Bedford into a second class community. He stated that if the Bedford site is used as a short term development, then the regional problem has not been solved, that Regional Authority has not found a permanent solution.

Mr. McInnis stated that the Jack Lake site is opposed by the people of the Bedford area. There must be a solution to this problem, he commented - that an interim solution was needed until long term plans were made, however, he added, Bedford is not a viable solution - the proposed site is not isolated - clearly visible to all entering the Metropolitan area, tourists and residents alike. He stated that the Director of Planning for the Department of Highways is totally against an interchange, nevertheless he has been told that there will be an interchange. Obviously, this is not planning, he added, the choice of Bedford is folly.

Mr. McInnis, suggested to the Members of Council that they owed a duty to the residents of the County and that they had a duty to listen to the people of Bedford, and suggested that Council pass a Resolution at this Session withdrawing their support of the proposed site at Bedford.

Councillor Dunbar spoke of a letter which had been sent to Premier Gerald Regan quoting a resolution that had been passed by the Regional Authority and this was very disturbing in a number of aspects. He commented that apparently the decision made by the Regional Authority was made by them solely on press reports before there was a firm decision on Jack Lake. He stated that the letter was dated January 6th and that prior to that he had been asking for information in Council as to what was happening behind the scenes. He stated he had been advised that nothing was happening and yet Mr. Bagnell had made this letter available and he felt as Councillor for the District that there had been things that he had been unaware of.

Councillor Dunbar stated that we had fifteen Councillors who did not know what was going on and we had two who did know. He felt that they were not living up to the oath they had taken as Councillors.

Councillor Dunbar stated further that the people of Bedford had been completely stymied as to making their wishes known - they were not allowed to make comparisons with other sites and were hampered as far as free speech was concerned. He said the people asked questions of the Department of Environment and the Department of Health that they were unable to answer. In fact, he commented, the people of Bedford exhibited far more intelligence than the experts.

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

"THAT Council go on record as being opposed to the location of a Regional Dump at Bedford and not cooperate in any attempt to establish a dump in that community against the wishes of the residents."
(Withdrawn as Amended)

Councillor Hudson asked the Municipal Solicitor if the Halifax-Dartmouth Regional Authority was an agent of the Provincial Government and if she were to lease land from the Provincial

TUESDAY, MARCH 16, 1976

Government would she be exempt from the Zoning By-laws of the Municipality of the County of Halifax.

Mr. Eox replying to the first part of her question advised 'no', that the Authority was not an agent of the Provincial Government. With regard to the second part of her question, he stated that he would have to know the terms of the lease.

An amendment to Councillor Dunbar's motion was moved by Councillor Hudson, seconded by Councillor Nicholson:

"THAT Council recommend to, and request Regional Authority to proceed with a temporary site at Juniper Lake as proposed in both major studies on this problem until such times as a long term solution be found." Amendment carried.

A standing vote was taken on this amendment with the result thirteen (13) for, two (2) against. The Warden declared the amendment to the motion carried.

Councillor Killam said he felt he must caution the Members of Council and the people present that we should "look down the road" in regional interest and regional development. He stated that within the next ten years there would be a great increase in population in the Cities of Halifax and Dartmouth and he would hope that this County would be co-operative with these Cities, bearing in mind that it would be essential that we have co-operation in the urban core of Halifax County, and from that point of view he felt he must express the opinion that we do not refuse to deal with or co-operate with these bodies.

Councillor Killam further stated that when the Beaverbank site was selected some people were against it but the majority of Council approved it. The people of the Sackville Area conducted an excellent campaign, as have the people of Bedford. He said he personally had no axe to grind but he felt that the ball game rests with the Province of Nova Scotia - the Premier made the decision - and he alone. He said he felt that the Cities of Halifax and Dartmouth along with the County should work together for what is best in the long run. He noted that when a group gather together there is always a certain amount of emotion. There is bound to be concern. He felt there must be a better way of disposing of this problem but we have to work together to the benefit of the whole community.

Councillor Nicholson brought out that we are in co-operation with such bodies as the Correction Centre, Commissioners of the Court House and we are in agreement with the Cities of Halifax, and Dartmouth supplying water. He stated he could live with the original motion if the "non-co-operation" were taken out. He further stated that we must have disposal somewhere and it is not going to happen tomorrow whether this motion is passed or not. He said he did not feel that the City would cut us off the first of July but that was only his opinion.

Councillor Lawrence said she felt there were two important aspects - regionalism and the time factor. She stated she had been worrying for the last two months about where the County was going if the City cuts us off. She felt they would only be able to justify to their people their existence if there were definite plans for a landfill operation. She felt the motion was too limiting. She also said she would ask for a further study of Juniper Lake, and stated she felt otherwise we would be "painting ourselves in a corner."

Councillor Anderson commented that he had no hesitation in saying that he would support the people of Bedford, but while we are in sympathy, we are castigating the members of the Regional Authority from this Council. He said he felt this called for the resignation of those County Representatives from the Regional Authority.

The Municipal Clerk read the motion again.

Councillor Nicholson felt that a new motion was needed.

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

"THAT Council adjourn for five minutes to allow the Municipal Solicitor, the Municipal Clerk and Councillors concerned to draw up a new motion." Motion carried.

Council resumed and it was moved by Councillor Dunbar; seconded by Councillor McCabe:

"RESOLVED THAT Council go on record as being opposed to the location of a regional dump at Bedford or in any other residential area in the County of Halifax;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT Council recommends and requests Regional Authority to proceed at once with further consideration of a temporary site at Juniper Lake until such time as a long-term solution can be found;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT Council vigorously urge all appropriate authorities, including the Provincial Government, to give top priority to finding a long-term solution to the regional problem of waste disposal." Motion carried.

A standing vote was taken on this motion with the result fourteen (14) for, one (1) against. The Warden declared the Motion Carried.

It was moved by Councillor Fader, seconded by Councillor Nichblson:

"THAT Council adjourn until 1:30 p.m."
Motion carried.

AFTERNOON SESSION

The Municipal Clerk called the Roll.

Councillor Hudson said there were two things she wished to speak about in connection with our two representative members on Regional Authority. She commented that there was no indication that our representatives had voted against this action, and she felt that if we could not trust our two representatives to properly represent us, then it was her opinion that Council should take some action and request that these two members be asked to submit their resignation to Council.

It was therefore moved by Councillor Hudson, seconded by Councillor Dunbar:

"THAT the present two members of our Council on the Halifax-Dartmouth Regional Authority be asked to resign." Motion defeated.

A standing vote was taken on this motion with the result - two (2) for; twelve (12) against. Warden Settle declared the Motion Defeated.

The Municipal Solicitor advised the Members of Council that the Warden is designated to be one of the members of Regional Authority and they hold office for three years. In this case, if he were to resign he would be re-appointed.

Councillor Anderson said he felt we were not fairly represented on Regional Authority and he was disturbed that information has been denied members of Council. He felt that representation should be increased in order to have better representation. He also felt that members of Council were entitled to receive the Minutes, that it was difficult for Councillors to make decisions if they are not supplied with full information. He said he felt that the people of Bedford had been disappointed. He commented that it was probably drastic to ask representatives to resign, especially, where the Warden is mandatory. However, he stated, Members of Council should have information supplied to them. He felt that something should be done without resignations, such as more adequate representation. He felt that the Council's representatives had been unfairly criticized.

Councillor Lawrence requested Councillor Hudson to explain the underlying reason for her motion.

Councillor Hudson stated that several months ago, a motion was passed by this Council that

TUESDAY, MARCH 16, 1976

a Public Hearing should be held. She commented that the letter that was sent to Premier Regan was in direct contradiction to the motion as passed by this Council.

The Municipal Solicitor commented about the appointees of such a Board, advising that they are not bound by the instructions of this Council when operating on these Boards. He stated that this Council is simply the appointing body and cannot direct how a member should dispose of a matter. Councillors can make their wishes known but cannot direct the appointees how they should deal with a matter.

Councillor Hudson said she realized that representatives could not be told what they should do but she felt that they had a responsibility to bring back a report that the wishes of Council were not carried out. She commented that she found it very hard to accept when a matter goes on and on.

Councillor Dunbar asked how this Council could make recommendations when it did not know what is going on. He asked if the Regional Authority had the right to decide whether or not they will produce the Minutes of their meetings.

The Municipal Solicitor advised that the Regional Authority is in the same position as the Municipal School Board - they can determine how their Minutes are distributed.

Councillor Deveaux asked if we could not request Minutes from them. He stated he agreed with Councillor Hudson's motion but under the circumstances as Warden Settle is to remain on the Board he could not see where we would get anywhere.

Councillor Gaetz also commented on the fact that we never receive any Minutes from the Halifax County Hospital Management Board.

With regard to the disposition of letters, Councillor Slaunwhite commented that this may be a simple matter but it was totally different from rezoning - he stated that the letter of January 6th pointed out the concern as to the decision re Jack Lake. However, he added, we have a time limit - and we were pointing out our concern to the Premier and asking what we should do.

Councillor Johnson said he was under the impression that the Premier had made the decision, not the Regional Authority.

Warden Settle said it was indicated to the Authority that this was his decision.

Councillor Killam commented that he took exception to what was taking place as this would also include members of the Municipal School Board. He stated that there were many things happening at the School Board of which he did not approve and that we hear nothing about. He commented that the Regional Authority is outside of this Council - appointees become responsible to that Committee. He stated that he would not support the resignations of our representatives. He further stated that we all have weaknesses, and he believed it was an independent Board, and he was against this motion at this time.

It was moved by Councillor Anderson, seconded by Councillor Fader:

"THAT the Solicitor be asked to supply Council with a summary re the legal position of independent bodies to which Council makes appointments." Motion carried.

Councillor Hudson said she was disturbed to hear that Councillor Killam did not approve of some of the things that go on in the Municipal School Board. She stated that they have not heard anything about them and that if there were things he did not approve of she would speak of them.

Councillor Hudson recalled that at the time of the death of Mr. Hattie and Mr. Bensted took over that it was her opinion that this Municipality did not have sufficient staff. The Cities of Halifax and Dartmouth have far more staff than we do, but Mr. Bensted still is working as Secretary and she felt that he is far too busy and that we should put an end to this phase of his work.

Councillor Slaunwhite pointed out that the Clerk-Treasurer has served this Municipality well - looking after our interests with regard to finances and grants etc.

Councillor Hudson did not feel that we should be taking on contracts for other agencies.

TUESDAY, MARCH 16, 1976

Councillor McCabe said he was sorry to hear that Councillor Killam was not happy with the Municipal School Board and would invite him to write in any complaints that he has.

Councillor Deveaux commented that a motion had been brought in that Departments be reviewed. One was the Planning Department. He stated that he had been trying for two years to get numbers on the houses and has always been told there were not enough people to do it. Unightly Premises is another problem.

Councillor Lawrence asked how much time was devoted to the Halifax-Dartmouth Regional Authority.

Mr. Bensted, Municipal Clerk, advised that this varies. In the run of a year not a great deal of time. He stated that his feelings would not be hurt in anyway if he were not Secretary. He said he had advised the Regional Authority at the time of Mr. Hattie's death that it would be on a temporary basis only and had advised them on two occasions since that time. He said that the demand was not great except at certain times - that the last couple of weeks had been active because there had been several meetings.

Councillor Hudson stated that she had not, at any time, had any wish to reflect on the work that Mr. Bensted has done, but she feels that it is very unfair to Mr. Bensted to ask extra work of him.

Councillor Anderson commented that if we are going into the area of Secretarial services, it might be a good policy to hire a secretary for all meetings. This would be much more beneficial, but if the relief of the Municipal Clerk injures his income, then we should consider his earnings.

Mr. Bensted advised, speaking of remuneration received from Regional Authority and Court House Commission, that it was a grand total of \$750.00 a year, so he would not be greatly alarmed at losing this responsibility and revenue.

Councillor Fader stated that Mr. Bensted had a lot of commitments with regard to the County and that he is overworked and he is the gentleman who can tell us if he can handle the job. He further stated that this year we are being faced with elections in twenty-one districts instead of seventeen, and commented that this meant a lot of work on the part of the Municipal Clerk. He wondered where Mr. Bensted finds enough time to accomplish his duties.

Mr. Bensted advised that we have recently hired a comptroller - and at this time, introduced Mr. Kenneth S. Wilson who was present in the Council Chamber. Mr. Bensted said that in line with this change there are other changes which the Finance and Executive Committee have discussed in principle. He said it was his hope that these changes would relieve him of some of the responsibility and give us a much better over-all operation. He said there would be some other recommendations come before Council that he hoped they would be acting on.

At this time, Warden Settle asked Mr. Wilson to come to the dais and be formally introduced to the Members of Council.

Mr. Wilson stated that he had just been here for two days and it was difficult to assess the situation at this time, that many things with regard to accounting machines were being looked into.

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

"THAT Council go on record as recommending that the Halifax-Dartmouth Regional Authority consider other arrangements with respect to the appointment of a Secretary-Treasurer." Motion carried.

Councillor Deveaux said that there was no guarantee that they would know what was going on at the Regional Authority and MAPC if they did not receive the Minutes.

It was moved by Councillor Deveaux, seconded by Councillor Dunbar:

"THAT the Halifax-Dartmouth Regional Authority be requested to circulate their Minutes to the Members of the Municipal Council." Motion carried.