

Also included was a copy of the Statement of the Episcopal Commission for Social Affairs of the Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops referred to in the resolution. The letter requested that the County of Halifax consider and endorse the resolution.

Please refer to the resolution enclosed with the letter in the agenda book for further information.

Councillor Eisenhauer suggested that this item be deferred to the following Council Session pending receipt of a copy of the Statement of the Episcopal Commission for Social Affairs of the Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops referred to in the resolution.

Mr. Kelly advised that he was in receipt of this statement, which was quite a lengthy document; he agreed to distribute copies to all Councillors via their mailboxes.

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

"THAT the Letter From the City of Hamilton be deferred until the next Council Session pending receipt of a copy of the Statement of the Episcopal Commission for Social Affairs of the Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops."
Motion Carried.

Letter From the Minister of the Department of Transportation

A letter had been received by Mr. Kelly, from The Minister of the Department of Transportation in regard to a study of traffic patterns at all the schools located on the No. 7 Highway from Dartmouth to the Halifax-Guysborough County Line as requested in a letter from Council in January.

The letter advised:

"Your request was very general and did not identify a specific problem that we could concentrate our efforts upon. Therefore, for the eleven schools located on Trunk 7, (not including the school at Porter's Lake, which was investigated earlier) we have examined the school zone signing, school crosswalk signing, and have collected radar speed samples to determine the compliance with the 50 km-hr speed limit in effect when children are present on the highway.

Our findings from the study revealed that generally speaking, the school zones are posted in accordance with accepted methods and reflect the expected approach speeds and pedestrian activity in the vicinity of the schools. Signing modifications that were identified are as follows:

1. William Ross Elementary School (Westphal) - the school zone will be shortened by 600 meters.
2. Eastern Shore District High School (Musquodoboit Harbour) - the school zone is required on the West Petpeswick Road for 250 meters of Trunk 7.

3. Robert Jamieson School (Jeddore-Ostrea Lake) - school zone will be shortened by 50 meters.
4. Lakefront Consolidated School (Tangier) - conflicting speed zone signs posted within school zone boundaries will be removed.
5. Sheet Harbour Consolidated and Duncan MacMillian High (Sheet Harbour) - the school zones for these schools overlap requiring additional school zone signs to be posted at the mid-point of the school zone.
6. Eastern Consolidated School (Moser River) - school crosswalk signing to be upgraded.

The radar speed samples that were collected proved that motorists were not complying with the 50 km-hr school zone speed limit and thus the Attorney General will be notified of these results so increased surveillance may be arranged.

Should any specific problems arise with any school zones, do not hesitate to bring them to our attention for investigation."

NOTE: This was the letter which had been the cause for the concern of Councillor DeRöche and which the R.C.M.P. had promised to investigate.

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

"THAT the correspondence from the Minister of Transportation be received."

Motion Carried.

Letter From The Department of the Environment

A letter had been received from The Department of the Environment, in response to the Municipality's letter of March 30, 1983, outlining concerns relative to the Well Drilling Act. This letter advised:

"Please be advised that the Department of the Environment is presently reviewing the Well Drilling Act and the Municipality's concerns will be given full consideration."

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

"THAT the Letter from the Department of the Environment regarding the Well Drilling Act Review, be received."

Motion Carried.

The Deputy Warden requested that the Municipality not lose sight of this concern. He requested that the item reappear on the Council agenda in the near future.

This request was taken under advisement by Mr. Kelly.

Letter From the Minister of the Department of Transportation

A second letter had been received from the Minister of Transportation acknowledging receipt of the Municipality's letter of March 14, 1983, requesting an explanation of paving costs for 1983.

This letter extensively explained these costs. (Please refer to the letter in the agenda book for detail.

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

"THAT the Letter from the Minister of the Department of Transportation be received."
Motion Carried.

REPORT OF THE PLANNING ADVISORY COMMITTEE

It was moved by Councillor DeRoche, seconded by Councillor Snow:

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

Amendments to the Forest Hills Planned Unit Development Agreement

Mr. Kelly outlined this item from the PAC Report, advising that at the April 18, 1983 meeting of PAC, the Development Staff outlined an application by the Nova Scotia Housing Commission for the approval of nine single family dwelling lots. This application required a change in land use which in turn requires a change to the Forest Hills PUD Agreement and since the change is considered a minor variance, and both parties mutually agree to the amendment, a Public Hearing is not required.

It was the recommendation of the Planning Advisory Committee that Council approve the proposed amendments to the Forest Hills PUD Agreement as submitted by the Nova Scotia Housing Commission.

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

"THAT the proposed amendments to the Forest Hills Planned Unit Development Agreement, as submitted by the Nova Scotia Housing Commission, be approved."
Motion Carried.

Parkland Acquisition

Mr. Kelly also outlined this item from the PAC Report, advising that the PAC recommends the following parcel of recreational lands being donated to the Municipality under the provisions of the Planning Act, be accepted as parkland by County Council:

- (A) Kendalmark Estates Subdivision, Wellington, one parcel. District 14, Lot 35-83K, F-19-83-14.

The Municipal Solicitor reports that the parkland in question is free and clear of all encumbrances and County Council is, therefore, in a position where it can accept title to the land.

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

"THAT Halifax County Council accept title to Recreational Land, Lot 35-83K, F-19-83-14, of the Kendalmark Estates Subdivision, Wellington, under the provisions of The Planning Act."
Motion Carried.

SUPPLEMENTARY REPORT OF THE PLANNING ADVISORY COMMITTEE

W.P.V. Construction Ltd., Assignment of the Village Villas PUD Agreement, Sackville to Oakdene Estates Ltd.

The Report of the PAC advised:

"At the Planning Advisory Committee Meeting held on May 2, 1983, a request to assign the interests in the above referenced Planned Unit Development was tabled.

The Committee was advised that 2 of the 3 phases of development have been completed with the remaining phase to be commenced upon the assignment of the agreement taking place.

W.P.V. Construction Ltd. have requested to assign their interests in the agreement to Oakdene Estates Ltd. Mr. Robert Cragg, Municipal Solicitor, has advised that he is in agreement with the assignment provided that the outstanding bond issue with the Municipality (said bond issue concerned with paving charges for Matador Court) has been resolved. Mr. Cragg has further advised that, in light of the fact that the agreement itself will undergo no major changes other than an assignment of liability, a public hearing on the assignment will not be necessary.

It was noted that if the remaining phase (consisting of 22 units) is to be eligible for federal building grants which expire the end of May 1983, then Council should move as quickly as possible with respect to making a decision.

The Planning Advisory Committee passed a motion which stated that:

The Planning Advisory Committee recommend to Council that the transfer of the Village Villas Planned Unit Development Agreement be approved subject to all legal matters meeting with the satisfaction of the Municipality."

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

"THAT Council approve the transfer of the Village Villas PUD Agreement subject to all legal matters meeting with the satisfaction of the Municipality."
Motion Carried.

REPORT OF THE BUILDING INSPECTOR

It was agreed by Council, that the Building Inspector's Report also be received.

Approval of Lesser Setback

In accordance with the recommendation of the Building Inspector,
It was moved by Councillor Eisenhauer, seconded by Councillor McInroy:

"THAT the Application for lesser setback of 28.2', Lot D2, Afton Waters Subdivision, Upper Sackville, Applicant Donald Tingley be approved."

Motion Carried.

Approval of Lesser Side Yard Clearance

In accordance with the recommendation of the Building Inspector,
It was moved by Councillor Baker, seconded by Councillor McInroy:

"THAT the Application for lesser sideyard clearance of 6.8', Lot 91, Churchill Estates Subdivision, Herring Cove, Applicant Gary Trenholm be approved."

Motion Carried.

MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE REPORT

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

"THAT the Management Committee Report be received."

Motion Carried.

Adjustment, Re: County Pensions - 5%

Mr. Kelly outlined this item advising that the Management Committee had received a memo respecting a proposed adjustment for 1983 for recipients of County Pensions as recommended by the Pension Advisory Task Force.

The memorandum which was from Mr. Percy Fawson, Personnel Co-Ordinator, advised that in a letter to himself, dated March 1, 1983, Mr. Brian Burnell had indicated that, at the request of the Pension Advisory Task Force, he had reviewed the unaudited financial results in respect of the calendar year 1982. This review had determined that it would be financially possible to provide a 5% increase as of January 1983 to those individuals on pension. This increase would be consistent with increases which had been awarded to Pensioners in recent years.

The memo also advised that the Pension Advisory Task Force was recommending to the Management Committee that a 5% increase on all pensions as of January 1, 1983 be approved. This increase would apply to all persons who went on pension prior to January 1, 1982. Persons retiring part-way through 1982 would, however, be given a partial increase on a pro-rata basis.

Mr. Kelly advised that subsequent to discussion of this memo, it was the recommendation of the Management Committee that Council approve a 5% increase in County Pensions effective January 1, 1983.

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

"THAT Council approve a 5% increase to County Pensions, effective January 1, 1983."
Motion Carried.

1983 Sidewalk Construction

Mr. Kelly advised that the Management Committee had received a report from the Director of Engineering and Works, relative to 1983 Sidewalk Construction. This report, outlining the 1983 Sidewalk Construction in the Eastern Passage, Cole Harbour, Westphal and Sackville areas was included in the Council Agenda. (Please refer to the Report for any detail required).

Mr. Kelly advised that at the April 5th Council Session, Council had approved the Sidewalk Construction for the Sackville areas.

It was the recommendation of the Management Committee that Council approve a resolution requesting the Department of Transportation to have the streets identified in the request in Eastern Passage, Cole Harbour and Westphal areas, prepared for tender for Sidewalk Construction. This would include the following streets:

1. Colby Drive;
2. Circassion Drive (two sections);
3. Arklow Drive;
4. Ross Road;
5. Caldwell Road.

The estimated total cost of construction for the above would be \$579,000 and the estimated cost of surveys would be \$19,000 with the Province paying \$478,000 of that and the Municipality's portion being \$120,000, the cost of which would be picked up by the area rates of the Districts in question.

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

"THAT a letter be written to the Department of Transportation requesting the streets identified in the Sidewalk Construction request in Eastern Passage, Cole Harbour and Westphal (outlined above) be prepared for tender for Sidewalk Construction."
Motion Carried.

Preliminary Report - Central Servicing, Harrietsfield

Mr. Kelly advised that the Management Committee had received a preliminary report from the Director of Engineering and Works, respecting the installation of central services in the Harrietsfield area. This report examined the feasibility of providing central services to that area and provided estimated costs to install the services. (Please see copy of report - included in agenda - for detail).

Subsequent to discussion of the report, the Management Committee concluded that the cost of servicing the area is too high to be considered at this time. The Committee agreed to send copies of the report to the Premier, who is also MLA for that area, and to the Minister of Municipal Affairs.

Subsequent to discussion in Council, it was agreed that copies of the Report be sent to the Premier and the Minister of Municipal Affairs, without a request for funding, for information only and it was also agreed that a copy of the report be sent to the Ratepayers Association of the Harrietsfield area.

POLICY COMMITTEE REPORT

It was moved by Councillor Gaudet, seconded by Councillor Snow:

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

Rural Services Committee

A lengthy report respecting the establishment of a Rural Services Committee was included in the Council agenda. This report read:

"The Policy Committee has completed its review and consideration for the establishing of a Rural Services Committee.

The amendment to the Committee and Boards By-Law, Section 7B includes the Rural Services Committee. The composition and terms of reference for the Committee are as follows:

1. The Rural Services Committee shall consist of the Councillors for Districts 1, 3, 4, 5, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15 and the Warden and one Councillor chosen by Council from the Urban Services Committee. The members of the Committee shall elect a Chairman from among the Councillors appointed to the Committee.
2. The purpose and function of the Committee is to provide a forum for discussion and action on those issues and concerns common to the fringe and-or rural portions of the County.
3. The Committee shall keep full minutes of all its proceedings and report such minutes together with an account of its proceedings and its recommendations to Council.
4. The Committee shall consider or prepare and present to Council a report and recommendation on any matters which the Rural Services Committee feels should be acted upon or is referred to the Rural Services Committee by Council for study.
5. The minutes of each Committee Meeting shall be circulated to each Council member within 7 days of the conclusion of the Committee Meeting.

A separate item in the Policy Committee Report includes amendments to the Committees and Boards By-Law including Section 7B as it relates to the Rural Services Committee. A resolution by Council to approve the By-Law amendments will include the establishing of a Rural Services Committee.

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

"THAT the information regarding the composition and terms of reference of the Rural Services Committee be received."
Motion Carried.

Amendments to the Committees and Boards By-Law

Mr. Kelly then advised that the Policy Committee had received amendments to the Committees and Boards By-Law, prepared by the Municipal Solicitor. As mentioned (above) these amendments would effectively establish the Rural Services Committee as they included a "Section 7B" which indicated the composition and terms of reference of this Committee. There were further amendments to this By-Law relative to District Nos., etc. (Please refer to amendments included in the agenda for additional details).

It was the recommendation of the Policy Committee that Council approve the amendments to the Committees and Boards By-Law and further that the By-Law amendments be forwarded to the Department of Municipal Affairs for approval by the Minister.

It was moved by Councillor DeRoche, seconded by Councillor Bayers:

"THAT Council approve the amendments to the Committees and Boards By-Law, as prepared by the Municipal Solicitor and as included in the Council Agenda, and further that the amendments be forwarded to the Minister of Municipal Affairs for approval by the Minister."
Motion Carried.

Prior to the passing of the above motion there was brief debate to Council. Councillor Wiseman questioned whether any funds had been set aside in the 1983 Municipal Budget to carry this Committee. The Councillor was advised by Mr. Meech that there is no provision in the budget for this Committee; however, there is an estimate in the budget for per diems. He advised that this estimate would probably cover the cost of the Committee, as it will not be established until the amendments to the Committees and Boards By-Law are approved by the Minister which will probably not be until the middle of 1983. Subsequent to that, it will take additional time to establish the Committee as Council must appoint the members of that Committee, etc. As well, it was not anticipated that this Committee will meet very frequently.

Also prior to the passing of the motion, Councillor Deveaux spoke briefly indicating his strong opposition to both the Urban and the Rural Committees.

Subsequent to the above discussion, the motion was passed by Municipal Council.

Capital Grants Allocation

Mr. Kelly advised that the Policy Committee had reviewed a Report respecting the policy for Capital Grants Allocation. A copy of both the "existing policy" and the "revised policy" were included in the Council agenda for comparison purposes.

Please refer to agenda for detail, if required.

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

"THAT Council approve the "revised policy" for the allocation of capital grant funds, as outlined in the Policy Committee Report to Council."
(See Amendment to Motion).

Subsequent to lengthy discussion of the proposed, revised policy, the following amendment was proposed:

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

"THAT the "revised policy" for allocation of Capital Grants as proposed by the Policy Committee be amended in the percentage factor of the maximum funding amount, from 70% to 90%."
(See Motion to Defer).

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

"THAT the "Revised Policy" for Allocation of Capital Grants be deferred for one to two months, in order to give the Rural and Urban Services Committees an opportunity to discuss the impact of the "Revised Policy" on them in the future."
Motion Carried.

Expropriation of Properties - Christies Road

Mr. Kelly outlined this item from the agenda book, advising that the Policy Committee has reviewed expropriation procedures respecting two properties located on Christies Road. The two property owners have refused to sign a petition to allow the present roadway to be taken over by the Department of Transportation in order to upgrade and improve the roadway so that residents may receive services such as snow plowing, garbage collection and emergency vehicles.

The agenda book also indicated that appraisals of the required frontage of the two properties have been obtained and amount to \$2,700.

It was the recommendation of the Policy Committee that Council authorize the expropriation of the subject properties on Christies Road with the understanding that the property owners will accept financial responsibility to an amount of \$2,700 and any funds in excess of that would be paid by the Municipality.

The Committee was informed by the area Councillor that consideration would be given to using the District Capital Grant Funds to cover excess costs as may be required.

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

"THAT Council authorize the expropriation of the subject properties on Christies Road, required to have the Department of Transportation take-over the road and upgrade it so that residents may receive services such as snow plowing, garbage collection and emergency vehicles, with the understanding that the remaining property owners will accept financial responsibility to an amount of \$2,700 and any funds in excess of that would be paid by the Municipality from District Capital Grant Funds as may be required."

Motion Carried.

The above motion was carried subsequent to the Solicitor briefly clarifying the legalities of this issue for several Council members who were unsure of the Municipality's authority to take this action.

APPROVAL OF AREA RATE, RE: STREET LIGHTING - DISTRICT NO. 1

Councillor Walker requested that this item be deferred indefinitely and if he felt the need to bring it forward later he would do so.

The above request was agreed to by Council.

REPORT, RE: AMENDMENTS TO FAMILY MAINTENANCE ACT, FAMILY BENEFITS ACT AND THE CHILDREN'S SERVICES ACT - COUNCILLOR ADAMS

In response to a previous request from Councillor Adams regarding the impact of amendments to various Social Services Programs, Mr. Ed Mason had prepared the following report:

"At the April 19th Session of Municipal Council, Councillor Adams raised a question relative to the proposed changes in the Family Benefits Act and in particular the amendment that would disentitle unmarried mothers under the age of nineteen to such benefits.

We have checked into the situation and have been informed that this proposed amendment would not become effective until September 1, 1983, and those recipients presently in receipt of Family Benefits and those placed in pay prior to September 1, 1983 would not be affected by such legislation.

We have also been informed that in cases of severe hardship there would be discretionary power at the ministerial level whereby such benefits could be made payable to the parents of the unmarried mother. This apparently would be in very rare, select cases.

This amendment to the Family Benefits Act itself should have very little impact on our Social Services caseload. The total number of new cases at the Provincial level on a yearly basis would range in the neighbourhood of sixty cases. While some would originate from our Municipality,

the number would be small. We are, therefore, of the view that this amendment to the Family Benefits Act would have an insignificant effect on Social Services costs to our Municipality.

A further amendment to the Family Benefits Act has a provision which would require the unmarried mother, the divorced, the deserted and the wives of prisoners over the age of majority (nineteen years) to participate in an Assessment and Rehabilitative Program in order to become eligible for Family Benefits. This amendment to the Family Benefits Act as we understand it should not impact seriously on our Municipal Social Services Caseload, and could well work out to be progressive legislation."

Mr. Mason came forward and briefly discussed the above Report with Council. Councillor Adams was pleased with the report and expressed his opinion that Council should agree "in principle" with the new Legislation.

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

"THAT Council agree in principle with the Legislation amending the Family Benefits Act."
Motion Carried.

ARSENIC FILTER UNITS - COUNCILLOR MACKAY

Councillor MacKay had previously raised questions in Council relative to the feasibility of the Arsenic Filter Units. It had been his hope that the Policy Committee would have tabled a Report with Council this evening, in this regard.

Mr. Meech advised that several weeks ago, the Policy Committee had met with the Research Chemist who had developed the Arsenic Filter Unit as well as the Distributor of the Unit. Subsequent to that the Policy Committee was waiting for completion of the Report of H. J. Porter and Associates regarding the Collins Park water situation. A study of the feasibility of the Arsenic Filter Unit was to be included with that Report. Further, the Policy Committee would be meeting with representatives of the Department of Public Health.

Councillor MacKay then requested that a Report be brought forward to Council subsequent to the Policy Committee's examination of the Report of H. J. Porter and Associates and their meeting with representatives of the Department of Health.

This was taken under advisement by Staff.

FINANCING FOR FINAL DESIGN AND CONTOURS, SACKVILLE LANDFILL SITE - COUNCILLOR MACKAY

This item had also been brought forward by Councillor MacKay. However, he advised that Mr. Kelly had written to the proper authorities in this regard, and has not yet heard a reply. Therefore, he requested that this item be brought forward at a later date.

This request was also taken under advisement by Staff.

SENIOR CITIZEN'S HOUSING, HERRING COVE - COUNCILLOR BAKER

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

"THAT the N.S.H.C. be requested to conduct a Need and Demand Survey for the establishment of a Senior Citizen's Housing Complex in Herring Cove."
Motion Carried.

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

"THAT the N.S.H.C. be requested to conduct a Need and Demand Survey for the establishment of Senior Citizen's Housing Complexes in Hammonds Plains and Upper Hammonds Plains."
Motion Carried.

ADDED AGENDA ITEMS

Antrim Road - Councillor Lichter

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

"THAT Staff write to the Minister of Transportation requesting that serious consideration be given to upgrading the Antrim Road in District No. 13."
Motion Carried.

Prior to the passing of the above motion, Councillor Lichter advised that early in April the Honourable Ronald Giffin as well as the Honourable Ken Stretch and Councillor Lichter, received a large petition of approximately 200 names indicating that for the past 30 years, the Antrim Road has not been maintained by the Province even though it is owned by the Province; he indicated that this road was approximately eight miles long. However, in response to the petition, the residents were informed that no money was available to upgrade this road. Councillor Lichter felt that if money was available for paving, sidewalks, etc., then money should be allocated to upgrade this road.

Councillor Lichter also advised that the people who administered the survey have now directed their secretary to write to the Premier; a letter has gone to the Premier and Councillor Lichter felt that a letter to the Minister at this time, would be opportune as the new Budget has just come out which indicates that monies will be available for paving projects, etc.

Subsequent to the above explanation, the motion was carried.

Gold Cup 1983 - Deputy Warden Margeson

The Deputy Warden advised that he was in attendance at a News Conference today on behalf of Council. This Conference was in regard to Gold Cup 1983, which will take place in Halifax from May 23rd to May 28th.

He advised that this was the World Wheelchair Basketball Championship which will bring people to Halifax from Australia, Belgium, Canada, France, Germany, Great Britain, Israel, Japan, The Neatherlands, Sweden and the U.S.A.

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

"THAT the Municipality endorse the Gold Cup 1983, to be held in Halifax May 23rd to May 28th."

Motion Carried.

The Deputy Warden also indicated his understanding that Halifax Co. had contributed money to these Games to be used for the temporary conversion of School Buses into Buses for the Games.

Additional Clean-Up Days For Bulky Refuse - Councillor Adams

Councillor Adams had brought this matter forward in response to a growing number of complaints regarding the deposit on the roadsides and in the woods of used household appliances. He advised that it was the public opinion that this deposit was growing due to the lack of sufficient clean-up days for bulky refuse.

The Councillor advised that there was a ratepayer's meeting recently held in Lake Echo at which people had suggested that additional heavy clean-up days should be considered by the Municipality. One alternative suggested was that people could take their garbage to a deserted parking lot and the Municipality could have it picked up at that central location once a month or more.

The Councillor requested that Staff consider this means or some other means by which the countryside could be kept free of garbage.

Warden MacKenzie advised that the Municipality is looking at this entire issue as it relates to Derelict Vehicles and Unsightly Premises. He questioned whether the Councillor would consider referring his concerns to the Management Committee.

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

"THAT the Management Committee investigate methods by which to keep the Municipality free and clear of heavy refuse such as used appliances, etc."

Motion Carried.

Changes In Channel Traffic, Herring Cove - Councillor Baker

Councillor Baker advised that the Halifax Port Authority met with the Fishermen from Herring Cove recently and they agreed between them to use a new Channel into Halifax Harbour to allow Bulk Carriers of 100,000 tons, which in the past have had to anchor outside of the Harbour for repairs.

Councillor Baker advised that these new arrangements are depriving the Fishermen of their right to fish; although it was agreed that they would be given 24 hours in order to remove their fishing gear, this is not ample time in which to remove a fleet of nets.

He advised that the reasoning for using this new channel is that there is only 50 feet of water in the channel they are using now which does not allow these larger boats to come into the Harbour, whereas Herring Cove, has 60 feet of water which is adequate for these Carriers.

Councillor Baker's concern with this was that it would deprive the Fishermen of the right to fish when they want to and they are, therefore, requesting some compensation while these Bulk Carriers are going in and out of the Harbour and they are being deprived of the right to fish.

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

"THAT a letter be directed to the Atlantic Pilotage Authority requesting that consideration be given to providing compensation to those Fishermen who are deprived of fishing rights when the 100,000 ton Bulk Carriers are coming into Herring Cove and further that a copy of this letter be sent to the Minister of the Department of Fisheries." Motion Carried.

FURTHER ADDITION TO AGENDA - WARDEN MACKENZIE
Decision, Re: Expropriation of Water Shed Lands

Warden MacKenzie advised that it was the Cabinet decision to allow the Annexation of the County Lands by The City of Halifax to take place. He advised that no details of this decision have been received and are not expected for several weeks; he advised that Solicitor Pugsley is awaiting the PUB Report.

He further indicated that it was Council's previous decision to take this matter to the Supreme Court.

ADDITIONS TO NEXT COUNCIL AGENDA

The following items were added to the next Council Agenda:

1. Role of the Municipal Building Board - Councillor Larsen;
2. Safety Device, N.S.P.C. - Councillor Adams.

In regard to the latter item, Mr. Kelly advised that the only correspondence received to date was the letter of acknowledgement from the N.S.P.C. He advised that he has again written to them and is awaiting further correspondence.

ADJOURNMENT

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

"THAT the Regular Council Session adjourn." Motion Carried.

Therefore, there being no further business, the Regular Council Session adjourned at 10:00 p.m.

REGULAR COUNCIL SESSION

MAY 17, 1983

PRESENT WERE: Warden MacKenzie, Chairman
Deputy Warden Margeson
Councillor Walker
Councillor Poirier
Councillor Larsen
Councillor Gaudet
Councillor Baker
Councillor Deveaux
Councillor DeRoche
Councillor Adams
Councillor Gaetz
Councillor Bayers
Councillor Lichter
Councillor Snow
Councillor MacKay
Councillor McInroy
Councillor Eisenhauer
Councillor MacDonald
Councillor Wiseman
Councillor Mont

ALSO PRESENT: Mr. K. R. Meech, Chief Administrative Officer
Mr. Robert Cragg, Municipal Solicitor
Mr. G. J. Kelly, Municipal Clerk
Mr. John Markesino, Co-Ordinator of Recreation
Mr. Ed Mason, Director of Social Services
Mr. Bob Gough, Director of Development
Mr. Tom Burke, former By-Law Enforcement Officer
Mr. Bill MacQuarrie, Thorne Riddell
Mr. Mark Dickie, Thorne Riddell
Mr. Keith Birch, Chief of Planning & Development
Mr. Lorne Denny, Industrial Promotions Officer
Mr. Gary Smith, Chief Accountant
Mrs. Erma Smith, former Councillor, District 10
Alderman Tom Jeffries, City of Halifax
Eighth Sackville Boy Scout Troup
Mr. Wayne Wright, Scout Master
Mr. Alex Jacobson, Scout Master
Mr. Gallagher, former Director of Engineering & Works
Mr. Bensted, former Municipal Clerk
Mr. Percy Fawson, Personnel Co-ordinator

SECRETARY: Christine E. Simmons

OPENING OF COUNCIL - THE LORD'S PRAYER

Warden MacKenzie brought the Regular Council Session to order at 6:00 P.M. with The Lord's Prayer.

ROLL CALL

Mr. Kelly then called the Roll.

APPOINTMENT OF RECORDING SECRETARY

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

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Warden MacKenzie, at this time, welcomed Alderman Tom Jeffries of The City of Halifax to the Council Chambers as well as former Halifax County Councillor Erma Smith.

He also introduced the Eighth Sackville Scout Troup and their Scout Masters Wayne Wright and Alex Jacobson, advising that the Scout Troup was present this evening earning their Citizenship Awards.

ADDITIONS TO AGENDA

Warden MacKenzie requested whether any Councillors had emergency items to be added to this evening's agenda; however, there were none.

REVIEW OF FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR 1982

Mr. Bill MacQuarrie and Mr. Mark Dickie of Thorne Riddell were present this evening in order to present to Council a review of the 1982 County Financial Statements.

Copies of these financial statements had previously been distributed to all Councillors.

In the beginning of his presentation Mr. MacQuarrie referred to the restatement of the previous year's financial statements in accordance with an accounting policy note which is outlined on page 12 of the Annual Financial Statements. In reviewing this Policy, Mr. MacQuarrie read:

"To promote consistency in accounting reporting and practices among municipal units, the Nova Scotia Department of Municipal Affairs published a report in 1982 titled "Manual of Accounting and Reporting Practices for Nova Scotia Municipalities". The policy as outlined in the Manual is to be adopted in the 1983 fiscal year.

The two major recommendations, not previously followed by the Municipality, that have been adopted in these financial statements are the segregation of assets and liabilities into current and long term components and the elimination and reallocation of general operating fund reserve accounts. The reserves reported in the 1981 general operating fund financial statements have been reallocated and the 1981 figures restated to conform with the 1982 presentation."

The above-mentioned figures were included in the Audited Financial Statement on Page 12 - (Please refer to page 12 if detail is required.)

Mr. MacQuarrie then referred to the following sections of the Audited Financial Statements for 1982, detailing each one - (please refer to the Statements for Detail, if required).

1. The Statement of Revenue and Expenditure; Statement of Surplus and Balance Sheet.
2. The General Capital Fund; Balance Sheet and Statement of Equity in Capital Assets.
3. The School Capital Fund; Balance Sheet and Statement of Equity in Capital Assets.
4. Trust and Special Funds; Trust Fund Balance Sheet, Sinking Funds, Balance Sheet, Continuity of Balance due to General Capital Fund, Special Reserve Funds, Balance Sheet and Statement of Special Reserve Funds.
5. Notes to Financial Statements; General Operating Fund, General Capital Fund, School Capital Fund.
6. Schedules to Financial Statements - 1982; General Operating Fund, Details of Revenue, Details of Expenditure, Receivables - Areas, For Services and Loans, Receivables - Other Governments, Commissions and Boards, Payables - Own Funds and Agencies, Held for Specific Purposes.
7. General Capital Fund; Receivables from Other Governments, Receivables from Own Funds, Fixed Assets, Continuity of Work in Progress.
8. School Capital Fund; Continuity of Work in Progress.
9. Other Schedules; Long Term Debt.

Mr. MacQuarrie concluded his presentation advising that the Municipality was in sound financial condition.

Subsequent to the above, Mr. MacQuarrie invited questions from Council.

Councillor MacDonald questioned whether, with the Grants being cut back to Municipalities and rising costs, if Mr. MacQuarrie could give the Municipality any tips for the future.

Mr. MacQuarrie advised that this was a difficult question to answer; however, he advised that the Municipality was in sound financial condition at the present time and with good management would remain that way.

The Deputy Warden Questioned why the Audit was signed by "Thorne Riddell" and not by any specific person who had reviewed it.

Mr. MacQuarrie advised that up until one-year ago the Audits were always signed by a single person; however new Legislation has been introduced which allows the Company, or in this case, Partnership, to sign them as a Firm.

The Deputy Warden then questioned Mr. MacQuarrie relative to the fees charged to the Municipality.

Mr. MacQuarrie advised that the cost is based on a per hour structure; he also advised that over the last two years the fees have been reduced substantially due to the extra preparation now done by the Municipality prior to the visit of the Auditors.

Subsequent to the above, Warden MacKenzie thanked Mr. MacQuarrie and Mr. Dickie, on behalf of the Municipality and then they retired from the Council Session.

PRESENTATION, RE: LONG TERM EMPLOYEES

The presentation was for Mr. Tom Burke, former By-Law Enforcement Officer and Mr. Bob Gough, present Director of Development. However, several other former long-term employees were present to observe the presentations; these were Mr. Gallagher former Director of Engineering & Works and Mr. Bensted, former Municipal Clerk.

Firstly, Mr. Tom Burke came forward with his wife and was honoured with the presentation of a County Plaque and a framed MacKaskill Print. Warden MacKenzie advised that Mr. Burke had served as the Municipality's former By-Law Enforcement Officer, but had been forced into early retirement for Health reasons.

Secondly, Mr. Bob Gough came forward with his wife and was honoured with the presentation of a County Plaque and a Framed MacKaskill Print. Warden MacKenzie advised Council that Mr. Gough had been employed with the Municipality of the County of Halifax for a period of 25 years and has done an excellent job during his years with the Municipality.

Subsequent to the above, Warden MacKenzie declared a 10-minute recess in order that Council could speak with the two long-term employees and also so that pictures might be taken.

LETTERS & CORRESPONDENCE

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

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

Letter From the Corporation of the City of Hamilton

A letter from the Corporation of the City of Hamilton had been included in this evening's agenda. This letter, which had also been included in the previous council session agenda, enclosed a copy of a resolution adopted by the Council of the Corporation of the City of Hamilton which referred to the Statement of the Episcopal Commission for Social Affairs of the Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops. However, the letter and the resolution had been deferred to this Council Session, as Councillors had not had an opportunity to review the Statement of the Episcopal Commission. Since that time, Mr. Kelly had distributed this lengthy Statement to all Councillors.

The letter from the Corporation of the City of Hamilton requested that Council endorse their resolution. However, subsequent to brief discussion, the following motion was supported:

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

"THAT the letter from the Corporation of the City of Hamilton and the enclosed resolution be tabled by Municipal Council."
Motion Carried.

Letter From the Office of the Premier

A letter had been received from the Office of the Premier, which advised:

"On behalf of Premier Buchanan, I acknowledge with thanks your letter of April 22 in which you quote a resolution passed by your Municipal Council on April 19 regarding reduction of municipal grants."

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

"THAT the Letter from the Office of the Premier be received."
Motion Carried.

Warden MacKenzie added to the above, that the U.N.S.M. had made a presentation to the Law Amendments Committee with respect to the Grant Cut-Backs to Municipalities.

Letter From the Minister of Transportation

A letter was received from the Minister of the Department of Transportation in response to the complaint made by Councillor Adams on behalf of his constituents, regarding slow snow plowing in East and North Preston, Porter's Lake and Mineville areas following the snow storm of February 24th. This letter gave the following report:

"According to the Staff Report, heavy snow stopped falling about 10:00 A.M. in the area and weather during the rest of the day was an assortment of rain, drizzle and flurries. Records indicate that all side roads were plowed out by that evening which is not an abnormal delay.

As a general rule during the average storm, it is expected that all roads will be opened within 12 hours following the end of a snow storm. The grader which plows side roads in the East Preston-Mineville area was out of service practically all day on the 24th due to a breakdown and as a consequence some of the side roads were not plowed as early as they would have been if all equipment was in service.

From the foregoing, it appears that while the plowing was somewhat later than usual, this appears to have been an exception rather than the rule for snow clearing in the area."

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

"THAT the Letter From the Minister of the Department of Transportation relative to snow plowing in District 8, on February 24th be received."

Motion Carried.

Councillor Adams indicated his satisfaction with the above Report.

Letter From the Department of Municipal Affairs

A letter had been received from the Department of Municipal Affairs, in acknowledgement of the Municipality's letter of April 27th, 1983, and the preliminary report prepared by County Staff on the installation of central services in the Harrietsfield area.

The Department of Municipal Affairs was in agreement with the Management Committee's opinion that it is not viable or financially possible to install services in the Harrietsfield area.

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

"THAT the Letter from the Department of Municipal Affairs respecting the preliminary report on the installation of central services in Harrietsfield be received."

Motion Carried.

Letter From the Department of Municipal Affairs

A second letter had been received from the Department of Municipal Affairs in response to the Municipality's letter of May 2, 1983 regarding the future of the Highway 101 Sanitary Landfill Site in Sackville.

This letter advised:

"As you are no doubt aware, the Provincial Government has in the past 5 - 6 years, contributed approximately 2.5 million dollars toward this particular project. Notwithstanding this very substantial financial contribution, it is the Province's view that the matter of solid waste disposal is clearly a municipal responsibility. You will recall that the Province's ownership of this site was a method devised by the Province, at the request of the municipalities, to overcome zoning problems in the County which it did not appear that Council was able to handle at that point in time.

The Metropolitan Authority, as part of a site rehabilitation program, are covering the disposal portion of the site with a one metre layer of fill material followed by topsoiling and seeding. This procedure will leave the site in an acceptable condition both environmentally and aesthetically upon completion as a landfill. The Provincial Government has no plans to further utilize this property.

I would be pleased, on behalf of the Province of Nova Scotia, to entertain any proposal from County Council to acquire this property once its capacity as a landfill has been reached."

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

"THAT the Letter from the Department of Municipal Affairs, respecting the Highway 101 Sanitary Landfill be received."
(See Motion to Defer).

It was noted that this letter was in regard to an item brought forward by Councillor MacKay and which was item 13 in the Council agenda this evening.

This letter initiated some discussion in Council. Councillor Eisenhower indicated that he was the County Councillor for the area when the landfill was established. He advised that several meetings were held at that time and commitments were made; the main commitment was that once the landfill site was completed, the area would be developed as a recreational facility and that the Municipality would be fortunate to have this landfill site because they would end up with a recreational facility. He advised that, in reading this letter however, he received the indication that this commitment was not as strong as it was when the site was first established. He advised that he would like to have this commitment carried through.

Councillor MacDonald advised that he had brought this to the Metropolitan Authority to negotiate with the County, for the final take-over through the Metropolitan Authority to the Province. He advised that this was discussed quite a bit at the Metropolitan Authority and the inference he had received from the Provincial Government is that the present Government takes a different outlook on the future of the landfill site compared to the previous Government; he advised that they did not seem to have the same commitment for the future of the landfill as at the time it was put in. The impression he receives from this letter, is that the Government would now be looking for a payment to turn the land over to the County.

Councillor MacKay requested that this matter be deferred because, to the knowledge of everyone involved, there was a letter with a commitment made by the Province, when the facility was first put in Sackville that there would be a recreation facility and secondly, that there was to be money made available from the Department of Municipal Affairs to hire a consultant and - or architect for the final contours and design. He advised that what he was looking for was the fulfillment of that promise.

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

"THAT the letter from the Department of Municipal Affairs regarding the Sackville Landfill Site be deferred until the next Council Session, pending discussions with Municipal Affairs and a Staff Report regarding the previous Provincial Commitments relative to this landfill site."
Motion Carried.

PLANNING ADVISORY COMMITTEE REPORT AND SUPPLEMENTARY REPORT

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

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

Proposed Amendments to the Cole Harbour - Westphal Municipal Development Plan

Mr. Kelly outlined this item from the Planning Advisory Committee Report - (Please refer to this Report for details).

He advised that on April 11, 1983 Council directed Staff to bring forward amendments to the Cole Harbour - Westphal Municipal Development Plan to accomodate motor vehicle repair establishments within the Highway Commercial Designation by development agreement. The Planning Advisory Committee discussed the Staff Report on this issue and recommended Option A.

Please refer to Planning Advisory Committee Report for detail of Option A. In accordance with this recommendation,

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

"THAT the Cole Harbour - Westphal Municipal Development Plan be amended to accomodate motor vehicle repair establishments within the Highway Commercial Designation by development agreement as per Option A of the Staff Report as detailed in the Planning Advisory Committee Report to Council dated May 17, 1983."
Motion Carried.

Rezoning Application RA-SA-03-83-19: R-1 Zone to C-2 Zone

Mr. Kelly advised that the Planning Advisory Committee had considered a Staff Report on Rezoning Application No. RA-SA-03-83-19, and had noted that the request is in accordance with the provisions of the Sackville Municipal Development Plan. Therefore, the Committee recommended that a Public Hearing be held to deal with Application No. RA-SA-03-83-19. The Committee recommended the date of June 13th for the Public Hearing.

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

"THAT a Public Hearing be held June 13, 1983 at 7:00 in the Municipal Council Chambers, to deal with Rezoning Application No. RA-SA-03-83-19."
Motion Carried.

Rezoning Application RA-CH-W-05-83-07: R-1 Zone to R-2 Zone

Mr. Kelly advised that the Planning Advisory Committee had considered a Staff Report on Rezoning Application RA-CH-W-05-83-07; this Staff Report had recommended that the application be rejected. It was noted

in the Staff Report that the question of increased densities in the Humber Park Subdivision has been considered in the Municipality during the preparation of the Municipal Development Plan and consequently prevented by specific policy in the Plan because of the problems of servicing capacity. It was the recommendation of the Committee that Council reject this application.

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

"THAT Rezoning Application No. RA-CH-W-05-83-07 be rejected by County Council."
Motion Carried.

Report to Planning Advisory Committee, Re: Road Frontage in Districts 10, 11, 12 and 13

Mr. Keith Birch reviewed this Staff Report advising:

"The Committee considered the Staff Report on the necessary amendments to permit reduced frontage for lots in Districts 10, 11, 12 and 13. The recommendation, when taken into account with the Regional Development Plan, affects residential lots only. As a consequence, the Committee made the following recommendation:

That the Staff Recommendation for amendments to the Subdivision Regulations and Zoning By-Law as follows be forwarded to Council for approval.

Amendment to Subdivision Regulations: The Subdivision Regulations of the Municipality of the County of Halifax prescribed by the Town Planning Board, approved by the Municipal Council on the 11th day of December, 1962, and approved by the Minister of Municipal Affairs on the 19th day of July, 1963, are amended by:

(a) Adding immediately following Section 15A the following:

15B Notwithstanding the provisions of Section 15, a lot situated in Municipal Electoral Districts 10, 11, 12 or 13, may be approved with less than 75 feet but not less than 25 feet of road frontage.

A By-Law to Amend Zoning By-Law No 24: Zoning By-Law No. 24 of the Municipality of the County of Halifax is hereby amended by inserting immediately following Section 13 the following:

13.1 Notwithstanding the lot frontage minimum required by any residential zone, the required lot frontage minimum for any residential zone in Municipal Electoral Districts 10, 11, 12 and 13, shall be 25 feet."

It was the recommendation of the Committee that a Public Hearing be held to deal with the above amendments, June 13, 1983.

Mr. Birch explained the recommended amendments at length; he referred Council to a Public Hearing held in March regarding flag lots in the Community of Lake Major. He advised that when Council had discussed that issue, at that time, there were suggestions made that the same principle should be applied in other Rural areas of the Municipality where it would alleviate development problems. He advised that staff have no problems with the above recommendation.

Mr. Birch advised that when taking into consideration, the Regional Development Plan, which requires lot frontage of 75' and 150', this reduction could only occur in Districts 10, 11, 12 and 13, where the Minister has amended the Plan.

Councillor Walker questioned whether any lots in the above-mentioned districts could have lot approval as long as they had 25 feet of frontage.

Mr. Birch advised this was correct as long as they also met all the Department of Health Regulations.

In discussing this issue, several Councillors were concerned that the amendments would apply only to Districts 10, 11, 12 and 13. Councillor Gaetz for instance, advised that he was in support of the recommendation; however, he was worried about the reactions of residents in neighbouring, rural communities whose Districts did not have this development privilege.

Councillor Walker, Councillor Eisenhauer and Councillor McInroy raised several concerns; however, they were in agreement with the recommendation, in principle.

Councillor MacKay indicated his opinion that residents who qualified to develop their land in this way would not take advantage of the amendment to the development regulations and that there would not be a proliferation of subsequent lots which had been the main concern of Councillors who had doubts regarding the PAC recommendation.

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

"THAT a Public Hearing be held June 13, 1983 to deal with the Staff and PAC recommendation for amendments to the Zoning By-Laws of Electoral Districts 10, 11, 12 and 13, as noted above and further that the amendments to the Subdivision Regulations be approved."

Motion Carried.

Prior to the passing of the above motion, Councillor Lichter spoke briefly, advising that when this issue was discussed at the PAC level, he had expressed his wish to have it implemented for all Districts, excluding those with Municipal Development Plans, as it would require amendments to those Plans. However, the Minister of Municipal Affairs had exempted only Districts 10, 11, 12 and 13 from the Regional Development Plan.

He advised that all the amendments were trying to achieve is to permit people to use extra land on their properties, which would have at least 25 feet of road frontage. The Councillor indicated his opinion that subsequent, developed lots would not go back very far. He advised that if Council approved the PAC recommendation, all that would be required would be a Public Hearing and the signature of the Minister.

Councillor Litcher encouraged Council to consider at least the four Districts to which the amendments could apply; he advised that once the amendments were approved for those Districts, then the Municipality could make an attempt to have it approved for other Districts. He also advised that the proposal would not allow massive development but only residential development.

Subsequent to the above, the motion was carried by Municipal Council.

SUPPLEMENTARY REPORT, PLANNING ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Zoning By-Law Amendments to MDP Plan Areas: Sackville, Cole Harbour-Westphal, Eastern Passage-Cow Bay, Beechville-Lakeside-Timberlea.

Mr. Kelly outlined this item advising that the Planning Advisory Committee had reviewed reports from the Development Division which recommended amending the parking requirements for senior citizen developments, from 1.5 spaces per unit to 1 space per unit.

Mr. Kelly advised, subsequent to discussion, the Committee had approved the Staff recommendation.

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

"THAT the Zoning By-Laws for Sackville, Cole Harbour-Westphal, Eastern Passage-Cow Bay and Beechville-Lakeside-Timberlea be amended to change the parking requirements for senior citizen developments from 1.5 spaces per unit to 1 space per unit and further that a Public Hearing be held June 13, 1983 to deal with this issue."

Motion Carried.

The above motion was carried subsequent to Mr. Birch's clarification that, although only one motion was required this evening to approve the Public Hearing, separate motions would be required during the Public Hearing to approve the amendment to the Zoning By-Law in each Plan Area.

Transfer of Parkland at Sheldrake Subdivision, Timberlea, F466-82-2

Mr. Kelly also outlined this item from the Supplementary Planning Advisory Committee Report. He advised that the Development Division having received advice from the Solicitor, that the Parkland in Sheldrake Subdivision was suitable for acceptance by the Municipality, recommended that this action be taken by Council.

Subsequent to discussion of this issue, it was the recommendation of the Planning Advisory Committee, that the Municipality take ownership of the Parkland in the Shel Drake Subdivision and further that the Municipal Solicitor take the necessary action for the transfer of title to the Municipality.

It was moved by Councillor Larsen, seconded by Councillor DeRoche:

"THAT the Municipal Solicitor take the necessary action to transfer title of the Parkland in the Shel Drake Subdivision to the Municipality."
Motion Carried.

BUILDING INSPECTOR'S REPORT

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

"THAT the Building Inspector's Report be received and further that the application for lesser setback and side yard clearance for Lot 31 Churchill Estates, Herring Cove, Applicant Gordon Bird, contained therein, be approved by Municipal Council."
Motion Carried.

REPORT OF THE DIRECTOR OF DEVELOPMENT

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

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

MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE REPORT

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

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

Grants to Organizations

The Management Committee had reviewed the 1983 Grants to Organizations (copy attached to agenda for information) and had identified proposed 1983 Grants; the total amount was \$79,860 which was within the \$80,000 budget figure approved by Council in the 1983 budget. The Management Committee recommended the proposed list of Grants to Organizations for approval.

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

"THAT the Management Committee proposed list of 1983 Grants to Organizations be received and discussed by Council excluding the proposed grants for the South Shore Tourism Association and the St. Margaret's Bay Business and Tourist Association, to be discussed separately."
Motion Withdrawn.

The above motion was withdrawn subsequent to lengthy discussion in which it was felt by several Council members, that other Councillors may have items they feel should be discussed separately as well.

Councillor Lichter clarified an article which had appeared in The Daily News, regarding the CAMR in Sackville. This article had advised that the Province has funded this Organization in Sackville by 100%. Councillor Lichter advised that this was in error, as the Municipality had committed itself, to \$20,000 per year over the last two years and \$20,000 this year as well.

Questions were also raised and answered by Staff relative to the following Organizations:

1. Metro Service Commission for the Deaf;
2. N.S. Youth Orchestra (in Comparison to the Halifax County A Majors Band);
3. Canadian Paraplegic Association;
4. Halifax East Hants Federation of Agriculture;
5. Halifax Musquodoboit Livestock Health;
6. Halifax South Livestock Health;
7. 75-80 Club.

However, Councillor DeRoche raised questions regarding the Dartmouth General Hospital which initiated a great deal of debate in Council.

Councillor DeRoche advised that the Dartmouth General Hospital had requested an amount of \$10,000 to be applied toward capital costs and further that they requested an audience with Council and were refused on both counts.

However, Mr. Meech advised that the Hospital had requested the money for Operational Expenses and further that they were granted an opportunity to meet with Council; however, once a date had been established they had to cancel it due to sickness of one of their Board Members. He advised that another date had never been agreed to as it had not been convenient for all parties. However, Mr. Meech advised that they were still welcome to attend a Council Session once a mutually convenient date was established.

Councillor DeRoche maintained that the funds requested by the Hospital were for capital purposes and further that the Hospital was in dire need of these funds.

When the previous motion had been withdrawn by Councillor Walker and Councillor Bayers, the following motion was proposed by Councillor DeRoche:

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

"THAT the Dartmouth General Hospital be granted \$10,000 from the Grants to Organizations in 1983, for capital purposes."
(See Motion to Defer).

Subsequent to lengthy discussion of the above,

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

"THAT the Issue of a Grant to the Dartmouth General Hospital be deferred subsequent to a discussion with the Board of the Hospital." Motion Defeated.

The above motion to defer was defeated as several Councillors, Councillor Lichter in particular, felt that the entire list of proposed Grants to Organizations should be deferred, as a Grant in the amount of \$10,000 to the Dartmouth General Hospital, if approved, would impact on the entire Grants Budget Allocation.

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

"THAT the entire list of proposed Grants to Organizations for 1983 be deferred to the following Council Session, June 7th, so that this list may be reviewed in detail by all Councillors." Motion Carried.

Therefore, the Grants to Organizations were deferred until the June 7th, 1983 Council Session.

Remuneration for Councillors and Warden

At this time, Warden MacKenzie temporarily retired from the Council Chambers and Deputy Warden Margeson assumed the role of Chairman.

Mr. Kelly outlined this item from the Management Committee Report, advising that the Committee had received a Report respecting proposed increases to Council remuneration. (A copy of this report was attached to the Council Agenda).

Subsequent to discussion of this report, it was the recommendation of the Management Committee that the remuneration to Councillors and to the Warden be increased by 6% in 1983, effective May 15, 1983 and 5% in 1984, effective January 1, 1984 and further that an annual vehicle allowance of \$5,000 be established for the Office of the Warden, in lieu of mileage reimbursement, effective January 1, 1983.

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

"THAT the stipend of Councillors and the Warden be increased by 6% in 1983, effective May 15, 1983 and that they be increased by 5% in 1984, effective January 1, 1984 and further that a vehicle allowance in the amount of \$5,000 be established for the Office of Warden in lieu of mileage reimbursement, effective January 1, 1983."

The above recommendation initiated lengthy discussions in Council.

The following Councillors spoke in opposition to the increase in Council stipends and - or the establishment of a vehicle allowance for the Office of Warden:

Councillor Deveaux spoke at length in opposition to the inclusion of the establishment of a vehicle allowance in the above motion. He requested that this issue be dealt with separately; however, both the mover and seconder of the motion did not wish to change their motion. Based on this Councillor Deveaux advised that he would have to vote in opposition to the above motion.

Councillor MacKay as well was opposed to the establishment of a vehicle allowance for the Office of Warden advising that the warden is considered somewhat in the light of a full-time employee who is responsible to pay his own way back and forth to work. He felt that reimbursement for travel should be paid to the Warden via a mileage charge, not a straight allocation. As well, Councillor MacKay was strongly opposed to an increase in Councillor's stipends at this time, and felt that Council should not be dealing with its own remuneration but should wait until just before the new Council is sworn in and deal with it at that time so that the new Council will not be put in the position of having to deal with its own salary.

Councillor MacKay also questioned whether the recommended increase in the Management Committee Report applied to the \$2,000 extra stipend of the Deputy Warden or to Committee Pay. He was advised by Mr. Meech that it did not apply to per diem fees for Committee attendance or to the Deputy Warden's extra \$2,000 stipend but only to the base Council stipend and to the Warden's salary.

Councillor Eisenhower was also opposed to both the increase to the stipends and the establishment of a vehicle allowance based on the fact that these sums were not included in the Municipal Budget for 1983. He questioned how Staff and Department Heads could be expected to tow the line on budget restraints when Council itself does not follow the Budget. Based on this, he felt that any increases either to Council stipends or vehicle allowances should be considered in 1984 when they can be included in the Municipal Budget.

Councillor Larsen was in agreement with the comments of both Councillor Eisenhower and Councillor MacKay.

The following were some of those Councillors who spoke in favour of the motion:

Councillor McInroy advised that by approving the increases now, based on 6% in 1983 and 5% in 1984, under the Provincial Restraint Guidelines, Council would be avoiding problems in the future with regard to increases. He also spoke in support of the establishment of a vehicle allowance for the Office of Warden.

Councillor Wiseman also spoke in favour of the vehicle allowance and the increase in the Councillor's and Warden's stipends. She advised that Council was in the best position to decide its salary, as Council, who approves the budget each year, knows how much the taxpayers of the Municipality can afford to pay their elected representatives.

Councillor Bayers supported the increase to the Councillor's stipends on the basis of the cost incurred due to the position of Councillor, with regard to phone bills, gasoline, etc. He was also in support of the establishment of a vehicle allowance for the Office of Warden.

Councillor Poirier spoke at length in support of the the Warden's vehicle allowance and an increase to Councillor's and Warden's stipends indicating that Council has, in the past, gone many years without such an increase.

Subsequent to the above and further discussion, the question was called on the motion.

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

"THAT the stipends of Councillors and the Warden be increased by 6% in 1983, effective May 15, 1983 and that they be increased by 5% in 1984, effective January 1, 1984 and further that a vehicle allowance be established for the Office of Warden in lieu of mileage reimbursement, effective January 1, 1983." Motion Carried.

Subsequent to the above, Warden MacKenzie rejoined Council and resumed his role as Chairman of the Council Session.

POLICY COMMITTEE REPORT

It was agreed by Council that the Policy Committee Report be received.

Personnel Policies and Procedures

Mr. Percy Fawson joined the Council Session to outline the Personnel Policies and Procedures Manual as reviewed by the Policy Committee. This manual had been forwarded to members of Council for their examination and consideration, and subsequent to discussion at the Policy Committee level, was recommended to Council for approval.

(Please refer to copy of manual for any necessary details required.)

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

"THAT the Personnel Policies and Procedures Manual be approved by Municipal Council." (See Motion to Defer).

The following concerns were expressed by Councillor Lichter:

1. Delegation of Authority: Councillor Lichter advised that he had no difficulty with delegating a degree of authority to Staff. However, he was opposed to delegating complete authority as referred to in the Personnel Policies and Procedures Manual on page 1 of 1 under the Section, "Executive Search and Placement Consultants". In this section in the last paragraph, it stated "the use of consultants will be subject to review and approval of the CAO". It was the opinion of Councillor Lichter that this should be amended to read: "shall be subject to review and approval of (either) Council (or) the Warden".