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

"THAT the preceding items be added to the Agenda and the Agenda be closed."
Motion Carried.

Concerning the letters and correspondence on the Agenda, Deputy Warden Gaetz inquired whether the square footage requirements as submitted to the Provincial Department of Education had something to do with the general design of the school and Mr. Bensted advised that prior to a school project coming to Council for schools the Municipal School Board must submit to the Provincial Department of Education an outline of the requirements of the various areas within the school and the square footage requirements and those have to be dealt with by the Department of Education before it can come to Council.

Deputy Warden Gaetz suggested it was not a concern so much of the Capital Building Committee but more of the School Board. Mr. Bensted replied that in the first instance it has to be initiated by the School Board. It is a governing factor when the School Capital Committee starts its project because it has to proceed with the project along the lines asked for by the School Board and approved by the Department of Education.

Councillor Fader stated he had a letter which he would like to read to Council. It was directed to the Warden and Councillors of Halifax County. "On behalf of our family and myself we would like to express our sincere thanks to you for the wonderful tribute you and the staff paid Harry on Wednesday, February 28th. I will never forget the sight as we walked into the banquet room and saw all the people, it was both frightening and thrilling and I finally realized the value of having been so long associated with Halifax County and how many friends Harry had really made over the years. Also, there is no way I can truly thank you for the wonderful gift. I have always wanted to visit Florida and now you have all helped to make that dream come true. Again, on behalf of myself and our children, a very sincere thank you for everything. Jessie Bensted."

Councillor Baker wondered if Council was going to do anything for the Miners' Relief Fund. Mr. Bensted stated that Council or the Municipality do not have the authority to move a grant to something of this nature. The only thing the Municipality can do is to urge people to support the fund and if individual Councillors wish, they may make donations.

Councillor Deveaux inquired whether a letter of sympathy had gone forward from the Municipality and Warden Settle advised that he had sent a letter the day after the tragedy had occurred.

Mr. Bensted noted that there is a letter in the Agenda following the Finance and Executive Report which should have been placed in the correspondence section. It was agreed by Council that this be dealt with in the correspondence section. Mr. Bensted read the letter re Staff Report - Municipal Development Plan and Proposed Revision Municipal Elections Act.

It was moved by Deputy Warden Gaetz, seconded by Councillor Sutherland:

"THAT Council meet at Special Session with respect to the Staff Report re the Municipal Development Plan on Friday, March 23, 1979." Motion Carried.

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

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

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

"THAT Council adjourn from 5 to 6:30 for supper." Motion Carried.

Councillor Sutherland noted that there was a letter from Hon. Roland Thornhill with reference to McNab's and Lawlors Islands and asked if that was in reference to a letter which originated with the Metropolitan Authority. He noted that the Province is interested in cleaning up the islands but is not prepared to go ahead with developing the islands for recreational usage. Warden Settle stated that as it was going to be pretty expensive program he felt that the idea had been shelved for an extensive period of time. Councillor Deveaux said that he was quite involved in the plans from the beginning and if, at some future date, the Province can be convinced to go ahead with their original plan that hopefully it will still take place. Mr. Bensted stated that the Federal Government has title to the lands and as the Province is not going ahead with their plans he thinks the Federal Government will take it back.

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

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

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

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

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Councillor MacKenzie noted that with regard to item 2, Derelict Vehicle Program, this is a program within the County which he is quite concerned about. A fair amount of money has been expended in cleaning up derelict cars throughout the County and a very good job has been done but as soon as they are cleaned up in one area just as many cars are back strewn along the highway. He wondered if perhaps Staff could make a report that may be able to get the residents of the County to keep their areas cleaned up around the properties rather than start to haul them back in as soon as they are cleaned up.

Warden Settle asked Mr. Gough if he could enlighten Council in this direction and Mr. Gough stated that if there was any way in which Planning could help Council in preparing a report they would be happy to do it

Councillor Williams concurred with Councillor MacKenzie and felt that the responsibility should be placed upon the parties who commit the offences of having these derelicts on their properties. It is costing the ratepayers a lot of money to have the properties cleaned up every year.

Mr. Bensted suggested that a staff report would be prepared on this.

Councillor Lachance suggested that if the owner can be identified this is where the pressure should be and feels that the cars which had been designated for removal last year and had not been removed should be the first to be removed this year. He stated that 7 cars, marked from 9004 to 9008, had been dumped on the Myra Road and requested that they be on the first part of the program this year.

Councillor Baker said his problem seems to be the salvage yards. There is one in Harrietsfield and one on Ketch Harbour Road. He wondered why licenses were issued to these businesses when they do not comply with rules and regulations and put a fence up. He feels that the licenses should be revoked.

Councillor Williams said he has the same problem and it is a Provincial Government problem, licensing of salvage yards, and he feels that the inspectors are not doing their job according to the Act. He suggested that a strong letter go from Council to the Public Utilities Board asking them to bear down on the issuing of licenses to salvage yards in Halifax County.

Councillor Wiseman suggested that perhaps better legislation is needed and wondered if other municipalities could be checked with to see what kind of legislation they have with regard to unsightly premises and derelict vehicles.

Councillor Lachance is of the opinion that an effort should be made to locate the owner of the car before they come under the program.

Warden Settle asked for further discussion on the Report and Councillor Fader made note of the fact that there are two applications for rezoning and it is recommended that a public hearing not be held. He suggested that perhaps Council could now overrule this recommendation if they saw fit. He feels that anyone who applies for a zone change should have the right to go before Council.

Mr. Bensted suggested that Council may, on a motion, delete the two items from the report and deal with them separately if Council so wishes.

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

"THAT items 3 and 4 be deleted from the Report of the Planning Advisory Committee and be dealt with separately." Motion Carried.

Warden Settle asked if there was any further discussion on the Report of the Planning Advisory Committee and question was called.

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

"THAT Council ask for a staff report re unsightly properties re derelict vehicles and as to what action may be taken to force the legal owners to remove such vehicles." Motion Carried.

Councillor Lawrence stated that she had found the RCMP quite cooperative in attempting to trace the ownership of vehicles abandoned on private property. Usually they manage to persuade the owners to get them removed.

There was further discussion between Councillors with regard to derelict vehicles before the question was put.

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

"THAT Council request the Minister of Environment to continue the Derelict Vehicle Program beyond 1979." Motion Carried.

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Items 3 and 4, having been deleted from the Report of the Planning Advisory Committee, were now dealt with as separate items.

Item 3, Rezoning Application No. 2-79, Request to rezone Lot 18 of the St. Paul's Home for Girls Subdivision from R-4 (Residential General) to C-1 (Commercial Local Business Zone.) District 17.

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

"THAT Council set a date for a Public Hearing re Application No. 2-79" Motion Carried.

Councillor Eisenhower asked whether the garage was on a lot by itself or on a lot shared by a house. Councillor Lawrence replied that it is on a lot shared by a house, it is behind a house.

Mr. Bensted stated that Council is not judging the merits of the application at this time but whether or not Council wishes to have a public hearing.

Councillor Topple stated that he could not support the motion because the Zoning By-Law is there for a purpose, to provide some sort of protection. He said this is condoning a person operating an illegal use under the By-Laws applying for rezoning.

Councillor Fader said that he had moved a motion and it was seconded that a public hearing be granted on this application and at the time of the public hearing the person who made the application can answer the questions.

Councillor Cosman stated that she would not support the motion based on the fact that it is an illegal use on the piece of land in question, surrounded by a residential area, and once again Council is being asked to condone illegal uses on lots by someone coming in and saying "I want a public hearing". She is of the opinion that the taxpayers' dollars are being wasted when this is done.

Item 4, Rezoning application No. 26-78 - Request to rezone Lot 2, Lands of Joseph V. Canavan, Oakmount Drive at Bedford from R-1 (Residential Single Family Dwelling Zone) to R-4 (Residential General Zone), District 17.

Councillor Lawrence called the attention of Council to item 3 of the report which says that the Department of Public Works has indicated that the design density for the existing sanitary sewer system could not support medium density development in this area. This deals with item 4 as a rezoning application and the third argument on page 2 of that report. She doubted that a public hearing would change the minds of Public Works about whether or not there is sewer capacity for a medium density development.

Councillor Lachance suggested that Council is being asked to take the word of Public Works without having an opportunity to verify the facts at a public hearing. There was further discussion between Councillors regarding the question of a public hearing.

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

"THAT Council hold a Public Hearing re Applications # 2-79, #26-78 and # 1-79 on April 9th., 1979 at 7:00 p.m." Motion Carried.

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

"THAT Council approve the acceptance of and title to a Lot of Land for recreational purposes in the D. A. Yeaton Subdivision, Brookside subject to certification of the title by the Solicitor and subject to the District accepting the responsibility for future improvements, etc." Motion Carried.

Councillor Sutherland suggested that as Council is holding two sessions a month now for efficiency sake, Council should be looking at holding public hearings during these sessions.

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

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

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

"THAT Council hold a Public Hearing with respect to PUD Agreement # 3-78 on April 17, 1979 at 7:00 p.m." Motion Carried.

Councillor Fader asked if Council would permit him to ask Councillor Lawrence if she could bring Council up to date on the Millwood development.

Councillor Lawrence told Councillor Fader that they are in the stage of negotiations between staff of the Housing Commission and staff of the Planning Department. Any draft agreement has not come

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back to the Planning Advisory Committee recently and she would presume that some members of staff might be able to bring him up to date on exactly where they are in negotiations. She knows that negotiations have been going on back and forth, there have been repeated drafts worked out, which is the background of this PUD agreement as well, that is the usual process, but she is not aware that it is coming shortly to the Planning Advisory Committee for recommendation before Council.

Mr. Bensted stated that there are very active negotiations being carried on and the final draft agreement is coming closer.

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

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

It was moved by Councillor Lachance, seconded by Deputy Warden Gaetz:

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

Councillor Eisenhauer noted that in the Report there are ten thousand dollars being levied in the Hammonds Plains Consolidated School for a reading specialist and questioned whether or not the Board and the Province have come closer as far as negotiations with respect to cost sharing on reading specialists. Has this been discussed by the Board at all.

Councillor Lachance replied that the list for area rates is rather extensive and there is information relating to each community identified with a breakdown of costs involved. The Board has been in constant communication with the Department of Education re cost shareable items and the addition of teachers for a number of schools within the County and trying to get them to share in a greater proportion of that side of the formula. There has been no success yet. The large expenditures are for teachers' salaries and that represents a substantial amount of the area rates that are being levied. The answer to the question is no, the Board is no closer now to the point where they can foresee those costs being transferred to the Department of Education. When class sizes get to a point where an extra teacher can be justified then one is requested.

There being no further discussion on the Report of the Municipal School Board. Question was called.

Councillor Fader asked the Chairman of the Municipal School Board how the proposed boundary lines being set up by the School Board are going to affect the immediate area of Sackville. The citizens of District 16 are very concerned about what could be the outcome of the proposal going before the Trustees. These people could be faced with having their children bused from the immediate area of this school to another school in Bedford and wondered if the Committee had any input into this decision and if so will the Chairman be attending this meeting.

Councillor Lachance replied that the entire Board has been represented on this question and they have met with the Area Supervisor and the Assistant Superintendent as well as the Superintendent. A meeting is set up for the 23rd of March to discuss the pros and cons of the package being prepared to present to the people of the Bedford-Sackville area. The proposal is being put together now and therefore, it cannot be discussed as yet. He stated there will be no significant changes in terms of redistribution of boundaries in that subsection without extensive consultation with the area residents.

There was a lengthy discussion regarding meetings with Trustees and members of the School Board and Councillor Fader stated that although walk schools are being located in County areas buses are not being eliminated.

Councillor Topple asked permission to direct some comment to the Chairman and Members of the School Board and Council agreed. He stated that he would not be able to attend the School Board meeting at which time they will be setting out the redistribution of East Dartmouth. He is concerned with a lot of the information in the press and on the radio regarding the opposition to the School Board's proposal. Councillor Topple said he is concerned about the education of the students and that has not been considered by most of the people opposing the School Board's proposal. The opposition to the proposal is from two subdivisions who were misled when they purchased their properties into believing that they were getting private schools in their own subdivisions that they could walk to and this is not the case. The schools were put there as a convenience to all the districts surrounding the immediate area. Councillor Topple pointed out that the opposition to the School Board proposal represents 25 percent of the total population of those areas, therefore, 75 percent support the proposal.

Councillor Topple said that there is another item raised some time ago by Councillor Williams regarding school area rates and the item is on the Agenda in terms of rates levied this year. Very simply the matter was referred to staff for legal consultation and a report is now back on that question. Council agreed to have the Supplementary Report of the School Board dealing with the School area rates tabled.

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It was moved by Deputy Warden Gaetz and seconded by Councillor Fader:

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

Mr. Bensted read a summary of the Report of the Finance and Executive Committee to Council.

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

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

Councillor Williams spoke on the first item, Comserv. He stated that it was some time ago when the question came up on the appointments to Comserv. Mr. Burgess was the outside appointment and Councillor Williams was appointed to that Committee. He said he was quite surprised last week when he read in the paper that they'd already had the meeting and on the Agenda this day there was a request for appointments from this Municipality.

Mr. Bensted stated that it was only a Steering Committee which had met.

Councillor Deveaux wondered what Comserv stands for and Mr. Bensted replied that it is to insure the delivery of high quality and comprehensive community services to mentally retarded citizens.

Councillor Cosman noted that there is an item in the report asking that Council support the City of Halifax's resolution regarding the Court House charges and she was not very happy with the opening of the City of Halifax's resolution in that it is the belief of the City of Halifax that municipal services should be cost shared on a user-pay basis. That has rather far-ranging implications. The way it's worded, in resolution form, she would hesitate to support that kind of sentence structure.

Mr. Bensted stated that Council can base a resolution actually on the latter part of the extract and deal with the resolutions amending the legislation to take away the responsibility of the commission and ask that the Provincial Government share these costs. You could just deal with that part of it.

Councillor Cosman asked if by approving the report, are they approving the wording of the full resolution and the answer was in the negative. Mr. Bensted said a resolution would be coming forward under a separate item.

Councillor Cosman said that she would like to see the first three clauses deleted.

Councillor Cosman stated that the item on the Halifax County Industrial Commission and Remuneration and Attendance at meetings mentions that persons acting on the Commission are acting as public spirited volunteers. She stated that you can be public spirited to a certain extent but it would be nice to give them somewhat of a small stipend for attendance at meetings as well as their mileage and she would like to think that they can at least get the fee for committees, which is 30 dollars a meeting.

Mr. Bensted stated that this should be dealt with as a separate item.

It was moved by Councillor Cosman and seconded by Councillor Poirier:

"THAT the item re the Industrial Commission be deleted from the Report and dealt with as a separate item."
Motion Carried.

It was moved by Councillor Cosman and seconded by Councillor Sutherland:

"THAT it be requested that approval be obtained from the Governor in Council that members attending the Halifax County Industrial Commission receive a remuneration of 50 dollars per meeting that they attend plus mileage and out-of-pocket expenses."
See referral.

Councillor Sutherland requested information as to whether there are any stipends paid to any commission within the Municipality and Mr. Bensted replied that it depends on the type of Board or Commission. Councillor Deveaux offered the information that the Transit Commission is supposed to be paid a hundred dollars a month but that he hasn't been paid yet.

Councillor Eisenhauer suggested that if the people on the Commissions are to be paid a stipend then Council should receive some action and reports on the action each time that they meet. Councillor MacKenzie stated that he feels that Council has received good service from the members of the Industrial Commission, especially on the establishment of the Industrial Park in Lakeside.

Councillor Benjamin said that he is not opposed to the motion but he questions whether this is the way it should be proceeded with. As the suggestion that it be a voluntary position came down

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in a report from the Finance and Executive Committee he feels it should be returned to Finance and Executive for further study and consideration of the other Boards, et cetera.

After much further discussion, it was moved by Councillor Sutherland and seconded by Councillor Cosman:

"THAT the matter of stipend for the members of the Industrial Commission be referred back to the Finance and Executive Committee for consideration."
Motion Carried.

Mr. Bensted introduced the subject of the resolution with respect to appointments to the Comserve Directorate. The Committee, on the recommendation of Mr. Mason, Director of Social Assistance, has suggested a Mr. James Burgess, staff member of the Social Assistance Department, be one of the members.

It was moved by Councillor McCabe and seconded by Councillor Walker:

"THAT Mr. James Burgess be nominated."

It was moved by Councillor Smith and seconded by Councillor Baker:

"THAT Councillor Williams be nominated."

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

"THAT nominations cease." Motion Carried.

The Warden declared Councillor Williams and Mr. James Burgess as appointments to the Comserv Directorate

It was moved by Councillor Williams and seconded by Councillor Cosman:

"THAT the following resolution of the City of Halifax Council re the Registry of Deeds be approved:

'AND WHEREAS, the Province of Nova Scotia is operating a profitable venture in the Registry of Deeds;

BE IT RESOLVED that the Provincial Government request the Legislature to delete the phrase "and shall provide therein sufficient accommodation for the Registry of Deeds" from Section 4(1) of the Halifax Court House Commission Act;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Province of Nova Scotia be requested by the City to provide accommodation for the Registry of Deeds from revenue generated by operating the Registry of Deeds and that the municipalities of the City of Halifax, the City of Dartmouth, and the County of Halifax not be required to cost share in the operation of the Registry of Deeds."

Motion Carried.

Councillor LaChance stated that it seems there is plenty of room in the Court House now and why should they have to go beyond that. Mr. Bensted stated that there is no room and that the Act requires that the Barristers' Society and the Registry of Deeds be provided with space. Part of the resolution would be to delete that responsibility.

It was moved by Councillor Poirier and seconded by Councillor Baker:

"THAT Council request the Provincial Government to take immediate action to allocate funds from the federal CMHC Global funding to the Provinces Community Services Program with respect to funding re water and sewer services in the same manner as these funds would have been available to municipal units by the previous CMHC funding."
Motion Carried.

Councillor Poirier stated that the Premier was very receptive to the needs of the municipalities at the meeting. He did agree that the forgiveness clause that is available from Central Mortgage could be used through this grant program when he got around to it but each province has to make application to the Federal Government for the grant to be sent through to the province and then allocated to the municipalities as to their needs. The Community Services Grant Program amalgamates three existing programs, the Neighbourhood Improvement Program, the Municipal Incentive Grant Program and the Municipal Infrastructure Program. When the Premier makes application to the Federal Government for this grant he does so by way of a formula and that day he said he didn't have his formula ready, so in other words, he didn't know whether he wanted to take the money for this or for that or for the other thing, but he knows how much money is needed and he agreed that he would give some money out of that Community Services Grant. She can't understand the delay in his making application to the Federal Government for it. The provinces requested that this be a two year program so they would not be locked into this thing on a federal level until

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they were sure it was going to work. Because the Beechville - Lakeside - Timberlea area was a three year project he said he couldn't give a commitment because that would mean he would have to go to the federal government and get a three year commitment. Councillor Poirier is of the opinion that it is up to the Premier to make this commitment to the people of Beechville - Lakeside - Timberlea. She said there is a great deal of problem in her area with respect to the impure water in the area and as water and sewage has been allocated to her district for several years there must be an end to it soon.

There was a good deal of discussion regarding the problems of water and sewage.

It was moved by Councillor LaChance and seconded by Councillor Williams:

"THAT Council approve the \$4,000,000.00 (Four Million Dollars) Issuing Resolution as prepared by the Provincial Department of Municipal Affairs."
Motion Carried.

N.B. (Formal resolution at end of Minutes.)

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

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

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

"THAT the Council approve the Annual Report of the Director of Social Assistance."
Motion Carried.

Councillor Lawrence noted that there was no reference to the possibility of a Homemakers' Service in the County of Halifax and she had understood that was an intention of the Department of Social Assistance.

Mr. Bensted stated that he didn't know of anything before the Committee at this point in time with respect to Homemakers' Programs. He stated that the budget of Social Assistance will be coming before Council and it could be checked at that time.

Councillor Margeson stated that this is being discussed and investigated and a report will be coming down in the near future.

There was discussion as to whether the County should be involved in make-work projects for those people on Social Assistance who are able to work. Councillor Williams stated that there is no way the County could do such a thing as there are no departments in the County that could absorb these unemployed and employable people.

Councillor Deveaux suggested that when the provincial plan starts again in April there should be a good deal of work available and each Councillor should look around in his district to see what projects could be utilized.

It was moved by Councillor MacKenzie and seconded by Deputy Warden Gaetz:

"THAT Council adjourn to 6:30 p.m."
Motion Carried.

Items added to the Agenda were read by Mr. Bensted.

It was moved by Councillor Wiseman and seconded by Councillor Smith:

"THAT the following dog license issuers be appointed:
Sarah Chaulk of Sackville
Joan Potter of Lake Charlotte
Vi Whalen of Kinsac
S. Newton of Beaverbank Villa
Elizabeth Ann Drew of Waverley
Jim and Joan Webber of Tantallon."
Motion Carried.

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

"THAT a letter be sent to the Right Honourable John Buchanan with a copy to the Honourable Ken Streach and M. McKay, M.L.A., requesting the government to take whatever action possible to keep power rates and fuel costs as low as possible."
Motion Carried.

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

"THAT a request be made to the Minister of Municipal Affairs and the provincial government to obtain from the appropriate federal authority the necessary approvals which would enable the Province and the Municipalities to take action with respect to sufficient control and suitable penalties re retail store hours on Sunday."
Motion Carried.

It was moved by Councillor MacKenzie and seconded by Councillor Walker:

"THAT Council adjourn."
Motion Carried.

Municipality of the County of Halifax
Issuing Resolution

\$4,000,000

76-3	- Eastern Shore Jr. High	- \$700,000
76-4	- East Preston Elementary	- 100,000
78-1	- Cole Harbor Jr. High	- 1,993,166.36
78-1	- Caldwell Road (Addition)	- 56,833.64
79-1	- Beaverbank Elementary	- 1,000,000
79-1	- Tantallion Ramps	- 150,000

1. WHEREAS the Municipality of the County of Halifax is authorized by law to borrow by the issue and sale of debentures of the Municipality a sum not exceeding One Million Five Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$1,500,000) for the purpose of erecting, acquiring, purchasing, altering, adding to, improving, furnishing or equipping buildings for public schools and acquiring or purchasing or improving land for such buildings;

2. AND WHEREAS pursuant to a resolution passed by the Municipal Council on the 17th day of August, 1976, the Council postponed the issue of debentures and, with the approval of the Minister of Municipal Affairs dated the 4th day of November, 1976, borrowed from a chartered bank in Canada a sum not exceeding Two Million Dollars (\$2,000,000) for the purpose set out above;

3. AND WHEREAS pursuant to a resolution passed by the Municipal Council on the 19th day of September, 1978, and approved by the Minister of Municipal Affairs dated the 21st day of September, 1978, the Council deemed it necessary to issue debentures in the total principal amount of Five Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$500,000) for the said purpose leaving a balance of One Million Five Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$1,500,000) still authorized to be borrowed for the purpose set out in paragraph one;

4. AND WHEREAS pursuant to the resolutions hereinbefore recited and pending the issue and sale of debentures, the Municipality of the County of Halifax has borrowed by way of temporary loan from a chartered bank in Canada for the purpose set out in paragraph one (1) the following sum aggregating Seven Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$700,000) for the purpose hereinafter set forth;

For the purpose set out in paragraph one (1)
above hereof the sum of Seven Hundred Thousand
Dollars

\$700,000

5. AND WHEREAS the Municipality of the County of Halifax is authorized by law to borrow by the issue and sale of debentures of the Municipality a sum not exceeding Nine Hundred Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$950,000) for the purpose of erecting, acquiring, purchasing, altering, adding to, improving, furnishing or equipping buildings for public schools and acquiring or purchasing or improving land for such buildings;

6. AND WHEREAS pursuant to a resolution passed by the Municipal Council on the 17th day of August, 1976, the Council postponed the issue of debentures and, with the approval of the Minister of Municipal Affairs dated the 4th day of November, 1976, borrowed from a chartered bank in Canada a sum not exceeding One Million Two Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$1,200,000) for the purpose set out above;

7. AND WHEREAS pursuant to a resolution passed by the Municipal Council on the 19th day of September, 1978, and approved by the Minister of Municipal Affairs dated the 21st day of September, 1978, the Council deemed it necessary to issue debentures in the total principal amount of Two Hundred Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$250,000) for the said purpose leaving a balance of Nine Hundred Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$950,000) still authorized to be borrowed for the purpose set out in paragraph five (5) above;

8. AND WHEREAS pursuant to the resolutions hereinbefore recited and pending the issue and sale of debentures, the Municipality of the County of Halifax has borrowed by way of temporary loan from a chartered bank in Canada for the purpose set out in paragraph five (5) the following sum aggregating One Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$100,000) for the purpose hereinafter set forth;

For the purpose set out in paragraph five (5) above hereof the sum of One Hundred Thousand Dollars

\$100,000

9. AND WHEREAS the Municipality of the County of Halifax is authorized by law to borrow by the issue and sale of debentures of the Municipality a sum not exceeding Five Million Nine Thousand Two Hundred Sixty-seven Dollars and Thirty Cents (\$5,009,267.30) for the purpose of erecting, acquiring, purchasing, altering, adding to, improving, furnishing or equipping buildings for public schools and acquiring or purchasing or improving land for such buildings;

10. AND WHEREAS pursuant to a resolution passed by the Municipal Council on the 19th day of September, 1978, the Council postponed the issue of debentures and, with the approval of the Minister of Municipal Affairs dated the 21st day of September, 1978, borrowed from a chartered bank in Canada a sum not exceeding Five Hundred Forty-nine Thousand Nine Hundred Thirty-four Dollars and Ninety-two Cents (\$549,934.92) for the purpose set out in paragraph nine;

11. AND WHEREAS pursuant to a resolution passed by the Municipal Council on the 19th day of September, 1978, the Council postponed the issue of debentures and, with the approval of the Minister of Municipal Affairs dated the 21st day of September, 1978, borrowed from a chartered bank in Canada a sum not exceeding Four Million Dollars (\$4,000,000) establishing a balance of Four Million Five Hundred Forty-nine Dollars Nine Hundred Thirty-four Dollars and Ninety-two Cents (\$4,549,934.92) still authorized to be borrowed for the purpose set out in paragraph nine;

12. AND WHEREAS pursuant to a resolution passed by the Municipal Council on the 19th day of September, 1978, the Council postponed the issue of debentures and, with the approval of the Minister of Municipal Affairs dated the 21st day of September, 1978, borrowed from a chartered bank in Canada a sum not exceeding Two Million Two Hundred Nineteen Thousand Eight Hundred Dollars (\$2,219,800) establishing a balance of Six Million Seven Hundred Sixty-nine Thousand Seven Hundred Thirty-four Dollars and Ninety-two Cents (\$6,769,734.92) still authorized to be borrowed for the purpose set out in paragraph nine;

13. AND WHEREAS pursuant to a resolution passed by the Municipal Council on the 19th day of September, 1978, and approved by the Minister of Municipal Affairs dated the 21st day of September, 1978, the Council deemed it necessary to issue debentures in the total principal amount of One Million Seven Hundred Sixty Thousand Four Hundred Sixty-seven Dollars and Sixty-two Cents (\$1,760,467.62) for the said purpose leaving a balance of Five Million Nine Thousand Two Hundred Sixty-seven Dollars and Thirty Cents (\$5,009,267.30) still authorized to be borrowed for the purpose set out in paragraph nine;

14. AND WHEREAS pursuant to the resolutions hereinbefore recited and pending the issue and sale of debentures, the Municipality of the County of Halifax has borrowed by way of temporary loan from a chartered bank in Canada for the purpose set out in paragraph nine (9) above the following sum aggregating Two Million Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$2,050,000) for the purpose hereinafter set forth;

For the purpose set out in paragraph nine (9) above hereof the sum of Two Million Fifty Thousand Dollars

\$2,050,000

15. AND WHEREAS the Municipality of the County of Halifax is authorized by law to borrow by the issue and sale of debentures of the Municipality a sum not exceeding Seven Million Nine Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$7,900,000) for the purpose of erecting, acquiring, purchasing, altering, adding to, improving furnishing or equipping buildings for public schools and acquiring or purchasing or improving land for such buildings;

16. AND WHEREAS pursuant to a resolution passed by the Municipal Council on the 20th day of February, 1979, the Council postponed the issue of debentures and, with the approval of the Minister of Municipal Affairs dated the 12th day of March, 1979, borrowed from a chartered bank in Canada a sum not exceeding Seven Million Nine Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$7,900,000) for the purpose set out in paragraph fifteen;

17. AND WHEREAS pursuant to the resolution hereinbefore recited and pending the issue and sale of debentures, the Municipality of the County of Halifax has borrowed by way of temporary loan from a chartered bank in Canada for the purpose set out in paragraph fifteen (15) above the following sum aggregating One Million One Hundred Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$1,150,000) for the purpose hereinafter set forth;

For the purpose set out in paragraph fifteen (15) above hereof the sum of One Million One Hundred Fifty Thousand Dollars

\$1,150,000

18. AND WHEREAS the Municipal Council deems it necessary to borrow or raise by loan on the credit of the Municipality by the issue and sale of debentures the following sums aggregating Four Million Dollars (\$4,000,000) for the purposes set forth;

For the purpose set out in paragraph one above hereof the sum of Seven Hundred Thousand Dollars

\$ 700,000

For the purpose set out in paragraph five above hereof the sum of One Hundred Thousand Dollars

100,000

For the purpose set out in paragraph nine above hereof the sum of Two Million Fifty Thousand Dollars

2,050,000

For the purpose set out in paragraph fifteen above hereof the sum of One Million One Hundred Fifty Thousand Dollars

1,150,000
\$4,000,000

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

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED

- 20. THAT Four Thousand (4,000) debentures of the Municipality for One Thousand Dollars (\$1,000) each be issued and sold;
- 21. THAT the debentures be numbered consecutively 79-I-001 to 79-I4000 inclusive;
- 22. THAT the debentures be dated the 15th day of May, 1979;
- 23. THAT the debentures be payable as follows:

Debenture Numbers

- 79-I-001 to 79-I-200 incl., in one year from date thereof;
- 79-I-201 to 79-I-400 incl., in two years from date thereof;
- 79-I-401 to 79-I-600 incl., in three years from date thereof;
- 79-I-601 to 79-I-800 incl., in four years from date thereof;
- 79-I-801 to 79-I1000 incl., in five years from date thereof;
- 78-I1001 to 79-I1200 incl., in six years from date thereof;
- 79-I1201 to 79-I1400 incl., in seven years from date thereof;
- 79-I1401 to 79-I1600 incl., in eight years from date thereof;
- 79-I1601 to 79-I1800 incl., in nine years from date thereof;
- 79-I1801 to 79-I2000 incl., in ten years from date thereof;
- 79-I2001 to 79-I2200 incl., in eleven years from date thereof;
- 79-I2201 to 79-I2400 incl., in twelve years from date thereof;
- 79-I2401 to 79-I2600 incl., in thirteen years from date thereof;
- 79-I2601 to 79-I2800 incl., in fourteen years from date thereof;
- 79-I2801 to 79-I3000 incl., in fifteen years from date thereof;
- 79-I3001 to 79-I3200 incl., in sixteen years from date thereof;
- 79-I3201 to 79-I3400 incl., in seventeen years from date thereof;
- 79-I3401 to 79-I3600 incl., in eighteen years from date thereof;
- 79-I3601 to 79-I3800 incl., in nineteen years from date thereof;
- 79-I3801 to 79-I4000 incl., in twenty years from date thereof;

24. THAT the debentures be payable at any office of The Royal Bank of Canada in Nova Scotia, and at the principal office of the Bank in Saint John, Charlottetown, Montreal or Toronto, at the option of the holder;

25. THAT debentures numbered 79-I-001 to 79-I3000 inclusive shall bear interest at the rate of TEN AND ONE-HALF per centum (10 1/2 %) per annum, and debentures numbered 79-I-3001 to 79-I4000 inclusive shall bear interest at the rate of TEN AND THREE-QUARTER per centum (10 3/4 %) per annum, and ~~debentures numbered to inclusive shall bear interest at the rate of per centum (%) per annum, payable semi-annually at the offices of the Bank set out above;~~

26. THAT the Finance Committee of the Municipality be hereby authorized to change the rate of interest from the rate set out in this resolution, on behalf of the Municipality, pursuant to Section 11 of the Municipal Affairs Act;

27. THAT a resolution of this Committee changing the interest rate must be passed before the debentures are sold and shall not be effective unless a true copy thereof certified by the Clerk as having been duly passed unanimously, or certified by members purporting to be all the members of the Committee, has been filed with the Minister of Municipal Affairs, and the Minister has approved of the resolution unless the change in the interest rate is not more than one quarter of one per cent in which case the Minister's approval is not required, pursuant to Section 11 of the Municipal Affairs Act;

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

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

30. THAT the Warden and Clerk be hereby authorized to change the sums of the debentures from the sums set out in this resolution provided that they shall not change the total principal amount payable in any one year, pursuant to Section 11 of the Municipal Affairs Act;

31. THAT pursuant to Section 11 of the Municipal Affairs Act the Warden and Clerk are authorized to exchange the debentures falling due in any one year debentures of equal face value and at the same rate of interest but in different denominations falling due in the same year and the exchange shall not require the approval of the Minister of Municipal Affairs;

32. THAT the Warden and Clerk be the Registrar of the debentures;

33. THAT the amount borrowed from the Bank be repaid to the Bank out of the proceeds of the debentures when sold.

THE MUNICIPALITY OF THE COUNTY OF HALIFAX

MINUTES OF ANNUAL COUNCIL SESSION

Tuesday, April 17th, 1979

Warden Settle opened the Annual Session at 2 p.m. followed by Mr. Kelly calling the roll.

It was moved by Councillor Walker and seconded by Councillor Poirier:

"THAT Mrs. Eileen Morres be appointed as recording secretary."
Motion Carried.

The Revisal Section for October 1979 election was brought to the floor for discussion and Councillor MacKenzie stated that the memorandum is a list of the polling areas and the names of Revisers and this won't change and Warden Settle replied that there have been some changes in the districts. Councillor Smith said that her district hasn't been fully appraised as yet and she would like her district left out until the May Session. Councillor Cosman would like to see a map showing this because she can't tell, by reading the description, exactly what they're describing. Without a map she can't make an objective judgement on it and would like a deferral on her own district until she could see a map. Councillor Deveaux concurred with Councillor Cosman and questioned also if it would be too late to implement the setting up of a poll in Ocean View Manor. Mr. Kelly noted that the memo reads that the place of the poll need not be established now. Councillor Lawrence stated that the more relevant information has to do with the number of voters on the list for various polls that existed in the last election. If you find that the numbers are considerably over the average in some of them then it's relatively easy to look at the boundaries of that one poll and consider scaling it down or splitting it. The Clerk's Office has those numbers poll by poll from the last election.

Councillor Margeson wondered if it was possible that Councillors could seek additional information from the Election Act to find whether they could use the material that has been gleaned for the present Federal Election and Solicitor Cragg replied that they're not available and never have been.

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

"THAT the Revisal Sections 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 11, 13, 14, and 16 for October 1979 Election be approved and the balance of the Districts be deferred to the next Session of Council."
Motion Carried.

It was moved by Councillor Walker and seconded by Councillor Sutherland:

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

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

"THAT the Annual Session be adjourned to May 15, 1979."
Motion Carried.

Warden Settle stated that this Annual Session of Council is adjourned.

THE MUNICIPALITY OF THE COUNTY OF HALIFAX
MINUTES OF ANNUAL COUNCIL SESSION
Tuesday, May 15, 1979

Warden Settle opened the May 15th Session at 2:00 p.m. with the Lord's Prayer followed by Mr. Bensted calling the roll.

It was moved by Councillor Cosman and seconded by Councillor Sutherland:

"THAT Sandra Cashen be appointed as recording secretary."
Motion Carried.

Mr. Bensted noted that the Report of the Finance and Executive Committee is on the Agenda and it deals with the meeting of the Finance Committee with the Chairman and Superintendent of the Municipal School Board with respect to the 1979 School Board Budget and the fact that they will be meeting again this Thursday, again with the Superintendent and Chairman and Business Manager. The Committee is not prepared at this time to bring the total budget to Council and is indicating concern with respect to the non-shareable portion of the budget in the amount of Five Million Eight Hundred Forty-two Thousand odd dollars. The Committee wishes to make a representation to the Provincial Government through the Premier and Minister of Education and Minister of Municipal Affairs with respect to this item and is asking Council to support this representation by the Committee. The report also recommends that the Annual Session of Council be adjourned until June 19, 1979 at 2:00 p.m. and hopefully the tax rate would be set at that session.

Councillor Cosman stated that at the suggested date almost one-third of Council would be away at a conference and she wouldn't like to see the tax rate set at that date, that she would prefer it be set earlier. She stated that this would be the third budget that she would have been a part of for setting rates as a member of Council and each year she grows increasingly frustrated at the delay in setting the tax rate. Once May comes around, everybody calls inquiring about the tax rate being set.

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

"THAT the Report of the Finance and Executive Committee be approved as amended."
(See Motion to Amend.) Motion Carried.

Councillor Cosman corrected herself and stated that there would only be three Councillors away.

Councillor Lachance stated that Council does have flexibility up to the 30th of June and that they should try to come up with a date when all Councillors will be present.

Mr. Bensted noted that it takes four days to get the billing out and that they should be out by the end of June.

Councillor Lachance suggested that perhaps a special day be set aside for a session in which the tax rate be set in order not to clutter it up with regular business.

Many dates were discussed between Councillors for a special meeting of Council.

Councillor Fader noted that the Budget for the Municipal School Board hadn't been approved yet and a meeting has to be set up with the Provincial Government.

It was moved by Councillor Lachance and seconded by Deputy Warden Gaetz:

"THAT the date be amended to the 25th of June for the Special Session of Council for setting the tax rate."
Motion Defeated.

Several Councillors noted that they would not be present on that date.

It was moved by Councillor Lachance and seconded by Councillor Sutherland:

"THAT the date of the Special Session of Council be further amended to June 12th, 1979 at 2:00 p.m."
Motion Carried.

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

"THAT Council authorize and instruct the Finance and Executive Committee to make a formal submission to the Provincial Government with respect to the non-shareable portion of the Municipal School Board Budget."
Motion Carried.

Councillor Deveaux inquired how this fit in with the hundred percent of the non-shareable portion which the Province took over and requested Mr. Bensted explain.

Mr. Bensted stated that what the Provincial Government have undertaken to do is to pick up by special grant to the Municipalities 100 percent of the residential portion of the Municipal portion of the shareable portion of the School Board Budget. We are indicating our concern as to the fact that close to Six Million Dollars of the School Board Budget is non-shareable and 100 percent of it is paid for by the Municipality. The reason for it is that the provincial Department of Education has not revised their scales on which they set the cost sharing to meet the rising costs. The problem is that their level of sharing hasn't kept pace with the inflation costs. The situation is that the Municipality is obligated to provide the Municipal School Board with the dollars and that the program is approved by the Province. The Municipality is not obligated to provide the School Board with the money for the non-shareable items. The Municipality may, if they wish, cut back on the amount of dollars the Municipal School Board needs. It would in some manner, have to reduce some of the services that they would provide. The total requirement of the Municipal School Board from the Municipality has increased, this year, by roughly 12 per cent.

Councillor Eisenhower asked if it would be possible to go back and take a look at some of these things and see what is not required this particular year.

Mr. Bensted replied that this is the reason the Finance and Executive Committee is meeting again with the Chairman and Superintendent of the Municipal School Board.

Councillor Lachance suggested that it would be inappropriate now to get into the cutting, that it is now in process and should be left at that.

It was moved by Councillor Lachance and seconded by Councillor Sutherland:

"THAT the Annual Session be adjourned to June 12; 1979 at 2:00 p.m."
Motion Carried.

THE MUNICIPALITY OF THE COUNTY OF HALIFAX
MINUTES OF SPECIAL COUNCIL SESSION
TUESDAY JUNE 12, 1979

Warden Settle opened the Special Session of Council at 2 p.m. and Mr. Meech called the roll.

It was moved by Councillor Cosman and seconded by Councillor Baker:

That Sandra Cashen be appointed recording secretary.

Motion carried.

Warden Settle: The next item is the Report of the Finance & Executive Committee which is being distributed.

Warden Settle asked Mr. Bensted if he wished to make a statement on the report.

Mr. Bensted replied that he didn't really. The report of the Finance & Executive Committee is self-explanatory. They are providing Council with the revenue section of the Budget and they provided them with the expenditure side through the mail and recommending approval of the Budget and are advising Council that the Budget has been reviewed with the Municipal School Board and that they have considered and reviewed the budgets and are suggesting to Council that if the Budget which has been presented to them is approved that the rates for 1979 can be set today.

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

That the Report of the Finance & Executive Committee be approved.

Motion Carried.

Councillor Williams stated that he can't quarrel with the rate. The only thing that bothered him is that the small businessman is going to be hit with a 5 cent increase.

Councillor Fader felt that he would like someone to explain the difference between residential and commercial. He feels that the 5 cent increase in commercial is a very reasonable amount.

Mr. Bensted: Mr. Chairman the reason for it is, if you look on page 5 of your revenue portion of the budget, under the unconditional transfers, there is an item there for education which, last year, was 5,985,000 dollars or close to 6,000,000 dollars and this is the special grant from the Provincial Government with respect to the residential portion of the municipality's share of the shareable cost of education and what the province started 4 years ago was to pick up that portion of it over a 3 year period. That 6 million dollars for 1979 will probably work out to be something in the area of 6 and a half million dollars. Those dollars are

applied to the residential assessments only and none of those dollars can be applied to the non residential assessment so this is where the difference comes between the two rates and so while residential assessment is assisted this year by another half million dollars through the grant the non residential assessment does not receive any of that benefit.

Councillor Lawrence: The first question I want to ask is on Page 10 and it has to do with the legal services. The first entry there shows that in '78 it was budgeted for 130 thousand and we actually spent 123 thousand and we're budgeting 100 thousand in '79. Could I have an explanation of how that relates to the fixed price contract that we have for our Municipal Solicitor, or am I in the wrong category.

Mr. Bensted: Mr. Chairman the figure that's budgeted for 1978 covers the present agreement which we have with the Municipal Solicitor. That agreement expires in August of this year and will be subject to renewal at that time. The figures in the budget would cover the present agreement we have, also the legal expenses with respect to the County Board of Health which are separate and has some built-in allowance for some additional costs in '79.

Councillor Lawrence: Can we have a breakdown in the difference? Those are both lump sums including the Municipality plus the Board of Health, is that right?

Mr. Bensted: The figures in round figures would be 60 thousand for the present agreement, 20 thousand for County Board of Health and 20 thousand for the built-in allowance.

Councillor Lawrence: Who gets the built-in allowance - what's that for, the Board of Health expenses?

Mr. Bensted: No, we may not spend that 20 thousand.

Councillor Lawrence: That only adds up to 100 thousand, that's in your '79. That's how you make up your '79 figure?

Mr. Bensted: Yes, that's what I'm talking about.

Councillor Lawrence: Was the 60 thousand not in effect in '78?

Mr. Bensted: Only part of '78. Only half of 1978. The agreement was the first of August 1978.

Councillor Lawrence: The agreement only ran from August to December 1978?

Mr. Bensted: Yes.

Warden Settle: Page 9 of the expenditures is the first one.

Councillor Topple: Looking at this I see conferences, we've proposed a hundred percent increase in funding for conferences and I wonder if the Finance Committee had considered this real seriously. In that last session we had I think it's twice or three times through the evening we were short, we did not have a quorum here because we had six Council Members attending a conference and I feel that perhaps we should be cutting down on the numbers of people we're sending to conferences rather than increasing. I've seen little results of these conferences in print and I wonder if the Finance Committee have considered this seriously.

Mr. Bensted: Mr. Chairman in line with that Council did approve sending 6 delegates to the CFM Conference, that was by approval of Council.

Councillor Topple: I agree that Council did. I'm saying have they considered what they have done here. We're increasing this now and it appears that we're proposing to send more people, or anybody who wishes to go by the sounds of it.

Mr. Bensted: That's subject to Council's approval and, as I say, Council already approved sending 6 delegates to the CFM Conference.

Councillor Topple: My point is, Mr. Bensted, we've increased the budget a hundred percent and I don't think, in this day and age, we should be increasing the budget. I would like to have that item remain as is. In the future we not go over the budget for conferences.

Warden Settle: The fact that the money's in the budget doesn't necessarily mean that it has to be spent.

Councillor Deveaux: I'm inclined to agree with Councillor Topple. The way I see it, although this is budgeted, whenever a conference comes up Council can decide how many go anyway so you might not end up using all the money that's been set aside.

Councillor Poirier: In comparison to Halifax/Dartmouth and Halifax County I think we have double the number of Councillors or people representing the County as the City of Dartmouth have and certainly they had as many representatives there as we did. I think to hold our own we have to keep up to the other municipalities.

Councillor Eisenhauer: There's a 98 thousand increase on page 10 but 65 thousand 5 hundred is due to because it's election year. Also the postage has gone up 7 thousand.

Mr. Bensted: Yes, and some of the election expense is offset by reserves which were brought in from the previous two years so that while you show a heavier expenditure there some of that is offset by the reserve dollars.

Councillor Cosman: professional services is 10 thousand dollars and then item 212 302, special studies is 9 thousand dollars. What would that cover?

Mr. Wilson: Basically the 10 thousand, which is 212 272 covers the recruitment of a clerk-treasurer and any similar type recruitments that would be required. The special studies are basically a feasibility study for an addition of 2 storeys to the existing building plus a study for a paraplegic ramp and any miscellaneous, just basically for the building and the increase in the size of the building.

Councillor Lachance: May I suggest that we start at the top of the page and perhaps go down each item and Mr. Wilson can make a comment on each one. I feel the way we're going now we're going to get up to page 20 or 21 and have gone past items which haven't been commented on. We're going to end up, eventually, jumping all over the budget. I wonder if we couldn't start where we are on page 10 and go down from the top with any items that a Councillor is concerned about. Councillor Cosman raised a question about an item at the bottom of the page and there are at least a dozen items before that that weren't commented on. I'd like to hear a comment on all of the items on the page. I'm not on the Finance & Executive Committee, my duties are taken up in other areas and I'm not familiar with all of these expenditures. A comment on each one would be a help.

Warden Settle: Perhaps Mr. Wilson could give you a comment. He could call them off and anybody who has a question in their mind perhaps they could ask him.

Councillor Wiseman: Mr. Bensted the 212 801 and 801, there's money set aside for the Union of Nova Scotia Municipalities and also the Canadian Federation of Mayors and Municipalities. Those two items, is that amount to our registration or our dues to those groups?

Mr. Bensted: Those are dues to those two groups which are based on population.

Councillor Wiseman: Why was there such a decrease for 1978? It was budgeted at 6,500 for the Canadian Federation and then for 1979 it's 3,800.

Mr. Bensted: Well if you'll promise not to tell the Canadian Federation they are using a population figure which is perhaps not quite correct.

Mr. Wilson: Basically I think the main difference there is some people from the Board of Health. In other words we charge certain people to the Board of Health, which is another section. The reason for that is that if there is any sharing going to be done in Board of Health by the Province then we want to make sure that we keep them separate. Some of the people in '78, they were charged for accounting purposes to this page 10 and were re-allocated and we didn't re-allocate the benefits in there as much as we should have, we left it in with the budget, but the actual budget this year is based on the factual '78 and we used a separate independent for each department. In other words the actual for each department rather than one overall average like we did in '78, so '79 is more factual.

Councillor Topple: I'd like to ask Mr. Wilson what the license costs are there, 301, 600 dollars.

Mr. Bensted: Those are license costs that we have with the CNR where we cross on the railway tracks and we have to have a license for that purpose and we have one or two with the Federal Government for DND property.

Councillor Lachance: (inaudible) there's no budget for the coming year, are we a member of that group?

Mr. Wilson: Yes. Basically it was getting so small we put it in with the miscellaneous.

Councillor Lachance: What benefit do we derive from membership in that group?

Mr. Bensted: That's a bit difficult to say what the total benefit is. We do have the privilege of receiving information through the Board of Trade with respect to studies that they carry out, sort of thing, and we do receive a fair amount of general information from them which is certainly of some indirect benefit.

Councillor Lachance: Are there members of Council on that Board?

Mr. Bensted: It's not a case of being appointed to the Board. The Warden is the representative of the Municipality.

Warden Settle: Some of the things they've done Councillor Lachance, say you elect to work on the Halifax International Airport, there are a lot of committees come out of the Board of Trade. They're pretty active in that regard, which happens to be in the County - the Airport itself.

Councillor Margeson: I would think when we're on the Board of Trade that the Warden should be a member ex-officio and we should be taking care of the dues and so on associated with that. Is that what that expense is?

Mr. Bensted: Yes, that's basically it.

Councillor Lachance: I wonder if we could briefly have a description of what other things are included in Miscellaneous column. I know there's not much there but it's a matter of interest. 2500 dollars, 186 of which is the Board of Trade.

Mr. Wilson: I don't have a complete breakdown of that. It's anything that doesn't fit into any other category within this group. It's usually a bunch of small items that we can't put in to, say office supplies or something like that. I can get a listing for you of the 22 hundred dollars.

Councillor Lachance: On the telephone budget is that inflation factor or is that new equipment?

Mr. Wilson: It's basically an inflation factor and long distance calls, if there are any.

Councillor Lachance: On the photocopying, 16,000 dollars, are those machines - how many machines do we have, photocopy machines in the building?

Mr. Wilson: There are two right now, at least there were two at the end of the year.

Councillor Lachance: Are they both on a rental basis or are they owned?

Mr. Wilson: Yes, it's on a useage basis. It's on a rental basis.

Councillor Lachance: I assume that we've costed out the difference between the current system and owning the machine eh? It's cheaper this way?

Mr. Wilson: Yes, actually we're looking at a study when the new Clerk Treasurer comes in, word processing operations, which could cut down on the use of the machine and could save a lot of staff but this is something which would have to be proposed later.

Councillor Lachance: On the item of office supplies, 15 thousand dollars. We are short on space and I suspect that we keep quite a lot of supplies on hand. Would we better off to carry on the way we are or to give up the surplus and order on demand and do away with storage space?

Mr. Bensted: We don't carry that much on hand because of lack of space for storage. What is carried on hand is more miscellaneous items than anything of any large amount. If at some time in future we had additional storage space then it might be possible to decrease those costs to some extent.

Councillor Lachance: Are any of our staff members eligible to go to a conference that is related in any way to their field?

Mr. Bensted: Yes. For example Mr. Meech, the Municipal Clerk, attended the Canadian Administrators' Conference which runs immediately prior to the Federation of Mayors and Municipalities and there are other local conferences which staff do have the opportunity of attending, yes.

Councillor Lachance: I was going to say that seems a bit low, actually. I would think the benefit derived from that type of thing would be substantial.

Mr. Bensted: Most of the courses are local courses where the expense is not very great.

Councillor Lachance: On the advertising factor, is that advertising for Public Hearings and that type of thing?

Mr. Bensted: General advertising. It would include some zoning where the fee for the advertising is waived on a zoning application but it would also include general advertising.

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Councillor Lawrence: Other professional services, 214 272. What exactly are those and how have we achieved a 50 percent reduction?

Mr. Wilson: Basically we've been reducing that about 50 percent every year. I don't think we'll have to use the 8,500 that I know of this year. This was when we were trying to bring our records up to date.

Councillor Lawrence: Using auditors for accounting purposes?

Mr. Wilson: Right, and we've gradually reduced them and this year, so far, we've only used them for a few days to try and sort of catch up on some of the past but hopefully that will disappear, unless there are some other type of services that we may require.

Councillor Lawrence: The second last item at the bottom, 214 304, computer rentals. We were under budget this year, can we have a reason for the increased amount? Are we planning to acquire additional gear?

Mr. Wilson: No, basically our original budget of that 78 thousand was the use of equipment for the entire year. We did not have all the equipment during the year. We only got our last screen in towards the end of November and so this is the reason we were able to get by. The increase of the 8,000 dollars is basically the 8 percent increase which is in the contract. It may not go that high. The last advice we had was about a 5 percent.

Councillor Cosman: I'm just curious about the entire block of funds there, computer salaries, consultants, supplies, rentals and miscellaneous. Are we seriously looking at purchasing a compact machine that does not require extra people on staff rather than getting into this pattern year after year, putting out a large amount of money on a rental system. It seems to me when we first went into the computer rental system that I questioned at that time what we were actually getting into for hidden expenses, for salaries and I seem to recall I was maybe perhaps only one person who very strongly disagreed with the route we were taking and 161,000 dollars is a lot of money on something that we don't know and I just wonder is there any serious looking at the system we are using and assessing it as to whether or not it's meeting this building's needs and whether or not we should be outright purchasing a system, not necessarily this system.

Mr. Wilson: Yes, basically as far as the salaries - I'll break it into a couple of sections. As far as the salaries are concerned we only increased our staff by one. We moved the people that were in the existing collection department that were working the machines, we've moved them over. One has retired since then and has been replaced by a programmer which changed the context of the individual group, although the number of people was just the one systems analyst that we had coming in to the conversion and to continue working on that because there was no one that had the time to make sure that all the conversions were going. As far as looking at it we are starting now to take a look. We've been in it 18 months and we have a 3 year contract. We're looking at it now because the price of equipment has dropped radically since we started and we can, just sort of off the cuff, I know we can get 50 percent more capacity at 50 percent of the cost, even on the type of existing machinery, without looking at other areas and we've had contact now, we're starting to talk with some of the people that did not come in on their bids and we're talking with them now and looking at

Mr. Wilson: (cont'd) the entire overall situation. We're also talking with the School Board who are using the computer for some of their operations and we're also working with the School Board on this word processing equipment.

Councillor Cosman: So the computer operation that we have just covers our own municipal operation exclusive of the School Board and Assessment, do they have their own or do they use ours?

Mr. Wilson: No, the Assessment Department have their own system although they use ours quite a bit because ours is more up to date.

Councillor Topples: Could I ask Mr. Wilson what 278 Insurance is please?

Mr. Wilson: Basically that is part of a bonding policy in case there is some defalcations. It's a bonding policy for everybody in the County.

Councillor Topples: In other words it's bonds, insurance bonds.

Mr. Wilson: Yes, it's an insurance bond type thing.

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Councillor Eisenhauer: inaudible.

Mr. Bensted: It's difficult to say yet because the fact that we've only sent out the first interim bill and therefore have not processed a number of applications which will be coming in when the final bill is processed. We are estimating 90 thousand as a maximum. Whether we will reach that or not it's difficult to tell at this point in time but we would deem that to be a maximum figure.

Councillor Eisenhauer: inaudible.

Councillor Deveaux: I asked the assessor, I don't see it here anywhere, but I was told our total assessment was 99 million, is that right?

Mr. Bensted: Yeah, just slightly under one billion.

Councillor Deveaux: At that rate I estimate one cent gives us more than 90 thousand. One cent would give us over 90 thousand dollars anyway wouldn't it? The way I look at it I'm sure we can afford one cent to help widowers or widows or people who, you know, to give them some relief on their taxes.

Mr. Bensted: I don't think Councillor Eisenhauer was questioning that. He was just commenting that this was due to the increase.

Councillor Williams: (inaudible) 12,800 dollars in postage spent last year, 25,000 is expected to spend this year.

Mr. Bensted: There are 2 reasons for it. Number 1 there has been an increase in postage, number 2 we are into a twice a year billing so that we almost double our billing.

Councillor Williams: inaudible.

Mr. Bensted: It's cost us money but the payoff is greater than the cost.

Councillor Lawrence: I wanted to question 215 305. I didn't understand why that amount for the '79 budget wasn't 75,000 rather than 90,000. We increased the amount of exemption by 50 percent, we increased the ceiling on the allowable income in a negligible amount. I don't understand why that wouldn't more logically be 75,000.

Mr. Bensted: Because it would appear from the applications that we are receiving and it would appear as if last year that there were a number of people who did not apply last year.

Councillor Lawrence: Because we had added that restriction about total household income being counted.

Mr. Bensted: Not necessarily. There appears to be some people who didn't apply for lack of knowledge or some other reason and that is why this year it was noted on the interim bill that this was available. It appears there were a fair number of people last year that would have been eligible that didn't apply.

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Councillor Eisenhower: Going down to buildings, 216 267, just to jog my memory what have we requested to have next year in the line of improving the building grounds. Are we going to put new grass down?

Mr. Bensted: I don't know about new grass. There is a fair amount of work that has to be carried out with respect to sidewalk repairs and the repainting et cetera.

Councillor Topple: I wonder, under 216 262 water rates, why we have an increase of 83 percent.

Mr. Bensted: They obtained increases in their water rates.

Councillor Topple: Did they go up that amount?

Mr. Bensted: Yes, they went up quite substantially.

Councillor Eisenhower: inaudible.

Mr. Bensted: We have some built in for the Municipal Development Plan which would provide additional office space.

Councillor Lachance: (inaudible)

Mr. Bensted: Yes, that would have been some additional costs of vacation period or sickness or -

Councillor Lachance: So all of our general maintenance of the building are housekeeping (inaudible)

Mr. Bensted: It's the people.

Councillor Lachance: So this 23,000 dollars is for two people's salaries?

Mr. Bensted: That's right.

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Councillor Lawrence: I'd like to question the discrepancy between the amount that we are intending to give the Eastern Shore Tourist Association versus the South Shore Tourist Association. Those are items 218 312 and 322. We gave South Shore 500 dollars last year, we're proposing to give it 1000 this year. We gave the Eastern Shore 2000 last year and are proposing 2500, is there some reason for this?

Mr. Bensted: For which figures?

Councillor Lawrence: For the discrepancy between the two.

Mr. Bensted: You mean the larger increase in the South Shore?

Councillor Lawrence: No, I mean the difference in the total amounts.

Mr. Bensted: The amount for the Eastern Shore Tourist Association is the amount that was requested by the Eastern Shore Tourist Association. The South Shore Tourist Association did not make an official request for a given amount.

Councillor Lawrence: The representative on the South Shore Tourist Association says it did.

Mr. Bensted: Well I don't know where it was.

Councillor Lawrence: Can we have some explanation.

Mr. Bensted: Well I might say that Councillor Walker is a member of the Finance Committee. He did make certain representations at the Committee.

Warden Settle: I think there's been a bit of history there Councillor Lawrence. I think over the years that the Eastern Shore's been getting a grant for many years whereas, for some reason or other, there was never any

Councillor Lawrence: inaudible.

Councillor Eisenhauer: (inaudible)

Mr. Bensted: Yes, that would be correct if you look at the areas covered and the area within Halifax County the Eastern Shore does cover a larger area than the South Shore. I'm not in a position to comment as to the benefits of either one against the other. Last year the South Shore

Mr. Bensted: (cont'd) Tourist did request 500 dollars which was granted. This year they requested dollars and Cathy Cox, who represented the organization, spoke to Council and while she asked for assistance did not ask for any particular amount and she did advise me that she hoped that in a short period of time that they would not have to be coming to the Municipalities for assistance.

Councillor MacKenzie: Mr. Warden, with regard to the Eastern Shore Tourist Association there was a request, at the time that Mr. Broomfield spoke to Council, for 3000 dollars and it was cut back to the amount in the budget of 2500 and at the Finance Committee level there was not a request from the South Shore Tourist Association except a request from a member of the Association itself and we did increase it by 500 dollars but there was a request from the eastern Shore for 3000.

Councillor Lawrence: One I was interested in is the Sackville Chamber of Commerce, 500 dollars. Are we ordinarily in the habit of giving grants to Chambers of Commerce, Boards of Trade and such and if so why -

Mr. Bensted: That requires a little more information actually. The request from the Sackville Chamber of Commerce was with the respect to the establishment of a Tourist Bureau to serve the Bedford/Sackville/Beaverbank/Kinsac area and this would be for a Tourist Association and not for the Sackville Chamber of Commerce but the request initiated through the Sackville Chamber of Commerce and this would be on the basis of the Tourist Association being set up and if it is not then the dollars will not be paid.

Councillor Lachance: I'd like a brief explanation as to why the last three were dropped. The Allergy Clinic of the I.W.K., the Help Line and the Ecology Action Centre.

Mr. Bensted: Number 1 the Children's Hospital Allergy Clinic, the proposal was put forward last year that apparently didn't go forward and the funds were not used and there was no request this year for the program. The Volunteer Help Line is taken care of under the Social Assistance Budget instead of the General Budget because it's a cost shareable item with the Provincial Government, it's included in Social Assistance and there was no request from the Ecology Action Centre this year.

Councillor Wiseman: Why do we give grants to certain hospitals and not to others?

The grants there for hospitals are for capital purposes and not for operating purposes and there were requests placed before Council with respect to capital grants for those hospitals and they are limited - this would be the last year of the grant program for capital purposes so that at the end of this year they would die out, but it was for capital purpose only and not for operating. I should say, pardon me, that does not apply to the Grace Maternity Hospital. That has another three years to go but the others would run out this year.

Councillor Cosman: inaudible.

Mr. Bensted: The Halifax South Shore Veterinary Association, the Musquodoboit Veterinary Association?

Councillor Cosman: Inaudible.

Mr. Bensted: Well 309, the Musquodoboit, that Association would be similar to the Halifax South Vet Association. There are two associations serving Halifax County and they provide a subsidized service for farmers throughout the area whereby if the vet has to travel 5 miles or has to travel 50 miles the farmer pays the same fee for the call with the mileage being underwritten by the Association and the Municipality has, for a good number of years, provided this assistance to the two associations.

Councillor Cosman: inaudible.

Mr. Bensted: Well you're not subsidizing sick cows you're subsidizing the farmer involved.

Mr. Bensted: It's been carried on for a number of years and it's one that, of course it's a decision of Council but as I say it has been deemed to be a worthwhile program.

Warden Settle: I think we've had many requests from the Department of Agriculture Unit to continue those programs. I know that most of the rural Councillors have been pretty strong in favour of them.

Councillor Cosman: inaudible.

Mr. Bensted: Well I guess the same comment could apply to all of the Tourist Associations. They're all, actually the members of the associations are business people so I guess basically you could say the same for them all. What would apply to one would apply to the three of them.

Councillor Cosman: inaudible.

Mr. Bensted: They're all funded through the Provincial Department, yes. As a matter of fact the Provincial matches dollar for dollar any municipal grants.

Councillor Cosman: inaudible.

Mr. Bensted: Well there is an Eastern Shore and there's a South Shore. There has not been, to date, one which would cover the Bedford/Sackville/Beaverbank/Fall River area. Now the intent and purpose is to establish a third one which would cover that part of the Municipality so that the whole municipality would be covered by the three associations.

Councillor Wiseman: Just for clarification as far as I know this is something that was arranged between the Bedford Board of Trade and the Sackville Chamber of Commerce as a joint committee to serve an association for those areas. The 500 dollars is there providing they can set up this tourist association and if it isn't set up this money won't be used.

Councillor Lachance: I'm not clear on the criteria for this category. It says grants to organizations and individuals and it seems to me that some of the ones on there, 218 311 for example, 4 H Clubs and there are a number of others, Sackville Chamber of Commerce. It would be no more appropriate for them than it would be for the Eastern Shore Minor Hockey Association which had sent in a request for what I think was a sound reason, nevertheless it was not dealt with favourably and was kept alive only by referral to another department but it seems to me that they would fit in here with these other groups and I wonder what the criteria is. What do they mean by individuals, individual people?

Mr. Bensted: I think perhaps individuals is a misnomer. It would be organizations rather than individuals.

Councillor Lachance: What is the criteria then. Would it just be a matter of presenting a formal request to Council and Council debating it, deciding yes or no on it?

Mr. Bensted: Basically that's what it's here for now and Council can decide to delete any of these if they wish to do so.

Councillor Lachance: But all of these have come to where they are today by being approved, at one time or another, by Council? With no general merits except the feeling of Council at the time?

Mr. Bensted: Yes. As the Council deeming the merits of the organization being one that warranted consideration. I agree that the matter of grants to organizations gets to be pretty much of a hodge podge and there's a question as to where do you start and where do you stop and some years ago the Municipality eliminated pretty near all the grants and over a period of years they started to build up again. It is a very moot question.

Councillor Lawrence: In your experience then, Mr. Bensted, for example in the last situation how high did they escalate? We're at 48,000 dollars now. What, in your experience, have they escalated to? What cost, 100 thousand? The last time I assume the cost was high and it was therefore terminated?

Mr. Bensted: I don't know that it would have been any higher than what it is now but at one time it was considerably lower than what it is now.

Warden Settle: Some of those grants, some of the major ones Councillor Lachance, are given at the time of campaigns for hospitals and they are over a period of years, you know.

Mr. Bensted: For example you have 27,000 dollars in grants to hospitals of the 48,000.

Councillor Topple: I too am not satisfied the Sackville Chamber of Commerce should be getting 500 dollar grants. I think grants - the way I look at grants, they're usually for somebody who needs funding and cannot derive it in some other way. If it's for tourist bureaus I would have to think of the United States when it comes to tourism and the Chambers of