

Councillor Snow expressed difficulty with the motion. He stated that if he votes for it, he will be condoning pollution, and if he votes for the City to hook on, he will be condoning more pollution in district 4. He suggested that the City of Halifax might learn something from us if we negotiate with them. However, Councillor Snow expressed a need for more answers, suggesting a need to know exactly what they are asking us for.

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

"THAT the decision on Councillor Poirier's motion be deferred pending consideration of the City of Halifax's resolution by and recommendation from the Urban Services Committee."
Motion Defeated.

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

"THAT the vote on this motion be deferred until after the Warden gets in contact with the Minister of the Environment and the Minister of Municipal Affairs. If these ministers are willing to meet with the Councillors, the vote will be held after the meeting. If these ministers refuse such a meeting, the vote will be held at the next session of Council."
Motion Carried.

Councillor Poirier informed that at the closed door meeting with the ministers, Mr. Nantes said he would only meet with a very small group of residents from district 2. He strictly stated that he would not attend any other public meeting. Warden MacKenzie verified this.

Councillor Lichter advised that he is simply respecting the line in the letter from the Minister of Environment which invites such a meeting.

UNIFORM CLOSING DAY BY-LAW

Councillor Reid declared a conflict of interest.

Mr. Kelly advised that this by-law has been dealt with in detail by the Executive Committee, and it has not been referred to Council for consideration.

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

"THAT By-law No. 57, a by-law respecting a Uniform Closing Day for Retail Businesses be adopted."
Motion Carried.

Councillor Mont reminded members of Council that he had received a petition from some members of the Cole Harbour United Church in opposition to this by-law. However, after viewing what is taking place with Sunday store openings in Cole Harbour and the wide use these stores are getting on Sunday, Councillor Mont stated that there must be wide-spread support in Cole Harbour for stores to remain open on Sunday.

Councillor Mont asked Mr. Cragg if he can foresee us getting into any problems with this by-law and the way it is worded. Mr. Cragg advised that this by-law was discussed with two other Municipal Solicitors in the metro area, and they agree with Mr. Cragg that this by-law should be satisfactory, and we should not run into the problems that Dartmouth already has. Councillor Mont clarified that this by-law will enable a retail store, either large or small, to open on Sunday provided that they apply for the permit and specify the hours. Mr. Cragg advised that this is correct.

Councillor Lichter asked if Section 3(b) meant "all uniform closing days" instead of "a uniform closing day". This appears that each day you want to be open, you have to apply and pay for a permit; however, our intent is to have a permit issued for one year for a fee of \$50. Mr. Cragg stated that this is worded properly, and the intent is to have one permit per year for a \$50 fee.

Councillor Lichter next asked what justification we have to charge \$50 for a simple permit such as that included in the agenda. He questioned if our intent is to help the merchants, or is it our intention to pass a by-law only to generate some extra revenue? Mr. Meech advised that this \$50 fee covers not only the large supermarkets, but it also covers the local cornerstore convenience store, which has always been able to remain open on Sundays. At the time of discussions of the by-law, it was suggested that if the fee is only for regulatory purposes, maybe a fee much smaller than \$50 would be suitable, assuming there will be little or no additional enforcement costs of administration costs outside of processing the permit. Therefore, it is possible that the fee could be smaller, but some probably look at it from the point of view that \$50 per year for a larger business is very nominal, and for a very small operation, this fee may be an additional inconvenience. Councillor Lichter suggested that with a high fee, the small convenience stores may feel that they cannot afford to apply for the permit and so do not bother to do so. Therefore, there will be more of an enforcement problem than if the fee is reasonable.

Mr. Meech asked Mr. Cragg if we have the ability under this by-law to regulate open hours. Mr. Cragg advised that we probably do not have this ability. We should be uniform because we cannot be discriminatory and favour one business over another.

Councillor Mont pointed out that Section 5 of the by-law makes provision for the hours that the business will remain open on a uniform closing day, but the permit provides no space to enter these hours. Mr. Kelly advised that this was an omission when this permit was drawn up. The hours would have to be identified on the permit.

Councillor Mont next asked if each application will have to come to Council for approval. Throughout the by-law, there are references to Council issuing permits, Council suspending permits, etc. There is no section in this by-law that delegates this authority to the Municipal Clerk or the Collector. Mr. Cragg advised that it is generally Council's policy to designate the Municipal Clerk to act from time to time on particular matters on behalf of Council. Mr. Cragg advised

that it is his understanding that the Municipal Clerk would be issuing these permits. There would be no difficulty with putting this in the by-law, but Mr. Cragg felt it would not be necessary.

Councillor Eisenhauer advised that it was he who debated the \$50 at the Executive Committee level. He felt that a fee of \$50 is less than one dollar a day for each Sunday open during the year. The taxpayers should not have to bear any of this cost. The \$50 fee will ensure that there will be no cost burden to the taxpayers for the cost of this permit.

Councillor Deveaux stated that he has concerns about Council having all the discretion to issue, suspend, etc. permits for opening on a uniform closing day. He suggested that we change the word "Council" to "Municipality" to give staff the discretion to take care of this matter.

Mr. Cragg advised that he would prefer to leave this word as "Council" because Section 105 of the Municipal Act says that the duties of the Municipal Clerk shall include, amongst other things, such other duties as are prescribed by the Council, either by resolution, or by by-law or by any law of the province. Therefore, a resolution of Council would designate to the Clerk the responsibility of regulating and granting or refusing permits as applied for.

Councillor Deveaux asked if there has been any estimates of how much the \$50 fee will bring into the County. Mr. Meech advised that there has been no estimates, but stated that there will not be too much revenue generated.

Councillor Fralick stated his opposition to the high fee for the permit for small operations. The small operations count on the weekend business to keep them going. Therefore, Councillor Fralick suggested that the fee for small operations drop to \$10 or \$15 and to charge a \$50 fee to larger stores.

Councillor Walker agreed with Councillor Fralick stating that we can draw a line somewhere. We are certainly capable of drawing the line for side yard setbacks etc., so we should be able to draw the line for this fee as well.

Councillor Lichter suggested that we work the fee out in the same manner that business occupancy taxes are charged - based on a percentage of the real property assessment. In this way the small store can afford to pay their one percent, as well as the large supermarket.

Mr. Meech agreed. Councillor Walker then stated his agreement with Councillor Lichter. He felt the assessment is a good idea to base the fee on. Mr. Kelly advised that a new building would not be assessed that year, and there would be nothing to base the fee on until the assessment was complete.

Councillor Deveaux disagreed. He stated that a small store can often take in more revenue than a large store. It may not be fair to base the fee simply on the size of the store. Warden MacKenzie suggested that we lower the fee altogether. Councillor Deveaux wondered if it could not be abolished altogether.

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

"THAT the Municipal Clerk be authorized to enforce By-law No. 57."
Motion Carried.

BUILDING INSPECTOR'S REPORT

Nancy Findlay, East Dover Road, East Dover

Mr. Kelly outlined the report.

It was moved by Councillor P. Baker, seconded by Councillor Fralick:

"THAT a lesser setback of 9 feet be approved for property located at East Dover Road, East Dover, the applicant being Nancy Findlay."
Motion Carried.

Lot 47, Lakewood Drive, Brookside Mews

Mr. Kelly outlined the report.

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

"THAT a lesser setback be approved for 28.1 feet on Lot 47, Lakewood Drive, Brookside Mews."
Motion Carried.

BEAVERBANK ROAD

Councillor Merrigan informed members of Council that the Beaverbank Road has been paved for 15 years, and it is now in a terrible state. When it rains or when the snow melts, there are rivers running down the road. There are problems with sanding on the roads after snowstorms. They are not even putting sand down, but they are using crusher dust. Approximately four years ago there was a public meeting at which the Department of Transportation agreed to use 50 percent salt and 50 percent sand. This was recently cut back to 25 percent. There are also problems with speed limits on this road. The Department of Transportation were requested to investigate this matter, and they are going to consider reducing the speed limit from 80 kms to 70 kms but the residents have signed a petition asking to have the speed limit reduced to 60 kms. Councillor Merrigan stated that he is frustrated with the fact the personnel from the Department of Transportaton can make decisions without any concerns.

It was moved by Councillor Merrigan, seconded by Councillor Fralick:

"THAT a letter be written to the Minister of Transportation to ask them why the people in her department can make decisions without any concerns for the people these decisions affect."
Motion Carried.

Warden MacKenzie advised that there is a meeting planned for Councillors with Transportation officials. Councillor Merrigan stated that he realized this, but it would not do any harm to send such a letter anyway.

AGENDA ITEMS

Councillor Adams - Road Salt vs. Road Sand

Councillor Adams advised that there is a visible deterioration in highway service this winter. He stated that he has made no less than six phone calls to the highways garage and to the Department of Transportation trying to find the reasons for this drop in service. Councillor Adams advised that he could get no satisfactory answers. The No. 7 Highway from Preston and Porters Lake is no longer salted, but sanded. There has been the explanation that there is salt present in wells, but Councillor Adams indicated that he cannot find the number of wells along the highway that would be polluted in this manner. They are using crusher dust, or sand as they call it, sometimes with good salt content and sometimes with very little.

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

"THAT we write to the Department of Transportation asking for a clear definition as to what their policy is with regard to sanding and salting roads so that this information can be communicated to the residents of the County."
Motion Carried

Councillor Bayers agreed with Councillor Adams. He stated that the Department of Transportation should come forward with a policy regarding the salting or sanding of roads and make this policy known to the Councillors. Then the Councillors will have the ability to give answers to the public.

Councillor P. Baker - Department of Transportation

Councillor P. Baker advised that people in his district are having a problem during peak hours at the Prospect Connector, off Highway 102. There has been times when traffic has been backed up one-half a mile, and lined up for 20 or 25 minutes. This is a result of traffic going out the old St. Margaret's Bay Road towards Timberlea.

It was moved by Councillor P. Baker, seconded by Councillor Lichter:

"THAT a letter be sent to the Department of Transportation requesting that they look into the feasibility of installing a traffic light at this intersection to be used at peak hours."
Motion Carried

Councillor P. Baker - N.S. Power Corporation

Councillor P. Baker expressed his appreciation for the success of Mr. Hebb's visit at the last Council Session. The service since his visit has been outstanding. However, he did state that if this service deteriorates again, they will be notified.

Councillor Randall - Sale of Property

Councillor Randall expressed concern over the sale of a parcel of land by the Halifax County Industrial Commission located in the Industrial Park in Musquodoboit Harbour. The land that was sold consisted of five acres. It was sold to a retail operation, and at a subsidized price. Councillor Randall stated that he is not against competition, but he is against competition subsidized by taxpayers dollars. It appears that the funds invested in this property originally consisted of \$176,000 from the federal government, \$75,000 from the province, and \$34,000 from the County. \$9,200 of the County funds was initial costs, and a security deposit of \$25,000 satisfy certain improvements that have yet to be carried out on this property. Councillor Randall stated that he understands that the improvements will run into at least \$15,000 which would make this property worth about \$5,000 per acre. It was apparently sold for \$1,800 per acre. Building lots in the area are going for approximately \$9,000 to \$10,000.

The operation that purchased this land will be in direct competition with other such operations in districts 9 and 10. Therefore, if there is a subsidy involved here, there is unfair competition. By selling this land, we are reducing the inventory of cleared and serviced land available for industrial use, and it is inevitable that down the road we will have to develop replacement lands at what will be an increased cost to the taxpayers.

Councillor Randall further informed members of Council that he had been advised that before this sale was finalized, an offer was made the the Director of the Halifax County Industrial Commission for this property at a considerably higher price. This offer was not presented to the chairman or the members of the Industrial Commission. Councillor Randall stated that this Council has a responsibility to be made fully aware of all the facts surrounding this transaction.

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

"THAT the Halifax County Industrial Commission be requested to provide Council with a full report of all details of the transaction."
Motion Carried.

Councillor Bayers asked Councillor Randall where he obtained his information. Councillor Randall replied that he received his information from concerned retailers in the area with whom this operation would be running in direct competition. It is considered to be accurate information, but when this report comes forward, it will perhaps verify whether or not these figures are correct.

Councillor Bayers disagreed with some of the information and agreed that a report would be appreciated from the Halifax County Industrial Commission.

COUNCILLOR McINROY - RESIDENTIAL STREET SNOW REMOVAL

Councillor McInroy reported that he has had calls from throughout his district after every snowstorm this year, primarily asking why the snow removal program on the residential streets has dropped in standards. These streets are being left until the next day or 15 hours after the storm has subsided to be cleared. This is quite a difference from previous years.

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

"THAT we write to the Department of Transportation asking if there has been a change in policy or the way that they are operating or a deficiency in equipment because there is a big difference with regard to snow removal service in Cole Harbour."
Motion Carried.

COUNCILLOR McINROY - REZONING NOTIFICATION

Councillor McInroy stated that the system of notifying the public about pending rezoning applications, etc. He stated that we should look closely at posting the properties in question so affected people can be alerted to the fact that there is an application for a change of some sort with the Planning and Development Division. The advertisements in the newspapers are often missed by affected residents in area.

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

"THAT the Planning Advisory Committee investigate the feasibility of implementing a system of posting properties to notify affected people of proposed rezoning changes."
Motion Carried.

MISCELLANEOUS

Councillor DeRoche reminded members of Council of the Seventh Annual Halifax County Winter Carnival which runs from February 5 to February 9. He encouraged each member of Council to participate in some activity or another.

Deputy Warden Wiseman asked for the support of Council to abolish the smoking of cigars, cigarettes, and pipes in the Council Chambers and in the committee rooms. There were more than 50 children present in the Council Chambers tonight, and we are not setting a good example for them when we allow them to be subject to this type of environment.

ADDITION OF ITEMS TO THE FEBRUARY 18, 1986 COUNCIL SESSION

Councillor Reid - Forestry Policy
Councillor Snow - Crippled Children
R.C.M.P.

ADJOURNMENT

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

"THAT Council adjourn."
Motion Carried.

COUNCIL SESSION
FEBRUARY 18, 1986

PRESENT WERE: Warden MacKenzie
Councillor Walker
Councillor Poirier
Councillor Fralick
Councillor P. Baker
Councillor C. Baker
Councillor Deveaux
Councillor DeRoche
Councillor Adams
Councillor Randall
Councillor Bayers
Councillor Reid
Councillor Lichter
Councillor Merrigan
Councillor McInroy
Councillor Eisenhauer
Councillor MacDonald
Deputy Warden Wiseman
Councillor Mont

ALSO PRESENT: Mr. K.R. Meech, Chief Administrative Officer
Mr. R. Cragg, Municipal Solicitor
Mr. G.J. Kelly, Municipal Clerk

SECRETARY: Glenda Higgins

Warden MacKenzie called the meeting to order with the Lord's Prayer at 6:10 p.m.

Mr. Kelly called the Roll.

APPOINTMENT OF RECORDING SECRETARY

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

"THAT Glenda Higgins be appointed as Recording Secretary."
Motion Carried.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

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

"THAT the minutes of the January 21, 1986 Regular Session of Council be approved as circulated."
Motion Carried.

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

"THAT the minutes of the Public Hearing of January 27, 1986 be approved as circulated."
Motion Carried.

AGENDA ITEMS

Councillor P. Baker - Prospect Road Connector
Councillor P. Baker - Study of Senior Citizen's Homes in District 4
Councillor MacDonald - Springfield Lakes

RESOLUTION, RE HALIFAX CITY COUNCIL

Warden MacKenzie advised Members of Council that on February 4, 1986 a request from the City of Halifax to hook into the sewer system at Timberlea/Lakeside/Beechville was before Council, and a motion was tabled not to allow the requested connection by the City. There was a motion of deferral for more information which was defeated. A second motion of deferral, to have the two ministers meet with Council, carried. Mr. Kelly, through the motion of Council, wrote to both ministers. A letter of response read "if there are any questions regarding this information, we would be pleased to meet with you and/or members of your Council either in the Department of Municipal Affairs or Department of Environment office to clarify any points of concern." Warden MacKenzie further advised that he has circulated all information he has from ratepayers, individuals, the ministers, etc. Therefore, Warden MacKenzie advised that Council should now deal with the original motion which was presented at the February 4, 1986, Council Session. This motion read as follows:

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

"THAT the request from the City of Halifax to connect into the Lakeside/Timberlea sewer system be denied."
Motion Carried.

Councillor Poirier stated that the decision to not allow the City to hook into this sewer system is based on genuine and sincere concern for the sensitive Nine Mile River. It is also based on common sense. Councillor Poirier also advised that any government that condones any agreement to hook up any kind of a system that would allow industrial waste to get into the river, would find themselves responsible. This Municipality should not put themselves in this position. If the City of Halifax now uses \$300,000 to hook into our system and later spend \$2 million, which they promise they will do, they are overspending. This Council previously supported a similar motion, and if the people cannot believe that this level of government will stick to their original

word, there is something wrong with the system in effect. As far as regional cooperation is concerned, this will not work, because we cannot cooperate when there is a double standard. At this point in time, if we stand up to the City of Halifax, we will find that this double standard will fade away. When the City realizes that there is not one rule for the City and another for the County, there will be regional cooperation.

Councillor P. Baker stated that he agreed with the comments Councillor Poirier has made. He presented a letter with approximately 800 signatures on it protesting the hook-up of the City to this sewer system. He advised that the people in the gallery are here tonight seeking support from their representatives; they do not want another Herring Cove. The City must have had plans for some kind of system when they planned their two industrial sites, so why do they not materialize these plans now? Councillor P. Baker pointed out that the City is presently dumping raw sewage into the Harbour, and more raw sewage will not do any more harm because it cannot be worse than it already is. If we were to let the City hook into this system, we would have to know what kind of waste they will be disposing of. It is definitely not going to be domestic waste, but industrial waste, which is too dangerous to the Nine Mile River. Councillor P. Baker asked Council Members to support this motion and the residents of the area.

Councillor Lichter informed that he had asked for the motion of deferral because he felt a proper relationship included giving the ministers the opportunity to meet in a public forum with this Council. Since these ministers have refused such a meeting, Councillor Lichter stated that he is now in a position to support Councillor Poirier. In his newsletter of February 4, 1986, Councillor Lichter advised residents of his district of this situation and asked for their opinions. A number of these people telephoned Councillor Lichter and a number wrote to him expressing opposition to letting the City hook up. He read one of these letters opposing this proposal by the City. The letter read that the dumping risk is too great. Although this resident is not affected, she stated that she should be concerned. The City should set up their own properly monitored system and leave the residents of Timberlea and Lakeside alone. Councillor Lichter expressed agreement with the expressions in this letter.

Councillor McInroy expressed opposition to the motion. He felt that we should take advantage of the opportunity to meet the ministers in their office. He stated that he did not feel comfortable refusing the City flat out without more of an opportunity to pursue the possibility.

Councillor P. Baker commended the two ministers for not taking part in this issue. It is an issue between the City and the County and the two ministers did right in not getting involved. Councillor Poirier stated that she had been misquoted in one of the newspapers. It stated that she had said the minister was going to force the issue. Councillor Poirier declared that he never said he was going to force the issue; he was strictly a facilitator. Councillor Poirier expressed appreciation for his stand in this matter.

Councillor P. Baker thanked Councillors for their support, stating that they have shown they are not only serving their own district, but they are looking at the County as a whole. Councillor Poirier also expressed her appreciation to the Councillors and to the residents who took the time to quietly express their concerns.

Warden MacKenzie stated that he hoped this would bring this matter to a close, and it would not be back at the next Council Session.

MEETING WITH REPRESENTATIVES OF COBEQUID MULTI-SERVICE CENTRE

Warden MacKenzie welcomed Mrs. Shirley Freer, Mr. Kevin McNamara, and Mr. Royce Hefler to the Council Chambers for the purpose of making a presentation on behalf of the Cobequid Multi-Service Centre.

Mrs. Freer gave a history of the Cobequid Multi-Service Centre, stating that it came about because of rapid growth in District 14 and the Bedford-Sackville area. A study showed that there was a need and desire for minor emergency service, accessible help with family living, and x-ray, laboratory and diagnostic services. The Multi-Service Centre houses many agencies under one roof. It is a good way of delivering these services and an economical way for the taxpayers. To move to the CMSC, the agencies had to agree to coordinate and intergrate the services to the clients. The building was opened in 1981 and since that time there has been nothing but non-stop growth in all agencies in the building. Mrs. Freer stated that the provincial government has been asked to consider building an expansion to the existing building, which should meet the needs for at least a ten year period.

Mr. Kevin McNamara commented on the presented services that are offered by the Cobequid Multi-Service Centre, outlining Appendix "A" as enclosed in the folder. He explained that the service provided is reliable, quick, and the parking is free.

Mr. Royce Hefler stated that over \$500,000 has been raised, which is one-half of the goal. There are other fund-raising projects that are on the go that should raise more money. Halifax County Council is also being requested to assist in this project because this service does serve a large area of the County. Mr. Hefler stated that there has been good support from the communities and there are between 300 and 400 workers trying to raise money from each household. This service opens at 7 a.m. and people come in this early to have some medical work done before they go to work. Mr. Hefler requested that Halifax County Council donate \$50,000 per year over the next three years. The campaign has been spread out over a three year period so that supporters will not be hit too hard in any one year, and they do expect to raise their \$1 million over these three years.

Councillor P. Baker asked what service is being provided towards drug addiction. Mr. McNamara stated that a nurse-counsellor and another counsellor are located in the centre to deal with individuals on a one-to-one counselling basis to get them off of hard drugs, or alcohol or even tobacco if they so wish. They have group meetings in the evenings which are often recommended by judges in license revoking cases. Councillor P. Baker advised that the Nova Scotia Hospital offers a 30 day program for drug addiction, but a 30 day program is not sufficient. The people in the multi-service centre have the ability to voice such concerns. Councillor P. Baker stated that he would support the Multi-Service Centre with the faith that they will look into this in some way. Mr. McNamara advised that a follow-up program is in effect at the Cobequid Multi-Service Centre on patients who have been released from the 30 day program at the Nova Scotia Hospital. Mr. McNamara advised that the money being requested is for equipping only three services: 1. the emergency hospital portion, 2. the expanded diagnostic service, and 3. physiotherapy. Other services, such as drug dependancy, will be funded through other government offices.

Councillor C. Baker asked if the service extends to Herring Cove. Mr. McNamara advised that it does in child protection and child abuse programs. There are also patients from this area that require lab tests etc. They come because the parking is free and the service is quick.

Councillor DeRoche asked Mr. Hefler what other Municipalities are being approached for assistance. Mr Hefler advised that the Town of Bedford has been requested for funds along with the Municipality of the County of Halifax. Councillor DeRoche suggested that the Municipalities of East and West Hants also be solicited for assistance because this service is also available to residents of this area. Mr. McNamara advised that the areas mentioned in other municipalities are on fringe boundaries. These areas are campaigned, and L.E. Shaw is a large contributor to the Cobequid Multi-Service Centre fund. Although the Municipality has not been approached, the people have. With respect to West Hants, the house-to-house campaign will be done, but when it comes to the Municipality, we will look into approaching them.

Councillor Lichter asked if a person is asked where he lives when he comes to the centre for service. Mr. McNamara stated that the district involved can be identified by the address of the patient. Councillor Lichter then clarified that the centre is not only there to service those areas outlined, but this is where the clientel has been coming from; there is nothing preventing anybody from seeking the services that they may need. Mr. McNamara agreed except if somebody requires municipal social services outside of Halifax County; provincial social services also have certain geographic areas. Drug dependancy, child guidance, diagnostic services, medical services, etc. have no limits as far as residency is concerned.

Councillor MacDonald stated that the members of the team at the Cobequid Multi-Service Centre are doing a great job, and urged Council to support the Multi-Service Centre's request for funds as it is vital to Sackville and the surrounding communities; \$50,000 per year will certainly be returned many times over in the services received.

Councillor Merrigan agreed with Councillor MacDonald and stated his support for this service. He advised members of Council that the service is fast and important. It can be expensive and time consuming to travel to Halifax or Dartmouth to get these services, now these services are available in the Cobequid area.

Warden MacKenzie pointed out that the Executive Committee agreed to defer this request until budget time. Members of Council agreed to this recommendation.

MEETING WITH REPRESENTATIVES OF CANADA POST CORPORATION

Mr. Kelly advised that Ms. Melanie McInnes and Mr. David Flemming were in attendance from Canada Post Corporation to discuss with Members of Council any concerns respecting postal service.

Mr. Flemming and Ms. McInnes agreed to respond to any questions from Council Members.

Councillor Merrigan stated that Beaverbank would like to have its own address rather than a rural route from Lower Sackville. He asked why this could not be. Mr. Flemming answered that there are two distinct addresses in this country. One is a geographic address and one is a mailing address, and Canadians enjoy one of the best postal codes in the world. This code is a representative of the mailing address. There is no problem with putting Beaverbank on the envelope as part of the mailing address, but the rural route from Sackville must be included. Councillor Merrigan stated that the postal codes are supposed to be the designator of where mail goes. He wondered why it was necessary to include a RR. Mr. Flemming explained the meaning of each digit in the postal code, and why Lower Sackville still has to appear as part of the address.

Councillor Deveaux clarified that if Beaverbank had a post office then the situation in question would change. He then asked what criteria is needed to be eligible to receive door-to-door mail delivery. Mr. Flemming clarified that Eastern Passage is serviced by group boxes and by people going to the post office to pick up their mail. He then explained that there are no plans at the present time to extend letter carrier service in Eastern Passage. Mr. Flemming stated that door-to-door delivery is the most expensive delivery. It costs over \$100 per house per year for this type of delivery. There is a now program called the Community Mail Box Program that has been well received where tested. Under this program, green boxes are placed no further than 600 feet from any residence. The letter carrier then

delivers to these boxes. Councillor Deveaux asked who is responsible for the maintenance of the group boxes; who bolts them into the ground, and who looks after the upkeep of them. Ms. McInnes suggested that when people have complaints about boxes, they be directed to the local postmaster who will forward the information to Halifax. They will then arrange for work on the group boxes to be done.

Councillor DeRoche stated that his community was identified and received service from Canada Post until approximately 1980. At that time, the community was then directed by the postal service as part of Dartmouth; not Westphal, Halifax County. He asked who is responsible for monitoring the rural route contractor. Mr. Flemming advised that it would be the supervising postmaster from the servicing post office. Councillor DeRoche advised that he had previously passed a petition through Council with respect to delivery of mail to group boxes. There has been nothing done about this matter, so it appears that there is no monitoring being done on the service in this area. There was a letter sent to the district officer at Canada Post regarding these complaints. Mr. Flemming asked for a copy of this letter and stated that Canada Post wants to help in any way they can. Councillor DeRoche next asked if there has been any change in the placement of boxes for mailing letters. Two boxes which have been located in district 7 over the years have disappeared. Mr. Flemming advised that he does not have the answer now, but he would look into the matter and respond.

Councillor Mont advised that Cole Harbour is the largest community in Nova Scotia that does not have its own post office or its own mailing address. This has caused no end of problems to the Municipality and to the residents of the area involved. Because the people have a mailing address of Dartmouth, they believe they live in the City of Dartmouth. A request has been put forth for a post office in the community of Cole Harbour, but not even as much as a reply was received. Mr. Flemming stated that the Cole Harbour and area situation is realized. The community mail box program will be starting in this area in early spring. At this time, these group boxes will be placed no further than 600 feet from any residence, and those group boxes will be serviced by a letter carrier. He also added that a contract has recently been signed with MacDonald Stationers in the Forest Hills Shopping Centre for the operation of a sub-post office as of the first of April. This should take the pressure off of the Dartmouth East Postal Station and it should also provide a good mailing outlet for the people in this area.

Councillor C. Baker complained about the group box in Birch Lee Trailer Court, Harriestfield. It is beyond repair, and mail is no longer placed in it. Canada Post was phoned, and they said there were no replacement boxes available. Councillor C. Baker further informed that he has been trying to telephone Canada Post himself for two days, but there has been no answer. Mr. Flemming advised that there has been a problem with the supplier regarding these group boxes. It appears that

the problem has been rectified, and the supplier has advised that he is preparing to supply these. A new supply should be in stock in early spring. At that point, the new boxes will be put in place where the old ones are. In a case where the old ones can be refurbished, they will be. Councillor C. Baker next asked if there can be any expectations for more door-to-door delivery in his area as only part of it is presently serviced. Mr. Flemming stated that there are no plans to expand the door-to-door service at the present time. Any expansion that is presently being considered is only with the community mail box program.

Councillor P. Baker stated that there is a petition in the West Dover area regarding community mail box services. These people want this service. Councillor P. Baker asked what he could do to work towards getting this service. Mr. Flemming advised there are policies for placing these boxes that include concentration of areas. Councillor P. Baker was advised that he should write a letter and voice these concerns, and the matter would be assessed to determine if it is eligible for community group boxes.

Councillor Poirier advised that she has a problem with boxes being named, not numbered, in her district, and they are not in sequence. Mr. Flemming advised that this matter would be investigated.

Councillor Adams asked who is responsible for junk mail that falls out around the community mail boxes. Mr. Flemming advised that there is no such thing as "junk mail"; only advertising mail. He further advised that the residents of the area are responsible for cleaning up around the mail boxes. The boxes are supplied by Canada Post, but they are usually looked after by the residents of the area. Mr. Flemming advised that there is a new order of community boxes on order for the whole of Halifax County. There has, however, been a problem with the manufacturer, but there should be about 800 boxes arriving around the first of April. At that time, any unsightliness with regard to community boxes should be cleared up. Councillor Adams also voiced concerns over the identification of where the residents live. In District 8 some people have addresses of Waverley, Shearwater, Dartmouth East, and rural routes in Porters Lake. These people live mainly in the East Preston and Lake Echo area. He stated that the people would like to see the identification of their community in their addresses. Mr. Flemming stated that in order to keep the system as efficient as possible, they need to deal with mailing addresses, rather than the geographic address. Councillor Adams asked if there is a policy in affect concerning senior citizen's mail delivery. Mr. Flemming advised that there is no policy in place, but in many cases there are mailing facilities in senior citizen's manors. Councillor Adams advised that there are two senior citizen's residences in particular that do not have Canada Post service, but they have made their own arrangements to have mail sent and delivered. Councillor Adams commented on the the long line-ups in the Dartmouth East Postal Station. Mr. Flemming advised that Canada Post Officials are aware of this situation, and they are hoping that the opening of the sub-post office in the Forest Hills area will eliminate some of these line-ups at the Dartmouth East Postal Station.

Councillor Lichter stated that Council has request Canada Post to keep the post office in Meaghers Grant open. The newspaper has indicated that this post office will remain open. Councillor Lichter asked if this could be confirmed. Mr. Flemming advised that Mr. Savoy is the operational manager for that area, and if he gave this information to the newspaper, it is likely valuable news.

After a few more comments from various Councillors, Warden MacKenze thanked Mr. Flemming and Ms. McInnes for attending and being so informative.

LETTERS AND CORRESPONDENCE

Mr. Kelly advised that correspondence had been received from the Halifax County-Bedford District School Board advising that the Board has declared the former Lakeview School as surplus property and requested the property be turned back to the Municipality.

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

"THAT Council accept the former Lakeview School property from the Halifax County-Bedford District School Board."
Motion Carried.

PLANNING ADVISORY COMMITTEE REPORT

Application No. RA-CH/W-67-85-17 - to amend the Cole Harbour/Westphal Lands Use By-law by rezoning a portion of lands of Charles F. Reardon on Atholea Drive.

Mr. Kelly outlined the report, and advised that it is the recommendation of the Planning Advisory Committee that the application be approved, and that a public hearing date be set for April 7, 1986, at 7 p.m.

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

"THAT this application be approved, and a public hearing be held on April 7, 1986, at 7 p.m."
Motion Carried.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPORT

Garbage Contracts, 1983-1985 inclusive

Mr. Kelly advised that the Executive Committee has recommended that Council re-affirm the present position and authorize no further adjustments.

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

"THAT Council re-affirm the present position with regard to garbage contracts and authorize no further adjustments."

Councillor Deveaux expressed concern about giving forgiveable loans to some and not others under this contract. He stated that it could be considered discriminatory. Mr. Meech was advised by Mr. Cragg that this matter should not be fully disclosed until after the Breach of Contract matter has been settled.

After much discussion between Councillor Deveaux and Mr. Meech,

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

"THAT this matter be deferred until a judgement is made with regard to the Breach of Contract case which is presently going to court."

Motion Defeated.

The original motion carried.

Terence Bay Volunteer Fire Department

Mr. Kelly outlined the report from the Executive Committee advising they have recommended to Council approval of a loan for \$125,000 for vehicles at the Terence Bay Volunteer Fire Department, as well as an extension of the existing loan for the fire department addition.

It was moved by Councillor P. Baker, seconded by Councillor C. Baker:

"THAT Council approve a loan to the Terence Bay Volunteer Fire Department in the amount of \$125,000 for the purchase of a pumper fire vehicle and refurbishing of an existing rescue vehicle. The loan will be repaid over a ten year period of principal and interest. Also the the existing building loan of approximately \$72,000 be converted from a ten year repayment term to a 20 year repayment term of principal and interest. Council reserves the right to levy an area rate in default of principal and/or interest repayments on the loans."

Motion Carried.

Withdrawal from Vehicle Replacement Fund

Mr. Kelly advised that the Executive Committee has recommended to Council approval of a withdrawal in the amount of \$16,000 from the vehicle replacement reserve fund.

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

"THAT approval be granted to withdraw an amount of \$16,000 from the vehicle replacement reserve fund for the purpose of acquiring two new vehicles."

Motion Carried.

Mr. Kelly advised that the two vehicles being replaced are for the Executive Office and the Building Inspection Department. Each vehicle is three years old.

Councillor MacDonald asked if the old cars will be traded in. Mr. Kelly advised that it is proposed to dispose of the vehicles by means of a public auction, and the amount realized will be credited back to the appropriate account.

By-law Amendment

Mr. Kelly advised the Executive Committee has recommended approval of an amendment to By-law No. 18, the Dangerous and Unsightly Premises By-law. Mr. Kelly outlined the amendment.

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

"THAT Council approve the amendment to the Dangerous and Unsightly Premises By-law."
Motion Carried.

Request for District Parkland Fund Grant, District 19

Mr. Kelly outlined the report from the Executive Committee.

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

THAT Council approve a District Parkland Fund Grant, District 19, in the amount of \$1,734 for erecting a fence and gates at the Harry Hamilton School Playing Field."
Motion Carried.

Request for District Capital Grant, District 19

Mr. Kelly outlined the request from District 19 and the recommendation of the Executive Committee.

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

"THAT approval be granted for a District Capital Grant, District 19, in the amount of \$3,000 for renovations to Upper Sackville Community Hall."
Motion Carried.

Request for District Capital Grant, District 10 and Request for Loan

Mr. Kelly outlined the report and stated that it is the recommendation of the Executive Committee that approval be granted for this request.

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

"THAT approval be granted for a District Capital Grant, District 10 in the amount of \$2,000 for capital improvements to fire vehicle for the Ostrea Lake Volunteer Fire Department, and approval of a loan to the Ostrea Lake Volunteer Fire Department in the amount of \$4,500. The loan will be advanced on the basis of a ten year repayment term of principal and interest with Council reserving the right to levy an area rate in default of principal and/or interest repayment."

Motion Carried.

Redistribution Committee

Mr. Kelly advised that the Executive Committee has recommended that a Redistribution Committee be appointed to examine this issue in preparation for making application to the Municipal Board in 1987. Committee membership of three Council members, staff persons, and the Municipal Solicitor are recommended.

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

"THAT a Redistribution Committee be appointed to examine this issue in preparation for making application to the Municipal Board in 1987, with committee membership consisting of three Council members, staff persons, and the Municipal Solicitor."

Motion Carried.

Council Members agreed that Councillor Walker, Councillor Lichter, and Councillor MacDonald would serve on the Redistribution Committee. Staff members would consist of Mr. Kelly, Mr. Cragg, and others as required.

GARBAGE COLLECTION AND DISPOSAL PROPOSED AREA RATE - 1986

Mr. Kelly advised that a memorandum from Mr. Ken Wilson, Director of Finance, is enclosed with the agenda with regard to this matter.

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

"THAT the report be accepted with the exception of the last paragraph, and that the areas serviced be the areas which are charged the area rate."

Motion Carried.

Mr. Meech advised that the resolution is basically to follow the same practice as was followed previously and apply the common area rate to the area served.

Councillor Lichter inquired about the disposal costs which have increased by 31.3 percent. He was of the understanding that there were to be savings as of result of the change to the Dartmouth transfer station, rather than a 31.3 percent increase. Mr. Meech advised that part of the reason for the increase is because of the two mini transfer

stations that have been established in Halifax County. It was always proposed that there would be an increased cost because there is an increased service. Mr. Meech further advised that disposal costs for our service is still under \$15 per ton. This appears to be low in comparison to disposal costs in other regions across the country. The other factor that must be considered is the increased useage of the disposal site.

Councillor Deveaux questioned the replacement of vehicles and trailers which haul the garbage to the disposal site. He wondered if these vehicles had to be replaced as a result of the other vehicles reIthing the stage where they had to be replaced. Warden MacKenzie advised that three new trailers were purchased to be used with the two new mini-transfer stations.

Deputy Warden Wiseman expressed concern over the fact that the cost in the Sackville area was down by \$300,000, tonage is down, Sackville is the shortest distance of any area to the land-fill site, and Sackville has no requirements for any transfer stations; yet the rate for Sackville is up 1.3 cents. She stated that there is something wrong. Mr. Meech clarified that the cost is not down \$300,000, but the difference between the two bids were \$300,000 over a three year period. The actual cost of the new contract is at least equal to last years contract. Deputy Warden Wiseman accepted Mr. Meech's correction, but maintained her position that the 1.3 cent increase is not justified.

Councillor MacDonald asked Mr. Meech if Sackville residents pay the rate to the transfer station in Halifax, although the garbage goes directly to the landfill site. Mr. Meech stated that the per tonage charge to each Municipality is based on the total cost of the operation of the transfer stations as well as the landfill site, with the estimated amount of tonage divided between each district. Mr. Meech suggested that the contractor for Sackville may find it more beneficial to use the transfer station at Dartmouth rather than to drive to the landfill site.

Councillor Walker pointed out to Deputy Warden Wiseman that when garbage collection was made a common rate, the rate for District 1 went up by 2 cents to subsidize Sackville. Therefore, she should not have any concerns about Sackville's rate going up by 1.3 cents at this point in time.

METROPOLITAN AUTHORITY REPORT - COUNCILLOR MacDONALD

Councillor MacDonald advised that the transfer station in Dartmouth had its official opening on Tuesday, Februry 11, 1986. He stated that costs have gone up because of the increased efficiency. This new transfer station will probably be cost cheaper in the long run, and it will take a load off of the Halifax transfer station. He further reported that the transit cost-sharing decision making proposal was approved in principal at the last meeting. The County of Halifax will pick up the largest deficit. Our deficit will increase by \$189,000,

Halifax will get a saving of \$300,000, Dartmouth will remain about the same, and Bedford will get an increase of over \$100,000. It is now up to the Municipalities to get together and negotiate an agreement on the cost-sharing. Since the last Municipal elections there seems to be more concern and members of the Metropolitan Authority seem to have the same goal.

Councillor MacDonald further reported that the Metropolitan Authority Act was presented to the Metropolitan Authority with some changes as proposed by the Chief Administrative Assistants Committee. This proposal has been passed to the Attorney General for a preview, and the County of Halifax must deal with these changes tonight. Councillor MacDonald outlined the proposed changes to the Metropolitan Authority Act. It is hoped that the bill will be presented to the spring setting of the legislature; therefore, it is important that the Municipalities look at this and try to come to an agreement.

Councillor MacDonald informed that the Metropolitan Authority has asked staff to put forth tenders for the treatment plant at the landfill sites. This will be forthcoming in the near future.

Councillor P. Baker asked if the Metropolitan Authority has jurisdiction over the Halifax County Correctional Centre. Warden MacKenzie advised that they do until April 1, 1986. Councillor P. Baker expressed concern over James Jollimore being in the Halifax County Correctional Centre. He stated that there have been previous efforts to have Mr. Jollimore removed from the Halifax County Correctional Centre to a more humane and suitable facility. Having Mr. Jollimore located at this institute is not fair to staff because this institution is not for mentally sick patients. Something has to be done to expedite Mr. Jollimore's removal to a more appropriate facility.

Councillor MacDonald advised that this matter has been brought up on a number of occasions, and it appears that the Attorney General's Department cannot deal with it. The Metropolitan Authority have expressed their dissatisfaction with the way he is being housed, but they have no control until the Attorney General's Department makes a decision as to what they are going to do with Mr. Jollimore.

It was moved by Councillor P. Baker, seconded by Councillor MacDonald:

"THAT the question of the housing of Mr. James Jollimore in the Halifax County Correctional Centre be raised once again at the Attorney General's Department."
Motion Carried.

Warden MacKenzie advised that he expressed the same concerns previously, but he has been kept at this facility under orders from the Attorney General's Department. Before too long, there should be a change made. The Halifax County Correctional Centre has never been the proper place for Mr. Jollimore.

Councillor Eisenhauer stated that it appears that an agreement will soon be reached for a cost-sharing formula. He stated that if it becomes necessary to turn to the method of assessment, the County must be aware of what it is setting itself up for. The per capita grant should be applied to each Municipality's deficit. If this is done, Bedford will not look as bad as it appears. Councillor Eisenhauer expressed concern over the length of time it is taking for other Municipalities to support this.

APPOINTMENT OF WEED INSPECTOR

Mr. Kelly read a letter from Mr. D. Roy DeWolfe requesting Council to consider his reappointment as Municipal Weed Inspector for the year 1986. Mr. Kelly advised that Mr. DeWolfe works from the Department of Agriculture in Truro, and they have expressed satisfaction with Mr. DeWolfe's employ in this position.

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

"THAT Mr. D. Roy DeWolfe be reappointed as Municipal Weed Inspector for another season."
Motion Carried.

At this point, Warden MacKenzie asked Mr. Kelly if a member of Council has been appointed to the Atlantic Winter Fair Board of Directors.

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

"THAT Councillor Walker be appointed to the Atlantic Winter Fair Board of Directors."
Motion Carried.

It was moved by Councillor C. Baker, seconded by Councillor Adams:

"THAT nominations cease."
Motion Carried.

BUILDING INSPECTOR'S REPORT, LESSER SETBACK

Mr. Kelly outlined the report from Mr. Hefler.

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

"THAT approval be granted for a lesser setback of four feet at Pickerem's Shell, located at Waverley."
Motion Carried.

MEMORANDUM, RE 1986 BUDGET

Mr. Kelly informed that the 1986 operating budget is in its final stage of preparation and it may be able to be tabled at the March 4, 1986, Council Session. There is still some information forthcoming, but expectations are that it will be available for the next Session of Council. Warden MacKenzie advised that this memorandum is for information purposes only and several days should be set aside to deal with the budget after it has been tabled.

Councillor Lichter asked if there has been any consideration for dates for the budget session. Mr. Meech advised that there have been no specific dates set as of yet. It is the intention to table the budget at the March 4 Council Session and set dates at that time if appropriate. Mr. Meech stated there are many decisions that have yet to be made at the provincial level, so there is no great rush to deal with the 1986 budget.

AMENDMENTS TO THE METROPOLITAN AUTHORITY ACT

Mr. Kelly advised that a copy of the amendments to the Metropolitan Authority Act have been circulated. It is requested that Municipal Council consider approval for forwarding to the Legislative Council prior to the upcoming Legislative Assembly.

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

"THAT the proposed amendments to the Metropolitan Authority Act be endorsed."

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

"THAT this item be deferred pending a review by the Urban Services Committee and recommendation to Council."
Motion Carried.

Councillor Lichter expressed no objection to the Urban Services Committee discussing this matter, but the entire Council should discuss this document with the Municipal Solicitor.

Councillor DeRoche stated that his intention was to have these amendments sent to one body that might be in a position to pursue it over a short period of time and come back to Council with a recommendation. This would simplify the task of discussion and acceptance by Council as a whole.

Mr. Meech pointed out that last year this Council was supportive of most of these changes to the Metropolitan Authority Act. Outside of the changes agreed to last year, the only other changes are technical ones that must work in with those outlined.

Warden MacKenzie suggested that all Council Members should get a chance to discuss this matter. Members of Council agreed that they would like to be invited to attend the Urban Services Committee meeting when this matter will be discussed.

Councillor Lichter expressed opposition to having this matter go to the Urban Services Committee.

Councillor Deveaux asked if there is any deadline to have these amendments approved. Mr. Meech advised that there is some urgency because it is hoped that this matter can go to the Clerk of the

Legislative Council to have it introduced at the upcoming session. Councillor Deveaux agreed with Councillor Lichter stating that it is only fair that all Councillors get a look into this matter with the solicitor.

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

"THAT the original motion that has been approved be rescinded, and a date be set when Council can meet with the Municipal Solicitor to review these proposed changes to the Metropolitan Authority Act."

Motion Carried.

After some discussion,

It was moved by Councillor Eisenhauer, seconded by Councillor P. Baker:

"THAT this item be tabled to the next Session of Council."

Motion Carried.

URBAN SERVICES COMMITTEE REPORT

Mr. Kelly outlined the report from the Urban Services Committee.

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

"THAT Council adopt the Urban Services Committee's recommendations 1 through 4 inclusive as contained in the Staff Report dated January 23, 1986, and also the conditions of the Eastern Passage Ratepayers and Residents Association."

Motion Carried.

Mr. Meech pointed out that the financial calculations contained in the report are not correct. He outlined the correct figures, and advised that he will have staff adjust the figures on the report.

MUNICIPAL PLAN COMMITTEE REPORT

Mr. Kelly read the report from the committee. It was moved by Councillor DeRoche, seconded by Councillor Lichter:

"THAT the District 5 MLA, the Minister of the Department of the Environment, and the Planning Advisory Committee for the City of Halifax be invited to meet with Halifax County Planning Advisory Committee and the District 5 Public Participation Committee to discuss the Herring Cove sewage disposal problem."

Motion Carried.

FORESTRY POLICY REPORT - COUNCILLOR REID

Councillor Reid reported that members of the Forestry Protection Committee for the County of Halifax are pleased with the policy report that was presented by the Minister of Lands and Forests. The five major recommendations that the Halifax County Forestry Protection Committee made were well addressed in this report.

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

"THAT Halifax County Council write a letter to the Minister of Lands and Forests congratulating him on the development of his policy, and request that legislation be implemented as soon as possible covering the terms of this report."
Motion Carried.

AGENDA ITEMS

Prospect Road Connector - Councillor P. Baker

Councillor P. Baker advised that Highway 102 leading to Prospect is backed up with traffic at peak hours. There are no traffic lights here at all. The City's industrial parks will be in operation sometime this summer which will cause more traffic to generate at this intersection.

It was moved by Councillor P. Baker, seconded by Councillor Fralick:

"THAT a letter be sent to the Department of Transportation asking for a study with regard to alleviating traffic at this intersection during peak hours."

Mr. Kelly advised that such a letter was sent to the Department of Transportation regarding this matter as a result of a motion at the last Council Session.

Councillor McInroy asked if Councillor P. Baker knows what the heavy construction in the area is. Councillor P. Baker advised that this is work taking place in the industrial parks.

Senior Citizen's Housing - Councillor P. Baker

Councillor McInroy and Councillor Mont declared a conflict of interest.

It was moved by Councillor P. Baker, seconded by Councillor Reid:

"THAT a request be made to the Nova Scotia Department of Housing to conduct a study with regard to the need for senior citizen's housing in District 4."
Motion Carried.

Springfield Lake - Councillor MacDonald

Councillor MacDonald advised that the problems with sewage disposal in this area are increasing all the time. A study was done and the problem is recognized, but to remedy the problem, money is needed. Councillor MacDonald asked if this matter is going to be discussed or is there going to be a way to alleviate the problem. The Board of Health minutes indicated that each case will have to be considered separately by the Atlantic Health Unit. If this is the case, many people are going to be needed to investigate the matter and overcome the problem soon.

Mr. Meech stated that Councillor MacDonald previously asked for support for the Springfield Lake project. At that time, this was considered to be a number one priority. Subsequent to this, however, the province decided that it was not their number one priority. There is a major need throughout various communities in Halifax County, and if we are going to rely on provincial assistance to overcome this problem, many of these cases will never be done in this century. Perhaps the County should look at contributing some portion of the overall cost, and perhaps the individual users is going to have to be prepared to accept a larger share of the cost.

Councillor MacDonald stated that money seems to be available for other projects. Maybe this matter should be referred to the Executive Committee to investigate the matter to see how it could be financed.

Mr. Meech advised that the preliminary capital budget and so-called priority criteria will be ready sometime in early March. Perhaps, this matter should be deferred until it can be determined what the total need is in terms of different projects and then a priority list will have to be drawn up. After that, a decision will have to be made on how to implement these projects. Councillor MacDonald agreed to leave the matter until March.

Councillor Reid stated that the Executive Committee requested that a report be drawn up looking at all of these project and various ways of funding them. Mr. Meech stated that there has been great difficulty on the part of staff to find the time to address the issue, but by the end of February there should be a list of the projects and a suggested priority listing from a staff point-of-view. It cannot be determined at this point if the necessary funding will be available to finance these projects.

Councillor Deveaux suggested that the Urban areas or even the County as a whole look into providing some funding of our own for these projects.

ADDITION OF ITEMS TO THE MARCH 4, 1986 COUNCIL SESSION

Councillor MacDonald - Gardin Property, No. 1 Highway
Councillor Lichter - Garbage Collection

IN-CAMERA ITEM

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

"THAT Council go in-camera"
Motion Carried

Council Members agreed to come out of camera.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Council adjourned at 10:10 p.m.

PUBLIC HEARING

FEBRUARY 24, 1986

PRESENT WERE: Councillor Poirier
Councillor Fralick
Councillor P. Baker
Councillor C. Baker
Councillor Deveaux
Councillor DeRoche
Councillor Adams
Councillor Bayers
Councillor Reid
Councillor Lichter
Councillor Snow
Councillor Merrigan
Councillor McInroy
Councillor Eisenhauer
Councillor MacDonald
Deputy Warden Wiseman
Councillor Mont

ALSO PRESENT: Mr. R.G. Cragg, Municipal Solicitor
Mr. G.J. Kelly, Municipal Clerk
Mr. K. Birch, Director of Planning and Development
Mr. J.M. Hanusiak, Planner
Mr. B. Wishart, Planner

SECRETARY: Glenda Higgins

Deputy Warden Wiseman called the public hearing to order at 7 p.m. with the Lord's Prayer.

Mr. Kelly called the Roll.

APPOINTMENT OF RECORDING SECRETARY

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

"THAT Glenda Higgins be appointed as Recording Secretary."
Motion Carried.

DA-LM-35-85-08 - DEVELOPMENT AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE MUNICIPALITY OF THE COUNTY OF HALIFAX AND MERLIN R. DOREY TO PERMIT AN EXPANDED AUTOMOBILE REPAIR OUTLET ON LOT L3 OF THE SUBDIVISION OF LANDS OF SHIRLEY M. DOREY, LOCATED ON BELL ROAD AT EAST PRESTON

Mr. Hanusiak identified the application stating that the purpose of the development agreement is to permit an expanded automobile repair outlet on Lot L3 of the lands of Shirley M. Dorey located on Bell Road, East

Preston. He indicated that the property is located just north of the intersection with Highway No. 7. The property is already developed with a dwelling unit belonging to the Dorey's. Mr. Dorey has operated an automobile repair shop from a small garage on the property for a number of years. The purpose of the agreement is to provide for a space on the property to permit a considerably larger building. The agreement permits the establishment of a building zone. All of this land would be graveled out through the driveway to Bell Road, and four parking spaces, as proposed, should be more than sufficient for the type of business that is proposed. All activities related to the automobile repair outlet must take place within the proposed building; therefore, there will be no visible derelict vehicles being held for open storage.

Mr. Hanusiak reported that the Department of Planning and Development has recommended approval of the proposed development agreement for a number of reasons.

First, the proposed building and increased land-use activity is not considered to be detrimental to the abutting properties. The agreement does confine all activities related to the automobile repair outlet within the proposed building. Conditions within the agreement provide for the neat and tidy operation of the use, as well as the maintenance of the property.

Second, a wide variety of residential, commercial, and institutional uses are permitted within the RS-1 Zone, as defined by the Zoning By-law for the area. The proposed development agreement is in keeping with the plan's intent to accomodate larger yet similar activities.

Finally, all activities related to the automobile repair outlet will be located at the rear of the property. Given that the proposed building can only be a maximum of 18 feet in height, it is the intention that the proposed building will be screened from public along the Bell Road.

QUESTIONS FROM COUNCIL

None.

SPEAKERS IN FAVOUR OF THIS APPLICATION

None.

SPEAKERS IN OPPOSITION TO THIS APPLICATION

None.

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

"THAT the Development Agreement between the Municipality of the County of Halifax and Merlin R. Dorey, to permit an expanded automobile repair outlet on Lot L3 of the Subdivision of lands of Shirley M. Dorey, located on the Bell Road at East Preston be approved."
Motion Carried Unanimously.