

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

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

The Report of the Director of Planning and Development was then considered.

It was moved by Councillor Benjamin, seconded by Councillor Walker:

"THAT the Report of the Director of Planning and Development be approved." Motion Carried.

Next was the Report of the Planning Advisory Committee. The Municipal Clerk gave a brief resume of this report.

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

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

It was moved by Councillor Lachance:

"THAT Item No. 3 - Application No. 31-76 - Better Water Industries Limited of Bedford - to rezone from R-4 (Residential General Zone) to C-1 (Commercial Local Business Zone) be referred back to the Planning Advisory Committee for reconsideration."

There was no seconder for this motion. and it was withdrawn.

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

"THAT Item No. 3 - re Better Water Industries Limited be dealt with following the Planning Advisory Committee Report." Motion Carried.

After much discussion, by Councillor Deveaux, with regard to Item No. 6 - Application for undersize lot 1966 Legislation - Francis D. Horne - Caldwell Road, Eastern Passage, Portion "A", it was moved by Councillor Streach, seconded by Councillor Deveaux:

"THAT Item No. 6 - Francis D. Horne - be dealt with separately." Motion Carried.

Considerable discussion took place on the floor of Council with regard to Application No. 27-76 - Garfield Drake - re rezoning of Lot "A" on Highway No. 333 at Glen Margaret from G (General Building Zone) to T. (Mobile Home Park Zone).

It was moved by Councillor Margeson, seconded by Councillor Streach:

"THAT Item No. 13 (Garfield Drake) be dealt with separately." Motion Carried.

Councillor Benjamin spoke with regard to Item No. 10 - Regional Transit, and asked if the Councillors could be provided with up-dated information before the next Session of Council. He said he had attended one of the local transit meetings and a resolution was made that a letter go to the Canadian National Railways to increase the passenger line from the extremities to our metro centre. He added that he was strongly in favour of this along the Truro route, and any information that Councillors could have for the Planning Committee with relation to the Canadian National Railways would be most helpful.

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

"THAT Item No. 10 (Regional Transit) be dealt with separately." Motion Carried.

After some discussion it was moved by Councillor MacKay, seconded by Councillor Sutherland:

"THAT Item No. 11 (Rezoning Application No. 23-76 - H.W. Arnold Subdivision) be deleted from this Report." Motion Carried.

With regard to Item No. 8, (Harold G. Pike and David H. Pike - Waverley-Councillor Benjamin

asked if this was the proper time to recommend that a date be set for a Public Hearing. He was advised by the Municipal Clerk that this could be dealt with after the report had been adopted.

It was moved by Councillor Streach, seconded by Councillor Lachance:

"BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council give notice of its intention in the usual manner to amend the Zoning By-law by rezoning lands of the Nova Scotia Housing Commission, Phase 1A, Forest Hills Development, Cole Harbour, from G (General Building Zone) to R1 (Residential Single Family Dwelling Zone). Application No. 29-76." Motion Carried.

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

"BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council give notice in the usual manner to amend the Zoning By-law by rezoning lands of Tantallon Woods Subdivision, Upper Tantallon, from G (General Building Zone) to R1 (Residential Single Family Dwelling Zone). Application No. 33-76." Motion Carried.

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

"BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council give notice in the usual manner to amend the Zoning By-law by rezoning lands of Chestnut Realty Limited, Astral Drive, Cole Harbour, from G (General Building Zone) to TH (Townhouse Zone). Application No. 34-76." Motion Carried.

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

"BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council give notice in the usual manner of its intention to approve an undersized lot under the 1966 legislation lands of Nora Slauenwhite, Terence Bay, Halifax County. Application No. 317-76." Motion Carried.

It was moved by Councillor Benjamin, seconded by Councillor Streach:

"BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council give notice in the usual manner of its intention to approve as an undersized lot under the 1966 legislation lands of Harold G. Pike and David H. Pike, at Waverley, Halifax County." Motion Carried.

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

"WHEREAS the Planning Advisory Committee discussed the Municipal Plan at length with the consultants on December 6th., 1976.

AND WHEREAS the Planning Advisory Committee has recommended to Council the adoption of Concept III.

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council accept the recommendation of the Planning Advisory Committee and adopt Concept III as the avenue to be followed in the preparation of the Municipal Development Plan for the County." Motion Carried.

With regard to Item No. 3 - Better Water Industries Limited, Bedford - Councillor Benjamin commented that a Public Hearing had been held by the Planning Advisory Committee and Council has, by resolution, given this authority to the Planning Advisory Committee to hold Public Hearings and they had heard the arguments for and against and have made a resolution. He felt there was nothing to stop Council from discussing it - that Council had not heard such representations unless there were people in the gallery today to speak both for and against it.

The Municipal Solicitor advised that the policy followed by Council is when Planning Advisory Committee holds Public Hearings it does not hear one side only - an opportunity is given to all persons who have made representations to be heard. He added, from a legal point of view, Council should give an opportunity to both sides if Council is to hear one side before making a decision.

Councillor Streach said that the reason he asked that this be dealt with separately was because he felt it could be a controversial item, and he felt some Councillors might wish to discuss it. He added that he felt that any Committee of this Council have a job to do but he did not personally feel that Council, as a whole, is automatically obliged to accept the recommendation of that Committee.

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

"THAT the request for rezoning Application No. 31-76 - Better Water Industries Limited - be granted and Council give notice in the usual manner to amend the Zoning By-law.

BE IT RESOLVED THAT lands of Better Water Industries Limited, Bedford, be rezoned from R-4 (Residential General Zone) to C1 (Commercial Local Business Zone)." Motion Carried

A standing vote was taken on this motion with the result ten (10) for, nine (9) against. Warden Settle declared the motion carried.

Councillor Cosman commented that, as a new member of the County Planning Advisory Committee, she was somewhat confused - that her understanding was that after Planning Advisory Committee held the hearing that if their decision was disagreed upon that the next step was to go to the Planning Appeal Board, and she said she would appreciate comments from the Municipal Solicitor as to whether or not this was fair. She added that she did not know if Mrs. Pryde, Clerk-Treasurer for the Bedford Service Commission, was given any notification that this was to be brought up at Council by Mr. Havill. She added that she did not realize that this would come back to Council as a semi-Public Hearing, and said if it was going to be brought up again she would appreciate if Mr. Gough would bring up the charts that had been shown to the Committee. She said she was against spot rezoning, and that the people in the area she represented were concerned.

The Municipal Solicitor stated that Council has, by resolution, delegated to the Planning Advisory Committee the responsibility of holding Public Hearings. This was done, he said to give greater convenience to the people so they could be heard at meetings. All Planning Advisory Committee does, he commented, is report back to Council and it is Council that passes the resolution. An appeal may be entered to the Provincial Planning Appeal Board, but Council does not hold a second Public Hearing.

It was moved by Councillor Eisenhauer, seconded by Councillor MacKay:

"THAT this item be deferred to the January Session of Council along with a plan re Highways and non-conforming use." Motion Defeated.

A standing vote was taken on this motion with the result nine (9) for, ten (10) against. Warden Settle declared the motion defeated.

Councillor Streach commented that Council was merely discussing a topic on the agenda - that there was no indication that we are having a Public Hearing - just discussion on a recommendation. He did not feel that seven members of this Council could make a recommendation and the rest of Council necessarily swallow it.

Councillor Williams stated that, in his opinion, there was no reason why this zone change could not be made for this piece of property. He felt that the brief presented was a very good one, very explanatory and to the point and he felt that if it was re-zoned it would be very much better than it was today and he said he would have to go against the Planning Advisory Committee and concur with Councillor Streach that no one Committee can dictate to Council, they can only recommend.

Councillor Lawrence said she disagreed with Councillor Williams in the matter of dictating - that the Planning Advisory Committee was in no way dictating a decision - that it was Council that made the final decision. She added that what was being discussed was spot rezoning in a heavily travelled road, and spot rezoning was not considered to be good for the area.

Councillor Topple commented that one had to take care with rezoning something commercial as we have to think about what might go in there. He did not think the decision to spot rezone was a good one, that spot rezoning was creating problems in his own area.

At this point, Mr. Gough, Director of Planning and Development, discussed in detail, the features of the chart, after which Councillor Eisenhauer spoke at length.

There was some discussion with regard to traffic problems and Mr. Gough commented that staff were opposed to spot rezoning and did not think that the By-law should be amended for economic reasons.

Councillor Cosman stated that she was against spot rezoning in such a congested area, that there was plenty of commercial land to be used in Bedford.

Councillor Benjamin said he was against the policy of spot rezoning. He said that even though this is abutting the railway he understood that it was not compatible to making any sidings, and transit through this area would be looked upon with distaste by the Community. He felt there should be a recommendation that future improvements would be made to the highway.

Mr. Gough commented that this was what he meant when he said it could be disastrous, and he did not know if the Highways have made any studies, and added that planning consultants have recommended that no rezoning take place in Bedford at all, at this time.

Councillor MacKay said he did not support the motion, he felt it was up to the people making the application to make sure the Planning Advisory Committee had sufficient information which he felt was lacking. He felt that if we permitted this spot rezoning it would clear the way for other spot rezoning and suggested that the situation be carefully looked at.

Councillor Poirier spoke of the apartment building that was already there. She commented that in her opinion this type of business would not have as much traffic as an apartment building and might just turn out to be an asset to the community. She said she could not see where there was such a big issue.

Councillor MacKay commented that Councillor Poirier's point was well taken but that this was not the point in question - spot rezoning is the problem and if we agree to this there would be no reason why we would not agree to others.

Councillor Lawrence spoke in support of Mr. Gough and said that in the year she had been on the Planning Advisory Committee she had never met a Planner who was in favour of spot rezoning.

Councillor Streach commented that there is a difference between Planners and Politicians. He said that we have to take each point on its own value, that it was his opinion that small business has got to be able to survive and the reasons for small businesses wanting certain locations is economically feasible. He said he supported the motion on the floor. He agreed that the residents of Bedford had a legitimate reason to complain - that the number of non-conforming business on the Bedford highway outnumber the number of residences.

Councillor Margeson said he would be very happy to invite Better Water Industries to the Kinsac area at any time.

After further discussion it was moved by Councillor Fader, seconded by Councillor Streach:

"THAT Council adjourn until one o'clock." Motion Carried.

#### AFTERNOON SESSION

Council re-convened at one o'clock. The Municipal Clerk called the Roll.

The Municipal Clerk announced that Councillor McCabe had left to attend a funeral.

Councillor Lachance spoke about a man in his area who had been burned out in his area and said that he would appreciate any donations that Councillors like to make which he would add to what the District was donating.

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

"THAT the Minutes of the Special Session of the Municipal Council held on Tuesday, December 14th., 1976 be deferred for approval to the January Session of the Municipal Council." Motion Carried.

Warden Settle and the Municipal Clerk explained the statistics re shareable portions with regard to Municipal School Board budgets which had been placed on the Councillors' desks.

Councillor Deveaux went back over the history in connection with the application of Francis D. Horne - Caldwell Road, Eastern Passage, Portion "A", and after some discussion, it was moved by Councillor Deveaux, seconded by Councillor Walker:

"BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council give notice in the usual manner of its intention to approve as an undersized lot under the

1966 legislation lands of Francis D. Horne, Caldwell Road, Eastern Passage." Motion Carried.

A standing vote was taken on this motion with the result thirteen (13) for; three (3) against. Warden Settle declared the motion carried.

Councillor Lachance asked if Council had the right to pass the lot as an undersized lot. He asked if we did not have the right would it be a contradiction to invite the man to a Public Hearing when he might not get approval.

The Municipal Solicitor expressed the opinion that this application does not come within the terms of the 1966 legislation.

Councillor Streach asked if there had been a precedent set in such a case before and was advised by the Warden that decisions have been made on lots but that this was a different case.

Councillor Lachance commented if we chose not to follow advice given that the man might be worse off than he was before if the Department of Municipal Affairs should rescind what we have done. He was advised by the Municipal Solicitor that the Province cannot rescind our decision but someone might decide to take legal action at a later date.

There was a great deal of discussion on regional transit led off by Councillor Eisenhauer.

The Municipal Clerk advised Council Members that until we do have legislation approved by the Minister of Municipal Affairs we do not have the authority to become involved in transit. He added that a study would have to be carried out by someone and at this point he did not know what the starting point would be - did not know what areas would be looked at. It would mean getting down to determine the actual cost - how much service would be provided. He added that the proposal put forth by Halifax is a proposal only, that there were a lot of angles and questions that would have to be looked into.

Warden Settle advised that the report Councillor Eisenhauer referred to was prepared by the Manager of the Halifax City Transit.

Councillor Lawrence commented that after considerable discussion there had been a motion from the Planning Advisory Committee that our consultants be asked for what information they had gleaned for the preparation of the Municipal Development Plan in monitoring transit. They were not commissioning them to make a study, just asking for the information that they now had. She said that she was quite sympathetic that we should not stand on the outside while various preliminary investigations are being made, and added that Planning, have been delegated to look into transit to some extent, they are asking our Planning Consultants for any data that they might have.

Councillor Deveaux expressed the opinion that we should have something to bring to the meeting which takes place in April.

The Municipal Clerk said that one problem is that the Committee do not have the dollars to deal with this, that until our 1977 budget is made up we just do not have the dollars to spend right now. He added that there had been some surveys in the Bedford-Sackville area through MAPC.

Warden Settle advised that the Regional Government has shown an interest in Regional Transit.

It was moved by Councillor Eisenhauer, seconded by Councillor Streach:

"THAT the Finance and Executive Committee and the Planning Advisory Committee be asked to look at the area transit in a planning aspect and report back to Council at the January Session of Council ." Motion Carried.

The Municipal Solicitor advised that the County has no authority to spend money on transit. He added, we can spend money on schools, but we have to have special legislation for spending money and we do not have the authority to spend money on transit and, he added, this is not peculiar to municipalities but also applies to towns.

Councillor Cosman commented that Council is not asking the County to spend money on transit - but rather to spend money on planning, that we have to have some input into it. She felt that we should plan for this so that when the problem does come up we will have some input to offer.

With regard to the spending of money, Councillor Topple advised that the two cities can levy a rate but the County cannot. He felt that this study did not serve the people - the study was whether or not it would be profitable to the transit system. He felt it was obvious that people were interested in transit and that legislation might be a move down the right road - that it was time we started asking questions even though we do not have the power to

spend money. He added that it was frustrating to be told what we cannot do - we should be advised what we can do.

The Municipal Solicitor advised that Councillors refrain from talking about transit - that perhaps they could consider whether it would be appropriate to extend the terms of reference in the planning field. He added that the Municipality has authority with regard to planning.

Councillor Baker said he supported the suggestion that a study be made. He said he had a petition with regard to Harrietsfield - and advised that he had a private operator in mind who would give service.

Councillor Fader commented that this comes down to a situation of urban and rural. Perhaps the Councillors in the urban area could cost-share such a study, or perhaps set an area rate. He felt that Councillors should face up to this responsibility. He said he did not expect the Municipality to carry out this study - that we could be burdened with an area rate and it could be quite high.

Council then dealt with Item No. 13 of the Planning Advisory Committee Report - Garfield Drake - Application No. 27-76 .

Councillor Lawrence commented that the Municipal Solicitor had advised that contract zoning was not legally possible under the Zoning By-law but was possible under the Provincial Planning Act. She felt that, strictly speaking, he was advising that he was not in favour of contract zoning. She added that technically speaking we may be edging out on a limb.

It was moved by Councillor Margeson, seconded by Councillor Benjamin:

"THAT Council not approve the proposed rezoning for Application No. 27-76 (Garfield Drake)" (See Motion to refer)

After a great deal of discussion, it was moved by Councillor Lawrence, seconded by Councillor Eisenhower:

"THAT the application for rezoning - Garfield Drake No. 27-76, be referred back to the Planning Advisory Committee for a further report to Council." Motion Carried.

A standing vote was taken with the result fifteen (15) for, three (3) against. Warden Settle declared the motion carried.

Councillor Lawrence announced that Public Hearings are going to take place in the evening commencing on January 17th., 1977.

Deputy Warden MacKenzie asked if members of Council are invited to the Public Hearings and he was advised by the Municipal Clerk that this has been done for the last two or three months that whether they attend or not - they attend as spectators.

Councillor Fader felt that Public Hearings should be held by Council as a whole.

The Municipal Clerk advised that Hearings used to be held by Council and they took up a great deal of time.

Councillor Lachance commented that the situation is that we are all looking at the problem from a different point of view. He added that we have to have a policy statement made so we can come to the same decision. It does not matter if all the Councillors attend, we are not following a certain format, that if we all attend the meetings and are not together in an approach to planning we are still in a mess.

Councillor Margeson agreed that this was a good point - terms of reference is what he is looking for and that is what we are all looking for - this would be very valuable.

It was moved by Councillor Eisenhower, seconded by Councillor Cosman:

"THAT we continue with the business of the day." Motion Carried.

Appointment of a non-council member to the Planning Advisory Committee then took place.

Councillor Williams nominated GORDON W. NICHOLSON of Lakeside. This nomination was seconded by Councillor Baker.

Councillor Fader nominated MRS. SILVIA HUDSON of Waverley. This nomination was seconded by Councillor Lachance.

Councillor Cosman nominated MR. ALLAN RUFFMAN of Ferguson's Cove. This nomination was seconded by Councillor Sutherland.

It was moved by Councillor Streach, seconded by Councillor Eisenhauer:

"THAT nominations cease." Motion Carried.

For the benefit of the new Councillors, each Councillor gave a resume of their nominee.

On the first ballot the following were the results: Gordon W. Nicholson six (6), Mrs. Silvia Hudson three (3): Allan Ruffman nine (9).

There being no clear majority, a second ballot was taken with the following result: Gordon Nicholson - seven (7): Allan Ruffman - eleven (11). Warden Settle declared Mr. Ruffman duly elected.

Councillor MacKay commented that it seemed to him that this Council Session was being rushed - that Councillors were not doing justice to the people who elected them by leaving and he did not approve of this.

It was agreed to deal with the Supplementary Report of the Chief Building Inspector at this time.

It was noted that Item No. 8 Lot A-2, Maynard Knowles Subdivision - the name was not given. This was found to be in the name of Marion Sparks.

It was moved by Councillor Topple seconded by Councillor Deveaux:

"THAT the Report of the Chief Building Inspector be deferred to the January Session of Council." Motion Defeated.

A standing vote was taken with the result seven (7) for and seven (7) against. This being a tie vote, Warden Settle declared the motion defeated.

Councillor MacKay said he had never understood the term of lesser setbacks and side yard clearances. These were explained by Warden Settle and the Municipal Clerk, also how they were dealt with by the Building Inspector.

After further discussion, it was moved by Councillor Fader, seconded by Councillor Eisenhauer:

"THAT the Report of the Chief Building Inspector be adopted." Motion Carried.

A standing vote was taken with the result thirteen (13) for, two (2) against. Warden Settle declared the motion carried.

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

It was moved by Deputy Warden MacKenzie, seconded by Councillor Eisenhauer:

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

Councillor Lawrence asked if the Athletic Field for Lower Sackville was still on the books for 1977 and was advised by the Municipal Clerk that it was to be considered when the Provincial Budget for the year 1977 was made up.

Councillor Eisenhauer advised that there was a Committee in Upper Sackville who were concerned with future expansion and wondered if there were anything the School Capital Committee could do to help these people. He was advised by the Municipal Clerk to have them write to the Municipal School Board who in turn would make a recommendation to Council.

Councillor Lachance asked why there was no report from the Municipal School Board and was advised by the Municipal Clerk that no report was received.

Councillor Lachance spoke of the erosion of government. He said it bothered him that we tend to give away our authority, he felt that the Municipality was passing the buck - that the Trustees are an agent of the Municipal School Board and he wanted to go on record as being very upset of the support by one of our Committees.

Councillor MacKay spoke of Councillors on the Municipal School Board, (past Councillors who have no say in Council Sessions) and he felt that this was overlapping - they could not get together, and he wondered how it could be changed so that there would be no overlapping.

The Municipal Solicitor advised that under the provisions of the Education Act, appointments for the Municipal School Board run from March for three years. He advised that the Education Act would have to be changed by the Legislature.

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

"THAT a letter be sent to the Minister of Education respecting concern in that non-sitting Councillors may still hold their appointment to the Municipal School Board." Motion Carried.

Councillor Fader commented that Councillor MacKay's idea was a good one and should relate not only to the Municipal School Board but to the County Board of Health, County Hospital, Ocean View, etc. He felt that Committee appointments should die on the day of election and the new ones become available. He felt that the whole structure would be changed whereby when the person is defeated, their appointment is defeated also.

Councillor Lachance spoke on the community use of schools and was advised by the Municipal Solicitor that this matter was within the jurisdiction of the Municipal School Board - it was their decision. Councillor Lachance said he wanted the Municipal School Board to know there is at least one Councillor who is not happy with their treatment of this item.

Councillor Cosman said she had spoken with some of the School Bus Drivers and questioned the safety of the busses. The Municipal Clerk advised that he felt sure if she were to approach Mr. Perry, the information she requested would be available.

It was moved by Councillor Cosman, seconded by Councillor Eisenhauer:

"THAT the following information be received from the Municipal School Board:

- How many busses?
- How often the busses are inspected?
- What is the age of the busses?
- Standard of Inspection in comparison to public transit
- Braking
- Seating
- Driver Training
- Power Steering " Motion Carried.

The Municipal Solicitor advised that the safety standards come under the Public Utilities Board.

Councillor MacKay said it was obvious there was not enough feedback from the Municipal School Board to this Council. It was apparent that none of the Councillors receive their minutes.

It was moved by Councillor MacKay, seconded by Councillor Cosman:

"THAT a letter go to the Municipal School Board requesting Minutes be circulated to Members of Council and a monthly report to Council from the Municipal School Board through the Superintendent of the Municipal School Board subject to the deleting of matters of a personal nature." Motion Carried.

The Municipal Solicitor advised that the Municipal School Board is a separate entity - not under the control of this Council. We can request their Minutes but we cannot order the Municipal School Board to do anything. They operate under the Education Act - not under this Council.

Councillor MacKay suggested that if they would not give Councillors the Minutes perhaps the Municipal Clerk would circulate them. The Municipal Clerk advised that he did not have them. Councillor MacKay said as a member of the School Board he received them and he could give them to the Municipal Clerk and he could circulate them. The Municipal Clerk advised Councillor MacKay to consider his position as a Commissioner of the Municipal School Board.

The Municipal Solicitor advised that the Reports that the Municipal School Board send to Council cannot be changed - they can only be received, the only other course would be to request that the Education Act be changed.

Councillor Topple asked if the answer to this might be to request the Minister of Education to instruct the School Board to issue copies of the Minutes. He was advised by the Municipal Clerk that he did not think the Minister could direct them to do it. He added - the Minister might suggest it but he could not direct it. He added that the Minister would have the power to recommend a change in the Act but he could not change the Act himself.

The Municipal Solicitor advised that one problem is that the Municipal School Board in a great many instances deals with matters of a very personal nature re students, teachers. The Municipal School Board does not think this should be public information. He added that subject to that one reservation, he could see no reason why they should not be available.



Councillor MacKay commented that in a few months the new members would be on the Board and perhaps something could be done about it at that time.

Next on the Agenda was the Report of the Finance and Executive Committee. The Municipal Clerk gave a brief resume of this Report.

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

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

Councillor Topple spoke of the causeway at Porter's Lake and asked if this would be a cost to the Municipality. He was informed by the Municipal Clerk that this study would be carried out by the Provincial Government.

Councillor Topple also spoke of the recommendation by the Committee with regard to the Rural Heritage Society. He commented that he was in favour of this exemption but he questioned the fact that a by-law had been prepared by the Committee and he felt that the Council is the only source with authority to draft by-laws.

The Municipal Clerk advised that this is just a matter of expediency - if exemption is to be granted in 1977 it has to be approved at the December Session and sent to the Minister of Municipal Affairs.

Councillor Topple asked if the Committee had the power to ask the Solicitor to draft By-laws.

The Municipal Solicitor explained that by-laws are simply explanatory resolutions put to Council. They are just prepared to deal with Councils decisions. He added that if Council would like him to defer this he would, but it would slow matters up. He said he was not taking any decisions away from Council, simply being prepared.

Councillor Cosman spoke at some length with regard to the item on computers and the Municipal Clerk explained how we had come by the system we now have and the problems that have incurred for some time now. He stated that he along with the Comptroller, the Municipal Collector, the Business Manager of the Municipal School Board and the Chairman of the Finance and Executive Committee were having a very serious look at equipment. The Committee is requesting a least-rental basis on equipment - he added, that they want to make very sure that the equipment is something they want "to live with".

Councillor Poirier spoke about Glengarry Subdivision and commented that if such a change is made in equipment that perhaps the water and sewer services will be taken over by the County if the owners go bankrupt.

The Municipal Clerk advised that if that situation should happen this is correct. He added that in negotiations with the subdivider this is not a request, the only reason for it being considered is that Central Mortgage and Housing Corporation will not consider financing unless that type of clause is included, but he did not anticipate the clause would ever be used.

Councillor Poirier advised that the road going into the subdivision was disgraceful, that the people had beautiful homes but the road in was a disgrace. She spoke of a discussion she had had with the developers Kelly & Fitzgerald. She said they had two wells and were in the process of drilling another well and added that if he goes bankrupt he loses all his equipment as he has put this up as a guarantee. He had been advised by the Public Works Department that they had had all kinds of problems and felt that the only answer was for the County to take over the services.

The Municipal Clerk advised that the Municipality had not, at any point, taken over services that have been served by drilled wells. He added if the Municipality were to take over such a system there would be no way the Municipality could guarantee that supply of water.

Councillor Poirier commented that the Municipality had put the man in this position and she felt it was not fair of the Municipal Development Plan to put these people in this position.

The Municipal Clerk said it was not the fault of the Municipality, it was the fault of the developer deciding to go ahead and he felt it was not fair to suggest that the Municipality bail them out of their problems.

Considerable discussion ensued with regard to this item and the Clerk agreed to look at the situation with the developers.

A great deal of discussion ensued with regard to the control of dogs and the dog license fees and fine. The question of dog control was considered to be one of the greatest problems in the County.

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

"WHEREAS at the November 1976 Session of Council the Municipal School Board Report contained recommendations with respect to certain capital expenditures,

AND WHEREAS the Finance and Executive Committee has considered such report and had recommended to Council that the capital items contained therein be approved in principle.

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council approve the said capital items in principle and instruct the Municipal Clerk to include these items in the five year capital program for approval by Council and submit the same to the Provincial Department of Education for its consideration and approval under its capital program." Motion Carried.

It was moved by Deputy Warden MacKenzie, seconded by Councillor Fader:

"WHEREAS the Provincial Government has initiated and carried out a changeover in the function and control of the Halifax County Hospital so that the institution cease to be a mental hospital under the Mental Hospital Act and has become a rehabilitation centre under the Social Services Act.

AND WHEREAS the Council is concerned over the mechanics of such changeover and the existence of a number of unanswered questions concerning it.

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council request a meeting be convened by the Minister of Social Services with the Finance and Executive Committee of Council in order to have a full discussion with the Minister on these outstanding and unanswered questions.

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT Council indicate its desire that the meeting be with the Minister of Social Services and not only with members of his Department." Motion Carried.

It was moved by Councillor Cosman, seconded by Councillor Eisenhauer:

"WHEREAS Council has received correspondence indicating that certain concerned citizens have requested a formal and Environmental Control study and a hearing by the Nova Scotia Environmental Control Council on the construction by the Provincial Department of Highways of a causeway across Porter's Lake.

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council support this request for an environmental study and public hearing in order to determine whether or not the concerns expressed by the citizens are justified or not.

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT copies of this resolution be sent to the Premier, the Minister of Highways, and the Minister of Environment." Motion Carried.

It was moved by Councillor Fader, seconded by Deputy Warden MacKenzie:

"WHEREAS the Cole Harbour Rural Heritage Society is registered as a charitable organization under the Income Tax Act (Canada) and regulations made thereunder as evidenced by Registration No. 0443408-52-03.

BE IT RESOLVED that the following be and the same is hereby adopted and enacted as a by-law of the Municipality of the County of Halifax when and if the same has received the approval of the Minister of Municipal Affairs and that the Municipal Clerk be and he is hereby instructed to forward the same to the Minister and request his approval hereof.

1976

DECEMBER SESSION

A BY-LAW TO EXEMPT FROM TAXATION PROPERTY OF THE  
COLE HARBOUR RURAL HERITAGE SOCIETY

1. BE IT RESOLVED THAT the property of the Cole Harbour Rural

Heritage Society located at Cole Harbour in the County of Halifax and on which is situate the so-called "Little Church Building" at the top of Long Hill be and the same is hereby exempt from taxation under the Assessment Act commencing with the year 1977 provided that such property is used directly and solely for a charitable purpose." Motion Carried.

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

"WHEREAS the Municipality has entered into a Subdividers Agreement with Glengarry Developments Limited relative to certain lands of that Company situate at Timberlea.

AND WHEREAS it is desirable to amend the said Agreement and a copy of such amendment has been submitted to Council.

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Warden and Clerk be and they are hereby authorized and instructed to execute the amending Agreement, a copy of which is attached to this resolution, on behalf of the Municipality." Motion Carried.

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

"BE IT RESOLVED THAT the following be and the same is hereby adopted and enacted as a by-law of the Municipality of the County of Halifax when and if the same has received the approval of the Minister of Municipal Affairs, and that the Municipal Clerk be and he is hereby instructed to forward the same to the Minister and request his approval hereof.

1976

DECEMBER SESSION

A BY-LAW TO AMEND THE MUNICIPAL COUNCIL  
BY-LAW

1. The Municipal Council By-law is amended by repealing subsections (1) and (2) of Section 4 and substituting therefor the following:

(1) The Council shall convene at seven o'clock in the afternoon on the first day of each meeting or so soon thereafter as circumstances permit, and at each succeeding session at the like hour or at such other hour as is specified on the preceding motion of adjournment.

2. The said Section 4 is further amended by renumbering subsections (3) and (4) as subsections (2) and (3).

3. This By-law shall take effect on and not before the first day of January, 1977." Motion Carried.

Some discussion ensued by Councillor Cosman and Councillor Benjamin relative to holding two Council Sessions per month instead of one.

The Municipal Solicitor gave a summary of the legislation regarding transit.

It was moved by Councillor Eisenhauer, seconded by Councillor Cosman:

"BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Municipal Solicitor be and he is hereby instructed to take all necessary steps to have the legislation empowering Municipal Council to deal with transit and transportation problems placed before the forthcoming session of the Legislature for consideration." Motion Carried.

The Municipal Solicitor advised that it was his understanding that there may be general legislation forthcoming and then we would not need our own legislation.

Councillor Topples asked if the Municipal Affairs Act was the same as the Municipal Act and was advised by the Municipal Solicitor that this was not so that the Municipal Affairs Act deals mainly with borrowing etc., by the Municipal Units - it is complimentary to the Municipal Act. The Municipal Affairs Act sets forth the control but both Acts have to be looked at in order to get a clear picture.

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

"BE IT RESOLVED THAT the following be and the same is hereby adopted and enacted as a by-law of the Municipality of the County of Halifax when and if the same has received the approval of the Minister of Municipal Affairs and that the Municipal Clerk be and he is hereby instructed to forward the same to the Minsiter and request his approval hereof:

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DECEMBER SESSION

A BY-LAW TO AMEND A BY-LAW RESPECTING DOGS

1. The Dog By-law is amended by repealing Section 5 thereof and substituting therefor the following:

5. The tax shall be annually as follows:

- One male or spayed dog.....\$ 8.00
- Each additional male or spayed dog, where more than one such dog is owned by any one person.....12.00
- One female dog not spayed.....15.00
- Each additional female dog not spayed, where more than one such dog is owned by any one person.....25.00

2. Section 17 of the Dog By-law is amended by deleting the word "two" in the fifth line thereof and substituting therefor the word "three".

3. Section 18 of the Dog By-law is amended by deleting the word "thirty-one" in the fourth line thereof and substituting therefor the word "thirty-four". " Motion Carried.

A standing vote was taken on this resolution with the result fourteen (14) for, two (2) against. Warden Settle declared the motion duly carried.

Councillor Cosman asked if there was any provision made for dog breeders and was advised by the Municipal Clerk that there was provision for registered kennels. The license for a kennel was \$10.00 provided they house breeds that they are registered for - this is fixed by legislation and cannot be changed. He added that the County did ask for a change at one time but were denied.

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

"WHEREAS the Finance and Executive Committee and the Municipal Clerk and Municipal Comptroller have for some considerable time been investigating necessary changes and improvements to existing accounting and billing equipment of the Municipality in order to provide the Municipality with the means of providing financial information and financial data in a proper manner and to provide proper accounting and billing equipment.

AND WHEREAS the Finance and Executive Committee recently reviewed information presented to it concerning this by the Municipal Clerk and Comptroller.

BE IT RESOLVED THAT approval be given for the Municipal Clerk to proceed with negotiations with prospective suppliers with respect to a mini-computer system on a lease rental basis to provide the necessary means to have complete municipal accounting, billing, financial information and financial data in a manner which will provide the Municipality with a complete up-to-date system and procedures." Motion Carried

Some of the Councillors said they would like more information as to the cost and need for this equipment.

The Municipal Clerk replied that the need is urgent. He added that the principle concern is to get tax billing on the road for 1978 whereby we can pre-bill the same as the two cities do. He commented that the total net savings would be considerable because with pre-billing we could eliminate the amount carried in the bank. He added that the urgency in dealing with this now is that the supply of the equipment is one thing but the amount of work that has to go into the detail of coding, etc., would require six or seven months before

the equipment would be ready. He added that the gross cost savings will run in the area of \$130,000.00 per year. He added that at times we do not get tax bills out until early in June and we are carrying these months of operation through the bank and paying bank interest. We have never been able to do pre-billing, he commented, because we did not have the equipment and with new equipment we would be able to do billing in six days instead of six weeks - the ultimate savings is that we would have money in the bank instead of paying bank interest.

Councillor MacKay commented that we should be getting the use of money collected by Mortgage Companies.

The Municipal Clerk advised that this would be accomplished by pre-billing. The Mortgage Companies would be required to pay the pre-billing. If not, they would be charged interest.

Councillor Topple asked if the system of rebate used by other Municipalities had been considered, and was advised by the Municipal Clerk that this has been done away with by most municipalities.

Councillor Margeson asked if there was a form of standardization with other municipalities so that in any municipality you could get this information. He was advised by the Municipal Clerk that the Province is encouraging other areas to improve their financial operation.

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

"BE IT RESOLVED THAT pay adjustments to non-union personnel of the Municipality be made effective January 1st., 1977, such adjustments to be based on the strict interpretation of the Anti-Inflation Board regulations with the provision that any further adjustment or adjustments authorized by the Anti-Inflation Board be carried out and made retroactive if and when such adjustment or adjustments are authorized." Motion Carried.

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

"BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council meet as a Committee-of-the Whole to discuss jurisdiction and authority of various committees and boards at ten o'clock in the forenoon on the 27th day of January, 1977.

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT at the said meeting there also be a general discussion of the by-laws of the Municipality." Motion Carried.

The Municipal Clerk advised that the term of Mr. Wilbur Moses on the Board of Management of the Halifax County Hospital expired on December 31st., 1976.

It was moved by Deputy Warden MacKenzie, seconded by Councillor Fader:

"THAT Mr. Wilbur Moses be nominated to the Board of Management of the Halifax County Hospital for another term."

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

"THAT Nominations cease." Motion Carried.

Warden Settle declared Mr. Wilbur Moses duly elected to the Board of Management of the Halifax County Hospital for another term.

Councillor MacKay asked if it would be much of an imposition to have the pages of the Agenda book numbered.

The Municipal Clerk advised that this would be an almost impossible task as the reports come in from the various Departments with the pages numbered, and the sheets are run as individual reports, then the book is put together.

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

"THAT each Councillor number his own Agenda Book." Motion Carried.

Councillor Baker spoke of the breakage of street lights stating that about thirty-five lights had been broken. He added that the Nova Scotia Power Corporation had replaced five and had refused to replace the others, then the next day they were broken again. He wondered if other Councillors had this same problem.

Councillor Lachance advised that there were four lights in the Porter's Lake area and it had been pointed out to him that these lights had been replaced twelve times in the last year. If they are repaired two or three times they have to advise people they have to exercise more control over their children. He said it was a real problem and suggested that a reward should be posted for anyone seeing people breaking lights. He felt that the whole thing went back to parental control of children, that there should be a drive made on the children and the parents fined.

The Municipal Clerk questioned who was going to offer the reward as it was the District rate that pays for the lights not the Municipal rate.

After much discussion as to enforcement by the R.C.M.P., or whether it was a matter for the Police Committee, it was moved by Councillor Fader, seconded by Councillor Baker:

"THAT a letter go to the Nova Scotia Power Corporation re advertisement regarding damage or vandalism to Street Lights and possible court action." Motion Carried

Councillor MacKay said that his representation on this Council was very important to him. He said it had been suggested to him by some people that the new Councillors were given a back seat by the Nominating Committee and the people of Sackville were not going to accept him taking a back seat. He felt that we have to operate on a fair basis and stated that of the five members on the Nominating Committee that one member served on five committees which meets eleven times a month, the other four serve on three committees which meets five times a month. If that is being equal he said - he would eat his bow tie. He felt that the Nominating Committee should take another look at the situation and equal it up a little. He said he was in Council to learn and to "do" for his District and he could not do this unless he is treated on a fair basis and Committee work, he felt, was one of the most important items.

The Municipal Solicitor advised that the By-laws call for a Nominating Committee to be appointed at the first Session of Council after the election - and they are appointed annually for the November Session of Council. He added that Committees have been established and Committees have acted and he did not believe that Council could now change this unless there are vacancies. Committees, he stated, were duly appointed and operate for a one year period.

Councillor Cosman felt that this concern was quite valid, and wondered when the Council met as Committee-of-the-Whole on January 27th, if perhaps we could take some time to discuss this. She added, that we now have an increased Council and felt that perhaps there could be an increase in the members of the Committees. She commented that at the time the Nominating Committee was appointed that Councillors could express their wishes as to which Committees they would like to serve on.

Councillor Deveaux commented that the Nominating Committee were in meeting for five hours and it was physically impossible to divide up the Committees - that they had missed the major portion of the Council Session.

The Municipal Solicitor advised that one way such a situation could be handled would be to meet, elect a Warden, Deputy Warden and form a Nominating Committee, then adjourn until the next day.

After discussion re Mutual Aid between Fire Departments in Halifax County, it was moved by Councillor Margeson, seconded by Councillor MacKay:

"THAT this Council approve Mutual Aid between Fire Departments in Halifax County." Motion Carried.

Councillor Cosman asked what had happened to the resolution passed at the Special Session with regard to the meeting of the three Councils with the Premier and the Minister of Municipal Affairs. The Municipal Clerk advised that letters had gone forward but that no replies had been received as yet, and he could not indicate just when the proposed meeting would take place.

Councillor Cosman asked the Municipal Clerk if he would request a reply and he advised that he had indicated to them that this meeting be held before December 31st., 1976.

Councillor Cosman brought up the matter of Minutes of the Regional Authority being circulated to members of Council and was advised by the Municipal Clerk that the same situation held as with regard to the Municipal School Board which had been discussed earlier - that this has to be the decision of the Regional Authority.

Councillor Cosman stated that she would photocopy her minutes and send them to anyone who wanted them.

Councillor Cosman brought up the matter of birds in the Council Chamber and was advised by the Municipal Clerk that this had been looked into and work done around the ventilators, still the birds managed to squeeze in but could not find their way out. He advised that it

was much better controlled now than previously.

Councillor MacKay brought up the matter of non-Council persons occupying the chairs next to Councillors and felt they should be in the gallery. He also wondered if microphones should be provided as it was very difficult to hear some of the Councillors in the first row. He was advised by the Municipal Clerk that the Finance and Executive Committee could look into this if Council agreed.

It was moved by Councillor Benjamin, seconded by Councillor Cosman:

"THAT Council go on record as opposing the budworm spraying."  
Motion Carried.

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

"THAT Council endorse the principle of equal pay for equal work." Motion Carried.

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

"THAT the Department of Highways be requested to have the paving program for 1977 include, Point Road, Camperdown Road and Harrietsfield to Sambro." Motion Defeated.

A standing vote was taken on this motion with the result four (4) for; twelve (12) against. Warden Settle declared the motion defeated.

The Municipal Clerk advised Councillor Baker that there are lots of roads in Halifax County that every Councillor could bring up but the Highways Department would not be able to pave them all. He suggested that he might be able to negotiate through his M.L.A.

Councillor <sup>Margeson</sup> MacKay spoke at some length regarding planning control and the green areas, and it was moved by Councillor Margeson, seconded by Councillor MacKay:

"THAT a letter go to the Department of Highways and the Nova Scotia Power Corporation asking them to consider a cutting program which would be labour producing instead of spraying ." Motion Carried.

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

"THAT the Finance and Executive Committee consider contingency plans with respect to disposal of Solid Waste Disposal." Motion Carried.

Councillor Topple suggested that Councillors have a Session with Warden Settle some afternoon with regard to questions we may have on how we can get information from the Municipal Building. He commented that there are different things that they might run across in their individual Districts. He said that one question that came to mind was funding that they had for community uses, also tax sale funds that are available.

It was moved by Councillor Topple, seconded by Councillor Walker:

"THAT Councillors have a meeting with the Warden to deal with certain financing methods."

This motion was withdrawn.

Councillor Fader expressed the opinion that this was a duplicate of the meeting that would be held on January 27th. He stated that all Department Heads would be at that meeting and information could be obtained at that time.

Councillor MacKay spoke on the controversial Town Centre at Sackville. He was advised by the Municipal Solicitor that this was decided by the Building Inspector himself and that an appeal had been filed. He advised that the Municipality over the past years has attempted to get the Housing Commission to apply for zoning of their lands but they have not done so.

Councillor MacKay submitted that Mr. Hefler may have issued the permit in haste and he felt that the whole By-law was a joke.

Councillor Deveaux stated that up until last November, Councillors in his area had been members of the Board of Management of Ocean View Manor. He said he expressed a desire to be on the Finance and Executive Committee but that it was more or less tradition that the Councillor in that area would be on the Board of Ocean View Manor and he would like to get approval from Council to arrange to change from the School Capital Program to the Board of Management of Ocean View Manor.

He was advised by the Municipal Solicitor that the only way to handle it would be to get resignations and then get the Nominating Committee to meet again.

Councillor Lawrence suggested that perhaps this could be done at the regular January Session.

Councillor Topple asked if it was necessary to have the Nominating Committee meet again and was advised by the Municipal Solicitor that this was so.

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

"THAT the matter of Committee changes be deferred to the January Session of Council if letters of resignation are received." Motion Carried.

Councillor Fader spoke at some length with regard to the County Band which is going to Italy. He stated that they were looking for some indication of the amount that would be forthcoming from the Municipality so that they could borrow funds on our indication. He said he had not ascertained yet, whether it was a competition and asked if we could bring the matter to light.

The Municipal Clerk advised that it could not be handled today as it dealt with money matters.

The Municipal Solicitor advised that there has to be one day's notice in writing or the unanimous consent of Council to deal with such matters.

Several of the Councillors asked if this concerned other bands and Councillor Fader explained that the situation with regard to the band going to Italy in detail. He advised that the Band was made up from Bedford-Sackville-Waverley and that they were expecting a commitment today. He said he respected the fact that some Councillors feel that this would be starting a precedent, but felt that we should be responsible in making decisions. He also said that the trip is an expensive one but that they would be representing the County of Halifax. He said that they were successful in winning in their division and we could very well be proud of them.

Councillor Lachance asked if he would be allowed to send a delegation from District No. 8 and was advised by Councillor Fader that the members were from different groups - that they were looking for about \$2,400.00 or about \$50.00 per student. He stated that he felt we had a commitment - that as Councillors they should be able to stand on their own feet and let conscience be their guide.

Councillor Lachance said it was a wonderful idea but at the risk of being unfair we have to hold the lid on and once we make a commitment he could guarantee others that would line up at the Municipal door looking for help.

Councillor Deveaux felt, as a member of the Finance and Executive Committee, that there was a lot of information missing and agreed with Councillor Lachance that we would be setting a precedent.

This matter was deferred.

Councillor Lachance asked as to approval in principle of having a Session of Council held in his area early in the New Year so that his people could have more knowledge of what happens at a Council Session.

Some discussion ensued on the sewage drainage system at Twin City Dairies Limited. Councillor Fader advised that because of weather conditions the Committee did not make the inspection. He advised that they were in the process of putting in a new pump, and if this pump went on stream they hoped the problem would be solved in about four weeks. He said the Provincial Department of Environment seem to be quite happy with the operation, and if this did not work out Twin City Dairies have another angle they can try.

With regard to holding a Council Session in District No. 8, the Municipal Solicitor advised that by Resolution, Council can hold meetings in some other place.

It was moved by Councillor Margeson, seconded by Councillor Eisenhauer:

"THAT the December Session of Council adjourn." Motion Carried.

A standing vote was taken on this motion with the result nine (9) for; six (6) against. Warden Settle declared the motion carried.



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SPECIAL DECEMBER COUNCIL SESSION  
Tuesday, December 14th., 1976

DECEMBER COUNCIL SESSION  
Tuesday, December 21st., 1976

MINUTES OF A SPECIAL SESSION OF THE THIRTY-NINTH COUNCIL  
OF THE  
MUNICIPALITY OF THE COUNTY OF HALIFAX

A Special Session of the Thirty-ninth Council of the Municipality of the County of Halifax convened at the Municipal Administration Building at 10:00 a.m. on Tuesday, December 14th., 1976, with Warden Ira S. Settle in the Chair.

Council agreed to wait a period of ten minutes before proceeding as some of the Councillors had not arrived due to the icy conditions.

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

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

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

The Municipal Clerk announced that the request for this Special Session of Council was to:

"fully discuss the handling of the County's garbage and debate the County's role in the Regional Authority in relation to this matter."

Councillor Cosman rose and made the following opening statement:

I have requested this special meeting of the Council to attempt to bring into the open, the facts surrounding the solid waste management agreement with the Regional Authority.

Over the past few years, I have become increasingly upset at the way the democratic process is being eroded in this County. Much of my worry centers now on the erosion of the democratic process at a level of government which we have direct input into.

This issue is much broader now than just the location of a dump in Bedford. It involves the broader issue of accountability of elected - non-elected officials, and whether or not they are bound to observe the laws of this Province. Accountability is a vital issue to all Nova Scotians and not just the people of Bedford.

The people of Bedford have been thwarted. We have been denied a public impact study, the zoning by-law of the County has been ignored, the resolutions of the County Council members have been thrust aside, and the report of the Environmental Control Council was disgustingly doctored by permission of the former Minister of the Environment, Glen Bagnell.

Recently Halifax City Council voted to let us use their incinerator for 6 more months - at which time Mayor Morris was quoted as saying "Halifax needs the County much more than the County needs Halifax". The City of Halifax has had incinerator problems for years, with little effort made to solve them, despite a report by City Manager, Constance Glube, suggesting immediate steps to help the incinerator to function until 1980.

Halifax is pressing for an outside location for its 110,000 tons of garbage per year. Burnside was vetoed by ex-Mayor Stubbs for reasons not made clear at the time and that left our County to be the solution. Past history, we know, found the Premier vetoing the Sackville long term site, and within 6 weeks Jack's Lake, Bedford was the result.

Apart from ethics, apart from morals, apart from emotion - let us examine the facts:

Halifax produces	110,000 tons garbage annually
Dartmouth produces	30,000 tons garbage annually
The County produces	23,140 tons garbage annually

In 1977 Halifax will only take 7000 tons of the County's garbage. Don't forget - there is no DREE funding for a Jack's Lake short term site.

<u>COSTS</u>	1. Purchase price of land	- kept secret
	2. Site development and road	- \$4,578,000
	3. Halifax transfer station	- 1,594,700
	4. Halifax rolling stock	- 523,000
	5. Dartmouth rolling stock	- 217,200
	6. Dartmouth's cost to use bridge	- not certain
	Sub-total	- \$6,912,900
	Annual cost of system operation	- \$2,228,370
	X 5 years	= \$11,141,850

(In May 1976 \$) Total without DREE \$18,054,750 project this forward with 10% inflation to May 1977 \$19,860,225

If the Province shares 50:50 in this scheme, are we right in asking the taxpayers throughout the Province to pay for our garbage system: That still leaves the 3 municipalities paying the rest, and the County's share of the total development and operation is \$3,310,037. Will the districts in the County not paying a rate be forced into this?

Halifax County produces 1/7 of the total metropolitan areas garbage and will be asked to pay 1/3 of the site development and operating costs.

Canplan's report (page 51) stated "due to the changing costs of materials, equipment and money, these figures are the best available at the time - May '76."

The time has come, Mr. Warden, fellow Councillors, to exert our leadership, show our fiscal responsibility, and undo the knot of bondage to a system that stands little chance of doing the County any good."

Councillor Streach stated that he had studied the Brief prepared and submitted to Councillors by Councillor Cosman and he felt that there were a good many questions within the Brief that should be answered. He stated that it was against his principle to ask that this Session of Council be held in camera, but we have an item here that is going to need a great many answers and said that he understood that Councillor Cosman had a motion and we might approve that motion without going into the various facets. He said that at the present moment he did not know whether he would be supporting the motion of not, but that if we did not get the answers needed he probably would support it, that the answers must be provided. He commented that garbage is a topic that has been kicked around by the Government and the Press. He added that he sympathized with the people of Bedford - and likened them to having been used as guinea pigs of the garbage situation.

It was moved by Councillor Streach:

"THAT Council go into Committee of the whole with representatives of Bedford Service Commission being present along with MAPC representatives. ." Motion defeated.

This motion was seconded by Councillor Gaetz.

Councillor Cosman stated that she did not go along with this motion. She stated that the people in the gallery had come in from Bedford for the Session and added that she wanted the facts in the Press, on the Radio and wanted the people she represented to know the facts.

Councillor Streach commented that if Councillor Cosman wanted his support he felt that the facts that must be discussed today, should not be in the Press and added that we are not wanting public opinion today. He commented that it was immaterial to him and felt that the Press are a great asset but thought in the best interest of this special topic, it was his opinion that this should be an "in camera session".

Councillor Cosman commented that we have the MAPC staff here and if we were going into an in camera session, she would like to have the Chairman of the Bedford Service Commission and his Counsel also present.

Councillor Fader agreed with Councillor Streach that this topic had been "booted" around for some time and he felt that maybe a few facts should be known. He added "this is a joint effort - let's face the music".

Councillor McCabe stated that he did not like meetings in camera unless someone is going to be hurt. He felt that this information should be available.

Councillor MacKay said he would reiterate what he said earlier - that MAPC should not get preferential treatment and that they should be in the gallery until they were called.

Councillor Lawrence advised that she was one of the co-signers for this Special Session and advised that she had signed so that facts could be brought out into the open as to the selection of Jack Lake. She stated she was not against anyone sitting in on the Session.

Councillor Benjamin said he would support Councillor Cosman that this be a public meeting. He said he wondered if we have done something wrong in creating the Halifax-Dartmouth Regional Authority. He felt that the Municipality of the County of Halifax along with the City of Halifax and the City of Dartmouth had created a monster. He felt that they not only let him loose but that this monster did not have a master. He added that the people in the gallery did not like it. He added that he was one of the elected representatives of the County and he came here and finds that things are going on behind closed doors and he would like to see things come out in the open. He said he supported a public meeting.

Councillor Williams said it did not matter to him whether the Press was here or not. He felt that the whole representation was wrong - that all this was the decision of the Premier and that the Municipal Council are only the "whipping boys". He added that the Premier made the decision about Jack Lake - that this should be in the political field. With regard to the

Press, he added that the Press prints what they want to print. If they print a true story, then he would be in favour of them being present, but what they print would probably only hurt the whole project.

Councillor McCabe reminded the Members of Council that at a recent Session of Council it was brought up that our Sessions should be held in the evening so that people could attend, and now we are trying to turn them out and he felt it was not right.

Councillor Topple said he came here to hear the pros and cons of this debate, and said he was very much against closed Sessions. He felt the reason we had the kind of Press reports we do is because the facts are not known to them. He felt that the people had a right to know what is going on with regard to the garbage issue.

Councillor Deveaux said he was in agreement with an open Session. He added that there has been a lot of publicity about this meeting, and it is not very often we get anyone in the gallery. He felt it was the right of the people to know what is going on.

Councillor Streach suggested that the Press be not present for the debate and then open the doors to them for the motion. He added that we are to discuss a topic of great interest. He felt that Councillor Williams put it very well - that the important issue is what decision this Council comes to, today, not what comes out in the Press. He felt that the important thing is that we are to hear from the people who have the facts. He said he had never before suggested an in camera session.

A vote was taken on the motion regarding the in camera session with the result, four (4) for; sixteen (16) against. Warden Settle declared the motion defeated.

Councillor Cosman announced that she had some slides here that were used before the Environment Hearing and asked permission to put these on the screen, and read some pieces put out by MAPC.

Council agreed to view the pictures which were then shown.

Councillor Eisenhauer said he would like to ask a few questions with regard to the operation of the landfill (1) how many compactors would there be (2) what would be the system of trucking garbage from Halifax to the County and (3) how much money would be involved - how much financing by the Province and how much by the City of Halifax and the City of Dartmouth.

Councillor Cosman asked the Warden if he had the answers to these questions.

The Municipal Clerk advised that this information was all available and suggested that Mr. Jackson, Technical Advisor to MAPC, is in a position to answer these questions.

Councillor Benjamin thought it would be advisable and a good opportunity to have a history of the project so that proper questions could be asked.

The Municipal Clerk advised that for some years the three municipalities have been disposing of their own solid waste material independently. He commented that the Municipality, close to twenty years ago, established an incinerator in the Bedford area on land that was leased from the Department of National Defence - part of the Bedford Magazine property - and the Municipality disposed of material through this incinerator. Prior to this the material was being disposed of by local dumps which created in a number of dumps being established, but this operation was not controlled.

The Municipal Clerk further commented that the incinerator that was constructed at that time was designed for the Municipality by an outside firm of Consulting Engineers and at that time was supposed to be designed to handle garbage for a period of twenty years - the life of the incinerator. The incinerator was not able to last the twenty years. For various reasons it was not able to keep up with the operation so the Municipality had to dispose of the incinerator.

The Municipal Clerk further explained - at that time, discussions were held by the three municipalities and it was agreed that it did not make sense for the three municipalities to be operating three systems and worked toward having one system. Arrangements were made with the City of Dartmouth to handle the County garbage after a few years. Dartmouth found that it could not handle the garbage from the County due to their own work load and it was transferred to the City of Halifax incinerator.

At some point of time, the Municipal Clerk continued, - about six years ago, it was learned that funds could be available to the three municipalities on a regional basis through a Provincial - Federal DREFE agreement and MAPC started negotiations on a central solid waste operation which led to a Provincial Federal DREE Agreement for this purpose. At a certain stage it was realized that MAPC was not a legal body and that some other body would be required to award contracts etc, and the three municipalities decided that the Regional Authority would pick it up from there and the three municipal units passed three By-laws which passed to the Regional Authority the authority to design and construct and operate a solid waste

disposal system. Mr. Jackson has continued to act for the Regional Authority as Technical Advisor. Mr. Jackson is here along with Mr. Bob Eagle who has done a lot with the technical work and Mr. Nicoll, formerly of Canplan Consultants, now of Beasley, Nicoll Ltd., and Mr. Gallagher, Director of Public Works for the Municipality of the County of Halifax. He commented that Mr. Jackson, with Mr. Eagle or Mr. Nicoll is probably in a position to answer Councillor Eisenhauer's questions.

Mr. Mort Jackson stated that he should point out that MAPC involvement in the Jack Lake site on behalf of the Halifax-Dartmouth Regional Authority commenced in January of this year. He added that a lot of the cost information which has been presented this morning originates from a document prepared by Canplan Consultants in May of 1976. He commented that once this document was produced by MAPC Staff and Consultants advised the solid waste group that we felt the operating site at Jack Lake should be re-located away from the site originally selected. He added that the site which Councillor Cosman has illustrated today is different from the site contained in the report. At this point, Mr. Jackson asked Mr. Nicoll to review the site maps shown on the wall.

Mr. Nicoll reported that the maps had been prepared by his engineer in recent weeks under contract to MAPC. He said he had been involved in the original pre-design report after the decision was made by Government levels to use this particular area. We found extensive deposit of peat in the original site and it would have proved very expensive to remove it and unwise to fill over it. He advised that in order to get the proposed volume they extended the boundaries to the north. He said that the first thing that would happen would be the construction of an access road from the Bi-centennial Highway. He said that somewhere near the climbing grade from the Sackville Highway and before the crest was reached there would be a turn-off in to the proposed site. He added that an additional lane to the Bi-centennial Highway would be designed. He also added that no traffic would be permitted to make a left hand turn.

Councillor MacKay asked how they would get there from Sackville, and Mr. Nicoll explained this and other details to the Members of Council. The site, he explained is contained within a valley-type structure. With regard to the operation of the site, he advised that the bulk of the solid waste would be going from the Halifax Transfer Station in total enclosed trailers carrying waste from Halifax and Dartmouth out to the site, when the trailers are emptied, waste will then be covered over. As spreading of waste proceeds it will be covered over and on completion the whole site will be landscaped as a recreational area.

Councillor Eisenhauer asked if it was correct that compactors were at the Autoport now.

The Municipal Clerk advised that compactors and tractor trailers are located in the Eastern Passage area having been purchased by the Halifax-Dartmouth Regional Authority with funds advanced by the Government.

Councillor Eisenhauer asked for further description as to how the garbage is to be picked up and taken to the site.

Mr. Nicholl explained this in detail.

Councillor Cosman commented that they had been advised that there was to be an interchange and they now had been advised by the Department of Highways that this could not be done. She advised that they had been given a figure last year that there would be a truck in or out of the site every six minutes. She asked what the proposed elevation was to be and was advised by Mr. Nicoll that the finished level is a three hundred foot contour.

Councillor Cosman noted that Mr. Nicoll had mentioned six inches of fill and they had been promised nine inches.

Councillor Fader asked how many acres were contained in this program and was advised by Mr. Nicoll that there were seventy (70) acres with a buffer of one hundred and seven (107).

Councillor Fader mentioned Juniper Lake and said he would like to know what is wrong with Juniper Lake - what it would cost to go in there and added that for some reason, no one has come up with these answers.

Mr. Jackson advised that there was not enough land there - that Juniper Lake did not now exist as it did two years ago.

The Municipal Clerk commented that what Mr. Jackson was trying to advise Council was that land area that may have been available is not now available at this time as the City of Dartmouth has used a large portion of it. He added that Mr. Jackson's position is that he is a Civil Servant and he is paid to do what he is told to do.

Councillor Streach was very upset about some of the remarks made and asked if such comments were to continue. He felt that Councillor Fader had no business to harass people.

The Municipal Clerk advised that the Jack Lake site was not a technical decision - it was a political decision and Mr. Jackson and other employees had had to proceed on that basis.

Mr. Jackson commented that they could not see anything wrong with the Jack Lake site being used as a landfill site.

Councillor Margeson commented that he had only been in Council a short time.. He commented that all of the Councillors have been working with people for some time - he said he felt he knew them better than he had two months ago and had nothing but goodwill towards them. He said he had received many calls the day before about the icy roads. He commented that the Premier was not present to answer for himself. He also added that the Premier flew over the area and had asked George Doucet and himself to go over and then they had a discussion on the matter. Councillor Margeson said that the Premier had said at the time that landfill site was not the answer. He added that one of our Councillors had reclaimed a swamp and now had a beautiful building on it. He also added that he knew one man who had two hundred acres of swamp who would be willing to take garbage. He commented that we had never seen a good article on the re-cycling of garbage and he knew of no reason why we could not take a portion of the Halifax Garbage to the Municipal site and let Dartmouth handle their own, and asked if we were to practise conservation what would be our first move.

Mr. Jackson advised that at no time in the first three years is any re-cycling possible. He advised that the target date was 1981.

Councillor MacKay asked what would become of the land at the end of the five year period.

Mr. Jackson advised that it would be graded and landscaped for various recreational purposes. He added that the Regional Authority should be off the site by June of 1982, and the site restored to the satisfaction of the Nova Scotia Housing Commission. He added that the Nova Scotia Housing Commission want to use the land in the sense that the Halifax Commons is used.

Councillor Eisenhauer asked if the County would be paid one-third of the capital and operating costs and was advised by Mr. Jackson, that captial cost are about fifty-fifty, between the Province and the Regional Authority and final operating cost including capital is based on a tonnage rate.

The Municipal Clerk advised that the Regional Authority will collect from the Municipal Units plus outside users. The Regional Authority will operate the facility on behalf of the Department of Municipal Affairs.

Councillor Eisenhauer commented that in his opinion it all boiled down to the fact that we are having the dump. He said it was his understanding that the City would not take our garbage if we did not go along with this site. He said he was led to believe that this operation would save the taxpayers a lot of money and he said he had also heard that the incinerator in the City would hold up if they did not take garbage from the County, and mentioned a private entrepreneur willing to set up on operation.

Mr. Jackson advised that they had costed out the suggestions and the private entrepreneur could not get permission for the proposed site as it was not suitable.

Councillor Cosman read a letter which she had received in July from Honourable Walter Fitzgerald and said she was a little confused about costs - the tonnage rate and the cost taken on by the Regional Authority.

The Municipal Clerk advised that the Regional Authority will handle the operation under a financial agreement with the Province of Nova Scotia. The Province will be responsible for putting up the front end of the capital dollars. These dollars will have to be recovered by the use of the site and this total cost will be worked out and determined for a year period and the tonnage rate will be figured out.

Councillor Cosman asked what authority the Regional Authority had to go into this. She added that she understood the Premier was a little worried about this.

The Municipal Clerk said he was not prepared to answer legal questions, that there was a memorandum of agreement between the Regional Authority and the Minister of Municipal Affairs - that funding would be by the Provincial Government.

The Municipal Solicitor advised that the Regional Authority is a separate legal entity, not an individual municipal set-up. The Regional Authority acts as a separate entity. The members act not in their capacity as councillors or aldermen but as members of the Regional Authority. The question of dealing with this operation has not been raised. By-laws with regard to this were approved by the Provincial Government and there was no question, in his mind, as to the corporate and legal rights to handle this agreement. He said he was not aware of any serious objection as to the authority of the Regional Authority.

Councillor Streach apologized for his previous outburst. He said he was very much opposed to the Sackville Site at the time, and he was totally opposed to this type of disposal of garbage. He said he had no problems in his area, but he would like to know what position we stand in as far as Jack Lake disposal site is concerned, and asked if we had any control over that site.

Warden Settle advised that any control would be through the Regional Authority.

Councillor Streach said he was speaking of the Municipal Council, that this Council went on record as opposing the Jack Lake site, and he wanted to know what position this Council had, - does the site go on if the Municipality were to opt out.

Warden Settle advised that the work would still go forward, that if one municipality were to opt out, the other two would go forward.

The Municipal Clerk commented that the proposal that was indicated by the Province back in June of this year when it appeared as if the Municipality was facing an immediate crisis, whereby we would not have the facilities of the City of Halifax and where it appeared that any means of disposal that we were using at that time would not be available. A meeting was held at that time by the three Chief Magistrates and the three Chief Administrative Officials of the Municipalities with the Province to discuss what was being faced.

At that time, the Province of Nova Scotia promised that they would advance certain monies to the three municipalities or to either of the three municipalities that wanted to take advantage to deal with the situation at that time.

The Municipal Clerk continued. The City of Dartmouth would receive approximately \$50,000.00 the City of Halifax approximately \$200,000 for repairs to their incinerator and approximately \$650,000 to the Municipality of the County of Halifax in order to carry out a program of purchase of temporary incinerators that would be able to handle the situation at that time. With this crisis situation, the Municipality made efforts to obtain or determine sites that could be available for such a short term operation. Because of the fact that there was a lead time of four to six months it meant that there would have to be some temporary landfill until the incinerator could be available.

The Municipal Clerk continued., the Municipality of the County of Halifax along with MAPC and other consultants made a survey of areas in the Bedford-Sackville area - in the Dartmouth area and one in the western areas. Considerable time was spent on this and they came very close to making an agreement with land owners - one in Sackville, one in Waverley and one that Councillor Margeson has mentioned this morning and one in the western area. Negotiations were never completed because the owners came back and said they were unable to finalize any agreements. If the Municipality had proceeded with this crash program it would have meant bypassing the Zoning By-laws. Informal discussions were held with the Department of the Environment with respect to the prospective sites and there were indications that one of the sites possibly could obtain approval if formal approval were applied for. One of the sites mentioned by Councillor Margeson was questionable due to the fact that the site contained considerable bog, also involving water shed lands supplying the Department of National Defence and also flowed into the Lakes in the Waverley area.

During this time, the Municipal Clerk continued, the situation changed in that the crisis nature of the situation did not come into effect and the City of Halifax agreed to extend the availability of the facilities of the City of Halifax. The other means of disposal did not disappear and have not disappeared at this time. Jack Lake site did not appear to be a possible legal problem and, as Mr. Jackson has indicated, the operating cost of alternate methods would have been extremely higher than any other means available. There were indications by the Provincial authorities that these funds would be available on a short term basis only until such time as the Jack Lake site would be available and are not available for a five year site. He said he could not indicate any possible site that could be available to the Municipality if the Municipality did go into such an operation. If, however, the Municipality were able to obtain lands for this purpose they would be responsible for all costs. In discussion with land owners, that their land might be available for this purpose the tonnage cost would be at a figure that would be greater than we are paying now and greater than we will be facing at Jack Lake. He reiterated that he honestly could not indicate in their area any site that would be available and where the people would not object to such disposal and we could obtain the required zoning, he would be pleased to hear about it. The Municipality is in the position, he continued, where the Jack Lake site operation is a Regional Authority operation; that the operation could continue to go forward whether the Municipality is a customer or not. The decision by the Municipality to go on its own would not change the operation as far as the Regional Authority is concerned.

Councillor Streach said he wanted to establish what position the County would find itself. If the County should decide to go on its own and the County has to deal with the Provincial Government, what is the position of this Council.

Warden Settle advised that he had had quite a bit of involvement regarding landfill. The position as he saw it would be a monumental task to get sites for seven or eight Districts, we would have to deal with environment, health, zoning, etc.

Councillor Cosman felt they were losing site of the issue, that the Jack Lake site had not gone through zoning. She also said she had been approached by a private entrepreneur with regard to baling.

The Municipal Solicitor advised that the Provincial and Federal Governments are not bound by our By-laws.

Councillor McCabe asked if this landfill site required the approval of the County Board of Health.

Mr. Cox said that approval of the Board of Health was required but the same rule applied that the Provincial and Federal Governments were not bound by County By-laws.

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

"THAT Council adjourn until 2:00 o'clock." Motion Carried.

#### AFTERNOON SESSION

Council re-convened at 2:00 o'clock. The Municipal Clerk called the Roll.

Councillor Margeson commented that there are one or two things that come to mind. He wondered where the concept of putting all the garbage in one pile came from. He said he had visited Boston and had spoken with landfill operators. He said the prices for hauling the garbage varied with the distance hauled from \$8.00 per ton to \$10.00 per ton to \$20.00 per ton. He said that engineers were coming up with the figure of \$12.00 per ton to handle it right in the centre of Boston. He then visited Amherst, Mass., where they have a place three or four miles out the road where they could not get a permit and they went in 100 feet with one dozer. He also saw the place where they put bales of paper and bottles so that they could be re-cycled. He said he would like to see a resolution go from Council to the Regional Authority to put on a conservation program so that they could reduce the amount of garbage per person.

Mr. Jackson said the matter of taking garbage to one place was a concept of economy.

Councillor MacKay said his question referred back to Mr. Cox speaking about the authority of the Regional Authority and representatives of Council. He said he was really confused, and asked Mr. Cox if he was speaking on behalf of the Municipality or on behalf of the Regional Authority.

The Municipal Solicitor replied that he thought he answered a question put to him by Council and was giving an impartial answer. He said he did not think that any Councillor appointed to a Board or Commission is appointed as a member of this Council but as a member of that Board or Commission.

Councillor Deveaux agreed that we needed a landfill site. He said he felt sure that everyone agreed that Provincial Landfill people spent money in un-important places. This was money that he felt was wasted. There were seven or eight places that were felt to be possible. All the money spent around Sackville, he felt Beaverbank was the most feasible. He continued, then the Premier hauled out of Beaverbank and went to Bedford. He added, we could have hired Mr. Regan and told him to find a place. No one, he continued, seems to be able to answer why he pulled out of Beaverbank and put it in Bedford. Whether we like it or not - it is a political move - he probably felt there were more votes in Sackville than there were in Bedford. Councillor Deveaux said that what irked him was that the Premier is getting off scot free and the pressure is being put on the Municipal Council. He asked of all the surveys taken, was a kick-back taken into consideration. Everyone said they can find an alternative site and he said he found that hard to believe.

Councillor Deveaux continued - the original Beaverbank site was slated for ten to fifteen years now Jack Lake is slated for five years. He remarked that there is lots of crown land between here and the airport, no where near residential areas. He continued, if Mr. Regan pulled out of Bedford and put it in Eastern Passage, he would be facing the same problem as Councillor Cosman. He said he did not know what decision would be made today, he was not against regional co-operation. Councillor Cosman, he continued, has come up with a few alternate proposals to carry us through. If we opt out of regional system we are putting everyone in a bind and he felt the pressure needed to be put where it belonged - in the lap of Premier Regan and the Honourable Mr. Bagnell. He felt we should meet with the other Councils and let them know what we are going to do.

Councillor Topple brought up the matter of how much per ton the cost would be.

Mr. Jackson said that before going into that we should look into the capital cost, and at this time explained the figures which he had put up on a display stand. The figures shown on the display stand, he said showed that the best estimate they could make at this time would be about \$8.00 per ton.



Councillor Topple asked Mr. Jackson if he were familiar with the re-cycling operation that was proposed.

Mr. Jackson advised that a number of suggested programs had been considered and either rejected or turned down. He added, that with the Heat Energy Recovery Program the cost of disposing of garbage would be approximately \$18.00 to \$19.00 per ton.

Councillor Lachance said he was quite confused. He remarked, in five years time, if it came off, it would be a very good thing. On the other hand, he continued, he saw some very serious drawbacks. He commented that he felt there was a feeling amongst the Councillors that this is a problem of Bedford. He said he hoped he was wrong in this, and hoped that all of the Council would react as if it were their District that was being involved. He added that the decision to place the landfill site at Bedford was a political decision, therefore the solution we are looking for must be a political solution, and we must put it back where the decision was made. He added the ones that we must appeal to must be the Provincial Government and the jurors must be the people of Bedford. He referred to a report contained in the Cape Breton Post that had been tabled in the Legislature, and the report was changed about, - the Government put in their answers to the environment control. This, he commented, is bad politics. The issue here, he added, is not Municipal Government but the erosion of governments every where. He said there were a number of questions he would like answered and he felt that the only people who had the answers were Premier Regan and Mr. Bagnell.

Councillor Cosman said he did not see how her figures could be applied to Mr. Jackson's figures when he was only working on a conceptual design and a final design would not be ready until January. She stated that Bedford had been deceitfully dealt with and she wished that Premier Regan were at this meeting to answer some of the questions. She continued, if the Municipality did opt out it would leave Halifax and Dartmouth with big costs. We do have alternatives, she added, and she did not see why we could sit here and go ahead with this project. She added, we arrived at Jack Lake through deceit - the people of Bedford had been badly dealt with and this must not be lost sight of.

Councillor Fader asked if the land had cost 2.5 million dollars, if that was the price paid by the Nova Scotia Housing Commission. He added that this was good potential land today and there were so many other lands that could be used in the County.

Councillor Fader asked Mr. Nicoll about the system to be used to transport the garbage to Jack Lake and the cost per mile. Mr. Nicoll advised him that this was included in the Operating cost.

Councillor Fader asked Mr. Bensted if the Authority had purchased compactors and trucks.

The Municipal Clerk advised Councillor Fader that it was trailers and compactors but not trucks - and the money for these had been advanced by the Province of Nova Scotia.

Councillor Fader then asked if the County had ever carried out a study to handle their own garbage.

The Municipal Clerk said there had been no recent study. The Municipality, by agreements had agreed to work with the other two municipalities for a regional disposal.

Councillor Cosman asked Mr. Jackson to explain how he had arrived at the operating costs. Mr. Jackson asked Mr. Eagle to give the detailed information to this question.

Councillor Fader commented that every time we meet we do not have the Premier or Glen Bagnell here, that they had used these men as the gophers. He added that he had come up with two sites but we did not have the people here who are at the bottom of this.

Mr. Jackson stated that he was getting a little tired of the snide remarks that were passed. He said that they were civil servants - they were paid to do a job, but that they did not do anything unethical. He informed Councillor Fader that the sites that he had proposed were rejected by Environment or for ethical reasons. He further remarked to Councillor Fader: "you spoke of my responsibility to this Council" and advised the Councillor that his responsibility to this Council is to have a viable garbage disposal by 31st., of December of this year.

Councillor Williams remarked that there had been a lot of discussion. He said it was only safe to say that we all know what has happened and who is responsible, that it was just a political football. Unfortunately, he added, someone has to suffer. He added, if he had the type of area required he would go on record now, that he would accept it. It has been pointed out, proved and seen, how this sort of operation turns out, and he assured members of Council that it was an asset to the community. He said he could visualize the time when the people would say they had a very nice place there. He added that we have to realize what we can do for the future. We can only try to make good decisions. He added, that he was very unbiased in his political feelings and he could visualize the finished product as a much better area than is there at the present time. He said in all sincerity, he wished he had the right type of soil for his future generation for the landfill operation, so that recreation could be assured of that which the present generation is deprived of.