

COUNCIL SESSION

MARCH 3, 1981

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

ALSO PRESENT:        Mr. Gough, Director of Planning  
                      Mr. Cragg, Municipal Solicitor  
                      Mr. Meech, Chief Administrative Officer  
                      Mr. Kelly, Municipal Clerk  
                      Mr. Gillis, Superintendent Municipal School Board

SECRETARY:           Sherryll Hussey

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Warden Lawrence called the session to order at 2:10 with the Lord's Prayer. The session was adjourned at 9:30 p.m.

Mr. Kelly then called the roll.

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

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

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

"THAT the minutes of the January 20, 1981 and February 3, 1981 Council Sessions be approved as amended."  
Motion Carried.

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

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

The first item dealt with a letter from the Nova Scotia Housing Commission regarding Senior Citizens Housing Units in Cole Harbour Forest Hills area.

This letter indicated that a Need and Demand Survey would be carried out in the month of April.

The next item dealt with Senior Citizens Housing in Seabright and Tantallon.

This letter indicated that funding would have to be found before a Need and Demand Study could be done in this area.

Councillor Lichter noted that these two pieces of correspondence were contradictory.

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

"THAT a letter be sent to the Nova Scotia Housing Commission pointing out that Cole-Harbour - Forest Hills and Seabright - Tantallon areas deserve identical consideration with regard to a Need and Demand Survey, in accordance with the present policy of the NSHC."

Motion Carried.

The next item dealt with a letter from the Solicitor General with regard to additional policing within the County. The letter indicated that a study was being carried out within the County with regard to police protection.

Councillor MacKay expressed concern over the letter stating that it had been his understanding that when the Bedford detachment was disbanded that the manpower in that detachment would remain intact and be transferred to Sackville, however, the letter caused some doubt as to this.

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

"THAT a letter be forwarded to both the Attorney General and the Solicitor General requesting that when the R.C.M.P. detachment in Bedford is relocated that it be relocated to Sackville with the full complement of officers it has or more."

Motion Defeated.

Many of the Councillor objected to the motion reading that these officers be placed in Sackville for additional policing of Sackville alone rather than the entire County.

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

"THAT a letter be forwarded to both the Attorney General and the Solicitor General requesting that when the R.C.M.P. detachment in Bedford is relocated that it be relocated within the boundaries of the County of Halifax to aid in the improvement of the present policing of Halifax County, and further that the full complement presently servicing Bedford be retained upon relocation."

Motion Carried.

The next item dealt with a letter from the Minister of Education, Terry Donahoe. It indicated that consideration was being given to a vocational school being constructed in the County. Mr. Donahoe indicated that he had referred the matter to the Director of Vocational Training.

There was some discussion as to how a study could be carried out to ascertain the need of a vocational school.

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

"THAT the matter of a Vocational Training School be referred to the School Board for study with regard to the numbers of students wishing to attend a vocational school in the County and the need for a Vocational School in the County and further that the School Board report back to Council with the results."  
Motion Withdrawn.

There was concensus that this study should be undertaken on a Provincial level.

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

"THAT acknowledgement of receipt of the letter be forwarded to the Minister of Education urging that funds be made available for the Vocational Training School study in the near future."  
Motion Carried.

The next item dealt with a letter from the Board of Health.

Councillor Benjamin indicated that this letter was in response to Councillor MacDonald's concern with regards to Health inspection consistency. He indicated that this was a copy of the procedure followed in Health inspections.

It was moved by Councillor Smith, seconded by Deputy Warden Deveaux

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

The first item was a letter from Jack MacIsaac relating to Subdivision on Private roads. Mr. MacIsaac indicated that this matter would more appropriately be discussed with the Minister of Transportation, but stated he would be willing to attend a meeting with regards to this.

Councillor Lichter indicated that steps were being taken to arrange this meeting.

The next letter was with reference to Canada Week and possible nominations for an Honorary Chairman within the County.

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

"THAT this matter be referred to the Recreation Department."  
Motion Carried.

Both Councillor Topple and Deputy Warden Deveaux expressed concern over the tax dollars spent in these celebrations and indicated they felt these monies could be better spent in strengthening the economy.



The matter to be dealt with concerned the deferred items from the last session's agenda.

Council dealt with the letter from the Sackville Chamber of Commerce regarding a common civic holiday.

Councillor MacKay indicated that he felt that naming a civic holiday for the County would cause even more confusion as it would probably result in three civic holidays in the Metro area.

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

"THAT this letter be forwarded to Metro Authority for consideration and recommendation to Council."  
Motion Carried.

The next item dealt with a nomination to the United Way Board of Directors.

Councillor Poirier indicated that she had found the meetings impossible to attend as they were held on a Council Session evening.

Warden Lawrence indicated that at the last Session it had been decided that a member of the community would be nominated to act as Council's representative on the Board. Warden Lawrence then requested nominations from the floor.

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

"THAT Bernie Murphy be nominated to the United Way Board of Directors."  
Motion Carried.

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

"THAT Mathew Thomas be nominated to the United Way Board of Directors."  
Motion Carried.

A secret ballot was then taken. Mr. Bernie Murphy won the nomination with nine votes to Mr. Mathew Thomas' eight votes.

The next item to be dealt with regarded the Committee of the Whole recommendation with regard to the PARC report regarding contract zoning.

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

"THAT it be recommended to P.A.R.C. that the Municipality be given the authority to develop interim controls and regulations for contract zoning without having a Municipal Development Plan."  
Motion Carried.



The next item dealt with the proposed expansion of the Lakeside Industrial Park.

A letter had been received from the Minister of Development, in response to a letter from Council regarding this matter, acknowledging receipt of the letter and indicating this matter will be looked into.

There was some discussion as to the status of the Industrial Commission. Mr. Meech indicated that presently the Industrial Promotion Officer, Mr. L. Denny was in the initial stages of developing a By-Law to govern this body.

Warden Lawrence indicated that she was taking steps to encourage the Province to advance the funds or to cost share on the expansion.

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

"THAT Council support the Warden in her endeavors to obtain financial assistance with regards to the expansion and greater productivity of the Lakeside Industrial Park."  
Motion Carried.

It was noted that this expansion would benefit the County as a whole. It was also noted that this seeking of financial assistance should not negatively affect other industry in the County.

The next item to be dealt with was the financing of School Construction.

Deputy Warden Deveaux indicated that he felt this matter would be better deferred until such time as there were some results with regard to the Commission on Education and Financing. Council agreed to this.

The next matter dealt with regarded the F.C.M. submission on the Constitutional Reform.

Councillor Topple indicated his disagreement with many of the statements embodied in this paper, stating that the paper gave the idea that these were the opinions of all the Municipalities rather than Mayor Flynn's own personal opinion. He made a number of points in disagreement to this paper.

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

"THAT a letter be forwarded to the FCM expressing Council's position with the FCM position as explained by Mayor Flynn, on the Constitutional Reform especially with respect to the Charter of Rights."  
Motion Deferred.

Many Councillors spoke on this matter reiterating the sentiments of Councillor Topple, but stating that Council needed further time to study the presentation.

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

"THAT Council support simple repatriation of the Constitution and further that the amending formula and/or Charter of Rights be decided in Canada by Canadians with consultation with the Provinces."

Motion deferred.

It was moved by Councillor Smith, seconded by Deputy Warden Deveaux

"THAT this matter be deferred until the next session to allow Council further time to study the FCM presentation."

Motion Carried.

The next item to be dealt with regarded the road from Pennant to Terrance Bay.

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

"THAT Council endorse requesting the Minister of Transportation to consider building a road from Pennant to Terrance Bay by way of the Old route, possibly in stages, and further that a copy of this letter be forwarded to the Premier."

Motion Carried.

The next item dealt with regarded Capital Expenditures and Capital Maintenance for schools throughout the County.

Mr. Gillis in response to a request made by Council at its last session indicated that over the past years approximately 50% of the requests made had been approved by the Department of Education with 20% of this being funded through the County.

He also indicated that the various classifications were used as a scale of needs primarily for the School Board and were not passed on to the Department of Education. He stated that the School Board had input into the things approved after approval by the Minister regarding changes they felt were more beneficial to the school system.

There was lengthy discussion on this matter with Councillors asking specific questions on schools in their areas.

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

"THAT approval be given to the Capital Expenditures on Furniture and Equipment for schools."

Motion Carried.

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

"THAT approval be given to the Capital Maintenance Expenditures for Schools."

Motion Carried.

There was discussion on how these items were prioritized. There was also discussion on the amount of surplus equipment presently in storage. Mr. Gillis indicated that the School Board was planning an auction this spring to dispense with this surplus equipment.

The next item dealt with regarded the Recovery of Transit Costs.

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

"THAT due to the absence of Councillors Wiseman and MacDonald that the matter re Transit Costs be deferred until the next session."

Motion Carried.

There was some discussion on this matter especially with regards to levying an area rate.

There was also some discussion on the possible disuse of some school buses and the utilization of Metro Transit.

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

"THAT the School Board be requested to investigate the possibility of discontinuing the use of some school bus routes and utilizing Metro Transit system."

See motion to amend.

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

"THAT the motion be amended to read: "THAT the School Board be requested to report on the number of buses presently in use, the cost of these buses, including maintenance, broken down into private and public conveyance."

Motion Carried.

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

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

Motion Carried.

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

"THAT a Public Hearing be held on Rezoning Application # 22-80, requested by Stuart Industries Limited to rezone Lots A, 1, 2, & 3, Lands of Stuart Industries Limited located at the intersection of Highway No. 2 and the Miller Lake Road from G (general building zone) to I (general industrial zone), District 14."

Motion Carried.

The next item deals with parkland - Harry Rutherford, Middle Musquodoboit.

Councillor McCabe explained the situation, stating that this man was subdividing his land in order that his children might each have a piece



of land. He indicated that he felt it would be unfair if this man had to make a parkland donation and urged the Council to support the exemption.

There was some concern over the legality of the exemption and the possibility of setting a precedent. Solicitor Cragg indicated that such a step would be legal.

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

"THAT Mr. Rutherford be exempted from the Parkland requirement on Lots 4 and 5, providing that the Municipality receive a letter of intent from Mr. Rutherford indicating that the subdivision on these lands is not for development, but only for purposes of conveyance to children/family who are to be included in his estate."

Motion Carried.

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

"THAT council support a motion of non-objection to the Area I Municipal Development Plan for West Hants."

Motion Carried.

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

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

Motion Carried.

It was moved by Councillor Smith seconded by Councillor Margeson:

"THAT Council withdraw its previous motion to hold a Public Hearing on rezoning application # 24-80, S. & R. Enterprises Ltd."

Motion Carried.

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

"THAT Council support a motion of non-objection to the amendment to the Enfield-Shubenacadie Corridor Zoning By-Law of the Municipality of East Hants."

Motion Carried.

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

"THAT the report of the Chief Building Inspector be received."

Motion Carried.

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

"THAT approval be given to a lesser setback of 21', Lot of Waverley Fire Department, Waverley, applicant Douglas H. Urquhart

Architects Ltd."  
Motion Carried.

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

"THAT approval be given to a lesser side yard clearance of 7 - 8', Lot 3, Gordon Park Subdivision, Lower Sackville, applicant Crusader Homes."  
Motion Carried.

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

"THAT approval be given to a lesser side yard clearance of 7.95', Lot 4, Gordon Park Subdivision, Lower Sackville, Applicant Crusader Homes."  
Motion Carried.

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

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

The first item to be dealt with regarded an error in arithmetic in setting the area rate for the Middle Musquodoboit Hospital.

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

"THAT the Municipality advance the amount of \$9,000. to the Middle Musquodoboit Hospital with the understanding that the amount be reimbursed over a five year period, interest free, through an area rate."  
Motion Carried.

Councillor MacKay pointed out that deficits on Capital Construction of Hospitals were usually financed through the Department of Health.

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

"THAT the matter of the Middle Musquodoboit Hospital advance be referred to the Management Committee so that they may investigate the possibility of receiving funding from the Department of Health on the outstanding Capital Construction debt."  
Motion Carried.

The next item to be dealt with was with respect to the Communication system.

Mr. Gough explained that Provincial agreement had been received to hook into their system. He indicated that the approximate cost of this system would be \$24,850.00.

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

"THAT the matter of the cost of the communication system be

referred to the Policy Committee for inclusion in the 1981 Budget."

Motion Carried.

It was moved by Councillor Margeson, seconded by Councillor MacKay

"THAT the matter of the communication system be referred to Metro Authority to ascertain if tie-in with 911 was possible with this system."

Motion Carried.

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

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

Motion Carried.

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

"THAT the Municipality retain Interprovincial Engineering Limited to conduct the inflow infiltration program in conjunction with the terms of reference established by Mr. Gallagher and Mr. Wdowiak."

Motion Carried.

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

"THAT a sum of \$100,000 be included in the 1981 Capital Budget for the purpose of carrying out necessary repairs to the Elkin Barracks sewage system."

Motion Carried.

There was some discussion as to how this amount would be recovered. Mr. Meech indicated that as usual it would be recovered through an area rate.

The next item dealt with regarded the agreement re: sewer collector system in Bedford.

There was some discussion on this matter with Council voicing the opinion that they felt they should remain with their original decision. It was also pointed out that the Municipality should try to have the entire system remain in the County even though it was felt that there was little chance of this.

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

"THAT Council make known their wish to have the sewage system within the Town of Bedford remain in the hands of the County and further if it becomes necessary that this matter go to the P.U.B."

Motion Carried.



There was also some discussion on the initial cost of the installation of the system and the fact there appeared to be an over charge to the Sackville residents due to the costs involved in putting the system into Bedford.

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

"THAT a letter be forwarded to Jack MacIsaac expressing the concerns of Council with the sewer system and further that a copy be sent to the member of the Provincial Cabinet."  
Motion Carried.

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

"THAT Mr. Dooks, Gulf Steel be advised that the Municipality is not in a position to negotiate the sale of land or the transfer of water rights until such time as MDP is completed."  
Motion Carried.

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

"THAT Council approve the rental of the space presently available at the Rothman's Building at a cost of \$5,368.00 per year for the Recreation Department."  
Motion Carried.

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

"THAT Deputy Warden Deveaux attend the Seminar dealing with negotiation skills for elected Municipal officials to be held at the Institute of Public Affairs on March 4 - 6."  
Motion Carried.

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

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

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

"THAT the letter received respecting Canada Week be referred to the Recreation Department for suggested participation and events in these celebrations."  
Motion Carried.

The next item was information pertinent to the storage facilities utilized by the School Board.

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

"THAT the policy presented re: Fire Wards and/or Constables be adopted and become an annual procedure."  
Motion Carried.

Councillor Poirier indicated that Mr. Albert Walker had donated an ambulance, to be used as an emergency vehicle, to the Lakeside Fire Department. She requested that a letter of appreciation be forwarded to Mr. Walker.

Councillor Gaetz clarified his position with regards to a request for an increase in Committee pay. He indicated that he had brought the matter forward with the understanding that other Councillors were in agreement with this.

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

"THAT approval be given to the draft resolution to the conference of the Federation of Canadian Municipalities, re: the Ku Klux Klan."

Motion Carried.

The next matter to be dealt with regarded the CNR line between Dartmouth and Middle Musquodoboit.

Mr. Meech introduced th matter stating that the decision of the CRTC had been to close out this line effective December 14, 1980.

He indicated that the Province was planning to appeal this decision.

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

"THAT the Municipality of the County of Halifax Council support the appeal to be made by the Province in relation to the CRTC decision to close the CNR line between Dartmouth and Middle Musquodoboit."

See Motion to Amend.

Councillor Topple stated that he had recently visited the United States and at that time had noted that the American people used the railroad system extensively. He also indicated that they were expanding their system rather than reducing it. He suggested that the Department of Transportation be contacted with the suggestion that they send a representative to the United States to study the methods being used by the American railways to increase the usage.

Councillor Margeson indicated that he did not fell that support of the Provincial appeal was sufficient and stated that the County of Halifax should make its own appeal as the closure was in the County.

It was pointed out that it would be necessary to bring forth new information if this matter was to be appealed.

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

"THAT the motion be amended to read: "THAT the Municipality of the County of Halifax Council support the appeal to be made by the Province in relation to the CRTC decision to close the CNR line between Dartmouth and Middle Musquodoboit and/or launch

their own appeal depending on the recommendation of staff."  
Motion Carried.

There was discussion on new information. Councillor Topple suggested one avenue might be to stress the fact that Nova Scotia wished to remain Canadian and that the closure of railways was cutting Nova Scotia off from the rest of Canada.

It was also suggested that this matter be referred to Mr. Denny, Industrial Promotions Officer. Mr. Meech indicated that this matter had been referred to Mr. Denny and he expected a report on the situation in the near future.

Councillor MacKay then introduced the matter of the requested meeting with Bedford.

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

"THAT the correspondence from Mayor Cosman dealing with the meeting with the Town of Bedford and County Council re: Capital Charges, C.P. Allen School, be received."  
Motion Carried.

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

"THAT the request for the meeting with Bedford be deferred until the next Council Session."  
Motion Carried.

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

"THAT the deadline of March 16, 1981 for the Bedford decision with regards to the C. P. Allen School be extended until April 7, 1981."  
Motion Carried.

It was moved by Councillor Smith:

"THAT Council Adjourn."  
Motion Carried.



COUNCIL SESSION

MARCH 17, 1981

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

ALSO PRESENT: -Mr. Ken Meech, Chief Executive Officer  
Mr. Gerry Kelly, Municipal Clerk  
Mr. Robert Cragg, Municipal Solicitor  
Mr. Keith Birch, Chief of Planning and Development  
Mr. Ken Wilson, Director of Finance  
Councillor Loncarevic, Bedford Council  
Mr. Martin Gallagher

SECRETARY: Mrs. Christine Harvey

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OPENING OF COUNCIL - THE LORD'S PRAYER

Warden Lawrence opened the Session at 2:02 P.M. with the Lord's Prayer.

ROLL CALL

Mr. Kelly then called the roll.

APPOINTMENT OF RECORDING SECRETARY

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

"THAT Christine Harvey be appointed Recording Secretary."  
Motion Carried.

LETTERS AND CORRESPONDENCE

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

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

The first letter was from the Eastern Shore Tourist Association requesting that their Executive Director, Mr. Michael A. Broomfield, be permitted to address Council at its convenience, in order to bring the Councillors up to date on tourism developments in the County.

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

"THAT Mr. Broomfield be permitted to make his presentation at the next Council Session, April 7, 1981."  
Motion Carried.

The second letter was from the Hon. Terrence Donahoe, Minister of Education, reporting on the Reed Career Service's advertisements. Mr. Donahoe advised, in this letter, that his staff had thoroughly looked into the matter and had found no problems with the Reed Materials. However, he further advised that the Reed advertisements have not been aired for several weeks and that they may be discontinued but that if Council decided to pursue the matter further, the Standards Council is the body to refer to.

It was agreed by the Councillors to treat this letter as information only.

The third letter received was from the Federation of Canadian Municipalities thanking the Council for its letter of February 7 advising of Halifax County's resolution on the Klu Klux Klan. The letter advised that the resolution would be forwarded to Mayor C. W. McDonald, Chairman of the 1981 Resolutions Committee.

It was agreed by the Councillors that this letter would also be treated as information.

The fourth letter from the Union of Nova Scotia Municipalities, requested the Council to appoint a representative from our Council to join the Conference Planning Committee, before April 1. The letter advised that if Councillor Wiseman was still interested they would be pleased to have her on the committee again this year.

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

"THAT conditional to her approval, Councillor Wiseman be reappointed as the Municipality's representative on the Conference Planning Committee of the Union of Nova Scotia Municipalities."  
Motion Carried.

#### MEETING WITH DEPARTMENT HEADS

Mr. Keith Birch

Mr. Keith Birch, Chief of Planning and Development was the first of the

Department Heads to give a presentation to the Council.

Mr. Birch advised that since August 1 when his Department got started on the Municipal Development Plan Process, approximately \$175,000 had been spent. He further advised in response to a question posed by Councillor Williams respecting the budget, that they have not gone over the budget so far and that if things continued going the way they were at present, there was no fear of this happening in the future.

Councillor Williams was also interested to know how near to completion the MDP process was. Mr. Birch responded that there were two aspects to the MDP process; the first plan which is the major one is done at the offices of the Department of Municipal Affairs. It is hoped that this plan can be brought before the Planning Advisory Committee on April 6 for recommendation to Council on April 7 and that there be a Committee of the Whole to discuss the plan in conjunction with the joint action committee of the communities. With respect to the other planned areas; the Planning Department is on target in terms of preparation and it is anticipated that by April - Mid May they will have a draft of the plans available from the Public Participation Committees for distribution at Community Public Meetings. The Department intends to bring these to Council, complete with Public input, in the late fall of 1981.

Councillor Williams further questioned Mr. Birch as to the number on staff and how many were working directly on the plan, to which Mr. Birch responded that there were thirty-three people on staff, 7 and 1/2 of which were working directly on the plan. This figure of 7 and 1/2 he further clarified by stating that this figure did not include himself, and the legal people and the figure was arrived at by taking into consideration there were part-time workers.

Councillor Walker was concerned that when the Urban part of the plan was completed the staff was not going to be liquidated; he was taking into consideration the cost of keeping these people on staff when their services were no longer required.

Mr. Birch explained that regarding cost; his Department anticipated continued cost sharing from the Province throughout the MDP process. He further advised Councillor Walker that when the Urban areas were completed these people would be needed to work on the fringe areas and so on and that they would be working in different areas to implement the plan.

Mr. Meech interjected to advise that in previous projects of a similar nature it has been noted that Province has continued its support. It was further clarified that there would probably not be any lay-offs of staff.

Councillor MacKay posed some questions regarding the Department of the Environment Study on Millwood. He wondered whether Mr. Birch's department had received any notification from DOE regarding this study.



Mr. Birch advised that he had heard nothing as yet, although he has written to the Nova Scotia Housing Commission and the Department of the Environment requesting such an up-date.

Councillor MacKay further expressed his concern with the decrease in available approved lots for the expansion of residential housing in the metro area. It was his feeling that Council should pursue the follow-up of Mr. Birch's report, find out exactly what it contains and how the Municipality stands on it. He further suggested that Mr. Birch present a progress report on Millwood to Council at its next Session.

Mr. Birch agreed to present such a report as well as an analysis of all the lots that have been approved over the past number of years and the building permits issued.

Councillor MacDonald was concerned that due to the flood plain and drainage problems in the Millwood area, that we would never get approval for the whole Millwood development. He suggested that we change the Motion made by Council last July for the agreement to the PUD, to allow the first phase of this development to begin. He thought that this would probably be the only part of the development that would ever get off the ground.

Warden Lawrence suggested that Mr. Birch include this in his report to be presented to Council at the next Session.

Councillor Williams again brought up the subject of staffing on the Municipal Development Plan stating that the Provincial Government was presently paying 50% of these people's salaries but questioning whether there had been any guarantees indicating that they would continue to support the Municipality this way during the implementation of the plan. He was concerned about this because the taxpayers are now paying the 50% difference but he didn't think they should be required to pay 100% of these salaries once the plan was in its implementation stages.

Mr. Meech said that there was no guarantee that the Province would continue cost-sharing but reiterated his earlier comment that it had done so in the past in similar circumstances. He suggested that if the Province did not continue to support the project the Council could later make a decision of whether or not to keep these people on staff; he also indicated that it would be difficult to pull out at that point.

Councillor Walker questioned whether it would be possible to project the number of people needed during preparation of the plan and the number needed during implementation of the plan.

Mr. Birch advised that this was not possible because of the complexity of the plan which is determined by what the population requires. This complexity controls the number of staff needed.

He stated that he was presently working under compliment of staff requirement due to the fact that several resignations have not been filled and may not be filled until the Spring, if at all. Councillor

Walker asked if it were possible for all the different areas in the Municipality to have their own Development Plan. Mr. Birch said it was possible in dealing with different geographical areas.

It was Councillor Stewart's opinion that upon completion of the Municipal Development Plan the natural growth of the County would require that more people be hired. Therefore, the County should be considered very fortunate to have people now, who will be totally experienced when they are needed later on. He felt that the County would not require any of these people to be laid off at that time.

Councillor Poirier was concerned that this staffing cost would be repeated when the Rural areas were under study. However, Mr. Birch could give her no clear answer on this as the Rural study would not likely be done until 1983; 1982 being an election year, although some of the ground work would be done in 1982.

Councillor MacKenzie was wondering how the Department of Municipal Affairs felt about the complexity of the plan. He also felt that it was more of a District by District plan than a Municipal Plan. He questioned whether the Department of Municipal Affairs had made their views of the Plan known.

Mr. Birch stated that the plan was somewhat of a District by District Plan but indicated that a good plan should reflect the diversity of the different areas it covers. It was his impression that the Minister of Municipal Affairs was in agreement with it; this opinion he had formulated on the basis of employee interaction of the Planning Department and the Department of Municipal Affairs.

Deputy Warden Deveaux advised Council that if the County desired a Municipal Development Plan, it would have to pay for it. If not, the Minister should be approached and the whole thing should be dropped, but that the Municipality could not have its cake and eat it too.

Councillor Margeson suggested that individual Councillors who are interested should try to attend the Municipal Development Plan meetings to get the feeling of what is going on because we will be going through the same process in the Rural and Fringe areas before long.

Mr. Birch retired from the meeting.

Mr. Ken Wilson

Mr. Wilson: We have two month figures for 1981 which we can compare only to the 1980 budget figures. As far as the certain assets and liabilities; they are on line with last year's figures. There is one item which I believe will be coming forward in the management report: the capital charges for the sewer liens which the Town of Bedford owes us. At one meeting we were looking at the 1.2 Million of the sewer charges; they had the liens on the properties and they submitted an agreement which we felt was reasonable; paying it off over eight years at interest of the same rate they collect from their tax payers which is 11%. The only other thing is the interim loans on sewer and water



which are increasing because we will be starting the Lakeside Timberlea area and have to start borrowing money to pay the contractor. The school loans are still reasonably high because we have moved eight million of our bank loans over as five year loans with the bank so they now show as if they are bond issues. There is no money yet available at a reasonable rate through the finance corporation. We are hoping that the rates will drop around June or July and we can borrow some money at a reasonable rate to fund what we could that would be sharable with the Province because if they can pick up 80% of the debt, even if it is at 13%; the ones that we have to pay ourselves, we can wait a little longer and get at reduced rates.

We are looking at budget procedure. The first run of the budget has been gathered and put in a booklet form for review from the expenditure side. Revenue is just about complete as well.

The auditors are in earlier this year and hope to be out by the end of March. The Department of Municipal Affairs has requested that audited financial statement be in their hands by March 31, 1982. This means that we will have to finish our work by the end of February and get the auditors in February-March so they can finish their statements by March 31st. This is what we have been working towards and we are gradually getting there.

The only other item which we are looking at is our computer, and we have been working with the School Board to see if we can get a joint effort on a data based computer.

This is all the financial information I have to offer at this point.

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

"THAT Council accept the proposed terms of an eight year payback on the capital charges for the Bedford sewer liens."  
Motion Carried.

Warden Lawrence on behalf of the Council commended Mr. Wilson on the speedy process with which the Auditors have been brought in and are completing their work at the Municipality stating that this process had notably speeded up since Mr. Wilson has joined County Staff.

Mr. Wilson retired from the meeting.

On behalf of the Council, Warden Lawrence presented to Mr. Martin Gallagher, a plaque with the Municipality's crest, in recognition of his twenty-seven years of fine service to the Municipality.

Mr. Gallagher gracefully accepted the plaque, thanking the Warden and Council.

Mr. Gallagher retired from the meeting.



MUNICIPAL SCHOOL BOARD REPORT

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

"THAT Council receive the School Board Report."  
Motion Carried.

Mr. Meech read the report of the School Board to the Council.

The first item in the report was in regard to renovations at the Musquodoboit Rural High School. Mr. Meech explained that presently, the School Board has been authorized to do renovations at the Musquodoboit Rural High School costing approximately \$385,000. At the time of these approvals, the renovations, if undertaken, would have interrupted the School program, so they were temporarily postponed. In the interim the School Board approved a recommendation to seek other improvements as follows:

1. Expansion of the School gymnasium; Construction of new
2. showerrooms and gymnasium storage area on the same level as gymnasium floor;
3. Enlargement and improvement of the auditorium stage;
4. Improvements for staff room, administration and gymnasium instructors offices to occur coincidental with other major improvements.

Mr. Meech went on to further explain that in accordance with the present policy and procedure we have developed with respect to dealing with new school capital projects, it would be recommended that Council simply table this information and refer it to the Policy Committee for their review and subsequent recommendation to Council.

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

"THAT this information regarding additional renovations at Musquodoboit Rural High School be referred to the Policy Committee for their perusal and subsequent recommendation to Council."  
Motion Carried.

The next item on the report dealt with the provision of an estimate to make improvements to the Middle Sackville School to bring the school up to the current standards relative to health, fire protection, etc. The cost breakdown totals \$107,500.00.

Councillor MacKay advised that this school is presently in a state of suspension due to the Millwood Development. It is not yet known if the student population will be sufficient to require this school be operative and the school may be declared surplus. It was his opinion that a great deal of money should not be spent on this school until the long range plans of the school had been determined.

Councillor MacDonald advised that it had been indicated to him that the roof was required on this school because the school was to be used as a

School Board Office.

Warden Lawrence confirmed that it had at one time been the intention to have the Special Education branch move from the Lakeside area to this school. She suggested that Council could defer this decision as it was not clear as to the origin of the request or it could be referred to Policy Committee who could investigate this matter further and then make a recommendation to Council at a later date.

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

"THAT any action on this item be deferred until there is made available further information on the intended use of this school."

Motion Carried.

Mr. Meech advised that he would obtain the necessary information.

#### POLICY COMMITTEE REPORT

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

"THAT both the Policy Committee Report and the Supplementary Policy Committee Report be accepted."

Motion Carried.

Mr. Meech outlined the Policy Committee Report stating that there was recommendation from the Policy Committee that the existing CAO By-Law be amended as prepared by Mr. Cragg. Approximately a year ago the Provincial legislation did not permit the separation of the position of CAO from Clerk and Treasurer but subsequent to that the Province had amended the Municipal Act which now permits this to take place. What is being recommended here is that the position of CAO would not also include the position of Clerk and Treasurer. At the time that we implemented the institution of this By-Law and the reorganization, Mr. Kelly was appointed Deputy Clerk in accordance with the act but it was considered that he was to be the Municipal Clerk and Mr. Wilson, the Director of Finance, carried the duties of the Treasurer.

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

"THAT the Administrator is and shall be the Senior Administrator of the Municipal Government and shall have and exercise all powers and duties assigned by statute and such other proper authority as may be granted by Council."

Motion Carried.

The Supplementary Report of the Policy Committee dealt with budget processing.

Mr. Meech explained that at the March 12 Management Committee meeting, the Committee reversed a previous decision and agreed to hold open budget sessions.



The Policy Committee approved a motion to refer the matter to Council to either ratify Management Committee's decision to hold open budget sessions or to hold the budget sessions in-camera.

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

"THAT the budget sessions be OPEN sessions."  
See Motion to Amend.

Councillor Walker made an amendment to the motion, seconded by Councillor Lichter:

"THAT the budget sessions be held OPEN and be dealt with at a Committee of the Whole, rather than at the Management Committee level."  
Motion Defeated.

Solicitor Cragg clarified that the amendment to the motion was in order according to the Committees and Boards By-Law.

Many Councillors felt that the budgeting process should be dealt with in Committee of the Whole in Open Sessions so that all concerned Councillors would have all the information regarding Budget matters at the same time as the Public. Councillors who spoke in favour of this method were: Councillors Lichter, Benjamin, MacDonald and Walker.

Councillor Benjamin felt that having Open Sessions in Committee of the Whole would be the only way to ensure that the Press would not make insinuations as to the reasons why the meetings were being held In-Camera, thus, tarnishing the reputation of Municipal Council.

Councillor Lichter felt that only if all of Council was involved, would each and every Councillor have the opportunity to ask questions and obtain a clear knowledge of what was being cut from or added to the budget and why.

Councillor MacDonald was in favour also of having the Budget Sessions Open to the Public whether they be in Management or Committee of the Whole, though he preferred the Committee of the Whole method.

Councillor Walker stated that in his opinion, all matters of the Municipality should be dealt with in Committee of the Whole and that Budgeting Sessions should be just the beginning of this trend.

Other Councillors felt that Committee of the Whole would be too cumbersome and that Budget matters should be dealt with at the Management level in Open Sessions. It was their opinion that mail-outs of the budget, in draft form could be distributed to Councillors prior to Budget meetings taking place, so that all Councillors would be informed as to what was going on. This method would also keep the cost of Budgeting down as a Committee of the Whole would be very expensive. Councillors who spoke in favour of this method were: Councillors McCabe, Topple and MacKay and Deputy Warden Deveaux. They also felt that any matters dealing with an individual's salary, personalities or disciplinary matters could be held In-Camera.



Several Councillors were in favour only of closed meetings, in Management Committee, as was the practice in former years. Their reasons for this point of view were that: there was a lot of ground work to be covered before any realistic figures were arrived at and it would be too cumbersome to have this done at a Committee of the Whole, and would take too long and be too expensive. In order to protect both the Councillors and the Public it would be necessary to hold these meetings In-Camera and then Openly at Council where all the ultimate decisions would be made.

Councillors who spoke in favour of this method were: Councillors Williams, MacKenzie and Stewart.

Warden Lawrence reiterated that no final decisions would be made at the Committee level, only recommendations; any final decisions regarding Budget or any other matters were ultimately Council's.

The Amendment made by Councillor Walker, seconded by Councillor Lichter:

"THAT the budget sessions be held OPEN at Committee of the Whole rather than at the Management Committee level."  
Amendment Defeated.

The Motion made by Councillor MacKay seconded by Deputy Warden Deveaux:

"THAT the budget sessions be OPEN Sessions at the Management Committee level."  
Motion Defeated.

NOTE: Councillor McCabe was the original seconder of the motion but withdrew his second of it. Deputy Warden Deveaux then seconded the motion to keep the discussion on the floor.

Warden Lawrence advised that in light of the vote, the Budget Sessions would continue to be held in Closed Sessions at the Management Committee level as was the present practice.

Council recessed for a five minute break.

When Council was brought back to order, Warden Lawrence advised Council that Mr. Wilson had prepared a condensed preliminary draft of the budget in the advent that Council may have decided to hold Open sessions. She requested whether the members of Council were interested in receiving copies of this preliminary draft on a private and confidential basis.

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

"THAT this condensed preliminary draft of the Budget be circulated to Council."  
Motion Carried.

Deputy Warden Deveaux requested that staff ensure that notices go out to all members of Council advising them of any scheduled budget meetings and invited all Councillors to attend these meetings.

In response to a question from Councillor Lichter, Solicitor Cragg advised that if a particular Committee wished to open or close that Committee for any reason, then they have the right to do that. However, since they had just passed a motion to hold budget meetings in Management in closed sessions, it would be necessary to pass another motion stating that the Committee can, if it so desires, invite all members of Council to attend those meetings.

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

"THAT the Management Committee be free to invite any or all Councillors to attend the Budget meetings if they so desire."  
Motion Carried.

The question of whether or not the invited Councillors would have voting power was discussed and it was made clear that any Councillors not on the Committee would not be permitted to vote.

Solicitor Cragg advised that these Councillors would be permitted to participate to the extent the Committee allowed but not to the extent of voting.

Councillor Poirier felt the only way to deal with this problem would be to go back to the issue of Committee of the Whole and pass a motion to have Committee of the Whole.

Councillors Topple, Stewart, Smith and Williams felt that since a Committee system was set up to do the ground work and make recommendations to Council, this system should be followed.

Councillor Smith added that all Committees should be In-Camera and the recommendations made to Council in Open meetings. It was her feeling that this would prevent Councillors from first hearing of an issue through the newspapers.

Councillor Williams reiterated the fact that Committee of the Whole Budget Sessions would be a financial burden to the taxpayers.

Deputy Warden Deveaux advised that the intent of his invitation was to invite all concerned Councillors so that they would not be in the dark regarding budget if any of their residents had any questions to ask them. He stated that any Councillor in attendance at these meetings should feel free to express any of their concerns. He stated this was clearly his intention; that participation was invited and the invitation could be accepted or turned down.

Solicitor Cragg further advised Council that no members of Council not on the Committee would be paid for attending these Budget Sessions.

MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE SUPPLEMENTARY REPORT

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

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

Mr. Meech advised that the first item of the Management Committee supplementary report dealt with the amendment to the CAO By-Law. The Management Committee recommended to council for approval the appointment of Mr. G. J. Kelly, to the position of Municipal Clerk and the appointment of Mr. K. S. Wilson to the position of Municipal Treasurer.

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

"THAT Mr. G. J. Kelly be appointed the Municipal Clerk and Mr. K. S. Wilson be appointed the Municipal Treasurer."  
Motion Carried.

The second item from the Management Committee was in regard to renewal of temporary borrowing. The Committee recommends to Council for approval, the following renewal of temporary borrowing resolutions:

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| 1. Pollution Control Plant, Mill Cove, 80-2: | \$2,000,000.00 |
| 2. Sewage Holding Tank, Bissett Lake, 78-2:  | \$3,000,000.00 |

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

"THAT Council approve the renewal of temporary borrowing for the Pollution Control Plant, Mill Cove, 80-2, in the amount of \$2,000,000.00."  
Motion Carried.

Councillor Gaetz brought up the question of ownership of the Plant.

Solicitor Cragg advised that Bedford feels they own it because of the Municipal Boundaries and Representation Act. The Public Utilities Board will make the final decision and if Bedford does own it, they own all of it and will have to pay for it. An agreement will be negotiated and the Board will make a ruling on it.

Councillor MacKay advised, the Municipality has already purchased the necessary equipment and it is incorporated in the contract that the equipment would be ready on site for the contractor when he moved in. It was his understanding that the contract had been awarded and that, regardless of the negotiations with Bedford, whoever ultimately winds up with ownership will have to assume the necessary debt.

Mr. Meech advised this was correct. He also advised that the Municipality had a commitment from the Provincial Government of a financial contribution of 50% from Municipal Affairs and 20% from the Department of the Environment, towards this project, which was originally approved under the CSA Grant.



Councillor Williams questioned how much money would have to be paid back by the Municipality if Bedford gets ownership of the Plant after the money is borrowed by the Municipality. He asked if the PUB would give us back our money.

The Solicitor advised that the PUB can make recommendations to the Provincial Government as to where costs will be allocated and who pays for what. The Board has the power to order Bedford to reimburse us for what we put into the plant. He could not advise Councillor Williams whether the Municipality would be paid back in part or in full but that it would be fair to assume that under normal circumstances, if the asset became to Town's the Town would also have to accept the liabilities that went with it; there is provision in the Act for that.

Warden Lawrence advised that the proposed expansion to the Plant has been in the works for a great deal of time, a lot of planning has been done in the engineering and works department, a lot of work done on the tendering details and specifications, a borrowing resolution had been approved a year ago and the project is now ready to go. She also advised that though the contract has not been signed it has been awarded.

In response to question of deferral until ownership is determined, posed by Councillor Gaetz, Warden Lawrence advised that Bedford has made no formal request to take over the treatment plant.

Councillor Toppie questioned the Solicitor as to whether he felt the Municipality was making a safe move in upgrading the plant and renewing this borrowing resolution. The Solicitor advised that we were making a safe move and that we could not just walk out of the system today, even if we did not own it.

Deputy Warden Deveaux did not feel there would be any problem getting 100% of our money back, if we went to the Provincial Government.

Councillor Margeson felt Council was obligated to upgrade the system and have it functioning in the best possible manner.

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

"THAT Council approve the renewal of temporary borrowing for the Sewage Holding Tank, Bissett Lake, 78-2, in the amount of \$3,000,000.00."  
Motion Carried.

Councillor Margeson advised that there was a holding tank available at Woodbine Park and questioned whether it might be used, however, Mr. Meech advised him that this \$3,000,000 holding tank was much more massive than the one at Woodbine Park and that this one was originally proposed as a twin trunk line system which was estimated to cost about \$3,000,000. Subsequently it was decided that this sewage tank would be more feasible at this time. He further advised that the new price is about \$2,000,000. Mr. Meech also advised that this project was approved under the old Municipal Services Act program and was therefore

elegible for the normal 20% from Department of the Environment and 78% - 80% on the repayment of the debt charge over a twenty year period. He advised that there was no need to change the resolution to \$2,000,000 as this would just be the borrowing authority and the Municipality would only use what was necessary.

Councillor Stewart suggested at this point that we should be staffing adequately for the future whether it be in planning or engineering. Otherwise, in trying to cut down on staff cost now, we increase our building cost later on.

The third and final item in the Supplementary Management Committee Report was in regard to the establishment of a Pension Advisory Committee. This Committee would be composed of ten members, among those members would be the Warden, Deputy Warden, CAO, a representative from the Finance Department as well as the Personnell Co-Ordinator, Mr. Bensted who would represent pensioners, and a representative from each union involved with the plan; each member would have one alternate. The committee would meet approximately three times per year in order to administer changes to the County Pension Plan which had been approved by Council in November of 1980.

The Committee recommended that Council approve the establishment of this Pension Advisory Committee.

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

"THAT the establishment of a Pension Advisory Committee be approved."  
See Motion to Amend.

In response to a question posed by Councillor Benjamin, Mr. Meech advised that the Pension Advisory Committee would report to the Management Committee and that it was a purely voluntary Committee and no members would be paid for their participation in it.

Solicitor Cragg advised that according to the Committee and Boards By-Law all committee members must be paid.

Councillor Topple suggested that the name be changed to a Pension Advisory Task Force and Solicitor Cragg advised this revised wording would be acceptable.

Councillor Margeson amended his motion, seconded by Councillor Topple, to read:

"THAT a Pension Advisory Task Force be established consisting of 10 members, as specified, each having one alternate; this Task Force to meet approximately three times per year to administer changes to the County Pension Plan, approved by Council in November, 1980."  
Motion Carried.

PLANNING ADVISORY COMMITTEE SUPPLEMENTARY REPORT

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

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

Motion Carried.

The report contained only one recommendation: that Council forward a request to the Provincial Government to allow the Atlantic Winter Fair to locate in Sackville.

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

"THAT Council forward a request to the Provincial Government to permit the Atlantic Winter Fair to locate in Sackville."

Motion Carried.

Councillor Topple stated that the recommended site was Sackville Downs and he wondered whether the owner, Mr. Cruikshank was in agreement with the suggestion that the Fair be held on his lands.

Councillor MacDonald advised that he had not received written confirmation as yet but that when speaking to Mr. Cruikshank he had been in agreement and in fact had recommended it. Also when last speaking to the Manager, Mr. Steeves, he had been advised by Mr. Steeves that Mr. Cruikshank was still of the same opinion and that the land was available if the Municipality wanted it.

Councillor Gaetz was not in favour of having the Fair located in Sackville. He stated that he had done a lot of work on the Committee to find a permanent home for the Atlantic Winter Fair. He advised that the Government had given a piece of land to be used for this purpose as well as Four million dollars to start it off. He advised that plans were being drawn up for the building, that they were endeavouring to keep within their budget and the project should be well on its way in 1982. He stated that in all the years they had been looking for a home for the Fair, Sackville Downs has been there and did not offer its lands as a location. He felt the Government would not go along with the recommendation as it did not own the grounds. He also felt that to go along with the recommendation would only cause further delays and that it would be a backward step. He was certainly not in favour of it.

Councillor MacDonald advised that he thought there was some environmental concern expressed over the Halifax site for the Fair and that it would very expensive to run the sewer and water system into that area. He advised that everything was already in ample supply at the Sackville site including sewer, power, water and parking and that it would save a lot of money for everybody concerned.

Councillor Williams stated that he also was a member of the Government Committee which had been in charge of looking for a permanent home for the Atlantic Winter Fair. The Committee had come up with a program



that we could occupy at least eleven months of the year and site big enough to house the Fair. He expressed his amazement that with all the publicity that was given the plight of the Atlantic Winter Fair in its efforts to find a permanent home, Mr. Cruikshank had never once offered his premises for that purpose. Councillor Williams was interested to know how much Mr. Cruikshank wanted in terms of dollars for the rental of his space. He also indicated that the Minister of Agriculture has the report of the Government Committee in his hands now and he advised further that as Sackville had an MLA who could persuade the Government to locate the Fair there, the Municipality did not also have to back up the recommendation.

It was determined that the site in Chocolate Lake was partly Cityowned and it was Councillor Topple's feeling the Municipality had an obligation to support the County residents and also that we should be looking at it from a revenue point of view. He pointed out that there would be a large saving of money to hold the Fair at the Sackville site and further advised that since it would mainly be County residents exhibiting in the Fair, they should be accommodated if at all possible, within the Municipality.

Councillor MacKay indicated that as far as he was aware from the press, there were second thoughts on the Halifax location and he could not understand the reluctance in supporting the recommendation as it was basically an alternative to something that may not materialize. The recommendation is only that there is a nice location in Sackville with all the necessary utilities; the details of the recommendation have not all been ironed out at this point.

Councillor Williams reiterated that no cost to the Municipality or the Province had been given and that Sackville Downs was a private enterprise.

Warden Lawrence indicated that it was quite clear that no details had as yet been worked out and there has been no assumption otherwise.

Councillors Gaetz and Williams were violently opposed to the passing of the motion.

It was moved by Councillor Margeson:

"THAT Council adjourn for supper."  
Motion Carried.

Council was brought back to order one half hour later:

#### DIRECTOR OF DEVELOPMENT REPORT

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

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

SUPPLEMENTARY BUILDING INSPECTION REPORTS (TWO)

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

"THAT the two supplementary building inspectors reports be received."

Motion Carried.

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

"THAT approval be given the application for Lesser setback of 20', Lot 23B, Charles Giles Subdivision, Cole Harbour. Applicant Barry MacDormand."

Motion Carried.

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

"THAT approval be given the application for Lesser setback of 29.53' and lesser side yard clearance of 7.37', Lot D7, Willowdale Estates, Cole Harbour, Applicant Darrell Langille."

Motion Carried.

Councillor MacKay advised that he was detecting a trend in that developers were buying 60 foot lots with the intention of building 46 and 48 foot homes on them and then coming to Council with a request for lesser setbacks after foundations have been put in or homes have been built when Council then has little choice but to approve the applications. He felt this was a way to by-pass the building regulations and questioned the principal involved. He advised that at the last meeting several were approved where the foundations had been in place several months before the applications had been received by Council.

Mr. Meech advised that he would take a look at this with staff and would get back to Councillor MacKay, but advised that in the case of Mr. Langille's application there had been an error in footing location and the application was in order.

SPACE REQUIREMENTS - COUNTY OF HALIFAX

Mr. Meech advised that his report had been in the hands of the Councillors for a while and that he was now prepared to answer any questions relating to it. He first outlined the Report stating that it had been prepared with the criteria that alternatives be examined which would allow all facilities to remain under one roof. These alternatives were:

1. That two more floors be added to the present Municipal Building; the building has been designed to hold two more floors.
2. That an entirely new facility be built and located within the Municipality of the County of Halifax boundaries.



In formulating the report, Mr. Meech had a back up study done respecting the identity of spacing requirements, a locational study done by the planning staff, estimates from the architect for the expansion of the present building by the addition of two floors compared with estimates to build a new facility, excluding the cost of land.

Taking all these facts and reports into consideration it was Mr. Meech's recommendation that a new facility be built in Sackville at a cost of \$275,000 more than the cost of expansion to the old building, excluding the cost of acquiring additional land.

Councillor Walker questioned whether any thought had been given to liquidating parts of the Municipality to be located separately from the main offices, facilities such as the library or school board were his examples.

Mr. Meech reiterated that his report was made with the criteria that all facilities remain under the one roof. However, this separation has been looked at but no report has been done on it as yet.

Councillor Williams felt that locating in Sackville would be a mistake as most people in the Municipality are often in the City and have easy access to the Municipal building where it now stands and therefore have no problems doing their business here. However, Sackville is not as accessible to most people in the County as Halifax is. He pointed out that the Provincial Government has space in the building in the form of the Assessment Department, the School Board is located in the Building, when they could be located in one of several of the vacant schools within the County which are costing money to heat and he also pointed out that the library is no longer giving out books but has just become a storage area which is taking up a lot of space. He felt the library had reached a stage where it could easily go into the Communities. It was his feeling that by putting a Municipal Building in Sackville we would eventually be giving them a Town Hall as there was a group of unelected representatives in Sackville who are waiting for a good time to separate from the Municipality and he felt this recommendation to build in Sackville would aggravate that condition.

Warden Lawrence reiterated that Mr. Meech's proposal was based on the assumption that all Municipal services would remain under one roof.

Mr. Meech agreed with Councillor Williams that there were other alternatives but that based on the criteria he was given to work with, that of keeping all services together, it was his conclusion that from the Municipality's point of view, relocating to Sackville in a new building would be the best recommendation.

Councillor Williams questioned what negotiations, if any, had Mr. Meech had with the City of Halifax regarding building two additional stories on the present building which is located in Halifax. He advised that it has come out in the press that it would be doubtful if we would be permitted to add to this building. He also questioned whether the land between the Municipal Building and the Social Services Building could be used for additions.