

Status of Land Owned by the Municipality

Councillor MacKay advised that this issue had arisen due to the change of status that the Provincial Government had begun to institute this year. One particular case of which he was aware, due to being a member of the Kinsman Club, was a piece of land acquired by the Kinsman Club in 1963 and which over the past years, they have spent in excess of \$400,000 in improving and maintaining that land. This year they got a tax bill in excess of \$5,000.

He advised that in the original decision to put it in the name of the Municipality, the first consideration was preservation; because if the Organization ever tried at some point in time to dissolve or sell the lands for revenue, the land will be maintained for Recreation lands for future generations. He advised that taxation was the second consideration.

He felt that if the incentive to develop Recreational lands is not provided, the County would lose the efforts of volunteers and the vast amount of dollars they would raise over a period of years.

Councillor MacKay also advised that since the land in question was owned by the Municipality the only thing taxable on that land is the structures built and maintained on it, not the land itself. He questioned whether this would not also apply to the Community Arena in Sackville as it is owned by the Municipality and leased by the Lake District Recreation Association. He also asked if it would apply to Scotia Stadium in Cole Harbour which was also owned by the Municipality and leased by the District 7 Ratepayers Association.

Councillor MacKay further indicated that the Kinsman Clubs and the Lions Clubs which were administered similarly, by charter through their National Organization and by Provincial Statute, the way in which they are registered under the Societies Act, they are not permitted to take more than 15% of any monies they raise, for administrative purposes. A minimum of 85% has to be turned back in for charitable work within the community or within their realm of jurisdiction. Therefore, to take \$5,000 dollars out of that 15%, would be extremely hard on the Organization.

He further advised that the old Kinsman land, owned by the Municipality and leased to the Kinsman, had been turned over to the Lions Club, who now lease it from the Municipality. He felt that they would certainly fall under the same classification as the Kinsman Club and he was aware that to the best of their knowledge they have not received a tax bill this year.

Mr. Meech had already begun to look into this matter and was waiting a response from the Lions Club. He advised that he would continue to monitor the situation taking Councillor MacKay's concerns into consideration when dealing with it.

Councillor Eisenhauer commented briefly on this issue advising that it would be necessary for the Municipality to draft a policy to cover these matters. He requested clarification from the Solicitor as to what would happen to these Organizations who have been assessed and taxed, if they do not pay those taxes.

The Solicitor advised that property owned by the Municipality, regardless of what use it is put to, can be taxed, if there is a structure or some improvements on it, by the Provincial Government. However, property owned by the Municipality which may be subject to a lease cannot be assessed to someone else as the title is unaffected. Therefore, it would not be the property that is placed for tax sale; it would be the structures that are on it.

Councillor Eisenhauer then questioned what would happen to the structure on the property. Could it be put up for tax sale, sold and then be moved off the property? Solcitor Cragg advised that he would have to review the matter in more detail but indicated that in the case of a Mobile Home which is sitting on a leased lot; the home can be sold and moved off the lot, but the lot cannot be touched.

Councillor MacKay felt that if an Organization had facilities which were used by the common public within the community on a recreation basis, the Municipality should be able to give that Organization a Grant in lieu of taxes. However, in the case of a limited membership Organization this should not be the case.

Transit - Sackville

Councillor MacKay advised that in March and April, Council had extensively discussed Transit and how it would be recovered in the area rates, in Sackville in particular. He advised: at that point in time, during negotiations with MTC at Council and at a Public Meeting in Sackville, MTC advised that the Council would have to give a minimum of three months notice to effect any changes and the reason for that was, they have a system with their Union, who makes their rules and sets up their appropriate schedules.

Consequently, he advised that a motion was passed, signifying Sackville's willingness to continue to participate in Transit and setting the appropriate area rate, to pick up the defecit from March to September, based on certain changes being implemented by the first of September.

Councillor MacKay further advised that these changes have not been implemented as yet and indicated that a letter has been received by the Municipality from MTC advising that the earliest they can effect those changes would be November or December. Mr. Meech had responded to that letter basically stating that the Munciality is not prepared to pay the deficit beyond the first of September.

He further advised that he will not authorize any funds to be expended on a deficit beyond September 1st in his District, District 16, as it was his opinion that MTC had more than enough notice to effect the requested changes.

Councillor MacDonald who was a member of the Transit Commission advised that MTC may have been confused by the fact that the Sackville Councillors had gone to them with two other schemes which they thought might save them money, subsequent to the motion being passed in Council. The Motormen would not go with the PIC in September and had refused to implement these changes at that time, therefore, there was not much the Transit Commission could do.

Councillor Wiseman further advised, in regard to Councillor MacDonald's comments, that they did go to MTC with new proposals but at no time did they suggest that they would retain Route 82 which is the local route which had a deficit of \$100,000. Therefore the motion made in May which stated that they wished to drop Route 82 and that those changes were expected to be implemented by September 1st had at no time been in dispute but was a final decision on the part of Sackville Councillors who felt there was no way they could afford it.

Warden Lawrence advised that there had as yet been no response received from MTC, to the last letter written to them by Mr. Meech.

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

"THAT the Municipality hand deliver to MTC a letter today, or at the latest early tomorrow a.m., advising that the Municipality only wishes to participate in Transit in Sackville as per its previously stated intentions on May 5, that those conditions be met by MTC and that the Municipality will not accept any deviation from those conditions."
Motion Withdrawn.

Councillor Wiseman had some difficulty with the motion as, at a further meeting in July with Mr. Milky, in order to provide some transportation changes which, Sackville Councillors were not aware of when they made the initial recommendation to them, they had suggested some other changes. She wondered if those changes should be included at this point rather than going ahead with the motion made on May 5, 1981.

In order for the Sackville Councillors to construct a motion satisfactory to all of them, Councillor MacKay withdrew his motion, with the assent of his seconder, in order that they could consult with each other and come back with a new motion under "New Business".

Mobile Home Policing - Councillor MacDonald

Councillor MacDonald advised that he had requested information on this matter several times throughout the year.

In regard to the intentions of the Attorney General's Department to have the Mounted Police, patrol the Mobile Home Parks as far as traffic violations go, he advised that a letter went out last year indicating that the RCMP would take over this duty on their own initiative without the necessity of implementing new legislation. However, this is not the case, the RCMP still have to be called by the owner of the Parks to accept a call.

Councillor MacDonald advised that a letter had been sent, not long ago, to the Attorney General to which a reply has not been received. However, he also advised that Mr. Meech had indicated to him earlier this afternoon that he would have an answer shortly.

Therefore, Councillor MacDonald was satisfied to defer this item until Mr. Meech advised him of the contents of the letter.

UNSM Resolutions, - Deputy Warden Deveaux

Deputy Warden Deveaux advised that he had requested this item to be on the agenda in order that anyone wishing to discuss any of the resolutions prior to the conference next week would have an opportunity to do so and to let the Voting Delegates, attending the conference, know their feelings on any of the resolutions.

Since no one had any immediate concerns, Deputy Warden Deveaux advised that as there was another week before the conference, he or any of the other Voting Delegates would be available to discuss any of the resolutions before the conference.

Transit - Councillor Adams

Councillor Adams repeated his request of the last Council Session to receive an update as to how Staff was progressing with their study of a possible amalgamated Transit System, utilizing School Busses with the current Transit equipment.

Mr. Meech advised that little has been done so far, although he has accumulated some information and is attempting to arrange a meeting with Mr. Lloyd Gillis, Superintendent of the Municipal School Board and to also have some discussion with the Staff of Metropolitan Authority.

He further advised that he was attempting to determine who would be the most appropriate body to assume responsibility for the requested study.

Councillor Adams requested whether the PUB would have the ability to assist with the study.

Mr. Meech advised that to his knowledge they did not have such availability of people but further advised that he would check into that possibility.

SUPPLEMENTARY MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE REPORT

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

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

Suburban Paving Program

The Committee had been advised by the Director of Engineering and Works, that a request had been received for the addition of Miller Lake Road in Fall River, to the 1981 Suburban Paving Program.

The petition was being circulated and was expected to come up with the necessary amount of signatures. The Committee recommended to Council that the Miller Lake Road be added to the 1981 Suburban Paving Program subject to receiving the required amount of signatures and the approval of the Minister of Transportation.

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

"THAT the Miller Lake Road in Fall River be added to the 1981 Suburban Street Paving Program for "C" Type Paving, subject to receiving the required number of signatures on the petition which is now being circulated and subject to approval by the Minister of Transportation."
Motion Carried.

Councillor Benjamin advised that there may be additional funding available from the Department of Transportation under 1981 surplus money. There was also one problem which was the water installation in the Miller Lake Subdivision, which is a self-contained process by which they drill additional wells to avoid the arsenic problem and this may delay the process a bit. He advised, however, that he would rather see a delay at the residents level than at the Council level; approval today would send the order to the Department of Transportation, so that paving could proceed in another months time when the well-drilling is completed.

NEW BUSINESSApplication for Lesser Setback - Councillor Gaetz

There was one application for lesser setback included in the Building Inspectors Report which was not recommended for approval by Staff. It was as follows: "Application for Lesser Setback of 13.8', Lot 39, Carter and Romans Subdivision, Lawrencetown, Applicant Mr. Gary Henbrey."

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

"THAT the application for lesser setback, applicant Mr. Gary Henbrey be deferred until the September 15, 1981 Council Session."
Motion Carried.

Community Contact Committee - Warden Lawrence

Warden Lawrence advised that at the last Council Session one new member had been nominated to the Community Contact Committee as requested by that Committee, who requested a new member from District 9 and one from District 1 or 3. The nominee from District 1 or 3 was not dealt with at the last Council Session as the Councillor from District 1 was not in attendance.

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

"THAT Mr. Rupert Giffin of District 1 be nominated to the Community Contact Committee."
Motion Carried.

Subsequently:

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

"THAT nominations cease."
Motion Carried.

Therefore, it was determined that Mr. Rupert Giffin would be the second additional member to the Community Contact Committee as required.

Warden Lawrence advised that the next meeting of the Community Contact Committee was September 3, therefore, she requested that Mr. Giffin and the previously nominated member from District 9 be notified as soon as possible.

District School Board Status - Warden Lawrence

The Warden advised the members of the Policy Committee in regard to the proposed meeting with Town of Bedford Officials to discuss District School Board Status, that this meeting was confirmed for Thursday, September 3, 1981 at 2:00 P.M. in the Municipal Council Chambers.

Via Rail - Councillor Margeson

Councillor Margeson advised that there were several Hearings in the past week with regard to Rail Services; one in regard to a proposed discontinuance of service between Dartmouth and Musquodoboit and one in regard to proposed cut-backs in passenger service between Halifax and Montreal.

He requested that a letter should be sent to the Minister of Transportation congratulating him on the continuance of the rail line between Dartmouth and Musquodoboit Harbour.

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

"THAT a letter be written to the Minister of Transportation congratulating him on the continuance of rail service between Dartmouth and Musquodoboit ."

Motion Carried.

He also requested that Council write to the Minister of Transportation to request that he rescind the order to remove the Via Rail Passenger Service Atlantic Train between Halifax and Montreal, advising him in the letter that the Regional Tourism Director and several Municipal Councillors had attended the Hearing on August 25th in Halifax and they felt by the evidence presented, that this Atlantic Train should remain in service.

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

"THAT a letter be sent to the Minister of Transportation requesting that he rescind his order to remove the Via Rail Passenger Service Atlantic Train between Halifax and Montreal, in light of the evidence presented at the August 25th Hearing in Halifax which was attended by several Municipal Councillors and the Regional Tourism Director."

Motion Carried.

Storm Drainage, District 7 - Councillor Topple

Councillor Topple advised that he was receiving numerous calls in regard to Storm Drainage in District 7, as well as other matters, now that there was no Councillor for District 7. In particular he was receiving calls in opposition to the suggested solution for Storm Drainage Problems in District 7, proposed by the Storm Drainage Task Force and the Management Committee.

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

"THAT no further action take place in regard to the Storm Drainage problems affecting the Caldwell Road Residents Association, as suggested at the Management Committee Meeting of July 23, 1981, until there is a new Councillor elected for District 7."

Motion Carried.

Councillor Margeson was in agreement with Councillor Topple, but suggested that a Hearing take place to sort out this matter.

Mr. Meech advised that no action would be taken to solve the storm drainage problems, whatever the recommendations, without the approval of Council.

Transit - Councillor Baker

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

"THAT the Transit Commission be requested to extend their services to include Village Road in Herring Cove."
Motion Carried.

Petition, Residents of Dempster Crescent, Lake Echo - Councillor Adams

Councillor Adams advised that he had received a petition last night from the residents of Dempster Crescent in Lake Echo in regard to flooding problems caused by the paving of the road in May of this year.

Councillor Adams gave an example of one home which had been dry for the past five to six years and since the road was paved the basement has been constantly flooded. The owner has had to dig a hole in the basement floor approximately four feet wide and install a pump to take the water to the lake. This water has not ceased to run since the paving of the road and upon occasion when the electrical power goes off, the basement is flooded again.

Councillor Adams advised that there were catch basins put along the side of the road which are higher than the water runs. He further advised that the residents have been talking to the Department of Transportation who have been out to chisel the asphalt away, and move some curbs to build new ones, and the flooding problem is still there.

The petition was, in effect, serving notice to the Province and the County of Halifax that the residents are not willing to pay their portion of the street paving charges until the Municipality and the Department of Transportation take action to resolve the flooding problems created by the recent paving.

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

"THAT Council request Staff to take the necessary action to expedite correction of the flooding problems which have occurred due to the recent paving of Dempster Crescent in Lake Echo."
Motion Carried.

In response to questioning from Deputy Warden Deveaux, Mr. Meech advised that the responsibility to correct flooding problems caused as a result of the incorrect paving would jointly be the Municipality's and the Department of Transportation's.

Councillor MacKay requested what input, if any, did the Municipality have in regard to design criteria for roads and highways. He felt that many of the new streets are being paved without the correct slope; water is directed all toward one spot often missing the manholes altogether and in many cases there is no curb to act as a barrier to direct the water.

Mr. Meech advised that everything pertaining to design and construction is done by the Department of Transportation, although the Municipality's engineering people do have the opportunity to look at the plans.

Councillor Poirier related a problem in her area with regard to flooding; Charles Street in Timberlea where Glengarry School is located; water runs down on a grade, joins Fraser Road, goes under that Road and on to private property. The owner of this property is very upset and has had the Department of Highways, and Councillor Poirier, out to visit her home several times, to view the problem. Councillor Poirier requested whether there was a policy in the County which pertains to water draining off highway property or ditches and onto private properties.

Warden Lawrence advised that from a Department of Highways point of view, they have a policy which states it is not their responsibility.

Mr. Cragg advised that the Municipality's responsibility if it constructed something which would cause damage to private property, would be in proportion to the Municipality's involvement in what was constructed. Therefore, if the Municipality should have known that some damage was going to be done by construction of a road then there would be some responsibility.

Councillor Poirier requested that the Director of Engineering look at the property in question and prepare a report on it.

Deputy Warden Deveaux felt that in regard to the problem in Lake Echo, or in similar circumstances, the people should have been made aware of the problems the paving could have caused before they signed the petition to have the road paved.

The Deputy Warden was also in agreement with a statement made previously by Councillor MacKay: "that many people who may have had flooding previously to development or paving, etc. would advise the County that such flooding had only began subsequent to the paving or development in question in order to gain financial assistance in correcting the problem."

Councillor Adams, in response, advised that in his particular case where he mentioned the tax payer who had severe flooding in her basement subsequent to the paving of Dempster Crescent, there had been streams and brooks, etc, which the Department of Transportation had re-routed to take the water off the roadway to the properties. He felt this was an item which should be looked at in terms of future road construction.

Councillor Topple indicated that one of the greatest problems in this regard was that the Municipality had no Storm Drainage Policy as yet. The Municipality had the Ditches and Watercourses Act which makes the Municipality responsible for all drainage. He advised of a situation he had shortly after he had come to Council at which time the Municipal Solicitor (then Mr. Cox) advised that the Ditches and Water Courses Act would not stand up in Court. In this particular case the Department of Highways had been absolved of any responsibility whatever.

Councillor Gaetz questioned whether the Department of Highways had changed their policy about re-routing streams, as it was his experience that they would not change the course of streams or brooks.

The Councillor was advised that in certain circumstances they would change a watercourse, if necessary.

It was moved by Councillor Poirier seconded by Councillor Walker:

"THAT the Director of Engineering visit the site at the intersection of Charles Road and Fraser Road in Timberlea where water is running onto private property, view this site, obtain an opinion on it and determine whether the Department of Highways or any other body is responsible for this problem."

Motion Carried.

October 6, 1981 Council Session - Councillor Benjamin

Councillor Benjamin advised that as October 6, 1981 would be an Election Day, as well as a Municipal Council day, either the session should be deferred or the agenda should be kept short.

Warden Lawrence advised that the Municipality is committed to have its Council Sessions on an appointed day but that one of the requests made at the last Council Session, dividing the Department Head Reports to Council, from all on the second session of the month to one half on the first and one half on the second session, would favorably affect the length of the October 5, 1981 session.

October, Fire Prevention Month - Councillor Margeson

Councillor Margeson requested that at the first Council Session in October or the last Session in September, one of the Municipality's Fire Departments make a presentation to Council on Fire Prevention, as October is Fire Prevention month.

Councillor MacKay suggested that as one of the Fire Departments in Councillor Baker's District had recently won a National Award for Fire Prevention, this Department could make the presentation.

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

"THAT staff attempt to arrange for the Herring Cove Fire Department, which has recently won a National award for Fire Prevention, to make a presentation to Council on Fire Prevention, preparing some documentation which can be published in the newspaper as well, to benefit Halifax County constituents, in light of October being the Fire Prevention Month in Canada, and that this presentation take place at either the second September Session or the first October Session."

Motion Carried.

Paving - Councillor Margeson

Councillor Margeson requested that there be a presentation by Staff with a memo suitable for publishing in the local papers regarding the paving program and relative re-routing of water, in order to make Halifax County Residents aware of how to initiate paving in their areas.

It was moved by Councillor Margeson, seconded by Councillor MacDonald

"THAT at one of the October Sessions of Council, staff prepare a presentation to Council with documentation suitable for publishing in the local newspapers, regarding the upcoming paving programs and the relative re-routing of water courses, in order to make Council and Halifax County Residents aware of the procedure to initiate paving in their areas."
Motion Carried.

Assessments - Councillor Margeson

Councillor Margeson suggested that persons who improve their properties to the best of their ability should be given a 10% discount in the assessment value of their properties and those who improve their properties to a lesser extent should receive a 5% discount while people who make no attempt whatever to improve their property (those who would be visited by the unsightly premises inspector) receive no discount. He requested this to be put on the agenda at some further date, possibly sometime in November, in order to give him an opportunity to research this item.

Transit - Councillor MacKay

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

"THAT the Chief Administrative Officer take the appropriate steps to receive an answer to his letter of August 21, 1981 to the Metropolitan Transit Commission, and to have that response available for the next Council Session and that Council's position on the matter be clearly made."
Motion Carried.

Key Chains to Councillors from Industrial Commission - Councillor Topple

Councillor Topple, in regard to a box of key chains delivered to each Councillor with his/her name on them, which had been provided by the Industrial Commission of Halifax County, requested if it was known how much these key chains cost the Municipality.

Warden Lawrence advised that she could have that information by the next Council Session.

Mr. Meech advised that they were a promotional item.

Letter from School Board - Councillor Topple

Councillor Topple also advised that he had received a letter from the School Board dated August 21 wherein they advised that the School Board would not be paying back the \$27,000 requested by Mr. Wilson and which had been obtained by the levy of a School Area Rate for Suburban Dartmouth High School. The reason they were not paying back this money was that it had already been expended.

Councillor Topple questioned the Solicitor as to what position this would leave the Municipality in.

In response to that question the Solicitor recounted the basic facts to his understanding. He advised that the Trustees had the meeting which he felt the result of which was unsatisfactory. A request went to the School Board and subsequently to Council. Council accepted the rate and then upon review of its decision refused the rate. However, by that point in time, the funds had been allocated, delivered and spent. He further advised that Council can rescind any motion it wishes but Council could not rescind a motion dealing with the \$27,000 if the funds were obtained properly and in accordance with all legislation and statutes. Council could rescind that motion because, in his opinion, the funds were not properly sought and received by the Trustees. He advised that if an adjustment would be made, it would likely have to be done from the general fund. However, Council's decision to rescind the previous motion was in his opinion, proper.

Councillor Topple was concerned that the \$27,000 was already spent and was not collectable.

Mr. Meech advised of the Municipality's position at the moment, stating that they were waiting for Mr. Cragg to have the suggested group meeting with the legal representatives from the School Board, the Department of Municipal Affairs, and possibly the Department of Education and it was felt that any action should be withheld until a report has been forwarded regarding their final findings after reviewing the entire issue.

In response to questioning by Councillor Lichter, the Solicitor advised that the willingness of the School Board and School Board Solicitor and the Solicitor of Municipal Affairs and himself has been confirmed to attend a meeting sometime early in September. He advised that he had a second request into the Department of Education for a representative from their Department but he did not feel that they wished to have representation at such a meeting and the Attorney General's Department has confirmed that they are not interested in taking part. Therefore he anticipated a meeting sometime by the end of September.

Councillor Smith requested who designates authority to use these monies before they are given sanction by Council.

Warden Lawrence advised that the School probably assumed that the funds were legally voted on at the annual meeting and there has never before been a case whereby Council has refused to accept and levy an Area Rate for Schools.

Councillor Smith felt that this was a case of Staff second guessing Council's decision.

However, Warden Lawrence disagreed with the Councillor and the Solicitor and felt that the annual meetings were properly held and conducted and the School Board Staff would have no reason to believe that the School Area Rate would not be accepted or passed.

She further advised that the meetings are authorized under the Education Act and not under the Municipal Act.

This item was discussed further with several Councillors: Councillor Smith, Councillor Topple and Deputy Warden Deveaux indicating concern that the money was spent prior to any approvals or rejection by Council.

However, Deputy Warden Deveaux felt that it may perhaps be found in the Education Act where the School Board is permitted to spend the money once the proper procedure has been carried out by the Trustees. In that regard he advised that it has not been proven to himself or to anyone else that the procedure was not correct. He also felt that if the issue went to Court it would be proven that the annual meetings were properly held.

Cable T.V. - Councillor Gaetz

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

"THAT a letter be written to the C.I.T.C. urging that steps be taken to expedite the implementation of Cable Television Services in Districts 9, 10 and 5."
Motion Carried.

Limitation of Hours on Municipally Owned Lands - Councillor MacKay

Councillor MacKay advised that a motion had been passed in Council in the latter part of June requesting that some policy be established regarding a limitation of hours on Municipally owned land. He also advised that subsequent to the passing of this motion he had noticed that the City of Dartmouth had enacted some legislation in regard to a curfew on their Parklands.

He requested an update on the progress of this motion.

The Solicitor advised that as a result of Councillor MacKay's previous motion he had drafted a Curfew By-Law which was forwarded to the Department of Municipal Affairs on July 15th. He had received from that Department on August 6th, some correspondence which attempted to explain why the City of Halifax was able to have a curfew By-Law, preventing children or minors in certain places after certain

hours. The letter advised that the Municipality did not have as many powers along those lines. The Solicitor further advised that he responded to the Department of Municipal Affairs on August the 19th and no written reply to that letter had yet been received. He had been advised verbally that the Solicitor for the Department of Municipal Affairs would be on vacation for two weeks and that he would receive a reply to his second letter after the Department's Solicitor has returned.

The Solicitor further advised that the reason he had forwarded his draft By-Law to the Department of Municipal Affairs prior to bringing it to Council was that there were so many different pieces of legislation dealing with Minors, the least of which is the Juvenile Delinquents Act which is a Federal Statute and by virtue of that particular piece of legislation, there are many constraints placed on Minors which would override anything the Municipality could place in the books. Due to this and because the City of Halifax operates under a charter which gives them much wider powers, in these areas, than the Municipality has, he felt it would be easier to go to the Department of Municipal Affairs, get their comments and then bring it back to Council.

Councillor MacKay advised that in consultation with the Bedford RCMP who do the policing in the community of Sackville, and in consultation with residents who have had problems in certain areas, he was told that if the RCMP respond to a call or just through a routine surveillance or policing they see an individual or group on Municipal land, primarily school lands or structures, and if that individual or group is not doing anything in the act of destroying something there is nothing they can do. The RCMP has suggested that if they respond to a call and there is no curfew, there is nothing under their jurisdiction to stop people from going on that land and it was Councillor MacKay's feeling that when you have a group of individuals around, some form of vandalism is likely to occur and nothing can be done unless they are caught in the act.

Councillor MacKay advised that a group of residents which he had recently met with, were so upset that if some kind of legislation is not soon enacted, they will begin to take matters into their own hands. The RCMP advised that this will bring repercussions on these people.

Solicitor Cragg advised that the Juvenile Delinquents Act makes quite clear provision that any Minor apprehended in a public place or in a private dwelling or who is suspected of breaking any law what-so-ever, be it curfew or whatever must be solely dealt with in the family courts, in other words the Municipality has no jurisdiction what-so-ever to prosecute children or Minors in the County Court system. That, he advised, was one of the main problems in drafting a Curfew By-Law .

In regard to hanging around a school ground or school facility when one has no business there, such as a sporting event or whatever, the Loitering By-Law applies and is quite effective. He advised of a case, several weeks prior, in which two school children were prosecuted for loitering in a school area. He advised that all that was necessary was for these children to be found there without permission, they did not have to be drinking or vandalizing, or anything else. There were also no hours of limitation on the Loitering By-Law.

Councillor MacKay, felt that if this was so, then the Bedford RCMP were unaware of it. He also felt this would not encompass green areas or other Municipally owned lands where there were no facilities.

The Solicitor advised the Councillor that the Loitering By-Law dealt with persons being in or about certain areas without permission, while the Curfew By-Law was an attempt to control Minors within certain hours, with or without permission.

Councillor MacKay felt that the Curfew By-Law would be enough for his purposes and if Minors were on that land after the curfew whether it be 9:30 P.M. or dusk, then it would be quite clearly in violation of a peice of legislation.

Solicitor Cragg also advised that the age limit of a minor is 16, and under some circumstances, 14.

In light of the Solicitor's explanation, Councillor MacKay indicated that he would wait for the Solicitor to receive a reply from Municipal Affairs and report back to Council, which would be some time after September.

Councillor Gaetz advised of incidents of vandalism which were taking place at an abandoned "Little Red School House" site in his area and he questioned whether people could be forbidden to hang around that area because of the Loitering By-Law. He advised that people living close by, were quite concerned that a fire may be started there. He questioned whether he could contact the police to arrest people loitering there.

The Solicitor advised that the Loitering By-Law refers quite specifically to doorways, steps and entrances to buildings, school property or on any roads, streets walkways or alleys in the common areas of shopping centres, shopping malls or shopping complexes in the County of Halifax.

Affirmative Action Program - Councillor Adams

Councillor Adams requested that he be permitted to make a presentation to Council at the next Council Session in regard to the Affirmative Action Program. He requested this to be added to the agenda at the September 15 Council Session.

This was agreed to by Council.

ADJOURNMENT

It was moved by Councillor Walker:

"THAT Council adjourn."
Motion Carried.

Therefore, the Council Session adjourned at 5:15 P.M.

COUNCIL SESSION

SEPTEMBER 15, 1981

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

ALSO PRESENT: Mr. Keith Birch, Chief of Planning & Development
Mr. Ken Wilson, Director of Finance
Mr. John Markesino, Co-ordinator of Recreation & Tourism
Mr. Ken Meech, Chief Administrative Officer
Mr. Gerry Kelly, Municipal Clerk
Mr. Bob Cragg, Municipal Solicitor

SECRETARY: Mrs. Christine Harvey

OPENING OF COUNCIL - THE LORD'S PRAYER

Warden Lawrence opened the Council Session at 2:05 P.M. with the Lord's Prayer.

ROLL CALL

Mr. Kelly then called the Roll.

APPOINTMENT OF RECORDING SECRETARY

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

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

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

"THAT the minutes of the August 25, 1981 Committee of the Whole Session be approved."
Motion Carried.

LETTERS AND CORRESPONDENCE

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

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

Cole Harbour Rural Heritage Society

The first letter in the agenda was addressed to Warden Lawrence from the Cole Harbour Rural Heritage Society acknowledging and thanking the Municipality for the recent grant of \$1,000.00 to the Society. The letter also thanked the Municipality for its support in many other ways.

In addition, the letter advised that the Warden and Councillors were invited to attend special events and activities at the Heritage Farm, October 3, 1981 which would be followed by a Harvest Thanksgiving service October 4.

Letter from A. J. MacEachen, Re: Interest Rates

A letter was received from the Honourable A.J. MacEachen, Minister of Finance, acknowledging the Municipality's letter of August 6 which brought to his attention a motion endorsed by Municipal Council regarding the effects of high interest rates.

(Note: See letter in agenda for detail and clarification)

Deputy Warden Deveaux spoke in detail and at great length in response to this letter, which had advised: "High interest rates are, however, ultimately a reflection of the sustained inflationary pressures which have permeated the Canadian economy and the economics of other Countries."

The Deputy Warden indicated that, as he had expected, the Minister had replied to the Municipality's letter by merely giving his own views of what had initiated the high interest rates, and had not offered any solutions whatever to the problem.

The Deputy Warden read the following quote from the Minister's letter:

"You may be aware that I have been assured by financial institutions in Canada that they will do their utmost to minimize the impact of increases in short-term interest rates on the cost of mortgages and loans to businesses, particularly, in situations of near bankruptcy or foreclosure."

He then advised that the Minister would be very naive to believe that financial institutions would ease up on taxpayers at the risk of losing profits themselves.

The Deputy Warden then proceeded to outline his own thoughts on the matter of interest rates, concluding his statements with the following motion:

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

"THAT the Municipality write to the Minister of Finance thanking him for his letter but advising that the Municipality does not accept his explanation of the high interest rates and requesting that he take immediate action to alleviate the plight of people facing high interest rates on mortgages, and that copies go to local M.P.'s and Hon. Gerald Reagan."

This motion was debated at length, with several Councillors speaking in support of the motion. These included Councillors Baker and MacKay.

Councillors Wiseman and Eisenhauer felt that the motion was discriminatory in that assistance would be directed only at certain sectors, while other people who were managing to pay their mortgages, would not receive any assistance.

As well, Councillor Eisenhauer expressed some concern that these taxpayers not receiving assistance would in some form be paying for those who were.

Councillors Wiseman and Eisenhauer proposed the following amendment to the motion:

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

"THAT it be indicated to the Minister that the monetary policy should be reviewed with the objective to reduce mortgage rates to Canadian Homeowners."

The amendment was then debated with Deputy Warden Deveaux expressing his concern that it would change the whole gist of the motion.

Therefore, the amendment was withdrawn and the motion was voted on.

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

"As previously written."
Motion Carried.

Deputy Warden Deveaux thanked Council for its support on the above issue.

Letter From Department Of Attorney General

A letter addressed to Mr. Meech from Mr. Gordon S. Gale, Criminal Director of the N.S. Department of Attorney General was included as a supplementary item of correspondence.

This letter was in regard to Municipal Council's resolution concerning traffic violations in Mobile Home Parks and advised that "none of the proposals to amend the legislation to deal with Mobile Home Parks has come to fruition". (See letter for detail, RE: Proposals)

The letter further indicated that the Attorney General's Department is now embarked upon the process of preparing new submissions for the Attorney General to take to Government to amend and enact legislation which will deal with the problems of traffic violations in Mobile Home Parks.

Councillor MacDonald indicated his desire that Council should continue to follow-up this issue with the Attorney General's Department until its resolution.

Letter From MTC

Warden Lawrence advised she had received a response from MTC today, in regard to Council's request for changes to be implemented in Transit services in Sackville.

The letter read:

"The Commission approved the Staff recommendations that Route 82 be taken out of service on September 24, 1981, and that Route 84 continue to provide service through Glendale and Sackville Town Centre on the four a.m. trips and three p.m. trips presently in service. This approval was made subject to the approval of the Municipality of the County of Halifax."

To meet the September 24 date the Commission requested Council's early approval of the recommendations.

The letter also indicated that MTC will continue to work with the Operators Planning Group of Metropolitan Authority to review the long-term transit requirements in the Bedford-Sackville area and also advised that they will continue to communicate with the Municipality in this regard.

Councillor Wiseman requested clarification regarding the proposed extension of the Sackville Express to cover the 8:30 a.m. and 3:30 p.m. runs to alleviate some of the problems which will be caused by the discontinuance of Route 82. The Councillor was assured by Councillor MacDonald that this would be looked into with the Operators Planning Group of MTC when looking at the overall Transit situation.

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

"THAT Route 82 be taken out of service on September 24, 1981 and that Route 84 continue to provide service through Glendale and through Sackville Town Centre on the four a.m. trips and three p.m. trips, presently in service, and that MTC continue to work with the Operators Planning Group of Metropolitan Authority in reviewing the long-term transit requirements in Bedford-Sackville."

Motion Carried.

MEETING WITH DEPARTMENT HEADS

Mr. Keith Birch, Chief of Planning and Development

Mr. Birch provided an up-date on the progress of the MDP process in the County. He advised that public meetings would soon be held in several areas and that subsequent to comment from Municipal Affairs the plans should come before Council by November.

There were no questions for Mr. Birch in regard to the MDP plans. However, Councillor Williams requested if any action had been taken in regard to legislating a requirement for fencing around swimming pools.

Mr. Birch advised that he would look into the matter and if any action was required he would bring a report to PAC and subsequently to Council.

This matter was discussed briefly and it was determined that this matter was already controlled; though whether by Policy or By-Law, it was not ascertained.

Deputy Warden Deveaux questioned Mr. Birch as to where the Municipality presently stands with the Province in regard to the take-over of private lanes.

Mr. Birch indicated he was anticipating bringing a report to PAC and subsequently to the Policy Committee.

Mr. Birch retired from the meeting.

Mr. John Markesino, Co-ordinator of Recreation

Mr. Markesino advised Council that the summer programs had been successful and that more would be planned for the coming year.

Councillor Benjamin questioned whether Mr. Markesino had discussed with the Department of Tourism, the possibility of utilizing the Tourist Information Centre at the Halifax International Airport for an alternative purpose. It was Councillor Benjamin's opinion that it might be advantageous from the County's point of view to do so as the Information Centre was not in the most appropriate location.

Mr. Markesino advised that he would look into this matter, taking into consideration the Councillor's suggestion.

Councillor Wiseman expressed her thanks to Mr. Markesino for the tremendous and beneficial effort he and his department had put forth in implementing a Tourist Information Bureau in Sackville and advised that the effort had been most successful.

Councillor Margeson seconded this note of thanks to Mr. Markesino.

Councillor Benjamin further questioned Mr. Markesino on whether or not the County would be involved in any winter employment programs and was advised by Mr. Markesino that he was now working on the possibility of either an eight-week program or a fifty-two week program. He advised further that he would definitely be hoping to employ a Tourism Co-ordinator as there have been many requests for such a person and he advised that he would also be submitting a separate Tourism Budget this year. He stated that funds for Tourism have previously been taken from the Recreation Budget and it was his feeling that a Tourism Budget was needed if the County wished to go into Tourism on a larger scale.

Councillor Williams thanked Mr. Markesino on behalf of the Prospect Road Elementary School for the assistance received from Mr. Markesino's Department in getting the grass cut at this school.

Councillor MacKay, also, added his appreciation for Mr. Markesino's past assistance in improvements and maintenance on County-Owned lands.

Warden Lawrence advised that the issue of Parkland Maintenance had been discussed at the first meeting of the Urban Services Committee which had taken place on September 14, 1981 and advised that this Committee was looking at upgrading the budget to include Parkland Maintenance.

Mr. Markesino retired from the meeting.

Mr. Ken Wilson, Director of Finance

Contained in the Agenda was a report prepared by Mr. Wilson which commented on Financial Information for the eight months ended August 31, 1981. (See report for Detail and Clarification)

This report went into detail on Revenue and Expenditure and gave an update on all budgets as well as an analysis of certain assets and liabilities. Several tables were attached to the information which provided accurate figures relating to the above mentioned financial information.

Mr. Wilson advised that the eight-month report had not yet gone before Management Committee but that he had brought it forward today so that its approval would not be delayed.

Mr. Wilson reviewed the report with Council advising that Revenue, especially in the area of deed transfer tax, looks favorable and expenditures seemed to be holding their own, but the Municipality was going slightly over on some of the budgets due to the fact that they were so tight.

Subsequent to Mr. Wilson's explanation of the Financial Information to date there were no questions from Council in that regard.

Mr. Wilson then went on to read to Council a letter he had written to the Director of Advisory Services, Municipal Affairs pertaining to the availability of funds for one year at a rate of 4/10 of 1% below the Bank of Nova Scotia's prime lending rate. This letter had been initiated by a letter Mr. Wilson had received from Mr. Ed Cramm, the Secretary of the Municipal Finance Corporation.

The funds in question would be for projects which would be eligible for long-term funding; however, there were no long-term funds available at present.

The letter from Mr. Cramm indicated that the Nova Scotia Municipal Finance Corporation has arranged to provide this short-term financing for a period of up to one year for eligible projects while awaiting long-term funding.

Therefore, in his letter to the Director of Advisory Services, Mr. Wilson, applied, on behalf of the Municipality, for \$14,000,000.00 for a one year debenture for schools that are completed and occupied. (or will be by Sept. 1, 1981) Mr. Wilson advised that \$7,800,000.00 of this amount pertains to special loans which the Municipality has with the Royal Bank of Canada on a five-year term and which can be terminated on three days notice, without penalty. The remaining \$6,200,000.00 pertains to some of these same schools and additional schools that are now completed.

Mr. Wilson suggested that repayment be incorporated in the debenture issue of 1/40, \$350,000.00, every six months.

Mr. Wilson requested that Council approve the transfer of the \$14,000,000.00 from Temporary Borrowing to One-Year-Borrowing under the above mentioned terms which would in turn save the Province \$56,000.00.

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

"THAT Council approve the transfer of funds in the amount of \$14,000,000.00 from Temporary Borrowing to the One-Year Borrowing plan as specified and recommended by Mr. Wilson, Director of Finance."

Motion Carried.

Mr. Wilson also introduced the subject of property tax collections advising that reminders have gone out on overdue accounts and that some response has been received. However, he advised that if a more substantial response is not received by the end of September, his department would then consider increasing the interest rates on overdue property taxes.

He advised in response to a question from Councillor Margeson, that the present interest rate on overdue tax accounts was 13%.

Councillor Lichter requested that, if and when a recommendation comes back to Council in this regard, Mr. Wilson provide a breakdown to determine who should have the higher rate levied on them.

In regard to Mr. Wilson's comments on the financial information to August 31, 1981, Councillor Topple noticed: "No grants in lieu of taxes had been received from the Federal Government for 1981". He questioned whether this was normal.

Mr. Wilson advised that it was not normal but that the Federal Government had alleged that the Postal Strike had some bearing on the delivery of grants in lieu of taxes. However, both Councillor Topple and Mr. Wilson agreed there were other methods of transferring funds.

This issue was not commented on further.

Deputy Warden Deveaux voiced his appreciation for the fact that Mr. Wilson had worked long and hard on the Budget even to the point of delaying his vacation and he wished him well on his vacation which was to begin September 16.

Mr. Wilson retired from the Meeting.

ADDITION TO THE AGENDA - SCHOOL AREA RATES

Councillor Poirier requested some direction about handling enquiries regarding School Area Rates at her upcoming Annual Ratepayers Meeting, September 21, 1981.

This initiated a great deal of discussion in regard to the School Area Rate issue and in particular to Mr. Cragg's proposed meeting with officials and solicitors of the appropriate government departments in regard to this issue.

Mr. Cragg advised that the earliest date possible for this meeting would be October 7th. However, it was determined by Council that this would not be of assistance at the upcoming Annual Ratepayers Meetings.

Councillor Wiseman suggested that the Councillors allow the rate to be set with the understanding that it may not be approved by Council due to the problems that have arisen this year and dependent upon the outcome of the solicitor's meeting.

Councillor Topple spoke in opposition to this suggestion advising that it would confuse the tax payers.

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

"THAT the Solicitor be requested to draft up an interpretation of his views of the Education Act as it pertains to School Area Rates in order to provide some guidance for Councillors when faced with this issue at their Annual Ratepayers Meetings."
Motion Carried.

The Solicitor agreed this would be useful to the Councillors but advised that the whole purpose of his meeting was to determine the correct "Legal" opinion and not his own opinion.

DIRECTOR OF DEVELOPMENT REPORT

This report was included in the agenda for information only and it initiated no comment from Council.

SUPPLEMENTARY PLANNING ADVISORY COMMITTEE REPORT

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

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

Rezoning Application # 9-81

In accordance with the recommendation of the Planning Advisory Committee:

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

"THAT a Public Hearing be held October 5, 1981 at 7:00 P.M. in the Municipal Council Chambers to deal with Rezoning Application # 9-81, request to rezone lands of Gladys MacConnell on Rocky Lake Drive at Waverley, Halifax County, from R-4 Zone to C-1 Zone, District 14."
Motion Carried.

Rezoning Application #14-81

In accordance with the recommendation of the Planning Advisory Committee:

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

"THAT a Public Hearing be held October 5, 1981 at 7:00 P.M. in the Municipal Council Chambers to deal with Rezoning Application #14-81, a request to zone Big Acres Subdivision located on the Acres Road and Birchwood Drive, Williamswood, Halifax County, from an unzoned status to an R-2 Zone, District 5."
Motion Carried.

BUILDING INSPECTORS REPORT

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

"THAT the Building Inspectors Report be received and the application contained therein for lesser side yard clearance of 6.1', Lot K2B, George Khun Subdivision, Cole Harbour, applicant Terrance Mosher be approved and the application for lesser setback on Lot 39, Carter and Roman Subdivisions, Lawrenctown, applicant Gary Henbrey be deferred until the following Council Session."
Motion Carried.

MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE REPORT

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

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

Union Agreement, CUPE Local 1083

The Committee received terms of an agreement with CUPE Local 1083, County Outside Workers. A copy of the terms of the Agreement were included in the agenda for Council's information (Please see agenda for any additional clarification required).

The Committee recommended to Council that the agreement with CUPE Local 1083 respecting wages and mileage be approved.

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

"THAT the Agreement with CUPE Local 1083 as specified and recommended by Staff be approved."
Motion Carried.

Prior to the approval of the motion, Councillor Lichter was supplied with clarification in regard to the Sewer Stand-By Maintenance Personnel increase to \$100 per week. Mr. Meech advised the Councillor that the previous rate for stand-by service had been \$48 and that one person only was on stand-by for a period of one week. If this person was called in he would receive, in addition to the stand-by pay, time and a half wages for his services. Mr. Meech assured Councillor Lichter that by present-day standards the new rate was quite reasonable.

POLICY COMMITTEE REPORT

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

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

The Anti-Dumping By-Law

Mr. Meech outlined the Policy Committee Report advising that when the By-Law was brought to the Policy Committee, it had been suggested that some regulation on the amount of time before pick-up, garbage can be put out. However, upon the recommendation of Solicitor Gragg, Mr. Meech requested that Council approve the By-Law now and that an amendment regarding the time limit could be added later.

Subsequent to discussion:

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

"THAT the Anti-Dumping By-Law be approved by Municipal Council."
Motion Carried.

SUPPLEMENTARY POLICY COMMITTEE REPORT

It was moved by Councillor Wiseman seconded by Councillor Gaetz:

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

Negotiations, Town of Bedford, District School Board Status

Mr. Meech had prepared a memo to the Warden and Members of Council which provided an update on the progress of the negotiations between the Municipality and the Town of Bedford in regard to the proposed District School Board Status.

He advised that although the Municipality had indicated its willingness to enter into School Board Status with the Town of Bedford; the Town itself had taken no position on the issue.

It was, therefore, decided that the crucial issue would be the financial arrangements between the two Municipalities with respect to the funding of the District School Board.

Mr. Meech explained that subsequent to the Province picking up the education costs, as specified in the Walker Commission Report, there would still be an excess of \$12,000,000.00 to be paid by the District School Board. The joint meeting discussed the following alternate methods of cost-sharing:

1. Pay on the Basis of Student Population: this would mean that the Municipality would pay 95% of the cost and the Town of Bedford would pay 5%.
2. Pay on the Basis of Assessment (Ability to Pay): this would mean that the Municipality would pay 90.2% of the cost and the Town of Bedford would pay 9.8%.

Mr. Meech further advised that of the \$400.00 mandatory contribution per student, the Municipality's ability to pay was 43%, while Bedford's ability to pay was 100%.

At the joint meeting a concensus was reached on alternative # 1. If adopted, by both Councils, the effect of this cost-sharing formula would result in the costs of the School Board being shared on the Basis of Assessment for the mandatory contribution and for the unrecognized costs, the charge to each Municipal Unit would be on the Basis of Student Units or per student cost.

The group also discussed the School Board composition but no conclusion was reached in this regard. However, both parties agreed to give the issue further consideration with a view to holding a future meeting on that subject.

There was a great deal of discussion in regard to this cost-sharing issue. During the discussion it was pointed out that the Province would be proposing another cost-sharing formula by the end of September. Mr. Meech advised that when the new formula is proposed it may impact and change the situation.

Councillor Lichter, therefore, felt that the Municipality would be premature in approving of the recommendation at this point. He recommended that the Municipality wait until the new formula comes out before making a committment. As well, he was concerned about the amount of staff that would be required by the District School Board. The Councillor advised that he would be prepared to vote against a motion to approve the recommendation of the Policy Committee.

Mr. Meech advised that the new formula would probably have the same, or better, figures than the present cost-sharing formula. In addition Warden Lawrence advised that the new formula would be reviewed annually.

This issue was debated at length as well as whether or not the Municipality would be able to attain District School Board Status without Bedford. Mr. Meech felt that the Municipality could be a District School Board on its own and advised that if Bedford did decline the Municipality's logical position would be to request the District School Board Status immediately.

Subsequent to further discussion:

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

"THAT the recommendation resulting from the Joint Meeting between the Halifax County Council's Policy Committee and the Town of Bedford Officials, "that cost-sharing in the District School Board be based on student population", be approved "in Principle" by Municipal Council, subject to annual review of the formula."
Motion Carried.

Heritage Canada Annual Conference

The Policy Committee was requested to consider assisting toward registration fees for those attending the Heritage Canada Annual Conference to be held in Halifax this year and also to consider that the Municipality be represented from local members of Natural Societies, such as Fultz House, the Heritage Society, or other Historical Societies.

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

"THAT four representatives from the Heritage, Fultz House, or other Historical Societies, attend the Heritage Canada Annual Conference to be held in Halifax this year and that one-half of their registration fee (\$75.00) be paid by the Municipality."
Motion Carried.

Subsequent to the passing of the motion, Councillor Benjamin voiced his concern as to who the representatives would be. This matter was discussed and it was determined that the representatives would be chosen, based on area representation, from a checklist of Historical Societies provided by Mr. Robertson of the Planning Department.

NEW BUSINESSElection of Councillor, District # 7, Cole Harbour - Mr. Kelly

A memo from Mr. Kelly was distributed to the Warden and members of Council advising, that nomination day for election of the Councillor for District 7, Cole Harbour was September 14, 1981.

Only one candidate had filed nomination papers for Councillor and he was, therefore, elected by acclamation. The new Councillor is Harold McInroy who will be sworn into office at the October 6, 1981 session.

This item was for information only.

Fencing Around Swimming Pools - Councillor Williams

Councillor Williams re-introduced an item, previously discussed, in regard to fencing around swimming pools.

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

"THAT an amendment to the Building By-Law be drafted and submitted to Council enforcing fencing around open swimming pools, to provide protection to the public."
Motion Carried.

This motion initiated a great deal of discussion and confusion in regard to whether the motion applied to In-Ground or Above-Ground Pools.

Councillors Poirier and MacKay felt that the motion would be fair if applied to In-Ground pools but that it would be an unnecessary expense for those persons of modest means who chose the Above-Ground alternative. Councillor Mackay further advised that it was a prerequisite of most Insurance Companies that a fence be erected around a swimming pool or that the pool at least be lighted at night.

Mr. Meech advised that a report would come back to Council on the subject at which time it could be reviewed.

Councillor Topple spoke in support of the motion.

School Bus Driver Training - Councillor Benjamin

Councillor Benjamin expressed his concern in regard to School Bus Driver Training and advised that in District 14 there have been several hazardous near accidents. He advised that School Bus Drivers receive only one day of training and he felt this was not sufficient. Councillor Benjamin further advised that there was a school in Debert area for this purpose of Training School Bus Drivers. He would like to see the School Board implement a new "On The Job Driver Training Program in Halifax County rather than sending the new Drivers away to Debert. He also felt that stronger Provincial Traffic Rules pertaining to School Bus Driving should be implemented.

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

"THAT the School Board consider implementing a more effective "On The Job" School Bus Driver Training Program for School Bus Drivers."

Motion Carried.

Prior to the passing of the motion, Councillor Wiseman advised that there already was a stringent on the Job Driver Training Program, whereby new Drivers go out with the Supervisor and-or Head Bus Driver for a day or so. She further advised that it is impossible to fully eliminate human frailty in making errors.

RCMP Policing - School Zones

Councillor Margeson questioned whether it would be possible to request the RCMP to patrol School Zones in a Ghost Car to ensure that there are no traffic violations in these zones which could endanger the safety of School Children.

However, Warden Lawrence advised the Councillor that the RCMP already put special emphasis on School Zones at the present time.

Cross Walk Guards -Councillor Topple

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

"THAT the Management Committee examine the possibility of the School Board providing and paying for Cross Walk Attendants."
Motion Carried.