

At this point, Councillor Gaetz raised an issue which had been causing him some problems, in regard to illegal dumping of garbage. He referred, in particular, to one instance, in which, a property-owner had gone through garbage found on his property and come up with a name of the probable owner of the garbage. He questioned the Solicitor as to the proper course of action in this case. He was advised by Solicitor Cragg that the matter should be referred to the R.C.M.P.

#### SUPPLEMENTARY REPORT OF THE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

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

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

#### Purchase of Land, Upper Musquodoboit Ratepayers Association

Warden Lawrence outlined the Report, advising: "The Upper Musquodoboit Ratepayer's Association has entered into an Agreement of Purchase and Sale to acquire a parcel of land from the Estate of Cameron Mosher at Upper Musquodoboit, for the Fire Department. The Agreement of Purchase and Sale was subject to the approval of the Municipality of the County of Halifax. The cost of acquiring the land will be charged to the Upper Musquodoboit Ratepayer's Association area rate account which has included provision for the purchase of the subject lands. The Management Committee recommend to Council for approval the purchase of the land by the Upper Musquodoboit Ratepayer's Association."

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

"THAT Council approve of the purchase of a parcel of land from the Estate of Cameron Mosher, by the Upper Musquodoboit Ratepayer's Association, for the Fire Department."  
Motion Carried.

Subsequent to the passing of the motion, there was some discussion in regard to it. Several Councillors questioned why the land was going to be in the name of the Musquodoboit Ratepayer's Association, when it would be easier and more cost-feasible for the land to be in the name of the Municipality, especially in regard to taxes, etc.

Solicitor Cragg advised that in this particular case, an area rate had already been struck some months ago, which provided for the total purchase price which has already been paid. The total funds have already been collected from this area rate and turned over to the Solicitor in Trust. Therefore, in this case, the Municipality merely acted as a tax collector and collected the funds on behalf of the Association, so the deed will go in the name of the Association.

Both Councillor Benjamin and Deputy Warden MacKay felt that the Municipality's role in these cases should be only to approve of an area rate and the Municipality's approval to purchase the land should not be required if the Land is going to be in the name of the Ratepayer's Association.

Solicitor Cragg agreed with this, however, the Municipality's approval was requested and granted in this case.

#### Exemption of Water Utilities for Taxation

Warden Lawrence outlined the second item in the Management Committee Report. The Report advised: "The Management Committee received a memorandum from the Department of Municipal Affairs advising of recent amendments to the Assessment Act to permit Municipal Council, by By-Law, to exempt from taxation, certain plant and equipment of a municipal water utility. A By-Law authorizing the tax exemption must be passed by Municipal Council before November 30, 1981 to be effective in 1982."

As recommended in the Report:

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

"THAT Council approve a By-Law to exempt the Municipal water utility from taxation and that the Solicitor be instructed to prepare the appropriate By-Law for approval by the Minister of Municipal Affairs."

Motion Carried.

Prior to the motion being carried, there was a good deal of debate in regard to it. Several Councillors were concerned about the loss of tax dollars on the Pock-Wock Water System. However, Solicitor Cragg also pointed out that by virtue of this By-Law the Town of Bedford could not tax the Municipality for its water utility located there as well.

Subsequent to further discussion, it was determined that this By-Law was more or less a housekeeping item, due to the new Amendments to the Assessment Act.

It was agreed that a Report would be presented to Council at its next Session, clarifying the intent of the By-Law.

This concluded the regular items in the Agenda.

#### NEW BUSINESS

##### Fire Depts., Property and Equip. Ownership - Councillor Margeson

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

"THAT the Policy Committee discuss the issue of the Ownership of Fire Department Property and Equipment, and Report back to Council on the Policy in this regard."

Motion Carried.

Federal Grant Program - Councillor Lichter

Councillor Lichter advised of a Grant Program established by the Federal Government in 1981 for persons to convert from Oil to Wood Burning Units or Oil and Wood Burning combinations. These people are supposed to be allocated an \$800.00 Grant to assist in the conversion. In his District many people have implemented this change and are now having trouble collecting this \$800 Grant.

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

"THAT the Municipality write a letter to the Department of Mines and Resources in Ottawa, requesting clarification on their Policy in respect to this issue, providing us with information on how these people can apply for and receive their \$800. grant."  
Motion Carried.

EMO Plan, Re: Fire Depts., Mutual Aide - Councillor Lichter

Councillor Lichter advised that he was also concerned in regard to Mutual Aide of Fire Departments as their operations relate to the Emergency Measures. He advised that in his District there are approximately ten Fire Departments, some of which belong to East Hants and some to Halifax County. He advised that East Hants has an updated EMO Master Plan and Halifax County has an EMO Master Plan but revisions are being made to it which are not yet complete.

He requested that this revised Master Plan be received as soon as possible and that some co-ordination on that Master Plan be incorporated with the adjacent Municipalities.

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

"THAT the revised Halifax County Emergency Measures Operations Master Plan be forwarded to Council as soon as possible and that co-ordination of this Plan with the neighbouring Municipalities be referred to the Policy Committee for investigation and recommendation."  
Motion Carried.

Reports, Re: Staff Activities - Councillor Benjamin

Councillor Benjamin advised that many years ago, the former Warden included in the Council Agenda, Reports regarding the actions of Staff, relating to Trips and Seminars. He advised that in recent years these Reports have no longer be in the agenda, thus, causing a break-down of communication between Council and Staff. He requested that the Warden report to Council on any trips she, or senior staff members might take out of the Province, for Seminars and other Courses, etc.

Warden Lawrence took note of this request.



Highway Name Change, Sackville - Deputy Warden MacKay

Deputy Warden MacKay advised of a letter received from the Secretary of the Planning Advisory Committee this week, with a proposed name change for the main highway in Sackville. He advised that he was not opposed to the name change but he had been under the impression that the request should have come before Council for approval rather than go directly to the Department of Transportation, which had been done in this case.

Councillor Topple advised that it had been his understanding that a recommendation was being made to Council. However, Deputy Warden MacKay advised that the letter indicated the request had been made directly to the Department of Transportation.

Several other Councillors on PAC outlined their understanding of the procedure to be followed, but did not come to a consensus in this regard. Therefore, it was requested that PAC look into this, with a view to coming back to Council with a report in this regard, at the next Council Session.

Demonstration Grant - Councillor MacDonald

Councillor MacDonald made the following motion on behalf of Councillor Deveaux who had retired from the Council Session early.

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

"THAT the Municipality request the Department of Municipal Affairs for a Demonstration Grant for a Transit route from Quigley's Corner in Eastern Passage to the Ocean View Manor, for one-year, with copies to go to Premier Buchanan, David Nantes, MLA and the Chairman of MTC."  
Motion Carried.

Reports to Council, Re: Seminars - Councillor Lichter

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

"THAT the issue of Council-Approval for Trips taken by Elected Officials and Senior Staff of the Municipality, be referred to the Policy Committee for consideration and recommendation back to the Council."  
Motion Carried.

This motion was initiated by Councillor Benjamin's previous request for a Report regarding trips taken and seminars attended by the Warden and Senior Staff of the Municipality. Councillor Lichter felt that it would be of greater benefit to the Municipality, budget-wise, for Council to approve these trips before they are taken.



Correspondence and Communications - Councillor Margeson

Councillor Margeson advised that there are sometimes resolutions and requests made in Council which somehow get by-passed or forgotten. He requested that when resolutions or requests are made from County Council, that the letter written and the reply, be included in the agenda which would make it easier to refresh Council's memory on the subject-matter, also bringing Council up-to-date.

As well, he indicated that a Memorandum of Events, or items still left to resolve or investigate by Council, should also be included in the agenda, to avoid being overlooked.

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

"THAT the Municipality review its Communication System, in regard to items endorsed by Council, to ensure that all items requested in Council, are followed-up by Staff."  
Motion Carried.

Councillor Lichter indicated that a similar motion had been passed in Council approximately two-years ago, at which time the suggestion had been briefly followed up, but eventually forgotten.

Supplementary Items - Councillor Smith

In view of the fact that there were a great many supplementary items coming to Council, which Councillors do not have an opportunity to review before the Session, and which subsequently takes a great deal of time to debate and resolve in Council:

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

"THAT there be no Supplementary Items, unless they are of an emergency nature; priorities can be determined by the Committees presenting the information."  
Motion Carried.

Salary - Committees of the Whole - Councillor Gaetz

Councillor Gaetz suggested at this time, that all Councillors go on a salary and that Committee of the Whole meetings be held. Therefore, if a Councillor does not attend, and is not aware of what is taking place, this will be his-her own fault.

Councillor Gaetz did not put a motion forward at this time.

Convention, Detroit - Councillor Topple

Councillor Topple advised that Councillor Adams had been invited to attend the tenth annual Convention of Black Elected Officials in Detroit. Councillor Topple felt that whereas Councillor Adams is the Representative of the largest Black Community in Eastern Canada, that Council should consider sending him to this convention and covering his expenses for this trip.

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

"THAT the Management Committee consider the issue of sending Councillor Adams to the tenth annual Convention of Black Elected Officials in Detroit."

Motion Carried.

Oil Companies - Councillor Baker

Councillor Baker questioned whether Oil Companies have the right to go on private properties and stake them off, to explore for oil. He indicated that he was referring to properties on which people may one day build houses; he wondered if the property owners, would be restricted from building homes on the properties that have been staked off by the Oil Companies. This issue was brought forward because, in Councillor Baker's area he has a map which indicates the different places where an Oil Company is intending to drill.

He was advised by the Solicitor that the Company cannot go on the property, without first approaching the owner and negotiating the appropriate lease.

ADJOURNMENT

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

"THAT the Council Session adjourn."  
Motion Carried.

Therefore, the Council Session adjourned at 9:00 P.M.

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SPECIAL COUNCIL SESSION

DECEMBER 15, 1981

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

ALSO PRESENT: Mr. K. R. Meech, Chief Executive Officer  
Mr. G. J. Kelly, Municipal Clerk  
Mr. Robert Cragg, Municipal Solicitor  
Mr. Michael Barrie, Barrie & Langille Architects  
Mr. Ed Wdowiak, Director of Engineering & Works  
Mr. Bill Keenan, Property Management Supervisor  
Mr. Ken Wilson, Director of Finance

SECRETARY: Christine E. Harvey

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Warden Lawrence brought the Special Session of Council to order at 10:05 A.M.

ACCESSIBILITY OF MUNICIPAL BUILDING

Warden Lawrence, before introducing Mr. Michael Barrie, indicated that "Accessibility", the first part of Mr. Barrie's presentation was an issue which the present Council and previous Councils have been considering for quite a long time, and the second portion of Mr. Barrie's presentation, "Extension of Municipal Building", was also an issue of concern to the present Council.

Mr. Barrie then came forward to present his Report on making the Municipal Building totally accessible to the Handicapped.

Mr. Barrie indicated that this 8-Page Report was the summarized version of an 80-Page Document which would be too cumbersome to present to Council. He also advised that the recommendations contained in the Report would not only accommodate the handicapped in wheelchairs, but also the blind, deaf, persons with muscular problems, and even the illiterate. He also indicated that the Report had taken into consideration, advice from various Organizations of the handicapped; some of this advice was contradictory, as measures which would assist a person with a particular disability, could be a detriment to a person with a different disability. He had, therefore, included in the Report, advice which would be most advantageous to the larger portion of the handicapped.

Mr. Barrie's Report was extremely lengthy and comprehensive and went into great detail on the cost implications of making the building totally accessible, approximately \$235,000. The Report also outlined the various recommendations for accessibility regarding Transportation Services; Driveways, Parking Lots and Drop-Off Zones; Walks and Approaches; Public Safety; Public Entrances; Vertical Access; Horizontal Access; Public Safety; Public Services and Amenities; Operational Considerations; Cost and Implementation. (Please refer to the Report for any additional clarification).

Mr. Barrie also provided a composite print of the Building which indicated where and how the above measures would be undertaken. This print was used to outline the recommendations and was discussed by Council.

Subsequent to a full explanation of all the above-mentioned recommendations, Warden Lawrence read to Council three letters from Organizations having an interest in the proposed changes.

1. Canadian Rehabilitation Council for the Disabled;
2. Canadian Paraplegic Association;
3. Canadian Pensioners Concerned.

All three of the above-mentioned Organizations had been consulted by Barrie & Langille Architects during the Accessibility Study and all three supported the Proposed Changes, commending Barrie and Langille for the outstanding job done on completion of the Study. As well these Organizations urged that County Council implement the proposed recommendations and continue to do so, should an extension of the Building be necessary at some future date. The Canadian Pensioners Concerned, indicated that they would be pleased to contribute in an Advisory Capacity.

Prior to moving on to the Presentation regarding the Proposed Expansion of the Municipal Building, several Councillors requested clarification of the following:

1. In regard to Walkways, Councillor McInroy Requested whether it was necessary to have two walkways; one for the disabled and the existing walkway. He wondered if it would be possible to change the existing grade to incorporate the two sidewalks into one.

Mr. Barrie advised that there were several methods but the one recommended in the Report was the most feasible from Barrie & Langille's point of view.

2. Councillor Wiseman requested whether the need for more storage room, without extension of the present building, had been taken into consideration.

Mr. Barrie advised that this consideration is one of the things which had inspired re-opening of the "Expansion" issue. He agreed that this was a serious problem.

3. Councillor MacDonald requested whether the Automatic Doors recommended in the Report were found to be dependable, indicating that the doors at the MTC Garage were not dependable.

Mr. Barrie advised that they were at present, although there was a time near their initial development when there were some down times during the installations.

4. In regard to the proposed Ramp going around the inside of the Council Chambers, Councillor Deveaux questioned whether any other alternative had been considered; for example, putting a Ramp coming in from the Hallway Floor.

Mr. Barrie advised that the Firm had looked at alternatives such as mechanical assistant devices that can be installed on steps to make it accessible to some people. However, he advised that the problem with many of these devices is that many disabled persons would rather do without, as they find it an embarrassment to require that kind of assistance. As well the alternatives are expensive and no more economical than that which has been recommended in the Report. As well, the concern was that the accessibility to the Council Chambers not only be for the visiting Public but also for Staff or Council Members, as it is not impossible that there will, in future, be disabled Wardens, Councillors or Staff Members.

Councillor Williams supported this recommendation advising that often disabled persons have difficulty obtaining access to the Council Chambers for a Tax Sale.

5. Councillor Adams requested whether making the Municipal Building totally accessible would be cost-sharable with the Province.

Warden Lawrence advised that no investigation has yet been done in this regard, either by the Policy Committee or by Administration, but it had been indicated to her by MLA Gerry Lawrence, that there might be monies involved as an incentive to accessibility programs. When investigated fully, there may be some guarantees of cost-sharing.

Subsequent to the above discussion, Mr. Barrie moved on into his Presentation, regarding the proposed "Expansion of the Municipal Building."



First, he gave some background as to the reasons this issue was coming forward at this time:

1. The Accessibility Study indicates that some alternative to the present spacial arrangement is appropriate if accessibility is going to be effectively accomplished;
2. Also the Accessibility issue was raised with respect to other Premises and Departments, operated by the Municipality. Social Services, for one is in a building equally inaccessible as the Administration Building. That Department would have more contact with disabled persons than any other; therefore, his Firm had begun to look at the additional cost of making that building and other leases spaces accessible;
3. Another issue was the cost factor of doing work of this kind. Mr. Barrie advised that the investment in the accessibility program is substantial and that investment should be the best possible investment, once made;
4. Due to Departments facing expansion, and changes made in Departments leaving, expansion had to be looked at from a functional economic and aesthetic point of view.

Mr. Barrie advised that other alternatives with regard to the spacial problem had already been looked at, reviewed, and subsequently disregarded. These were, the upward expansion of the building and the possibility of moving the Administration Offices to another location altogether.

In regard to upward expansion, Mr. Barrie pointed out the large Foyer Space, which to continue to re-create on two additional floors, would be inconsistent with the kind of standards that are forced in this day and age.

Mr. Barrie also pointed out another expansion option which had once been considered; that being a projected block extension of the existing building into the adjacent property. This proposal had also been rejected.

Mr. Barrie presented his Supplementary Report to Council which included an Introduction, inclusive of the above-mentioned information, (See Report) an explanation of the previous alternatives, a comparative analysis projecting the impact of vertical and horizontal expansion programs upon the Municipal Building and a list of advantages of the new proposal, as follows:

"It is anticipated that adoption of the lateral extension strategy would imply the following benefits:

1. Such a program, unlike the alternatives previously reviewed, would appear permissible within current zoning by-laws without special consideration;

2. The extension creates blocks of space in each wing capable of accomodating entire municipal departments in compact, consolidated units of up to 3,800 sq. ft. (i.e an expanded Assessment Department projects the need for 3,5000 sq. ft. of space, while existing wings provide only 2,300 sq. ft. of space);
3. The total resulting space provides for the possibility of consolidating virtually all appropriate municipal departments on the municipal property;
4. The extensions create adjacent space for all existing occupancies, and therefore provide opportunities to alleviate critical space shortages with minimum reorganization and disruption;
5. The extensions maintain an arrangement whereby all departments continue to have equal and immediate access to the central circulation space and its common facilities (washrooms, elevator, stairs, telephones, etc.), as well as good contact with and proximity to one another;
6. The extensions create only usable, productive space, avoiding square footage otherwise lost to the requirements to create additional fire exits, central circulation space, core service areas, like washrooms, etc. In this way, the comparatively large area of circulation and service space which characterizes the existing building is distributed over a more extensive base;
7. The extensions rationalize circulation on each floor, especially with respect to safe public access to fire exits;
8. The extensions could be incrementally constructed in phases, on a wing-by-wing basis, in a manner which responds to the availability of resources, the urgency of need, requirements to control disruption, or other specific conditions;
9. It is projected that the extensions could be constructed for an average cost of approximately \$250,000 - \$300,000 per wing (exclusive of related renovations which might be coincidentally desired), thereby involving expenditures of perhaps less than 70% of the cost of vertical expansion which delivers the equivalent net usable space."

Mr. Barrie went into detail over the net usable space which would be gained for each wing. (See Report for this information).

Subsequent to Mr. Barrie's full explanation of his Report, Mr. Meech made the following points:

1. If all three wings were extended it would give the Municipality enough space to look after the needs of all the various Departments including the School Board and the Assessment Department and also to relocate back to the building the Industrial Promotion Office, the Recreation Department, and also the Central Administration for Social Services and those people who work in the Western Region.
2. Expansion of the three wings would result in the loss of some parking space which could be replaced by the demolition of the Eagan Property and the construction of a parking lot on that property.

3. Another option would be to construct the expansion of only two wings and leave the Eagan Property and the Social Services Department there intact in its present situation; however, there would be no additional parking space available.
4. Mr. Meech pointed out that to bring all the Municipality's Departments back to the central Administration Building and also to keep the School Board Office and Assessment Department and to provide these Departments with their additional spacial requirements, the need would be approximately 10,000 square feet excluding storage requirements. The expansion of the three wings would provide a net usable space of approximately 13,400 sq. ft. which would be adequate to accomodate all the Municipality's needs.
5. In addition, Mr. Meech indicated that the Assessemnt Department has been, for some months now, faced with the problem of a lack of space which has become quite serious. They have been looking for alternative premises as the County is unable to provide them with the appropriate space.

Mr. Meech had been advised by the Deputy Minister of Assessment that they have found a location on Young Street, which the Staff indicated was suitable to them, and the Department was on the verge of executing an Agreement for the premises.

Since receiving this proposal, Mr. Meech advised he had been able to convince the Deputy Minister of Assessment to delay this action, based on the fact that a Special Session of Council was being held to look at expansion which would place the Municipality in a position to accomodate the Assessment Department's extra spacial requirements.

This particular issue was discussed by Council and it was agreed that it was important that this Department be retained under the roof of the Municipal Adminstration Building due to its close involvement with the Tax Department and for the convenience of the Public and Staff in working together.

Mr. Meech was of the hope that Council would agree to the extension of at least one of the wings, as the Deputy Minister, by delaying Execution of the Lease Agreement for space on Young Street, had lost the space to other parties who were also interested in it. The Deputy Minister had allowed this to happen as a result of his strong feeling that it was of benefit to keep the Assessment and Tax Departments under one roof.

In response to questioning from Councillor McCabe, Mr. Meech advised that the rental received from the Assessment Department was in the vicinity of \$7.00 per sq. ft. He also advised that the Assessment Department is prepared to pay the going rate and would negotiate an acceptable market price for the additional space.



Councillor Walker was not in agreement with the necessity of the Assessment Department remaining within the Municipal Administration Building, as most of their information was now computerized and the Tax Department could gain access to that information, when required, through its own computer system.

However, subsequent to further discussion it was pointed out that it was important to have the two Departments together for the convenience of the public especially as many people come in to one Department and are then referred to the other. As well, there is the added benefit that the two Staffs share information on a day to day basis and there would be a loss of this if the Assessment Department were to be relocated. Mr. Meech also looked at the fact that Assessment had historically been a Municipal Department and had only reverted to Provincial jurisdiction a few years ago. Mr. Meech indicated that from his point of view the Municipality would be well advised to keep the Assessment Department within the confines of the Municipal Administration Building, if at all possible.

Councillor Walker could not agree with this.

Councillor Williams spoke in support of the Assessment Department remaining with the rest of the Municipal Offices.

Councillor MacDonald indicated his opinion that it would be more cost-feasible to have all Departments under one roof; thus, he felt it would be more cost-feasible to construct all three wings at once.

Mr. Meech agreed that in construction there would be some economies of scale by doing two or three, versus one. He did, however, indicate that the dollar amount was the crucial issue. Looking at the extension to the three wings and the cost of the accessibility improvements, he advised the figure would be approximately \$1,350,000.00. Two of the three plus the accessibility improvements would be approximately \$1,000,000.00.

Councillor Deveaux requested whether there could be any savings on the accessibility study recommendations, if they were done at the same time as the construction of the expansion to the wings.

Mr. Barrie responded: "there is no question that there would be some cost benefit by implementing both recommendations at the same time, although these savings are not identified at the present time."

At this time, Mr. Ken Wilson came forward to answer questions in regard to the financing of the recommendations.

Mr. Wilson advised, yearly savings of \$31,000 to be realized by the construction of the additions to the three wings of the Municipal Building, were based on the projected total operating costs for 1981 for this building.

He advised of the following information which was also contained in a brief Report distributed to Council:

<u>Projected Operating Costs, 1981</u>	\$125,000
<u>Operating Cost Increase - New Additions</u>	\$ 56,000
<u>Cost Savings New Addition:</u>	\$ 87,000
\$40,000 Elimination of rental of Rothmans Bldg.	
\$27,000 Elimination of Operating Cost, Eagan Property.	
\$10,000 Yearly Rent Increase, Enlarged Assessment Office.	
\$10,000 Yearly Rent Increase, Enlarged School Board Office.	
<u>\$87,000.00</u>	
<u>TOTAL YEARLY SAVINGS = \$31,000</u>	

Mr. Wilson also pointed out that this cost saving did not reflect any financing costs.

Mr. Wilson indicated that the entire operation would not have to be funded, as over the years there have been surpluses which Council has set aside for possible problems. He indicated that one reserve which was set aside was one half million dollars for the renovations of the Municipal Building; he indicated that this money was still available. He also advised that the Capital Grant could be used on this project as well; he indicated that as of last year there was \$331,000, as well as an additional \$408,000 in 1981 for a rough total of \$700,000 in capital grants. He also advised that \$40,000 - \$50,000 interest has been added to that. Mr. Wilson did, however, point out that if the money was used for water and sewer it could not be used toward the cost of the additions.

Mr. Wilson advised that approximately \$3,000,000 has been set aside over the years for education. Last year it was estimated that 1.5 of that would have to be used to keep the tax rate within a reasonable amount, although that total amount may not have to be utilized. Mr. Wilson also indicated that with the Walker Commission taking over 100% of the debt charges and dependant upon the School budget, there could be funds available from that source.

As well as the above, Mr. Wilson indicated that above and beyond the reserves, the Municipality's actual surplus was approximately \$880,000.

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

"THAT Halifax County Council proceed with the improvements to the Municipal Building, including the accessibility recommendations and expansion of the three wings, as proposed by Barrie & Langille Architects."

Councillor Wiseman, subsequent to putting the above motion on the floor, spoke briefly in its behalf advising that since being Council's Representative on the International Year of the Disabled Committee, she has had seen evidence of the problems with regard to accessibility which encompassed even the aged, as well as persons with disabilities. She reiterated Mr. Wilson's comments with regard to funding available and also advised that there was the possibility of cost-sharing by the Provincial Government. In regard to the expansion of the three wings, Councillor Wiseman indicated the advantages as outlined in the Report of Barrie & Langille. As well the expansion of the wings would bring all Municipal Departments under one roof, provide vitally needed storage space, and also allow some room for expansion within the Municipality's Departments.

During the ensuing discussion, one issue debated was the proposed demolition of the Eagan Property. Several Councillors were opposed to this course of action, feeling that it would be wiser to sell the property than to demolish it for parking. It was indicated by these Councillors that the Municipality should not have to supply parking facilities to its employees as other Municipalities do not.

Mr. Meech advised that there was the option of selling this property and indicated that it had been appraised last year for approximately \$135,000 for the Residential purpose for which it is zoned. He pointed out that it could also be used by a Professional person, such as a Doctor or Architect for the combined purpose of Home and Office.

The following Councillors spoke in opposition to the motion on the floor: Councillor Benjamin who was concerned with the cost to the taxpayer and who felt an additional study should be undertaken before going ahead with all three wings. He felt it would be a better idea to go ahead with one wing at a time. Councillor Walker supported the idea in principal but could not agree with the present motion on the floor at this time, for reasons previously mentioned. Councillor Margeson, in agreement with Councillor Benjamin, felt the County should move at a slower pace on the recommendations, perhaps constructing the wing for the Assessment Department first and implementing the accessibility recommendations on a smaller scale. Councillor Lichter as well was opposed to the motion on the floor due to his concern in regard to the effect the implementation of the total recommendations would have on the taxpayer.

Councillor Lichter requested clarification from Mr. Wilson in regard to whether the County was now in better financial shape than it had been the last time this issue was discussed.

Mr. Wilson reiterated his previous information regarding the availability of funding of the two projects and the savings of \$31,000 per year. He also advised that the County was in reasonably good financial shape at the present time and able in his opinion, to undertake the implementation of the proposals for accessibility and expansion, as recommended by Barrie & Langille.



Several Councillors spoke in favour of the motion based on the savings of \$31,000 per year and the fact that all Municipal Departments would be able to be housed under one roof which would be a saving and a convenience to the tax payer. As well, Councillor Deveaux pointed out that if one or two wings were constructed now the remaining wing or wings, would cost more at the time of their construction due to escalating construction costs .

Subsequent to the above discussion, the motion:

Moved by Councillor Wiseman, seconded by Councillor Deveaux:

"As written previously."  
Motion Carried.

ADJOURNMENT

It was moved by Councillor Eisenhower:

"THAT the Special Session of Council adjourn."  
Motion Carried.

Therefore, the Special Session adjourned at 12:40 P.M.

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REGULAR COUNCIL SESSION

DECEMBER 1, 1981

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

ALSO PRESENT: Mr. K. R. Meech, Chief Administrative Officer  
Mr. Robert Cragg, Municipal Solicitor  
Mr. G. J. Kelly, Municipal Clerk  
Mr. Lorne Denny, Industrial Promotions Officer  
Mr. Jack MacLeod, Consultant, New Wings Ltd.  
Mr. Keith Birch, Chief of Development  
Mr. Ken Wilson, Director of Finance

SECRETARY: Christine E. Harvey

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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 McInroy:

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

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

"THAT the minutes of the November 17, 1981 Regular Council Session be approved and the minutes of the October 26, 1981 Public Hearing be approved as amended."

Motion Carried.

APPOINTMENT OF NON-COUNCIL MEMBERS - BOARD OF HEALTH & PACHalifax County Board of Health

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

"THAT Mrs. Shirley Freer be nominated for re-appointment to the Halifax County Board of Health."

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

"THAT Mr. Leo Peddle be nominated for appointment to the Halifax County Board of Health."

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

"THAT nominations cease."  
Motion Carried.

Councillor Williams spoke on behalf of Mr. Leo Peddle, the prior Vice-President of Marketing for Twin Cities Co-Operative Dairy, and also read to Council a resume written by Mr. Peddle detailing his past experience, which he felt would enable him to be a helpful and active participant on the Board of Health.

Councillor Topple spoke on behalf of Mrs. Shirley Freer who had been on the Board of Health the past year and had taken an active role on that Committee.

Mr. Kelly distributed ballots to the Council members and put them in the ballot box subsequent to being filled out.

Warden Lawrence requested that Councillors Topple and Williams come forward to oversee the counting of the ballots.

Subsequent to a counting of the ballots, it was determined that Mrs. Freer was re-appointed to the Halifax County Board of Health, winning by a vote of 10 to 6; this was a one year term.

Planning Advisory Committee

Warden Lawrence advised that there were two positions for Non-Council members vacant on this Committee; a one-year term, due to the resignation of Mrs. Ettinger and a two-year term due to the expiration of the term of Mr. Joe Maund.

Nominations to Replace Mrs. Ettinger for a One-Year Term

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

"THAT Mr. Rupert Giffin be nominated for appointment to the Halifax County Planning Advisory Committee for a one-year term replacing Mrs. Ettinger."

Councillor Walker spoke briefly on behalf of this Gentlemen, advising that he was a County resident of District 3 and was also a businessman with two businesses in the County.

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

"THAT Mr. Paul Hyland be nominated for appointment to the Halifax County Planning Advisory Committee for a one year term replacing Mrs. Ettinger."

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

"THAT nominations cease."  
Motion Carried.

Councillor Wiseman spoke briefly on behalf of Mr. Hyland, advising that he was an active participant in the MDP process and also participated in other Community Affairs in Sackville.

Mr. Kelly distributed ballots and subsequent to their being filled out by the Councillors, put them in the ballot box.

Warden Lawrence requested that Councillors Wiseman and Walker come forward to oversee the counting of the ballots.

Subsequent to the counting of the ballots, it was determined that Mr. Rupert Giffin was nominated to the Halifax County Planning Advisory Committee for a one-year term, replacing Mrs. Ettinger, by a vote of 12 to 5.

Nominations to Replace Mr. Joe Maund for a Two-Year Term

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

"THAT Mr. Paul Hyland be nominated to serve on the Planning Advisory Committee for a Two-Year Term, replacing Mr. Joe Maund."

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

"THAT Mr. Joe Maund be nominated for re-appointment to the Halifax County Planning Advisory Committee for a Two-Year Term."

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

"THAT Mr. Leo Peddle be nominated for appointment to the Halifax County Planning Advisory Committee for a Two-Year term, replacing Mr. Joe Maund."



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

"THAT nominations cease."  
Motion Carried.

While Mr. Kelly distributed and re-collected the ballots in the ballot box, Deputy Warden MacKay spoke on behalf of Mr. Joe Maund's previous performance on the Planning Advisory Committee.

Councillors Wiseman and Williams also reiterated their previous comments on behalf of their nominees.

Warden Lawrence requested that Councillors Wiseman and Williams and Deputy Warden MacKay come forward to oversee the counting of the ballots.

Prior to the counting of the ballots Councillor Walker requested clarification on where each of the nominees were presently residing.

It was determined that Mr. Peddle was a resident of the City of Halifax, with a summer residence in Prospect Bay; Mr. Hyland was a resident of Sackville and Mr. Maund was a resident of Berwick and operated a business in Sackville.

Subsequent to a counting of the ballots Mr. Leo Peddle had accumulated 8 votes while Mr. Maund and Mr. Hyland had each accumulated 5 votes.

Solicitor Cragg advised that the best course of action would be to have another vote as Councillor Eisenhower had just arrived in the Council chambers, which would hopefully break the tie; thus resulting in a dropping of the nominee with the least votes and another vote based on the two remaining nominees. It was also clarified that in order to hold a legal majority of votes, Mr. Peddle would have to accumulate at least 10 votes.

Warden Lawrence indicated that this would be the procedure followed.

However, Deputy Warden MacKay was not in favour of this procedure:

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

"THAT the decision of the Chair not be sustained."  
Motion Defeated.

Therefore, there was a re-balloting, as follows:

Paul Hyland - 7 votes; Joe Maund - 4 votes; Leo Peddle 8 votes.

Subsequent to this, Joe Maund was dropped from the nominees and a further balloting took place with the remaining nominees, Paul Hyland and Leo Peddle.

Subsequent to the counting of these ballots which Councillor Williams and Councillor Wiseman came forward to oversee, it was determined that

Mr. Paul Hyland was elected to serve on the Halifax County Planning Advisory Committee for a two-year term, winning by a vote of 11 to 8 against Leo Peddle.

Subsequent to this:

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

"THAT the Warden write to all Non-Council members whose terms on Committees have expired, thanking them for their participation and that Municipality of the County of Halifax Pins be sent to both retiring and current Non-Council members of these Committees and Boards."

Motion Carried.

As well Councillor Deveaux requested whether or not it would be appropriate to change the Municipality's By-Law to alleviate problems with regard to election to Committees and Boards such as the one just experienced. However, subsequent to brief discussion it was felt that since this was such a rare occurrence, that it would not be necessary to implement any changes to the existing By-Law.

At this point in the meeting, Councillor Gaetz advised that Ex-Councillor Williams who had served on County Council for quite some time, was now in Hospital, and he requested that a card be sent to him from Council.

This request was taken under advisement.

Councillor Poirier requested clarification as to whether or not there were vacancies coming up for Non-Council members on the Board of the Rehab Centre. She was advised that Mr. Kelly would look into this matter during the course of the Council Session and advise of the status of this Board before the end of the Session.

#### LETTERS AND CORRESPONDENCE

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

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

#### Letter From Municipal School Board

A letter from Mr. Briggs of the School Board, to Mr. Meech, the Chief Administrative Officer, was contained in the Council Agenda.

This letter advised that the recommendation of the Special School Committee, re: location of the New Junior High School had been discussed at the November 18, 1981 meeting of the Municipal School Board. The letter requested that any further action in regard to the School be held in abeyance until such time as the Board can review the matter in detail and react to the recommendations contained in the Report of the Special School Committee.

Several Council members spoke in reaction to this letter. Councillors Wiseman, Deveaux, MacDonald, McCabe, and Deputy Warden MacKay were in favour of withholding action on the construction of the school, until such time as the School Board had an opportunity to discuss it. It was the opinion of these Councillors that the School Board does not intend to contest the location chosen for the School, but only to review the ramifications of the recommendation of the Special School Committee in regard to the Feeder Schools and the TMH Students.

Councillors Topple, Benjamin and Margeson were opposed to the suggestion contained in the School Board's letter, as the entire issue of the location of the School had been reviewed and discussed at length by the Special School Committee, and these Councillors did not feel the construction of the School should be delayed any further.

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

"THAT the Letter from the Municipal School Board be acknowledged by Municipal Council but that the Management Committee proceed forthwith, with arrangements for the construction of the New Junior High School in District 15."  
Motion Carried.

#### MEETING WITH DEPARTMENT HEADS

Warden Lawrence advised that although Mr. Mason, Director of Social Services was on the Department Head Agenda, he would be unable to make a presentation to Council today.

#### Mr. Ken Wilson, Director of Finance

Mr. Wilson advised that he was prepared to answer any questions in regard to the Report circulated at the last Council Session in regard to Financial Information to the end of October, 1981. He advised that the Information to the end of November was not yet compiled in Report-Form. (See Report for Detail).

Mr. Wilson briefly clarified some of the highlights of the Report but there were few questions in regard to it from any Council members.

Councillor Gaetz, however, questioned whether there had been any great reaction to the higher interest rate charged on overdue taxes to which Mr. Wilson replied there was no noticeable adverse reaction to it.

Councillor Wiseman requested an update on the County's progress with purchasing one car and leasing one car to determine if Municipally-owned vehicles could combat the high cost of employee mileage. Councillor MacDonald also questioned the mileage cost.

Mr. Wilson, in reply to Councillor MacDonald, advised that Department Heads were trying to cut down the mileage within their Departments and advised Councillor Wiseman, that one car had been purchased; this had gone to tender and the lowest price accepted. He further advised that the leased car has not been obtained as yet.



Mr. Wilson raised one other point in regard to Redemption of Debenture No. 81-A-1 in the amount of \$14,000,000. He outlined the Issuing Resolution to Council. Subsequent to brief discussion:

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

"THAT Municipal Council approve the Issuing Resolution of Redemption of Debenture No. 81-A-1 in the amount of \$14,000,000."  
Motion Carried.

Subsequent to this item, Mr. Wilson offered to answer any questions Council might have in regard to the Temporary Borrowing Resolutions included in the Management Committee Report. However, no clarification was needed.

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

Mr. Lorne Denny, Industrial Promotions Officer

The first item, Mr. Denny raised in Council was the issue of the Sale of the Dolphin Building in Musquodoboit Harbour.

Mr. Denny advised that he had received an offer to purchase the Dolphin Building in Musquodoboit Harbour for a purchase price of \$25,000.

Subsequent to clarification of the History of the Surplus School Board property and of the terms of the Agreement of Purchase and Sale:

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

"THAT the offer to purchase from MacKenzie Distribution Services Limited be received and accepted by Municipal Council, as presented by the Halifax County Industrial Commission, subject to the approval of the Minister of Municipal Affairs."  
Motion Carried.

The second item raised by Mr. Denny was the issue of the Aerotech Business Park, location: Halifax International Airport.

On display at the front of the Council Chambers was a large Scaled Conceptual Model of the proposed Aerotech Business Park. (As well, a smaller model was located in the Councillor's Lounge) Mr. Denny reviewed this model with Council and as well tabled a Composite Project Resume of the Business Park.

This resume began as follows: "With a strong promotional marketing programme, financial assistance from Government and your (Council's) co-operation, this project will create 12,000 new jobs within the next ten years. With the development of High Technology will come many industrial buildings, this same project will produce 10 million tax dollars yearly. The Municipality of the County of Halifax is ready to market the Aerotech Business Park, the Halifax County Industrial Commission needs your co-operation and participation."

The Resume then went on to advise Council of the members of the Halifax County Industrial Commission and included a letter to Mr. Denny from Mr. Keith Birch and a memo from Mr. Ed Wdowiak both fully supporting the project. (Please see letters for clarification)

Following the letter from Mr. Birch and memo from Mr. Wdowiak, was included information in regard to the plan, the design, the engineering, roads, water and sewer, jobs to be created, etc., all of which Mr. Denny commented on in more detail.

Mr. Birch came to the front of the Council chambers to provide clarification of the comments contained in his letter.

He advised that to develop the land adjacent to the airport for industrial purposes meets with generally accepted planning principals and the desires of the County as established several years ago when the County zoned the surrounding lands for industrial purposes. He also advised, as in his letter, that being located adjacent to the airport would "attract developments which would normally not locate in the Halifax area." In addition, it was his feeling that with the prospect of increased activity in the off-shore energy search and the subsequent development, land availability could be a critical factor in support of that renewed activity. Mr. Birch also indicated that the project had the support and approval of the Departments of Health and Environment.

Mr. Denny advised that Mr. Wdowiak would make himself available to answer any questions from Council in regard to his memo, if called upon to do so. However, no-one from Council requested his presence.

The main concensus of his memo was that although estimates included in Mr. Denny's report are tight, they are reasonably adequate to cover the project and with close supervision of staff, the County should be able to remain within the guidelines.

Also included in Mr. Denny's report was a cost break-down estimated for the entire project, as commented on by Mr. Wdowiak. This estimate including the \$5,000,000 for land, for which no cost-sharing has yet been found; although final word has not been received from the Province. Including the costs for roads, sewers, water and engineering costs, the cost of the project is estimated by MacLaren Consultants Ltd. to be \$34,000,000, estimated by the County to be approximately \$28,000,000 with the estimated cost for phase 1 being approximately \$23,000,000. For the total requirement of 1,000 acres this represents approximately \$23,000 per acre.

Mr. Denny also included in his report the saving which he felt could be had if some modifications were made to the original plan in regard to roads, sewers, water and engineering. The amount of these savings, as estimated by Mr. Denny were approximately \$11,000,000.

Mr. Denny indicated his opinion that the projected yearly taxes achieved from the implementation of this proposed Business Park would be approximately \$17,627,480. He included a lengthy report which substantiated this claim.

Finally, the report included comment from Mr. Wilson, the Director of Finance, as follows:

"I have reviewed the financial data you submitted showing Phase I estimated costs at \$23,000,000. It is my understanding that the Infrastructure will be covered by various grants from various levels of government. The involvement of the County of Halifax would be the acquisition of land. It is also my understanding that approximately 1,800 acres, could be acquired at a price of approximately \$2,800 per acre, amounting to \$5,000,000. It is also my understanding that approximately 800 acres would be serviced under Phase I.

You asked me if the County was able to finance this amount of money up-front, the recovery to be made from the sale of property.

The County is large enough and in a reasonably good financial condition to be able to borrow the necessary \$5,000,000 from a banking institution on a temporary basis or from various reserve funds.

Based on the information supplied to me, and assuming 100 acres of land could be sold each year at \$30,000 per acre, I have prepared the attached pro formula cash flow statements showing that by 1985, there would be a positive cash flow. (See attached statements)

If the money comes from reserves, it would mean there would be less money to invest on a temporary basis and the general revenue fund would have less investment income. However, the increase in commercial tax base would create taxation in the future years which would more than offset the loss of interest on funds used from reserves.

The basic concern would be that Council is willing to commit itself to the Industrial Park provided, they would be reasonably confident that there would be some guaranteed sales of land.

In my estimation, the main thrust would be to receive commitments from some industries to acquire land in the Park as soon as the infrastructure has been completed. The more quickly the land is sold, the more quickly the Industrial Commission will repay the amounts due and have excess funds for further expansion and development in other industrial parks. Also, the sooner the County increases its commercial tax base, it would reduce the tax burden on the residential tax payers."

This concluded the information in Mr. Wilson's Report, regarding the financial impact of the proposed Aerotech Business Park.



Mr. Wilson was called upon to comment on this information as several Councillors felt his memo indicated some doubt about the proposed Park. However, Mr. Wilson reiterated the comments in his memo and advised that since the Province has alleviated the School Capital Debt, the County could afford to borrow money to purchase this land.

Mr. Denny also indicated that he has placed an option on the land at an agreed price until June of 1982.

Council discussed this project at great length with Councillors Williams, Poirier and Walker, although being in support of the project "in principal", indicating their concern in regard to the huge expenditure required to purchase the land and the possibility of this expenditure saturating the Municipality's borrowing power and thus being detrimental to any other development in the County.

However, the proposal was enthusiastically greeted by Councillors Benjamin, Margeson, Topple, Deveaux (who also expressed the hope that the proposal would not prove to be a detriment to other development within the County), Eisenhauer, Lichter, Smith, Wiseman, McKenzie, Baker and MacDonald and Deputy Warden MacKay who had a few reservations but could see no reason to reject the proposal today; as Mr. Denny was asking only for Council's support "in principal".

The majority of the above-mentioned Council members felt that the County needed the industrial tax base and the jobs which would be created by the Business Park and pointed out the fact that there would be an eventual large return on the Municipality's investment. Councillor Margeson as well referred to a quote from Mr. Wilson's memo; "Also, the sooner the County increases its commercial tax base, it would reduce the tax burden on the residential taxpayers."

Subsequent to the above lengthy discussion:

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

"THAT Council approve "in principal" the proposed Aerotech Business Park with the understanding of the limitation of \$5,000,000 land price and subject to confirmation of government cost-sharing on the related infrastructure."

Motion Carried.

Mr. Denny thanked his Consultant, Mr. Jack MacLeod, who had sat through the proceedings, ready to answer any questions if necessary. As well, he thanked Council for its support of the project.

Mr. Denny then went on to advise of land prices at similar Parks advising; that in the vicinity of the Toronto Airport, land is going for \$125,000 an acre; near the Montreal Airport, \$125,000 an acre; and in Hamilton, \$75,000. He indicated that the land cost per acre goes down from there going out West, until Vancouver where it is \$200,000 per acre. He also advised that land in Aberdeen, Scotland is now selling for approximately \$200,000 per acre. Therefore, he felt the County was getting a bargain at only \$23,000 per acre including infrastructure.

Mr. Denny then requested Council to approve the Industrial Commission minutes of April 4, 1981; June 17, 1981; August 5, 1981; August 10, 1981 and September 16, 1981 as approved by the Industrial Commission.

Subsequent to brief discussion as to the necessity of this procedure:

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

"THAT Council receive and approve the minutes of the Industrial Commission meetings of April 4, 1981; June 17, 1981; August 5, 1981; August 10, 1981 and September 16, 1981, as approved by the Industrial Commission."

Motion Carried.

The last item raised by Mr. Denny was a change in consultants for the Continental Computer Corporation, as requested by James R. Blick, Pres. of Continental Computer Corporation.

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

"THAT David R. Miller and Associates be accepted as the Consultants for the Continental Computer Corporation, as requested by James R. Blick, Pres. of Continental Computer Corporation."

Motion Carried.

Mr. Denny, Mr. Birch, Mr. Wilson & Mr. MacLeod retired from the meeting.

It was moved by Councillor Deveaux:

"THAT Council adjourn for one-half hour for Supper."

Motion Carried.

Subsequent to the Supper Break, Warden Lawrence advised Councillor Poirier, in regard to the possible openings for Non-Council members on the Board of the Rehab Centre, that Mr. Kelly had been unable to clarify this item.

Therefore, she suggested that the issue be further researched before the next Council Session; if it is determined that there are openings to be filled, it will be handled at the next Council Session.

This was agreed to by Council.

#### MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE REPORT

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

"THAT the Management Committee Report be received."

Motion Carried.

Recommendation From Pension Advisory Task Force - Terms of Reference

Mr. Meech outlined this item, advising: "The Management Committee met with Mr. Bensted, Chairman of the Pension Advisory Task Force and discussed changes to the Task Force, as follows:

1. That the number of members of the Task Force be changed from ten (10) to eight (8) and that the Deputy Warden and Chief Administrative Officer be eliminated.
2. That Section 7 of the terms of reference be reworded to read: The members shall name annually from among its members, the Chairman of the Task Force."

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

"THAT the recommendations from the Pension Advisory Task Force, regarding a change in the membership and in the wording of the terms of reference, be approved by Municipal Council."  
Motion Carried.

Prior to the passing of the motion, it was clarified that change #1 would make it easier to obtain a quorum which had been a difficulty in the past and change #2 would enable any member of the Committee to be Chairman, if elected.

Pension Benefits - Peter Henderson

Mr. Meech outlined this item as well, advising: "Mr. Henderson was previously employed by the County of Halifax, prior to annexation in 1969; at that time, he elected to take a refund on his pension contributions and the County contributions were retained by the County Plan. Mr. Henderson has now requested that he be able to buy back his service with the County of Halifax, but in order to do that the Retirement Committee for the Halifax Superannuation Plan has requested that the County of Halifax consider refunding to Mr. Henderson, the amount which the County originally contributed on his behalf to the plan.

The Pension Advisory Task Force reviewed the request from the City of Halifax, at their meeting of November 16, 1981 and recommended to the Management Committee that \$509.00, which was withheld by the County of Halifax, at the time that Mr. Henderson transferred to the employ of the City of Halifax, be refunded to Mr. Peter Henderson in order that he can purchase back his service with the County."

Subsequent to discussion and based on the information provided and the recommendation from the Pension Advisory Task Force, the Management Committee recommended that Council approve the transfer of funds from the County Pension Fund to the City of Halifax Superannuation Plan on behalf of Mr. Peter Henderson.



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

"THAT Council approve the recommendation of the Pension Advisory Task Force and that \$509.00 be forwarded to the City of Halifax Superannuation Plan on behalf of Mr. Peter Henderson."  
Motion Carried.

Prior to the motion being carried Councillor Smith expressed some concern as to why it had taken so long for this request to come forward and also that this might initiate similar requests from other previous employees of the County of Halifax.

It was, however, clarified that this matter was brought up due to the recent provision of buying back time on pension plans and the subsequent public knowledge of this provision. As well, it was noted that there were few persons eligible for such a buy back option, and that there were in fact only six firemen, including Mr. Henderson, involved in the transfer at the time of the 1969 annexation.

#### Coverage - Accidental Death and Dismemberment

Attached to the agenda was a report, prepared by Mr. Percy Fawson, outlining the proposed change in the Carrier of the Municipality's Health and Insurance Programs. (Please see Report for detail).

Subsequent to discussion of this Report, the Management Committee recommended that Council approve of the change of Carrier for the Accidental Death and Dismemberment Coverage to Mutual of Omaha.

The change was recommended due to the fact that this Company offered better coverage at a lower rate to the Municipality.

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

"THAT Council approve of a change of Carrier for the Municipality's Accidental Death and Dismemberment Coverage to Mutual of Omaha."  
Motion Carried.

#### Garbage Collection Contracts

Mr. Meech advised that the Management Committee had received a Report from the Engineering and Works Department respecting agreements reached with Garbage Collection Contractors for the year 1982. The 1981 Contract provided the option to enter into a negotiated agreement with the Municipality for 1982 and agreements have been reached with the Contractors. A copy of the report on the proposed Garbage Collection Contracts was included in the Council Agenda (Please refer to Report for any additional clarification).

The Management Committee recommended for approval the 1982 Garbage Collection Contracts as submitted by the Engineering and Works Dept.