

Councillor Smith indicated that other schools in Halifax County had been involved with Student Exchange Programs and had been able to fund the programs through other means. She did not feel it was necessary to utilize an area rate for this type of program, especially as it would set a precedent which could lead to other such programs being financed by the area rate.

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

"THAT the School Board be requested to provide to the next Council Session of February 16, 1981, a Report and recommendations regarding all requested School Area Rates, passed at Annual Meetings."

Prior to voting on the motion, there was further debate as follows:

Councillor Deveaux spoke on his motion, fully supportive of School Area Rates in Halifax County.

Councillor Williams indicated his opposition to the principle of School Area Rates and advised that Halifax County is the last County in the Province of Nova Scotia to have School Area Rates. In discussion with Mrs. Lassaline he also advised that the passing of a School Area Rate would not eliminate the selling of cookies and candy bars or walk-a-thons or any other method of fund raising, participated in by School Children. He also advised that, although it is not clearly spelled out in the Walker Commission Report, it had been indicated to him that the Walker Commission is not in favour of School Area Rates and that there is intent to do away with this procedure.

Councillor Benjamin was in agreement with Councillor Williams in that the establishment of School Area Rates would not eliminate other methods of fund raising, but would act as a supplement instead. He was not in support of School Area Rates.

Councillor McInroy was in agreement with some of the negative aspects of School Area Rates; however, he realized that funds were needed for extra-curricular activities. Councillor McInroy, however, indicated his displeasure with the manner in which the School Trustees had been treated in the past year with respect to the School Area Rates. He advised that he would support the motion with respect to the receipt of a School Board Report on the requests for School Area Rates.

Councillor Eisenhower also spoke in favour of the motion on the floor, advising that he supported School Area Rates wholeheartedly. However, he did suggest that a break-down of the activities to be supported by the \$30,000 be received and reviewed by Council.

Councillor Gaetz advised that he too, was not opposed to School Area Rates, but he felt he could not support the Rate unless he was assured that his Ratepayers were in favour of it. He was advised by Mrs. Lassaline that the Annual Ratepayers Meeting had been advertised as far down as Lawrencetown and there had been support shown in his District.

Councillor Topple spoke again on the motion advising that he was not opposed to Area Rates for Fire Departments, Sidewalks, Street Lights, etc.; items from which all Residents benefit. However, he pointed out that not all people in a District have school-aged children who would benefit from the levy of an area rate. He felt there was the following alternative: a special rate could be levied against the parents of children attending the schools in question. He felt this would be a good method to determine which parents want their children to participate in extra-curricular activities and which parents were willing to pay for these activities.

Councillor MacKay spoke on the motion, echoing the comments of Councillor McInroy, regarding the deplorable manner in which the Trustees were treated in the past year and advising that this should not continue this year. He was in favour of the motion as he felt a Report from the School Board would be of assistance in this situation.

In response to questioning from Councillor Adams, regarding Section 226 (2) of the Municipal Act as it related to Section 57 of the Education Act, Solicitor Cragg gave a brief up-date on what had happened between himself and the Solicitor of the School Board and Representatives of the Departments of Municipal Affairs and Education. However, he advised that regardless of the results of that meeting, the School Board is still obligated to deal with requests for School Area Rates.

Subsequent to the above discussion, the motion;

Moved by Councillor Deveaux, seconded by Councillor McInroy:

"As previously written."
Motion Carried.

Subsequent to the passing of the motion, Councillor Smith requested clarification as to whether there had been revisions to the Walker Commission Report. She was advised by Warden Lawrence that there had been several revisions, although none of these had specifically addressed the issue of School Area Rates.

On behalf of Council, Warden Lawrence thanked Mrs. Lassaline for her presentation and Mrs. Lassaline and Mrs. Patterson retired from the meeting.

Letter From Hon. Gerald A. Reagan, Secretary of State of Canada

The fourth and final letter contained in the agenda was from Hon. Gerald A. Reagan, Secretary of State of Canada, in response to the Municipality's letter of November 12, 1981 regarding the Established Programs Financing Act and federal funding for post-secondary education.

Mr. Meech outlined this letter to Council, which advised: "You may know that the recent budget confirmed that federal financial assistance will be maintained during this period of restraint and that the federal government will undertake, in the near future, a comprehensive review of its support for post-secondary education."

The letter also advised "...the Government of Canada recognizes federal assistance for human resource programs as a major priority and is confident that any changes introduced in this area will have the effect of strengthening the system of post-secondary education in this country."

Mr. Meech advised that this letter was submitted to Council for information only.

SUPPLEMENTARY MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE REPORT

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

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

Suburban Paving Program

Warden Lawrence advised that although, it is a new Policy of the Municipal Council, that no Supplementary Reports be received at a Council Session, there was some urgency in approving the Suburban Paving Program for 1982.

The Warden outlined the Supplementary Management Committee Report, advising; "The Committee received a Report respecting 1982 Suburban Paving Program. The Report outlined categories "A", "B" and "C" Streets for which petitions have been circulated to obtain the majority of signatures and also the foot frontage costs to property abutters. It is the recommendation of the Committee, that Council include in the 1982 Suburban Paving Program, all those streets which have obtained the required majority of signatures, subject to the approval of the Minister of Transportation."

A copy of the Report was attached to the Supplementary Report. (please see Report for details.)

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

"THAT those streets identified in the report, on receiving the required percentage of signatures, be included in the 1982 Suburban Paving Program, subject to the approval of the Minister of Transportation."

Prior to the debate and vote on the above motion, Warden Lawrence indicated that a Gentleman was present in the Council Chambers who wished to speak in regard to the Suburban Paving Program. She requested whether Council was agreeable to hearing this Gentleman's presentation.

It was agreed by Council to hear the presentation of Mr. Albert Iceton of Arnold Drive, Fall River.

Mr. Iceton came forward at this time and indicated to Council his dissatisfaction with the Municipality's Street Improvement By-Law. Mr. Iceton advised that he had not been in favour of paving on his street, Arnold Drive, and further advised that due to a majority of signatures on the required petition, he is now forced to pay for paving which he cannot afford and does not want. He advised that even if he was able to pay for the paving he is not happy with a By-Law which can force him to do so against his will.

Solicitor Cragg provided Mr. Iceton and Council with a detailed explanation of Section 136 of the Special Legislation and Section 191 of the General Municipal Legislation, as well as an explanation of the Street Improvement By-Law and the General Law of the Land in Canada, which dictates that a majority rules. He indicated that it was not the Municipality's By-Law, specifically which is forcing Mr. Iceton to pay for paving on his street but it is the General Law of the Land.

Councillor Benjamin indicated that Mr. Iceton has an extremely large lot frontage of 275 feet. He advised that he was definitely in agreement with the principles of democracy, however, he wondered if, since Mr. Iceton had such a large foot frontage which could total more than one lot, Mr. Iceton could then be entitled to more than one vote. He felt that perhaps on these grounds, Mr. Iceton could successfully make some objection.

Solicitor Cragg further advised that the petition, if valid and accepted by the Clerk, is tantamount to being accepted by the Council and it is appropriate. This, he advised, has been determined by Case Law.

However, in light of Mr. Iceton's strong objections, Warden Lawrence requested whether Council was prepared to consider revisions to the Municipality's Street Improvements By-Law.

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

"THAT this issue be referred to the Policy Committee, who will consider that there be a requirement of 100% approval by abutting land-owners and that an equalized payment scheme be considered, regardless of the amount of frontage."
Motion Carried.

Prior to the passing of the above motion, Councillors MacDonald, and Benjamin spoke in favour of it. Councillor MacDonald indicated to Council, problems he had experienced relative to paving on Davis Street in Sackville and advised that for this reason, he felt the Street Improvements By-Law should be re-examined. Councillor Benjamin voiced his concern regarding the inequities in the cost of paving to residents with varying amounts of foot frontage and felt that the By-Law should be reviewed to determine if there is any way Residents such as Mr. Iceton could be assisted financially when this problem occurs.

Deputy Warden MacKay and Councillor Poirier spoke in opposition to the motion, advising that the democratic way is that a majority rules; therefore it was their feeling that the By-Law was already quite fair and adequate.

Subsequent to the above debate, the question was called on the previous motion:

Moved by Councillor Wiseman, seconded by Councillor MacDonald:

"As Previously written."
Motion Carried.

It was clarified that should revisions be made to the existing By-Law it would not be of benefit to Mr. Iceton as the petition for his street had already been accepted by the Municipal Clerk.

On behalf of Municipal Council, Warden Lawrence thanked Mr. Iceton for bringing this matter to Council's attention. Mr. Iceton subsequently retired from the Council Chambers.

REPORT OF THE MUNICIPAL DEVELOPMENT PLAN COMMITTEE

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

"THAT the Report of the Municipal Development Plan Committee be received."
Motion Carried.

Municipal Development Plans and Zoning By-Laws for Sackville and Beechville-Lakeside-Timberlea

Mr. Meech outlined the Report of the MDP Committee, which advised: "Since the Committee will not have finalized its review until February 10, 1982, it will be necessary to send a supplementary Report to Council on February 16, 1982. The MDP Committee respectfully requests that Council agree to accept a Supplementary Report on February 16, 1982 in regard to the previously mentioned documents."

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

"THAT Council agree to accept a Supplementary Report on February 16, 1982 in regard to the Municipal Development Plans and Zoning By-Laws for Sackville and Beechville-Lakeside-Timberlea."
Motion Carried.

ADDITIONS TO AGENDA

Absence of Councillor Margeson

Warden Lawrence advised Council that Councillor Kenneth Margeson was absent today, due to a death in his family. He was attending the Funeral of his Brother-In-Law.

MDP Committee Meeting

Mr. Meech advised Council that an MDP Committee Meeting would be held at 7:00 P.M. in the Municipal Council Chambers tomorrow, Feb. 3, 1982. This was for information only.

BORROWING RESOLUTION, RE: OPERATING FUNDS FOR 1982

Attached to the agenda was a copy of a borrowing resolution for the Municipality, authorizing the Municipality to borrow from the Royal Bank of Canada up to \$2,000,000, if required, for operating expenditures in 1982.

Mr. Meech advised that approval of the resolution would authorize Warden Lawrence and Mr. Kelly, Municipal Clerk, to sign the required document on behalf of the Municipality. He also advised that it was unlikely the entire \$2,000,000 would be necessary as, in the past, the Municipality has been in a position whereby its deposits were sufficient for operating purposes.

Deputy Warden MacKay questioned whether there were any changes in the interest rate charged to the Municipality. He was advised by Mr. Meech that the Municipality pays on the basis of the prime rate.

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

"THAT Council approve the \$2,000,000 Borrowing Resolution for County of Halifax Operating Funds in 1982."
Motion Carried.

ELEMENTARY SCHOOL AREA RATES, DISTRICT # 7

In light of the earlier motion passed by Council, subsequent to Mrs. Morrison's presentation, it was agreed by Councillor McInroy, who had requested that this item be put on the agenda, that it was sufficiently dealt with at this time.

He did, however, point out that it was his original request that the actual request made by Cole Harbour Elementary School Trustees be submitted to this Council Session for its consideration and hopefully its approval.

MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE REPORT

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

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

Issuing Resolutions

Mr. Meech outlined this Report to Council, which advised that the Management Committee had received the following issuing resolutions:

Sackville School Bus Garage	\$160,000.00
General Purpose Funding	\$5,717,393.00

Attached to the Report was a breakdown of the General Purpose Funding for water, sewer, and school projects. The Management Committee recommended to Council for approval the above-noted issuing resolutions.

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

"THAT Council approve the Issuing Resolutions for the Sackville School Bus Garage in the amount of \$160,000.00 and the General Purpose Funding in the amount of \$5,717,393.00."
Motion Carried.

Prior to the passing of the motion, Deputy Warden MacKay requested whether the Municipality had received any direction from the Province in regard to funding for School Capital Projects. He was concerned as to whether or not the Municipality was going to continue to fund these projects or was going to be reimbursed for funds expended on these projects.

Mr. Meech advised that the Municipality has not received specific direction at this point as to how the long-term funding is to be handled, as a result of the new arrangements regarding the District School Board. He further advised that Mr. Wilson has had discussions with the Province, whose advice was to proceed with the funding. However, the Province will be reimbursing the Municipality 100% for those charges associated with School Capital Projects.

WARDEN'S REPORT TO COUNCIL

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

"THAT the Warden's Report to Council be received."
Motion Carried.

Warden Lawrence advised that there were two items arising out of her Report, as follows:

1. Agreement, Re: District School Board

Warden Lawrence advised that an official Agreement had been signed between the County and the Town of Bedford at noon today, to create the Halifax County - Bedford District School Board. She advised that the Interim Board is to meet this week for the first time.

As jointly agreed at the negotiating Session last Saturday, and as provided for in an Addendum to the Agreement, Warden Lawrence requested that Council approve a request to the new District School Board to consider formation of a new subsystem consisting of the schools in Bedford and those in the C.P. Allen Feeder System.

Warden Lawrence advised that during the negotiations, both Councils could not agree on this item; the Minister of Education had intervened and advised that this was not a valid item that should be in the Agreement. However, since Bedford felt strongly about it, a compromise, proposed by Councillor Wiseman, was that the County agree to an Addendum to the Agreement; that we would respectively ask the two Councils if they would forward this motion to the new Interim District Board, suggesting that they consider the formation of such an additional subsystem.

Warden Lawrence produced the Addendum which had been signed at noon today, representing the understanding of Mayor Cosman, Mr. English, Mr. Kelly, Mr. Cragg, and herself. The Warden proceeded to read this Addendum to Council:

"Whereas the Municipality of the County of Halifax and the Town of Bedford have executed an Interim District School Board Agreement, dated January 30, 1982 and whereas it is the wish of both the Municipality of the County of Halifax and the Town of Bedford, that the C.P. Allen School together with all Bedford Schools and those located at Hammonds Plains, Waverley and Fall River shall be included in one subsystem. This Agreement therefore witnesseth that in consideration of the covenants and agreements contained herein that the District School Board constituted by the affirmation agreement shall consider creation of the above referred to subsystem which should include the aforementioned schools."

Warden Lawrence further advised that there had been some revision of this Addendum at the noon meeting, on the issue of diluting the words to "should" from "shall". Mr. Cragg, had advised, as the only Solicitor present, that this would not be binding on the District Board but is simply a suggestion that they consider the creation of such a separate subsystem. The Warden also advised that this was the only way in which Municipal Council would accept the Addendum, and it was not the intention to bind the District Board but only to request their consideration.

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

"THAT a letter be forwarded to the new Interim District School Board, requesting that they consider the establishment of a new Subsystem including Bedford and the C. P. Allen Feeder Schools."

This motion was debated by Council at great length. Speaking in opposition to the motion were Councillors Benjamin, Topple and Walker.

Councillor Benjamin was concerned with the detrimental impact an additional subsystem would have on the elected representatives from the County area. He questioned whether there would be Provincially appointed representatives or elective representatives for Hammonds Plains area and District 14.

Councillor Topple was in agreement with the concerns expressed by Councillor Benjamin. Councillor Topple also questioned why, if an additional subsystem was set up, the School Board should be suggesting which schools are to be included in it.

Warden Lawrence advised that the electoral boundaries need not co-incide with the administrative boundaries. She also advised that the new Interim School Board could discuss the above-mentioned concerns of Councillors Benjamin and Topple regarding the electoral boundaries. She advised that both Councils at the negotiating meeting on Saturday had agreed to pass this motion in their Councils, so she felt an obligation to do just that. Warden Lawrence re-emphasized that the motion was only asking the Interim District School Board to "consider" the creation of a new subsystem and was by no means forcing the Board to accept it.

Councillor Topple advised that the prime interest of the School Board should be to provide good student education and that political interests should not interfere with that intent.

Warden Lawrence agreed with this and indicated that it would be a major consideration of the Board when dealing with the motion.

Solicitor Cragg commented, advising that the Addendum reflects the Agreement reached at Saturday's meeting and further advised that the subsystem boundary has nothing to do with electoral boundaries. As well, he indicated that the Addendum is only suggesting that the new Board consider a new subsystem. He assured Councillor Benjamin that the elected representatives of Bedford would not just be looking after Bedford but would be looking at the Education interests of the entire County.

Councillor Walker indicated that Council was not obliged to deal with the Addendum at today's Session but that it could be deferred until a later date. In the meantime, the Councillors of the two affected Districts, Councillor Eisenhower of Hammonds Plains and Councillor Benjamin of District 14 could get together to discuss some alternative arrangements regarding representation of their Districts in the new subsystem. The two Councillors could present their views to a later Session of Council.

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

"THAT the Addendum be deferred until next Council Session and that Councillors Benjamin and Eisenhower get together during the interim to discuss alternative arrangements."
Motion Defeated.

The above motion to defer was defeated as there was a tie vote.

Subsequent to the defeat of the above motion, Councillor Lichter spoke in support of the previous motion, advising that since Council agreed that it shall pass the Addendum, it was obliged to do so. He advised that it was his understanding that Bedford will elect its representatives in the same manner as it had prior to joining the District School Board and the Municipality will continue to do so as it has in the past. It was his opinion that the Municipality should consider that it has 12 members of the 15 members on the District School Board. As well, he reiterated the previous comments of Warden Lawrence who had advised that the motion was only a suggestion that the Board "consider" creating a new subsystem.

Subsequent to the above comment, the original motion; moved by Councillor Wiseman, seconded by Deputy Warden MacKay:

"As previously written." Motion Carried.

2. Representation on the Committee to Meet with MLA's

The second issue arising out of the Warden's Report was in regard to representation on the Committee to Meet with the MLA's.

Warden Lawrence advised that the previous Committee had been made up of four representatives, each one chosen from one of the school subsystems. The Warden also advised that there were some unresolved issues at the last meeting with the MLA's and it was the suggestion of the MLA's that another meeting be held to further discuss these issues, possibly Feb. 17/82. It had been suggested to the Warden that if new representatives were desired, that these new ones could be chosen on a Provincial Constituency basis. The reasoning behind the proposed rotation of representatives was that in this manner eventually all Councillors would be able to meet with the MLA's.

Warden Lawrence requested Council's guidance on whether the delegates chosen for last month's meeting should continue to attend future Sessions or whether there should be a rotation; and if so, how frequently and on what basis. She advised that the meeting with the MLA's had been so successful that she felt there would be regular meetings from now on, possibly monthly or bi-monthly.

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

"THAT four new Representatives be chosen to meet with the MLA's at the next meeting, and on a rotating basis in future meetings, on the same school subsystem basis."

It was the opinion of both Deputy Warden MacKay and Councillor Gaetz that the present representatives had done an excellent job at the recent meeting; however, they felt that all Councillors should have the opportunity of meeting with the MLA's.

Councillor Deveaux advised that under the subsystem basis which was used for selection of the representatives, there were at least one or two MLA's who did not have a representative from their constituency at the meeting. Based on that, he would like to see a representative from all constituencies.

Councillor MacKenzie was interested to know what had come out of the meeting with the MLA's that had prompted them to request another meeting. He had understood that the meeting was to be only a yearly or semi-annual occurrence.

The Warden advised that there were several items on the agenda; these were, District School Board, School Board Budget, School Area Rates, Sidewalk Plowing, County Building, Storm Drainage Task Force Report and Provincial Policy on Mineral Contamination of On-Site Water Supply. She advised that when discussion on the above had been completed, several of the MLA's had agendas of their own containing items they would like to discuss and some of the Municipality's representatives had items they would like to discuss.

The items to be discussed at a subsequent meeting would be reconsideration of the Winter Works Program Cancellation, the issue of the RCMP Detachment Location, Mic Mac Improvements versus the Highway 107 By-Pass, the Planning Act Review Committee's Recommendations, Industrial Parks and Industrial Commission, the MDP in the Fringe Areas and Rural Areas, Tax Incentives for Industry and Library Funding Priorities.

Councillor MacKenzie advised that if there were new representatives on the Committee, there would be some repeat discussion of some of the items already dealt with.

Councillor Smith was in agreement with Councillor MacKenzie's comments in regard to the upcoming meeting, as this meeting was to discuss left-over items already touched upon by the present members. However, she was also in agreement with rotating the members for future meetings.

Councillor Topple was opposed to the idea of holding any additional meetings. He felt that Councillors could approach their MLA's with any concerns, without the necessity of scheduling a meeting. The Councillor was also concerned that an additional Committee of Council was being established. He also indicated that if there was an outstanding matter of great importance to Council, the MLA's or the MLA involved, could be invited to attend a Council Session to discuss the matter with all Councillors or a Committee of the Whole or Special Council Session could be held.

In response to Councillor Topple's concern that the meetings would become too frequent, the Warden assured him that the only reason there was a back-up of items at this time, is because a meeting has not been held with the MLA's for an entire year. She also advised that when dealing with MLA's on an individual basis, Councillors tend to bring up items on a District by District basis; however, it was the intent of these meetings to discuss items relating to the entire County.

Councillor Deveaux was in agreement with Councillor Topple but advised that he was in support of the motion only on the basis that it would be the last meeting.

Councillor Williams advised that he could not see the purpose of carrying on the Meetings with the MLA's alone. He thought it would be more beneficial to have them come to Council, as well as other Senior Officials such as the Attorney General, Minister of Transportation, etc. He felt these were the type of people, that the Municipality would rather meet with. He advised that he would be voting against the Committee altogether.

Subsequent to the above discussion;

The motion, moved by Councillor Gaetz, seconded by Councillor Walker

"As previously written."
Motion Defeated.

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

"THAT the same Committee be re-appointed to meet with the MLA's at the next meeting and that this Committee be expanded to include a representative of the Musquodoboit Valley Constituency, the Cole Harbour Constituency and the Halifax Atlantic Constituency."

Councillor Benjamin was opposed to this motion as the Committee would be too large. He supported Councillor Topple's suggestion of having the MLA's come to a Council Session rather than hold separate meetings.

Councillor Poirier also felt the Committee was getting too large with this expanded motion. She advised that she would rather let someone else go in her place, to the next meeting, rather than see the Committee get this large.

Councillor Topple, as well, indicated his opposition to expanding the Committee. He also felt that the representatives should not be titled a "Committee" but perhaps a "Group".

It was amended by Councillor Topple, seconded by Councillor Williams

"THAT the Forthcomming meeting between Councillors of the Municipality and the MLA's be the last meeting of its kind and that the Warden be empowered to meet with the MLA's on future issues and to invite any appropriate Councillors to attend."

Deputy Warden MacKay indicated that he would be away on February the 17th (the proposed date for the next meeting). Therefore, another representative could be chosen to attend in his place.

Councillor MacKenzie was opposed to the amendment on the basis that he did not want to see the meetings become an on-going thing but he would like to have them scheduled once or twice a year.

Councillor Wiseman, as well, was opposed to the restrictions imposed by the amendment, as a matter of importance that should be discussed with the MLA's, could come up at any moment.

In response to questioning by Councillor Walker, Solicitor Cragg advised that the amendment was not in order.

Therefore, the question was called on the motion:

Moved by Councillor Wiseman, seconded by Councillor Adams:

"THAT the same Committee be re-appointed to meet with the MLA's at the next meeting and that this Committee be expanded to include a representative of the Musquodoboit Valley, Cole Harbour and Halifax Atlantic Constituencies."
Motion Defeated.

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

"THAT the same Group be re-appointed to meet with the MLA's for the next and LAST meeting."
Motion Carried.

The above motion was carried subsequent to brief discussion by Council. As well, Councillor Baker requested that a Report come to Council with the results of the meeting.

Warden Lawrence agreed that a Report would be prepared following the meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

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

"THAT the Council Session adjourn."
Motion Defeated.

NEW BUSINESS

Capital Grants - Councillor Benjamin

Councillor Benjamin indicated Residents of the Miller Lake Subdivision in District 14 were anxious to relieve an arsenic problem. These people were being held up due to a lack of funding, which must come from either the County or the Province or both. Therefore, he urged that the Capital Grant Policy be established as soon as possible.

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

"THAT the issue of establishment of a Policy for the allocation of Capital Grants be referred to the Policy Committee for immediate consideration."
Motion Carried.

Snow Removal on Sidewalks - Councillor Adams

Councillor Adams requested clarification on an article which appeared in the Mail Star recently regarding snow removal on sidewalks in Halifax County. He had received numerous calls in response to the article; he questioned if the Snow Removal By-Law would apply to areas without sidewalks.

Solicitor Cragg advised that the By-Law was drawn up to affect all districts equally and would affect those properties bordering sidewalks so that if you did not have a sidewalk you could be compelled to clear a path on the Department of Highways right-of-way. Otherwise, there would be people walking on the streets. He advised that the Draft By-Law could be changed to refer to certain Districts only.

Mr. Meech advised that the initial request related to problems in Sackville whereby individual property-owners were plowing or dumping snow on sidewalks; so the request from the Policy Committee was for Mr. Cragg to prepare a draft By-Law which would control this situation.

Several Members of Council spoke on the matter and it was the consensus of these Councillors that the Draft By-Law be revised before coming to Council, otherwise it would not be supported.

Reports of the Department Heads - Councillor Smith

Councillor Smith indicated that the Reports of the Department Heads were missing from the last few Council Agendas. She requested clarification on the reason for this.

Mr. Meech advised that this section of the agenda had been deleted from the last few Sessions as Management had known ahead of time that there would be lengthy debate on several issues on the agenda. He also advised that they were not put on today's agenda as the Department Heads would shortly be coming before Council to discuss the Budget. He advised that it was the intention to return to the practice of putting Department Heads on the agenda.

Budget Meetings - Councillor Deveaux

Councillor Deveaux questioned when the Budget Meetings would begin.

Mr. Meech advised that subsequent to meetings with Mr. Wilson, it was hoped that within a week or so the Budget would be ready for presentation to Council. He advised that it might be appropriate at that time to hold an In-Camera Committee of the Whole Meeting just to table the Budget and hold discussions on it. If not, it would be ready for tabling in the next week or ten days.

Eastern Shore RCMP Dettachment - Councillor Adams

Councillor Adams requested that Council attempt to get a statement from the Attorney General's Department relative to the location of the RCMP Detachment to Minesville Road.

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

"THAT a letter be sent to the Attorney General requesting a statement in relation to the location of the RCMP Detachment to Minesville Road."
Motion Carried.

Planning Advisory Committee Minutes - Councillor Poirier

Councillor Poirier indicated that she had not been receiving minutes of the Planning Advisory Committee lately. She wondered why they were being held up.

Mr. Meech and Councillor Topple, the Chairman of the Committee, advised they were not aware of any problem with the minutes; however, it was agreed that Mr. Meech would investigate this matter.

911 Emergency Number - Warden Lawrence

Warden Lawrence advised that the issue of the 911 Emergency Telephone number had been discussed at the Metropolitan Authority. At the most recent meeting of the Authority, a motion was passed, "That the Metropolitan Authority approve, in principle the implementation of Indirect Dispatch 911 Emergency Phone Service". She further advised that it was clearly indicated in the motion that each individual Municipal unit should discuss amongst themselves whether or not they wish to authorize the Authority to go into the system.

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

"THAT a presentation be made to Council with representation from M.T.&T. as well as Municipal Fire Departments regarding the issue of the Indirect Dispatch 911 Emergency Phone Service."
Motion Carried.

Regional Approach to Preparing for Off-Shore Development - Warden Lawrence

Warden Lawrence advised of a decision made in the Press Release from the Metropolitan Authority, in regard to a Regional Approach to Off-Shore Development, as follows:

To have the Staff of each Municipality establish inventory of available Industrial Land, which could lead to a joint inventory.

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

"THAT this issue be referred to Mr. Lorne Denny, the Halifax County Industrial Promotions Officer, as he is in possession of an inventory of available Halifax County Industrial Land."
Motion Carried.

ADJOURNMENT

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

"THAT the Council Session adjourn."
Motion Carried.

Therefore, the Regular Council Session adjourned at 5:45 P.M.

REGULAR COUNCIL SESSION

FEBRUARY 16, 1982

PRESENT WERE: Warden Lawrence, Chairman
Councillor Walker
Councillor Poirier
Councillor Baker
Councillor Deveaux
Councillor McInroy
Councillor Adams
Councillor Gaetz
Councillor Smith
Councillor MacKenzie
Councillor McCabe
Councillor Lichter
Councillor Benjamin
Councillor Margeson
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
Mr. Keith Birch, Chief of Development
Mr. Bill Campbell, Municipal Planning Department
Mr. Lorne Denny, Industrial Promotions Officer
Mr. Paul Nowlan, Beaverbank Resident
Mr. Hugh Barret, Beaverbank Resident
Inspector Bungay, Regional RCMP O.C.
Staff Sergeant Doug Smith, Sackville Detach.
Sergeant Joe Blackman, Sheet Harbour Detach.
Staff Sergeant John Nield, Halifax Subdv. MCO
Inspector Harry Murphy, Assistant O.C.
Sergeant Bob Jones, Halifax Dettach.
Sergeant Don Snow, Sackville Highway Patrol
Staff Sergeant Russ Durling, Dartmouth Detach.

SECRETARY: Christine E. Simmons

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 Margeson, seconded by Councillor Eisenhauer:

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

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

"THAT the minutes of the February 2, 1982 Regular Council Session be approved as amended."
Motion Carried.

MEETING WITH OFFICIALS OF THE ROYAL CANADIAN MOUNTED POLICE

Warden Lawrence welcomed Inspector Bungay and his Staff Members.

Inspector Bungay then introduced to Council those Officers in attendance with him; Staff Sergeant Doug Smith of the Lower Sackville Detachment, Sergeant Joe Blackman of the Sheet Harbour Detachment, Staff Sergeant John Nield MCO of the Halifax Subdivision, Inspector Harry Murphy his Assistant O.C., Sergeant Bob Jones of the Halifax Detachment and Staff Sergeant Russ Sterling of the Dartmouth Detachment.

Inspector Bungay went on to advise that the Province of Nova Scotia is divided into four subdivisions; Sydney, Truro, Yarmouth, and our subdivision which takes in the Metro Area, Halifax-Dartmouth, Lunenburg Counties, the Municipality of Chester, Kings County and Halifax County. He advised that today's discussion with Council was part of an on-going program begun last year to meet with Council and answer any questions in regard to the Service .

Councillor McCabe requested what progress had been made in regard to servicing the Middle Musquodobit Valley area by the Stewiacke RCMP Detachment.

He was advised by Inspector Bungay that this item was still under review.

Councillor McCabe also questioned if it would be possible and feasible for an RCMP Officer to live in the Middle Musquodoboit Valley area to answer the needs of the area residents.

He was advised by Inspector Bungay that this was something which was sometimes done. However, he pointed out that although Officers could be encouraged to live in outlying communities for this purpose, they could not be forced to do so and even if they did live in such an area, they would not be available 24 hours a day to answer calls.

Councillor MacDonald welcomed the RCMP Detachment to the Sackville area, advising that their presence in the area is now much more noticeable. He questioned what the requirement would be to have a Town Police Force.

Inspector Bungay advised that the terms of the present contract between the Federal Government and the Attorney General are that any incorporated Municipality or Community having a population in excess of 1,500 is obliged to provide their own policing. For the RCMP to provide policing to any communities beyond that cut-off a separate contract would be necessary. He indicated that as long as Sackville remained part of the County they would receive the RCMP service as it was at present.

Councillor Wiseman discussed the problem that has been occurring in the Downsview Mall with regard to the Games Arcade. She advised that she had discussed this at the Sackville Advisory Board with Constable Drake of the Lower Sackville Detachment. The Constable had indicated there were several programs that could possibly be implemented. One was a Walk-Through program in the Malls whereby the R.C.M.P. would have a very visible presence in the Malls. The other program was the Neighbourhood Watch Program. She questioned whether the manpower was available to implement these programs or if they were viewed as a priority item.

Sergeant Doug Smith advised the Councillor that he had discussed this with Constable Drake subsequent to his meeting with the Sackville Advisory Board. He advised that the Department hoped to start the Walk-Throughs in the time available subsequent to completion of their other duties. He advised that the Neighbourhood Watch had started last year and it was their hope that they would continue and expand on the Program this year.

Councillor Gaetz questioned whether a Detachment would be located in the Minesville area.

Inspector Bungay advised him that as a result of an announcement made last week by the Attorney General the location of a Detachment at Minesville has been put aside for the time being. The RCMP is, however, retaining the Minesville Property for future development at such time that circumstances dictate a Detachment is needed there.

Councillor Baker indicated that there has in the past been a slow response time in his District. He advised that this seems to have changed as the residents have been getting a much better response lately.

Inspector Bungay advised him that this was because since 1980 the District has been divided into two zones and the manpower has been divided proportionately to those zones, resulting in a new response time of at least one-half what it used to be throughout the whole of the five Western Districts and District 18.

Councillor Adams questioned what the determining factors had been in the RCMP decision for the further Eastern Site on the Eastern Shore.

Inspector Bungay advised that generally speaking, the Cole Harbour, Forest Hills, Colby Village, Eastern Passage portion of the Dartmouth Detachment area was responsible for approximately 70% of the work of that unit. He advised that the Detachment had been faced with two policing concepts; Urban-Style Policing and Rural-Style Policing. He advised that it was difficult to manage the two styles and still do a good job. As a result of this, a recommendation went forward to divide the Dartmouth Detachment area and to create a new Detachment at Musquodoboit Harbour and a second one in the Cole Harbour area.

Councillor Adams then questioned what would account for the Musquodoboit Harbour area being more attractive to the RCMP than the Lake Echo area as a location for a second station.

Inspector Bungay advised that Lake Echo would continue to be Policed by the current Dartmouth Detachment. He further advised that the decision was made due to geographic and style of Policing considerations. He advised that the new Detachment had to be run with the manpower presently available to handle the present crime rates. He also advised, in response to questioning from Councillor Adams, that approval had already been received from Ottawa for this location.

Councillor Adams then requested the Inspector to explain to Council, the RCMP Community Relations Program which he indicated was an aggressive and healthy program.

The Inspector advised that two Officers were assigned to full-time positions of crime prevention and police community relations. The two Officers were Constable Drake from the Sackville Detachment and Constable Trask from the Dartmouth Detachment. He advised that this did not mean these two Officers did all the crime prevention and police-community relations work; however, they do come up with the ideas for programs and put the programs together. He advised that all members of the Force are encouraged to participate in carrying the programs through. As well, part of the scheme is to encourage participation from the community; the Neighbourhood Watch was an example of that community-participation.

Councillor McInroy wished to commend Sergeant Russ Sterling and Constable John Trask for their work in the above-mentioned programs. He also wondered if it would be possible to speed up the process to negotiate immediately for facilities in the Cole Harbour area.

Inspector Bungay advised that the priority now is to get the Musquodoboit Harbour Detachment going before going into the proposed lease arrangement for space in Cole Harbour. He advised that establishing the Musquodoboit Harbour Detachment would mean a relocation of current funds within the coming fiscal year. He advised that due to the present financial restrictions being experienced, it may be necessary to remain in Dartmouth which would mean renewing the lease in Dartmouth when it expires at the end of this fiscal year.

Councillor Deveaux then commended the RCMP Unit which polices his District advising that he has always had the utmost co-operation from them. He also indicated, however, that the general public does not have the proper understanding of Police work especially as it relates to By-Law Enforcement. He indicated that the RCMP are not required to respond to calls whereby a County By-Law such as loitering has been violated. This they do if they have time, but it is not a priority item.

Inspector Bungay advised that when the Criminal Code was amended several years ago, the Vagrancy Statute that was used in these situations was removed.

Councillor Benjamin brought up the following points which were of concern to him regarding policing in the District 14 area:

1. The Boundary for RCMP Policing is split down the Middle of Waverly Village between the Dartmouth Detachment and the Sackville Detachment;
2. Heavy Vehicles (Trucks) travelling over the Portobello Road, which is supposedly closed off to that type of traffic;
3. Control of Recreational Boats and Canoes on Lakes;
4. Enforcement of County By-Laws.

Inspector Bungay advised the Councillor that only a portion of the Portobello Road is policed by the Dartmouth Detachment; this is from Spider Lake on-ward. The remainder of District 14 is Policed by the Lower Sackville Detachment.

In regard to the heavy vehicular traffic on the Portobello Road, the Inspector advised that nothing could be done about it at the present time, as long as the Trucks were travelling to and from business on the Portobello Road. He advised, however, that this issue is under constant review.

In relation to the control of the Recreational Vehicles on the Lakes, Inspector Bungay advised that there is a Migratory Bird and Shipping Act Section of the Department, composed of two Officers who work the entire Subdivision, from Bridgewater to Kingston, who control this problem. However, he advised that in the past year this Unit has had some downtime due to fatal illness of one of the men. The man has now been replaced and the Unit is back on its feet; therefore, Inspector Bungay felt that the Unit will return to its former high service level this year.

The Inspector also advised that this Unit is still carrying on its Safety Lane Program in regard to Boating.

In regard to the Enforcement of County By-Laws, the Inspector indicated that his Department is not obliged to enforce the By-Laws. However, some of the By-Laws come in helpful to them them, especially the Loitering By-Law, as it is often the last thing they can resort to in cases of Public Nuisances, etc.

Councillor Benjamin then suggested that the RCMP may wish to give the Municipality some direction on measures the Municipality can take to assist the RCMP in their duties.

Councillor Wiseman indicated to Inspector Bungay that with the Development of New Brunswick Highway Patrol, there is going to be a decrease in the amount of manpower required in the RCMP in New Brunswick. She, therefore, felt that some of this manpower would be transferred to Nova Scotia. She also indicated that she had heard that the RCMP were going to raise their Educational Requirements for Officers.

Councillor Wiseman felt much of the problems of the RCMP stem from the lack of manpower and money. She questioned how the above two factors would affect the RCMP's ability to provide the Policing they wish to provide and expansion of the programs they want to expand.

Inspector Bungay advised that he was not expecting an increase in Manpower due to any changes that might occur in New Brunswick. He did, however, indicate that he was expecting a few new Officers for a limited number of new positions. Inspector Bungay was also unaware of any change in the Educational Requirements to get into the RCMP but advised that there was a point system at the Department; an Officer with a University Degree does acquire more points initially, than one with a high school degree.

Inspector Bungay advised Council that this year the RCMP was celebrating its 50th anniversary of Policing in Nova Scotia. He advised he had requested a print-out showing the number of Officers who show Nova Scotia as their Home Province; there were approximately 1650 Officers working in Nova Scotia who show this Province as their Home Province.

Councillor Wiseman questioned if the manpower allocated to this Province is based on the amount of money the Federal Government is willing to spend.

The Inspector advised Councillor Wiseman that it does depend on money but also on workload.

Councillor Wiseman then questioned the Inspector in regard to the amount of Officers who left Bedford to go to Sackville.

Inspector Bungay advised the Councillor that it was the same amount of Officers.

Councillor MacKenzie highly praised the RCMP in Sheet Harbour; however, he was concerned that the RCMP Staff in Sheet Harbour might be cut back if the Musquodoboit Harbour Detachment move down into the Sheet Harbour Detachment. He expressed the hope that with the large area to be covered in Sheet Harbour, the RCMP Staff would remain intact.

Inspector Bungay advised there has not been any recommendation to cut back the size of the Sheet Harbour Detachment.

Councillor Margeson thanked the RCMP for their assistance in the Boy Scout movement. He also thanked Sergeant Don Snow of the Sackville Highway Patrol for providing traffic information to the Councillor during the time the Special School Committee was investigating the pros and cons of locating a Junior High School in Beaver Bank versus Sackville.

Councillor Margeson also advised that Constable Drake was doing a fine job in regards to Crime Prevention. However, he felt that additional manpower was needed in this area. He requested that Inspector Bungay quadruple the manpower for this work. He also advised that with the assistance of Constable Drake there was now a group of volunteers for Crime Prevention at the Beaver Bank Villa. Since these people have begun going out every night and policing the neighbourhood there has not been any Crime.

Councillor Smith advised she was very pleased to hear there was going to be a Detachment in Musquodoboit Harbour. She questioned Inspector Bungay as to how many Officers would be located there.

Inspector Bungay advised that there would be approximately six to eight Officers located there. He advised that these would be positions redeployed from the Dartmouth Detachment.

Councillor Smith also questioned why the RCMP Police Cars had changed their roof lights from red, to red and blue.

The Inspectors advised that this was done to differentiate from the red lights on Tow Trucks, Fire Trucks, Ambulances and so on. He advised that a number of other Provinces had enacted legislation limiting what colors would be on emergency vehicles. The Province of Nova Scotia had also enacted this legislation.

Councillor Smith further commended Inspector Bungay on the RCMP's communication with children through the Schools advising that it was a beneficial program which will make a difference in their lives as they grow older.

Councillor MacDonald spoke in regard to Traffic Policing in the Mobile Home Parks. He questioned Inspector Bungay as to whether he had received any correspondence over the past year from the Attorney General's Office in regard to this issue.

The Inspector advised that he had corresponded with the Attorney General's Office subsequent to his last meeting with Council at which the issue had arisen. He advised that a response to his letter had been received stating that the Motor Vehicle Act does not provide any provisions for the RCMP to enforce anything in the Mobile Home Parks as they are not Highways. He advised that until such time as the legislation is changed or some type of enactment is made there is little the RCMP can do.

Councillor MacDonald advised that there have not been as many complaints over the past year.

Councillor Eisenhower expressed concern over the fact that Bedford would soon be going on its own in regard to Police Protection and he was concerned about the area between the Hammonds Plains Road and the Yankee Town Road which is the boundary for Police Protection from Halifax. He wondered what type of Police Protection would result from this.

Inspector Bungay advised that there would be no change as the Town of Bedford did not affect the Policing in that area. He further advised that with the Crime Prevention Programs the service in Councillor Eisenhower's District would improve.

Subsequent to the above discussions, Warden Lawrence, on behalf of Council, thanked Inspector Bungay and his Officers for their attendance in Council.

Inspector Bungay and his Officers then retired from the Council Chambers.

LETTERS AND CORRESPONDENCE

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

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

Letter From Residents of East Chezzetcook

Mr. Meech outlined this item advising that it was relative to a proposal to locate an Industrial Park in the Chezzetcook area. The four-page letter outlined the concerns of the Residents and requested the following action by Municipal Council:

1. That Council request the Minister of Environment to request an Environmental Hearing by the Environmental Control Council;
2. That Council consider discussing with the Provincial Government the questions of community affects and the need to examine alternate sites.

The letter also indicated that the Residents would be prepared to meet with Council and provide additional information.

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

"THAT Council request the Minister of the Department of Environment to request the Environmental Control Council to conduct a Hearing and Investigation of the proposed Chezzetcook Industrial Park."
Motion Carried.

The motion was passed subsequent to brief discussion by Council. As well, Councillor MacKenzie advised he was in support of construction of the Industrial Park in its proposed location and urged that this construction be expedited before the Company doing the construction decides to build elsewhere.

Letter From Sheet Harbour Board of Trade

Included in the agenda was a letter from the Sheet Harbour Board of Trade requesting that the County contribute \$600 towards the Design Assistance Grant to qualify the area for a further \$3,000 in Provincial Funds for the design of the Mainstreet Improvement Program.

Mr. Meech advised that this item had been discussed at the Policy Committee who had recommended that Council endorse the proposal and make application to the Nova Scotia Department of Development under the program and also that the Municipality provide a sum of \$300 with the balance of \$300 being provided by the Sheet Harbour Board of Trade or through that Organization.

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

"THAT the Municipality support the Mainstreet Improvement Program in Sheet Harbour and that the Municipality contribute the full \$600 required by the Sheet Harbour Board of Trade in order to qualify the area for a further \$3,000 in Provincial Funds for the Design Assistance Grant under the Mainstreet Program."

Motion Carried.

Prior to the passing of the motion, Councillor Wiseman advised that she had not supported the contribution of the complete \$600 at the Policy Committee as she had thought it was a requirement under the Mainstreet Program Guidelines that there be some private funds going into this expenditure. She had, however, read through the Department Guidelines and found no such requirement; therefore, she was willing to support the motion on the floor. She supported the Mainstreet Program throughout the Province and advised it had tremendous benefits and would provide an increased tax base for the residents of Halifax County.

Supplementary Letter from Inspector of Schools, Peter Lawson

Mr. Meech read to Council a letter from the Inspector of Schools, Mr. Peter Lawson which advised:

"Now that a Halifax County - Bedford District School Board has been formed, effective January 30, 1982, with retroactive funding to August 1, 1981, I wish to indicate the official position of the District Board in relationship to capital projects.

The Municipality continues to share responsibility for a capital project already released from the moratorium for which an Architect had already been appointed by your council for that project on or before January 30, 1982. The District School Board assumes responsibility for all other projects."

The Letter also indicated: "...I should point out that I have... indicated to the District School Board that a proposed twelve room Junior High building in Beaverbank has not been released from the moratorium and that the District Board need not recommend a site unless the school building is released. What had been released was a twenty five room junior high to serve students of Lower Sackville and Beaverbank, but the former County Board by a motion of January 6, 1982, decided to reapply for a twelve room junior high instead of twenty five rooms, involving different students and different facilities. This re-application becomes a new project. The District School Board will assume responsibility for this project."

"...Specifically referring to the Beaverbank Elementary School project, it has been released from the moratorium and an architect has been appointed...and therefore the site selection for the elementary is still a matter for your council to deal with remembering that final approval of any site is the Minister's responsibility."

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

"THAT the Management Committee proceed with the Construction of the Elementary School in Beaverbank, District 15 with December, 1982 as a target completion date."
Motion Carried.

Mr. Meech also advised that the P. & Q. School had been released from the moratorium; however, due to some changes regarding the size there was a re-application which has been submitted in the last week. This project will also be under the jurisdiction of the new District School Board and steps will have to be taken to release the Municipality from its present commitment to the Architects which had been assigned to those projects.

Councillor Smith questioned whether there had been other previous occasions in which a school has been altered and has had to go back to the Minister for new approval.

The Councillor was advised by Warden Lawrence that this has occurred in the past whenever there have been substantial changes in a school plan.

Councillor Wiseman questioned whether there had been any indication as to how long it will take to set up the new Capital Building Committee through the new School Board so that the Municipality will be able to proceed with some of its school projects.

Mr. Meech advised the Councillor that he has had some preliminary discussion with Mr. Lloyd Gillis of the School Board with regard to staffing; however, all the issues have not been fully decided upon. He advised that there was a School Board meeting scheduled for tomorrow and it is Mr. Gillis' intention to have some discussion regarding these issues. Mr. Meech also advised that there has not been any direction so far from the Province in regard to how school capital projects are going to be handled between the Province and the Municipality.

Warden Lawrence clarified for Council how the procedure will work when the District School Board begins to work on construction projects. Subsequent to her explanation:

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

"THAT a letter go to the Minister of Education and the new District School Board requesting that Council be kept informed of communications from the Department which affect the new District School Board and that Council receive all Minutes of Meetings of the new District School Board."
Motion Carried.

REPORT OF THE PLANNING ADVISORY COMMITTEE

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

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

The Planning Advisory Committee recommended to Council that eight Walkways be accepted as parkland by Halifax County Council under the provisions of the Planning Act. The Municipal Solicitor had advised the Committee that the parcels of land in question were free and clear of all encumbrances.

In accordance with the recommendation of the PAC:

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

"THAT the following Walkways be accepted by the Municipality as Parkland: (a) Walkway between Lots 101 and 102 and 68 and 246 Aspen Way Crescent, (b) Walkway between Lots 251 and 252, Ashgrove Avenue, (c) Walkway between Lots 149 and 150 and 226 and 227, Agincourt Crescent, (d) Walkway between Lots 807 and 810 Avondale Road, (e) Walkway between Lots 725 and 879 and 880 Durham Way, (f) Walkway between Lots 696A and 697A and 897 and 898 Delwood Place, (g) Walkway between Lots 408 and 409 Colby Drive, and (h) Walkway between lots 346 and 347 and Lots 423A and 424A Balsam Place."
Motion Carried.

Prior to the passing of the motion, Warden Lawrence advised that none of these Walkways were unpaved, had any drainage difficulties or any encumbrances of any sort which would make them a hazard or a liability to take over; they were not random selected Walkways but had been carefully examined by Planning Staff. However, in response to questioning from Councillor Gaetz the Warden advised that these Walkways would have to be maintained.

SUPPLEMENTARY REPORT OF THE PLANNING ADVISORY COMMITTEE

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

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

Report of the MDP Committee

Mr. Meech outlined the Report from the MDP Committee which indicated that the Municipal Development Plan process for the Sackville Community is at a stage which would now permit Council to pass the required resolution in accordance with the Planning Act to give Official Notice of Intention to Adopt the Plan and Associated By-Law.

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

"THAT Municipal Council adopt the Report of the Municipal Development Plan Committee of Tuesday, February 16 for the Sackville area and specifically the following recommendations: 1) That Council reaffirm its decision of October 1980 to prepare separate Municipal Development Plans and zoning By-laws for the Municipality and to prepare them through a sector approach; urban, fringe and rural respectively; 2) That pursuant to Section 15 of the Planning Act, Council give its notice of intention to adopt the Municipal Development Plan and Zoning ByLaw for the community of Sackville, with the addendums dated February 16, 1982; 3) That pursuant to Section 15 (4) of the Planning Act, request that the Municipal Clerk fix a time and date for a public hearing, (March 22); 3) That Council agree to receive a presentation by the Cole Harbour-Westphal and Eastern Passage Cow Bay Public Participation Committee Chairman at the March 16th Session of Council."
Motion Carried.

It was agreed by Council that March 22, 1982 be the date for the proposed Public Hearing at which to officially adopt the MDP for the Sackville Community.

Prior to the passing of the above motion Councillor Lichter advised that the intent of No. 1 in the motion is to ensure that future Municipal Development Plans will be developed similarly and that any restrictions that are included in any of the plans now under work will not necessarily find their way into the Plans unless the people in the areas wish to have them included.

At this time, Mr. Meech indicated that the Beechville-Lakeside-Timberlea Municipal Development Plan should be ready for consideration to give notice of intention to adopt at the next Council Session. He requested that Council give its agreement to accept another Supplementary Report at the next Council Session as the MDP Committee will not be in a position to deal with it in time for it to go out in the agenda book that precedes the Council Session.

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

"THAT Council agree to accept a Supplementary Municipal Development Plan Committee Report on the issue of the Beechville-Lakeside-Timberlea MDP, at the next Council Session."

Motion Carried.

REPORT OF THE DIRECTOR OF DEVELOPMENT

The Report of the Director of Development was included in the agenda for Council's information and perusal only.

REPORT OF THE HALIFAX COUNTY - BEDFORD DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD

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

"THAT the Report of the Halifax County - Bedford District School Board be received."

Motion Carried.

School Area Levy Requests

Mr. Meech advised that this Report was the result of a resolution passed at the last Council Session requesting the District School Board to place before Council today an indication of those sums being requested from the various school trustees throughout the Municipality.

The District School Board Report advised: "These requests are not being submitted in accordance with Section 59(1)(c) of the Education Act, and are being submitted in advance in accordance with the request from the February Session of Municipal Council."

"The Board wishes these requests to be dealt with in accordance with the relevant provisions of the Education Act and Municipal Act; and that the Board would be more than pleased to re-submit these requests in the usual way at the time that its annual estimates are submitted to Municipal Council under Section 59 of the Education Act."

The School Area Levy Requests were as follows: