

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

"THAT Mrs. Retta Mattinson, Sackville, be appointed as one of the representatives on the Halifax County West Housing Authority."
Motion Carried.

Councillor Walker suggested that the Hubbards representative be appointed at a future session of Council which would enable him to contact a few people in his area to see if they would be interested in being a member of this Authority.

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

"THAT Council defer the appointment of the Hubbards area representative to serve on the Halifax County West Housing Authority."
Motion Carried.

FORMER UPPER TANTALLON SCHOOL PROPERTY

Mr. Meech advised that the Policy Committee had received a request from Lloyd Gillis, Superintendent, Municipal School Board, to have the Upper Tantallon Elementary School building which was declared surplus in July, 1980, retained for the use of the Municipal School Board for special education purposes. The Policy Committee recommended that the Upper Tantallon school property be returned to the Municipal School Board.

Councillor Topple expressed concern as to the term "special education". He felt that this could mean a wide variety of things.

Councillor Wiseman explained that this term deals specifically with education of the mentally and physically handicapped.

Councillor Topple felt that the School Board should be asked for clarification on this term.

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

"THAT the School Board and the Department of Education be requested to clarify the meaning of the term "special education".
Motion Carried.

Councillor Wiseman wished to be recorded as being opposed to this Motion.

COMMISSION OF INQUIRY - REPRESENTATION ON METRO AUTHORITY AND METRO TRANSIT COMMISSION

Mr. Meech advised that the Policy Committee had discussed the appointment of a Commission in Inquiry to examine and recommend representation on the Metro Authority and Metro Transit Commission. The Deputy Minister of Municipal Affairs had forwarded a letter respecting the appointment and terms of reference for a Commission of Inquiry.

the proposed Commission.

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

"THAT this item be deferred until the next session of Council."
Motion Carried.

SUPPLEMENTARY POLICY REPORT

URBAN SERVICES COMMITTEE

Mr. Meech advised that the Policy Committee had received an amendment to the Committees and Boards By-Law respecting the creation of the "Urban Services Committee". This amendment outlined the composition and purpose of this Committee. The Policy Committee recommended approval of this amendment.

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

"THAT the amendment to the Committees and Boards By-Law, re Urban Services Committee, be deferred to the next session."
Motion Carried.

MEETING WITH MINISTER OF HEALTH - OCTOBER 13, 1981

Mr. Meech pointed out that as an information item, the Policy Committee will be meeting with the Minister of Health to discuss water problems experienced in areas of the County due to uranium and arsenic contamination. This meeting will be held at the Minister's Office, Joseph Howe Building, on October 13th at 2:00p.m. An invitation is extended to all interested Councillors.

MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE REPORT

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

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

Mr. Meech advised that the following Renewal Borrowing Resolutions were approved by the Management Committee:

80-3	Water - Lakeside-Timberlea	\$1,700,000	
80-2	Sewer - Lakeside-Timberlea	\$2,600,000	
80-1	Schools- A. J. Smeltzer	\$ 200,000	
	Beaverbank Jr. High	\$3,100,000	
	Beaverbank Elementary	\$1,900,000	\$5,200,000
80-1	Schools Hillside Park	\$1,200,000	
	Dutch Settlement	\$ 943,393.16	\$ 2,143,393.16

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

"THAT approval be given to the renewal of temporary borrowing resolution 80-3 - water - Lakeside-Timberlea in the amount of \$1,700,000."

Motion Carried.

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

"THAT approval be given to the renewal of temporary borrowing resolution 80-2 - sewer - Lakeside-Timberlea in the amount of \$2,600,000."

Motion Carried.

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

"THAT approval be given to renewal of temporary borrowing resolution 80-1 - A. J. Smeltzer (\$200,000); Beaverbank Junior High (\$3,100,000); Beaverbank Elementary (\$1,900,000) for a total amount of \$5,200,000."

Motion Carried.

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

"THAT approval be given to the renewal of temporary borrowing resolution 80-1 - Schools - Hillside Park (\$1,200,000) and Dutch Settlement (\$943,393.16) for a total amount of \$2,143,393.16."

Motion Carried.

Mr. Meech advised that the following Temporary Borrowing Resolutions approved by Management Committee require final approval by Council for the proposed capital projects:

81-1 Decant Pollution Control Tank, Eastern Passage - \$160,000

81-1 Elkins Barracks Sewage System, Eastern Passage - \$100,000

81-2 Extension of Water Mains, Westphal - \$200,000.

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

"THAT temporary borrowing resolution 81-1 - Decant Pollution Control Tank, Eastern Passage, in the amount of \$160,000. be approved."

Motion Carried.

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

"THAT temporary borrowing resolution 81-1 - Elkins Barracks Sewage System, Easter Passage, in the amount of \$100,000. be approved."

Motion Carried.

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

"THAT temporary borrowing resolution 81-2, Extension of Water Mains, Westphal in the amount of \$200,000 be approved."
Motion Carried.

APPLICATION FOR PROPERTY TAX REDUCTION

The Council was informed that the Management Committee had received applications from the following organizations respecting property tax reduction:

Masonic Hall, Port Dufferin
Ocean Glen Society, East Dover
Riverview Community Centre, Sackville

The recommendation of the Management Committee with respect to these applications for property tax reduction was that each receive a reduction from the Commercial Tax Rate to the Residential Tax Rate.

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

"THAT the following organizations receive a reduction in their 1981 taxes from the Commercial Tax Rate to the Residential Tax Rate: Masonic Hall, Port Dufferin; Ocean Glen Society, East Dover and the Riverview Community Centre, Sackville."
Motion Carried.

DUTCH SETTLEMENT SCHOOL ADDITION

The Management Committee received a letter from the Department of Education which contained a report from the Department of Health with respect to the water supply for the school. Due to an inadequate water supply at the school, potable water will have to be trucked in and pond water will be used for the flushing of toilets and washing purposes.

The Management Committee Report advised that the members of the Committee shared the concerns of the Department of Health.

The Management Committee recommended that the architect be authorized to proceed with final plans and specifications for the construction of the Dutch Settlement School Addition.

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

"THAT this item dealing with the Dutch Settlement School be deferred until the October 20th session at which time the area Councillor would be in attendance."

Councillor Margeson stated that he felt Councillor Lichter would be very happy to have Council approve this item today. He further advised that he would be prepared to make a motion to this effect if Councillors Topple and Gaetz were prepared to withdraw their motion.

Councillor Topple and Councillor Gaetz agreed to withdraw their motion of deferral.

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

"THAT Council endorse the Management Committee's recommendation to have the architect proceed to prepare the final plans and specifications relative to the Dutch Settlement School Addition."
Motion Carried.

Councillor McCabe reminded Mr. Meech that he should contact the Department of Education to determine where the approvals are for the renovations and addition to the Musquodoboit Rural High School.

ADJOURNMENT

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

"THAT the Council meeting adjourn."
Motion Carried.

Council adjourned at 3:34 p.m.

REGULAR COUNCIL SESSION

OCTOBER 20, 1981

PRESENT WERE: Deputy Warden Deveaux, Chairman
Councillor Walker
Councillor Poirier
Councillor Williams
Councillor Baker
Councillor McInroy
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. G. J. Kelly, Municipal Clerk
Mr. Robert Cragg, Municipal Solicitor
Chief Bob Moody, Herring Cove Fire Department
Lieutenant Bill Flemming, Herring Cove Fire Dept.
Captain Ron Merrick, Herring Cove Fire Dept.
Mr. Ed Mason, Director of Social Services
Mr. Keith Birch, Chief of Planning and Development
Ms. Judy Manchester, Municipal School Board
Mr. R. W. Oxner, C.R.T.C.
Mr. G. A. Gillespie, P. Eng., Astik Enterprises Ltd.

SECRETARY: Christine Harvey

OPENING OF COUNCIL - THE LORD'S PRAYER

Deputy Warden Deveaux brought the Council Session to order 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 Gaetz, seconded by Councillor Eisenhauer:

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

PRESENTATION BY HERRING COVE FIRE DEPARTMENT

There were three members of the Herring Cove Volunteer Fire Department present in the Gallery who, at this time, came forward to make a presentation to Council on "Fire Prevention". These members were; Chief Bob Moody, Lieutenant Bill Flemming, and Captain Ron Merrick.

The presentation given by these members of the Herring Cove Fire Department outlined the various aspects of the Volunteer Fire Service and the financial problems involved in such a service. Mr. Flemming then described to Council the service provided to area residents subsequent to vehicle accidents etc., and the related first-aid and ambulance service they provide.

Chief Moody went into detail on the three "E's" of Fire Fighting and Prevention.

These were:

1. Engineering (Bldg. Design, etc.)
2. Enforcement (Correction of Problems)
3. Education

During the course of the lengthy presentation given by the Department, it was explained to Council that Education was considered one of the most important factors of Fire Prevention and control. It was indicated that most of the Education is directed at School Children in the Elementary to Grade Six levels, as these are the most receptive people to the Education of Fire Preventative Measures and the Education was then generally extended to adults through their children.

One important factor in fire prevention was the provision of a smoke detector in every home and more importantly the maintenance of the smoke detector which is, unfortunately, often overlooked.

Chief Moody then outlined the four major projects undertaken by the Department last Year.

These were:

1. Fire Prevention Presentation in Schools.
2. Preventative and Escape Presentations with Groups such as Girl Guides in which the children were encouraged to participate.
3. Hand delivered newsletters to Groups and Organizations with pertinent Fire Protection and Prevention Methods enclosed.
4. An open house in the Department in which literature was distributed and people were familiarized with equipment, etc.

Chief Moody explained that much of what was explained in these programs were rescue and escape techniques, the use of fire extinguishers and demonstrations in parking lots, etc.

The final segment of the presentation by the Department was an outline and explanation of the projects being undertaken by the Department this year.

- These were:
1. Baby Sitting Programs in Elementary Schools at the Grade Six Level.
 2. Fire Prevention Poster Contest, which was a huge success with a large response rate. (In this contest children were to do the actual art work themselves but the parents were encouraged to participate in the project to the extent of the wording of slogans, etc.)
 3. There was a Fire Prevention program initiated with Burger King Restaurants Ltd., which was very successful.
 4. Since this is the year of the disabled, a new sticker was developed signifying that an invalid or otherwise disabled person resides inside the home.
 5. Flyers were again sent out to Residents of the immediate area served by the Department.
 6. Family Home Safety packages were distributed containing information pertinent to Fire Safety and Prevention with information of interest to all age groups within the family and including a telephone sticker with the number of the Department etc., as well as a blank sheet intended for use as an escape route plan. (This entire package was processed and distributed at a cost of between \$0.07 and \$0.10 cents per package.)
 7. Fire Prevention Planning of Major Community Structures including all the pertinent information of each structure both reducing fire hazard and the Department's response time and time in extinguishing a Fire in that structure.
 8. In regard to Schools, escape routes were developed and practiced both with principals and students of the Schools.

Subsequent to this very excellent presentation, several Councillors expressed some concern that the Education of Fire Hazard Prevention was aimed mainly at school-aged children, feeling that the adult was somewhat left in the dark. However, the Councillors were reminded that adults are somewhat less responsive to training and education of this nature and that they were more adequately reached in that respect, through their children.

Council expressed its gratitude for the presentation by the Department and congratulated the Department on winning a National Award in 1981 for Fire Prevention.

Special Thanks and Congratulations were given by Councillor Baker, as this Department was located in his District.

The Councillor also informed the Chief, Lieutenant and Captain of the Department that he had received a commitment from the Lions Club for \$1,500 this year to be distributed between the two Departments in the District.

Councillor MacKay questioned the members of the Department in regard to the lack of trained men available on a 9 to 5 basis during the day and was advised that the Department has set up a new program of recruiting people who live very near to the Department to expedite the response time on calls and as well informed the Councillor that they now have a policy with Ampitrol Services through who all calls go and are answered immediately any time of the day or night.

Subsequent to these final discussions, the Department Officials expressed their appreciation for their elected representative and indicated their willingness to come before Council again, at any time, for further presentations, or requests of any nature.

Again they were thanked by Council for their fine presentation, subsequent to which all three representatives retired from the meeting.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

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

"THAT the minutes of the August 18, 1981 Regular Council Session be approved by Municipal Council."
Motion Carried.

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

"THAT the minutes of the October 6, Regular Council Session be approved as amended."
Motion Carried.

It was agreed by council that approval of the minutes of the September 28, 1981 and October 5, 1981 Public Hearing be deferred until the next council Session.

MEETING WITH R. W. OXNER, DIRECTOR GENERAL ATLANTIC REGION, CRTC

Mr. Oxner, Director of the General Atlantic Region of C.R.T.C. spoke at length outlining applications he had received from several Companies to extend cable facilities to the outlying areas of Halifax County which either do not receive service at the present or who receive bad services.

He advised that on March 13, 1981 the Commission received an application in connection with the Canadian Satellite Cable Package. The Commission granted approval of this Package for four T.V. signals and eight radio signals which were requested. Mr. Oxner then advised that later in the year the Commission invited applications for remote districts. In response over 1000 applications were received, not all of them concerned only with Halifax County.

Dartmouth Cable T.V. have offered to extend their package to Lake Majors, Porters Lake, Musquodoboit and Chezzetcook by cable. Also the Commission has received an application to implement the Satellite Package from a Group of Chezzetcook people who would take the signals to Musquodoboit, Chezzetcook, and Porters Lake. Mr. Oxner advised that there would be a Hearing held in this regard November 23, 1981. He also advised that the notices of the Hearing would be out by Thursday, October 22, 1981.

In addition to this, there have been four applications received for the St. Margarets Bay area:

1. Halifax Cablevision, who wish to extend their service via microwave to Hubbards then over air to Peggy's Cove to Chester.
2. Application has been received from the Canadian Satellite package to extend service to the St. Margarets Bay area and surrounding areas.
3. There have been two applications by A.T.V. which have been filed with the Commission now; one is for a rebroadcasting station at Marianne and one for a rebroadcasting station at Sheet Harbour. (These two applications have not been completed to the extent that they will be heard at the upcoming Public Hearing, November 23rd.)

The applications will be heard some time after that date.

Mr. Oxner advised that there are other areas where the Commission have been receiving complaints; in the area from Enfield to Shubenacadie. The Commission has been leaning heavily on an applicant by the name of Terry Power and it has been determined from discussions with him that the service will start before the November Hearing.

Mr. Oxner then advised Council that there were three more applications for new independent T.V. stations to serve Halifax-Dartmouth-Bedford area.

1. New Brunswick Broadcasting Corporation.
2. Arnie Patterson, President of CFDR Radio.
3. ATV for a rebroadcasting station to rebroadcast recently approved ATV programs. This was approved back in March and would provide 20% Educational Programs. In granting this license the Commission indicated that this company was not to solicit advertising in the Halifax-Dartmouth area or to go onto Halifax-Dartmouth Cable systems until other applications have been dealt with.

This completed Mr. Oxner's presentation, subsequent to which many Council members questioned him in regard to the service in their districts, or lack of this service, and the quality of the service received as well as the length of time it should take to receive service in the outlying districts of the County.

Mr. Oxner advised that, the CRTC encourages companies to extend their cable services to the far reaches of the County but that it cannot force them to do so. He pointed out that it would be of no advantage to put service in an area where it did not pay the cable companies to extend it that far, then to have that company go bankrupt and the residents of the area to subsequently miss what service they had been receiving.

It was determined that part of the criteria for cable service is water and sewer services, although lack of water and sewer would not necessarily mean that cable cannot go into an area. It is just a means of gaging how many homes there are per mile to pay for such a service. If an area does not have water and sewer but the CRTC determines that it would be financially feasible for cable to extend that far it can do so and cable companies would definitely be encouraged to implement their service in those areas.

It was also determined that increases in cable rates are granted and have been granted in order that service can be extended further into the County. He advised that as a result of previous increases the service has been slowly extending and increasing in some areas and that due to a more recent increase it will continue to do so.

He gave Council his assurance that he would certainly do all that he could to expedite the installation of cable services where it is feasible to do so.

Councillor Adams expressed his appreciation for the fact that cable service would very soon be implemented in the Preston area.

In regard to the bad signal received from some American stations, Mr. Oxner advised that this did have a great deal to do with atmospheric conditions and advised that once Satellite Cable Service has been implemented picture and sound quality will be improved.

Subsequent to further clarifications given to individual Councillors with respect to when service could be expected in their areas, the Deputy Warden thanked Mr. Oxner, on behalf of Council, for his appearance and presentation before Council.

Mr. Oxner, then retired from the meeting.

LETTERS AND CORRESPONDENCE

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

"THAT the letters and correspondence be received."
Motion Carried.

Musquodoboit Central Home and School Association

A letter had been received from the Musquodoboit Central Home and School Association expressing their concern in regard to the increasing crime rate in that area and indicating a need for increased RCMP Policing. (Please see letter included in agenda for detail and clarification).

Subsequent to brief discussion of this item:

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

"THAT Municipal Council write to the Hon. Harry Howe, Attorney General for the Province of Nova Scotia, indicating its support for the letter, a copy of which was also sent to the Attorney General, in respect to the need for increased RCMP Policing in the Musquodoboit area and as well that a copy of the petition signed by a large number of the area residents be included with the letter, copies of which should be sent to the Hon. Ken Streach, Minister of Labour & MLA and Councillor Lichter."
Motion Carried.

Councillor Benjamin indicated that a letter had been sent from the Hon. Ken Streach to Attorney General Harry Howe, also in support of the letter written by Mrs. Dana Parker of the Musquodoboit Central Home and School Association. Councillor Benjamin wished to table this letter with Council and therefore read its contents to the Council members.

Councillor Margeson, at this time, indicated that Musquodoboit was only one of the many areas of the County in which there was a significant increase in the crime rate.

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

"THAT an additional letter be written to the Attorney General requesting a report on the development of a Volunteer Crime Prevention Service in Nova Scotia, and in particular, Halifax County."
Motion Carried.

Councillor Benjamin advised Council that a request had been sent to the Planning and Development Department to distribute detailed maps of the areas from Districts 14 to 20 which would aide in Crime Prevention. He indicated that the Planning Department was progressing well with this request and would soon be distributing the maps.

Metropolitan Transit Commission

A letter had been received from Mr. McKim of MTC advising that they have received the Municipality's request for an extension of transit service to include Village Road in Herring Cove and advising that this request had been tabled at the Oct. 5, 1981 meeting of MTC. The letter also advised that MTC Staff were in the process of assessing this route adjustment in regard to distance and time factors and a report will be received by the Commission at its next meeting.

This letter was included in the agenda for information only.

MEETING WITH DEPARTMENT HEADS

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

"THAT the Reports of the Department Heads be received."
Motion Carried.

Mr. Ed. Mason, Director of Social Services

Mr. Mason then answered Council's questions pertaining to his report. (Please see Report in Agenda for detail and Clarification).

Many Councillors were concerned that there were many able-bodied persons on the Caseload who could perhaps find work through the County doing labour and maintenance types of work. Councillor Margeson initiated this discussion by advising that many persons have come to him asking whether it would be possible to employ these persons. He felt that a recommendation should be made to the Provincial or Federal levels of Government in this respect.

Mr. Mason agreed that this was a valid suggestion.

Councillor Smith suggested that these people be employed in the County's summer Recreation Programs in which so many young people are now employed. She felt the able-bodied persons on the Social Services Caseload should be encouraged to do this work. This, in her opinion, would be a better method of spending the Social Services budget, in paying for work done, rather than paying for no work done.

Mr. Mason was questioned by several Councillors as to whether he felt the Social Services system was being taken advantage of. Mr. Mason advised them, that no system is perfect and invariably, there will be some persons who can find a way to outsmart the system. However, he was fairly confident that very little County money was being lost in this manner, feeling his Department had good control over such situations.

Mr. Meech indicated his agreement with many Council members when Federal and Provincial Grants are made available for work programs the able-bodied Caseload Worker should be employed wherever possible and advised that in many cases this is already a practice.

Mr. Mason also pointed out to Council that many of the able-bodied individuals on Social Services are not well-educated having little or no training and therefore, when they are looking for work, they are the last hired and the first whose employment is terminated near the end of a program. He also felt that most of these persons would much rather work than live on Social Assistance, mainly because while working they generally have more money in their pockets, although he admitted that there are a select few who would rather not work.

This line of discussion was continued for some time, resulting in the following:

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

"THAT the Policy Committee examine the existing Social Services Policy and consider establishing a policy to provide a change in the allocation of Social Services funds as it relates to able-bodied unemployed Social Services Caseload, possibly employing these individuals in community related projects, thus benefitting the community, the taxpayer and the individual."

This motion was discussed at great length; Mr. Mason advised that he felt it may be a contravention of Provincial Regulations and if a new Policy were formulated it would have to be done in consultation with Federal and Provincial Representatives of the Department of Social Services. Mr. Mason also advised Councillor Walker, that if the Municipality was providing work for these individuals, they would have to pay them a salary, which would not be a simple matter of transferring funds.

Councillor Benjamin advised that this suggested program has been implemented in other parts of the Country. He felt that Mr. Meech and-or Mr. Mason should obtain information on how it is working out in the other areas, in which it is implemented, prepare a short report, to be presented to the Policy Committee and then determine if it is a feasible program for Halifax County.

Councillor Williams spoke briefly on this issue advising that there are very strict regulations which have to be met and "PSA" cases go through rigid examination in order to receive Provincial Assistance. It was his belief that these people should not be again questioned and have their cases re-examined at the Municipal level. He indicated his strong opinion that the Province should take full responsibility for these cases.

In regard to Mr. Mason's indication that able-bodied caseload would rather have jobs than be on Social Assistance, Councillor Gaetz agreed this was so, as long as the job was to their liking. Mr. Mason was not entirely in agreement with this statement and much discussion ensued regarding the efforts of Canada Manpower Services to employ such persons.

Councillor Margeson voiced his concern that persons who are receiving "PSA" assistance are unable to accept small week to week or month to month employment for fear of losing their "PSA" benefits. He indicated that several such persons have expressed a desire to take such work but due to the "PSA" regulations, are unable to do so.

Councillor MacKenzie indicated his opinion that anyone applying for a disability pension should have to be examined by two Doctors, as it was his feeling that it was too easy to receive such benefits.

Subsequent to general discussion along these lines,:

The motion:

Moved by Councillor Walker, seconded by Councillor Smith:

"As previously written."
Motion Carried.

Subsequent to the passing of the motion Councillor Williams questioned Mr. Mason as to unmarried persons eligibility for Social Assistance benefits. It had apparently been indicated to him by one such person, who had been turned down for Social Assistance on those grounds, that it was not possible for an unmarried person to receive assistance.

Mr. Mason advised that any single person who has made an honest and sincere effort to find employment and cannot, may be eligible although there are many borderline cases of such applications. He indicated to the Councillor that an unmarried person would not receive a flat "NO" without at least some investigation into his-her circumstances.

Councillor Adams requested some clarification regarding persons either on strike or those locked-out due to a strike.

Mr. Mason indicated to him, that a striker who has voted for a strike is not eligible for Social Assistance. In the case of persons who voted against the strike but were outvoted they would have to be investigated as to their circumstances as well as a person who is locked-out and cannot cross a picket line to get to work. Each case would have to be individually evaluated.

Mr. Mason advised both Councillor Williams and Councillor Adams that he would be available to them at any time to discuss these respective cases.

At this point in the meeting it was decided to receive the Policy Committee Report so that the item in regard to Decentralization of the Social Services Department could be discussed while Mr. Mason was present.

POLICY COMMITTEE REPORT

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

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

Decentralization of the Social Services Department

Mr. Meech outlined the Report in regard to the Decentralization of the Social Services Department advising that at the August 18th Session of Council a recommendation for the Decentralization of the Social Services Department to Cole Harbour Place was deferred pending the examination of other potential sites. This deferral resulted from Council's concerns related to the proposed site posing problems for the disabled on the caseload due to the second floor accommodations as well as some concern respecting the adequacy of parking at the proposed site, which was at Cole Harbour Place.

Mr. Mason advised that Credit Foncier (landlord at Cole Harbour Place) are prepared to remedy the problem of accessibility to the disabled by utilizing a buzzer system that would alert a staff person should a disabled individual require service. Mr. Mason did note, however, that such a situation would be a rarity and has hardly ever occurred even though most of the accomodations of the Social Services Department, at present, are on the second floor. As well, elderly and disabled persons are usually visited in their homes. With respect to parking, Mr. Mason advised that Cole Harbour Place seems to offer adequate parking as Credit Foncier Trust have assigned five spaces for staff at the side of the building, and the frontage has space for up to eleven cars at any one time, not to mention the general space in the general area.

Mr. Meech then advised that as a result of further investigation of sites by Staff, only two additional sites were discovered, still close to the originally chosen site.

The proposals as they stand at the present time, including that of Credit Foncier Trust, are as follows:

1. Credit Foncier Trust - Cole Harbour Place

1211 Cole Harbour Road, Halifax Co., N.S.
 2,400 sq. ft. \$7.65 per sq. ft. Annual Cost - \$18,360.

2. Forbes Holding Ltd. - (Former Champs Restaurant)

950 Cole Harbour Road, Halifax Co., N.S.
 2,500 sq. ft. \$9.56 per sq. ft. Annual Cost - \$28,000.

3. Regency Management

1082 - 1084 Cole Harbour Road, Halifax Co., N.S.
 2,300 sq. ft. \$9.80 per sq. ft. Annual Cost - \$28,000

Proposal # 1 does not include utilities but does include janitorial services, while proposals 2 and 3 included neither utilities nor janitorial services.

Mr. Mason advised Council that the approval of one of the above proposals will eliminate the space now rented in the Rothman's Building and the annual rental of \$12,000 for that space.

Additional Annual Costs for the above submissions are as follows:

Additional annual costs for Submission # 1	\$ 6,360.00
Provincial Cost Sharing for Submission	4,960.00
Net additional cost to the Municipality	<u>\$ 1,400.00</u>
Additional annual costs for Submissions 2 and 3	\$ 16,000.00
Provincial cost sharing for submissions 2 and 3	<u>12,480.00</u>
Net Additional Cost to the Municipality	<u><u>\$ 3,520.00</u></u>

Based on the above information it was the recommendation of the Policy Committee that Council approve the execution of a rental agreement with Credit Foncier Trust, Cole Harbour Place, for a five year lease term; annual rental \$18,360.00.

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

"THAT the Municipality of the County of Halifax enter into a rental agreement with Credit Foncier, Cole Harbour Place, 1211 Cole Harbour Road, for a five-year lease term, with an annual rental rate of \$18,360.00."

In response to questioning from Councillor Walker, Mr. Mason advised that Cole Harbour was chosen because:

1. Recommendation of the Urban Study;
2. The Social Services Department feels that it can provide a better service to a significant portion of the Eastern Caseload;
3. The Department can decentralize to this location with minimal cost and minimal Staff disruption;
4. Also, subsequent to further investigation, as requested by Municipal Council, no other site could be found.

This motion was debated at length with the following Councillors speaking in opposition to it; Councillor Walker was opposed to it, on the basis of his opposition to the entire concept of decentralization; Councillor Poirier on the same basis and as well because she was opposed to it being on the Eastern side of the Harbour when the services were required just as badly on the Western side where transportation was more difficult; Councillor Smith was opposed to the suggested location, as she felt it would be difficult to get transportation to and from that location from the Musquodoboit areas; Councillor Mackenzie, as it was a recommendation of the Urban Study which he did not support; Councillor Williams who felt that the Municipality was expanding beyond its capabilities; Councillor Margeson indicated that a surplus school might be a better location and Councillor Lichter, though not opposed to the concept of decentralization, advised that when he had supported the concept at the Urban Area Study level, it had been on the basis of a one-year trial basis. He felt tying the Municipality into a five-year lease would not allow for the one-year trial.

Speakers in favour of the motion were Councillor MacKay, who advised that the residents only wanted the office as long as it was not just window dressing; Councillor Topple who was impressed with the saving of money with the Credit Foncier proposal and Councillor Benjamin who advised that the Council has already gone on record as supporting the concept of decentralization.

In accordance with Councillor Lichter's concern in regard to tying the Municipality into a five-year lease the mover and seconder of the motion agreed to alter their motion to include a three year lease. Mr. Mason felt, that due to the extensive renovations necessary at Cole Harbour Place, to allow the Municipality to move in, Credit Foncier would not be interested in any term less than that.

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

"THAT a Recorded Vote be taken on the motion."
Motion Carried.

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

"THAT the Municipality of the County of Halifax endeavour to enter into a three-year rental agreement with Credit Foncier Trust for space at Cole Harbour Place, 1211 Cole Harbour Road, with an annual rental rate of \$18,360.00 and that part of the Social Services Department decentralize to that location."
Motion Carried.

Councillors in Favour

Councillor Williams
Deputy Warden Deveaux
Councillor McInroy
Councillor Topple
Councillor Adams
Councillor Gaetz
Councillor MacKenzie
Councillor Benjamin
Councillor Margeson
Councillor MacKay
Councillor Eisenhauer
Councillor MacDonald
Councillor Baker
Councillor Wiseman

Councillors in Opposition

Councillor Walker
Councillor Poirier
Councillor Smith
Councillor Lichter

Subsequent to the above, Mr. Mason retired from the Council Session.

Deputy Warden Deveaux advised that Mr. Wdowiak would be unable to attend the Council Session due to illness.

ADJOURNMENT FOR SUPPER

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

"THAT Council adjourn for supper for one-half hour."
Motion Carried.

Therefore, Council adjourned for supper at 6:00 p.m. and reconvened at 6:30 P.M.

PETITION, RE: LEACOCK COURT

At this point in the Session, subsequent to the one-half hour adjournment for supper, Council agreed to move ahead item 15 on the Council agenda, as there were several residents in the Council Chambers who had an interest in this item.

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

"THAT the item in regard to Leacock Court be received for discussion."
Motion Carried.

Councillor McInroy commented briefly explaining the concerns of the residents in regard to an apartment building at 1109 Cole Harbour Road which presently exits vehicles onto the Cole Harbour Road.

Apparently the Developer, now wishes to create an additional exit off Leacock Court, to which the residents are objecting strongly. The Developer, however, in a letter just received this evening has declared that: "...I have approval from the Nova Scotia Housing Commission, The County of Halifax (Planning Approval Section) and the Department of Transportation for the entrance onto Leacock Court....The Subdivision plan was approved two years ago with this entrance from Leacock Court provided for at that time. It doesn't seem fair for the approximately twenty residents who may be affected to be allowed to suddenly change what has been carefully planned and approved."

Mr. McInroy went on to advise that another letter which had been received from Mrs. Marie Finley of 28 Leacock Court, Forest Hills, on behalf of herself and other residents of the area, and which had prompted the item to be brought to Council's attention via the PAC Committee, advised that the safety of the neighbourhood children was the major reason for opposition to the new driveway which will provide access for 30 cars to that apartment building.

Both pieces of correspondence were fully read to Council.

There was a great deal of discussion of this item, with Mr. Birch pointing out to Council that he did not believe the County had ever authorized any access onto Leacock Court and that the letter from Mr. Gillespie, the Developer, was in error. As well, there was a great deal of confusion as to whether or not approval had actually been given by the Nova Scotia Housing Commission or the Department of Transportation for any access to and from the apartment building for 60 or 90 cars other than from the Cole Harbour Road. It seemed to be the opinion of Mr. Birch that the entrance onto Leacock Court had never been approved by any of the parties mentioned in Mr. Gillespie's letter. Mr. Birch did, however, indicate that approval had been given by the Municipality for the entrance and exit of 90 vehicles to that apartment building from the Cole Harbour Road.

During discussions between Council and Mr. Birch it was determined that what the developer was asking for was the exit of 60 cars to and from Cole Harbour Road and 30 cars from Leacock Court. However, Mr. Birch made it quite clear that there were as yet no approvals, to his knowledge from either the Nova Scotia Housing Commission, the County, or the Department of Transportation, for the entrance to the apartment building via Leacock Court.

Subsequent to these discussions:

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

"THAT whereas the Municipality has received a petition signed by a large number of area residents that access not be permitted to the apartment bldg. at 1109 Cole Harbour Road via Leacock Court, and whereas the Planning and Development Department of the Municipality are opposed to such access and whereas the County of Halifax has no authority to desolve such access, that it write to the appropriate representative of the Department of Transportation to ensure that access cease from Leacock Court and be from Cole Harbour Road only."

(See motion to Refer)

Councillor MacKay requested that the Developer, Mr. Gillespie, on behalf of Astik Enterprises Ltd. be permitted to speak in regard to his statements as previously quoted from his letter of October 20, 1981.

Subsequent to discussion by several Council members, it was agreed that the Council would hear Mr. Gillespie, provided that questioning was related only to those statements in his letter, in order to prevent this item from lending itself to an unadvertised Public Hearing.

Councillor MacKenzie expressed his concern that the item had not properly been channeled through the Planning Advisory Committee prior to its coming to Council's attention.

Mr. Gillespie came to the front of the Council Chambers to answer questions from Council in regard to his contention that he had received approval from the N.S.H.C., The County of Halifax (Planning Approval Section) and the Department of Transportation, for the entrance onto Leacock Court and as well with regard to his statement, in his letter, that the subdivision plan was approved two years ago, with this entrance from Leacock Court provided for at that time.

He was questioned in regard to the accuracy of these statements and he supported his former written statements in full. However, during discussion, with Mr. Gillespie, several Council members and Mr. Birch, no firm conclusion could be reached with regard to these statements.

Mr. Gillespie voiced his opposition to the fact that he had not been notified in regard to the fact that the item was to come before the Planning Advisory Committee, at which time he could have come before the Committee prepared with the proper evidence to support his claim.

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

"THAT this issue be referred back to the Planning Advisory Committee for further investigation and that a report be brought back from this Committee to Council at the next Council Session."
Motion Carried.

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

"THAT the Department of Transportation and the Nova Scotia Housing Commission be requested to withhold any approvals for this subject development under discussion, until Council has had an opportunity to further investigate this matter and has dealt with it."

Motion Carried.

PLANNING ADVISORY COMMITTEE REPORT

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

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

Amendment to the Planning Act, Re: Appeal Decisions at the Subdivision Stage

Mr. Meech outlined the report in regard to an amendment to the Planning Act regarding Appeal Decisions at the Subdivision Approval Stage. At the September 28, 1981 meeting of the PAC, the Committee had been informed that a recent application for subdivision approval which had been rejected on health grounds is not appealable. The Committee discussed the matter of persons not being able to appeal the decision of the Atlantic Health Unit (when rejected) at the time application for subdivision approval is being processed; whereas at the time an application is made for sewage disposal and septic tank systems, if rejected the applicant is able to appeal the Atlantic Health Unit decision through the Municipality's Board of Health.

The Planning Advisory Committee felt that Council should be made aware of this fact and the following action be taken of Council:

"That the Province be asked to consider a similar appeal system at the beginning of the subdivision process as is permitted at the end of the building process".

Councillor Lichter advised that when an applicant is rejected for a building permit on the grounds of Health, he can appeal to the Board of Health; but if an application is rejected on any grounds for lot approval, then there is no-one he can appeal to. Councillor Lichter suggested that there be an avenue of appeal for these applicants and indicated that it should logically be the Planning Advisory Committee.

Mr. Meech then advised that what Councillor Lichter was looking for was another mechanism to ensure that the administration is consistently applying the regulations which control rejection or acceptance of such applications.

Councillor Lichter reiterated that what he was looking for was simply an avenue of appeal which is not available now.

Both Councillors Smith and Margeson agreed that there should be a vehicle of appeal.

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

"THAT this item be referred back to the PAC for further investigation into an avenue of appeal for applicants, which is not available at the present time."

Motion Withdrawn.

Mr. Meech advised that this will not have any legal ability to overrule decisions of the Department of Health and may only be good to ensure that all avenues are checked out. He also advised that PAC has no legal authority to rule on any of these items.

Councillor Benjamin suggested that the County Board of Health and the PAC get together as a combined body to discuss these appeals

At this point in the meeting, Mr. Birch stressed that if an applicant walks into the Planning Department for a permit he has a right to that permit unless an adverse report is received from the Departments of Health or Transportation and any appeals should be made through either of those two avenues.

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

"THAT the Province be requested to consider a similar appeal process at the beginning of the subdivision process as is now permitted under the Health Act, section 38A indicating that the Municipality is looking for some kind of mechanism under which appeals may be made with input from the County Board of Health and the Atlantic Health Unit."

Motion Carried.

REPORT OF THE MUNICIPAL DEVELOPMENT PLAN COMMITTEE

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

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

Motion Carried.

The Municipal Development Plan Committee requested that Council set a date for a Committee of the Whole Session in order to receive a detailed update of the Urban Municipal Planning Process.

The agenda was included in the Report for Council's information.

The Report recommended that the date and time for the Committee of the Whole Session be October 28, 1981 at 7:00 P.M. in the Municipal Council Chambers.

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

"THAT a Committee of the Whole Session of Council be held October 28, 1981 at 7:00 P.M. in the Municipal Council Chambers in order to receive a detailed update of the Urban Municipal Development Planning Process."

Motion Carried.

REPORT OF THE DIRECTOR OF DEVELOPMENT

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

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

It was noted that this report was included in the agenda for information only.

REPORT OF THE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

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

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

Industrial Promotions Officer

The Management Committee received a memorandum from Mr. Meech, CAO, advising that Mr. Lorne Denny, Industrial Promotions Officer, has completed his six month probationary period. Based on an evaluation of Mr. Denny's performance, Mr. Meech recommended to the Committee that he be appointed to the position permanently.

Subsequent to discussion, the Committee recommended to Council that Mr. Lorne Denny be appointed to the position of Industrial Promotions Officer on a permanent basis.

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

"THAT Mr. Lorne Denny be appointed to the position of Industrial Promotions Officer for Halifax County on a permanent basis."
Motion Carried.

Paving Nova Terrace, Cole Harbour

The Management Committee recommended to Council that approval be given to proceed to pave a portion of Nova Terrace in Cole Harbour.

It was moved by Councillor McInroy, seconded by Councillor Topples:

"THAT a portion of Nova Terrace in Cole Harbour be paved."
Motion Carried.

POLICY COMMITTEE REPORT

The Policy Committee Report had been received earlier by Councillors Poirier and Topples so that the item in regard to the Decentralization of the Social Services Department could be discussed by Council.

Commission of Inquiry - Representation on Metro Authority and Metro Transit Commission

Mr. Meech outlined to Council the recommendation of the Policy Committee which was to support the appointment of a one-man Commission to enquire into representation on the Metropolitan Authority and Metropolitan Transit Commission, bearing in mind that the decision of the Commission would be binding on all parties. Included with the agenda was a letter from the Deputy Minister of Municipal Affairs and the terms of reference (Please see agenda for detail and clarification).

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

"THAT Council endorse the proposed One-Man Commission of Inquiry into the Representation on Metropolitan Authority and Metro Transit Commission and the terms of reference of the Commission."

NOTE: Councillor MacDonald was not in favour of the motion but seconded it to allow for discussion on the issue.

During the ensuing discussion which followed the motion, Councillor Eisenhower spoke in opposition to it, as cost-sharing was not included in the terms of reference and he was not pleased with being bound by the decision of "One Man"; Councillor MacDonald also was not impressed with being bound by the decision; and Councillor MacKay, though in agreement with the principal, also had the same reservations with regard to the binding decision, as indicated by the Minister in his terms of reference.

Mr. Meech pointed out that there will be an opportunity for these Councillors to voice their concerns and opposition at the Public Hearings which will be held by the Commission of Inquiry. He advised that there was no other alternative for the Minister than to indicate that the decision would have to be binding on all parties, as it is extremely difficult to get the four Municipalities involved, to come to a consensus on any administrative matters.

Councillor Wiseman and Deputy Warden Deveaux agreed with Mr. Meech in regard to the fact that there would be an opportunity to voice concerns of the Councillors; Councillor Wiseman also indicated that should the Municipality not be pleased with the final outcome of the Commission of Inquiry, there is always an appeal process.

Subsequent to the above discussion:

The Motion, moved by Councillor Wiseman, seconded by Councillor MacDonald:

"As Previously written."
Motion Defeated.

Councillor Margeson then questioned exactly what services were provided to the four Municipalities, by the Metropolitan Authority, and was advised by Mr. Meech that the services provided included Sanitary Land Fill and Transfer Station facilities, Transit and the County Correction Centre.

Councillor Margeson, then felt that since all the Municipalities require and benefit from these services that one person should be on the Metropolitan Authority from each Municipality and that one person, should be the Chief Magistrate of each Municipal Unit.

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

"THAT this issue be referred back to the Policy Committee with the guidance that the Chief Magistrate from each Municipality be appointed as a member of the Metropolitan Authority."
Motion Withdrawn.

Councillor Wiseman advised that the Minister was attempting to come to some consensus. She felt that his original recommendation should be accepted by the Municipality who has the knowledge that it has the right of appeal through the Minister and through the Law Amendments Committee.

Councillor MacKay reiterated that he was in favour of the principal of the One Man Commission of Inquiry if the decision was not going to be binding.

Deputy Warden Deveaux then questioned whether it would be possible to approve the Minister's suggestion with the stipulation that it not be binding; but, it was determined that this course of action had already been taken by the Policy Committee and the Minister had rejected the suggestion.

Councillor Topple indicated that the decision may not necessarily be binding; as if a bad decision was handed down, the Minister could simply override it if necessary, making a Political decision.

Councillor Smith felt that the One Man Commission could not possibly give more representation to the Cities than to the Municipality as the County is on par with the size of the Cities.

Councillor Benjamin indicated that the Council itself could not even come to a consensus so he did not see how the four Municipality's were going to reach any harmonious decisions without the utilization of the Commission of Inquiry. He therefore, felt that the Minister's suggestion should be considered. Otherwise, if the Municipality just sat back and did nothing it would receive no input and nothing would ever be accomplished.

The motion previously put forward by Councillors Walker and Margeson was withdrawn.

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

"THAT the Municipality indicate to the Minister that it is content with the present arrangements with regard to representation on the Metropolitan Authority and the Metropolitan Transit Commission and that the recommendation in regard to the One Man Commission of Inquiry is not acceptable."
Motion Carried.

Prior to the motion being carried it was discussed briefly by several Council members who felt that in this manner, the Minister would be forced to make a decision one way or the other without binding the Municipality to it.

Appointment of Representative, Halifax County West Housing Authority

Mr. Meech outlined this item advising that at the October 6th Regular Council Session the Policy Committee had recommended that two representatives be appointed to the Halifax County West Housing Authority. The Committee recommended that the representatives be chosen from the Sackville and Hubbards area.

At that Session, Council approved the appointment of Mrs. Rhetta Mattinson, of Sackville and deferred the second appointment. The Policy Committee recommended that this appointment be made today.

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

"THAT Rev. Father Kenneth Vaughan of the Anglican Rector in Hubbards be appointed to the Halifax Co. West Housing Authority."
Motion Carried.

Urban Services Committee

Mr. Meech advised that the Policy Committee had received an amendment to the Committees and Boards By-Law, respecting the creation of the "Urban Services Committee" which outlined the composition and function of the Committee. (Please see agenda for a copy of the amendment). It was recommended by the Committee that the amendment to the Committees and Boards By-Law be approved.

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

"THAT the amendment to the Committees and Boards By-Law respecting the establishment of the Urban Services Committee be approved by Council."
Motion Carried.

Minor Variance Application Fee

The Development Control Division of the County had come to the Policy Committee requesting that an application Fee of \$30.00 be charged to cover expenses incurred in processing applications. Subsequent to discussion of this item, the Committee recommended that Council approve the fee of \$30.00 for the application of a minor variance.

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

"THAT the Minor Variance Application Fee of \$30.00 be approved by Municipal Council."
Motion Carried.

Prior to the passing of the motion, Mr. Meech advised that this fee would only apply in the areas in which the MDP is implemented, which, at this point in time, would mean the Lake Major area only.

Annexation of Watershed Lands

The Policy Committee requested that the Chief Administrative Officer prepare a Report to Council on the matter of the massive annexation of the Watershed Lands, proposed by the City of Halifax.

This report was included in the agenda (Please see agenda for detail and clarification).

At this point in the meeting the Deputy Warden read to Council a letter prepared by the Warden which indicated that a Bill had been passed at the end of the last Legislative Session, which provides for a new Municipal Board which will take over the powers of the current Provincial Planning Appeal Board together with the responsibility for the Municipal Boundary and Representation Act.

It was the contention of the Warden that the County must oppose the proposed annexation vigorously.

She therefore, proposed that Council request that the Minister of Municipal Affairs appoint the members of the Municipal Board at his earliest convenience and that the Minister assure the Municipality that the massive annexation proposal of the City of Halifax will be heard by this new Board.

Subsequent to discussion:

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

"THAT Municipal Council request the Minister of Municipal Affairs to appoint the members of the Municipal Board at his earliest convenience, and that the Minister assure the Municipality that the massive annexation proposal of the City of Halifax will be heard by this new Board."
Motion Carried.

Another motion was put forward in regard to this topic, as follows:

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

"THAT Whereas the Municipality of the County of Halifax is currently involved in the preparation of a Municipal Development Plan; and, in addition is currently in the process of implementing major changes respecting the administration of its Urban Areas; and, whereas the piecemeal division of portions of the Urban Areas of Halifax County would create havoc with respect to the above-noted; therefore, be it resolved that the Municipality of the County of Halifax respectfully requests that the Minister of Municipal Affairs for the Province of Nova Scotia, declare a three (3) year moratorium on Municipal Boundary Changes within the County of Halifax in order that the Municipality of the County of Halifax can address matters relative to the administration of its Urban Areas in a stable setting and in order that future considerations of the Municipal Boundary changes will have the benefit of indepth analysis and planning."
Motion Carried.

REPORT, RE: FLEXIBILITY OF MERGING SCHOOL BUS CONVEYANCE WITH TRANSIT OPERATION

It was unanimously agreed by Council that this item would be deferred until the following Session of Council.

MUSQUODOBOIT SCHOOL BUS GARAGE

Mr. Meech provided to Council some background information in regard to the Musquodoboit School Bus Garage which had been declared surplus by the School Board and subsequently passed over to the ownership of the County of Halifax.

Council had then given the authority to Mr. Lorne Denny, the Industrial Promotions Officer, to dispose of this property.

Mr. Denny then proceeded to negotiate the sale of the property and although no official documentation of the sale has been signed, there seems to be a moral obligation on the part of the County of Halifax to complete the execution of the Sale Agreement with this party.

However, it is now the contention of the School Board that it had only given to the County, the School Bus Garage and not the property on which it sits, and which they now claim ownership of, for their own purposes.

Subsequent to discussion on the part of Council and in consultation with Mr. Cragg regarding any possible legal repercussions, it was decided by Council that it did indeed have a moral obligation to the proposed purchaser of the property as arranged by Mr. Denny, and that the property was now in the legal possession of the Municipality to dispose of in any manner which it saw fit.

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

"THAT the Municipality of the County of Halifax confirm its ownership of the property in question and that Council should enter into the execution of the deed between the Municipality and the proposed purchaser of the property."
Motion Carried.

SUPPLEMENTARY BUILDING INSPECTORS REPORT

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

"THAT the Supplementary Report of the Building Inspector be received and that the applications for lesser setbacks and side-yard clearance, contained therein, (noted below) be approved by Municipal Council."
Motion Carried.

The setbacks and sideyard clearances were as follows:

1. Application for lesser setback of 28.85'; Lot Y, Fitzgerald Noel, Reese Subdivision, Timberlea; Applicant Donald Reese;
2. Application for lesser side yard clearance of 6.0'; Lot 45, Big Acres Subdivision, Harrietsfield, Applicant, Calvin Martin;
3. Application for lesser setback of 20' for Lots 18, 19, 20, 21 and 25' lesser setback for Lots 28, and 29, Gordon Park, Lower Sackville, Applicant C.H.S. Development Ltd.

SUPPLEMENTARY REPORT OF THE PLANNING ADVISORY COMMITTEE

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

"THAT the Supplementary Report of the Planning Advisory Committee be received and that the applications contained therein for approvals of undersized lots located on a curve, # F-518-81-7 be approved by Council."
Motion Carried.

NOTE: Please see Report for detail and clarification in regard to the lot numbers and their frontage.

NEW BUSINESS

Unightly Premises - Councillor MacKenzie

Councillor MacKenzie gave some examples to Council of several problems he has experienced in his area with regard to unsightly premises, etc. He advised that he would like this matter to be brought to the attention of the Planning Advisory Committee at its next meeting.

It was agreed that the matter would be discussed at the PAC's next meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

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

"THAT the Council Session Adjourn."
Motion Carried.

Therefore, the Regular Council Session of October 20, 1981 adjourned at 10:10 P.M.

PUBLIC HEARING

OCTOBER 26, 1981

PRESENT WERE: Deputy Warden Deveaux, Chairman
Councillor Walker
Councillor Poirier
Councillor Williams
Councillor Baker
Councillor McInroy
Councillor Topple
Councillor Adams
Councillor Gaetz
Councillor Smith
Councillor Lichter
Councillor Benjamin
Councillor Margeson
Councillor MacKay
Councillor Eisenhauer
Councillor MacDonald
Councillor Wiseman

ALSO PRESENT: Mr. G. J. Kelly, Municipal Clerk
Mr. Robert Cragg, Municipal Solicitor
Mr. Brant Wishart, Planning Department
Ms. Dorothy Smith, Planning Department
Mr. Robert Gough, Planning Department
Mr. Mike Lawd, Clayton Developments Ltd.
Mr. Greg MacLeod, Hampton Green
Mr. Sheldon Hawes, Henneberry Lane
Mrs. Jennifer MacLeod, Hampton Green
Mr. Ken Robb, Caldwell Road

SECRETARY: Christine E. Harvey

OPENING OF PUBLIC HEARING

Deputy Warden Deveaux brought the Public Hearing to order at 7:10 P.M.

APPOINTMENT OF RECORDING SECRETARY

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

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

ROLL CALL

Mr. Kelly then called the Roll.