

The Staff Report advised:

"At the Planning Advisory Committee meeting of February 22, 1982, the Committee instructed Staff to proceed with the preparation of suggested amendments to the Municipal Development Plan and Zoning By-Law for the Communities of North Preston, Lake Major, Lake-Loon-Cherry Brook and East Preston. Preliminary considerations by the Department of Planning and Development had indicated that the designations shown on the Plan's Generalized Future Land Use Map in the vicinity of the Crane Hill Road northeast of the Little Salmon River, may not be entirely appropriate to the needs of development control in the area and that an alteration of these designations would not conflict with the intentions of Municipal Council as established in the policies of the Plan.

As reported to the Planning Advisory Committee, staff investigations in this regard were prompted by written requests from residents, including the receipt of a rezoning application which is not permitted according to the Plan's land use designations.

It is the recommendation of the Department of Planning and Development that the Planning Advisory Committee recommend an amendment to the Municipal Development Plan to alter the Generalized Future Land Use Map in the vicinity of Crane Hill Road shown on the attached map. In this regard, the Residential Designation and Resource Designation within the amendment area shall be replaced by the Mixed Use Designation. Subsequently, it is recommended that the Committee recommend an amendment to the Zoning By-Law to zone the lands within the amendment area to an appropriate zone. The proposed amendment to the MDP was submitted to the Department of Municipal Affairs and the Municipal Solicitor for comment and both have stated that they have no objections to the proposal.

As the attached map indicates, the amendment area is one in which a Residential Designation juts into a Resource Designation. This Residential Designation, for a number of reasons, is not the most suitable designation for the area.

The intent of the Residential Designation is to enhance the character of the residential environment, particularly in the communities of Lake Loon-Cherry Brook and Lake Major, where the Designation reflects the increasing urbanization of the Westphal area. Policy P-46 of the Plan indicates the intent of the Residential Designation in placing a priority on conventional residential uses.

Although included in the Residential Designation, the lands under consideration are peripheral to suburban growth in the Lake Major community. The Crane Hill Road is an unpaved spur off the Lake Major Road and land use is comprised of a few single family homes, a mobile home, woods and open fields used for farming. In addition, it is geographically isolated from the community of Lake Major in that the Little Salmon River acts as a natural boundary. Development on the lands in question would not contribute to the infilling or other enhancement of growth in the Lake Major Community.

Further, the Policy P-22 of the Plan states that "it shall be the intention of Council to provide central water and sewer services and-or suitable alternatives to the communities of Cherry Brook, Lake Major, and North Preston". The rationale for providing services is that there are problems with existing septic systems in the communities and the need for central services will increase as the result of ongoing urbanization. The section of the Crane Hill Road under review however is not included in any of the Plan's long range servicing proposals, indicating again that it is outside the "mainstream" of the developing area which has been given the Residential Designation.

A key component of the planning process that resulted in the Municipal Development Plan being adopted was citizen involvement and Plan policies point to the importance of continued local input into planning matters. Policy P-114 states that a monitoring function will also be performed by the Planning Advisory Committee. To this end, the Committee directed staff to forward any proposed amendments to the Joint Action Committee which indicated that it did not oppose an amendment to the Generalized Future Land Use Map provided environmental constraints such as steep slopes are recognized.

This concern with the environment is consistent with Policy P-75 of the Plan which states that development should be limited in "areas with natural slopes exceeding 15%". The area under study does have such slopes but given the limited acreage involved in the proposed amendment and respecting that the Plan provides for setbacks and other controls to the limit general impacts on the environment, it is felt that development in this area can be safely accommodated.

The protection of the Lake Major Watershed is a major goal of the Municipal Development Plan and land uses within the watershed are subject to stringent land use controls in order to ensure the long term quality of the water on which urban areas of the County and the City of Dartmouth are dependent. However, the area in question is outside the watershed and therefore the proposed amendment will not negatively affect the Lake Major supply.

In conclusion, it is the opinion of staff that the Mixed Use Designation is more appropriate for the amendment area than the Residential Designation which currently limits the reasonable development of the lands in question. Policy P-39, which outlines the intent of the Mixed Use Designation states that "it shall be the intention of Council to permit those uses which are traditionally found in rural communities."

In order to square off property lines to permit landholders to carry out the full use of properties and to provide administrative efficiency, the Mixed Use Designation should also be applied where the Resource Designation cuts property between the Little Salmon River and the existing Residential Designation.

In addition, it is recommended, upon amendment of the Generalized Future Land Use Map (No. 7), that the Residential (R2) Zone and Mixed Resource (MR1) Zone now on the property in question, be amended to the RS1 (Rural Settlement Zone).

The RS1 Zone is the appropriate zone to carry out the policies of the Mixed Use Designation and therefore, rezoning the property to RS1 is consistent with the provisions of the plan."

Mr. Campbell also advised that the Staff Investigations began with a request to locate a Mobile Home in an area in the Lake Major Plan area which was not allowed under the zoning approved in 1981; a rezoning could not be accomplished under the MDP to allow for the zone change to take place to allow a Mobile Home.

This concluded Mr. Campbell's presentation.

QUESTIONS FROM COUNCIL

Councillor Deveaux questioned Mr. Campbell as to the reasons why this location of a Mobile Home was not considered during the planning process of the Municipal Development Plan. Mr. Campbell advised that the Planning Department was unable, during its investigation, to determine any specific reasoning why this was overlooked.

Councillor Wiseman requested clarification regarding the Planning and Development Departments' contact with the Joint Action Committee. Mr. Campbell advised that this Committee, similar to the PPC Committee, was contacted by letter; a response was sent to the Department on March 30th from the Joint Action Committee, indicating they were in favour of the proposed amendments to the MDP and Zoning By-Laws.

Councillor Topple indicated to Miss Henry, the Acting Municipal Solicitor, that in the lists of Zones, Mobile Homes are considered a Single Family Detached Dwelling and he also advised that under the present zoning, a single family detached dwelling is permitted. He then questioned the necessity of amending the zoning at all as he felt this could be construed to mean that a Mobile Home would be permitted under the present zoning.

However, Miss Henry indicated that what was being dealt with tonight was the information in the application.

Mr. Campbell, however, advised that the Mobile Homes and Single Family Detached Dwellings are referred to differently in separate sections of the By-Law.

Councillor Smith requested clarification as to whether the proposed amendment would include the entire MR1 Zone or just the cone shaped R2 Zone.

Mr. Campbell advised the Councillor that the R2 Zone and a small portion of the MR1 was proposed to be rezoned.

Councillor Lichter advised that in the R2 Zone as well as the Mixed Use Designation, on the transparencies Mr. Campbell had previously shown to Council, Mr. Campbell had indicated that: "the following are INITIALLY permitted". He questioned the significance of the word "initially", advising that the term did not appear in any of the other MDP Plans.

Mr. Campbell advised that it was unknown why the term had been used; the Planning Department did not agree with it which was why it was not used in further Plan documents. He advised that it referred to the fact that there is a zoning By-Law which comes along with the Plan. The Plan and By-Laws are separate and the Designation that was shown generally indicates the types of uses that are allowed in the Designation. The Zoning By-Law, he advised was more specific and can be broader in the uses identified in a designation. Therefore, initially, an amendment could be made to a Zoning By-Law to allow a similar use to what is allowed within the permissible uses in the designated plan. He agreed with Councillor Lichter that the term "initially" was not an accurate word to use.

Councillor Lichter then indicated his understanding that this would permit PAC to seriously consider a problem which Councillor Topple had brought to PAC on another Mobile Home application in the R-2 Zone. He served notice that the next time this is brought to PAC, the word "initial" would have to be considered.

Subsequent to the above, there were no further questions from Council.

SPEAKERS IN FAVOUR

None.

SPEAKERS IN OPPOSITION

None.

Deputy Warden MacKay indicated that the Public portion of the Public Hearing was now closed.

MOTIONS FROM COUNCIL

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

"THAT County Council pass a By-Law (Application No PA-LM-1-82-08) to amend the Municipal Development Plan for the Communities of North Preston, Lake Major, Lake Loon-Cherry Brook and East Preston by amending the Generalized Future Land Use Map (No. 7) changing the Designation of the area generally described as being Northeast of the Little Salmon River, in the vicinity of the Crane Hill Road from "Residential" and "Resource" to "mixed Use" (as shown on Appendix "A" of the Staff Report.)"
Motion Carried.

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

"THAT County Council pass a By-Law (Application No. RA-LM-1-82-08) to amend the Zoning By-Law for the Communities of North Preston, Lake Major, Lake Loon-Cherry Brook and East Preston by amending the Zoning Map (Schedule "A") changing the zoning of the area generally described as being northeast of the Little Salmon River, in the vicinity of the Crane Hill Road from MR1 (Mixed Resource Zone) and R-2 (Residential Zone) to RS1 (Rural Settlement Zone) (as shown on Appendix "B" of the Staff Report.)"
Motion Carried.

ADJOURNMENT

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

"THAT the Public Hearing adjourn."
Motion Carried.

Therefore, there being no further business, the Public Hearing adjourned at 7:40 P.M.

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REGULAR COUNCIL SESSION

JUNE 1, 1982

PRESENT WERE: Deputy Warden MacKay, Chairman
Councillor Walker
Councillor Poirier
Councillor Baker
Councillor Deveaux
Councillor McInroy
Councillor Topple
Councillor Adams
Councillor Gaetz
Councillor Smith
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. Kell Antoff, Exec. Dir., Inst. Public Affairs
Miss Jane Fry, Acting District Dir., VON
Mr. Bruce Tinkum, Pres., Halifax Branch, VON
Mr. Keith Birch, Chief of Planning & Development
Mr. Don Palfray, Dept. of Agriculture & Marketing
Mr. Alun Jones, Municipal Weed Inspector
Mr. John Thompson, Dept. of Agriculture & Marketing
Mr. Bill MacQuarry, Thorne Riddelle
Mr. Mark Dickie, Thorne Riddell
Mr. Gary Smith, Senior Accountant
Mr. Ken Wilson, Director of Finance

SECRETARY: Christine E. Simmons

OPENING OF COUNCIL - THE LORD'S PRAYER

Deputy Warden MacKay brought the Regular Council Session to order at 2:05 P.M. with The Lord's Prayer.

APPOINTMENT OF RECORDING SECRETARY

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

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

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

"THAT the Minutes of the April 20, 1982 Regular Council Session be approved."

Motion Carried.

ADDITION TO AGENDA - PRESENTATION BY COUNCILLOR GAETZ

Councillor Gaetz referred Council Members to an article recently published in the Daily News which had detailed Councillor Baker's earlier life-style as an amateur boxer.

Councillor Gaetz indicated his pleasure at seeing this article and felt it should be displayed either in the Council Chambers, or in the Councillor's Lounge. Therefore, he had the article framed, and took this opportunity to present it to Council for the above-mentioned purpose.

Councillor Baker spoke briefly in appreciation of Councillor Gaetz' complimentary and thoughtful action.

PRESENTATION BY MR. KELL ANTOFF - EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, INSTITUTE OF PUBLIC AFFAIRS

Mr. Kell Antoff, Executive Director of the Institute of Public Affairs, appeared before Council to give a presentation with regard to a request the Institute has made for a financial contribution from the County towards the Building Endowment Fund of the Institute of Public Affairs.

Mr. Antoff advised that the Institute of Public Affairs of Dalhousie is an Institution which has been in the community of Halifax for well over forty years. He advised that the Institute operates quietly with little media coverage; however, he felt that people in the local Government are well aware of the presence of the Institute. He advised that, although part of Dalhousie University, it is not supported by funds from the Maritime Provinces Higher Education Council Fund Allocations. He advised that they were expected to be as close to self-financing as possible, although the University does make an annual contribution out of its Endowment Income to support the work of the Institute; he advised that in the current year, from a total budget of \$1,600,000 for the work of the Institute the University makes available approximately \$300,000.

He further advised that the Institute is unique in the community and its objectives are to make the resources of the University available to the Community apart from the teaching of a student audience.

He advised that this was accomplished through a variety of means, as follows:

1. The Advanced Management Centre, which provides management training to entrepreneurs throughout the Atlantic Region, with particular emphasis to Nova Scotia;
2. Research; he advised that the Institute conducts a great deal of policy-related research which is devoted to the solving of problems and public policy, whether it be the Provincial or local level and in some cases for private enterprise organizations;
3. Active Labour Education Programs, through which it is attempted to ensure that the leadership of the labour movement are individuals who are informed and who have a basic ability to judge things in a broader context than what would be the case if they did not have the facilities of broader education;
4. In the area of community development; over the years, the Institute has played a significant role in helping to create and reinforce a wide range of community organizations and institutions that are taken very much for granted; in the Municipal Field this would include formation of the School Board Associations and the Nova Scotia Division of the Community Planning Organization was supported administratively by the Institute of Public Affairs; the Association of Municipal Administrators of Nova Scotia which was formed by people who had completed the training program of the Institute and recently the School Boards Business Officials Institution.
5. The Institute operates a program for the continuing education of Municipal Officials (Ken Meech, he advised was one of the graduates of this four-year program);
6. Tax Assessors have been, for many years, trained through the Institute of Public Affairs;
7. The Institute has published a hand-book, entitled, "The Guide to Local Government in Nova Scotia".
8. The Institute has assisted in a variety of studies throughout Nova Scotia; which identify problems in administration.
9. The Institute has done similar and related studies for a wide variety of Towns and Municipalities, throughout Nova Scotia and the Region.

Mr. Antoff described to Council the Henson Centre; Conference Centre designed from several Old Buildings on the Dalhousie University Campus. He indicated that the dream of having a Conference Centre, solely devoted to the community was one which had been long held by Guy Henson and through his inspiration the first contributions were made from a private source which resulted in the University's agreement to develop this Conference Centre as part of the University's contribution to the Community.

Mr. Antoff further advised that the Henson Centre had a 350 seat auditorium, a number of seminars and team rooms and is widely used, not only for the Institute's own activities, but also by community organizations. He advised that in the last few months, they have held sessions related Women in Management, Women and Labour, Community Planning and are currently conducting a police course for the RCMP; also the Governor General's Study Tour has had a number of meetings and so on. He advised that the existence of a Conference Centre providing ready access to the University's resources is an important contribution to the facilities, available in our community.

He indicated it was for all the above reasons that the Institute has launched a fund-raising campaign, partly to complete the construction of the conference centre and partly to provide an endowment fund which will help to finance those activities which are not self-financing. He advised that when Organizations come to the Institute requesting assistance; the first question asked is not, "Can you pay for it?", but "Does it serve a community need that is important enough for us to get involved?" Secondary to that, the Institute determines whether there are external sources of funding; if not, the Institute does not turn people away. As well, information and advice is freely given to Organizations and individuals requesting it.

Mr. Antoff reiterated that the above activities are not supported by the M.P.H.E.C., and it is for that reason that the Institute has made an appeal to the local government segment of their constituency, in the hope that over five years they may be able to raise \$300,000 of their total objectives of \$1,850,000. from local government in this Province and the other Maritime Provinces.

In response to questioning from Councillor Deveaux, Mr. Antoff indicated that the amount requested from the Municipality was \$9,000 per year for four to five years. He advised that all the remaining Municipalities, the Town of Bedford and the three Cities were also being approached for an amount based on population, assessment and distance from Halifax.

He further advised in response to questioning from Councillor Margeson, that it was the hope of the Institute to raise \$300,000 over a five year period in this manner, to be utilized towards operating expenses and toward the Buidling Endowment Fund.

Deputy Warden MacKay advised that requests for grants would be debated later in Council, with the Management Committee Report, at which time, the request would be considered.

Subsequently, Mr. Antoff retired from the Meeting

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Deputy Warden MacKay took this time to advise, he was acting in the capacity of Chairman today, as Warden MacKenzie was away in Newfoundland on business.

As well, he advised Council that a special meeting between the Halifax County Industrial Commission and the Halifax County MLA's would be taking place, Thursday, June 3rd at 2:00 P.M. in the Uniacke Room of Province House, in order to discuss the Aerotech Industrial Park issue; he indicated that all Council Members were cordially invited to attend this meeting.

The above, was for information only.

PRESENTATION BY DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND MARKETING, RE: HIGHWAY WEED SPRAYING PROGRAM

Mr. Don Palfray, and Mr John Thompson of the Dept. of Agriculture and Marketing, Truro, and Mr. Alun Jones, Municipal Weed Inspector, joined the Council Session at this time in order to make a presentation regarding the 1982 Roadside Weed Spraying Program.

Mr. Palfray advised that last year he had the opportunity to present a brief in support of roadside weed spraying programs to the Municipality of Cumberland County. He also advised that this Report had been updated this year and indicated that his presentation today would highlight some of the points contained in that brief.

Firstly, he advised that to date, the many people who have made presentations to Municipal Councils, in opposition to Weed Spraying Programs have not been people closely associated with it; however, these people have often been referred to, in his presence, as the Scientific Community. He advised that the brief which he was about to summarize to Council, contained information compiled by people in the medical field of "toxicology" and in the practical field from the standpoint of weed scientists throughout the world; people whom he indicated, would be more accurately referred to as the Scientific Community. This brief, he advised, was composed of 14 documents and over 1000 scientific research papers and articles.

Mr. Palfray provided the following information with respect to the herbicide 24-D which has been used in the Roadside Weed Spraying Program for a longer period of time and at less cost to the consumer than any other herbicide in existence:

On April 29, 1980, the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) of the United States initiated a review of the available information on the potential health effects of 24-D and based on results of this review, EPA concluded that:

1. The presently available information on the potential adverse health effects of 24-D does not support a regulatory action to remove 24-D products from the marketplace;
2. Information from scientifically valid studies does not indicate that the continued use of 24-D poses an imminent hazard or unreasonable adverse effect when used according to label precautions and directions for use;
3. The Canadian Federal Regulatory Authority should act quickly and vigorously to obtain additional information on 24-D; Mr. Palfray advised that this Authority is composed of Canada Environment, Health & Welfare, Canada Agriculture and Canada Ocean and Fisheries, which are the major Federal Government Departments having input into determining what pesticides shall be registered for use in the Country.

Mr. Palfray also advised that in May of 1981, the Canadian Regulatory Authority claimed that 24-D products presently registered for use are considered safe and do not constitute an undue hazard to humans, animals or the environment, when used according to registered use patterns.

Further, in regard to the Provincial Roadside Spraying Operation, Mr. Palfray advised, that as of April 22, 1982, the Nova Scotia Departments of Environment and Transportation and Marketing have approved a proposal to spray a total of 2,500 acres of roadside throughout 13 Counties of the Province; this amounts to approximately 700 miles of roadside.

He went on further to describe to Council Members, the pesticide approved for this program which was a mixture of 24-D and dycanva in a two to one ratio and was determined by the Regulatory Authority to be harmless. He advised that an inner spray thickner is added to the spray and low pressures are used to prevent spray drift; wind measuring devices are used on spray trucks and spraying is terminated in winds of 10 knots or over.

Mr. Palfray indicated that newspaper notices are posted in all areas, in which County-Residents are advised that by contacting the Municipal Weed Inspector they can obtain an exemption from the Weed Inspection Program on roadsides abutting their properties. He advised also that the Weed Inspector, having previously investigated areas of public sensitivity, would ride in the spray trucks as supervisor of the spray program; he would be accompanied by the spray operator and the driver.

He further explained that spraying is carried out primarily in agricultural areas and where weeds are present that are detrimental to public health; the latter being the only occasion when the program would proceed into areas not associated with agricultural fields.

In approving the 1982 Roadside Spraying Program, he advised, the Nova Scotia Department of Environment has requested a review and recommendation from the Nova Scotia Department of Health and also subjected the proposal to a review by the Atlantic Region Pesticide Advisory Committee, which includes membership from approximately seven Federal Departments or Agencies. In addition, approvals of Municipalities and County Federations of Agriculture have been sought.

Mr. Palfray concluded his presentation by providing a point by point review of the fourteen-document brief previously referred to; this outline indicated that the use of herbicides in the Spraying Program and particularly the 24-D utilized in Nova Scotia Programs, was not detrimental to animals, humans or the environment. The Report contained information which detailed all facets of the use of this and other products.

Mr. Palfray requested that a motion be passed in Council, as follows: "THAT a letter be sent to the Minister of Agriculture and Marketing, the Minister of Transportation and the Minister in Charge of the Policy Board, informing them that the Municipality will not be responsible for the Roadside Spraying Program and the the Weed Control Act should be applied, as it is intended, thus putting the responsibility for Weed Control on highway property, onto the Department of Transportation."

He advised that the above motion was the result of the presentations made to the Cumberland County Council.

On behalf of the majority of the residents of District 13, Councillor Lichter advised that these residents do not want roadside spraying on the mass scale proposed. However, he advised that there was a small group of farmers who are concerned that noxious weeds are spreading from the roadside to their cultivated lands and possibly some weeds spreading from other people's fields.

Councillor Lichter also referred to the presentation made to Cumberland County Council and read to Council a newspaper clipping from May 21st, 1981 concerning the roadside spraying program in that County. This clipping indicated that the Minister of Lands and Forests, Mr. Henley was opposed to the use of 24-D in roadside spraying as he felt that a salt-brine solution would be just as effective as well as more cost feasible, and much safer. The article also advised that County Residents (Cumberland County) were responding in significant numbers to a petition being circulated in opposition to the annual roadside spraying program.

Councillor Lichter indicated his own opinion that much money would be saved by the responsible department, should the spraying take place only on sites where it is requested; it would also indicate just how many people were desirous of this service.

He then questioned how many persons had requested the spraying last year from Districts 12 and 13; Mr. Jones advised that only two persons had actually requested the service. However, these two requests had not been fulfilled as the two properties were too far apart to justify taking the truck out to spray them selectively.

Mr. Palfray further indicated it has not been found advisable to authorize roadside spraying under the conditions whereby only properties be sprayed where a request has been made.

Councillor Lichter replied that during last year's presentation regarding the roadside weed spraying program, it had been indicated to Council that unless the spraying was carried out, the weed problem would soon be out of control; yet the department had refused to spray the two properties who had requested it due to mileage. He advised that he could not support a blanket spraying policy but would like to discover a policy for select spraying.

Councillor Wiseman indicated her concern that, although the herbicide used correctly would not be harmful, it may not be controlled sufficiently, with the proper caution to prevent damage. As an example she explained that if sprayed incorrectly down an embankment, the material could run down into ditches inadvertently getting into the water and harming wildlife or children. She advised that unless there were proper controls taken she could not advocate spraying where people are opposed to the program; however, where people do know the value of the program and are willing to accept the method of application being used, then these areas should be sprayed.

Mr. Palfray advised that one complication in the program has been caused by the infiltration of Urban people into the Rural areas; this caused spraying to be done along the highway and stopping for certain portions which is a defeatist type of operation. He advised in Kings County it had been found that with three to four years of continuous spraying, the Department could withdraw the program for three to four years without the worry of weeds growing back during this interval and farmers can cut back on their own herbicide use.

Mr. Palfray further advised that the herbicide 24-D is used carefully by the Department, through the use of anemometers to check wind velocity, yearly changes in equipment, etc. He advised that he had been involved with the weed spraying program for thirty three years and in all that time, there have been no documented cases out of the hundreds of thousands of miles of 24-D-sprayed roadside, where there has been damage caused to crops, people or animals; even in misuse of the product, he advised that the problems were predictable and consisted of no more than drift onto susceptible ornamental or garden vegetables, something that the department did not wish to hurt. He also advised in response to concerns expressed by Councillor Topple, that medical research has proven the herbicide 24-D does not cause cancer in humans or animals, nor does it cause birth defects or any other adverse health affects.

Councillor Lichter questioned Mr. Palfray, regarding the Honourable Mr. Henley's belief that a salt-brine solution would be as effective as the 24-D herbicide. He was advised by Mr. Palfray that salt is one of the oldest herbicides known for the control of weeds; however, it is not particularly attractive to agricultural use because of its lack of selectivity. Used in sufficient amounts, it could permanently kill deep rooted perennials, crops and everything else. As a result of this, the newer herbicides such as 24-D have replaced the use of salt. He advised that the salt, "Sodium chlorate" had been found to be a fire hazard; therefore, the material had been mixed with "calcium chlorate", acting as a fire retardant. This material was produced under the name of antlycide, but its demand has now diminished to the extent that it would be difficult to find today.

Councillor Lichter then referred to Mr. Palfray's statement that during the last 33 years, he has found no documented cases of adverse effects cause by the use of 24-D. The Councillor agreed that there may be no "documented" cases; however, he referred Mr. Palfray to several undocumented cases of damage, as follows:

1. The Burton Case;
2. The Warren Case.

Councillor Lichter indicated his belief that no documented evidence of adverse effects of the herbicide were available due to the lack of financial resources of people to provide that evidence.

He also indicated that in the Warren case, over \$30,000 in compensation had been awarded to Mr. Warren; he also advised that in this case Mr. Warren's cattle had suffered miscarriages. This was in conflict with Mr. Palfray's statement that the herbicide does not cause birth defects, although that statement was more directed at humans.

Mr. Palfray advised that the mixture which was to have been used in spraying of that property was a mixture of 24-D and 245-T, in 1969. He advised that an investigation had been carried out and it was found that 245-T had not been used. The settlements that were made, "out of court" were based on losses incurred while acting in good faith. Apparently, the individual had indicated that his family were not feeling well and it might be caused from the pick-up of the chemical and transportation through the mill. This had been mentioned to the Dairy concerned, who immediately told him that they had made arrangements to have samples taken and shipped to Ottawa for analysis and in the meantime he should dump his milk. This was done and several weeks later the results were returned, after a great deal of milk had been dumped. The samples were clear of any chlorinated hydro carbons. As well, the individual had claimed that crops were dying on the Marsh; it was later found that salt levels were extremely high there and were responsible for the damaged crop. The farmer also complained about a proliferation of leaves up through his cauliflower, which he blamed on a carry over of herbicide on the wind. However, this was a common occurrence in that year. It was a horticulturally-known fact, that with a cold season crop, if you get a very hot period in the middle of that growing season, this would be the result; these were the weather conditions in that year.

Therefore, Mr. Palfray maintained that there are no documented cases whereby, under the proper use and conditions of the herbicide, any damage has been done to animals, people or the environment and even in cases of misuse, where adverse effects were the result, these effects can be delineated. He also reiterated that the compensation awarded to Mr. Warren were for losses incurred while acting in good faith and where the application drifted, settlement was made for drifting onto crops, which was justified.

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

"THAT Council endorse that Annual Roadside Weed Spraying Program, as proposed, with the exception of roadside abutting properties of persons opposed to the spraying."
Motion Defeated.

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

"THAT Council endorse the Annual Roadside Weed Spraying Program, as proposed, with the provision that in Districts 12, 13 and 15, only those roadsides be sprayed where the individual, abutting property owner has requested such spraying by a date to be set by the responsible department."
Motion Carried.

Subsequent to the above, Mr. Jones, Mr. Thompson and Mr. Palfray retired from the Council Chambers.

PRESENTATION, RE: VICTORIAN ORDER OF NURSES

Miss Jane Frye, Acting District Director of the VON and Mr. Bruce Tinkum, President of the Halifax Branch of the VON came forward at this time, to address Council.

Mr. Tinkum advised that the purpose of today's presentation was to provide information to the Councillors of the County of Halifax on the serious financial situation faced by the Halifax Branch of the Victorian Order of Nurses and Request a grant of \$11,500 to offset the deficit of \$11,433.66 incurred in the county operation in 1981.

Miss Frye then outlined to Council a lengthy and comprehensive Report which had been prepared by the VON and distributed to each Council Member prior to the presentation. The Report included discussion on such topics as 1) Relationship between VON Halifax Branch and the County of Halifax, 2) Sources of Financial Support, 3) Service to Residents of the County of Halifax, 4) Problems Encountered Within the Present System of Financial Support, 5) Long Range Planning by The Halifax Branch (See Report for Detail) and concluded with the following:

"The Halifax Branch has provided an essential and valuable service to the citizens of Halifax since 1897. Every effort is made to provide the highest quality of care in the most economical manner. We look to the County administration for continued financial assistance as well as support in developing a co-ordinated home care program, so that we may continue to do what we do best, provide a compassionate and high quality of nursing care to the sick in their homes."

With regard to the territory covered by the VON, Miss Frye advised that the only portion of the County which is not covered is Middle Musquodoboit, Upper Musquodoboit, Musquodoboit Harbour and beyond.

Councillor Margeson questioned whether the recent increase in Health Tax from 8% to 10% would be helpful to relieve some of the VON deficit. Miss Frye advised that she could not answer that question at this time. However, she advised that on a provincially-wide basis, the Provincial Government provided twelve branches of the VON with a total of \$175,000 last year; the Halifax Branch received about \$36,000 of that figure as well as an additional \$25,000 recently. She advised this was approximately one-third of the grant and that the Halifax Branch was approximately one-third of the VON operation in Nova Scotia.

Councillor Wiseman indicated to Miss Frye her agreement that the Provincial Government should step in and handle the Home Care Service.

Mr. Tinkum advised the Councillor that, if sufficient funding were not raised, the VON were concerned that they may have to cut back on their services.

Subsequent to further brief discussion, Deputy Warden MacKay advised the representatives from the VON that the grants would be discussed later on the Council Agenda, at which time, VON's request would be considered.

Mr. Tinkum and Miss Frye retired from the Council Chambers.

At this time, Council briefly adjourned for a five-minute coffee break.

ADDITION TO COUNCIL AGENDARe-Appointment of Municipal Solicitor

It was determined that in order to deal with a supplementary agenda item, for which no information has been circulated, it would be necessary for an agreement from two-thirds of Council. This majority of Council did agree to deal with the item.

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

"THAT the Municipal Solicitor be re-appointed for an additional one-year term."
Motion Defeated.

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

"THAT the Municipal Solicitor be re-appointed for a three-year term on the basis of the present contract and financial arrangements."
Motion Carried.

Councillor McInroy was opposed to the re-appointment of Municipal Solicitor for a three-year term, based on discussions held at the Management and Policy Committee levels in relation to a proposed study to investigate the possibility of an In-House Solicitor as opposed to a Municipal Solicitor on contract.

PRESENTATION BY REPRESENTATIVES OF MUNICIPAL AUDITORS, THORNE, RIDDELL

Mr. Bill MacQuarry and Mr. Mark Dickie from Thorne Riddell were present to address Council in regard to the recently audited 1981 Financial Statements of the Municipality.

Mr. MacQuarry advised that under Section 114 of the Municipal Act, it is required that the Auditors of a Municipal Unit report to Council on the annual financial statements. He indicated his understanding that a fair amount of detail has already been made available to Council; as well, copies of the financial statements have been sent to Mr. Meech who has distributed copies to Council.

Mr. MacQuarry advised Council that the financial statements of the Municipality are the responsibility of the Municipality while the input of the Municipal Auditors is to do the Audit and prepare the Auditor's Report. He indicated his pleasure that the Municipal Financial Statements are in good order and that the Municipality was in sound financial condition with adequate provision for any items on which they may not be able to realize.

He then proceeded to outline the General Revenue Fund Balance Sheet, Capital Fund Balance Sheet, the Analysis of Surplus Account, Revenue and Expenditures, Continuity of Statement in Capital Assets, etc. One point made during the presentation was that the deficit at Ocean View Manor which had been in evidence prior to Mr. Ken Wilson's appointment, has now been cleared up and was showing a surplus.

Mr. MacQuarry also briefly discussed the financial implications caused by the Incorporation of the Town of Bedford; however, he indicated that Halifax County was still in sound financial condition.

On behalf of Council, Deputy Warden MacKay thanked Mr. MacQuarry and Mr. Dickie for their attendance and presentation and subsequently they retired from the Council Chambers.

SUPPLEMENTARY REPORT OF THE PLANNING ADVISORY COMMITTEE

It was agreed by Council that a Supplementary Report of the Planning Advisory Committee could be dealt with at this time.

This Supplementary Report outlined by Keith Birch, advised that a request had been made by W.P.V. Construction Limited for four amendments to the PUD Agreement between that Company and the Municipality which related to lands located on Matador Court in Lower Sackville, District 20, formally known as parcel MM-1 in Area R, Phase 7, N.S.H.C. and consisting of approximately 6.97 acres.

Under the terms of the existing PUD Agreement, it is required that there be separate lots and separate service connections for each of the proposed row housing units, as well as immediate renovation of the parkland area. Mr. Verge of W.P.V. Construction was attempting to save funds in piping, etc. and to postpone the renovation of the parkland area to a later date when funds would be more readily available; therefore he requested the amendments as outlined in the Supplementary Report (Please refer to Report).

During discussion of these amendments at the Planning Advisory Committee Meeting, it was determined that Municipal Legislation does not require that a Public Hearing be held to make minor amendments to a PUD Agreement. Therefore, as a result of discussion with the Municipal Solicitor it was decided that there was a question of whether or not the proposed amendments were of a minor or a major nature. It was clarified that two were considered minor and two would be considered major; therefore, necessitating that a Public Hearing be held to deal with the proposed amendments.

However, Mr. Meech advised that Mr. Verge had contacted the Municipal Administration Offices this morning, advising his intent to withdraw the application for amendments in order to avoid the Public Hearing and the subsequent cost of a Public Hearing.

Therefore, subsequent to brief discussion, Council agreed that the Development proceed under the terms of the present PUD Agreement and that no Public Hearing be held.

LETTERS AND CORRESPONDENCE

Letter From District School Board

This letter was a response from C. P. Briggs, Secretary of the School Board to Mr. Kelly's letter which was written as a result of a motion in Council regarding proposed changes to the boundary lines for the Tantallon Jr. High School, to involve the catchment areas.

The letter advised: "The Board does not intend to make any changes in the school boundary lines. They are satisfied that the lines approved when this district junior high school was first established are sufficient to meet their need."

The letter also referred Council to Section 29 (4) of the Education Act, which states: "When directed by the School Board, the trustees shall admit to school privileges in the section, students who reside outside the section."

This letter was intended for Council's information only.

Councillor Walker indicated his concern that this School was taking in children from districts not set out in the school boundaries. He did not feel that the letter from Mr. Briggs addressed this particular concern.

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

"THAT a letter be written to the District School Board requesting further information as to their intent regarding changes to the Tantallon Junior High School boundaries and its serviced areas."
Motion Carried.

Prior to the passing of the motion, Councillor Walker indicated his intent that the boundaries should take in all areas where students travel from, to attend the school, in order that all these areas are charged for any future School Area Rate which may be levied for this particular School.

Letter From Atlantic Child Guidance Centre

This was the second letter from the Atlantic Child Guidance Centre which requested that Councillor A. R. Williams be re-appointed to the Board of Directors or that another Councillor be appointed.

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

"THAT Councillor Williams be nominated for re-appointment to the Board of Directors of the Atlantic Child Guidance Centre."

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

"THAT Nominations Cease."
Motion Carried.

Therefore, Councillor Williams was re-appointed to the Board of Directors of the Atlantic Child Guidance Centre on behalf of the Municipality of the County of Halifax.

Letter from Liquor Licensing Board

Mr. Meech advised that a further letter had been written to the Liquor Licensing Board, in response to a concern expressed by Councillor Lichter. Included in the Council Agenda was the Board's answering letter.

Mr. Meech advised that this item was for information only. (Please see agenda for detail).

MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE REPORT

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

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

Mileage Rates for Union Personnel

Mr. Meech outlined this item, advising: "The Management Committee received and reviewed a report respecting mileage rates for Union personnel, (Copy attached to Agenda)."

"It was the recommendation of the Management Committee that Council reject the May 12 staff recommendation and further that the same mileage rates as approved for non-union employees for 1982 be negotiated with CUPE Local 1083."

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

"THAT Council reject the May 12, 1982 Staff Recommendation relative to mileage rates for union personnel and further that the same mileage rates as for non-union personnel be negotiated with CUPE Local 1083."
Motion Carried.

1982 Grants to Organizations

A Supplementary Report had been distributed to Council which outlined the grant requests to date.

Mr. Ken Wilson came forward at this time to review with Council this Report.

Subsequent to this review:

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

"THAT the 1982 Grants to Organizations be deferred until the following Council Session, June 15, 1982, at which time each request will be dealt with on an item by item basis."
Motion Carried.

Addition to 1982 Suburban Street Paving Program

Mr. Meech outlined this item, advising: "The Management Committee received a Report from Mr. Wdowiak, Director of Engineering and Works, respecting an addition to the 1982 Suburban Street Paving Program, (Copy Attached)."

"The Committee recommend to Council that Greenvale Crescent, Cole Harbour, be included in the 1982 Suburban Street Paving Program, subject to receiving the required majority of signatures and also subject to the approval of the Minister of the Department of Transportation."

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

"THAT Greenvale Crescent, Cole Harbour be added to the 1982 Suburban Street Paving Program, subject to receiving the required majority of signatures and also subject to the approval of the Minister of Transportation."
Motion Carried.

Grants From Lien Law Fund

Mr. Meech advised that the Management Committee received a report respecting grants from the lien law fund, (Copy Attached).

It was the recommendation of the Management Committee subsequent to review of the Report that an amount of \$1,700 be transferred to each of the Districts individual lien law accounts, and further that the bulk of the Lien Law Fund be utilized to partially finance the construction of the addition to the Municipal Building.

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

"THAT \$1,700 be transferred to each individual district lien law fund for 1982."
Motion Carried.

Employee Medical Insurance

Mr. Meech advised that the Management Committee had received a report respecting the employee medical insurance costs. This report indicated that the 1982 rates would amount to \$8.31 for single persons and \$21.30 for married persons with \$1.00 co-pay for each prescription picked up by the employee. The Management Committee recommended that Council approve the revised rates for the medical portion of the Health and Insurance Plan.

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

"THAT Council approve the revised rates for the medical portion of the employee health and insurance plan."
Motion Carried.

This concluded the Management Committee Report.

ADDITION OF ITEMS - INVESTMENT FUND, RE: EMPLOYEE SALARIES

Councillor Margeson expanded on his idea of the contribution of a percentage of each Municipal Employee's salary toward the Aerotech Industrial Park Development. He advised that this percentage could be an investment for the employees for which they could receive an

interest return on their money, while in the meantime the money could be used by the Municipality toward labour, the purchase of land or the development of such projects as the Aerotech Industrial Park.

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

"THAT the Employee Investment Fund Proposal be referred to the Policy Committee for an In-Depth discussion and consideration."
Motion Carried.

Councillor Margeson also requested that he be given an opportunity to attend the Policy Committee Meeting at which the Fund will be discussed.

This was agreed to by Council.

NEW BUSINESS

Dutch Settlement School - Councillor Lichter

Councillor Lichter indicated his understanding that the Dutch Settlement School Issue would be going to Cabinet on Thursday and he wanted Council's support to urge Cabinet to approve the addition to the Dutch Settlement School. He further advised that this school addition was initiated in 1974 and was released from the moratorium in 1979. At that time, without any architectural plans, it had been estimated to cost approximately \$500,000; the cost has recently been estimated by the Architect to be \$1,080,000 and the tender came in at \$907,000 a considerable saving from the Architect's estimate. He advised, that unless Cabinet approves the school this Thursday, the tenders will be lost.

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

"THAT Municipal Council forward a resolution to Cabinet, requesting that the Dutch Settlement School Addition be approved, Thursday, June 3, 1982."
Motion Carried.

Wharf, Ferguson's Cove - Councillor Baker

Councillor Baker advised that a Wharf in Ferguson's Cove had become surplus and was sold by Crown Assets Corporation to someone unknown. He advised that now the decks have all been removed and nothing is left but the pilings and stringers. He advised that young children are now climbing out on the Wharf and the residents are becoming worried that one of these children may drown. He questioned who would be responsible if a child did drown.

Solicitor Cragg advised that the owner of the wharf would hold primary responsibility.

Councillor Baker advised that he was having a great deal of difficulty in tracking down the owner of the Wharf. However, Mr. Meech took the matter under advisement and indicated that he would attempt to find the owner and undertake some means of eliminating this safety hazard.

Proposed Change to the Municipal Act - Councillor Topple

Councillor Topple questioned whether a presentation had been made to the Law Amendments Committee regarding the proposed change to the Municipal Act.

Solicitor Cragg advised that he was due to appear before the Committee, tomorrow morning at 9:30 A.M. in regard to this issue.

ADDITION TO AGENDA

Deputy Warden MacKay advised that he would like to add to the next Council Agenda an Environmental Report on the Sackville Industrial Park.

This was agreed to by Council.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Council adjourned at 6:54 P.M.

REGULAR COUNCIL SESSION

JUNE 15, 1982

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

ALSO PRESENT: Mr. K. R. Meech, Chief Administrative Officer
Mr. G. J. Kelly, Municipal Clerk
Mr. Robert Cragg, Municipal Solicitor
Mr. Bob Gough, Director of Development
Mr. Keith Birch, Chief of Planning & Development
Mr. John Morrison, Administrator, Ocean View Manor
Mr. Ed Mason, Director of Social Services
Mr. Ken Wilson, Director of Finance

SECRETARY: Christine E. Simmons

OPENING OF COUNCIL - THE LORD'S PRAYER

Warden MacKenzie brought the Council Session to order at 2:05 P.M. with The Lord's Prayer.

ROLL CALL

Mr. Kelly then called the Roll.

APPOINTMENT OF RECORDING SECRETARY

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

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Warden MacKenzie advised that Councillors Wiseman, McCabe, and Adams were absent today as they were attending a School Board Conference. The Deputy Warden was attending a function on the Municipality's behalf and would be arriving shortly. Councillor Williams was out ill, District No. 3 was vacant, Councillor McInroy was on vacation and Councillor Smith is attending a Funeral and would be arriving shortly.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

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

"THAT the Minutes of the May 4, 1982 Annual Council Session be approved."

Motion Carried.

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

"THAT the Minutes of the May 4, 1982 Regular Council Session be approved as amended."

Motion Carried.

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

"THAT the Minutes of the June 7, 1982 Public Hearing be approved."

Motion Carried.

Councillor Deveaux advised that the May 4, Regular Council Session Minutes indicated his concern that the Warden and the Deputy Warden should not be away from the Municipality at the same time; this had been made evident in his amendment on page 21 of those minutes which had initiated the change in the voting delegates at the FCM Conference, deleting the Deputy Warden.

He expressed his disapproval that the both the Warden and Deputy Warden had both been absent during that week as the Deputy Warden had seen fit to attend another meeting in Ottawa. Due to these absences he, himself, had chaired a Public Hearing on June the 7th, when the Deputy Warden should have been available.

However, subsequent to discussion, it was determined that the Deputy Warden had been representing Municipal Council in Ottawa during that time, and his absence had been unavoidable.

PUBLIC HEARING - UNDERSIZED LOTSStaff Report

Mr. Gough, Director of Development, outlined the Staff Report respecting undersized lots to be approved under the Undersized Lot Legislation and subdivision of the lands of Stuart & Sherri Dow and Ian & Wanda Murray, Lots 11 and 12 located at Bayside, District 4.

He advised that the subdivision application has met with the approval of the Departments of Transportation, Health and Municipal Affairs. The lot meets the area requirement; however, each lot has a respective frontage of 52.10' on a Provincial Highway.

Mr. Gough further indicated that the Municipal Solicitor has advised that the application falls under the discretionary nature of which Council can make the decision.

Speakers in Favour of the Application

None.

Speakers in Opposition to the Application

None.

Discussion and Motion From Council

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

"THAT Municipal Council approve the subdivision of the lands of Stuart & Sherri Dow and Ian and Wanda Murray, Lots 11 and 12 located at Bayside, Halifax County, under the Undersized Lot Legislation."
Motion Carried.

Subsequently, Mr. Gough retired from the Council Session.

MEETING WITH JOHN MORRISON, ADMINISTRATOR, OCEAN VIEW MANOR

Mr. John Morrison, Administrator of Ocean View Manor and Mr. Ed Mason, Director of Social Services joined the Council Session for discussion of this item.

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

"THAT Council go In-Camera to hear the presentation of Mr. John Morrison respecting Ocean View Manor."
Motion Carried.

Therefore, the discussion of this item was held In-Camera.

Mr. Morrison's main concern, was that with the opening up of new Senior Citizen's Housing Facilities, Ocean View Manor would not be filled to capacity in the future, thus detracting from its budgeting stability. His request to Council, was that the Municipality support Ocean View by urging Halifax County residents to continue to utilize the facilities of Ocean View in preference to other Homes.

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

"THAT Council come Out-Of-Camera and return to the Regular Council Session."
Motion Carried.

Subsequently, Mr. Morrison retired from the Council Session.

LETTERS & CORRESPONDENCE

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

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

Letter From Mrs. Florence Munroe

Mr. MacKenzie advised that he had received a letter from Mrs. Florence Munroe, Widow of the Late Bob Munroe, thanking Council for its letter of May 17, and the kind comments on the passing of her husband.

This letter was for information only.

Letter From Forest Hills Residents Association

A letter was included in the Council Agenda from Mrs. Mary Creaser, President of the Forest Hills Residents Association. This letter indicated the Association's support of the decision of the RCMP and the Attorney General, to locate a main RCMP Detachment in Cole Harbour and a second smaller Detachment in Musquodoboit Harbour.

Mr. Meech also indicated that another communication was received by the Warden yesterday, relative to this same issue. This letter was in response to the Warden's letter as directed by Council to advise of the previous position which had been taken by the Urban Advisory Board; not the position of Municipal Council.

This response, dated June 9th, from the Honourable Harry Howe, Attorney General advised as follows:

"I wish to acknowledge your letter of June 1st concerning the relocation of Dartmouth's Detachment. The Dartmouth Detachment will be relocated to a site in the Cole Harbour area and a new Detachment will be opened at Musquodoboit Harbour. The decision to relocate in the Cole Harbour area was made on the basis of having it located in the area of greatest population density including where the greatest workload is experienced."

There was no discussion on this information item.

Letter From Forest Hills Residents Association

A letter from Paula M. Ruggles, Secretary of the Forest Hills Resident's Association, relative to the District School Board's recent decision with regard to the Gordon Bell and Cole Harbour Senior High Schools, was also included in the agenda.

This letter advised:

"Recently the Halifax County - Bedford District School Board made the decision to combine Gordon Bell and Cole Harbour Senior High Schools into one High School. This decision was taken to maximize staff and facilities in the face of budgetary restrictions.

Our association is concerned not so much with the decision which has been taken, although we are apprehensive about its proper implementation, but with the method by which the decision was taken and announced to the community.

We believe that it is very important that there be continuing input into the educational system by those whom it serves.

In the past, and again on this occasion, the community has experienced great anguish and upheaval because of past decision announcements and media stories.

In view of the continuing high handed method of dealing with the taxpayers of Halifax County by the School Board, we ask Municipal Council to support our expressions of displeasure at this continuing course of action by the Halifax County - Bedford District School Board."

This letter initiated some discussion in Council; Councillor MacDonald agreed that it is sometimes difficult for the Communities to obtain information as to what is going on in the School System and what changes are proposed; Councillor Gaetz was in opposition to the strong wording of Ms. Ruggles's letter, advising that the School Board is paid to make such decisions for the County. The Councillor indicated that he had much confidence in the ability of the District School Board Staff to make these decisions.

Councillor Deveaux also agreed that there should be more communication between the Community and the School Board. However, he advised that circumstances and a shortage of time sometimes make it difficult and he indicated his reluctance to support the nature of this letter without more information relative to the issue.

Councillor Tople advised that the letter simply re-stated the position Council had already taken with respect to School Board decisions. He indicated that as a result of a motion previously passed in Council, it had been made School Board policy to open the lines of Communication between the Communities, Council, and the Board, prior to making any significant changes in the School System; this issue he advised was contrary to that Policy.

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

"THAT beginning in September, 1982, the District School Board Superintendent be requested to attend Council on a quarterly basis to open the lines of communication between Council and the Board and to advise Council of all activities within the School System."

Motion Carried.

Memo From P. J. Fawson

A memo had also been received from P. J. Fawson, Personnel Co-Ordinator relative to the International Association of Official Human Rights Agencies Annual Conference to be held in Halifax at the Hotel Nova Scotian from July 11th to 17th.

The memo advised that if Council decides to send members of Council or staff, the registration fee is \$140.00 per individual. This amount would cover all seminars or workshops as well as any social activities during the week.

Mr. Fawson also attached to his memo for information purposes, brochures covering the business and industry seminar at the Hotel on July 15th; the registration fee for this seminar with luncheon and dinner was \$85.00 per individual.

Mr. Fawson's memo urged that Council select its participants in the near future, in order to avoid a \$25.00 late registration fee.

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

"THAT Warden MacKenzie be selected to represent Halifax County at the 34th Annual Conference of the International Association of Official Human Rights Agencies July 11th to July 17th."
Motion Carried.

This concluded the Letters and Correspondence.

REPORT OF PLANNING ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Mr. Birch, Chief of Planning and Development was present for discussion of the PAC Report.

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

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

Warden MacKenzie advised that the first item, the Public Hearing for Undersized Lot approval, had been dealt with previously.

Rezoning Application No. 4-82

The Planning Advisory Committee Report outlined a request to rezone lands of F. A. Shaffer, located at 939 Herring Cove Road, District 5 from R-2 to R-4. The Report advised:

"At the June 7, 1982 meeting of the Planning Advisory Committee, the above-noted rezoning application was discussed. As a result of examining the past history related to the property with respect to zoning, the following resolution was passed: The Committee recommend to Council that the above noted request for rezoning be rejected and that no public hearing be held."

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

"THAT Rezoning application No. 4-82 be rejected by Halifax County Council and that no Public Hearing be held."
Motion Defeated.

Prior to the defeat of the motion, Councillor Baker spoke briefly requesting that he be permitted exemption from any vote on this issue as the property had originally belonged to his father and had been sold to Mr. Shaffer. He advised that this issue involved his family.