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COUNCIL SESSION

FEBRUARY 3, 1981

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

SECRETARY: Sherryll Hussey

Warden Lawrence called Council to order with the Lord's Prayer at 2:05 and the Session adjourned at 9:00 p.m.

Mr. Kelly then called the roll.

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

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

Warden Lawrence then welcomed the large gallery present at Council. She introduced the Armview District Boy Scouts, Timberlea. She indicated that this visit was for a badge qualification.

Warden Lawrence indicated that Exchange Students presently visiting the C.P. Allen School were expected to attend this Session, however, they had not arrived as of yet.

Warden Lawrence indicated that the County Centennial Celebrations were continuing with a presentation from Gordon Bell Senior High School. She requested Mr. Carrigan to introduce the presentation.

Mr. Carrigan indicated that this would be the last of a series of presentations celebrating the Centennial year of the County. Mr. Carrigan pointed out the students of Gordon Bell Senior High School and indicated Mrs. Terri MacKinnion.

Mr. Carrigan indicated that the presentation would be given via audio-visual equipment. He requested a few minutes after the presentation to remove the equipment.

The presentation was a four part presentation. The first area was a survey of both parents and students on the education system. The second area dealt with the development of education in the area,

particularly schools. The third area dealt with a picture display of the development of education in the area. The fourth area was an interview with two teachers in the area Mrs. Evans, Ross Road and Mrs. Bailey, Oceanview. The interview dealt primarily in the changes to the education system over the years.

The conclusion of the various aspects considered in this presentation indicated that there was a positive attitude toward education in this area.

Councillor Margeson indicated that he felt that the presentation had been enlightening. Warden Lawrence indicated that one factor depicted the changes occurring over the past 100 years. This factor was the use of the audio-visual equipment to present this project.

Mr. Carrigan indicated that this program would be shown on the local Dartmouth T.V. in the future.

Warden Lawrence thanked Mr. Carrigan and Mr. Gillis for their cooperation in bringing the various presentations to Council. She also extended her appreciation and that of Council to the teachers and students of Gordon Bell Senior High School for the presentation.

The Council then broke for five minutes.

The next matter to be dealt with was the discussion with the representative of the Nova Scotia Power Corporation, Mr. Gerald Edsell, Manager of the Customer Services of N.S.P.C.

Councillor Margeson welcomed Mr. Edsell to Council. He then proceeded to question Mr. Edsell with regards to the cost of street lighting in the County. Mr. Edsell indicated that it cost approximately \$40,000 per month, \$480,000 per year.

Councillor Margeson indicated that his concern was the fact that the County was possibly paying for street lighting service they were not receiving. He indicated that he estimated 10% of the lights in the County were not operable. Mr. Edsell indicated that he was surprised at this percentage. He stated that the present policy concerning the repair and maintenance of street lights provided for the automatic replacement of burnt out bulbs, but the repair of damaged lights required a letter from the Municipality giving permission for the repair. Councillor Margeson questioned as to means of streamlining this procedure. Mr. Edsell suggested that a phone call giving permission would serve this purpose.

Councillor Margeson then questioned Mr. Edsell on programs offered by the N.S.P.C. in an attempt to decrease the amount of vandalism occurring to street lights. Mr. Edsell indicated that no such program existed. He stated that he felt it was a good idea to keep discussion on vandalism low key in order that new ideas are not implanted in those committing acts of vandalism.

Councillor Margeson then questioned Mr. Edsell with regards to the more extensive use of amber lights on intersections. Mr. Edsell stated that this was a possibility.

Councillor MacDonald indicated that a number of lights in his district had been out for quite some time. He indicated that these lights had been reported on a number of occasions.

Councillor Eisenhower indicated that he felt part of the problem was the fact that the general public had difficulty in identifying the light.

Councillor MacDonald asked Mr. Edsell if the N.S.P.C. prosecuted vandals when they were caught doing damage to lights. Mr. Edsell indicated that he felt the company would be willing to do so if such a case should arise.

Council voiced a number of other concerns ranging from the lack of street lights in trailer parks and the inability to have them placed there, to not knowing that extra costs were involved with the repair of damaged lights at the time it was decided to have street lights installed. Mr. Edsell indicated that he did not know why street lights could not be installed in trailer parks and that the lack of knowledge as to policy had been an oversight on the part of the representative

at the Public Meeting held to discuss the possible installation of street lights in the district involved. Council agreed that the procedure should be streamlined and it was suggested that the replacement and repair of street lights be carried out on an automatic basis as well as a monthly check of street lights in the County.

Council requested that Mr. Edsell check out some of the problems expressed by various Councillors. Firstly, why street lights are not installed in trailer parks, secondly the possibility of carrying out a survey of street lights in the County, the possibility of making the identification of poles easier.

Mr. Edsell indicated that an attempt would be made to streamline the procedure with the Bedford office and that the results of this attempt would be forwarded to Mr. Dave Ardley.

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

"THAT the issue of the automatic replacement and repair of streets lights be referred to the Policy Committee for study and report back to Council."

Motion Carried.

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

"THAT the correspondence be received."

Motion Carried.

The first item of correspondence dealt with the Reed Career Service. The letter indicated the complaint originating with the County had been forwarded to the Advertising Standards Council.

The next piece of correspondence dealt with a proposal brought forward in an attempt to avoid problems between School Boards and their funding Councils in 1981. It was noted that this proposal was advanced as an interim measure only, pending implementation of any recommendations which may be forthcoming from the report of the Minister's Education Finance Commission. This letter was received from the UNSM.

The next piece of correspondence dealt with the upcoming Census that is to be undertaken beginning June 3, 1981. This letter received from the Minister of Municipal Affairs, Jack MacIsaac urges the County to encourage its residents to cooperate in this undertaking.

The next letter was received from K.A. Ross, Regional Director, Save the Children Fund. Mr. Ross is requesting that two or three well known persons be recommended for possible leadership positions to the about to be formed metro Committee for the The Canadian Save the Children Fund - CANSAVE.

The next piece of correspondence was from Wayne Mercer, Forest Hills with regards to the Poplar Drive Walkway decision.

Councillor Stewart voiced the opinion that he felt that it was unfair to not allow a public hearing to be held on this matter. He indicated that he felt the previous motions concerning this matter should be rescinded.

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

"THAT the previous motions concerning the closure of the Poplar Drive Walkway be rescinded."
Motion Carried.

There was discussion on the legality of holding a public hearing on this matter. Mr. Cragg indicated that this was primarily for input from the community and therefore could be classed as a public meeting. There was also discussion on the cost of the advertising of the public hearing and who would bear the cost. Warden Lawrence indicated that such a public meeting would require public notice and not necessarily advertisement in a paper. Deputy Warden Deveaux questioned Mr. Cragg as to whether or not this situation had to come under the Planning Act Regulations. Mr. Cragg opined that as this was merely a way of receiving public input this would not necessarily hold true.

There was lengthy discussion on whether or not a decision should be made at this public hearing. Mr. Cragg indicated that a decision did not necessarily have to be made.

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

"THAT a public hearing be held to consider the closure of the

Poplar Drive Walkway and further that a decision be made at that time."

Motion Carried.

It was agreed that this public hearing would be held on March 17, 1981 at 7:00 p.m.

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

"THAT the Management Committee report be received."

Motion Carried.

The first item to be dealt with concerned Legal Advice for the MDP process.

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

"THAT the Municipality retain Solicitor Bruce Preeper for the purpose of providing legal advise for the Municipal Development Process."

Motion Deferred.

There was discussion as to the cost to the Municipality and also Mr. Cragg's position on this matter. Mr. Cragg indicated that he had been consulted on this matter and felt that it would be an excellent idea as he was unavailable much of the time through out the day to deal with matters of concern to the MDP process.

Council voiced some concern over the cost of the Municipal Development Plan on the whole.

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

"THAT this matter be deferred until such time as the cost figures for the total MDP process are available from 1979 to present."

Motion Carried.

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

"THAT Council break for supper at the appropriate time."

Motion Carried.

There was some discussion on Mr. Cragg acting as Solicitor to the MDP process in the interim.

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

"THAT Mr. Cragg act as solicitor to the MDP process until such a time as a decision has been reached with regards to the employing of additional legal services."

Motion Carried.

Councillor Stewart expressed the hope that the collection of the information requested would not take a long period of time.

The next item to be dealt with was the Leslie Thomas Playing Field. This matter is an information item.

Councillor Walker indicated that he had brought this matter to Council's attention originally. He stated that the liability for the County was the question which was of concern to him.

There was lengthy discussion on this matter with many of the Councillors voicing the opinion that they felt that the liability of the contractor and the architect should be investigated. Mr. Cragg indicated that he had investigated the matter fully and felt that the contractor nor the architect were liable as the contract had been fulfilled as per the specifications approved by the Council.

There was also some discussion on the Management Committee's authority in dealing with this matter without Council's knowledge and final approval. Mr. Meech indicated that as there had been a surplus in the amount budgeted and this situation was related to the construction of the Leslie Thomas Playing Field he felt that the Management Committee had acted within their authority.

It was moved by Councillor Benjamin:

"THAT this matter be deferred until such time as the Solicitor had investigated the matter and forwarded his written opinion to Council."

Motion Withdrawn.

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

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

Motion Carried.

Mr. Meech indicated that the general salary increases had been discussed at the last Council Session. This matter had been referred to the Management Committee to study and discuss the alternate proposal brought forward by Councillor Lichter. Mr. Meech indicated that the Management Committee had reaffirmed their recommendation with regards to salary increases at 9.7%.

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

"THAT Council approve the original proposal of the Management Committee."

Motion Defeated.

There was lengthy discussion on this matter. Councillor Margeson voiced some concern over the fact that the general salary increase for non-union members was being settled before the union contract was

negotiated. He also indicated that a number of unions accepted a percentage plus an over the table sum and suggested that this method be considered.

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

"THAT this matter be deferred until the union contract has been negotiated."

Motion Defeated.

Councillor Lichter advised the Council that only five members had been present at the Management Committee at the time this recommendation had been made. He indicated that his proposal involved only a small increase over the proposal brought forward by the Management Committee. He also voiced the opinion that this would not cause a great diminishing of the gap between the upper salary level staff and the lower level staff as this proposal was for one year only. Councillor Lichter indicated that he felt that the sliding proposal was only fair to the lower salary level staff and indicated that reimbursement has to be made to ensure that staff were willing to do a good job.

Councillor MacKay indicated that Mr. Wilson was present to comment on this matter. Mr. Wilson indicated that a number of considerations had been explored in developing the proposal brought forward by the Management Committee. He indicated that the union agreement and the reaction of the taxpayer had been two of these considerations.

Councillor Stewart indicated that he felt that an increase for the lower level staff should be determined by merit rather than by a cost of living increase.

Councillor Wiseman opinioned that there was some confusion as to the type of salary increase being discussed. She stated that she was of the impression that this was a general salary increase related to the cost of living but other considerations had been made in reaching the original proposal.

Mr. Wilson agreed with this interpretation.

A number of the Councillors voiced support of the Lichter proposal.

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

"THAT Council improve a general salary increase of a sliding scale of between 8-12% for all non-union employees of the Municipality of the County of Halifax."

Motion Carried.

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

"THAT the motion be amended to read: "THAT Council approve a general salary increase of a sliding scale of between 8-11 percent for all non-union employees of the Municipality of the

County of Halifax."
Motion Lost.

Councillor Benjamin indicated that he was concerned by the increase in salaries among the upper level staff members. Warden Lawrence indicated that this was not the issue being discussed and might be better discussed under New Business.

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

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

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

"THAT Rezoning Application #24-80 - Request to rezone the Western Portion of Lot H1-1, Lands of the Estate of Robert Turner located on the Cole Harbour Road, Cole Harbour, District 7."
Motion Defeated.

There was lengthy discussion on this matter with a number of the Councillors voicing opposition to holding a public hearing on this matter. Both Councillor Stewart and Councillor Topple indicated that they felt this to be a waste of time and money as the comments of the Planning Department and the residents of the community were definitely in opposition of this rezoning.

Councillor MacKay pointed out that a public hearing was to be held on the Poplar Drive Walkway and therefore fair play required that a hearing be held on this matter. Councillor Lichter voiced his support of this sentiment.

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

"THAT a public hearing be held on Rezoning Application #24-80 - Request to rezone the Western Portion of Lot HL-1, Lands of the Estate of Robert Turner located on the Cole Harbour Road, Cole Harbour, Halifax County, District 7 on April 7, 1981."
Motion Defeated.

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

"THAT a public hearing be held on Rezoning Application #24-80 - Request to rezone the Western Portion of Lot HL-1, Lands of the Estate of Robert Turner located on the Cole Harbour Road, Halifax County, District 7 on March 16, 1981."
Motion Carried.

The next item on the PAC report dealt with the Planning Act Review Committee Interim Report. The deadline date for submission to the PARC has been extended until February 27, 1981.

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

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

The first item dealt with was the Planning Act Review Committee Recommendations.

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

"THAT Council reaffirm with the Planning Act Review Committee it's previous position with respect to the matter of injurious affection."
Motion Carried.

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

"THAT Council request the Minister of Municipal Affairs to meet with a County delegation to discuss allowing restricted development on private roads in a manner which would not require future take over of those roads by the Department of Transportation."
Motion Carried.

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

"THAT Councillor L. Wiseman of Sackville be appointed to represent the Municipality at an upcoming Seminar on the Main Street Program scheduled for Bridgewater on February 23-25, 1981."
Motion Carried.

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

"THAT the motion concerning the addition to the Humber Park School be rescinded."
Motion Carried.

Councillor Topple advised the Council that the report which had come to Council had been misleading. He indicated that Mr. Hanrahan who supposedly prepared this report knew nothing about this report coming to Council. He also indicated that a public meeting was to be held on this matter.

Council supported Councillor Topple's motion indicating that they were dismayed by the fact that no public input had been requested on this matter.

It was agreed that Financing of School Construction - Deputy Warden Deveaux would be deferred to the next session.

Councillor MacDonald spoke on the lack of consistency in inspections by the Atlantic Health Unit Inspectors he had experienced.

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

"THAT a letter be written to the Atlantic Health Unit expressing the concern of Council over the lack of consistency in inspections being carried out by the Atlantic Health Unit."
Motion Carried.

Councillor Benjamin indicated that this might simply be a case of an oversight, but that negligence could not be overlooked.

Councillor MacKay expressed concern over the delay in reaching an agreement with regards to the Sidney Stephen School with regards to facilities for the TMR students. He indicated that he wished more speedy action on this matter.

Warden Lawrence indicated that this matter was to be discussed at the Policy Committee on February 6, 1981.

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

"THAT if the delay in action on this matter should exceed 21 days that the Municipality investigate the possibility of alternative housing for the TMR students."
Motion Carried.

Councillor Margeson spoke on the Energy Save Program stating that he was interested in knowing the progress being made with regards to the Municipal Building and other large buildings owned by the Municipality.

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

"THAT the following information be obtained to present to Council at the next Session: 1) a comparison of kilowatt hours used over the past three years, 2) a comparison of gallons of oil used over the past three years, 3) an update report on the progress of the Energy Save Program with regards to the County Building and large buildings owned by the County."
Motion Carried.

Councillor MacKenzie introduced the matter of the branch library opening in Sheet Harbour. He outlined the people present at the opening. He indicated that the library was in operation and that the response had been positive.

Councillor Topple requested that the Federation of Canadian Municipalities paper on the Constitutional reform be placed on the agenda for the next session. He indicated that some sections of the paper caused him concern and he questioned as to whether or not the Union of Nova Scotia Municipalities agreed with the views of FCM.

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

"THAT the Solicitor receive an adjustment to his retainer of not less than 8 percent."
Motion Carried.

Councillor MacKay indicated some concern over this stating that the Solicitor negotiated a contract with the Municipality on a yearly basis. Mr. Cragg indicated that he had not negotiated a contract in the past two years.

Councillor Adams introduced the matter of the meeting dealing with the trichinosis problem in his area. He indicated that this was merely an information item.

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

"THAT Council invite the East Coast Pest Control Company to attend Council to discuss a proposal they have developed for the control of the rodent problem in the County."
Motion Carried.

It was moved Councillor Lichter, seconded by Councillor Smith:

"THAT the matter of compensation to the Middle Musquodoboit Hospital be referred to the Management Committee."
Motion Carried.

Councillor MacKay requested that possible changes to the sewer legislation be placed on the agenda for the next session.

Mr. Kelly indicated that this matter is to be discussed at the Policy Committee and a report will be forwarded to Council.

Mr. Birch indicated that the financial information requested with regards to the cost of the MDP process from 1979 to present was available.

It was agreed that this matter be dealt with at this time.

Mr. Birch outlined the expenditures, proposed budgets and actual budgets for the years 1979, 80, and 81.

There was lengthy discussion on this matter with some disagreement as to whether or not this matter should be decided upon. Many of the Councillors voiced the opinion that it would be unfair to Councillor Walker, who had to leave, to deal with this matter. It was pointed out that the information had been made available and the situation was of some urgency.

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

"THAT the previous motion be rescinded and that this matter be dealt with at this session."
Motion Defeated.

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

"THAT Mr. Birch be given permission to retain temporary legal advice to assist until a decision is made by Council on the

condition that Mr. Cragg is not available."
Motion Lost.

It was noted that a two week delay would not cause the MDP to be delayed irrevocably.

Warden Lawrence then gave an update on the Metro Transit situation. She indicated that three of the seven points of the City of Halifax had been considered by MTC. She also indicated that a motion had been passed for Halifax to transfer the assets of Halifax Transit to Metro Transit. She also stated that the MTC was hoping for a March 1 start up date for Metro Transit.

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

"THAT the December 16, 1981 Council Session minutes, regular Session be approved."
Motion Carried.

Warden Lawrence then introduced the matter of Bowl for Millions. She indicated that she had forwarded a challenge to the Cities of Halifax and Dartmouth and requested volunteers for this endeavor.

Councillors MacKenzie, Benjamin, Lichter, Baker, Smith and Deputy Warden Deveaux volunteered to Bowl for Millions.

Councillor Baker requested that the cost of the 'Road from Penant to Terrance Bay' be placed on the agenda for the next session.

Councillor Adams asked for an update with regards to the posting of signs to advertise the changes to the Anti-Dumping By-Law.

It was moved by Councillor Eisenhauer:

"THAT Council adjourn."
Motion Carried.

COUNCIL SESSION

FEBRUARY 17, 1981

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

SECRETARY: Sherryll Hussey

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Mr. Kelly then called the roll.

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

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

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

"THAT the Minutes of the January 6, 1981 Council Session be approved as amended."
Motion Carried.

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

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

Mr. Meech then outlined the correspondence. The first item dealt with a response from the Advertising Standards Council with regards to the Reed Career Service. The letter indicated that they had sent this matter to their National Office.

The next item of correspondence dealt with the matter of the concern expressed by Council with regards to the damage and danger bears have been causing in some areas of the County. The response indicated that as bears were a part of nature and if nature was to be kept up with in the Maritimes the people of the Maritimes must accept these inconveniences.

The next item dealt with a response from Superintendent Bungay, RCMP with regard to the concern voiced by Council concerning Meagher's Grant

and Stewiacke area patrols.

Councillor Benjamin asked if the relocation of the Bedford detachment would in any way relieve the situation. Warden Lawrence indicated that she was of the understanding that these officers were needed in the Sackville area. Councillor MacDonald stated that the detachment was to be housed in Sackville by April.

Councillor Margeson introduced the matter of the motion passed at Cole Harbour with respect to members of the judiciary meeting with Council to discuss crime prevention.

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

"THAT the motion passed in Cole Harbour with regards to the prevention of crime be referred to the Policy Committee."
Motion Carried.

At this time Solicitor Cragg gave an update report on the status of the By-Law Enforcement Officer's authority in the County. He indicated that in conversation with the RCMP he had been assured that in future the RCMP will provide back up to the By-Law Enforcement Officer.

Councillor MacKay voiced his pleasure over this matter stating that he felt that there had been some misconceptions as to the authority of the By-Law Enforcement Officer. He indicated that the By-Law Enforcement Officer's only authority involved the processing of civil matters and not either ticketing or arresting. He stated that this back up would add to the success of the By-Law Enforcement Officer in carrying out his duties.

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

"THAT the Supplementary Correspondence be received."
Motion Carried.

The next item dealt with a letter from the Town of Bedford which requested a meeting regarding the C.P. Allen School with a possible date of February 23, 1981 day meeting.

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

"THAT a response to this letter be deferred until such time as the Policy Committee report regarding this matter is brought to Council."
Motion Carried.

The next item of correspondence dealt with the matter of an extension of the demonstration project with regards to Transit in Sackville. The letter indicated that should Transit begin operation before the termination of this project the Minister would look favorably on this request.

Warden Lawrence indicated that Metro Transit was gearing up for a March 1, 1981 commencement.

The next item was a letter from Superintendent affirming the back up support to be given to the By-Law Enforcement Officer.

Councillor Margeson expressed some concern as to the reply with regards to the bear problem.

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

"THAT Department of Lands and Forests be requested to carry out a survey of the number of bears in the areas experiencing problems, with particular attention to the area from Lake Echo to Musquodoboit Harbour, and further that if the quota for these areas seems to be above the normal that the bears be relocated."
Motion Carried.

There was slight discussion on this matter with a number of Councillors stating various opinions. It was noted that bear problems seem to be more apparent at certain times of the year. It was also noted that perhaps Council should reaffirm its original position rather than this as the increased population of bears could become a hazard to humans.

The next matter to be dealt with was the Reports of the Department Heads.

Mr. Mason, Director of Social Services was the first to give his report. He indicated that the general assistance paid out for the month of January showed that both the caseload and expenditures were up for the month of January. He stated that this was not a true reading however as this included supplementary assistance for the month of February 1981.

Mr. Mason indicated that four staff members had joined the Social Services department as a result of the Provincial Employment Program. Mr. Mason extended his thanks to Mr. Markesino for his coordination of this program.

There was discussion on the possibility of receiving a second opinion on cases who have claimed disability.

There was also discussion on standards of housing due to the unfortunate occurrence of the previous week involving a family on Social Assistance.

Mr. Mason voiced his concern with regards to housing. He indicated that he had requested his staff to inform the appropriate departments if they felt housing to be sub-standard.

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

"THAT a policy be developed with regards to minimum standards of housing for clients of the Social Services Department receiving Social Assistance."
Motion Carried.

Mr. Mason indicated that the Sackville office was quite busy but that it was too soon to be able to determine if there was any effect on expenditures and the caseload of Social Services.

The Chief of Planning and Development, Mr. Keith Birch then outlined his report.

Mr. Birch indicated that he hoped to have a report on the Lake Major Plan on February 23, 1981 however this report would be unavoidably delayed due to illness of employees in the Policy Division.

Mr. Birch indicated that the major achievement of the Planning Department at present would be work on the MDP process.

It was agreed that the Supplementary report of the Planning Advisory Committee be received.

Councillor Smith asked when the MDP report would be brought to Council and if there was to be a special meeting on this matter. Mr. Birch indicated that it would be brought to PAC and then on to Council.

The Supplementary report dealt with legal advice for the MDP process.

Mr. Birch stated that any additional legal advice sought would be used only through the day when Mr. Cragg was unavailable and would maximize the efficiency of the process. He indicated that legal advice was necessary for legal consolidation.

There was some discussion on the actual budget and what was actually spent.

Councillor MacKay asked if the MDP process was within the budget for this year. Mr. Birch indicated that he felt that it was within the budget.

Mr. Birch indicated that the monthly audit was provided by the Finance Department.

Councillor Eisenhower asked if the independent bodies involved in the MDP process were included in the costs. Mr. Wilson indicated that these would be included elsewhere.

Mr. Birch stated that as they were within the budget and that there would be use of the Municipal Solicitor when possible and that both the Management Committee and the MDP Committee support the motion of retaining legal advice that Council should approve this motion.

Councillor Stewart indicated that he felt that the legal advice to be obtained should only be used when the Municipal Solicitor was not available.

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

"THAT Mr. Bruce Preeper be engaged as Solicitor for the MDP process

only when the Municipal Solicitor is not available to cover work within the MDP process to the budget limit quoted in the draft budget of \$25, 000.00."

Motion Carried.

Mr. Cragg indicated that it was his understanding on hearing of this that Mr. Preeper would be supplementary to himself.

There was further discussion on the MDP process considering the cost of administering the Municipal Development Plan.

The Director of Finance, Mr. Wilson then gave his report.

Mr. Wilson indicated that he had no written report. He stated that the assessment was up 40 percent over prior years. He indicated that this seemd to suggest that the County is now moving in the direction which is moving in the direction which is wished by everyone, that is, more commercial. He stated that the final figures were not complete. He also informed the Council that the Interim Tax Bills would be going out early next week.

Mr. Markesino, Co-Ordinator of Recreation then gave his report.

He stated that the Carnival had been a great success and much better than the previous year. He indicated that the County hoped to continue this in the future.

Warden Lawrence expressed her appreciation and that of Council for the work done in preparing and staging the Winter Carnival.

Councillor Benjamin indicated that the Carnival should be held on another weekend in order that it would not coincide with other carnivals in the area. Mr. Markesino indicated that he was aware of this and was making plans to hold the Carnival a week earlier next year.

Councillor Benjamin introduced the matter of taking the Carnival to different areas of the County. Mr. Markesino indicated that this had been the initial idea but that the facilities found at the present location would be difficult to find elsewhere.

The Director of Engineering and Works, Mr. Martin Gallagher, then gave his report.

Mr. Gallgher outlined his report regarding the Water and Sewer Study by Project Planning Consutants Ltd. Mr. Gallgher requested that this study be approved in principle to constitute the basic servicing aspects of the new Municipal Development Plan now being undertaken. He indicated that the study would appear to be compatible to the MDP thus far.

It was Councillor Benjamin, seconded by Councillor Margeson:

"THAT the Water and Sewer Study by Project Planning Consultants Ltd. be received and approved in Principle to constitute the basic servicing aspects of the new Municipal Development Plan now being undertaken."
Motion Carried.

Councillor Poirer asked if the paper would be implemented into the MDP. Mr. Birch indicated that parts of the paper would be implemented but not the entire paper.

Councillor Poirier asked if the work done on the previous Plan would be of any value in the new Plan. Mr. Birch indicated that the statistics gained at that time were being used in the development of the new plan.

There was discussion on the idea of centralizing the disposal of sewage for the Metro Area.

Mr. Gallagher then gave an update report on the various projects being carried out by Engineering and Works.

There was discussion on the problems with flooding and the storm drainage system. In particular the problems being experienced in the Astral Drive area were discussed. Mr. Gallagher indicated that a report would be forthcoming on this particular problem.

Mr. Gallagher indicated that he would like to come before Council before his retirement with the Storm Drainage Task Force to report the progress of the Task Force and submit the Draft Recommendations.

Councillor MacKay indicated that he appreciated the complexity of the matter but would like to urge the early start up of this program.

Councillor MacDonald voiced his agreement with Councillor MacKay's sentiments stating that he felt that the Sackville area problems in this matter should be given some consideration.

There was also discussion on the possibility of fire protection for the Waverley area in the form of hydrants. Mr. Gallagher indicated that he was not authorized to install fire hydrants.

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

"THAT a Public Hearing be held on Rezoning Application No. 23-80, Request to rezone Lot 77, Poplar Drive Phase 2, Forest Hills Development, Cole Harbour, District 7 from TH (Townhouse Zone) to R-1 (Residential Single Family Dwelling Zone).
Motion Carried.

The next item relates to the Plan Area Boundary Extension.

Mr. Meech indicated that the boundary extension being requested seemed to be a logical boundary. He indicated that the residents involved have been contacted and are agreeable to this extension.

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

"THAT the Timberlea/Lakeside/Beechville Plan Area boundary extension to include the intersection of the #3 and the 103 Highways be approved."

Motion Carried.

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

"THAT Council Adjourn for supper."

Motion Carried.

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

"THAT the Supplementary Report of the Planning Advisory Board Committee be received."

Motion Carried.

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

"THAT if the Minister of Municipal Affairs should accept Council's request for a meeting on Private Roads, the following Councillors be the delegation to meet with the minister: Councillor Topple, Councillor Lichter, Councillor Baker, Councillor Williams, Deputy Warden Deveaux, and Warden Lawrence."
See motion to amend.

Councillor Gaetz indicated that he felt that the number of delegates should not be limited, but rather should include all interested Councillors. Councillor Smith indicated that Mrs. Olga Ettinger, non-council member of PAC, had expressed a desire to be present at this meeting.

It was suggested that the minister meet with Council rather than a delegation meeting with the minister.

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

"THAT the motion be amended to read: "THAT if the Minister of Municipal should accept Council's request for a meeting on Private Roads, the following Councillors be the delegation to meet with the minister: Councillors Topple, Lichter, Baker, Williams, Deputy Warden Deveaux, Warden Lawrence Councillor Gaetz, and Mrs. Olga Ettinger."

Motion Carried.

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

"THAT the Municipal Development Plan Committee report be received."
Motion Carried.

Mr. Birch indicated that this was an information item for Council. He stated that he felt that the Sackville and Eastern groups were progressing at the same rate.

There was discussion on homes being located on non Department of Transportation Roads. Mr. Birch indicated that he felt that these would not be serviced and taken over by the Department of Transportation.

There was also discussion on the public meetings to be held.

Councillor Stewart indicated that he felt that those Councillors having an interest in the Urban MDP who attended the meetings should be paid.

Warden Lawrence indicated that this was not possible as per the By-Law.

Warden Lawrence also indicated that this would require an amendment to the Committee By-Law. Mr. Cragg indicated that this had been attempted one year ago but Municipal Affairs had taken a dim view of this. He stated that it would be unlikely that Municipal Affairs would approve this amendment.

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

"THAT the MDP Committee be extended to include all members of Council."
Motion Defeated.

Councillor Topple indicated that he would be concerned as to the size of the Committee and the possible slowing down of the MDP process.

Councillor Margeson suggested that the MDP committee report to Council on a quarterly basis in order that the remainder of Council would be aware of the progress of the MDP process.

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

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

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

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

The first item dealt with capital expenditures in the form of furniture and equipment.

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

"THAT this report be referred to the Policy Committee for a report back to Council including clarification as to how the needs are arrived at."

Motion Withdrawn.

Councillor Topple indicated that he had some specific concerns, particularly in the items dealing with video cassettes.

Warden Lawrence indicated that she was of the opinion that such questions should be directed to the School Board staff.

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

"THAT the School Board be requested to attend the next session of Council to discuss the capital expenditures."
See motion to amend.

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

"THAT the motion be amended to read: 'THAT the School Board be requested to attend the next session of Council to discuss the capital expenditures and further that they bring forward information with regards to the percentage of requests approved by the Department of Education for the years 1979 and 1980 as well as the total cost of each individual category listed.'
Motion Carried.

There was discussion on the construction of the Beaver Bank Elementary and Junior High School. Councillor Margeson voiced his disagreement with the Glendale location for the Beaver Bank Junior High School.

It was noted that the details as to the size and location of these schools would be brought to the next Council session.

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

"THAT this matter be deferred for two weeks."
Motion Carried.

Councillor MacKay indicated that he was concerned with the effect the construction and location of the two schools would have on Sackville Schools.

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

"THAT the Management Committee Report be received.'
Motion Carried.

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

"THAT a capital expenditure of Seven Thousand Two Hundred Dollars (\$7,200) be approved for the correction of the green area

drainage problem with the funding to be shared evenly between the Nova Scotia Housing Commission Recreation Development Fund and the 5 percent Municipal Reserve fund for Recreation Lands."
Motion Carried.

Councillor MacKay described the situation indicated that it was a very serious problem.

There was some discussion on the amount remaining in the 5 percent Municipal Reserve fund for Recreation Lands.

It was moved by Councillor Gaetz:

"THAT this matter be deferred until further information is made available regarding the balance of the 5 percent Municipal Reserve fund for Recreation Lands."
Motion lost for want of a seconder.

Councillor Gaetz expressed the wish to be recorded as against the motion of approval above.

The next item to be dealt with was with regard to the Cobequid Road Multi-Service Centre.

This was respecting a request for the rental of additional space for the Department of Social Services.

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

"THAT Council approve the rental of 418 square feet of office space by the Department of Social Services in the Cobequid Multi-Service Centre at Four Thousand Dollars (\$4,000) per year."
Motion Carried.

Councillor Margeson opinioned that this was an indication that the Multi-Service Centre was being well used. Councillor Benjamin voiced his concern over the possible future requests for space. Mr. Meech indicated that he would ensure that this matter was brought to the attention of the Management Committee.

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

"THAT the Supplementary report of the Management Committee be received."
Motion Carried.

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

"THAT Council go incamera."
Motion Carried.

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

"THAT Mr. Ed Wdowiak, Assistant Director of Engineering and

Works, be promoted and appointed to the position of Director of Engineering and Works."
Motion Carried.

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

"THAT Mr. Ed Wdowiak be appointed the Director of Engineering and Works on a six month probationary period and that in future all Department Heads have a six month probationary period."
Motion Carried as amended.

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

"THAT the resignation of Mr. Martin Gallagher, Director of Engineering and Works be accepted."
Motion Carried.

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

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

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

"THAT approval be given to the lease agreement between Bowater Mersey Paper Company Limited and the Municipality of the County of Halifax with regards to recreations lands and also the lease assignment between the Highland Park Ratepayers Association and the Municipality."
Motion Carried.

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

"THAT approval be given to the concept of a nursing home facility and further that the Minister of Social Services be advised of Council's support of this proposed facility."
Motion Carried.

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

"THAT approval be given to the amendments to the various By-Laws which have been drafted by Mr. Cragg."
Motion Carried.

It was agreed that the letter from the Sackville Chamber of Commerce be brought forward.

The next item to be dealt with was with regard to the Board of Directors - United Way. Councillor Poirier indicated that she had found the position difficult as the meetings were held on a Council Session evening.

Warden Lawrence suggested that a way of getting around this was to appoint a non-council member of the community.

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

"THAT this matter be deferred until the next Council Session."
Motion Carried.

The next item to be dealt with was the C.P. Allen School situation.

Councillor Stewart indicated that the time was quite late and that in order to discuss this matter in full perhaps it would be better to defer the matter.

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

"THAT Council reaffirm its previous position with regards to the five year agreement on the C.P. Allen School."
Motion Carried.

There was some discussion on this matter with many Councillors indicating their agreement with the five year agreement. There was also a suggestion that the ten year agreement be supported in order that the matter might be settled.

Councillor Stewart noted that the request from Bedford for a meeting would be a useless exercise.

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

"THAT a letter be forwarded to Bedford indicating that no change had been made with regards to the position of Council on the C.P. Allen School and that this is the final position of the Municipality on this matter."
Motion Carried.

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

"THAT Council Adjourn."
Motion Defeated.

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

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

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

"THAT the Municipality approach the Provincial Department of Municipal Affairs with a request that further subsidization be considered for the Municipality to offset deficits re metro transit for the year 1981."
See motion to amend.

The discussion continued dealing with the subject of how the costs for transit would be recovered.

Councillor MacKay indicated that before transit went on line he had a number of questions with regards to costs. He indicated that he would like to know the level of service that could be obtained with the amount of money that the residents are willing to spend.

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

"THAT the motion be amended to read: "THAT the Municipality approach the Provincial Department of Municipal Affairs with a request that further subsidization be considered for the Municipality to offset deficits re metro transit for the year 1981 and further that a possibility of funding this subsidization through either a transit tax or a lottery be investigated."
Motion Defeated.

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

"THAT the cost of transit be funded over the entire County on a general rate."
See motion to defer.

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

"THAT this matter be deferred until the next Council Session.'
Motion Carried.

It was moved by Councillor Margeson:

"THAT Council Adjourn."
Motion Carried.

It was agreed that the balance of items would be brought forward.

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COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

MARCH 10, 1981

RE: DRAFT, STORM DRAINAGE POLICY FOR HALIFAX CO.

PRESENT WERE: Warden Lawrence, Chairman
Councillor Williams
Deputy Warden Deveaux
Councillor Baker
Councillor Poirier
Councillor Stewart
Councillor Gaetz
Councillor Smith
Councillor MacKenzie
Councillor McCabe
Councillor Lichter
Councillor Benjamin
Councillor Margeson

ALSO PRESENT: Mr. J. Jones, Storm Drainage Task Force
Mr. B. Burris
Mr. B. Campbell
Mr. K. Birch
Mr. Ed. Wdowiak
Mr. M. Gallagher, Director of Engineering
Mr. M. Miller
Mr. B. Gough, Planning Dept.
Mr. L. Dorcey
Prof. Dr. Don Waller
Mr. K. R. Meech, Chief Administrative Officer

SECRETARY: Miss Sherryll Hussey

OPENING OF COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

Warden Lawrence brought the Committee of the Whole Meeting to order at 7:00 P.M.

OPENING REMARKS OF CHAIRMAN OF STORM DRAINAGE TASK FORCE

Mr. Jones proceeded to introduce to Council the various members of the Task Force who were present as well as several other people who had acted as advisors to the Task Force.

Mr. Jones also advised that tonight's report was the second one prepared for Council and the Province; he advised that the Storm Drainage Task Force had made considerable headway since the last report.

Mr. Jones then outlined the programme for presentation by briefly outlining a submission to Council, prepared by the Task Force, as follows:

"Introduction - At the previous meeting, December 1, 1980, with Municipal Council, it was established that at the present time, no singular entity has the responsibility for management of stormwater or its relative policy within the County. This lack of direction and responsibility has led to the creation of many storm drainage-flooding problem areas.

The creation and implementation of a stormwater policy and design criteria will prevent these situations in future developments and will give guidelines and criteria to aid in repairing those existing problem areas.

This report summarizes the findings of the Task Force to date and outlines the future undertakings yet to be completed.

1. Administration and Management

The work of the Task Force to date suggest the following:

- (a) The administration of the Policy and Design criteria should be undertaken by the Municipality and should be done through the establishment of a Storm Drainage Policy for Halifax County and should include the administration of this policy and the responsibility of seeing that it is properly implemented in the field. As such, it would involve the expansion of the Engineering and Works Department.
- (b) The maintenance of stormwater systems within the highway's right-of-ways in the future would continue to be the responsibility of the Department of Transportation as is currently done. The Department will utilize the policy and the design criteria manual as established by the Municipality in all future works that it may undertake.
- (c) The maintenance of future stormwater infrastructure relating to man-made channels, retention ponds, siltation ponds, etc. shall be administered by the Municipality and undertaken either by the developer or through the municipal system.
- (d) Rivers and major watercourses shall continue to be the responsibility of the Province of Nova Scotia through its various agencies such as, the Department of Transportation will be responsible for alteration at their right-of-way crossing structures and the Department of Environment for applications for alterations and water rights and the general administration of all watercourses. The Municipality will aid the future planning of watercourses by implementation of policies and drainage master plans.

2. Storm Drainage Policy

Coupled with the above, the Task Force submits, for information and consideration, the Draft Storm Drainage Policy to be Utilized for Halifax County. This policy is the culmination of several months work and has included detailed reviews of every item contained therein. The intention of the policy is to give clear direction to developers and governments on how stormwater is to be managed and controlled to prevent many of the problems experienced in the past.

The Task Force will prepare the Final Storm Drainage Policy and present it for consideration and approval at a later date.

3. Existing Storm Water Problems

The Task Force has itemized and categorized a long list of existing stormwater problems within the Municipality. Subsequent to this the Task Force reviewed the existing problem in the Astral Drive area and compiled the findings in a report. This work indicates that the cost of overcoming the major flood hazard in the area will be between \$185,000 and \$830,000. The low cost option involves the upgrading of the existing channel while the high cost option involves the installation of a major pipe system. It is noted that the schemes presented will eliminate the major hazard as it relates to the stream but will not necessarily remedy localized basement flooding within the area unless it is the direct result of the overtopping of the stream.

This location was picked from the list compiled and it is noted that many other areas exist that have significant problems. Two more of these problem areas will be examined and the cost of remedial action estimated.

These locations indicate the magnitude of the existing problem under the current regulations. The current rules will continue to foster the growth of subdivisions without the proper planning of storm drainage facilities.

4. Design Criteria Manual

The Task Force has prepared a draft of the design criteria manual to be utilized to implement the policy. These criteria have been carefully reviewed and the final draft of these items is being prepared. Efforts have been made to ensure that future developments will have adequate design of infrastructure even if they occur on a random basis within the water shed. That is, if midstream development occurs in a watershed, then future upstream must be accounted for in the design of the stormwater system. This will insure that when the watershed is fully developed, flooding of the downstream will not occur as is currently experienced in several areas.

5. Cost Sharing Mechanism

The Task Force is currently considering the possibility of establishing a cost sharing formula such that the cost of managing stormwater within a watershed can be equitably spread between all those involved. Such a formula may involve the utilization of various methods of establishing equitable cost throughout all landowners. As well, the Task Force is currently investigating the possibility of funding from various levels of governments. It is the intention of the Task Force to make recommendations relating to these items in the near future.

6. Drainage Master Plans

The final element that the Task Force is undertaking is the preparation of ways and means of implementing Drainage Master Plans. Drainage Master Plans are prepared in selected watershed such that future development can occur and the developer is aware of what must be done to prevent future flooding problems. In so doing, such plans will greatly reduce the impact of development as to the limitations that they have on the amount of run-off from various sectors of the watersheds.

As a result of previous experiences, it is recommended that future storm drainage infrastructure be installed at the same time as major sanitary sewers."

REVIEW OF TASK FORCE FINDINGS TO DATE - MARTIN GALLAGHER

Mr. Gallagher provided some information in an effort for Council to better understand the drainage problems in the County as they now exist.

He advised: "In the 27 years since being with the Municipality, the roads and the storm drainage systems on the road, Urban or Rural, were owned and maintained by the Department of Highways, and subsequently the Department of Transportation. This worked to the Municipality's advantage, as the maintenance of roads, snow ploughing etc. was not a direct cost to the Municipality's taxpayers. I believe that one of the best services the Municipality enjoys are from the Department of Transportation. This has also brought some problems laterally, since we have started to develop and urbanize our areas, in as much that conventionally the Department of Highways have operated by the use of shallow drainage system, which was responsible for picking up water off the land and roads and discharging it by open ditch and culvert to receiving bodies of water. These were streams which could be going through someone's lot, river beds, etc; this is being done to this very day. When these areas were developed, it was customary to build alongside much-travelled roads, such as the St. Margaret's Bay Road, the Bedford Highway, etc. in which, because of the fact of maintenance of roads and snow ploughing, the residents were able to get to the main highway. At this time, very little thought was given to drainage, as regards basements except in the case of those with higher land who could discharge the water and those who pumped the water onto

the highway. This caused problems as well, with sanitary sewers which are related to storm drainage, as some of the problems we have now with sanitary sewers we feel are attributed to the fact of storm drains and other regulations which has to be put in place which have to do with elevations of buildings in relation to storm drainage facilities and also with respect to sanitary facilities. Within the two cities, they own, operate and maintain the storm drainage systems beyond the road and also off the road, be they open channel or what have you. In order to do that they have to have the forces to do this and the cost is charged back to the people receiving the benefit.

To get back to the work which the Task Force has done, I feel extremely fortunate to have sat in with this group in as much that these are all practical engineers and they are all familiar with some of the problems that are plaguing us and will continue to plague us if we don't take the correct steps to eradicate them."

Mr. Gallagher then proceeded to read, in full, the report which Mr. Jones had touched on and which is typed in its entirety under the section "OPENING REMARKS OF CHAIRMAN".

Mr. Gallagher then concluded his remarks advising "What has been accomplished so far is good and is a model for the entire province and hope that in the future more advances are made in this regard."

SLIDES ON NORMAL-FLOOD CONDITIONS IN HALIFAX COUNTY - ED WDOWIAK

Mr. Jones advised that Mr. G. Isenor who had taken the slides was unable to attend due to illness in his family and that he sends his regrets.

Therefore, Mr. Wdowiak ran through the slides with Professor Waller giving some explanation and comments on the problems.

At this time there were slides shown, giving examples of the main problem areas: Cole Harbour and Sackville as well as some other areas within the County experiencing serious flooding and drainage problems. These slides showed the areas both in Winter and Summer on normal dry days and under flooding conditions.

These slides also clearly identified the dangers of the residents that existed due to the flooding and drainage of these areas; as well, the considerable expenses incurred due to flooding damage was discussed.

The Astral Drive, Forest Hills area was the area chosen by the Storm Drainage Task Force, for their examination of storm drainage problems and possible solutions.

Professor Waller advised that: "these conditions as depicted by the slides are examples of problems that could have been avoided if the kind of policies and mechanisms that the Task Force are recommending were in place and effective at the time this area had developed. The rules of the game in terms of policies and criteria, a drainage master plan that looked in advance at that area and the areas downstream to