

"THAT the solicitor be extended a vote of confidence and appreciation."

Motion Carried.

Councillor MacKenzie stated that at the last Council Session he had requested time be allotted to an emergency situation dealing with the salmon stock in East River at Sheet Harbour. Councillor MacKenzie stated that he felt that something must be done immediately to save the salmon stock. Councillor MacKenzie explained the background of the problem stating that approximately 12 years ago a project was started to make a fish plant next to the power plant on the East River. Due to escalating costs this project has been discontinued. Presently the salmon are unable to reach their spawning ground due to the fishway being closed in the first dam. It is very likely that if these fish cannot spawn they will not return to this river. It is the second dam, however, which causes concern. There was no provision made for a fishway in this dam. There is also little protection for those salmon trying to reach their spawning ground. Spending money on a useless project cannot be allowed to continue and alternate means of protecting our salmon must be found.

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

"THAT a letter be sent to the Federal Minister of Fisheries requesting that a Fishway be installed in the Ruth Falls Dam at East River so the salmon stock can proceed unobstructed to the spawning ground and that this project be considered an emergency and proceed with haste, further that encouragement be given to the Minister to reactivate the transportation of salmon to the spawning ground as an interim measure. Copies of this letter will go to the Provincial Minister of Fisheries, the Honorable Elmer MacKay, the Honorable Tom McInnes, the Nova Scotia Power Commission, the Eastern Shore Wildlife Association, and Mr. Tom Miller, Director of the Eastern Shore Development Corporation."

Motion Carried.

Councillor MacDonald spoke on hydrants in Councillor MacKay's absence. Councillor MacDonald related that there was some question as to whether or not there was sufficient water in some of the hydrants in Sackville. Particularly there is a possible problem at the Sackville Heights Junior High School.

It was moved by Councillor MacDonald, seconded by Councillor Wiseman:

"THAT a staff report be prepared and presented at next Council Session concerning the adequacy of water in some hydrants in Sackville, particularly in the Sackville Heights Junior High School area."

Motion Carried.

Councillor Topples asked if there was any reply to the request for a list of the untaxed lands in the County and the request for an

assessment report. Mr. Meech stated that he would check into the matter.

Councillor Benjamin introduced a matter concerning District 14. It is in relation to the River Lake Residents Association who passed a budget at their annual meeting and subsequently the Executive changed the budget and funneled almost all the revenue under the consultants and legal fees pertaining to their fight against the crusher development in the area. Subsequent to this action the Executive have attempted to raise some funds to offset their other expenses. There is a surplus from 1979 of approximately \$2,700 and we have granted a \$0.01 area rate which will give them \$2,888.17. This will be in the 1981 budget and I have looked it all over with Mr. Wilson and I am in a position to reconsider and I have authorized that these bills be paid. This will almost completely deplete their budget and this is including the area rate. I recognize that in their enthusiasm they were not careful of the business end. They are attempting to raise money outside the area rate. This matter is an information item only.

Warden Lawrence stated that at the last Policy Committee Meeting the procedure of setting area rates was discussed and it was decided that a study should be done concerning this. She stated that this would soon be coming to Council.

Warden Lawrence introduced the Building Inspector's Report.

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

"THAT approval be given to the lesser setback application of 25', Lot 4, Allen Heights Subdivision, St. Margaret's Bay. Applicant John W. Shaw."
Motion Carried.

Warden Lawrence introduced the Municipal School Board Report. She stated that it would be advisable to refer these to the Policy Committee.

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

"THAT the School Board report be referred to the Policy Committee for recommendation."
Motion Carried.

Warden Lawrence informed the Committee that there had been a meeting earlier concerning the PUB decision on Phases 5 and 6 of Forest Hills. She stated that Mr. Cragg, Mr. Gillis, Councillor Stewart, Councillor Topple, Mr. Meech and herself had attended. This meeting was to determine the advisability of the possibility of appealing this decision. The concensus of that meeting was that we appeal the decision. Mr. Cragg outlined the procedure which would be followed.

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

"THAT the Municipality file a notice of objection with the Clerk

of the Executive Council concerning the decision of the PUB on Phases 5 and 6 of Forest Hills."
Motion Carried.

Councillor Topple stated that it was his feeling that the decision on Phases 5 and 6 was not proper. He stated that his feeling was that Education would not be better served under Dartmouth and that the community concept would not be enhanced. He stated that he felt it was time to put a stop to random annexations as they made planning extremely difficult.

Warden Lawrence asked Councillor Lichter to give a status report on the Rural Task Force.

Councillor Lichter gave the background of the Rural Task Force being set up. He stated at present 5 meetings had been held and the tone of these had been positive. Councillor Lichter stated that they had agreed on a tentative boundary. The boundary would separate the urban area from the rural area by having a gray area between which we are referring to as the fringe. The fringe area itself would remain under the RDP should the Minister make the amendments that will be recommended by the task force and hopefully accepted by Council. The boundary appears to be one which is acceptable to the representatives of the Municipal Affairs Department as well as to our Planning Department and the Councillors involved. We discovered that just setting the boundary was not enough, we had to carry out a two prong attack. First looking at the boundary and simultaneously at what restrictions could be lifted. I think you did receive documents in which two scenarios were described, one would have been the contracted boundary and the other the extended boundary. The contracted boundary would be close to the RDP boundary and the extended boundary farther out from the RDP boundary. In the contract boundary restrictions would have to remain while with the extended boundary some restrictions could be lifted. These would be 1) no RDP permits would be required 2) number of lot approvals would not be restricted at all in the rural areas. We have also looked at the commercial and industrial land use proposals and those would not be requiring RDP permits and also they would not require the large mass of land the RDP calls for. He stated that he was encouraged by the progress and that hopefully a draft would be brought to Council early in October.

Councillor Smith stated that as of yet there had been no mention of the Musquodoboit rail line abandonment.

Mr. Meech stated that a draft submission was being prepared and that submission would be ratified by Council before it was made at the hearing. Mr. Meech also stated that he had written to CTC stating that the Municipality was going to make a submission.

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

"THAT a submission be made to the CTC Public Hearing on September 15, 1980 concerning the proposed abandonment of a rail line in the Middle Musquodoboit area."
Motion Carried.

Councillor Benjamin stated that the local Councillors should also be present and if they wished to speak they would be heard.

Warden Lawrence stated that the Union of Nova Scotia Municipalities would be making a submission at this hearing.

Councillor Adams wondered when the Bell Park Academic extension would be brought before Council. Warden Lawrence replied that it would be at the next Council Session.

Councillor Margeson requested an update on the Beaver Bank Schools. He stated that Mr. Hugh Barrett and Mr. Paul Nowlan were the two people chosen in the area to give suggestions on a possible site for the schools. He stated they had heard nothing about it and wished to know when this was to be organized.

Councillor Stewart referred to the letter from Gil Lamontagne's assistant concerning the transfer of the Tracker Station at Shearwater to Summerside, PEI. He stated that it was interesting to note that in the letter it states the transfer enhances the operational tasks. Councillor Stewart stated that he failed to see how that is true as most of the fishery control is on the Atlantic coast and Shearwater is closer.

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

"THAT a copy of the letter referred to be sent to Mr. Forestall and the Honorable Mr. Regan asking if they would explore the ways and means of utilizing the facilities at Shearwater."
Motion Carried.

It was moved by Councillor McCabe:

"THAT Council adjourn."
Motion Carried.

COUNCIL SESSION

SEPTEMBER 16, 1980

PRESENT WERE: Warden Lawrence Deputy Warden Poirier
 Councillor Walker Councillor Williams
 Councillor Baker Councillor Deveaux
 Councillor Stewart Councillor Topple
 Councillor Adams Councillor Gaetz
 Councillor Smith Councillor MacKenzie
 Councillor McCabe Councillor Lichter
 Councillor Benjamin Councillor Margeson
 Councillor MacKay Councillor MacDonald
 Councillor Eisenhauer Councillor Wiseman

Warden Lawrence opened Council with the Lord's Prayer at 2:00 p.m.

Mr. Kelly then called the roll.

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

"THAT Sherryll Hussey be appointed recording secretary."
Motion Carried.

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

"THAT the minutes of the August 19, 1980 Regular Session, August 11, 1980 Public Hearing, and the August 25, 1980 Public Hearing be approved."
Motion Carried.

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

"THAT the Letters and Correspondence be received."
Motion Carried.

Mr. Meech outlined the Letters and Correspondence. He stated that the first was a copy of a letter from Mr. Dale Reinhardt to Mr. John Fraser concerning the commencement of construction on the Sackville Post Office.

The next was a letter to Mr. Steve Probyn from Mr. Reinhardt. This letter concerned the dicussion on the proposed Farmer's and Fishermens Market. This letter outlined the concerns of the Council concerning this matter.

The next two letters concerned the request made for a need and demand study for Senior Citizens Housing in Hubbards. The first letter was addressed to Mr. C. J. O'Brien from Mr. Dale Reinhardt informing of this request. The second letter was Mr. O'Brien's reply. This letter was notification of receipt of the above letter and the steps that were being taken towards a decision on the matter.

Councillor MacKenzie advised that he had made a similiar request a few months back and wished to know what was happening with this matter. Mr. Kelly advised that this letter had been written but as yet there was no reply. Councillor MacKenzie requested a follow up to the matter.

The next letter was in reply to a letter concerning the request to the P.U.B. to make decisions known to the Municipality before the media. This letter stated that it was the procedure of the P.U.B. to do so but they had been unable to reach the solicitor on that day.

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

"THAT we advise the Board of Public Utilities that in future the Chief Administrative Officer or the Warden be notified of any decisions concerning the Municipality as they are the official representatives of the Municipality under the Municipal Act."
Motion Carried.

The next letter dealt with the letter pertaining to the request for an increase in the subsidy on the Derelict Vehicle Program. The request has been denied.

There was discussion on the possiblity of carrying out the program for the remainder of the year.

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

"THAT this matter be referred to Policy and that they look into the possibility of a Municipal Supplementary Program for the rest of the year."
Motion Carried.

It was noted that this should be done with some speed.

There was also discussion on the collection of other large garbage on a more regular basis.

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

"THAT the Policy Committee look into the possiblity of having large household trash picked up on a more regular basis."
Motion Carried.

There was some question on how this would be dealt with for areas having only private garbage collection. It was noted that this would only pertain to those areas which were serviced by Municipal Collection.

Mr. Joe Hefler informed the Committee that there were still 400 cars to be picked up under the present Derelict Vehicles Program. It was clarified that this Program would be continued next year by the Provincial Government.

Councillor Deveaux requested that Mr. Tobin be present at the Policy Committee to discuss this matter.

The next letter dealt with the policing of Mobile Parks. This letter resulted from a letter forwarded to the Department of the Attorney General to request further policing for mobile parks. Councillor MacDonald noted that it appeared that this was the first concern shown on this matter, while actually it was not. He requested that a follow-up letter be sent indicating that this was not the first correspondence on this matter.

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

"THAT the report of the Director of Planning and Development be received."
Motion Carried.

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

"THAT the report of the Planning and Advisory Committee be received."
Motion Carried.

The first item concerned the request for approval of undersized lots located on a curve.

It was moved by Councillor Stewart, seconded by Councillor MacDonald:

"THAT this application be approved."
Motion Carried.

The second item on the report was deferred due to some confusion over the actual walkways to be accepted. There was some discussion on the legalities involved in the acceptance of walkways. Mr. Cragg stated that he believed that the Municipality was both morally and legally bound to accepting these walkways.

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

"THAT the Policy Committee report be received."
Motion Carried.

The first item concerned a request for approval of the study concerning the 911 Emergency Line. There was discussion on the cost to the Municipality and the benefits that would be derived from such a service.

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

"THAT Council endorse the study on the 911 Emergency Line."
Motion Carried.

It was moved by Deputy Warden Poirier, seconded by Councillor MacKay:

"THAT the Supplementary Report of the Policy Committee be received."

Motion Carried.

The first item referred to a request for approval for the six room addition to the Bell Park School.

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

"THAT approval be given to the six room addition to the Bell Park School and that the plans be sent to the Department of Education."

Motion Carried.

It was moved by Deputy Warden Poirier, seconded by Councillor Deveaux:

"THAT the report of the Management Committee be received."

Motion Carried.

The first item concerned the renewal of a Temporary Borrowing Resolution of \$188,000 for the District 7 Service Commission to renew the annual instalment on their borrowings.

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

"THAT this renewal of a Temporary Borrowing Resolution of \$188,000 be approved."

Motion Carried.

The next item dealt with the Temporary Borrowing Resolution for \$120,000 for the Sackville Access Road.

There was lengthy discussion on this item with the Councillors evenly distributed in those against the proposal and those for the proposal. The points brought out for those against were as follows: 1) The Access Road proposed was above what they felt were the usual standard, 2) The drastic increase in cost should be looked into. The points of those for the proposal were as follows: 1) The present entrance to the school is a safety hazard, 2) The increase in cost is related to environmental problems.

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

"THAT the Temporary Borrowing Resolution for \$120,000 for the Sackville Access Road be approved."

Motion Carried.

It was moved by Councillor Deveaux:

"THAT the original motion be ammended to read; That due to the high costs proposed for the new entrance to Sackville High School that the present entrance be upgraded in lieu of constructing a new entrance."

Motion Lost.

Warden Lawrence explained that she was unable to accept this as an amendment as this was a totally different approach to providing access to the Sackville High School.

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

"THAT this matter be referred to the Management Committee for further investigation as to what standards are involving a secondary road and in respect to traffic and primarily what the width of the road is to be and why."

Motion Defeated (due to a tie vote - see recorded vote below)

There was much discussion concerning this motion to refer. Many Councillors voiced the opinion that to reinvestigate and redesign would cost many dollars in excess of what has already been spent. There was also discussion on placing traffic lights at that intersection. However, it was explained that the Department of Transportation refused to do this because of the hazards that were involved there.

IN FAVOR: Deputy Warden Poirier, Councillors Williams, Walker, Baker, Deveaux, Topple, Gaetz, McCabe, Lichter, Benjamin.

OPPOSED: Warden Lawrence, Councillors Smith, Adams, Stewart, Wiseman, MacDonald, Eisenhauer, MacKay, Margeson, MacKenzie.

Deputy Warden Poirier asked what the status was at the present time concerning the Dutch Village School. She wished assurance that Mr. Wdowiak was proceeding with the acquisition of the Land and the preliminary work. Warden Lawrence stated that the steps in getting a moratorium lifted were as follows: 1) the School Board prepares a checklist of certain things, 2) this then has to be approved by the inspector, 3) this then goes to the Department of Education, 4) which then is recommended to the Cabinet for releasing the moratorium. Warden Lawrence stated that she assumed that the School Board would have this check list ready at present.

Warden Lawrence advised Council that former Clerk, Mr. H. G. Bensted was in Dartmouth General Hospital. It was agreed that the Council would send both flowers and fruit to Mr. Bensted.

Warden Lawrence requested Councillor Benjamin to make some comment on the amendments to the Health Regulations.

Councillor Benjamin remarked that they were pleased to have the Regulations relaxed. He then outlined the procedure taken in appeals to applications. Councillor Benjamin stated that this was very beneficial to the individual who has made an application which has been denied.

It was agreed that this would be put on the agenda for the next Council Session.

Council then broke for a five minute recess.

It was agreed that Discussion on the Committee Structure would be dealt with before the Supplementary items.

The Councillors voiced a number of concerns as well as a number of suggestions in relation to the structure of the Committees.

- 1) The length of the Management Committee agenda.
- 2) The lack of Communication between the Recreation Department, Social Assistance and the Committees.
- 3) That both the Chief Administrator and the Clerk attended the meetings when there was no real need.
- 4) That perhaps the Warden and Deputy Warden should not be the Chairman on the Committees to allow other Councillors an opportunity to do so.
- 5) The lack of communication between the various committees.
- 6) That not enough time was allotted to Department Heads when they did come before the Committees

Some of the suggestions for improvement were as follows:

- 1) That Management Committee meet twice a week.
- 2) That sub-committees be formed to deal with matters of great importance or that needed immediate attention.
- 3) That the relationship between the Policy and Management Committee be reviewed in an attempt to take some of the burden off the Management as far as items to be dealt with were concerned.
- 4) That the Policy Committee mandate be increased
- 5) That the number of members be divided to deal with certain matters.
- 6) That the Social Assistance and Recreation Committees be revived.
- 7) That items on the Supplementary Agenda to Council have more back up information or that the minutes of the meetings from which these originate be circulated with "NOT YET APPROVED" stamped on them.
- 8) That perhaps the boundary question could be more easily solved with the revival of the Redistribution Committee.

Councillor Gaetz stated that an attempt to review the boundaries had been made some time ago but the P.U.B. had informed the County that this was not allowed as the review of boundaries was done only every six years. Mr. Cragg stated that this Committee could be set up with the approval of the P.U.B.

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

"THAT this matter be referred to Policy and that the Policy Committee review the matter and bring a report back to Council as soon as possible."
Motion Defeated.

There was further discussion on the matter.

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

"THAT these issues be referred to Policy and that they review these and report back to Council."
Motion Carried.

The Building Inspectors' Report was for information only, as was the Social Assistance Report.

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

"THAT the report of the Centennial Committee be received."
Motion

Warden Lawrence outlined the items in the Report.

The first item was concerning the proposed policy of distribution of the Centennial Plaques. It was the recommendation of the Centennial Committee that these plaques be given only on special occasions such as presentations to Councillors or other individuals on retirement or commemoration of that person.

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

"THAT approval be given to this Policy."
Motion Carried.

The next item dealt with the proposed "in the field" Council Session. The proposed dates and locations for these are as follows:

October 21, 1980	Middle Musquodoboit High School
November 4, 1980	Sir John A. MacDonald High School
November 18, 1980	Cole Harbour High School
December 2, 1980	Sackville High School

Councillor Deveaux voiced the opinion that there was no advantage to beginning Council at its regular time as the people in the area could not attend due to working schedules.

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

"THAT the original proposal be amended to read: 'That Council be held from 7:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m on the days proposed.'"
Motion Lost.

Warden Lawrence explained that the time of the Council Session could not be changed as per the By-Law.

The Councillors agreed that this was an excellent idea and that it would be a very good Public Relations event.

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

"THAT this proposal be approved in principle."
Motion Carried.

The next item concerned the Dinner-Dance. Warden Lawrence explained that this was an information item but that any suggestions would be willingly accepted. She stated that the proposed date for this function was November 28, 1980. She also informed the Council that the next

Committee meeting was scheduled for October 16, 1980.

Warden Lawrence stated that the Task Force on Homes for Special Care and Social Services report was for information and study.

Councillor Margeson in asked what the status on the Beaver Bank Kinsac School was presently. Mr. Meech informed him that Mr. Wdowiak was rediscussing the matter with the architect and that he would report back on this matter. Councillor Margeson stated that the entrance in question was being used as the main entrance for deliveries and therefore should be paved.

Councillor Margeson asked what was the status on the site location for the Beaver Bank Elementary and Junior High Schools. Mr. Meech stated that criteria were being set for the site and that this project was an on going project.

Councillor Margeson stated that as next month was fire prevention month that perhaps it might be appropriate to have a speaker to talk in this matter.

Councillor Benjamin pointed out that the plans for the Waverly Water Supply Plebiscite were in place. He informed the Committee that there was to be an information night at the Waverley Legion, on Wednesday at 7:30 p.m.

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

"THAT due to the fact that many County residents do not receive the Mail Star that the editor of the Halifax Herald be contacted to request coverage by that paper."

Motion Carried.

Councillor MacKay outlined the problem with fire hydrants in his area.

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

"THAT a study be undertaken to determine the cost of semiannual and/or annual flushing of fire hydrants and that this report be prepared by the Policy Committee."

Motion Carried.

Councillor MacKay introduced the problem with cats in his area.

It was moved by Councillor MacKay:

"THAT the solicitor be directed to look into the possibility of drafting a By-Law pertaining to the control of cats."

Motion Withdrawn.

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

"THAT staff investigate and report on the methods of controlling cats that are deemed problems."

Motion Carried.

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

"THAT the Nova Scotia Housing Commission be requested to do a need and demand study for Senior Citizens Housing in Eastern Passage."

Motion Carried.

It was suggested by Councillor Gaetz that the door to the ante-room be closed at all times during Council. This suggestion was as a result of inability to hear when some people are talking near the door of that room. It was agreed to by Council.

It was moved by Deputy Warden Poirier:

"THAT Council adjourn."

Motion Carried.

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FIRST YEAR MEETINGS

of the

FORTIETH COUNCIL

of the

MUNICIPALITY OF THE COUNTY OF HALIFAX

OCTOBER COUNCIL SESSION

Tuesday, October 7 and 21, 1980

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COUNCIL SESSION

October 7, 1980

PRESENT WERE: Councillor Benjamin Councillor Walker
 Councillor Williams Councillor Baker
 Councillor Deveaux Councillor Stewart
 Councillor Topple Councillor Adams
 Councillor Gaetz Councillor Smith
 Councillor MacKenzie Councillor McCabe
 Councillor Lichter Councillor Benjamin
 Councillor Margeson Councillor MacKay
 Councillor MacDonald Councillor Eisenhower
 Councillor Wiseman Warden Lawrence

SECRETARY: Sherryll Hussey

Council was called to order at 2:00 p.m. and adjourned at 6:00 p.m.

Warden Lawrence called Council to order. Mr. Kelly then called the roll.

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

"THAT Sherryll Hussey be appointed the Recording Secretary."
Motion Carried.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

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

"THAT the minutes of the July 29, 1980 Public Hearing be approved."
Motion Carried.

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

"THAT the minutes of the September 16, 1980 Regular Session be approved."
Motion Carried.

Warden Lawrence then requested Mr. Meech to outline the Letters and Correspondence. Mr. Meech did so. The first letter concerned a thank you for the grant to Byrony House.

The second letter dealt with the request of Council to the Minister of Fisheries in respect to the losses of lobster fisherman early in the season. The reply stated that there was no legal responsibility to reimburse the fishermen for their losses. Councillor MacKenzie stated that he was not familiar with the letter and would study it and perhaps bring it up at a later Council Session.

The next letter concerned a letter to the Minister of Fisheries in respect to the preservation of the salmon stock in East River, Sheet Harbour. At this time there was no response to the letter.

Councillor Margeson asked if there had been any progress concerning the motion respecting the increase to stocking of fish hatcheries. Mr. Kelly stated that the letter had been written but as yet there was no reply. Councillor Margeson requested that a follow up letter be sent to the Minister of Fisheries.

The next letter referred to a motion concerning a grant to the Terry Fox Marathon of Hope. This letter was a request for the County to make a donation.

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

"THAT this item be referred to the Management Committee."
Motion Carried.

The next letter was a letter from the Nova Scotia Municipal Energy Management Project asking if they would be willing to take part in the energy study they were undertaking. The Council agreed to take part.

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

"THAT the Nova Scotia Municipal Energy Management Project be requested to include large buildings, particularly schools, in their study."
Motion Carried.

The next letter was concerning a request that a need and demand study be done in Hubbards for Senior Citizens Housing. The letter stated that there was no need for the study. Councillor Walker stated that he had asked that the study be done not whether the study should be done.

It was moved by Councillor Walker, seconded by Councillor Margeson

"THAT a Need and Demand Study for Senior Citizens Housing in the Hubbards area be done."
Motion Carried.

It was moved by Councillor Topple, seconded by Councillor Smith

"THAT the Planning Advisory Committee Report be received."
Motion Carried.

Mr. Meech outlined the items in the report. The first was the policy paper for the MDP. It was brought before Council for approval.

It was moved by Councillor Wiseman, seconded by Councillor MacKay

"THAT this policy be adopted for the Municipal Development Plan."
Motion Carried.

The next item was the Report of the Special Rural Task Force. Mr. Meech stated that this report had been presented to Planning and Advisory in brief and they had recommended to Council for discussion.

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

"THAT the report of the Special Rural Task Force be discussed at the October 21, 1980 Council Session at Musquodoboit."
Motion Carried.

The next item was a letter concerning the Lake Major Watershed Study. It was a request that this be brought before Council in a special session. It was agreed that this would be a good idea.

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

"THAT a special Council Session be held on October 27, 1980 concerning the presentation of the Lake Major Watershed Study at Graham Creighton Junior High School."
Motion Carried.

It was noted that no decision should be made that evening. It was also noted that a public hearing would have to be called to adopt any plan coming from the study.

The next item was the Building Inspectors Report.

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

"THAT the recommendation of the Chief Building Inspector re the lesser side yard clearance of 6.7', Robert Hines Lot 8C, Sackville Development, Lower Sackville and the application for a lesser side yard clearance of 7.7', John M. Dillon, Lot A21, Judy Avenue, Sackville be approved."
Motion Carried.

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

"THAT the report of the Policy Committee be received."
Motion Carried.

Mr. Meech outlined the report concerning the Advisory Board of the Fire Departments. He reviewed the duties and mandate of the Board.

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

"THAT approval be given to the establishment for the Fire Departments Advisory Board."
Motion Carried.

There was lengthy discussion on the matter with many of the Councillors voicing the opinion that they would like to speak to the fire chiefs in their district before going ahead with this proposal. There was also some concern over the duties and mandate of the Advisory Board. Many Councillors voiced the concern that the Board would try to set an area rate. Mr. Meech assured that the Advisory Board would act only in an

advisory capacity at Council's request.

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

"THAT this item be deferred until the next Council to give the various Councillors an opportunity to speak to the fire departments in their area concerning this matter."
Motion Defeated.

Mr. Meech stated that the main reason for the establishment of such a group was to aid the Council in areas which are now in question. He stated such things as standardization of equipment and the Councillors role in the fire department would be dealt with by this Board.

It was moved by Councillor Margeson, seconded by Councillor Deveaux

"A motion of reconsideration on this motion."
Motion .

Warden Lawrence then requested that the Council decide how to appoint the three members to the Board. Councillor MacKay questioned as to whether this was not premature not knowing the eventual outcome. Solicitor Cragg stated that it might be premature but that it could proceed.

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

"THAT Councillor Walker be nominated a member of the Board."

It was moved by Councillor Deveaux, seconded by Councillor Eisenhauer

"THAT Councillor Gaetz be nominated a member of the Board."

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

"THAT Councillor Eisenhauer be nominated a member of the Board."

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

"THAT the nominations be ceased."

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

"THAT the three Councillors named be nominated to the Advisory Board."
Motion Carried.

The next item was concerning Playground equipment at the North Preston Schools. It was a request from the Policy Committee that the Council approve the expenditure for school equipment which was to be cost-shared by the Province.

There was lengthy discussion on this matter with many of the Councillors voicing opposition to the approval of such an expenditure.

The fear of setting a precedent, and the feeling that all playground equipment should be cost-shareable were the main reasons for opposition.

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

"THAT this request be approved provided that cost-sharing be forthcoming."

(See motion to amend)

There was further discussion on the matter in which the members of the Policy Committee stated that their reason for bringing this to Council for approval stemmed from the fact that the County was bound to do this under the requirements of the Monitoring Committee. This request was the result of a class action which resulted in certain requirements having to be met by the Municipality. Solicitor Cragg stated that although the provision for playground equipment was in the agreement that there was no specific equipment named. This causes some confusion over whether the Municipality is really responsible for the carrying out of this requirement. However, he stated that perhaps a non-affirmative action on the part of Council would result in further legal action.

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

"THAT this item be deferred until the next Council Session at which time the solicitor will report back on the legalities of the matter."

Motion Withdrawn.

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

"THAT the motion be amended to read 'THAT the request be approved'."

Motion Carried.

Council broke for a five minute recess to obtain the opinion of the Solicitor for the School Board on this matter.

Councillor Lichter pointed out that this was not a bad precedent to establish. If the demand for play equipment became great the Province would have to consider the possibility of cost sharing.

The solicitor of the School Board was not in his office.

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

"THAT in future whenever possible that before matters were brought before Council the minutes of the various committee and boards should be made available to Council."

Motion Carried.

Councillor Margeson also suggested that the time of opening and adjournment be on the minutes as well as the name of the Secretary and any guests who were present.

Councillor Lichter stated that he feared that this motion would cause a loss of efficiency as matters of importance would not come to Council quickly enough. Mr. Meech stated that any matters considered urgent would be brought before Council in a Supplementary Report.

The next item concerned the report on Homes for Special Care.

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

"THAT a letter of appreciation be sent to the members of the Special Task Force on Homes for Special Care."
Motion Carried.

Councillor Benjamin then informed the Council that an amendment to the Health Act now allowed the Board of Health to approve on-site sewage disposal systems on economic and personal grounds. This allowed for flexibility and discretion on the part of the Board. He stated that under the amendment the Board of Health members were no longer liable for a nonfunctioning sewage disposal system if they disagreed with the AHU.

He then outlined the progress of the Waverley Plebiscite stating that the plebiscite had been held and had been successful. The next step was to canvas the homes in the area and determine those who wished to hook up to the water servicing.

Councillor Tople then outlined the Anti-Dumping By-Law.

It was moved by Councillor Tople, seconded by Councillor Adams:

"THAT the Anti-Dumping By-Law be adopted by the County."
Motion Carried.

There was discussion on the areas to which the By-Law pertained. Solicitor Cragg stated that the By-Law could be enforced with some discretion. He stated that the By-Law could be enforced through any policing force and also through direct complaint to the County staff.

Councillor Margeson introduced a request he had made at the last Council session to have a member of the Fire Department make a presentation to Council in October as it was Fire Prevention Month. Mr. Kelly stated that he had been unable to contact anyone and asked advice on the best possible person to contact. Councillor Margeson stated that Mr. Cormier of the Sackville Fire Department might be helpful in locating such a person.

Councillor Margeson then asked for an up-date on the Beaver Bank School site selection. He stated that he felt that there was unnecessary delay in the selection. Mr. Meech stated that the Staff Technical Committee was presently drawing up specifications for the site and that after this process had been finished the Community Site Selection Committee would be requested to set a meeting. He stated that Councillor Margeson should come to the Management Committee Meeting of Thursday, October 9, 1980 to discuss his concerns over this matter and the matter

of the driveway at the Beaver Bank Kinsac School.

It was moved by Councillor Margeson:

"THAT the Management Committee be directed to proceed with the installation of a drive way at the Beaver Bank Kinsac School."
Motion Lost for want of a Seconder.

Councillor Deveaux introduced the matter of extension of Cable T.V. to the Cow Bay and Preston area.

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

"THAT the CRTC be approached and questioned as to whether permission had been granted to extend Cable T.V. to the Cow Bay and Preston area, if so is Dartmouth Cable T.V. legally bound to extend cable and if not request that the CRTC encourage Dartmouth to do so."
Motion Carried.

Councillor Lichter then brought up the matter of the Dutch Settlement School. He stated that a mistake had been made at last Council Session, the school in question had been released from moratorium for quite some time now. Councillor Benjamin asked for an up-date report on this matter at the next Council Session.

Councillor Gaetz requested that Racoons be placed on the agenda for the next Council Session.

Councillor Deveaux asked that the submission to the Commission on Education Finance include a presentation on the cost sharing of playground equipment.

It was moved by Councillor Williams

"THAT Council adjourn."
Motion Carried.

COUNCIL MINUTES

OCTOBER 21, 1980

PRESENT WERE: Warden Lawrence Deputy Warden Poirier
 Councillor Walker Councillor Williams
 Councillor Baker Councillor Deveaux
 Councillor Stewart Councillor topple
 Councillor Adams Councillor Gaetz
 Councillor Smith Councillor Smith
 Councillor MacKenzie Councillor McCabe
 Councillor Lichter Councillor Benjamin
 Councillor Margeson Councillor MacKay
 Councillor Eisenhower Councillor MacDonald
 Councillor Wiseman

SECRETARY: Sherryll Hussey

Council was held in Middle Musquodoboit Rural High School in conjunction with the Centennial Celebrations.

Warden Lawrence called Council to order at 2:00 p.m. with the Lord's Prayer and the Session adjourned at 10:00 p.m.

Warden Lawrence explained to the audience that this Council Session was in conjunction with the Centennial Celebrations. She stated that this was the first of four County visits. She welcomed the audience and pointed out that Mr. Howard Daye, a former Councillor, was present as well as Mrs. Olga Ettinger, a non-Council member of the Planning Advisory Committee. She then explained the formal agenda.

It was moved by Councillor Walker, seconded by Deputy Warden Poirier:

 "THAT Sherryll Hussey be appointed the recording secretary."
 Motion Carried.

It was agreed the Presentation on Fire Prevention, Robert Cormier, Sackville Fire Department would be deferred until his arrival.

Mr. Meech then outlined the Letters and Correspondence.

The first letter dealt with the motion of Council concerning the Ruth Falls Dam. This was acknowledgment of receipt by Dixi Lambert, Correspondence Secretary to the Honourable Romeo LeBlanc.

Councillor MacKenzie voiced his pleasure over the response and stated that he hoped they would receive a more positive response with the matter concerning the loss of lobster traps.

Councillor Benjamin stated that he was not happy with the response as he understood that this was a matter of importance in order to save the

salmon stock.

Councillor MacKenzie explained that the transportation of salmon up the river by truck had been resumed and a number of the salmon had been saved.

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

"THAT a follow up letter be sent to Romeo LeBlanc, Minister of Fisheries voicing again the concern of the Council in respect to the lack of a fishway in the Ruth Falls Dam and requesting that one be installed."

Motion Carried.

Warden Lawrence then introduced two reports she had. The first concerned the International Conference on Oil and the Environment which she attended. She outlined her report stating that the points included were, she believed, relevant to the County.

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

"THAT the report presented by the Warden concerning the International Conference on Oil and the Environment be received."

Motion Carried.

Warden Lawrence then outlined a report on the Nova Scotia Business Opportunities Seminar she attended after the International Conference on Oil and the Environment.

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

"THAT the report on the Nova Scotia Business Opportunities Seminar be received."

Motion Carried.

Councillor Deveaux raised the point that it seemed there was some disagreement between the Provincial Government and the Federal Investment Review Agency, mentioned in Warden Lawrence's report. He stated that it was his understanding that the Province was not in agreement with the policies of FIRA. Warden Lawrence stated that FIRA had been discussed at length at the Seminar and it was pointed out that many problems were inherent in establishing a business in a community. She stated that for the most part FIRA helped establish businesses that have no market in the area at present. Councillor Deveaux stated that he would object to the establishment of businesses that would take trade from already established businesses.

Mr. Cormier of the Sackville Fire Department then gave his presentation on fire prevention. He noted a number of things as being extremely important to the prevention of fire and fire protection. He stated that fire prevention was a combination of legislation and education of the people. He stated that fire protection depended on the complete and in depth training of volunteers and employed firemen alike. He

stated that at present the firefighters in the County were well trained as a result of the Fire Fighting School. Mr. Cormier emphasized the importance of the use of smoke detectors in homes. He also stated that at present in Sackville all large buildings were being requested to install smoke detectors and that the National Building Code for 1980 made smoke detectors mandatory in all new buildings.

There was discussion on the use of smoke detectors and the possibility of making them mandatory in the County.

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

"THAT the Policy Committee explore the possibility of making use of smoke detectors in the Municipality of the County of Halifax buildings."

Motion Carried.

It was also suggested that smoke detectors be used in Homes for Special Care.

Councillor Margeson suggested that perhaps a tax reduction could be used as incentive for those installing smoke detectors in their homes, offices and other buildings.

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

"THAT the reports prepared by Mr. Meech, Mr. Birch and Councillor MacKenzie concerning the International Conference on Oil and the Environment be received."

Motion Carried.

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

"THAT the Planning Advisory Committee report be received."

Motion Carried.

The first item was a request for a Public Hearing for the proposed Amendment to the Zoning By-Law re: accessory uses section of the By-Law (Private Car Garages)

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

"THAT a Public Hearing be held on November 24, 1980 in respect to the proposed amendment to the Zoning By-Law section 18(B) re accessory uses for Private Car Garages."

Motion Carried.

Councillor Eisenhower stated that he would prefer this to come before Council before going to Public Hearing. He stated that he felt that there could be some disagreement on this item which would not be discussed fully at a Public Hearing. Councillor Topple stated that he felt that this matter had been discussed sufficiently as it had been to Council and then to PAC.

The item concerning garbage disposal in the County of Halifax was then discussed.

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

"THAT the Metropolitan Authority be asked to review the regulations concerning the disposal of garbage in the City of Halifax, Dartmouth and the County of Halifax, and further that they look into the possibility of supplying additional dump sites and/or transfer stations in an attempt to stop the increased dumping on the highways in the County."
Motion Carried as Amended.

There was general agreement that the principle of the idea was a good one. There was some concern over the cost of additional transfer stations to the County and the possible location of these transfer stations. There was also concern over the wording of the motion.

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

"THAT the motion be amended to read: "THAT the Metropolitan Authority be asked to review the regulations concerning the disposal of garbage in the cities of Halifax, Dartmouth and the County of Halifax, and further that they look into the possibility of supplying additional container capacity for use after the landfill is closed in an attempt to stop the increased dumping on highways."
Motion Carried.

There was further discussion on this matter and Councillor Benjamin noted that beautifying the County was a two step project. First, good garbage service must be provided, and secondly, illegal dumping must be controlled. He also suggested that there be some reward for information concerning illegal dumping.

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

"THAT the Management Committee be requested to negotiate with the Cities of Halifax, Dartmouth and the Town of Bedford in an attempt to have clean-up day for the three Municipalities on the same day and further that clarification of garbage pick up during holiday periods be investigated."
Motion Carried.

Councillor Benjamin voiced the opinion that it was premature to make such resolutions as the Anti-Dumping By-Law was coming on stream in the near future and this would provide greater protection.

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

"THAT the Building Inspector's Report re Lesser Setbacks be received."
Motion Carried.

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

"THAT the Report of the Director of Development be received."
Motion Carried.

At this time Warden Lawrence acknowledged the presence of Councillor Grant of Hantz County.

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

"THAT the Policy Committee Report be received."
Motion Carried.

The first item on the Policy Committee Report was in respect to the proposed Nursing Home at Sheet Harbour.

Mr. Meech outlined this item. He stated that the Policy Committee recommended this in principle but that further financial information was requested.

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

"THAT the proposal to establish a fifteen bed nursing home facility at Sheet Harbour be endorsed in principle and further recommend that endorsement of this be forwarded to the Minister of Social Services."
Motion Carried.

The next item dealt with the Redistribution Committee.

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

"THAT the Policy committee assume the responsibilities for the Redistribution Committee and further that the Redistribution Committee consult with the Urban Area Advisory Board when considered necessary."
Motion Carried.

The next item was in respect to Land Titles Clarification Area - North Preston

Mr. Meech stated that this was an attempt to clarify ownership in the area designated. Councillor Topple and Councillor Adams expanded on the history of this situation. Councillor Williams stated that the situation in his area was similiar and asked if this could not be undertaken in his area. Mr. Cragg stated that this was a request of the Provincial Government and had not come through the County political system.

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

"THAT the designated area outlined by the Department of Municipal Affairs to be a land title clarification area be approved."
Motion Carried.

Warden Lawrence then acknowledged Mr. Alun Jones, Halifax County Weed Inspector.

Council then broke for a ten minute recess.

It was noted that the Report of the Special Rural Task Force would begin at 7:00 p.m.

Mr. Meech then introduced the status reports on the Beaver Bank Elementary and Junior High Schools and Dutch Settlement School.

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

"THAT the reports concerning the Beaver Bank Elementary and Junior High Schools and Dutch Settlement School be received."
Motion Carried.

Mr. Meech outlined the report stating that architects for both schools have been appointed. Mr. Alex Halse for Beaver Bank Elementary and C. D. Davison & Co. Ltd. for Beaver Bank Junior High. Agreements are in the process of being executed.

The Staff Technical Committee is developing criteria for site selection for future schools and particularly the Beaver Bank Schools. The Planning Department will review these to ensure good planning is embodied. The target date for report to the Management Committee is October 23 and a tentative meeting with the community Site Selection Committee and the District Councillor is set for October 28.

When actual sites are determined the respective architects will prepare a report with their recommendations which will be presented to the Management Committee.

Councillor Margeson voiced his appreciation of this item appearing on the agenda and thanked those responsible. He informed the Council that the above mentioned meeting was set for 2:00 p.m. on October 28, 1980.

Councillor Topple introduced the matter of the Sackville Heights, Centennial and Humber Park Schools not having seen some action on this. He stated that his understanding was that the Department of Education had not received all the essential information to release these from the moratorium. Mr. Meech stated that there was some question concerning receipt of the essential information. He stated that information would be sent to the Minister for his consideration. He also stated that an update report concerning this matter would be presented at the next Council session.

Mr. Meech then outlined the report on the Dutch Settlement School. He stated that it had been determined that additional lands would be required for the proposed addition to the school. The owner has been contacted and indicated that he would be agreeable to selling the land. Concern has been voiced over the availability of potable water and the Department of Environment has been consulted concerning this matter. An appraisal of the land has been completed and Mr. Cragg has

indicated the procedure to be taken in acquiring the land. A meeting is scheduled for October 15, with the owner and when negotiations have been completed a recommendation will be made to the Management Committee.

Further to this he added that the owner had requested \$500.00 for legal costs and that he had requested that a fence be erected between the two properties. Mr. Meech stated that this had been discussed at Management and they had no problem accepting the \$500.00 legal fees but that as the erection of fences was not a County policy they had contrived to increase the purchase price from \$7,000.00 to \$8,500.00 to cover both the legal costs and the cost of the fence.

Councillor Lichter voiced the opinion that it was his hope that a one million dollar project would not go down the drain due to the erection of a fence. He stated that the concern over potable water must be relieved by the investigations of the hydrologists which appeared to indicate that water was available. He requested the cooperation of the Management Committee in this matter.

At this time Councillor McCabe welcomed County Council to Musquodoboit and requested that they enjoy the hospitality of the area.

Councillor Gaetz then introduced the matter of the Eastern Shore District High School auditorium being closed due to an asbestos problem. He stated that he wished action to be taken on this matter.

Mr. Meech stated that this had come to the attention of the School Board. He stated that the Department of Education had taken responsibility for this problem and had hired a firm of architects to examine the individual schools with this problem and come up with a solution.

Councillor Topple then introduced a matter which was causing him some concern. He stated that he had recently noted that the Reed Career Service commercial that was aired on Television was what he considered high pressure advertising. He stated that he felt that this type of merchandise, namely audio visual equipment, should be advertised only to school boards rather than to the general public.

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

"THAT the Department of Education be requested to look into the Reed Career Service commercial and further that the CRTC be advised of this matter as well."
Motion Carried.

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

"THAT a further report from the Building Inspector be forthcoming with a comparison between inclusion of Bedford and non-inclusion of Bedford in Building Permits."
Motion Carried.

Mr. Meech then outlined the report of the Social Services Department.

It was moved by Councillor Williams:

"THAT the Session recess for supper."
Motion Carried.

Councillor Gaetz then introduced the problem he was having with racoons. He stated that they were causing much damage in his area. He stated that a bounty on these animals might be the solution to the problem.

There was also slight discussion on the destruction done by bears in various areas.

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

"THAT the matter of destruction caused by bears and racoons be referred to the Department of Lands and Forests to assess the viability of a bounty being placed on these animals."
Motion Carried.

At this time Warden Lawrence introduced the Honorable Ken Streach, Minister of Labor.

Councillor Topple requested that By-Law Enforcement Officer and Area Rates for Schools be placed on the agenda for next Council Session.

Councillor MacKay requested that Fire Hydrants be placed on the Agenda for next Council Session.

Councillor Adams requested that Fire Fighters be placed on the Agenda for next Council Session.

It was moved Councillor Benjamin, seconded by Councillor MacKenzie:

"THAT the Nova Scotia Housing Commission be requested to do a Need and Demand Study for Senior Citizens Housing for the Waverley/Fall River area."
Motion Carried.

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

"THAT a letter of appreciation be sent to the Premier concerning the Provincial rebate for Senior Citizens."
Motion Carried.

Councillor MacKenzie stated that one problem was inherent in this rebate in that it was hard to locate receipts. He also questioned Mr. Meech on the status of the Municipality's rebate. Mr. Meech stated that this would remain in effect and that the Province encouraged this.

REPORT OF THE SPECIAL RURAL TASK FORCE

Warden Lawrence introduced this item stating that Mr. Birch would speak first.

Mr. Birch stated that a number of staff people had been involved, as well as elected officials. He stated that the Minister of Housing had set up this Task Force. He then introduced the members of the Task Force. These being: Warden Lawrence, Councillor Lichter, Councillor MacDonald, Jack Leedham, Department of Municipal Affairs, Julie Davidson, Department of Municipal Affairs, Bill Campbell, Planning and Development, MCH and Valerie Spencer, Planning And Development, MCH.

He then requested Ms. Spencer to outline the report. Ms. Spencer stated that the Halifax Regional Development Plan had been in effect for five years to date and that this Plan was not considered to be workable by the residents of the County. Due to the concern of the residents of the County the Special Rural Task Force was set up to make recommendations to the Minister of Municipal Affairs on the possible solution to these concerns. Ms. Spencer stated that the report first attempts to define the rural area and then to recommend deregulation outside the boundary and minor changes inside the boundary.

Ms. Spencer stated that the Minister of Municipal Affairs had requested the comments of County Council concerning the recommendations of this report.

Mr. Bill Campbell further explained the report stating that a number of factors had been considered in reaching the boundary. He stated that the following were taken into consideration: 1) proximity to presently developed areas, 2) transportation, 3) existing settlement patterns, 4) subdivision activity. In considering these factors two boundaries were decided upon, them being: a boundary to define the truly rural areas and a boundary to define what is referred to as the urban fringe.

There was lengthy discussion on the report with many of the Councillors voicing concern over the Urban Fringe Area. Those Councillors who were affected by the Urban Fringe boundary, meaning that their districts were split by this boundary, voiced the opinion that their districts were rural districts and also stated that they felt the Councillors affected by this boundary should have had input in the decision making process of this Task Force. Those Councillors that were designated as rural supported the report as well as those Councillors that were designated as urban area. However, it was felt that those Councillors who were concerned over the Urban Fringe Boundary should have an opportunity to discuss this with the Task Force. It was pointed out that the Task Force was no longer in effect and therefore could not legally meet. It was pointed out that the members of the Task Force could meet and discuss this matter without true status as a Task Force and it was also noted that the Minister could be requested to reactivate the Task Force.

It was moved by Councillor Lichter, seconded by Councillor MacDonald: