

Councillor Margeson questioned if there was a way to cut down on the routes of people with high mileage, thus lowering their mileage under the present system and also questioned whether pooling of cars would be feasible. Mr. Wilson felt this would work only in Social Services, if at all, and further advised the Councillors that travel routes were already well-monitored by Department Heads.

Councillor MacKenzie pointed out that employees who were not driving their own cars would not likely take as good care of it as they would their own car; he was also concerned about the cost of maintenance.

Speaking in favour of the motion was the Deputy Warden and Councillors Baker and Williams; their argument based on the substantial savings of \$40,000 to \$60,000 per year. They felt that a lot of time, work and study had gone into the report prepared by Mr. Wilson and Mr. Ardley and they felt there were savings which would be passed on to the taxpayer.

The motion:

Moved by Deputy Warden Deveaux, seconded by Councillor Baker:

"As previously written."
Motion Defeated.

Subsequent to defeat of that motion:

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

"THAT the Municipality purchase one car and lease one car on a one-year trial basis, for the two high mileage employees, as specified and recommended in the Policy Committee Report, at the earliest possible date (September) and monitor the cost per mile per car to determine the difference in cost per mile for leasing or purchasing, versus the cost per mile under the present mileage system, with a view to determining the least expensive method of transport for the Municipality."
Motion Carried.

Councillor Walker felt there was no need to purchase even one car as the only difference would be the purchase price and the actual cost per mile would be the same as the leased car; he felt this would only leave the Municipality with a car to unload should the system not be adopted.

Councillor Poirier wondered whether a car should be purchased or leased to travel in her District, as the roads were very bad at the present time; she suggested that only one car be purchased or leased until this problem is cleared up.

Deputy Warden Deveaux also spoke on the motion expressing his amazement that the first motion which would save the taxpayers so much money had been defeated. However, since it had been defeated he advised he could support the present motion, as it would present some savings to the

Municipality.

This completed the Policy Committee Report.

NEW BUSINESS

Policy, Re: Fire Departments

Councillor Smith requested that an update from the Policy Committee be submitted at the next Council Session regarding the relationship between Councillors and Fire Departments.

It was agreed that such an update would be submitted.

Notice of Reconsideration - Deputy Warden Deveaux

Deputy Warden Deveaux requested when it would be in order to present his notice of reconsideration regarding the purchase of automobiles for the County. The Municipal Solicitor advised that it would be in order at the end of this Council Session.

There was some brief discussion of this item to determine whether it would be in order to deal with it at the next Council Session and some discussion on the contents of the Municipal By-Law.

It was agreed subsequent to discussion that the notice of reconsideration would be dealt with at the end of today's Session.

Urban Area Services Committee

Councillor MacDonald requested what consideration had been given as yet to setting up this Committee, now that the Urban Study had been approved by Council.

Warden Lawrence advised that the problem with setting the Committee up this month, was that several Councillors were on vacation and as well there was quite a heavy schedule for the Municipal Development Plan meetings in local areas. The Warden felt that September would be a more appropriate time for this Committee to be established.

However, Councillor MacDonald felt there were certain things which would have to be looked at before the winter season; snow removal, etc. He requested that it be established as soon as possible.

It was agreed that the Rural Representative would be appointed at the next August Council Session and to attempt to schedule a meeting of the Committee as soon as possible after that.

Letter, Canadian Paraplegic Association - Councillor Topple

Councillor Topple advised that he had received a copy of a letter to the Warden from the Paraplegic Association requesting support for the Access-a-bus, and since this had not yet been dealt with by Council, he requested that it be dealt with now, and that the Municipality should

support the request in some way. This request was that the total Municipality share the cost of the Access-a-bus in the budget.

Councillor Topple expressed sympathy for the request but did not feel he could justify asking people in Districts who did not even have their own transit system to pay for a bus for the disabled.

Councillor Topple felt that the Municipality should request the Provincial Government to consider funding this Access-a-bus through the Lottery system.

It was determined that at present the entire cost of the Access-a-bus is paid by the Province.

Warden Lawrence recommended that this issue go to the Policy Committee

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

"THAT the letter from the Paraplegic Association be referred to the Policy Committee for further consideration."
Motion Carried.

Notice of Motion - Deputy Warden Deveaux

In regard to the previously discussed notice of reconsideration; upon discussing the matter further, it was decided that this issue would be discussed at the next Council Session under "New Business" rather than being dealt with again today at the end of the Council Session.

The Warden advised that it would be accepted as "Notice of Motion."

Enersave Program - Councillor Margeson

Councillor Margeson requested that an update on this program be submitted at the next Council Session. It was agreed that an update would be received.

Dartmouth-Musquodoboit Rail Issue - Councillor Margeson

In regard to the Public Hearing to be held August 25 at Musquodoboit Harbour, Councillor Margeson requested that there be some Municipal Representation from this Council at the Hearing.

The Warden advised that this issue should be channeled through the Planning Department to be discussed at PAC, which would enable sufficient time for a presentation to be prepared.

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

"THAT the Municipality of the County of Halifax be represented at the August 25th, Public Hearing in Musquodoboit Harbour, regarding the discontinued rail service between Dartmouth and Musquodoboit."
Motion Carried.

The Solicitor advised that a written notice would have to be sent advising that the Municipality wished to make a presentation.

Via Rail Passenger Service Cut-Back - Councillor Margeson

Councillor Margeson advised that Municipal Council should make some representation to the Department of Transport in connection with the recent reduction of passenger service from Halifax to Montreal.

He requested that a Committee of Council or a Sub-Committee of one of the established Committee's look into the possibilities of protesting this recent move but also of requesting additional rail passenger service between Truro and Halifax. He felt if one train was being taken off there should be an additional train to handle commuter traffic between Halifax and Truro and possible Musquodoboit Harbour to Halifax, Bridgewater to Halifax, Rockingham to Halifax, Waverley to Halifax, etc.

It was determined that this would be two separate issues: (1) to have Municipal Council take a stand on the cancellation issue, (2) a request for additional passenger rail service.

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

"THAT the Via Rail Cut-back as well as the issue of possible extensions of rail service, be referred to the Policy Committee for study and that they report back to Council at the next Council Session."
Motion Carried.

Interest Rates - Councillor Margeson

In regard to the escalating interest rates Councillor Margeson requested that Mr. Wilson, the County Director of Finance submit an update on this issue at the next Council Session. It was agreed that this would be done.

There was some further discussion on the matter of interest rates in which Councillor Eisenhauer pointed out how difficult it was for those people locked into mortgages coming due, etc. He felt a letter should be written to the Federal Government expressing some concern for these situations and suggesting that the interest rates not be permitted to continue to escalate.

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

"THAT a letter be written to the Federal Minister of Finance expressing concern for the escalating interest rates and suggesting that they not be permitted to continue; with special concern noted for people locked into mortgages, etc."
Motion Carried.

Halifax County Exhibition - Councillor McCabe

Councillor McCabe advised that the Halifax County Exhibition would be held August 19, 20 and 21. He further advised that programs and a free pass would be issued to each Councillor via their mail boxes) and he welcomed all Councillors to attend.

Halifax County Exhibition Parade - Councillor Margeson

Councillor Margeson requested whether or not the Municipality had arranged for a Float, through the Recreation Department. As it was too late to prepare one for this year and also due to the fact that it was not in the Budget for this year:

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

"THAT Halifax County be represented each year in the Halifax County Exhibition Parade."

Motion Carried.

Warden Lawrence also advised that she would speak to Mr. Markesino to see if anything could be arranged for this year.

Councillor MacKenzie felt it would be wise to look at other parts of the County for parade representation, as well. Warden Lawrence advised that she would speak to Mr. Markesino about this as well.

Petition, Bounty on Bears - Councillor MacKenzie

Councillor MacKenzie advised that the Black Bear was becoming quite a problem in his District and gave examples of several recent complaints; also producing a petition requesting some control of the matter, perhaps by putting a Bounty on Black Bears.

Since it was felt that this was rather a cruel way to deplete the supply of bears Councillor Topple suggested that the Big Game Hunting Season be changed to the Spring at which time they would be more plentifully about. That way you could deplete the Bear population without doing so cruelly.

Subsequent to discussion:

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

"THAT a letter be written to the Department of Lands and Forests requesting that the Bear Population be better controlled either by changing the Big Game Season or by Bounty."

Motion Carried.

It was agreed that a copy of the petition would go along with this letter.

Councillor Gaetz also advised that the Racoons were causing quite a disturbance in his district, destroying hens and chickens, tearing up garbage bags, etc.

Farewell Ceremonies for 880 and 420 Squadron, Shearwater - Deputy Warden Deveaux

Deputy Warden Deveaux advised that he had attended the farewell ceremonies for these two squadrons today. He advised that since a meeting he had attended with the Warden in concern of the departure of these squadrons, the Minister of National Defence had decreed that members of the reserve squadron could fly or otherwise commute back and forth between here and Summerside, PEI, in order to take part in their reserve flying time.

Deputy Warden Deveaux felt that additional travel time and the possibility of being stuck overnight, away from their business interest will take away some of the incentive to take part in the reserve squadron.

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

"THAT a letter be written to the Minister of National Defense requesting that the performance of the reserve squadron at Summerside, P.E.I., be monitored on a monthly basis in the first year of its operation and should there be indications of any kind during that period that performance is in jeopardy, that he seriously consider reestablishing the Squadron at Shearwater and also that the Minister give serious consideration in the meantime of setting up another reserve squadron at Shearwater as a replacement for 420 Air Reserve Squadron."
Motion Carried.

Councillor Topples advised that several years ago, the United States was interested in using the Shearwater base for their NATO operations, and he felt it should be determined whether or not they are still interested, and if so, they should be encouraged to use it as it would benefit the economy here in Nova Scotia.

ADJOURNMENT

It was moved by Councillor Williams:

"THAT Council adjourn."
Motion Carried.

REGULAR COUNCIL SESSION

AUGUST 18, 1981

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

ALSO PRESENT: Mr. K. R. Meech, Chief Administrative Officer
Mr. Robert Cragg, Municipal Clerk
Mr. Ed. Mason, Director of Social Services
Mr. Keith Birch, Chief of Planning and Development
Mr. Ed Wdowiak, Director of Engineering and Works
Mr. Ken Wilson, Director of Finance
Mr. John Markesino, Director of Recreation
Mr. Michael Barrie, Barrie and Langille Architects
Mr. Lloyd Gillis, Municipal School Board

SECRETARY: Mrs. Christine Harvey

OPENING OF COUNCIL - THE LORD'S PRAYER

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

ROLL CALL

Mr. Meech then called the roll.

APPOINTMENT OF RECORDING SECRETARY

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

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

It was moved by Councillor Poirier, seconded by Councillor Eisenhauer

"THAT the minutes of the March 10, 1981 Committee of the Whole Session be approved and the minutes of the June 29th to July 2, 1981 Public Hearing and the August 4, 1981 Regular Council Session be approved as amended."

Motion Carried.

LETTERS AND CORRESPONDENCE

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

"THAT the letters and correspondence be received."

Motion Carried.

Letter From Minister of Transportation

The first letter was from the Minister of Transportation in response to the Municipality's letter of June 12, 1981 which requested that the Streach and Lantz Bridges be resurfaced. The Minister advised that these two bridges had been chip sealed on June 9, 1981.

Councillor Lichter advised that these bridges were fixed within one week of the request.

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

"THAT a letter of appreciation be sent to the Minister of Transportation in regard to these two bridges."

Motion Carried.

Letter from Black Cultural Society

The second letter was from the Black Cultural Society thanking Council for its interest and support in regard to the recent grant of \$323 covering the 1981 property taxes and also for the cheque of \$193.88 reimbursing property taxes paid earlier in the year.

Letter from Minister of Education

The third letter was from the Minister of Education advising that the proposed additions to the Sackville Centennial School and the Sackville Heights Elementary School are on a list with all requests to have the moratorium lifted. The letter advised that this list will be considered in due course by the Executive Council, and when a decision relative to these projects is reached, Council will be advised.

In addition to this letter, Councillor MacKay advised that over a year ago the Municipality had received indications that these two schools would be lifted from the moratorium. However, the school situation, relating to Beaverbank Elementary etc. had held up this decision. Councillor MacKay advised that now that this situation has been resolved there is no reason why the moratorium cannot be lifted on the additions to these new schools.

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

"THAT a follow-up letter be sent to the Minister of Education advising of the need for these two additions, and explaining that the situation with regard to Sackville Elementary Schools has been resolved and requesting removal of these two schools from the moratorium immediately."

Motion Carried.

Letter From Dartmouth General Hospital

The next letter was from the Dartmouth General Hospital thanking the Municipality for its recent contribution to the fund raising campaign for the Hospital and the Community Health Centre.

This letter was for information only.

Letter from the Minister of Tourism

The fifth letter was from the Minister of Tourism in response to a resolution passed in Council earlier this year requesting an extension of the hours of the Tourist Information Centre located near the Halifax International Airport.

The letter advised that the decision to operate the centre during the months of July and August was made on a tentative basis depending upon demand and it was made after thorough consideration and assessment of its operation in the past. The letter also advised that a Tourist Information Centre within the Halifax International Airport was being operated year round.

The Minister advised that the functions and public use of both of the locations would be assessed with respect to the operation in 1982.

Letter From the Nova Scotia Firefighters School

The sixth letter was from the Nova Scotia Firefighters School and thanked the Municipality for its grant of \$1,000.00.

Letter from the Minister of Education

The final letter was from the Minister of Education in regard to the District School Board Status, as follows:

"Thank you for your letter dated June 24, 1981 advising me that Municipal Council of the County of Halifax had approved a motion to a request made to grant District Board Status in the Halifax County Municipal School Board indicating Council's willingness to include the Town of Bedford in the new District Board should the Town desire this arrangement.

I am pleased to learn that the Council is approaching this question in such positive spirit. You will understand that I cannot at this moment provide a firm or final response to the request. It is my understanding that negotiations are continuing between the County and the Town of Bedford with respect to the possible establishment of a District Board.

I would hope and expect that you would provide me as soon as possible with an account of these discussions and any agreements that arise from it. At that time I should be able to give you my reaction."

Warden Lawrence updated Council on the status of the situation advising that a meeting had been called by the Minister of Education and held this morning between officials of the Department of Education, the Municipal and Bedford School Boards and Bedford And Municipal representatives (Mr. Gillis, Mr. Meech, Mr. Hanrahan and Herself) to discuss the ongoing negotiations between Bedford and the Municipality in regard to the issue of District School Board Status. She further advised that the meeting, at which the position of the two Municipalities were in, relative to the Walker Commission Report, was discussed at length, lasting about two hours.

She indicated that, as Council is already aware, Bedford has suggested some other options which they feel should be investigated, in terms of identifying costs and implications of a joint District School Board between Bedford and the Municipality. Some of the options they indicated were:

1. Becoming an independent School Board on its own.
2. A union between the Bedford subsystem and the Sackville Subsystem.
3. A union between the Bedford Subsystem and the C. P. Allen feeder subsystem in Waverley.

The Warden further advised that although the Municipality has taken a position of acceptance of the Walker Commission recommendation, the Town of Bedford has still not taken a position. She advised that the result of the meeting was that the negotiations continue; working on the Walker Commission options, identifying the figures and the financial implications involved for Bedford. The Superintendent of the two School Boards, Mr. Gillis and Mr. Morrison will discuss the educational implications of a Bedford & Halifax County Joint School Board and the Minister expressed his hope that there be some on-going discussions at Council level in regard to the composition of such a Board. The Minister also felt that there should be small group discussions at both individual Councils and then jointly before going to full Council.

One suggestion was that either the Policy Committee or a Sub-Committee of Policy be appointed to this task.

Subsequent to discussion:

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

"THAT the Policy Committee study and make recommendations on District School Board representation."
Motion Carried.

NOTICE OF RECONSIDERATION, RE: COUNTY-OWNED VEHICLES

Deputy Warden Deveaux spoke briefly on this issue subsequent to which:

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

"THAT Council reconsider its previous motion which had been defeated at the August 4, 1981 Council Session in regard to the purchase of County-Owned Vehicles as recommended by Staff."
Motion Defeated.

It was requested by Deputy Warden Deveaux and Councillor Baker that the vote be recorded.

In Favour Of Reconsideration:

Councillor Williams
Councillor Baker
Deputy Warden Deveaux
Councillor Topple
Councillor Gaetz
Councillor Wiseman
Warden Lawrence

Opposed to Reconsideration:

Councillor Poirier
Councillor MacKenzie
Councillor Lichter
Councillor MacKay
Councillor Eisenhower
Councillor MacDonald
Councillor Smith
Councillor Margeson

Warden Lawrence advised that in order to be successfully carried, the motion would have had to be unanimously in favour. Therefore, the motion was defeated.

MEETING WITH DEPARTMENT HEADS

Mr. Ed Mason, Director of Social Services

Mr. Mason briefly outlined the Caseload and Expenditures up to the end of July, advising that most of the information included in his report was self-explanatory.

In response to a question from Councillor MacDonald, Mr. Mason advised that the Caseload in Homes for Special Care had dropped from 1980 to 1981 because for the first six months of the year you would have to take into account the removal of the Bedford Caseload.

Councillor Williams suggested that from this Point on, the local Councillor be advised of a change in an area Social Worker as this had been a problem in the past when he had not been informed of such a change in his district.

The Warden spoke in support of this request advising that she, too, had experienced similar problems in this respect. She suggested that a memo could be placed in a Councillor's mailbox to advise of such a change.

Mr. Mason agreed with the request and indicated that it would be handled as suggested.

Deputy Warden Deveaux indicated his concern as to why there was a recommendation to put a Social Services Sub-Office in Cole Harbour when his own district and Cole Harbour are two of the three lowest Social Assistance Expenditures Districts in the Municipality.

Warden Lawrence advised this would be the appropriate time to discuss the Decentralization of Social Services item in the Policy Committee Report.

POLICY COMMITTEE REPORT

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

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

Warden Lawrence reviewed the second item included in the Policy Committee Report which "recommended to Council for approval the Staff Report respecting Decentralization of the Social Services Department to establish an office at Cole Harbour and also to acquire additional space at Sackville and further that authorization be given to enter into a lease agreement with Credit Foncier Trust Co. for the required office space at Cole Harbour."

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

"THAT Council approve the recommendations of the Policy Committee."

Deputy Warden Deveaux felt that the recommended location was not suitable and advised that Mr. David Nantes, MLA was of this same opinion. One of the problems associated with the location was the lack of adequate parking facilities. As well, the Deputy Warden was concerned with the fact that the recommended office space was located on a second storey level and therefore decreased the accessibility of the office to elderly and disabled persons.

Mr. Meech advised that subsequent to discussion held at the Policy Committee level it was felt that accessibility for those persons would not be a problem.

Mr. Mason maintained that parking would not be a great problem at the proposed location and agreed with Mr. Meech that accessibility would not offer great problems as the occasions on which disabled persons visited the office were few.

Councillor Tople voiced his opposition to the proposed location advising that the Municipality would be better off to purchase premises for the decentralization, possibly at the site of the Old Champ Restaurant, now vacant, rather than throwing tax payers money away on rented facilities. He advised that the Champ Restaurant is a one storey building with ample parking space.

However, Mr. Markesino advised that purchasing facilities had not been considered. As well, he advised that although that suggested site had been looked at, there were complications associated with it that would delay moving in.

Councillor MacKay spoke in favour of the proposal, providing a brief history of the Decentralization of Social Services in Sackville and indicating the success of the Sackville Office. He spoke at length regarding the financial implications of Decentralization concluding with the contention that there would be a very marginal increase in costs which would be offset by a decrease in employee travel and expenses as well as a better service. As well, Case Workers would be more productive as they would have more time in the field and less travel time.

Councillor Poirier was strongly opposed to the Policy Committee recommendation as it was her opinion that these services were needed more badly in areas such as Hubbards, Terence Bay and Peggy's Cove; areas which never receive any additional services as opposed to the Urban Areas who are always receiving special attention in the form of increased services.

However, Mr. Mason maintained that the Cole Harbour location would better serve a large Caseload on that side of the Bridge, taking into consideration, Cole Harbour, Eastern Passage Westphal, Preston, Chezzetcook and Musquodoboit Harbour. He felt this location would be helpful in terms of saving time and energy getting across the bridge in bad weather, etc.

Councillor Poirier, however, pointed out the high Social Services expenditure in District four and indicated that those Residents have just as difficult a time in travelling to the Municipal Building as those on the Dartmouth side of the Bridges.

Mr. Mason reiterated that the Cole Harbour location would enable his Department to provide a better service to a larger percentage of persons and he indicated his feeling that the Residents of Districts 2,3,4 and 5 are more easily able to get to the Municipal Building than those across the harbour.

Councillor Smith advised that the Cole Harbour location would not be of any benefit to those persons in Chezzetcook outward as it would be more difficult for those persons to get to the Cole Harbour office for their required weekly visits than it would be to get to Halifax since many of these people travel with working persons who commute to Halifax on a daily basis.

It was Councillor Smith's opinion that a Social Services Satellite Office could better serve the Eastern Caseload if it was located further east in the Cole Harbour area maybe as far east as Musquodoboit Harbour where it would be more easily accessible to Chezzetcook, Musquodoboit and Districts 12 and 13. She requested that Mr. Mason investigate locations closer to the Number Seven Highway.

Councillor Lichter and MacKenzie agreed with Councillor Smith in regard to the difficulties some persons would experience in getting to the Social Services Offices.

Councillor Lichter, however, was in favour of the concept of Decentralization, although he was concerned that persons would have to report to, say, the Cole Harbour office when it might be easier to get to Halifax. He felt that these persons should have the option of visiting whichever office was more accessible to them without getting the run around treatment.

Mr. Mason agreed that this was a good point and assured the Councillor that accessibility and convenience to the people was the whole issue behind Decentralization.

Councillor MacKenzie also agreed with Councillor Smith on her suggested Musquodoboit Harbour location. It was his opinion that Council was being asked today to support the Urban Study Recommendations and not necessarily an extension of services for the betterment of the whole Municipality. He advised that next to Musquodoboit Harbour the next best area for Decentralization would be Councillor Topples' area which could more easily serve the outlying areas.

The Warden advised Councillor MacKenzie that this area was examined by Staff and no suitable office space could be found. As well, Mr. Meech advised that Staff is not adamant about that particular location, but that it was the only suitable office space that was found.

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

"THAT this issue be referred back to the Policy Committee for investigation of other sites."
Motion Carried.

Prior to the passing of the motion there was some further general discussion in which Mr. Meech pointed out that what was crucial in this issue, is whether Council endorses the principal of Decentralization and based on Council's comments, it appeared that this concept was endorsed by most Council members.

Councillor MacKay then had some questions for Mr. Mason pertaining to the Social Services Caseload in general. He noticed that in the latter half of 1980 the Caseload decreased substantially and then increased again in November to January.

Mr. Mason advised him that this was mainly due to the many Seasonal Workers in the County and advised him that this was to be expected every year.

Councillor MacKay was also concerned with the small vacancy rate in Halifax County.

Mr. Mason agreed this was a problem, not only in the Municipality but throughout the Province. He indicated that it was particularly bad for families with children. He also advised that there was little that could be done about it.

However, he advised that he could initiate meetings with the Provincial Department of Social Assistance, to discuss this urgent matter.

Mr. Mason retired from the meeting.

Mr. Keith Birch, Chief of Planning and Development

Mr. Birch reported to Council on the progress of his on-going discussions with the Department of Transportation in regard to Development on Private Roads.

He advised that it would be possible for the Province to have no objections to development on private roads providing that it is clearly established that the Department of Transportation will neither be responsible for, or become involved in, the maintenance on private roads.

The following two alternatives were available to accomplish this objective:

1. The Municipality ensure that the alignment and the width (not the standard of construction) has sufficient right-of-way for future construction as approved by the Department of Transportation and that when a request is received for takeover, that the Municipality bear the responsibility of ensuring the road is upgraded to the Department of Transportation standards, or;
2. That the Municipality become a road authority itself and allow the listing and the maintenance of "MUNICIPAL ROADS" which are separate from "PROVINCIAL ROADS" (In other words, the Department of Transportation is suggesting that if the Municipality does not ask the Department to pay for takeover and construction up to current public standards, they would agree to development on private roads, providing the appropriate legislative changes are effected.)

Subsequent to this update, there was lengthy discussion of Development on Private Roads. Mr. Birch concluded this discussion advising that if the gasoline tax was again used totally for the road situation, keeping out of the general revenue fund, then there would probably be sufficient funds available to do most things regarding road transportation.

Mr. Birch retired from the meeting.

Mr. Ed Wdowiak, Director of Engineering and Works

Mr. Wdowiak advised that since Mr. Barrie was present from Barrie and Langille Architects in regard to the improvements to the Pond & Parking Lot it would be an appropriate time to deal with the Management Committee Report.

MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE REPORT

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

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

Municipal Building Property

Mr. Wdowiak outlined the item in the Management Committee Report and the attached information from the Architects which included several proposals for improvements to the Municipal Property (Pond in particular) and the provision of additional parking spaces.

He advised that subsequent to discussion of this information, the Management Committee recommended the following proposal be approved by council.

Proposal 3

Option A - the realignment of parking boundaries in the main parking lot and painting of new linework - approximately \$4,000.

Option B-1 - create a new parking lot in the sideyard of Craigmere Drive to accomodate 9 compact vehicles - approximatley \$6,000.

Option D - provide an additional 13 parking spaces over the present pond area and landscaping the remaining front area - approximately \$27,000.

Pond - filling in existing pond - approximately \$11,050.

The Committee recommended to Council for approval, the implementation of Option A, B-1, and D as outlined in the Architect's Report and filling in the front pond at a total estimated expenditure of \$48,050.

NOTE: (See Architect's Report for Detail and Clarification.)

Councillor Eisenhower advised that the pond, even in its present state, is more attractive than a parking lot. He found it difficult to authorize such a large expenditure in order to destroy something that some people would spend a fortune to obtain. As well, he felt that since the landscaping in the general area is very carefully laid out and maintained, the Municipality had an obligation to do the same and to clean out the pond so that it would fit in with the surrounding landscaping.

Councillor Topple's objection to the huge expenditure requested was that he felt the Municipality did not have an obligation to provide parking facilities for its employees. He pointed out that the employees of the Cities of Halifax and Dartmouth have to pay for their parking. He also felt that the Transit system should be better utilized.

Deputy Warden Deveaux advised that this was an inopportune time to make such a large expenditure in light of the fact that the Municipal Building may be moving eventually and also in light of the eventual decentralization of Social Services, the removal of the library, and the possibility of either Assessments or the School Board moving, which will make more parking available. The Deputy Warden also advised it was his experience that it was only difficult to obtain a parking space at peak hours of the day. As well, in regard to the Pond he indicated that probably only about 25% of the people who come to the Municipal Building, even notice the pond is there.

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

"THAT the issue of the Municipal Pond and Parking facilities be deferred indefinitely until a decision is reached regarding the future use of the Municipal Building."
Motion Defeated.

Prior to the defeat of the motion, Councillor Williams agreed that parking was difficult only at peak periods. However, he was not in favour of retaining the pond due to its disgraceful condition. In regard to the future use of the Municipal Building he indicated that the decision had already been made for the Municipal Administration Offices to remain at their present location.

Councillor MacKay was in agreement with Councillor Williams regarding the future use of the Municipal Building and the pond. He also thought that the parking situation would take care of itself with the removal of several Departments.

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

"THAT the Municipal Pond be filled in and sodded over, for an expenditure in the amount of \$11,050."
Motion Defeated.

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Motion Defeated.

Prior to the defeat of this motion, Councillor Margeson spoke in opposition to filling-in the Pond and asked why refurbishing the pond was not considered.

The Warden advised him that it was considered but that the total expenditure was considered too great at \$16,000 to \$17,000.

Councillor Smith advised that she was not in favour of Option D but she was in favour of all other options, including filling-in the pond as long as parking spaces were not constructed on top of it.

In regard to filling-in the Pond, Councillor Lichter questioned whether Mr. Wdowiak had applied to the Department of the Environment to alter a natural watercourse. Mr. Wdowiak advised he had not, but indicated that he anticipated no problems in doing so.

Deputy Warden Deveaux indicated that the Municipality had more important issues to deal with than filling in the Municipal Pond.

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

"THAT Staff realign the parking spaces behind the Municipal Building (Option A)."
Motion Carried.

Deputy Warden Deveaux was opposed to this motion.

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

"THAT Option B-1 in the amount of \$6,000 to implement nine sub-compact vehicle parking spaces in the sideyard off Craigmore Street be approved by Council."
See Motion To Defer.

This motion was deferred as it was the consensus of the majority of Council that due to the upcoming departure of the Library and the School Board or Assessment Department there would soon be an increased availability of parking.

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

"THAT Option B-1 be deferred pending an investigation of property between the Municipal and Eagan Buildings."
Motion Carried.

Councillor Lichter questioned Mr. Wdowiak in regard to the Dutch Settlement School.

Mr. Wdowiak provided an update of the progress of this school advising that the preliminary plans had gone to the Department of Education and the Municipality has received comments back from them in regard to their disagreements on the area of the proposed court yard. He advised that the Municipality has dealt with this matter and reaffirmed their intention to retain the courtyard and are now awaiting further comments from the Department of Education.

Councillor Lichter questioned whether Mr. Higdon of the Department of Education was concerned about the water supply. Mr. Wdowiak advised that some concern was expressed but it had been pointed out to Mr. Higdon that the method of proposed water supply had been arrived at in consultation with the Departments of Health and Environment. He also advised that Mr. Higdon was not happy about the location of the existing Treatment Plant in this area due to the type of subsoil in the area.

Councillor Lichter indicated that it had taken eight months to come up with a solution to the water problem and he would not like to see the plans for the school shelved. He felt it was not the concern of the Department of Education to question the water supply.

Councillor MacKay questioned the Warden in regard to Storm Drainage and when Mr. Gough would be present in Council to answer questions in regard to Storm Drainage Relief under EMO.

The Warden advised that she had discussed the EMO Plan in detail with Mr. Gough particularly in regard to Storm Drainage Relief and that Mr. Gough would be making a presentation to Council in September.

Councillor MacKay questioned whether Mr. Wdowiak knew of any capital changes to the William Ross-Humber Park Schools. He was advised that Mr. Wdowiak did not have any knowledge of capital changes to these schools.

Mr. Wdowiak and Mr. Barrie retired from the meeting.

Mr. Wilson, Director of Finance

Mr. Wilson advised that there was not much variance between the end of July and the end of June. He stated that budgets were tight and some of them were over by a couple of hundred dollars. The only other area where there was some difficulty was that tax collections were a little slow in comparison to prior years due to the mail strike, although they were coming in a little quicker now.

Subsequent to this report Mr. Wilson spoke in reference to interest on taxes. He advised that Council had deferred interest on taxes until this session of Council and subsequent to discussion between Staff and the Management Committee it was felt that interest should be charged on overdue tax bills subsequent to August 24th. He advised that since the mail strike was over on August 12th; that this should provide ample time to clear the mails and give people an opportunity to mail in their taxes. Therefore, if a bill is paid on the 24th no interest will be added to it but if paid on the 25th one month's interest will be added.

Councillor Eisenhauer requested that Mr. Wilson monitor how the accounts are paid to determine if people are paying other bills before the tax bills due to the low interest on overdue tax accounts (13%).

Councillor Eisenhauer also advised of an item that came to the FCM from Vancouver in which the Municipalities were requesting the Federal Government to pass resolutions changing the Bank Act to require that Mortgage Companies who collect taxes on a monthly basis, to pay to those people who pay their taxes, an interest rate equal to the Bank rates. He advised that the Municipality should receive a report on this arrangement, which would include information on the present situation in Nova Scotia.

Mr. Wilson advised the Councillor that each Mortgage Company is different and would have different schemes for different people.

Councillor Smith commented on the issue of charging interest on the 25th of August on unpaid Municipal Tax Bills. She advised that it had been her understanding that there would be no interest charged at all until Council lifted its grace period.

However, Mr. Wilson indicated that interest had merely been deferred in time due to the postal strike.

It was moved by Councillor Smith:

"THAT the date when interest can be charged on unpaid tax bills, be deferred until September 1st."

Warden Lawrence advised that this motion would be received when the Supplementary Management Committee Report was received, as there was some information in that report pertaining to this item.

Councillor Topple requested some clarification on the amount of money lost by the Municipality due to the postal strike.

Mr. Wilson advised that normally the Municipality's outstanding taxes as of August 1st, the yearly due date, would have been 2.5 million dollars. Due to the postal strike the outstanding taxes as of August 1st this year, were 4.5 million. Therefore, there were 2 million dollars that the Municipality was unable to invest on a temporary basis; approximately 20% for a total of \$45,000 per month.

Councillor Topple was concerned with the additional investment dollars that would be lost if interest were deferred on tax accounts. He did feel that tax payers should not be charged interest on bills they did not receive but he pointed out that the Municipality's bills were out before the strike began. He felt that many people had made an effort to pay their bills; he had even delivered some payments by hand himself. Therefore, he did not think it would be fair for those people who had made such an effort, to exempt people who had not made the same effort.

Mr. Wilson indicated that some people had mailed payments prior to the strike which then were left sitting in Post Offices. As well, he indicated that not all of the tax bills would have been delivered and some of those were also stuck in the mail. Therefore, some additional time was needed to clear the mail of these bills and payments.

Deputy Warden Deveaux voiced his concern for the \$30,000-\$40,000 which Mr. Wilson indicated would be lost to the Municipality should the interest be deferred till September 1st. He did, however, point out that most tax payers were now of the understanding that interest, would not be charged until the 24th of August.

There was a great deal more discussion with regard to the date when interest should be charged on unpaid Municipal tax bills. However, no firm decision was as yet arrived at.

Councillor Lichter questioned Mr. Wilson as to whether or not the recent closure of the Gays River Mine would affect the tax collection in District 13 for 1981. However, Mr. Wilson advised that most of the taxes have been paid for 1981; what will happen in 1982 would depend on thier assessment.

Subsequent to these discussions, Mr. Wilson retired from the meeting.

Mr. John Markesino, Director of Recreation

Mr. Markesino had prepared no report as he had been away for a week. However, he advised he was available to answer any questions Council might have.

Councillor Margeson questioned Mr. Markesino with regard to the South Shore Recreation Association. However, Mr. Meech indicated that this matter would be more appropriately discussed at the next Council Session when Councillor Walker was in attendance.

Mr. Margeson then questioned whether the Municipality would be represented in the Halifax County Exhibition Parade to which Mr. Markesino replied it would not.

Councillor Margeson then advised of the upcoming Via Rail Public Hearing, August 25th and asked if the reduction of service would have an unfavourable effect on Tourism. He wondered whether it would be beneficial for Mr. Markesino to attend the Hearing and to submit a presentation.

Mr. Markesino advised that he would like to attend.

However, Mr. Meech indicated that guidelines have been set down on what topics, presentations may be made; the Industrial Mall, the Maritime Clay Company and the proposed installation of a Steel Pipe Manufacturing facility at Steel Harbour.

Councillor Benjamin suggested that the Director of Tourism should be there in the interest of the County.

Subsequent to these discussions Mr. Markesino retired from the meeting and the Council Session adjourned for one half hour for supper.

REPORT BY MR. GILLIS, RE: HUMBER PARK-WILLIAM ROSS SCHOOLS

Mr. Gillis reviewed the most recent recommendation to Council with regard to the Humber Park-William Ross Schools.

He went into great detail on this issue, which he concluded by advising that at the last meeting of the School Board, it had been decided that, for the time being, both the Humber Park and the William Ross Schools would remain open; that grades primary to three would be housed at Humber Park and grades four, five and six would be located at William Ross.

He advised that an application would be made to add a gymnasium facility to the Humber Park School and the space not used for educational purposes in William Ross would be converted for use as a School Sub-system Office Headquarters. Further, if the anticipated growth in that area occurs, both schools will be retained and if it does not, William Ross will eventually be closed.

He indicated that the School Board has dropped its provision that one of the two schools be closed before an application can be made for an addition. It was Mr. Gillis' feeling that most of the residents of the area were in agreement with these new arrangements.

Councillor Topple voiced his opinion that these new arrangements were contrary to the report that had come to Council. He was still not happy with the arrangements and was concerned that the School Board was segregating the Forest Hills students from the rest of the community.

There was some discussion in regards to the PUB decision as it relates to Phases 5 and 6 and the effect this would have on the Joseph Giles School.

Mr. Meech confirmed that the PUB decision was definitely made to annex Phases 5 and 6 to Dartmouth and the this decision has been upheld in Cabinet.

Therefore, Mr. Gillis advised that the annexation of Phases 5 and 6 would leave considerable space in the newly constructed Joseph Giles, which is within walking distance of the students of Phase 9 and advised that the School Board, in light of the PUB decision, would have to entertain the idea of relocating the Phase 9 students in Joseph Giles School.

However, Councillor Topple pointed out that the William Ross School is also within walking distance, without crossing a highway.

Mr. Gillis advised the Councillor that, for the present, he could inform the parents of students in Phase 9, that their children would be able to stay at William Ross but that this decision would be reviewed due to the Cabinet's confirmation of the PUB decision regarding Phases 5 and 6.

Councillor Topple was also advised by Mr. Gillis that Sunset Acres students would not be affected. He advised that the Board's decision as to whether Phase 9 would remain at William Ross or relocated to Joseph Giles would depend on the Traffic hazards and Transportation.

In regard to tuition payments, Mr. Gillis advised that the City of Dartmouth had paid tuition this year for 12 students to go to Joseph Giles. He advised that the City had space in one of its own elementary schools to accomodate these students but that some of the parents on Wildwood Boulevard had expressed an interest in their children remaining at Joseph Giles as that School could be seen from their backyard.

Councillor Topple continued to express his dissatisfaction with the School issue and advised that the new Caldwell Road School was not needed as there was sufficient space to accomodate those students at William Ross and Humber Park. He felt that some political decisions had been made with regard to those schools and advised that the citizens would be adversely affected by those decisions.

Councillor MacKenzie was concerned that the moratorium was lifted on the Joseph Giles School at the same time Hearings had opened for the annexation of a portion of the County to the City of Dartmouth. He advised that this was an indication of how difficult it is for the Municipality of the county of Halifax to do any proper planning.

Deputy Warden Deveaux questioned whether there was sufficient space in the Joseph Giles School to accomodate elementary children from Caldwell Road.

Mr. Gillis advised that you could postpone the requirement for a new School on the Caldwell Road but you would be unable to prevent it due to population growth. He further advised that the School has neither been approved by the Department of Education nor lifted from the moratorium as yet; however, it had been approved by Municipal Council.

Councillor Baker questioned whether any thought had yet been given to adding to the Harrietsfield School and advised that he had received a carbon copy of a request for two or three rooms.

Mr. Gillis advised that a growth survey had indicated that there will not be a substantial amount of growth beyond the present figures and therefore an addition is not anticipated at the moment.

Subsequent to these discussions, Mr. Gillis retired from the meeting.

PLANNING ADVISORY COMMITTEE

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

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

Atlantic Winter Fair Site

Mr. Meech advised that at the August 3, 1981 meeting of the Planning Advisory Committee, the matter of the location of the Atlantic Winter Fair had once again been discussed and the Committee requested that it be recommended to Council, "That Sackville be re-affirmed as the desired Atlantic Winter Fair Site, and that the Province be so informed."

However, it was determined that this matter was now redundant, as Mr. Don Keddy, President of the Atlantic Winter Fair is expected to announce a decision on the Fair's permanent location.

Councillor MacDonald further announced that it had indeed been announced that the Watershed Area had been chosen as this permanent site.

Letter From the Deputy Minister of Transportation

A communication had been received from the Deputy Minister of Transportation in relation to the Berringer Road, West Dover, which was discussed at the August 11, 1981 meeting of the Planning Advisory Committee. Resulting from the discussions at the Planning Advisory Committee was the following resolution: "A recommendation be forwarded to Council, requesting that the Municipality acquire the right-of-way to the Berringer Property without any land purchase cost to the Municipality."

Mr. Meech further advised that the Deputy Minister's letter indicated that if the Municipality was prepared to take responsibility to obtain the necessary right-of-way, then the Department of Transportation is prepared to provide the funds to go ahead with the upgrading of the road. As well, he advised that the landowners in question are prepared to turn over the lands to the Municipality.

Subsequent to brief discussion; Councillor Williams explaining the validity of these arrangements:

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

"THAT the Municipality acquire the right-of-way to the Berringer Property, without any land purchase cost to the Municipality."
Motion Carried.

Prior to the passing of the motion, there was considerable discussion with regard to the Policy relating to takeover and the variation from the normal procedure, in this particular case.

However, most Council Members supported Councillor William's motion.

Deputy Warden Deveaux supported the motion although he questioned the procedure and advised that he would like to receive some information in that respect from the Government.

Councillor Lichter advised that he too was in support of the motion but advised that the people involved were not really seeking to have the road taken over but they wanted to gain one lot approval. However, the Government with its Regional Development Plan Regulations could not issue a development permit. He felt it was high time that rather than solve a simple problem such as this in such an expensive manner, they should have made an exemption and should be making exemptions in these special cases.

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

"THAT a letter be written to W. P. Kerr, Deputy Minister of the Department of Transportation rebutting paragraphs three and five of his letter of August 3, regarding the issuance of Building Permits against regulations."
Motion Carried.

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

"THAT a letter be written to the Hon. T. McInnis, Minister of the Department of Transportation, including a photocopy of Mr. Kerr's letter of August 3, with the third and fifth paragraphs underlined, requesting that the Minister respond to the Municipality advising of his agreement or disagreement with Mr. Kerr in relation to those two paragraphs."
Motion Carried.

Deputy Warden Deveaux, in particular, was opposed to this motion as he could not see the reasoning behind it. It was his feeling that the same thing could be achieved simply by sending a copy of the Municipality's letter to Mr. Kerr rebutting paragraphs three and five of his letter of August 3rd.

Public Land Donation

Mr. Meech outlined the third item in the Planning Advisory Committee Report which recommended that the following parcels of land be accepted by the Municipality under the provisions of the Planning Act. It was clarified by the Municipal Solicitor that these lands are free and clear of all encumbrances and Council is therefore in a position to accept title.

1. Lot FB-1, Estate of Frederick J. Bissetts, Cow Bay.
2. Lot P-7, Allen Heights Subdivision, Head of St. Margaret's Bay.

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

"THAT the Municipality accept title of Lot FB-1, Estate of Frederick J. Bissetts, Cow Bay and Lot P-7, Allen Heights Subdivision, Head of St. Margaret's Bay, under the provision of the Planning Act and as recommended by the Planning Advisory Committee."
Motion Carried.

REPORT OF THE REDISTRIBUTION COMMITTEE

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

"THAT the Report of the Redistribution Committee be received."
Motion Carried.

Warden Lawrence outlined the Report which recommended that one additional Municipal District be established for a total of twenty-one Municipal Districts and twenty-one Municipal Elected Representatives and also provide changes in other district boundaries as follows:

1. District 7 be divided into two districts;
2. The portion of District 18 located in Upper Sackville be added to District 19;
3. The District Boundary between Districts 18 and District 3 be altered in order that all of the Haliburton Hills Subdivision is within District 18;
4. The Municipal Districts be renumbered with the recommendation that District 7 be diivided into 2 districts, creates a situation where there would be three Districts numbered 7, ie. 7A, 7B and &7C. This would result in in an extremely confusing and awkward arrangement for residents, Councillors and also for administrative purposes.

A table was attached showing the recommended numbering changes as follows: Districts 1 through 6 (no change) District 7, to remain District 7 Cole Harbour West, a new District be implemented from a division of District 7 and be number District 8 and called Cole Harbour East, District 7A to be become District 9, District 8 to become District 10, District 9 to become District 11, District 10 to become District 12 District 11 to become District 13, District 12 to become District 14, District 13 to become District 15, District 14 to become District 17, District 15 to become District 21 and no change was recommended for Districts 16, 18, 19 and 20.

The Committee recommended to Council for approval, a resolution approving the proposed District boundaries and District numbers as submitted and that the Warden, Chief Administrative Officer, Municipal Clerk and Municipal Solicitor be authorized to proceed with the required submission to the Board of Commissioners of Public Utilities under the Municipal Boundaries and Representation Act.

Subsequent to the Warden's explanation of the above, Mr. Birch, with the use of a map, outlined all the proposed changes to Council.

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

"THAT Council approve a resolution to approve the proposed District Boundaries and District numbers as submitted by the Redistribution Committee and that the Warden, CAO, Municipal Clerk and Municipal Solicitor be authorized to proceed with the required submissions to the Board of Commissioners of Public Utilities under the Municipal Boundaries and Representation Act."

Councillor Eisenhower pointed out that Items 1 through 3 on the Report of the Redistribution Committee are in accordance with Council's request of April 21, 1981, therefore, discussion could be limited to the fourth item regarding the renumbering system which seemed to be the most contentious issue.

Councillor Topple pointed out the changes that took place when District 7 was first renumbered from District 14. He advised that the Service Commission Act and many other things had been changed and advised that this recommendation was much more complicated than it looked on the face of it. He pointed out the problems with the Fire Department which would have to relable uniforms, flashers, vehicle identification, Service Commission Changes again, the cost of going through the legalities, confusion with deeds, etc. He felt it would be much better to go the 7A, 7B and 7C route than to change all the numbering. He advised that this had been the less costly and simplest method from the point of view of the Urban Study.

Councillor MacKenzie agreed with Councillor Topple in regard to the many changes that would have to take place and the confusion it would create. He wondered whether it would be easier to number the districts as suggested by Councillor Topple rather than changing the rest of the numbers in the County.

Councillor Poirier questioned the Warden in regard to the District Boundaries in the Haliburton Hills Subdivison. The Warden indicated that the boundary had previously been drawn before the Highway 103 was there but since the residential Housing was developed, a portion of the Subdivision was in District 18 and a portion in District 3 which was confusing for the Residents in terms of Fire Department jurisdiction, area rates, Public Service Commission, electoral boundaries etc. She advised that the recommendation of the Redistribution Committee was an attempt to rationalize these problems.

Councillor Eisenhower advised that he was in favour of the renumbering as suggested by the Redistribution Committee.

Councillor Gaetz advised that he was not in favour of having his District number changed from 9 to 11 and questioned why the Districts which were affected by the creation of a new District could not be changed, rather than changing all those that were not affected as well. He did not see that it was necessary to have all the districts consecutively numbered.

Councillor Smith was in agreement with Councillor Gaetz' suggestion and advised that some confusion would be caused in her District as well, with regard to the Hospital and Fire Department. She requested some clarification with regard to Mr. Birch's earlier statements.

The Councillor was advised by Mr. Meech that since there is no longer a District 17, due to the Town of Bedford's departure from the Municipality. Mr. Birch had suggested that with the newly created district the three number 7 districts could be labeled Districts 7, 17, & 21. He further advised that the only difficulty with this suggestion was the effect it would have on the Westphal-Cole Harbour Service Commission and Fire Department.

Councillor Smith wondered if it would be possible to label the new Districts, 7-1, 7-2 and 7-3. She advised that this would still give them their own specific identity.

With regard to the Boundary Line between District 18 and District 3 which would serve to completely encase the Haliburton Hills Subdivision in District 3, Councillor Poirier requested whether this recommendation could be deferred until the Public Participation Committee of district 2 had an opportunity to look at this recommendation. She advised that she would like them to be aware that these changes are taking place.

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

"THAT the recommendations of the Redistribution Committee pertaining to the boundary line between Districts 18 and 3 be deferred until September 15th so the Public Participation Committee has an opportunity to discuss the recommendation."
Motion Defeated.

The motion was defeated as there was some urgency in approving the Redistribution Committee recommendations and forwarding them to the Public Utilities Board.

Councillor MacKenzie advised that there were many Districts that are exempt from certain By-Laws within the Municipality and questioned whether any problems were anticipated with regard to changing these By-Laws. As well, he indicated that there are certain regulations approved by the Minister of Municipal Affairs that would also include specific Districts and he wondered if any problems would be anticipated in that regard.

The Warden advised that the changes would have to be approved by the Minister and the Mr. Meech advised that what it would require is a change in all the Assessment Records which are based on the Districts and also there would have to be great deal of housekeeping done to update or correct those various By-Laws and which apply only to certain districts.

This, he advised, was part of the reasoning behind Mr. Birch's recommendation to change only the Cole Harbour and Forrest Hills Districts by adopting the numbers 17 and 21.

Warden Lawrence advised of a compromise proposal to that effect which would entail keeping District 7, and 7A and for numbering the additional District, District 17, leaving the remainder of the numbers the same.

Councillor Topple was not in agreement with this suggestion; he preferred that it be left as 7A, 7B and 7C or to change the numbering of these three communities to 7, 17 and 21 in order not to effect every other community.

Councillor MacKay requested how many residents would be lost with the annexation, as previously discussed with Mr. Gillis, of part of that area to the City of Dartmouth. He was advised by Mr. Meech that very few residents would be lost as most of that land is presently undeveloped.

Subsequent to further dicussion:

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

"THAT District 7A, be renumbered District 7, and District 7, when it is split be renumbered 17 and 21."
Amendment Carried.

Subsequent to the passing of the amendment, the original motion was voted on. The original motion as amended:

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

"THAT Council approve a resolution to approve the District Boundaries as submitted by the Redistribution Committee and the renumbering of District 7A to District 7, and when District 7 is split, that the two new Districts be numbered District 17 and District 21, and further that the Warden, the Chief Administrative Officer and the Municipal Clerk and Municipal Solicitor be authorized to proceed with the required submissions to the Board of Commissioners of Public Utilities under the Municipal Boundaries and Representation Act."
Motion Carried.

Prior to the passing of the motion Councillor Margeson spoke briefly indicating his preference for using District Names rather than District numbers. He questioned whether the Redistribution Committee could consider that particular method rather than the numbering system. However the amended motion was passed.

REPORT OF THE DIRECTOR OF DEVELOPMENT

Warden Lawrence advised that this Report was included in the agenda for information only.

MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE REPORT

This report had already been received when Mr. Wdowiak was present and the one item had been dealt with.