

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

"THAT a public hearing for Application Nos. DA-SA-37A-85-16 and DA-SA-37B-85-16 be held on May 26, 1986;

THAT a public hearing for Application Nos. RA-CH/W-23-86-17 and RA-CH/W-24-16-17 be held on May 26, 1986;

THAT a public hearing for Application Nos. RA-TLB-78A-85-02 and RA-TLB-78B-85-02 be held on May 5, 1986."

MOTION CARRIED.

Warden MacKenzie confirmed that these changes would have no affect on the advertising for these hearings.

#### PLANNING ADVISORY COMMITTEE REPORT

Application No. DA-SA-37A-85-16 Development Agreement - River Front Properties, Lot "A" of the Lands of T.L. Cook, Sackville Cross Road, Lower Sackville

Application No. DA-SA-37B-85-16 Development Agreement - River Front Properties, Lot "AF-4" of the Lands of Archibald D. Fader and Ferne P. Fader, Lower Sackville

Councillor MacKay declared a conflict of interest.

Mr. Kelly advised it is the recommendation of the Planning Advisory Committee to Council that the development agreements be approved and that a date for the public hearings be set for May 5, 1986 at 7 p.m.

Councillor DeRoche stated that by virtue of the previous motion, these dates should be changed to May 26, 1986.

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

"THAT the Development Agreements for Application Nos. DA-SA-37A-85-16 and DA-SA-37B-85-16 be approved and a public hearing be held on each of these on May 26, 1986, at 7 p.m."

MOTION CARRIED.

Application No. RA-EP/CB-02-85-06 - Rezoning of a Portion of Lands of the Flandrum Subdivision, Patterson Road, Cow Bay

Mr. Kelly advised the recommendation of the Planning Advisory Committee to Council is that the application be approved and that a public hearing be held on May 26, 1986, at 7 p.m.

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

"THAT Application No. RA-EP/CB-02-85-06 be approved and a public hearing be held on May 26, 1986, at 7 p.m."  
MOTION CARRIED.

#### BUILDING INSPECTOR'S REPORT

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

"THAT approval be granted for a lesser side year clearance of two feet to James Smith at 3134 No. 7 Highway, Lake Echo."  
MOTION CARRIED.

#### EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPORT

##### Municipal Awareness Week

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

"THAT approval be granted for funds in the amount of \$5,000 for the County's participation in Municipal Awareness Week."  
MOTION CARRIED.

Councillor Lichter expressed opposition to spending this money because he felt it would not amount to anything. He stated that following the first Municipal Awareness Week there were elections and the voting turnout was low.

Mr. Meech advised that the Minister of Municipal Affairs has indicated he would like to see Municipal Awareness Week continued, and a date has been set. This year it is intended to support the preparation of a tabloid as an insert in the newspaper that would be circulated throughout the entire province. It would allow for articles looking at the County as a whole as well as pinpointing specific interest stories as they relate to different areas. Last year the approach was to create more awareness in the schools, but this tabloid approach will be directed more towards the entire public, rather than just schools.

Councillor Lichter stated that the tax bills will be sent out in a short period of time indicating what the rates will be. It would be much better publicity if the newspaper indicated that the Municipality had just saved \$5,000 by not participating.

Councillor Bayers spoke in favour of Municipal Awareness Week advising that he was against it last year, but after he spent over a day at Gaetz Brook Junior High School doing school approaches, he felt they were well-attended and successful. He stated he would support the same movement this year.

Councillor P. Baker questioned the mention of one newspaper and not another. He stated the Daily News provides much service to the County of Halifax and they should be considered for this as well. Warden MacKenzie stated that the Daily News may not provide this type of tabloid. Councillor Reid stated that the Daily News is not circulated throughout the whole County, and the Chronicle-Herald and the Mail Star are circulated province-wide. Warden MacKenzie also stated that the media in question will be contacting the suppliers to the County for advertisements which will not cost the County any money.

Councillor MacDonald spoke in favour of Municipal Awareness Week. He stated that many people are not really familiar with the Municipality, and they should be made more aware of what's going on within their Municipality. It would also help the people to determine what they would like to see happen to their Municipality.

#### WAVERLEY, VILLAGE SERVICES ACT APPLICATION

Mr. Meech informed that at the last Executive Committee meeting a staff report was tabled with respect to the application by the community of Waverley applying to the Municipal Board for status under the Village Services Act. He stated the staff report provided some factual information relative to the number of incorporated villages that are now in place in the Province of Nova Scotia, as well as some information about the geography of each village. One of the points in the staff report was that Council might want to raise some issue at the Municipal Board with respect to the boundary given the fact that the community's application for Village status covers a very extensive area. Mr. Meech advised that Members of the Executive Committee felt the Municipality should respond positively; there has been a recommendation to Council from the Executive Committee with respect to this. The hearing is scheduled to commence on April 16, and if this recommendation is endorsed by Council, arrangements will have to be made with Mr. Cragg to make an appearance before the Board. With respect with the business of the boundary, the Executive Committee decided they did not want to proceed and raise questions about this at the Board hearing, but they did ask Councillor Snow in cooperation with Mr. Birch to meet with representatives of the village to deal with this.

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

"THAT the Municipality appear before the Municipal Board relevant to the application for village status for Waverley and indicate that the Municipality is supportive of the application and that the application be endorsed."

MOTION CARRIED.

Councillor McInroy stated that the County should be taking a more positive and active role in the determination of different levels of economy that may take place within the County. A positive approach will result in better relations in the future. He felt the County should be represented at this hearing and show support for residents in these matters.



Mr. Meech advised that a community that becomes a village gives it no official status with respect to planning matters under the Planning Act. There used to be a provision present that gave the Municipality the right to give up this jurisdiction to the village commission. However, this may not be true now. Councillor Deveaux asked to have this investigated.

REPORT, LAND SALE, MUSQUODOBOIT HARBOUR - HALIFAX COUNTY INDUSTRIAL COMMISSION

After much discussion,

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

"THAT Council go in-camera to discuss this matter allowing the solicitor and the Executive Director for the Halifax County Industrial Commission to remain."  
MOTION CARRIED.

Members of Council agreed to come out of camera.

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

"THAT Council recommend to the Halifax County Industrial Commission that any future land transactions be given close scrutiny"  
MOTION CARRIED.

Councillor MacKay voiced his support for the resolution. He advised the Commission has very closely scrutinized in the past and such justice must be made public. The Commission acted in good faith with all the information that was put forth.

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

"THAT a vote of confidence be extended to Mr. Lorne Denny, Executive Director of the Halifax County Industrial Commission, and the Commission for the way they conduct business and the manner in which this particular matter was handled."

Councillor Lichter expressed concern over this motion. He stated it was a clear misunderstanding of dates, and should this motion pass, another individual would receive the wrong impression. Councillor P. Baker stated that Mr. Denny should have his name cleared via this motion.

Councillor DeRoche stated he cannot support this motion. He felt it is not within Council's jurisdiction to put forth a vote of confidence for a specific staff member.

Several Councillors felt the motion was out of order. Councillor P. Baker agreed to change the motion to include Mr. Denny only; he excluded the Halifax County Industrial Commission from the motion.



Warden MacKenzie asked Councillor P. Baker to leave this matter with the Halifax County Industrial Commission to deal with. Councillor P. Baker agreed.

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

"THAT Council take a 5 minute recess."  
MOTION CARRIED.

#### APPOINTMENT OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS, UNITED WAY

Mr. Kelly outlined the letter from the President of the United Way requesting the appointment of a Director to the United Way.

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

"THAT Councillor P. Baker be nominated to complete a one year term as a member of the Board of Directors of the United Way."

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

"THAT nominations cease."  
MOTION CARRIED.

THE ORIGINAL MOTION CARRIED.

#### AGENDA ITEMS

##### Councillor MacKay - Department of Transportation

Councillor MacKay advised that many people have been led to believe that the Suburban Street Paving Program will be discontinued by the Provincial Department of Transportation.

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

"THAT Council write to the Nova Scotia Department of Transportation requesting the status of the 1986 Suburban Street Paving Program relevant to Halifax County."  
MOTION CARRIED.

Councillor MacDonald informed that he also had some question about the existence of this program.

##### Councillor P. Baker - Prospect Cable T.V.

Councillor P. Baker advised that three years ago a petition was circulated seeking a franchise for cable television in District 4. At that time, the people were led to believe they would be receiving this service within a short period of time. The residents have been told they will receive this service once the area has built up more.

Councillor P. Baker advised that these residents are willing to pay for this service, and they are seeking it as was promised to them three years ago.

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

"THAT the Prospect Road and St. Margaret's Cable Television Co. and the C.R.T.C. be requested to take the necessary steps with regard to the installation of the cable television service which was promised to the residents of the area; also that they inform when the license which has been issued is about to expire."  
MOTION CARRIED.

Councillor P. Baker - Fire Services Co-ordinator  
Councillor DeRoche - Personnel Policy

Councillor P. Baker informed he heard from a resident of his district on Saturday that an appointment had been made to the Fire Services Research and Development Officer position and the incumbent has received his notice of termination. He expressed concern that the appointment is from Lunenburg and why somebody from outside of Halifax County should be the successful applicant. He further expressed concern over why the incumbent's services were not satisfactory.

Councillor P. Baker advised that a number of volunteer fire departments resent such a person interfering with the work of the volunteers, and in some cases, if this person should interfere, volunteers are going to be lost.

Councillor P. Baker felt there should be a change to this situation because there is a more humane manner in which to deal with it. He further felt that Councillors should have been informed about the appointment instead of hearing it through the media and the public.

Warden MacKenzie stated that Council had made the decision to hire a full-time Fire Services Research and Development Officer.

Councillor DeRoche advised he had contact from individuals with respect to this matter, and after some discussion, some questioning and some examination of the Personnel Policy Manual, Councillor DeRoche felt that the policy manual was circumvented by virtue of the procedure used in the appointment to this position.

Mr. Meech advised when the position was originally established, it was on the basis of approval of a federal grant (a make-work program). The position was intended to provide support - not to dictate to fire departments throughout the municipality. A fire service study was done by an MPA student and from that there were certain conclusions and recommendations made. This was done in concert with the Fire Advisory Board and the Halifax County Fire Chiefs' Association. The recommendations were discussed by Council and referred back to the Fire Advisory Board for implementation. The Fire Advisory Board set out to do so in co-operation with staff, and it was felt there was a need to

have a staff resource person available to fulfill the function of the board and to give some experience as to whether or not there was a real demand to warrant the full-time position. Council approved this position and the incumbent was selected and was clearly made aware that the permanent position would have to be advertised and he would have to take his chance along with everybody else.

Council approved the establishment of a permanent position and that the position be publicly advertised. If Council felt the incumbent should have been the only person considered for the job, they should have voiced this when the position was approved; then the position could have been established as permanent, and the incumbent could have been appointed on a probationary basis.

Mr. Meech agreed that this procedure did not follow the exact procedure as in the personnel policy, but it was a special situation. He further stated that they were trying to demonstrate to the Fire Chief's Association and the fire community that they would have some input and consultation in this exercise. Therefore, the Fire Advisory Board was delegated to go ahead with the selection process. He agreed it is technically his decision as to who would be hired for this position.

Mr. Meech advised the position was advertised publicly, and the applications were co-ordinated by the Personnel Manager in consultation with the Fire Advisory Board. There was a committee of three appointed by the Fire Advisory Board including Councillor Reid, Harold Richardson, and Percy Fawson. The committee interviewed eight people and they were not comfortable that they could choose an appropriate candidate from those eight. Therefore, they reviewed the existing applications and chose five more for interviews, after which they came to a consensus. A short list of three, with one specific recommendation, was presented to the Fire Advisory Board as requested. The recommendation carried after much discussion and Mr. Meech had discussed the recommendation with Mr. Fawson to ensure the recommended person had the necessary credentials. He concluded by reiterating that it was made abundantly clear up front that there was no guarantee the incumbent would carry on in the permanent position.

Mr. Meech agreed to the recommendation and the successful applicant was notified around the end of March. Mr. Meech informed that the incumbent fell within the list of three recommended to the Fire Advisory Board.

Councillor P. Baker continued to express his dissatisfaction with the new appointment pointing out that he knows someone from within the County who is qualified for the position, but did not get an interview. Further, if the incumbent lacks in any area, he can pick it up and practice it.

Warden MacKenzie advised that the new appointment has been notified, but Councillor P. Baker felt the appointment should have been approved by Council. Warden MacKenzie stated that he is not supportive of hiring somebody from another Municipality, but Council must delegate some work and they must also have some faith in the decisions staff make.



Councillor Deveaux stated he has always supported hiring the best person for the job, but if the incumbent was one of the top three and he has been doing a satisfactory job during his term, Councillor Deveaux felt it hard to believe that somebody had to be hired from outside this Municipality. Also, if the incumbent was one of the final three, he questioned the degree of discrepancy between the three finalists to really say that the incumbent would not qualify for the position.

Councillor McInroy clarified that when the temporary appointment was made, it was not made as a Fire Services Co-ordinator, which the incumbent became through the title. It was a research assistant type position for the Fire Advisory Board in order to determine whether or not a Fire Services Co-ordinator is required. He further clarified that at that time, only the unemployed could apply for the temporary position; people complained because they felt they were qualified but could not apply because they were employed. These people were told they could apply for the permanent position should it be approved. The incumbent has completed the job he was hired to do.

Councillor Walker stated that the Fire Advisory Board looked at this very seriously with a lot of consideration and discussion before a decision was made. Now that the decision has been made, Council should go along with it.

Councillor Reid explained the Fire Chief's Association did make a recommendation as to what procedure should be followed in the hiring of the Fire Services Research and Development Officer. They requested they be part of the hiring process, and the Fire Advisory Board agreed, along with a Member of Council and the Personnel Manager. He stated there were 63 applications for the job which Mr. Fawson reduced to a list of eight which included the incumbent. Upon interviewing, however, none of those eight were prominent candidates. Therefore, five others were interviewed from which one stood out above everybody. This was an unanimous decision of the selection committee. The recommendation was made to the Fire Advisory Board along with two other names, and the Fire Advisory Board agreed to this recommendation. The procedure was somewhat different because the Fire Chief's Association requested they be part of the decision-making process. The Fire Chiefs' Association also requested that the successful applicant have certain qualifications which included three to five years experience in the fire services. The person who was hired has 15 years as a member of a volunteer fire department; the incumbent did not have any. Councillor Reid concluded by indicating his feelings that the decision of the Fire Advisory Board was the right decision.

Councillor Eisenhower pointed out that the title of the position is very important. It has been determined that the title "Fire Co-ordinator" is offensive to the volunteer fire departments, and the title is now "Fire Services Research and Development Officer". He stated that Council agreed to the hiring process and delegated the responsibility to the Fire Advisory Board, so they should not question their decision.

Councillor DeRoche informed it was not his intention to question the judgement of the interview committee, but to determine that the procedures had been reviewed and that Mr. Meech was satisfied the policy has been adhered to. He asked Mr. Meech if Mr. Tobin has recourse under the personnel policy.

Mr. Meech informed the position Mr. Tobin was hired for was temporary and he was clearly informed of this when he was appointed to the position. There was no commitment beyond the fact that he was filling a temporary position.

Councillor DeRoche pointed out that the temporary position had been extended, and on this basis and the County's personnel policy it would appear that Mr. Tobin would have recourse.

Councillor Reid informed that Council approved the extension on the condition that the temporary position end upon the hiring of the Fire Services Research and Development Officer.

Councillor P. Baker informed that nobody in this position will be welcome in District 4. Warden MacKenzie stated that this will happen in some areas of the County, but in others, the position will be welcome.

Councillor Mont asked if any effort will be made to accommodate the incumbent in another vacancy for which he is qualified. Mr. Meech informed that presently there are no vacancies, but if something comes up he will be welcome to apply and he will be considered. Mr. Tobin will be kept on until the end of April and he has been advised to take advantage of any time needed for seeking alternative employment.

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

"THAT the Chief Administrative Officer be directed to keep Mr. Tobin in mind and seriously consider him for any position which may become vacant."  
MOTION DEFEATED.

Councillor DeRoche pointed out that the personnel policy stipulates that preference will be given to present employees. Reinforcing this policy by this motion is unnecessary.

#### Councillor Deveaux - Visit to Shearwater

Councillor Deveaux informed that he would like to make arrangements for Councillors to tour Shearwater. It is the biggest single piece of real estate in Halifax County, and it would be a good idea for Councillors to see it. One potential date for the tour is April 9, and if this is not suitable, perhaps April 11 is better. The tour will begin around 9:30 a.m. He asked members of Council to let him know whether or not they will attend, and he would later confirm the date and time.

ADDITION OF ITEMS TO THE APRIL 15, 1986 COUNCIL SESSION

Councillor Mont asked what Council should be doing since the report on annexation has been made public. He felt Council should take the next step. Mr. Meech informed that Council should get together within the next month to review where they stand and determine where they will go. In the meantime, he stated he would attempt to get more solid financial information, and meet with the Deputy Minister to discuss the possibility of them providing staff to work on the key recommendation.

Councillor MacDonald - Priorities, Capital Grants

IN-CAMERA ITEM

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

"THAT Council go in-camera."  
MOTION CARRIED

Members of Council agreed to come out of camera.

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

"THAT Council hereby (unanimously) confirms the subject matter relating to the position of Director of Planning and Development and the employment therein of Mr. Keith Birch under discussion by Council at its's regular Council Session on April 1st, 1986, while in camera, and further hereby adopts and ratifies by motion the conclusions reached therein and further instructs the Chief Administrative Officer to fully carry out and implement the instructions of Council with regard thereto.  
MOTION CARRIED.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the Council Session adjourned.



COUNCIL SESSION

APRIL 15, 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 Snow  
Councillor Merrigan  
Councillor MacKay  
Councillor McInroy  
Councillor Eisenhower  
Councillor MacDonald  
Deputy Warden Wiseman

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

SECRETARY: Glenda Higgins

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Warden MacKenzie called the Council Session to order at 6:05 p.m. with the Lord's Prayer. Mr. Kelly called the Roll.

APPOINTMENT OF RECORDING SECRETARY

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

"THAT Glenda Higgins be appointed as Recording Secretary."  
MOTION CARRIED.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

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

"THAT the minutes of the March 18, 1986, Regular Session of Council be approved as circulated."  
MOTION CARRIED.

AGENDA ITEMS

Councillor Adams - North Preston  
Councillor P. Baker - First Chain Lake  
- Missing Link  
Councillor C. Baker - Housing Commission  
Councillor Deveaux - Rehab Centre  
- Visit to Shearwater

MEETING WITH OFFICIALS, RE 911 EMERGENCY NUMBER

Councillor Eisenhower declared a conflict of interest.

Brian Smith from the Planning Division of the Metropolitan Authority and Colin Latham from Maritime Tel & Tel were in attendance to make this presentation.

Mr. Latham advised that 911 deals with the communication link between a person in distress and relative agencies; it has nothing to do with communication within the agencies. He further advised there is no economic benefit to the general public; it is a benefit in terms of improving the service and communication link between the general public and the emergency agencies.

Mr. Latham next displayed a slide presentation which began with the benefits of a 911 system. He stated there is a reduced response time because the system allows the general public to get to the emergency agency required within a response time of one and one-half to four minutes. One call will get all necessary agencies because the 911 operator will get to all required agencies.

The second benefit of 911 is that it is easy to recall because it consists of only three digits. It is a number that will stick in the mind during an emergency, when longer numbers will slip the mind.

Third, 911 is very easy to dial. It is only a three digit number, and in the case of a rotary dial telephone, the digit 1 is the shortest number that can be dialed. It must be preceded with a 9 for technical reasons, but 911 is the shortest number that can be used, cutting down in response time.

Another advantage of 911 is that it is universal. It is a number well known throughout North America and is known to be an emergency number.

911 provides improved coordination between various emergency agencies. The central agency takes all 911 calls, and they can assess which agency should be involved in the emergency effort.

Mr. Latham next reviewed the basic features of a 911 system, the first being "hold and trace." With this feature, a call can be traced in order to determine where an emergency call came from. There is also a ring-back capability that will ring-back to the caller for further information should it be necessary. This can take place, even if the phone has not been replaced in its cradle. Another basic feature is

"forced disconnect." This feature will disconnect calls identified as crank calls so that all lines are open for emergency calls. Mr. Latham next advised there are direct trunks to the emergency network, so callers will not get busy signals. This will get emergency calls directly to the emergency agency regardless of the number of people using the phone at that time. Direct transfer circuits allow, if needed, to transfer the emergency call from the caller to the emergency agency for a direct conversation between the two.

Mr. Latham next explained the enhanced features which included the basic features plus the enhanced features. There is automatic number identification and automatic location identification which allow the 911 operators to identify the calling number and the location of the calling number. The street address can be displayed with the number. Mr. Latham also advised that special warnings can be built into the data base that will warn of toxic chemicals or other dangers at the site of an emergency call.

Mr. Latham next discussed the commitment of MT&T once the 911 system is installed. He advised the presentation is not a sales pitch, but he is simply working with the Metropolitan Authority and the various Municipalities in order to determine if a 911 system will be the best for these Municipalities. Should this system be implemented, MT&T would have to modify 28 switching centres in order to take a 911 call. This modification will be of no cost to the Municipalities, but it would probably cost over \$1 million to implement the system. Also the pay stations within the County have already been modified which will allow for a 911 call without a quarter. The pay stations have also been modified to touch tone so it is easier to get in touch with the 911 operator. There will be no additional charges to make a 911 call from locations distant from Halifax. Mr. Latham advised that Maritime Tel & Tel would work with the various Municipalities, and the Metropolitan Authority to help engineer and design a 911 system to meet the necessary requirements.

Mr. Latham next spoke of System Configurations. He advised there are 28 switching centres throughout the County of Halifax and from those switching centres 911 calls would be connected to a central 911 agency. This would be an eight position switchboard, manned 24 hours a day, seven days a week. These operators would then have direct access lines to the individual emergency agencies. These operators would be trained on how to extract information, how to deal with emergencies, how to deal with distressed people, and they would be able to, in the most quick and direct manner, get the information needed in order to dispatch an emergency agency.

Mr. Latham next explained how Maritime Tel & Tel looked at implementing this idea for all Municipalities involved, and he reviewed the financial proposals which were circulated to Council Members.

Mr. Latham advised there are a number of factors associated with implementing a 911 system. First, it would be appropriate to implement a 911 system coincident with the issuance of the Halifax/Dartmouth area telephone directory because in the front of the directory there is



information on how to contact emergency numbers and there are listings for all the various emergency numbers. Therefore, the numbers would be changed at the time of the issuances of the telephone directories. There would also be some publicity involved. Second, a two year lead time is required to implement the system and get it ready to go. Therefore, if authority were now given to implement the 911 system, it would not be effective until April, 1988. If this direction is not given this month, the system could not be implemented until April, 1989.

Brian Smith advised he would be referring to the memorandum that had been circulated to Members of Council. He stated that the Metropolitan Authority had received a similar presentation from Maritime Tel & Tel, and they were requested to look at the idea of a 911 system from the minds of some of the elected officials on the Metropolitan Authority and from various interest groups in the community. The Metropolitan Authority recognized the benefit of a metro 911 system, and they also recognized that a decision would have to be made quickly, if the system is to be implemented by April, 1988. Maritime Tel & Tel is looking for approval in principle from the Municipalities involved. Mr. Smith next outlined the monetary tables included in the memorandum circulated, and reviewed much of Mr. Latham's presentation. He felt the Municipalities should not be looking at an enhanced system, but the basic would be sufficient. He reminded Councillors that the Metropolitan Authority looked at 911 before. The first time this proposal was investigated, a very detailed report was done, and it was rejected. The approach this time is less complete. The Metropolitan Authority has not established where the service could be provided from. Mr. Smith advised that the Metropolitan Authority is looking for Municipal agreement before the matter is taken much further. Agreement in principle from the Municipalities involved, would start the process rolling with Maritime Tel & Tel. Once the process is started, Maritime Tel & Tel will be ordering a lot of equipment, investing substantial dollars and manpower. Therefore, agreement is necessary before the process can begin.

Councillor C. Baker asked what happened when this proposal was presented to the County a few years ago. Mr. Meech advised there was not a consensus in the metropolitan area to go ahead with one central 911 system. From the County's point-of-view, we do not have the practical options that the cities do in this instance. At that time, the cities were also not prepared to accept the proposal. Cost was also another factor.

Councillor Deveaux asked if the system being considered is the basic system. Mr. Smith advised from the telephone company information available, the enhanced 911 system would not be immediately available. Therefore, we would be starting with the basic 911 system. Councillor Deveaux next asked if there were any figures available designating the cost for the County, should it be implemented. Mr. Smith advised this is outlined on Table 2 of the circulated memorandum. The total annual operating cost would be \$750,760, and the County would pay approximately \$186,854. Other factors, such as agencies involved, would also have to be considered. It would be amortized over a five

year period. In total, it would cost approximately \$200,000 per year over a five year period.

Councillor DeRoche clarified that the system would start as a basic system, and then MT&T would be working on an enhanced system in the interim, to be implemented in a short period of time afterwards. He next asked if the figures quoted earlier are in addition to what is already being paid in respect to provision of an emergency communication system. Mr. Smith advised there is hope for savings, but the amount of savings will depend on the level of cooperation. It would also depend on the specifics of the service. Councillor DeRoche next asked when a decision would have to be conveyed through the Metropolitan Authority to Maritime Tel & Tel. Mr. Smith advised if the system is to be implemented by 1988, a decision would have to be made very quickly. However, this does not allow much flexibility to do a detailed study. If a detailed study is required, the system will not be implemented until 1989. Councillor DeRoche clarified that regardless of which system is approved, basic or enhanced, it is not possible for implementation before two years.

Councillor MacDonald commented that lack of participation by the RCMP was a contributing factor to rejection of the system in 1982. The RCMP did not want to get involved in a 911 system. Therefore, Council should see their willingness to participate before approving this system.

Councillor Reid asked if such a system and the figures involved would include the whole County because part of the County goes through the central office in Truro. Mr. Latham showed a drawing and stated that areas which go through the central office in Truro have been included. However, there are tiny pieces of other exchanges that may not be involved. Councillor Reid next asked how this would work with respect to party lines that are busy. Mr. Latham stated that you have to tell the party using the line you have an emergency and then dial 911.

Warden MacKenzie asked what happens when a call is traced to a pay phone, but the party has left the phone. Mr. Latham advised that pay phones are easier to trace than others because they have a special number code, and people are dispatched to the area of the pay phone to look for the emergency.

Councillor McInroy asked if there will be some kind of a fund to replace equipment, because it is understood such equipment only has a life span of ten years. Mr. Latham agreed the equipment has an estimated life span of ten years, and Mr. Smith has shown an amortization of the capital dollars which could be looked at on a continuing basis or the capital payment can go into a replacement fund. Councillor McInroy next asked how the benefits of the 911 system could be measured to show the taxpayers their advantage. Mr. Latham advised there are many documented cases of 911 systems that are in place of where people believe the system has saved their lives. Emergency service can be sent to the place the call came from even though no information was given. Mr. Latham stated the benefits cannot be shown on figures because it is so intangible. Councillor McInroy asked if Mr. Latham



could expand on the difficulties the RCMP had when the proposal was put forth before. Mr. Latham advised that Maritime Tel & Tel has not been able to sit down with the emergency services to discuss how the system would be specifically implemented. There will be much negotiation after the go ahead is given. He stated he was not part of the organization in 1982, so he could not comment on the problems at that time. Mr. Smith stated this is why approval in principle is being discussed. Some arrangement would have to be made with the RCMP to handle 911 calls. There would still be individual dispatch units at the fire and police departments, but this is a new municipal service and the total cost of this on an annual basis is not that greatest relative to other on-going services, particularly if ways to cut costs can be found. With a strong commitment to proceed and to cooperate, costs can be cut substantially. Councillor McInroy commented that this may be an extra layer to go through in the event of an emergency. He asked how this can be the most popular method in North America. Mr. Latham advised that from the view of Maritime Tel & Tel, it appears the majority of 911 systems are decentralized which are considered to be very beneficial. He also commented that the RCMP may have been opposed to the proposal in 1982 because the system being considered at that time was a centralized answering and a centralized dispatch system. The RCMP did not like having their manpower dispatched by civilians.

Councillor Lichter asked if Elmsdale and Shubenacadie lines will be included in this service. These two exchanges serve District 13, but they originate from other Counties. Mr. Latham stated that these areas were not included in the original proposal. The approach taken was if the exchange is predominately in the County of Halifax, they would be included in the system. In the case of Shubenacadie and Elmsdale, only a small portion of the exchange is within Halifax County and it will pose a very difficult problem because the County boundaries and the telephone exchange boundaries will never coincide. Something will have to be worked out to cover all residents of the County. These details will be worked out after approval in principal is granted. Councillor Lichter next stated that party lines have been a problem in Halifax County for a long period of time. The 911 system is a system that will help us and it will help Maritime Tel & Tel financially. If the Municipality buys this system, is there any possibility that the County will be converted to private lines, rather than leaving them on party lines, which really legates the effectiveness of 911 completely. Maritime Tel & Tel recently attended a meeting in Meaghers Grant, and at that time, they admitted it is not simply to shout and get another party off the line. You have to wait until they get off, which is not always right away. Mr. Latham stated he is not giving a sales pitch. This system will be a cost to Maritime Tel & Tel; they will lose money. Maritime Tel & Tel is going to spend \$900,000 to \$1 million to put this system in, and the participating Municipalities will not recompense Maritime Tel & Tel. With respect to multi-party lines, there are approximately 39,000 party lines within the province of Nova Scotia. Within the next two years, this will reduce to 26,000 lines. Nova Scotia is one of lowest multi-party line fills in Canada. It is costly to implement single party service, but it is the intention of Maritime Tel & Tel to study this further, make proposals to the Public Utilities Board, and to see what can be done about the situation.



Councillor Lichter next asked what would happen if the Municipalities agreed in principle now and later changed their minds. He felt approval should not be camouflaged by "in principle". Warden MacKenzie agreed, and suggested if Council is to make a commitment to Maritime Tel & Tel, they should stick with it, and there should not be any "approval in principle."

Councillor MacKay expressed difficulty in making a commitment until the costs are known. There are too many unknown factors at this point in time, which could escalate the costs. He asked what happens when a call comes to the 911 operator. Mr. Latham advised the operator is trained in determining what the nature of the problem is, the name and address of the person calling, and the 911 operator will then access a direct line to the appropriate emergency agency. At that point in time, they can be kept on the line and directly connected to the agency, or the 911 operator can transfer the emergency information. This will be part of the training for the 911 operators, and there will be agreement by the various agencies as to how calls will be handled. Councillor MacKay recalled that the RCMP did not want to be involved in the system in 1982 because they had to have direct voice communication with the person calling in. The level of security required for a person answering such calls is not as required. After more comments from Councillor MacKay, Mr. Latham advised that more than one emergency agency would have to be involved from the beginning. Should a 911 system be put in for the Cities of Halifax and Dartmouth, it could be expanded at some time in the future to include the County.

Councillor McInroy asked for a comment on the phrase "in principle". Mr. Smith advised the Metropolitan Authority has asked for approval on the understanding that the cost figures before you should be reasonably conservative estimates of the financial obligations involved. In terms of staff time, the telephone company is reluctant to tie up a great deal of time and effort only to discover they are back at a question of cooperation.

Councillor Deveaux asked if the approval could be subject to the approval of other metro areas. Mr. Smith stated this would be a reasonable way to condition approval. This is the only way the "metro example" would work. Councillor Deveaux next asked what the intentions are after approval in principle is received. Mr. Smith advised the telephone company would begin to order equipment and do what is necessary to convert their switching stations. This system would have to be budgetted for in the Metropolitan Authority Budget in some way by 1988. With two years to work on it, there would be progress reports to tell what is happening to these costs. Approval in principle would require by-laws to be passed quickly in order for the Authority to assume such a service. The final question would be the dollars to be spent on the service. Councillor Deveaux stated he would be interested to hear the Municipal Solicitor's comment on the term "in principle." In Mr. Cragg's absence from the Council Chambers, Mr. Meech advised he interprets approval in principle as meaning the go ahead has been given; unless something comes out a lot different than presented, the implementation of the system will proceed. Mr. Smith agreed, and

stated that it is difficult to say approval to actually proceed without the detailed costs available. However, without a strong commitment to the telephone company, the project cannot proceed any further. The detailed report from 1982 is available with many facts and figures.

Mr. Meech commented that 911 direct dispatch would lower the net costs to the Municipality than what is proposed because this will be on top of everything else. When the system is sold on the basis that it is decentralized, it will mean the emergency agencies may not lobby against it, and they interpret it as acceptable but not cutting back on their dispatch. Mr. Meech also observed that the likelihood of achieving direct dispatch with a central 911 system would probably only come in the second phase.

Councillor Reid commented that the fire department and the RCMP that serve Halifax County have not even agreed to participate in this system. Council should not discuss spending \$230,000 per year not knowing if other parties are willing to cooperate. Much more information is needed before approval in principle is given. Mr. Smith advised that a cost estimate has been given for a full system, and if parts of the system did not agree to participate, the costs should lower.

Councillor MacKay stated if he were given some type of assurance that the RCMP would participate, he would be prepared to put forth a resolution in favour of participation in the system under certain conditions. However, given the unknown factors, Councillor MacKay stated there are difficulties in implementing the system. A resolution in favour of this tonight would probably not pass, because it would be committing Council to too much for the information available.

Councillor DeRoche suggested that this matter be discussed among Council Members later in the evening. The decision of Council could then be conveyed to the Metropolitan Authority. Members of Council agreed to discuss this matter later in the evening.

#### GIRL GUIDES

Warden MacKenzie welcomed a group of Girl Guides from the Lakeside/Timberlea area. They were in attendance working toward a special badge.

Councillor Poirier welcomed the Girl Guides and introduced each of them to Council. Councillor Poirier also described the County crest and its origin to the Girl Guides.

#### LETTERS AND CORRESPONDENCE

##### CN Real Estate

Mr. Kelly advised this letter is in respect to the abandoned rail line between Eastern Passage and Upper Musquodoboit, and advised that CN

Real Estate is looking for a response from the Municipality respecting Council's interest in the right-of-way.

Councillor Lichter advised that one and one-half years ago Council passed a motion asking the Provincial Department of Lands and Forests to express no interest in the abandoned CN rail line in order to give the Municipality an opportunity to examine the situation, to meet with the public, and to ascertain as to what their wishes are. Leases have been given to abutters for the CN right-of-way, but Councillor Lichter advised he had not been aware this was only a temporary measure. Nor did he know that this offer would come to the Municipality.

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

"THAT a committee of three Councillors be appointed as a special committee to hold no more than three meetings in the communities affected, from Musquodoboit Harbour to Upper Musquodoboit, to examine the wishes of the public before a recommendation is made to Council with regard to what will be done."

MOTION CARRIED.

At Warden MacKenzie's suggestion, Council Members agreed to have Councillor Lichter, Councillor Reid, and Councillor Bayers sit on this committee.

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

"THAT this item of correspondence be received."

MOTION CARRIED.

#### Department of Municipal Affairs

Mr. Kelly advised this letter is for information, acknowledging receipt of Council's letter and application to the department for financial assistance towards the expansion of the Eastern Passage sewage treatment plant.

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

"THAT this item of correspondence be received."

MOTION CARRIED.

#### PLANNING ADVISORY COMMITTEE REPORT

Application No. RA-24-77-85-08 to Amend the Municipality's Zoning By-law 24 by Rezoning Lot X2 of the Lands of Mrs. Seymour LaPierre, Highway No. 7, Preston.

Mr. Kelly outlined the report from the Planning Advisory Committee, advising it is their recommendation that Council adopt staff's recommendation of rejection of this application.



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

"THAT Application No. RA-24-77-85-08 be rejected as per staff's recommendation."  
MOTION CARRIED.

Application No. RA-CH/W-08-86-21 Rezone Lot MR-1 of the Murray Ritcey Subdivision, Ritcey Crescent, Cole Harbour

Mr. Kelly outlined the report advising it the the recommendation of the Planning Advisory Committee that this application be approved and that a public hearing be held on this matter on June 23, 1986, at 7 p.m.

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

"THAT Application No. RA-CH/W-08-86-21 be approved and that a public hearing be held on this matter on June 23, 1986, at 7 p.m."  
MOTION CARRIED.

Crandell Developments, Extension of Central Sewerage System

Mr. Kelly outlined the report from the Planning Advisory Committee.

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

"THAT the central sewerage services be extended to the lands identified in Figure No. 1 of the staff report."  
MOTION CARRIED.

Application No. PA-SA-02-86 to Amend the Municipal Planning Strategy and Zoning By-law for Sackville - Construction of Apartment Building adjacent to Hillcrest Memorial Gardens on Sackville Drive

Mr. Kelly outlined the report and advised it is the recommendation of the Planning Advisory Committee that this application be denied.

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

"THAT Application No. PA-SA-02-86 be denied as per the Planning Advisory Committee's recommendation."  
MOTION CARRIED.

Application No.s DA-SA-37-85-16, DA-SA-38-85-16, and DA-SA-39-85-16 of Riverview Subdivision, Sami Drive, Lower Sackville

Mr. Kelly advised that the Planning Advisory Committee are recommending to Council that staff's recommendation for approval of the application be accepted and that a public hearing be set for June 16, 1986, at 7 p.m.

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

"THAT Application No.s DA-SA-37-85-16, DA-SA-38-85-16, and DA-SA-39-85-16 be accepted and a public hearing with respect to these applications be held on June 16, 1986, at 7 p.m."  
MOTION CARRIED.

Application No. RA-CH/W-09-86-21 Rezone Lot TD-18 of the Forest Hills Land Assembly, 479 Arklow Drive, Cole Harbour

Mr. Kelly outlined the report and the recommendation of the Planning Advisory Committee.

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

"THAT Application No. RA-CH/W-09-86-21 be approved and a public hearing be held on June 16, 1986, at 7 p.m."  
MOTION CARRIED.

File No. ZA-EP/CB-30-86-06 Proposed Land-Use Amendment, Eastern Passgae, - Department of Housing

Councillor McInroy declared a conflict of interest.

Mr. Kelly outlined the report and the recommendation from the Planning Advisory Committee.

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

"THAT File No. ZA-EP/CB-30-86-06 be approved and a public hearing be set for June 16, 1986, at 7 p.m."  
MOTION CARRIED.

Application No. RA-EP/CB-27-86-06 Rezoning of Lot XY-22A, located off Cow Bay Road at Eastern Passage

Mr. Kelly advised the purpose of the rezoning is as indicated in the report, and it is the recommendation of the Planning Advisory Committee to Council that the application be approved and a date for a public hearing be set for June 16, 1986, at 7 p.m.

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

"THAT Application No. RA-EP/CB-27-86-06 be approved and a public hearing be held with respect to this application on June 16, 1986, at 7 p.m."  
MOTION CARRIED.

BUILDING INSPECTORS REPORT

Lesser Side Yard Clearance

Mr. Kelly read the report from Mr. Hefler.

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

"THAT approval be granted for a lesser side yard clearance of 4.5 feet to Terrance Flemming, 150 Ketch Harbour East."  
MOTION CARRIED.

Building Permit Application No. 76660

Mr. Kelly outlined the report from Mr. Hefler and advised that Council's approval of this request is recommended by the Building Inspector.

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

"THAT Council approve of the construction of a second storey to the Fire Hall at Herring Cove in the R-2 Zone."  
MOTION CARRIED.

DEVELOPMENT OFFICER'S REPORT

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

"THAT the Development Officer's Report be accepted as submitted."  
MOTION CARRIED.

COLE HARBOUR BRANCH LIBRARY PROPOSAL

Mr. Kelly read a letter from Mary Gilliss, Secretary of the Halifax County Regional Library Board, asking that Council officially endorse the proposal and notify the Minister of Education.

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

"THAT Council approve the Cole Harbour Library Branch proposal and budget, and that the Minister of Education be notified of this approval and of Council's willingness to fund its portion for the branch costs once the Department of Education agrees to its share."  
MOTION CARRIED.

FCM CONFERENCE

Mr. Kelly advised that recently Councillors received a package with respect to the FCM conference, and Council should select delegates for attending the conference to be held during the first week of June in Hamilton, Ontario.

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

"THAT Warden MacKenzie be authorized to select delegates to attend the FCM Conference during the first week of June in Hamilton, Ontario."  
MOTION CARRIED.

It was clarified that eight Councillors would attend the conference, three voting delegates, three alternates, and two observers.

BEAVER BANK TRANSIT DEMONSTRATION

Mr. Kelly advised that a staff report was attached to the supplementary agenda with regard to the financial implications of the Beaver Bank transit demonstration.



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

"THAT the report from Mr. Wilson, Director of Finance, regarding the Beaver Bank transit demonstration be received."  
MOTION CARRIED.

Councillor MacKay noted the recommendation at the bottom of the report, and questioned the need for a formal resolution. Mr. Meech advised this recommendation was included in the report inadvertently. He stated that Council authorized a sum of up to \$12,000 when they authorized participation in the program.

#### EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPORT

##### Withdrawal from Vehicle Reserve Fund

Mr. Kelly outlined the report from the Executive Committee.

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

"THAT Council approve of a withdrawal from the vehicle reserve fund of \$5,045 for the purpose of acquiring a tractor for the Parks and Recreation Department."  
MOTION CARRIED.

##### Grants to Organizations - 1986

Mr. Kelly read the report from the Executive Committee, advising it is their recommendation that the requests for grants to the Cobequid Multi Service Centre and the Dartmouth General Hospital be removed from the list of grants to organizations for the purpose of having these two requests considered separately by Council.

Councillor MacKay advised it was the feeling of the Executive Committee that these matters should be debated by Council as a whole.

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

"THAT grants to the Cobequid Multi Service Centre and the Dartmouth General Hospital be deferred until budget deliberations."  
MOTION CARRIED.

##### Residential Rehabilitation Assistance Program

Mr. Kelly read the report from the Executive Committee, advising it is their recommendation that the Municipality endeavor to become the carrying agent for RRAP for the entire County. Councillor Adams stated that the portion of the County served by the Preston Area Housing Fund was to be exempted.

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

"THAT the Municipality endeavor to become the carrying agent for RRAP for the entire County exempting the area served by the Preston Area Housing Fund."  
MOTION CARRIED.

Request for District Capital Grant, General Parkland Grant, and District Parkland Grant, District 4

Mr. Kelly advised a report with respect to this request had been circulated. The request is for a district capital grant, \$6,000; a general parkland grant, \$9,300; and a district parkland grant, \$1,700. The purpose of the request is to acquire a parcel of land at Terence Bay for a recreation park and boat launch area. Mr. Kelly advised this was dealt with at the Executive Committee meeting last Thursday and was recommended to Council for approval.

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

"THAT District Capital Grant, District 4 in the amount of \$6,000; a General County Parkland Grant in the amount of \$9,300; and a District Parkland Grant, District 4 in the amount of \$1,700 be approved by Council"  
MOTION CARRIED.

Councillor P. Baker advised this piece of land is in Terence Bay on the Terence Bay River. He stated that a local group had been encouraged by the MLA for the area, Mr. Lawrence, as well as Mr. McInnes. Application was made for funding to help with this project, but there has been no reply. There is a possibility that provincial funding may be provided, and if it is, Councillor P. Baker suggested that the money for the land would be returned to the County. Councillor P. Baker advised this would be the only launching pad to Councillor Fralick's district, and it will be open to the public under the direction of the Municipal Department of Parks and Recreation. Mr. Markesino has advised he feels this parcel is most suitable for this proposal.

Warden MacKenzie asked Deputy Warden Wiseman to take the chair.

URBAN SERVICES COMMITTEE REPORT

Mill Cove Treatment Plant Lands

Mr. Kelly outlined the report of the Urban Services Committee, and advised it is their recommendation that Council approve in principle the conveyance of the plant and lands to the Bedford Waterfront Development Corporation and that the CAO and the Solicitor negotiate an agreement. This agreement is to be tabled with the Urban Services Committee for discussion and recommendation to Council.

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

"THAT Council approve in principle the conveyance of the plant and lands to the Bedford Waterfront Development Corporation and that the Chief Administrative Officer and the Municipal Solicitor negotiate an agreement; the agreement to be tabled with the Urban Services Committee for discussion and recommendation to Council."  
MOTION CARRIED.

#### METROPOLITAN AUTHORITY REPORT

Councillor MacDonald informed that at the last meeting of the Metropolitan Authority, the auditor's statement was accepted, the three year capital budget was discussed, and the capital cost of the Metropolitan Authority was referred to staff for further information. There was also discussion on problems encountered with the Dartmouth Transfer Station, the Halifax Transfer Station, and the Landfill site. There has been a 13 percent increase in refuse which creates a problem with commercial haulers getting to the stations on time to deposit garbage.

Councillor MacDonald advised that commercial haulers were at the Metropolitan Authority meeting, and they stated they do not have enough time for collections, they get to the stations late, and on the weekends the stations are quite congested with people from the area using the facilities. There was a meeting between commercial haulers and the Metropolitan Authority last week, and through negotiations, this past weekend was not as bad. It is hoped that the problem was connected to the large amount of snow this past winter, with a lot of refuse laying around.

Councillor MacDonald next informed that Mr. Dexter Kaulback had been appointed to the Metropolitan Transit Commission for Halifax; the City of Dartmouth received approval for the Sunday and holiday service on routes 56, 57, and 59; and the extension of Gordon B. Isnor Manor was approved.

Councillor DeRoche added that Cliff Moir was elected to the position of Chairman of the Metropolitan Transit Commission and Councillor MacDonald to the position of Vice Chairman.

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

"THAT the Metropolitan Authority report be accepted as presented."  
MOTION CARRIED.

Councillor McInroy felt the transfer station/landfill site problem is due to the weekends because they are full with commercial refuse on Friday evening and not cleaned out until after the weekend. Many residents are trying to get in during the weekend; one-half of the Halifax transfer station has been shut down on a number of occasions. Councillor McInroy stated that the vast majority of the 7.5 tons of garbage per week probably comes in on Thursday and Friday. With the



large number of Sunday openings now, the commercial haulers are being asked to pick up as late as possible on Friday so they will be available for use over the weekend. Some of the intensity of use will have to be shifted to another day of the week, or the site will have to be run six days per week.

Councillor MacKay advised he has had some complaints about late garbage pick up. He felt it was due to the weight restrictions on the road. He asked if, in the contract for Sackville, the contractor is supposed to haul to the landfill site, rather than the Dartmouth transfer station. Mr. Meech advised it was his understanding that the contractor had the option; however, this would have to be confirmed. Councillor MacDonald asked that this be clarified to save some problems. He believed all refuse is now being transferred directly to the Dartmouth site, which would put an extra burden on the Dartmouth transfer station. Mr. Meech agreed to clarify this before Thursday morning.

#### PRIORITIES OF CAPITAL GRANTS - COUNCILLOR MacDONALD

Councillor MacDonald asked where the priorities for capital grants stand. Mr. Meech advised he has the staff report on his desk, but he has not had the time to have it distributed to Council. This staff report will not provide all answers to all questions. Mr. Meech stated that Council will probably question whether or not we are in a position to look at other methods of financing the capital projects rather than being completely dependent on provincial money. Mr. Meech advised the report will be distributed within the next week.

Councillor MacDonald advised that the problem at Springfield Lake is growing and the people are pressuring him. Mr. Meech stated that the report does identify Springfield Lake as a high priority project. Perhaps after the report has been tabled and Council has approved it, it may be good to approach the government again for support for at least a phase of this proposal. Councillor MacDonald stated that if funding cannot be provided by the Province, some kind of in-house funding should be done because this project must be dealt with in the very near future.

#### 911 EMERGENCY TELEPHONE SYSTEM

Councillor DeRoche suggested that this matter be dealt with in conjunction with the Metropolitan Authority report. Members of Council agreed.

Councillor Eisenhower declared a conflict of interest.

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

"THAT Council endorse the 911 Emergency Telephone Numbering System and indicate to the Metropolitan Authority support so they can proceed on the basis that the Cities of Dartmouth, Halifax, and the Town of Bedford also endorse the system and prepare to cost share in its implementation."

Councillor MacKay expressed support in principle, but he still had questions. He stated he did not want to see the Municipality locked into paying \$200,000 per year unless there was some kind of insurance that this service would be implemented throughout the confines of the County. The question of the RCMP and the local fire department cooperation should also be clarified. There are too many unanswered questions to give approval to this proposal.

Councillor Walker agreed with Councillor MacKay. He felt this matter should be deferred until discussions are held with the emergency agencies involved in order to get answers to these questions.

Councillor MacDonald suggested an addition to the motion that would allow approval subject to the accommodation of the total Municipality by this service. He also expressed concern over the number of unanswered questions.

Councillor Snow stated he would not vote in favour of this motion until more answers are found about two communities in his district that receive their fire and police protection from another county.

Councillor Deveaux felt this will be a good system, and it will benefit the County. It will be costly for the first few years, but common sense dictates that it will eventually save money, and it will save lives. Councillor Deveaux expressed particular concern with the RCMP and whether or not they would be willing to cooperate in this system. He suggested the motion include approval subject to the RCMP participating in the system.

Councillor DeRoche agreed there are many questions to be resolved. Councillor DeRoche felt the intent of Maritime Tel & Tel was to service the entire County or at least the portion of the County that could be included in the system with adjustments to the existing switching systems outside of the County but provide service to portions of the County. With modifications and adjustments to the internal system by Maritime Tel & Tel, the greatest portion of the County could be accommodated. There will probably have to be changes made to the telephone systems, one being the uprooting of party lines in the County of Halifax. Councillor DeRoche pointed out that the County of Halifax will not incur costs until 1988. This equates to one cent on the general tax rate, and by the time the system is implemented, the assessment of the Municipality will be considerably greater than it is now, which will reduce the general tax rate.

Councillor Lichter indicated that all questions should be answered. Fire protection, ambulance service, and police protection agencies should show their cooperation. Councillor Lichter also pointed out that Mr. Latham made no reference to Halifax County when speaking of the cutback in party lines. He spoke of the province, and he informed that they will only be cut to 26,000 party lines. Councillor Lichter expressed a need for figures from Maritime Tel & Tel in writing as to the number of present subscribers in Halifax County who have party lines service now and the anticipated number in 1987. He commented he did not know where Maritime Tel & Tel is going with party line service,



and to party line users, 911 is an easier number to remember but hard one to use. Councillor Lichter felt the money could be used to improve the present service, rather than providing a service to party line users who cannot use it.

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

"THAT the matter of 911 Emergency Telephone Service be deferred until such time that Council is satisfied that questions concerning the cooperation of the RCMP, the cooperation of the fire departments, and the information sought from Maritime Tel & Tel are going to be available to this Council."  
MOTION CARRIED.

Councillor MacKay expressed a need for a deadline in order to keep this matter alive.

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

"THAT the matter of 911 Emergency Telephone Service be discussed at the Executive Committee meeting of April 17, 1986."  
MOTION CARRIED.

Councillor Lichter informed he did not refer this to any particular committee because Mr. Smith indicated that much information was not available because there was not time in order to have this system implemented by 1988. Councillor Lichter felt the 1988 deadline would be missed, and there should be time made available for the Metropolitan Authority to come back with the answers to these questions. Therefore, the commitment will not be until 1989.

#### AGENDA ITEMS

##### Councillor Adams - North Preston

Councillor Adams informed that he has never before encountered spontaneous reaction as he had in the past 24 hours as the result of a front page story in the Mail Star on April 14. He informed the story is in reference to the community of North Preston; it is credited to the MLA for the area, Tom McInnes, and it references that housing conditions in North Preston are appalling; that no politicians over the years have ever delivered on promises; that a quiet and private investigation was carried out by the government (without involvement by the black community); that one complication to the search for solutions to the North Preston problems is a lack of trust by people in politicians; that the MLA feels an 80 percent unemployment rate is disgraceful and something should be done about it; that proper water and sewage facilities are needed. Councillor Adams added that the Lake Major Plan indentified water and sewer expansion as a priority. He continued with notes from the article indicating that the Province will be working to encourage agriculture development (this being the third such announcement in two years). The article further read that to make the corrections, it will take time and 100 percent involvement by black people or it is doomed.



Councillor Adams advised the church feels the remarks are in poor public taste and kills the sense of accomplishment. He had never heard from so many angry people about one point. He heard from residents throughout the County, from as far away as Sackville, from the Cities of Halifax and Dartmouth. from educators, teachers, and administrators and practically every black organization in the region. He advised the expressions were of shock, dismay, and disbelief of the Minister's expressions. He stated the story has implications to the County of Halifax. The School Board, the Preston Area Housing Fund, and the Watershed Corporation have been working together towards improved conditions in the community, and the conditions have improved. There has been reluctance on the part of some senior governments to cooperate in this manner. He advised that his predecessors and himself have done their best with what they had to work with. Also trust is earned by politicians from the people who voted for them. Many comments in this article should be qualified.

Councillor Adams passed comments along from the Chairman of the Preston Area Housing Fund, which indicated her feelings that the senior members of government showed a lack of insensitivity and understanding. She was shocked that the Minister's remarks would infringe upon a "rich, cultural quality of life." He advised the issue has been brought to Council as a request by members of the community. Several leaders in the community have tried desparately to arrange a meeting with Mr. McInnes without success. Therefore,

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

"THAT Council assist in calling a meeting with the Honourable Tom McInnes, representatives of the community leadership, and perhaps the Warden to look at the specifics and the reflections that have been made."

MOTION CARRIED.

Councillor P. Baker expressed shock at the article as well. When he read it, he felt the community must have deteriorated since the late 1960's because at that time a special committee, The Welfare Committee, met with the people and heard their concerns and with some assistance new homes were built, a water supply was provided, a school was constructed, and many people got involved for the benefit of the community. He stated there is poor housing throughout the County. The article was in poor taste, and it did nothing to enhance the image of Preston. He felt the cabinet minister should have taken a different approach - one with benefits for the area.

Councillor DeRoche advised that he too had received many calls with regard to the subject newspaper article. It was interpreted as reflecting on other black communities of Cherry Brook and Lake Loon, and the general public do not make a distinction between communities. It has been considered that the newspaper remarks apply to District 7 black communities as well. Residents of all of District 7 were distressed to read this article because the conditions are not as represented by the newspaper. One man's outrage at the article indicated to Councillor DeRoche how the article is being interpreted by people who know of the conditions in these communities.