

district urban rate as that would prohibit expansion of transit service to other districts. He also felt that Halifax County should be looking at subsidizing commuter rail service.

Councillors Smith, Williams and McCabe spoke on the issue saying that there was no way they could possibly ask their constituents to pay for a service they would not be receiving.

Deputy Warden Deveaux indicated that although he could compromise on the combined rate he could not compromise on the general rate and stated that he too would have to vote against the motion to put Transit Cost on the general rate.

Councillors Lichter and Walker requested that a recorded vote be taken on the motion which had been carried over from the last Council Session in which this topic had been discussed.

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

"THAT the Transit Deficit Cost be recovered on a general tax rate spread throughout the entire County of Halifax."
Motion Defeated.

The Councillors in favour of the general tax rate were Councillors Eisenhauer, Baker and Margeson.

The Councillors against the general tax rate were Councillors Walker, Williams, Poirier, Stewart, Topple, Adams, Gaetz, Smith, MacKenzie, McCabe, Lichter, Benjamin, MacKay, MacDonald, Wiseman and Deputy Warden Deveaux.

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

"THAT one half the deficit for transit cost be recovered on a general rate and that the other half be allocated to each user district who will pay their portion of it."

Councillor Stewart advised that this was a combination of a user-pay rate and the general rate. He stated that this would mean that \$202,000 would go on the general rate and that Cole Harbour and Forest Hills would pay approximately \$21,000, Sackville \$125,000, Eastern Passage \$36,000 and Herring Cove about \$17,000. Councillor Stewart felt that each Councillor could not go on thinking of his own district and lose sight of the County as a whole, other wise the County would disappear; this was his reason for proposing a middle ground.

Most Councillors were still opposed to paying for a service they did not have and felt that the taxpayers in their districts would also be opposed to this new proposition. Councillor Lichter and Councillor McCabe requested that a recorded vote be taken on this motion as well.

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

"As written previously."
Motion Defeated.

Councillors who voted in favour of the above were: Councillors Stewart, Topple, Baker, MacKay, Eisenhauer, MacDonald, Wiseman and Deputy Warden Deveaux.

Councillors who voted against the motion were: Councillors Walker, Williams, Poirier, Adams, Gaetz, Smith, MacKenzie, McCabe, Lichter, Benjamin and Margeson.

Councillor MacKay advised that since when the motion was passed in Council some time ago that The County of Halifax would participate in Metro Transit, there were no specifications in the motion as to the level of service, if service at all, that would be in any area including District 16, he wished to serve notice that as of March 31, which would be retroactive, he wished Transit Service to cease in District 16.

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

"THAT Council endorse a request to MTC that they do not continue to provide service in District 16."
See motion to refer.

Councillor Wiseman pointed out that this motion would seriously affect Districts 18, 20, Councillor Eisenhauer's District and even Councillor Williams district and that it was a result of Council not appreciating the difficulties of Transit and the cost which comes with it. It would also affect the possibility of implementing a combined urban area rate for the County of Halifax.

Councillor MacDonald also was concerned that the whole Transit system in Sackville could be jeopardized if Councillor MacKay's motion was passed by Council.

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

"THAT the matter of any District opting out of MTC be referred to the Policy Committee to determine whether or not Councillor MacKay's motion is legal."
Motion Defeated.

Mr. Meech clarified that the Municipality as a whole is responsible for the Transit Deficit. He indicated that no separate district or Councillor has made the commitment but that the commitment was made by the Municipality as a legal body and is not something that an individual Councillor could solve. He advised that if service were discontinued in any area the Municipality would still be billed and Council would still have to decide how best to recover that money.

Councillor Topple suggested another area to be explored where there seemed to be a lot of money was the area of lotteries. He felt a lottery could pay off this Deficit and end discussions on who was going to pay what rate for which level or service.

At this point in the meeting there was a five minute recess.

When Council was brought back to order Warden Lawrence advised that Councillor MacKay's motion had not yet been voted on.

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

"THAT Councillor MacKay's motion be deferred until a Public Meeting could be held in Sackville with regard to Transit in Lower Sackville."
Motion Carried.

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

"THAT Council accept Metro Transit in the Cole Harbour area and that the district concerned pay any Deficits accruing to Transit in that area."
Motion Carried.

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

"THAT the Policy Committee investigate the possibility of MTC implementing School Bus Conveyance within the boundaries of Halifax County."
Motion Carried.

Councillor Adams felt that to begin with, as part of this investigation the Policy Committee could determine the cost of operating School Buses within Halifax County and compare these costs with the current established cost of Metro Transit as it applies to Halifax County and also to request that the Department of Education amend the Act pertaining to school buses for an exception so as to have an amalgamation of the Halifax County School Buses under the Regional Transit Authority and to determine if the cost of such an amalgamated service could be better spread across the County. He also felt that this may increase the possibility of extending transit routes and may also decrease Education Cost of the School Board to some extent.

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

"THAT MTC be requested to submit a report to Municipal Council regarding their investigations into route efficiencies, methods of increasing ridership and rider fees and as well look into the possibility of decreasing operating debt by 25%."
Motion Carried.

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

"THAT this Council Session be adjourned subsequent to dealing with the two Supplementary Planning Advisory Committee reports, the Supplementary Management Committee report and the Building Inspectors Report."
Motion Carried.

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

"THAT the item of Constitutional Reform be deferred until the April 21 Council Session and that it be near the top of the agenda of that Session, subsequent to the regular items."
Motion Carried.

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

"THAT cable T.V. for Eastern Shore also be put on the April 21 Council Session agenda."
Motion Carried.

Councillor MacKay requested that the following two items be included in the agenda for the April 21 Council Session:

- 1. Budget
- 2. Green Area P-8 - G Section, Sackville Lake Development

It was agreed that these would be included on the agenda for April 21, 1981 Council Session.

Councillor Margeson also requested that something be included on the next agenda for the Beaverbank School issue.

This was also taken note of for the agenda April 21, 1981.

SUPPLEMENTARY PLANNING ADVISORY COMMITTEE REPORTS

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

"THAT the two supplementary reports of the Planning Advisory Committee be received."
Motion Carried.

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

"THAT a special Council Session be held April 14, 1981 at 7:00 P.M. with the intention of going into Committee of the Whole to deal with the Lake Major, Cherrybrook/Lake Loon, North Preston and East Preston Proposed Municipal Development Plan and Zoning By-Law."
Motion Carried.

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

"THAT that a Public Hearing be held April 27 at 7:00 P.M. to deal with rezoning applications for Legay Fiberglass Limited and Oakfield lands, District 14 as well as proposed Amendment to the Zoning By-Law re: Parking Regulations."
Motion Carried.

SUPPLEMENTARY REPORT OF THE MANAGMENT COMMITTEE

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

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

It was moved by Councillor Baker, seconded by Councillor Benjamin:
"THAT the offices of the Municipality of the County of Halifax be closed on Easter Monday."
Motion Carried.

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

"THAT the John A. MacKay School be renamed the "Prospect Road Elementary School" and further that the school library be named "John A. MacKay Library."
Motion Carried.

BUILDING INSPECTORS REPORT

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

"THAT the Building Inspectors Report be received."
Motion Carried.

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

"THAT approval be given the application for lessor side yard clearance of 6.5', property located at Terrance Bay, applicant A. R. Williams, the application for lessor setback of 29', lands of Sidney Day, Chaswood, applicant Sidney L. Day, and the application for lessor setback of 8' for temporary greenhouse located at Shad Bay, applicant Gordon Alguire."
Motion Carried.

ADJOURNMENT

In Keeping with the motion moved by Councillor Stewart, seconded by Deputy Warden Deveaux:

"THAT the meeting be adjourned subsequent to the above items."

The session was adjourned at 10:00 P.M.

COUNCIL SESSION

APRIL 21, 1981

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

ALSO PRESENT: Mr. K. R. Meech, Chief Administrative Officer
Mr. G. J. Kelly, Municipal Clerk
Mr. Robert Cragg, Municipal Solicitor
Mrs. Alex Jacobsen, Acadia Home & School Association
Mr. Ed Mason, Director of Social Services
Mr. Keith Birch, Chief of Planning & Development
Mr. John Markesino, Co-Ordinator of Recreation
Mr. Lorne Denny, Industrial Commissioner
Mr. Ed Wdowiak, Director of Engineering & Works

SECRETARY: Mrs. Christine Harvey

OPENING OF COUNCIL - THE LORD'S PRAYER

Warden Lawrence brought the Council Session to order with the Lord's Prayer at 2:10 P.M.

ROLL CALL

Mr. Kelly then called the roll.

APPOINTMENT OF RECORDING SECRETARY

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

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

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

"THAT the minutes of the March 16, 1981 Public Hearing be approved."
Motion Carried.

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

"THAT the minutes of the March 30, 1981 Public Hearing be approved."
Motion Carried.

ACADIA SCHOOL

Although this item was not on the agenda, Council agreed to hear a presentation made by Mrs. Alex Jacobsen with regard to the Acadia School Sackville.

This presentation and attached petition was intended to inform Council that the parents of Sackville Manor, whose children were presently attending Acadia School, are not in compliance with the wishes of the School Board to send their children to Hillside Park Elementary School in September 1982 and wished to have their children remain a part of the Acadia School Community, which they have done for the past four years.

Council advised Mrs. Jacobsen that it was not the decision of the Management Committee as to where future schools were needed but that this presentation should be forwarded to the School Board who has that jurisdiction.

However, Mrs. Jacobsen felt that Council has the ultimate responsibility for construction of schools and the handling of the tax payers money in these matters. Warden Lawrence advised Mrs. Jacobsen that the School Board makes recommendations to Council and Council then funds the construction of the School.

Councillor MacKay advised that there were two alternatives regarding the two schools. One was that the Acadia School would serve the entire area from grade primary to grade three, with grades four to six going to Hillside. The second alternative was to divide the population so that one-half of the grades primary to six would go to Acadia and one-half of the grades primary to six would be going to Hillside. He stated that the decision on the school had gone through a lengthy process and that the plans were now in the Minister's Office awaiting approval with construction hopefully to be done during the summer recess.

It was moved by Councillor MacKay, seconded by Councillor Margeson

"THAT Mr. Gillis attend the May 5, 1981 Council Session to report on the Acadia School."
Motion Carried.

The purpose of Mr. Gillis' presence at the next Council Session would be to report on the decision made on the Acadia School and on how this decision would affect other schools in the area.

LETTERS AND CORRESPONDENCE

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

"THAT the Correspondence be received."
Motion Carried.

The first letter to Mr. Kelly from Mr. Bob Kaplan, P.C., M.P. the Solicitor General for Canada acknowledging receipt of Mr. Kelly's letter concerning the relocation of the R.C.M.P. detachment in Bedford and advising that a reply would be forthcoming in the near future, was treated as information only.

Warden Lawrence advised that she had received a letter from the Department of Municipal Affairs regarding the Water Supply Problem in Waverley, District 14. This letter was a confirmation that the Department would assist in supplying water to the area.

Warden Lawrence advised that she had circulated copies of two letters to Council for information only. These two letters were both from Mr. Bob Munroe the President of the Union of Nova Scotia Municipalities.

1. One letter was to the Honourable Jack MacIsaac, Minister of Municipal Affairs on the subject of the lateness of the Assessment Roll getting to all Municipalities.
2. The second letter was to the Honourable Ken Stretch, Minister of Labour commenting on the select committee of volunteer Fire Services suggesting the possibility of the jurisdiction of his Department being switched to the more logical Dept. of Municipal Affairs.

MEETING WITH DEPARTMENT HEADSMr. Ed Mason - Director of Social Services

The Report of the Director of Social Services, contained within the agenda, included the Annual Report for 1981, a Report of Caseload and Expenditures for 1981 and a brief commentary on Housing. Rather than outline the Reports which he felt were self-explanatory, Mr. Mason advised he was open to answer any questions, the Councillors might have.

In response to a question from Councillor Margeson as to the trend for 1981, Mr. Mason pointed out the caseload and expenditures for January, February and for March which was not included in the Report, advising that expenditures for Homes for Special Care for March are similar to January and February which is in the amount of \$250,000. He therefore, advised that Caseload in general assistance is down some, while the expenditures are a bit up from last year. He asked that Council should bear in mind that it is not up as much as it would appear from the Report because talking in terms of last year at this time Bedford was part of the Municipality and their Caseload and cost were reflected in that.

In relation to Homes for Special Care and Nursing Homes, Councillor Benjamin questioned whether the Department could project for the future the production of these facilities to which Mr. Mason advised there was no real need for an increase due to the commencement of the Homemakers Program designed to meet the needs of the elderly while maintaining them in their own homes as long as possible. He advised that this system was working extremely well and he felt it would continue to do so; he further advised, again in response to Councillor Benjamin that this program was cost-shared the same as the general assistance and administration at the rate of 78%.

Councillor Gaetz was concerned about the strictness of the Department in its policy to take the possessions of the aged when they were entering into these homes, to which Mr. Mason replied they were quite lenient and added in response to a question from Councillor MacKenzie that the Department was taking into consideration more and more the fact that the children of an elderly couple sometimes assist their parents in improving their homes and allowances are made when the properties are taken over by the Department in order not to discourage people from improving their homes.

Mr. Mason advised that as of the first of May he would be proposing that there be some adjustments in the Department scales for food and clothing as well as shelter rates. He advised that the proposal would be forwarded to the Management Committee for recommendation prior to coming to Council. He further advised that the Department has not had an increase in scales for seven to eight months, while the cost for all these commodities have risen. He advised that this increase would be consistent with the Provincial rates at the present time.

This completed Mr. Mason's report to Council. Mr. Mason retired from the meeting.

While awaiting the arrival of Mr. Birch, Warden Lawrence advised that Mr. Ken Wilson would be unable to attend today's Council Session as he was attending an MTC meeting.

Mr. Keith Birch - Chief of Planning and Development

Mr. Birch advised that the Report had been in the hands of the Council for some time, so he was open for any questions.

Mr. Birch clarified the situation with regard to derelict vehicles for Warden Lawrence.

Councillor Wiseman advised that when the topic had been discussed of the cost to the companies of taking these vehicles, they had suggested that what they were getting for them (\$16.00) was not enough, and she wondered if there had been any further discussion on this allocation to these people. Warden Lawrence advised that a written request had been made to ask that the amount be considered for upgrading and was uncertain of the reply or if there had been a reply and suggested that this request be renewed at the same time the Council wrote to thank the Minister for the new allotment of 1000 units.

Mr. Birch advised in response to a question from Councillor Gaetz that vacant lots were determined from the Assessment Department information.

Councillor MacKenzie initiated some brief discussion regarding the removal of unsightly premises, and the amount of time it took to have them removed. Mr. Birch advised that he would check into the problem.

On the subject of derelict vehicles Warden Lawrence advised Councillor Margeson that she would look into the suggested increase in amounts per car and the response received from the Minister, and would report back at the next Council Session.

Councillor Benjamin was extremely concerned about the Rezoning Application of McConnell's Restaurant, who had been in an R-4 zone and was carrying on a business there. His business had been burned out and he was unable to reopen and presently has no means of livelihood. He was requesting that any action of the Planning Department be deferred until the Waverley Ratepayers Association have an opportunity to come up with a complete rezoning, not only of Mr. McConnell's property but a much larger parcel of land that will be affected by the installation of water and so forth.

Mr. Birch advised that in Mr. McConnell's situation the direct route to rezoning would be the quickest as a general rezoning as suggested by the Ratepayers Association would take more time as more people were involved. Mr. Birch further advised that he could not condone Mr. McConnell's operations until the rezoning has been completed.

Councillor Topple pointed out that in regard to building lots and building permits, District 7A had been included with District 7 on the Planning Department reports. He requested that the Districts be separated.

Councillor MacDonald requested if during the implementation of the Municipal Development Plan the property of the Sackville Drive-In could be zoned Commercial and the Drive-In removed, as repairs to it were not going to be carried out and it was eventually going to be sold, to which Mr. Birch advised it was possible depending on the wishes of the owner.

This completed the Report of the Chief of Planning and Development. Mr. Birch retired from the meeting.

Mr. John Markesino - Co-Ordinator of Recreation

Mr. Markesino outlined the proposed Summer Programs of the Department which would go ahead depending on the funding received from the Federal and Provincial Governments, advising there were 36 playgrounds and several swimming areas to be staffed this year. He advised that the Department also planned a Tennis Program, Puppetry Workshop, Travelling Music Workshop and Cole Harbour Heritage Farm which was a plan to assist the Cole Harbour Heritage Farm with their Summer Program.

There was very brief discussion on this report, several Councillors showing interest in various programs for their own Districts.

Subsequent to this, Mr. Markesino outlined his proposed activities for Canada Week, which sparked a little more discussion. The events he outlined and explained were as follows: Civic Ceremony, Thursday June 25, to signify the beginning of Canada Week, Invitations to Churches to encourage the Canada Week theme by having Boy Scouts and Girl Guides participate in services, carrying the flag and displaying it throughout the service, Inter-Community Competitions - County Wide, ex: log sawing, pancake eating, etc., Community Heritage Talent Show, Children's Art Contest, Department Visitations, Maple Leaf Day, Kite Flying Contest, Staff Bowling Challenge, Sporting Events, Council versus staff: softball, volleyball, etc.

In response to these suggestions, many Councillors were concerned about the cost of implementing these competitions, etc, to which Mr. Markesino replied these suggestions were made in accordance with a request from Council to look into the possibilities for activities during Canada Week and he could not see any great cost involved in any of the suggestions as they could all be participated in on a volunteer basis by any Communities wishing to get involved.

Councillor MacKay questioned if this was in lieu of the Summer Festival held last year at Oakfield or if plans were being made to go ahead with that as well. Mr. Markesino advised that there were no plans to go ahead with the Summer Festival this year and that it was held last year because it was Centennial Year. He advised that Canada Week was a separate celebration altogether.

Councillor MacKay felt that the Summer Festival should continue because of the excellent response and the good public relations generated by it and felt that the cost was minimal considering this response. He further indicated that he would endorse Mr. Markesino's suggestions for Canada Week; as well, he did not see that a lot of money was going into it and the same good public relations could be achieved from these celebrations and activities. Councillor Adams advised that he would like to second Councillor MacKay's endorsement of Canada Week.

It was moved by Councillor Benjamin, seconded by Councillor Lichter

"THAT these suggestions for Canada Week, as presented by Mr. Markesino, be forwarded to the Policy Committee for further study."

Motion Carried.

This completed Mr. Markesino's report.

It was agreed that the subject of the Green Area P-8 which was situated much later on the agenda, would be brought forward for discussion at this time.

Subsequent to discussion of this item:

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

"THAT the Municipality lease to the Lake District Recreation Association, Green Area P-8, for the purpose of developing a Community Playground, subsequent to the plans being approved by Mr. Markesino and Mr. Meech."
Motion Carried.

Mr. Markesino retired from the meeting.

Mr. Lorne Denny - Industrial Commissioner

Mr. Denny outlined the highlights of the April 4, 1981 Industrial Commission meeting, the minutes of which were included in the agenda. He advised that several Councillors had requested that he come to their Districts and spend some time there, this he had done with Councillor Poirier and would continue to do on a basis of one district per week when requested.

Mr. Denny further advised Council that all interested Councillors were welcome to attend the next meeting of the Industrial Commission and that he would see that copies of the minutes of the meeting were distributed to all councillors. He advised that he was open to suggestions from any Councillors as to what they wanted to see done in the County and would deal with these suggestions on a first come, first serve basis. He gave his office address and number to all Councillors.

Councillor MacKenzie enquired as to whether any existing companies had come to Mr. Denny regarding extension of their businesses, to which Mr. Denny replied they had not and that he was not aware of any business in the County wishing to expand. Councillor MacKenzie was also interested to know what progress was being made regarding Off-Shore Development and Mr. Denny advised in response to this, that discussions were being held with the Board of Trade and three companies wishing to locate in the new Musquodoboit Industrial Mall.

In response to a question from Councillor MacKay, Mr. Denny advised that the Industrial Commission was considering expanding its membership.

Councillor Gaetz brought up the question of payment for attending meetings, stating that he was not paid for attending the Industrial Commission meeting which took up an entire day, and further stated that he wanted to go on record as being opposed to these arrangements, even though there had been numerous unsuccessful attempts to change the By-Law which governed this system. Mr. Denny advised that Commissioners also did not receive any remuneration for attendance at Industrial Commission meetings with the exception of expenses incurred.

Mr. Denny advised that the Industrial Commission Office would be typing a resolution passed by the Chamber of Commerce supporting the proposal of locating the Atlantic Winter Fair in Sackville to be presented to the Minister of Agriculture Monday A.M. April 27th.

This announcement initiated some heated discussion on the part of Councillor Williams who was opposed to such a resolution being presented without the knowledge of County Council. The result of this discussion was that all interested Councillors could request a copy of the proposal which was to go to the Minister of Agriculture.

Mr. Denny retired from the meeting.

The Council agreed to defer the Report of the Director of Engineering and Works subsequent to a twenty minute coffee break.

When Council was brought to order again, Mr. Wdowiak was unavailable to make his report as he was tied up in a meeting so Council agreed to defer his item again, until further on in the agenda.

CONSTITUTIONAL REFORM - COUNCILLOR TOPPLE

Councillor Topple gave a lengthy discourse in regard to his feelings on the proposed Constitutional Reform summing it up by stating that all across this Country this proposal was brushed over too lightly. He felt there would be a large impact on Education cost and he felt that Council should be very concerned with what is proposed as there is no mention of cost anywhere and that two languages in any Country cannot work. He felt that as far as our Municipality was concerned, it was dealing with something proposed by Mayor Flynn on behalf of all Municipalities, Cities and Towns, meaning it would also reflect the feelings of this Municipality. It was his opinion that this Municipality should take a position otherwise and offered the following resolution:

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

"Be it resolved: that the Municipality of the County of Halifax adopt a position relative to a new Canadian Constitution that would see all persons who are at present or who will be at some future time citizens of this great Country regardless of race, religion, ethnic or cultural background, provided equal status and rights under this new constitution. Be it further resolved that no separate priveledges or conditions be provided to an individual, any group or any particular area of this country. Be it further resolved: that because two official languages will do nothing to unite this country and further that the costs of implementing and operating under two official languages (true bilingualism) will create financial hardship or ruin in many areas of our economy than one official language; that one official language be used and that it be the language understood in the majority of the world and the language of Canada's two major trading partners, the English language. Be it further resolved: that a new Canadian Constitution be drafted and approved in Canada on the consent of 75% of the Provinces of Canada and any subsequent changes be approved by 75% of the Provinces of Canada."

Motion Defeated.

At this point in the meeting, since typed copies of Councillor Topple's

motion had not yet been circulated as requested by Warden Lawrence, it was decided to backtrack and complete that part of the agenda, "Meeting with Department Heads."

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

"THAT discussion of Constitutional Reform be deferred subsequent to completion of "The Meeting with Department Head, Mr. Ed Wdowiak - Director of Engineering and Works".
Motion Carried.

MEETING WITH DEPARTMENT HEADS

Mr. Ed Wdowiak - Director, Engineering and Works

Mr. Ed Wdowiak submitted to Council an update on the present status of capital water and sewer projects in the various areas, including Lakeside/Timberlea, Westphal, Cole Harbour, Mill Cove Expansion, Inflow Reduction Study of sewerage system in the Municipality, Eastern Passage Treatment Plant and Regional Drainage and Water Supply Plan. Mr. Wdowiak also gave a brief outline of the progress in the areas of the Prospect Road Elementary School, the George Bissett Elementary School and several other projects assigned to the Engineering Department: the addition to the Sheet Harbour Fire Hall. Mr. Wdowiak advised that reports are being prepared for the Management Committee regarding the Dutch Settlement School, takeover of the water system of Uplands Park, and for the extension of water mains in Westphal in the area of the No. 7 Highway and the Graham Creighton School.

Councillor MacKenzie initiated some brief discussion regarding the state of the site of the Treatment Plant at the Rehab Centre in Cole Harbour, which had been phased out several months ago. He advised that this site had been left in a mess and requested that Mr. Wdowiak look into having it cleaned up. It was decided that the procedure which should be followed, would be via a motion of the Board of the Rehab Centre directed to Mr. Wdowiak.

Mr. Wdowiak was also requested to look into the matter of the paving of Davis Street in Lower Sackville. Mr. Wdowiak advised that he would look into this and bring it to the attention of Mr. Pertus of the Department of Transportation to have the road paved at the expense of the abutters. This request was made by Councillor MacDonald.

Councillor Gaetz requested whether Mr. Wdowiak's Department would assist in preparing plans and specifications for a new fire Dept. in his district when the need for one became more apparent. He advised that his district would be requiring one in the near future and stated he would like the assistance of the Engineering and Works Department as the Department had assisted in the case of the Sheet Harbour Fire Department addition. Mr. Wdowiak advised Councillor Gaetz of the nature of and the reasons for the assistance in the case of Sheet Harbour Fire Hall and further advised that no request would be turned down but he was not certain his department would be able to actually carry out the construction of a Fire Hall as this was not usually their

practice.

This completed Mr. Wdowiak's report to Council. Mr. Wdowiak retired from the meeting.

CONSTITUTIONAL REFORM

Councillors Eisenhauer and Lichter spoke on this issue: Councillor Eisenhauer's main opposition to Councillor Topple's motion was that it was restricting education and thereby restricting the job opportunities for the next generation, as it was a known fact that bilingualism is an asset in obtaining a well paying job. He also felt the motion as it relates to bilingualism was not conducive to keeping the country together on a strong and united basis.

Councillor Lichter felt this was too large an issue for Council to solve as the country has been unable to come to grips with it over a long period of time. He felt Councillor Topple's main opposition to the subject was simply that Mayor Flynn, the President of the F.C.M. was making a statement on behalf of all Municipalities and it was his opinion that Halifax County Council should express its view that this is not the case and Mayor Flynn is not speaking on behalf of the Municipality of the County of Halifax.

Deputy Warden Deveaux was in agreement with Councillor Topple's views on the subject and indicated that although the President of FCM states he is speaking on behalf of all Municipalities, only two Provinces have actually supported the Proposal for Constitutional Reform.

Councillor Stewart, on the other hand, spoke against Councillor Topple's motion stating that he was not in agreement with, and could not support that section of Councillor Topple's motion which suggests that one language only should be the official language in Canada. It was Councillor Stewart's feeling that since there were two founding peoples in Canada, the English and the French, this fact should be recognized and both languages officially adopted.

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

"THAT the Municipality of the County of Halifax go on record as being nonsupportive of Mayor Flynn's presentation to the Joint Committee, respecting the Canadian Constitution, as it does not represent the majority sentiment of this Council, in the areas in which he presents his own opinions, departing from the Text as validly approved by the F.C.M."
Motion Carried.

At this point in the meeting, the Session was adjourned for one-half hour for supper.

When the Session was brought back to order, Deputy Warden Deveaux took over the duties of Chairman.

Councillor Smith brought up an item regarding the Union of Nova Scotia Municipalities and the Federation of Canadian Municipalities annual conferences. She felt that in light of the motion just passed regarding Constitution Reform in which Halifax County Council was to express opposition to the presentation of Mr. Flynn; that the Municipality should have some input into the resolutions which would be presented to these conferences, in this way avoiding such a procedure in the future in connection with these resolutions.

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

"THAT one Session of Halifax County Council be set aside to deal with, (along with the other regular items on the agenda) the resolutions to come forward at the F.C.M. and the U.N.S.M. conferences, prior to each conference."
Motion Carried.

There was a good deal of discussion of this motion, many Councillors expressing their view that such a procedure would be too time consuming, and would need too much investigation, etc. Councillor Eisenhower pointed out that at these conferences before decisions are made, there are quite lengthy presentations made from people from all over the country who investigate these matters in detail. He indicated that if County Council were to make a decision without the benefit of this information, it could ultimately make the wrong decision. He further advised that he would prefer to delegate such decisions to the representatives elected to go to the conferences, who make such decisions based on the facts as presented to them at the conferences.

Councillor Wiseman was in agreement with Councillor Eisenhower adding that it would take several full Sessions to deal with the more than 200 resolutions going to the Conferences. She felt a better way to deal with the issue would be for all Councillors to obtain copies of the resolutions, and after reviewing them, if there were any they were strongly opposed to or in favour of, they could contact the representatives, going to the conferences, making them aware of their feelings and opinions.

Councillor Toppie felt, in accord with Councillor Smith, that the Municipality should have an opportunity to deal with the resolutions prior to the Conferences, to be sure they have some input into the final decisions made.

REPORT OF THE PLANNING ADVISORY COMMITTEE

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

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

It was recommended by the Planning Advisory Committee that the Municipality accept title to the Green Area and Access Road of Moody Park Subdivision, Harrietsfield.

It was determined in discussion of this recommendation that Developers are bound to donate either 5% of their land or 5% of its assessed value to the Municipality and that the Municipality also is bound by legislature to accept either the land or money.

Several Councillors were against accepting this land as they did not wish to take on the financial responsibility of maintenance and further development of these lands and were not supportive of accepting responsibility for any negligence which could occur along the access road. However, it was determined that the land donation was the subject open to discussion and not the policy.

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

"THAT the County of Halifax take title to the Green Area and Access Road of the Moody Park Subdivision, Harrietsfield."
Motion Carried.

BUILDING INSPECTORS REPORT

The Report of the Building Inspector requested approval of the following two applications for lesser setback:

1. Application for lesser setback of 20', Inishowen Subdivision, Cole Harbour, Applicant W. D. Morash Limited.
2. Application for lesser setback of 23', 26 Elaine Drive, Beaverbank, applicant, James H. Usher.

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

"THAT the requests for lesser setback as contained in the Report of the Building Inspector, be approved."
Motion Carried.

MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE REPORT

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

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

The Management Committee recommended approval of the following Renewal & Split Temporary Borrowing Resolutions for Schools:

1. Read:	Bedford-Waverley	\$5,000,000.00
	Ross Road	530,132.12
	Beaverbank	400,000.00
		<u>\$5,930,132.12</u>

Changed to Read:

	Bedford-Waverley	\$4,500,000.00
	A. J. Smeltzer	500,000.00
	Long Term with Bank	<u>\$5,000,000.00</u>

Changed to Read:

Ross Road	\$530,132.12
Beaverbank Kinsac	400,000.00
	<u>\$930,132.12</u>

2. Read: Tantallon Elementary	\$2,100,000.00
Harry Hamilton	2,000,000.00
Sackville Garage	650,000.00
Musquodoboit Garage	650,000.00
	<u>\$5,400,000.00</u>

Changed to Read:

Tantallon Elementary	\$1,500,000.00
Harry Hamilton	1,500,000.00
Long Term with Bank	<u>\$3,000,000.00</u>

Changed to Read:

Tantallon Elementary	\$600,000.00
Harry Hamilton	500,000.00
Sackville Garage	650,000.00
Musquodoboit Garage	650,000.00
	<u>\$2,400,000.00</u>

There was some brief discussion of these resolutions as many Councillors did not understand the Split Renewal Procedure; this was explained by Mr. Kelly and the Solicitor.

Councillor Lichter was interested to know why these resolutions for temporary borrowing were up for renewal when the resolutions for Hillside Park and Dutch Settlement Schools, which had originally been approved prior to the above resolutions, had not yet been brought forward for renewal. Subsequent to discussion, Mr. Kelly advised that he would check into the matter and report back to Councillor Lichter.

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

"THAT the following resolution for temporary borrowing be approved: Bedford-Waverley, \$4,500,00.00; A. J. Smeltzer, \$500,000.00; for a total of \$5,000,000.00, long term with Bank." Motion Carried.

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

"THAT the following resolution for temporary borrowing be approved: Ross Road, \$530,132.12; Beaverbank Kinsac, \$400,000.00; for a total of \$930,132.12." Motion Carried.

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

"THAT the following resolution for temporary borrowing be approved: Tantallon Elementary, \$1,500,000.00; Harry Hamilton, \$1,500,000.00; for a total of \$3,000,000.00, long term with Bank."

Motion Carried.

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

"THAT the following resolutions for temporary borrowing be approved: Tantallon Elementary, \$600,000.00; Harry Hamilton, \$500,000.00; Sackville Garage, \$650,000.00; Musquodoboit Garage, \$650,000.00."

Motion Carried.

POLICY COMMITTEE REPORT

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

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

Motion Carried.

The Committee recommended to Council for approval the following amendments to the Taxi-By Law:

1. Initial Charge: Seventy Cents
2. Each One Eighth mile: Ten Cents
3. Each Additional Passenger: Twenty Five Cents
4. Hourly Driving Rates: By arrangement between passenger & driver, without meter, twelve dollars per hour.

The Committee further recommended that taxi meter rates be reviewed again by January 1, 1982.

Deputy Warden Deveaux advised Council that the original recommendation from the Policy Committee was to change the rate to seventy five cents initial charge. However, the Taxi Association came back to the Policy Committee stating that this would initiate a large cost to change the meters. Instead, the Taxi Association recommends the above changes.

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

"THAT the amendments to the Taxi By-Law be approved as recommended by the Policy Committee."

Motion Carried.

Subsequent to brief discussion of the motion, Councillor MacKay wished to make an amendment to the motion.

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

"THAT Section "C" of the Taxi By-Law be further amended to allow five cents for each fifteen seconds of waiting time, thus keeping the hourly driving rate and the hourly waiting rate consistent."

Motion Withdrawn.

There was a great deal of opposition to the amendment, many Councillors being of the opinion that it did not cost the driver as much in gas, oil or wear and tear on an automobile while sitting still as opposed to the cost while driving, and though the driver could make more money if he were driving around, chances were that he may have nothing to do in that time as well. Therefore, it was felt by the majority of the Councillors who spoke on the amendment that twelve dollars per hour was too much simply for waiting.

Councillor MacKay withdrew his amendment to the motion.

The Policy Committee further recommended that the By-Law Respecting Dogs be amended as follows:

1. Section 4, subsections (2) and (3) and Section 5, subsection (2) to be rescinded as they are no longer applicable.
2. Section 7 to be amended so that the Commission fee paid be thirty-five per cent.
3. Section 21 be amended so that the present penalty will be fifty dollars.

Subsequent to very brief discussion on the amendments with regard to the present rates:

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

"THAT the By-Law respecting Dogs be amended as recommended by the Policy Committee."
Motion Carried.

The Policy Committee also recommended to Council, regarding the F.C.M. Conference, that Warden Lawrence attend this year's conference and also be authorized to appoint the other delegates who will attend the conference with her. There was little discussion of this recommendation.

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

"THAT Warden Lawrence attend the F.C.M. Conference and further that she be authorized to appoint the other delegates who will attend with her as representatives of the Municipality of the County of Halifax."
Motion Carried.

In regard to Senior Citizens Week, it was the recommendation of the Committee that the Municipality recognize Senior Citizens Week.

There was no discussion of this recommendation.

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

"THAT the Municipality of the County of Halifax recognize Senior Citizens Week."
Motion Carried.

The Committee further recommended that Warden Lawrence, Mayor Cosman and the Chief Administrative Officers from Bedford and the Municipality of the County of Halifax negotiate further, the issue of the C. P. Allen School and provide recommendations to Council.

This recommendation initiated a great deal of discussion. Many Councillors felt that the Municipality should stand firm on its original decision any negotiations which take place should be on the part of Bedford Council on how to best raise the money to pay their portion of the capital debt on the C. P. Allen School. Other Councillors expressed their feeling that if nothing was done by either Council, Bedford would likely just pay their tuition fee, thus either forcing the Municipality to remove the Bedford students from the school, which no-one would like to see happen, or forcing the issue to go to arbitration as was suggested by Mayor Cosman. It was the general consensus that arbitration would do nothing for the Municipality and that any decision arising from arbitration would definitely favour the Town of Bedford. Most Councillors generally accepted that negotiation between the two Councils would at least break the ice and it was further determined that the Municipality had nothing to fear by negotiating as any recommendations coming back from the negotiations would have to be approved by Council.

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

"THAT Warden Lawrence, Mayor Cosman and the C.A.O.s from both Councils get together to negotiate further the issue of the C. P. Allen School and provide recommendations to Council."
Motion Carried.

This concluded the issues presented by the Policy Committee.

Councillor MacKay, at this time, requested that he be permitted to speak on the issue of the Taxi By-Law amendments in the "New Business" section of the agenda.

Permission for this was granted.

DIRECTOR OF DEVELOPMENT REPORT

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

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

ADDITIONAL ITEM

Mr. Kelly introduced an additional item regarding the appointment of Municipal Treasurer advising that at a previous Council Session, Council had endorsed a recommendation from the Management Committee that G. J. Kelly be appointed as Municipal Clerk and that Mr. Ken Wilson, Director of Finance be appointed to the statutory position of Municipal Treasurer. These recommendations had resulted from a recent amendment to the C.A.O. By-Law separating the positions of Clerk-

Treasurer from that of C.A.O.. Subsequent to Council endorsing this recommendation, it was determined that the Municipal Act makes no provision for the separation of the statutory positions of Municipal Clerk and Municipal Treasurer. Therefore it is now recommended that the previous motion of Council be rescinded, thereby enabling Mr. G. J. Kelly in his capacity as Municipal Clerk, to also hold the position of Municipal Treasurer, as presently provided under the Municipal Act. Upon rescinding this motion, Mr. Wilson in his capacity as Director of Finance, will continue to be responsible for financial matters, while Mr. Kelly for purposes of the Municipal Act will be officially the Municipal Treasurer for signature purposes.

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

"THAT the previous motion passed by Council, regarding the appointment of the Municipal Treasurer be rescinded."
Motion Carried.

Councillor Smith questioned this, wondering why the Municipality did not seek new legislation which would allow the position of Clerk and Treasurer to be separated, and questioning whether Mr. Wilson would no longer be the head of the Finance Department.

Deputy Warden Deveaux assured Councillor Smith that Mr. Wilson would still be the Director of Finance and that every Municipality had a person in Mr. Wilson's role as part of the Municipal Act, drawn up a number of years ago.

An additional new item was submitted to the Council for approval; The Report of the Redistribution Committee.

Attached to the Report was a letter from the Board of Commissioners of Public Utilities dated January 13, 1981 requesting that a Committee be formed and a study done in accordance with the Municipal Boundaries and Representation Act. Also attached to the recommendation of the Redistribution Committee was a schedule of population and assessment figures for the existing districts of the Municipality of the County of Halifax.

The recommendation of the Committee were:

1. That District 7 be divided into two districts to be identified as Cole Harbour East and Cole Harbour West.
2. This would mean that there would be 21 Municipal Districts and 21 elected representatives.
3. That the boundary of District 18 be altered so that the Upper Sackville District would be included in District 19 and that this area be identified with the Sackville Community.
4. That the east-west boundary between District 18 and District 3 be revised to generally follow route 103.

It was the Committee's request and recommendation that Council approve, in principal, this proposed redistribution in order that the Committee may proceed with finalizing actual boundaries.

There was a great deal of discussion on the recommendations; Councillor MacKay's greatest concern was that the population in Sackville would be larger per electoral representative than it should be according to the Public Utilities Board suggestion of 5,000 per representative. He indicated he would like to have added to the recommendations for redistribution, that when District 18 is divided and a portion of it added to the three existing districts that those districts be realigned to create four rather than three districts. In this way he felt the over population of electoral districts could be avoided.

Deputy Warden Deveaux advised that according to the Provincial Government, the desired population per electoral district is 6,500.

In response to the recommendations of the Redistribution Committee, Councillor Topple requested if, in accordance with the Committee's wish to divide District 7 into two districts, that these districts subsequently be called Districts 7B and 7C, since his district is now called 7A. This, he felt, would cut down on the expenses incurred in changing things such as lettering on the vehicles in the Fire Departments, etc. Mr. Kelly advised him, however, that there were other difficulties respecting the retention of similar numbers for a number of districts even though they may have A, B and C added to them and advised that the Committee had looked at that, and discovered these difficulties in the area of computers and financial information.

He also advised that the Committee may, in its final report to Council, recommend that the Districts be totally renumbered from District 1 through 21.

Councillor Topple felt that the Committee in making its recommendations did not look closely enough at the cost of such a scheme and Mr. Kelly advised that the Committee is still reconsidering some of these points and would be coming back later with final recommendations.

Councillor Eisenhower who was on the Redistribution Committee, rose from his seat and pointed out on a map, the proposed boundary changes and explained the reasons for these proposed changes from the Committees point of view. He also advised the Councillors that although legislation, at the present time, states that electoral boundaries must be reviewed every six years, there is special legislation which allows for a review of the boundaries at any time it is deemed necessary due to a high rate of population growth or any other reason that may arise within the next six years.

Subsequent to further discussion, Mr. Kelly advised that the Committee was looking for approval of these recommendations, on principal, so that the Committee can sit down and draw up appropriate boundaries, proper legal descriptions and other data that would be required for submission to the Board by the first of June.

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

"THAT Council approve on principal, the recommendations of the Redistribution Committee with proviso that the concerns expressed by Council tonight as well as any other views that may be brought forward, be considered prior to final recommendation coming before Council and proceeding to the Provincial Government."
Motion Carried.

Councillor MacKay made an amendment to the Motion, seconded by Councillor Wiseman:

"THAT when District 18 is divided and that portion of District 18 that remains in Sackville is added on to the existing districts in Sackville, that they then be so divided as to create four districts."
Amendment Defeated.

Councillors Stewart and Lichter felt that the amendment changed the intent of the motion. However, the Solicitor ruled the amendment to be in order.

ADDITION OF ITEMS

It was agreed by Council to deal with Councillor Gaetz's item first in regard to Cable T.V., even though it was the last of the "Additional Items" on the agenda.

Councillor Gaetz advised that he would like the support of Council in requesting that a survey be made through District 9 to Musquodoboit Harbour to recognize the need for Cable T.V. in that area. It was the Councillor's feeling that there was ample population in his area to bring Cable T.V. into this district.

Subsequent to further discussion on this subject, it was decided that District 10 would be included in the survey and that the C.R.T.C. would be the proper body to carry out such a survey.

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

"THAT the C.R.T.C. would be requested by Council to carry out a survey, regarding Cable T.V., with the intent to have Cable implemented in Districts 9 and 10."
Motion Carried.

It was at the request of Councillor Smith that District 10 was added to Councillor Gaetz's request.

Another item included under "Addition of Items", was the "Budget", which was added at the request of Councillor MacKay.

Councillor MacKay gave a brief discourse on the subject of the Budget and made a motion, seconded by Councillor Eisenhower:

"THAT Budget Sessions be held as Open Sessions."
Motion Withdrawn.

Councillor MacKay clarified that his intention was for Open Management Meetings dealing with Budget.

Several Councillors spoke on the motion reiterating their previous opinions on the subject of the Budget; some preferring "Open" "Committee of the Whole", some "Open", "Management Meetings" and some "In-Camera", Management" as was now being done.

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

"THAT Councillor MacKay's motion be deferred until a date when more members of Council were present to vote on it."
Original Motion Withdrawn.

At this point in the meeting there was a brief recess.

Upon bringing Council back to order, Councillor MacKay and Councillor Eisenhower withdrew their motion.

It was agreed to defer the remainder of the part of the agenda entitled "Addition of Items" due to the extreme lateness of the hour.

RESOLUTION TO DEFER

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

"THAT the Annual Council Session be deferred until the May 19, Council Session."
Motion Carried.

ADJOURNMENT

It was moved by Councillor Walker:

"THAT the April 21, 1981 Council Session be adjourned."
Motion Carried.

Therefore, Council was adjourned at 9:45 P.M.

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COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

MAY 25, 1981

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

ALSO PRESENT: Mr. K. R. Meech, Chief Administrative Officer
 Ms. Elizabeth Murphy, Study Co-Ordinator

SECRETARY: Mrs. Christine Harvey

Warden Lawrence brought the meeting to order at 2:10 P.M. with the Lord's Prayer.

Warden Lawrence advised that this Urban Study Project which has been going on for the last six months has been supported financially by the Department of Municipal Affairs. The Study was initiated by concerns in the Urban areas, in particular the Cole Harbour area, regarding the services the Municipality was able to offer to these areas.

The Warden introduced Ms. Elizabeth Murphy, the Study Co-Ordinator who worked day to day on the study, as well as the two Staff people who had worked in the Sackville and Cole Harbour areas, Pauline Stanick and Judy McMullin, who dealt daily with local people in those areas, contacting groups, etc. She also introduced Bill Campbell, the Staff Resource person from Municipal Affairs, as well, identified were the members of the Urban Area Advisory Board and the Eastern and Sackville Working Groups.

At this point in the meeting Elizabeth Murphy outlined the number of Councillors involved in the Study, stating that Warden Lawrence was the Chairman of the Urban Advisory Board, Councillor Stewart represented the Eastern Area, Councillor MacKay the Sackville Area, and Councillor Lichter had represented the Rural Areas. She also advised that Mr. Meech had been a member of the Board along with Mr. Clare Ettinger who was the representative of the Department of Municipal Affairs. The Warden advised that the Eastern Working Group had included Councillor Stewart, Chairman, Deputy Warden Deveaux, Mr. David Nantes, MLA for the area, Mr. Chris Reddy, a member of the County Planning Staff, Mrs. MacMullin, Research Assistant, Mr. Bill Campbell of the Department of Municipal Affairs and herself. She advised that the Sackville Working Group had been composed of Councillor MacKay, the Chairman of the

Committee, Councillor Margeson, Councillor Wiseman, Councillor MacDonald and Councillor Eisenhower as well as Mr. Fred Allen of the Sackville Advisory Board, Mr. Glen Robertson of the County's Planning Staff, Mr. Malcolm MacKay, MLA of the area, Ms. Pauline Stanick, Research Assistant and herself.

She advised that the Urban Study Report evaluated the existing Administrative Structure of the Municipality and recommended alternatives to provide certain services to the Urban Communities. The evaluation and alternatives were prepared through an intensive review process which involved many local residents, Councillors, and Municipal and Provincial employees.

Elizabeth proceeded to give detailed background information on the progress of the Study and then outlined the recommendations to Council. Council expressed its agreement or opposition to each individual recommendation as it was explained.

There were thirteen areas in which recommendations were made:

1. Council Organizational Structure
2. Municipal Administration
3. Recreation
4. Parkland Maintenance - Sidewalks
5. Storm Drainage
6. Planning
7. Redistribution
8. Police
9. Schools
10. Transit
11. Sackville Advisory Board
12. Westphal Cole Harbour and Area Service Commission
13. Urban Area Rate

COUNCIL ORGANIZATIONAL STRUCTURE

An objective of the Urban Area Study was to investigate, evaluate and recommend to Council an alternative to the present organizational structure to better fulfill the needs of the Urban Areas. With the support of both Working Groups the Urban Area Advisory Board recommended that Council institute a new standing Committee of Council; the Urban Services Committee which would be composed of all Urban Councillors with one Rural Councillor appointed to it and the Warden as an Ex-Officio member. The Course of Action necessary to implement this recommendation would be that Council amend the Committee By-Law to include an additional standing committee of Council to deal with those issues directly affecting the Urban areas.

Deputy Warden Deveaux questioned how the one Rural Representative on this Committee would be chosen and was advised by the Warden that he or she would be appointed by Council in the same manner that Councillors are appointed for other Committees.

Councillor Benjamin enquired as to the role of this Committee and what

would the budget system be for this Committee. He was advised by Elizabeth that the areas of concern to the Urban Services Committee would be Urban Services, User Services and Community Services which were defined by the Finance Department in discussing an Urban Area Rate. It was felt that this could be the initial starting point in determining what the Committee would look at. She clarified that Municipal Council would retain all final jurisdiction over decision-making. Mr. Meech advised that costs would be recovered by using the present budget for those services.

Councillor MacKay advised that this Committee would have staggered meeting schedules. He felt that most of the time it would be meeting quite infrequently while at some times in the year it would meet more often.

Councillor MacKenzie felt it was time the Rural Councillors got together to set up a Committee to express some of their concerns, rather than bring them to Council individually.

There was further brief discussion on this recommendation before moving on to the next, Municipal Administration.

MUNICIPAL ADMINISTRATION

It was determined that sub-offices could more adequately serve the needs of the Urban areas, providing there was no duplication of service.

It was therefore recommended that Council give every consideration to locating the new Municipal Building in Sackville and if this is deemed inadvisable, then serious consideration should be given to locating a sub-office in the Community. It was further recommended that Municipal Council give consideration to locating a sub-office in the Eastern area and that a cost analysis be undertaken to detail the most appropriate and economic services to be included in sub-offices.

In response to questions from Council, Elizabeth advised that the services which had been looked at in terms of location of sub-offices were: Recreation, Social Services, Planning and Development, Finance (payment of taxes, license and permit fees), Regional Library and Engineering and Works. Elizabeth summarized her comments advising that the rental of office space was identified as the major additional expense in the consideration of a sub-office and that there would be no duplication in personnel except in the case of secretarial support. The services most viable to move to an Eastern sub-office were Recreation, Social Services and Planning, on a trial basis. In addition to these Municipal Services, it is proposed that the County request the location of a Post Office, an RCMP detachment and the Provincial Department of Transportation to the Cole Harbour - Westphal area.

Councillors Poirier and Baker spoke against this recommendation stating that the cost would be too great at the present time to implement sub-offices and that it was time to cut down on costs.

Councillor Stewart supported the idea of sub-offices for Recreation and Social Services only, while Councillor Williams was against the idea of sub-offices as it was his feeling that it would be necessary to hire more employees to man these offices.

Councillors MacDonald and MacKay spoke in support of the concept of sub-offices, if it could be proven that they would not be a duplication of service and advised that at both the Eastern and Sackville Public Meetings the residents had felt the same way. It was also felt by both Councillors that there would be a cost saving to employees and residents in regard to travel expense.

Deputy Warden Deveaux felt that sub-offices might complicate the bureaucratic system.

Councillor Benjamin spoke on the subject of sub-offices at great length indicating that he could see no way that the Municipality could increase its level of service to the Urban areas without also increasing the cost of this service. He did feel that the service was necessary but he did not think the whole Municipality should be asked to support the service financially. He was concerned that should this recommendation be implemented, it would split the Municipality down the middle between the Urban and Rural Councillors.

Councillor Smith felt that there was a greater need for sub-offices in the Rural areas than there was in the Urban areas as the Urban areas had better access to the Municipal Building, than did the Rural areas.

Warden Lawrence advised that the Course of Action recommended in the report was to conduct a functional-cost analysis which would determine the most appropriate services to be included in a sub-office as well as the economic feasibility of sub-offices.

RECREATION

Elizabeth advised that Recreation had been determined as a priority item in the Urban Areas. In Sackville, Lake District Recreation provides the main recreational service while there is no one group or organization performing this co-ordinating role.

It is recommended that the Lake District Recreation Association be recognized as the body responsible for providing recreational program services in Sackville and further recommended that the money presently being held by the Nova Scotia Housing Commission for recreational development in Sackville be obtained by the Municipality and placed in a special reserve fund; this fund with interest accruing directly to it, will be ear-marked entirely for the benefit of development of recreational sites on the Housing Commission lands in Sackville.

It is recommended that the Westphal-Cole Harbour and Area Service Commission be identified as the policy-making body for Recreation in the area and that the County Recreation Supervisor act as a co-ordinator for Recreational Programs in the Westphal Area and be located there.