

Councillor DeRoche advised he has no objections to the motion. He asked what the difference is between the motion on the floor and the one which carried over one year ago. Councillor MacKay already referenced this motion. Councillor MacKay felt this motion was lost when the province rejected the site at that point in time. Councillor DeRoche advised that the motion was to the effect that the Executive Committee be empowered to proceed with optioning of the property and procurement of the property. There was no reference to any specific property. Councillor MacKay agreed to withdraw his motion, if the motion referenced by Councillor DeRoche still stands. Mr. Cragg advised if the motion was dealing with specific sites, and the options were exercised and lapsed, a new motion would be appropriate. Even if it was not, there is no harm in putting forth a new motion.

Councillor Lichter expressed concern over the Executive Committee being authorized to purchase. He felt the Executive Committee did not have authority to spend County money without agreement from Council as a whole. Mr. Meech informed the Executive Committee has not given anybody any authorization to proceed with any acquisition, but it can legally be done.

Councillor MacKay asked to have the motion reworded to read:

"THAT officials of the County be empowered to option those main parcels of property for three months and in the interim find information with regard to provincial consent that would be acceptable as a school site, statistics from the School Board to support the acquisition of land, and the price from the land owners; this movement would be with the intention to procure after the matter is resolved by Council."

Mr. Meech clarified that this motion is authorizing the go-ahead to get option agreements, and if it is desired to exercise these option agreements, Council approval would be required.

MOTION CARRIED.

RESOLUTION, RE PLEBISCITE, LAKEVIEW/WINDSOR JUNCTION/FALL RIVER FIRE DEPARTMENT

Mr. Kelly advised a memorandum was circulated to Members of Council with regard to this matter. He outlined the memorandum, advising that if the resolution is approved, the plebiscite will be conducted under the provisions of the Municipal Act.

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

"THAT the Municipal Council approve the conduct of a plebiscite under the provisions of the Municipal Act in District 14 Polling Divisions comprising Lakeview, Windsor Junction, and Fall River for the purpose of obtaining an opinion from the residents as to whether or not they are in favour of hiring four full-time paid firemen for the Lakeview/Windsor Junction/Fall River Fire Department, and that a public meeting be held to discuss this question prior to the plebiscite."

MOTION CARRIED.

TABLING OF REPORT, RE CAPITAL PROGRAM

Mr. Kelly advised copies of this report were sent to Members of Council last week with the agenda.

Mr. Meech advised there were two reports circulated. One was the staff study which is tabled, and the other was the specific three year capital program format required to be tabled with the Department of Municipal Affairs. He stated that until such time as this report is tabled, the County is not eligible for grants. He pointed out that although it is a three year capital program, it is reviewed on an annual basis. The Municipality should be trying to develop a more accurate reflection of the capital requirements of the Municipality over the next number of years.

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

"THAT approval of the three year capital program be authorized and submitted to the Department of Municipal Affairs to meet their technical requirements."

Councillor Eisenhauer stated he had some difficulty understanding the report. Mr. Meech informed the report is somewhat repetitive on an annual basis. However, it is safe to say that the major capital expenditure that has been given number one priority is presently before the Minister for final approval for special assistance is with respect to expansion to the sewage treatment plant and the upgrading of the force mains in Eastern Passage. Council also gave approval this year to improvements to the Lively Subdivision services; this is in the process of being worked on now. The next major capital program is the Springfield Lake program. The problem here has been obtaining additional provincial assistance under the special assistance program.

There was much more discussion with regard to clarification of the report and priority projects for the County in the near future.

Councillor Deveaux commented that this discussion is held annually. He felt it is time to set up a special Committee of the Whole meeting to decide what is going to be done, what the priorities are, and where the money is going to come from to accommodate all the requests. Otherwise, years down the road the same discussion will be taking place. He suggested this meeting may not discover a solution, but it should be looked at seriously. He also suggested that the provincial government be pressed to provide more funding. Mr. Meech agreed. He stated that the staff report included a recommendation to move on with this. He continued that if Council is not prepared to develop and take a position on a realistic capital program, things are dealt with on an ad-hoc basis. Eventually, many different "priority" requests are in front of Council for approval. Mr. Meech stated it is the intention to follow through with the recommendations made in the staff report. Many of the recommendations can be fulfilled at the staff level without a requirement for input from Council. There is a need, however, for a Committee of the Whole meeting to discuss the staff report and deal with the recommendations. There is a need for a firm commitment from Council to

work with staff in achieving this. There is also a need for some other means of generating funds for these capital projects. Council cannot continue to go on the assumption that the province will supply money for each project.

Councillor Adams asked if the method of taxation were changed to a general collection would provide more sources of revenue for such projects. Mr. Meech advised it would help in generating some additional dollars, but he felt that fellow Councillors in areas without water and sewer services would not agree to this.

After more discussion, Members of Council voted on the motion.

MOTION CARRIED.

Mr. Meech advised there was a memorandum attached to the report about capital programs suggesting two approaches: 1. to have the Executive Committee deal with it, and 2. to have a special session of Council to review the report and come to a consensus. Mr. Meech recommended that a meeting of the Committee of the Whole be held to deal with the report and to develop a more specific and accurate reflection of what the capital requirements of the County are.

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

"THAT a Committee of the Whole meeting be held with respect to the report, re capital programs."

MOTION CARRIED.

TABLING OF AUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

Warden MacKenzie advised that the audited statements had been distributed to Members of Council, and they are only for information purposes at this point in time. He stated he would make arrangements for the auditors to meet with Council to review the audited statements.

RURAL SERVICES REPORT

An Alternative Strategy to the Issue of Further Annexations and/or Incorporations

Mr. Kelly advised it is the recommendation of the Rural Services Committee that Council set a date for a special meeting to deal with this report.

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

"THAT a Committee of the Whole meeting be held on June 10, 1986, at 4 p.m. to deal with the strategy report on Annexations and/or Incorporations."

MOTION CARRIED.

Councillor McInroy extended appreciation to the Rural Services Committee for keeping this matter in mind. He felt it is a matter that must be dealt with, and Council should not let it drop.

Disposal of Sewage Effluent and Treatment Plant Sludge

Mr. Kelly read the report from the Rural Services Committee, advising that their recommendation is to have Council consider updating the Sludge Management Report to find a means for proper disposal of septic tank effluent and treatment plant sludge on a recommendation from the Engineering and Works Department that the report can deal with both issues.

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

"THAT Council consider updating the Sludge Management Report to find a means for proper disposal of septic tank effluent and treatment plant sludge on a recommendation from the Engineering and Works Department."

Councillor C. Baker informed that he received a call from Mr. Clowater, operator of Atlantic Sanitation, Harrietsfield. Mr. Clowater claimed that Dartmouth has informed him he will no longer be allowed to dump sludge or effluent. Mr. Clowater would like to know where he can now go to dump this material. The City of Halifax has also informed there will be no dumping into their system.

Councillor Lichter informed that the Rural Services Committee reached the conclusion that if this recommendation is followed, the problem will be solved for a short period of time. In the meantime, Councillor Lichter informed he would have the Atlantic Health Unit and the Board of Health look into the situation.

Mr. Wdowiak advised there was a meeting held with regard to this matter on May 2, 1986. At that meeting it was suggested by the Department of the Environment that the Sludge Management study prepared by the Municipality in 1981, be updated. The Department of the Environment informed they would be prepared to cost-share in the updating of this study. Mr. Wdowiak expressed difficulty in that he was not sure what good updating this report would do. There is no question that there is a problem, but there are two different types of sludge - raw sewage and treated sewage. He felt only a portion of the report had to be updated - that dealing with raw sewage.

Mr. Meech asked Mr. Wdowiak if he had any specific recommendations as to a long term solution. Mr. Wdowiak felt the best solution would be some form of lagooning, which involves land, land acquisition at an acceptable location (by the Departments of Health and the Environment). One recommendation in the sludge management report was to use the digested sludge in silviculture applications. Mr. Wdowiak informed that other than this suggestions, there are no other solution available at this point in time. He stated that there is a difference between what comes from treatment plants, which is treated, and septic tank sludge,

which is not treated. The Department of the Environment has suggested as a short term solution that the County try to establish some direction as to an analysis, and in the meantime seek an extension of the present dumping station from the City of Dartmouth until an ultimate disposal solution may be implemented. An extension of six months has been discussed.

Mr. Meech suggested that the motion be reworded to specifically ask staff to examine the situation and come back with a solution to the problem.

Councillor Lichter and Councillor Walker agreed to changed to motion to read:

"THAT Council declare its intention to study the possible solution to this problem and have it treated within six months in working cooperation with County staff and the Board of Health, who can call on the expertise of others."

Councillor Randall felt the issue at the present time is the denial of access to the dump site. He stated that the new owners of the dump site had informed one hauler that May 15 would be the latest extension allowed. Therefore, a short term solution must be determined in the very near future. Councillor Randall advised there is an alternate route to the dump site. This route is owned by CN, and it would require some graveling and leveling. This should be considered before May 15, at which time the dump site will be closed.

Councillor Fralick agreed with Councillor Randall in that this situation is a very urgent one, and something must be done within a very short period of time. He suggested that a letter be written to the owners of the dump site asking for a six month to one year extension to allow the County to address the problem.

Councillor DeRoche commented that the problem is only one if the County is prepared to assume it as a problem. He stated that the haulers are in business to provide a service, and part of that service includes disposing of the waste. He felt Council should not be addressing problems encountered by operators of the septic clean-out service.

Councillor C. Baker replied that the County issues permits to install septic tanks and to clean them out, so they should be responsible for finding a place to dispose of the waste. Councillor C. Baker asked what direction he should tell the contractor in his area to do with the waste. For the present time, Warden MacKenzie advised him to refer such calls to the Engineering and Works Department. In the meantime, this department will be following up on the recommendations presented by Council.

Councillor Merrigan felt this is a problem that should be dealt with by Council. He stated that septic will be dumped everywhere if the matter is not controlled by Council. We cannot tell the contractors to dump the waste wherever they please, because they will do just that; there will be sewage waste everywhere. Councillor Merrigan felt the problem was being blown out of proportion. The matter should be dealt with as it stands.

Councillor Fralick expressed agreement to Councillor Merrigan's comments.

Councillor Deveaux commented that not much more can be done apart from supporting the motion on the floor. Councillor Deveaux asked Mr. Wdowiak if he felt there would be any problems with getting an extension from the owners of the dump site. Mr. Wdowiak informed that the Department of the Environment and the Department of Health would attempt to assist in getting this extension at an alternate dump site provided that County Council would attempt to analyse and implement a final solution to the problem. He felt quite optimistic that the County would obtain an extension at an alternate dump site.

MOTION CARRIED.

Birchlee Trailer Court - Councillor C. Baker

Councillor C. Baker advised that the Birchlee Trailer Court has been sold, and he has had calls from tenants who have received notice to move. He wondered if this Trailer Court can be used for anything other than a trailer court.

Mr. Meech clarified that Councillor C. Baker meant the specific lands on which the mobile home park is located. He then informed that the Department of Planning and Development would have to deal with this question. He informed Councillor C. Baker that he would have this department call him and advise him of the circumstances.

APPOINTMENTS OF DELEGATES TO THE U.N.S.M. REGIONAL MEETING

Warden MacKenzie advised of the delegates appointed to the Regional meeting of the Union of Nova Scotia Municipalities. He advised that these are delegates to the regional meeting. In the past, the same people were appointed to the Union Conference. The appointed delegates included Warden MacKenzie, Councillor Mont, Councillor Adams, Councillor Merrigan, and Councillor Fralick. He advised these Councillors they will be notified of the date, time, and place of the regional meeting. He further advised that with the consent of Council, these five delegates would also be appointed to the Union Conference.

APPROVAL OF 1986 TAX RATES

Councillor Lichter asked if, after much discussion, this matter be deferred because of the absence of four Councillors.

Mr. Meech advised that the four absent Councillors were in attendance at the Committee of the Whole meeting to discuss the budget. Those in attendance left bearing in mind that the committee had agreed to have staff work on an 83 cent residential tax rate. If this is agreed to tonight, it will be in accord with what those Councillors understood when they left the budget discussion.

Mr. Wilson outlined changes to the budget in order to allow for an 83 cent residential tax rate. Mr. Wilson went on to advise that revenue received from the deed transfer tax could be increased based on what has come in during the first four months of 1986. Sales of services to the Town of Bedford has been reduced by \$3,000. Other revenue sources have been made available based on interest earned, and building permits have also been up recently. He continued going over increases and decreases in revenue as per the final budget for 1986.

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

"THAT the general tax rate for Halifax County for 1986 be 82.9 cents, and that the commercial rate for Halifax County for 1986 be \$1.70."

Councillor Lichter commented that proposed level 5 does not compare with the original proposed level 5 because it is substantially reduced. He then commented that the auditor's report contains a substantially larger surplus this year than Council was told to expect. Mr. Wilson replied that the auditor's report is a consolidated surplus, which contains any surplus in water utility, the Rehab Centre, Ocean View Manor, and a general surplus. Councillor Lichter clarified that \$2,251,000 is the actual surplus. Mr. Wilson recommended that \$1,000,000 be used this year.

Councillor Lichter advised he could accept a 4.9 percent increase in the tax rate if the cost of living increase was approximately 4.9 percent, and if there was no real growth in the County of Halifax. However, the tax payers of 1986 will be paying 14.2 percent more taxes than what they have paid before. He felt in a year of healthy growth, such as 1985, the tax rate should remain the same or increase slightly. He expressed opposition to the proposed increase in the tax rate, and he felt a 2.3 percent increase would be better for the residents. Warden MacKenzie commented that with growth comes the need for more services. Councillor Lichter stated the same number of Councillors will represent the people, and staff is not being increased at the same rate as the growth in order to serve the growth, and the amount of service is not being increased. The service may be improved, but it is not increased. He stated that much of the building permit revenue received in 1985 was from Pratt Whitney. This is a one-time occurrence, and this revenue will not be realized every year. He expressed opposition to the increase in the tax rate for 1986.

Mr. Wilson stated that the transfer from surplus to based on last year's budget to derive the rate was only \$1.5 million. This year it is only \$1 million. Therefore, there is \$500,000 to be made up, which is equal to 2.5 cents on the tax rate. Also, the School Board budget makes up 54 percent of the County budget, and their increase was 10.7 percent. This is approximately \$500,000 more than originally anticipated. Third, the revenues projected are quite conservative, and after four months into the budget year, revenue appear to be lower this year than last year at this time.

MOTION CARRIED.

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

THAT the area rates for each district be approved as circulated subject to initial approval by the district Councillor."
MOTION CARRIED.

Councillors agreed to suggest any adjustments to the area rates to Mr. Wilson.

ADDITION OF ITEMS TO THE MAY 20, 1986 COUNCIL SESSION

None.

ADJOURNMENT

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

"THAT this Session of Council adjourn."
MOTION CARRIED.

COUNCIL SESSION

MAY 20, 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 Eisenhauer
Councillor MacDonald
Deputy Warden Wiseman
Councillor Mont

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

SECRETARY: Glenda Higgins

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

Mr. Kelly called the Roll.

APPOINTMENT OF RECORDING SECRETARY

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

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

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

"THAT that minutes of the Council Session of April 15, 1986 be approved as circulated."
MOTION CARRIED.

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

"THAT the minutes of the April 21, 1986 Public Hearing be approved as circulated."
MOTION CARRIED.

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

"THAT the Committee of the Whole minutes of April 22, 1986 be approved as circulated."
MOTION CARRIED.

AGENDA ITEMS

Councillor P. Baker - Former County-Owned Lands, Prospect Road
Councillor Lichter - Summer Assistance
Councillor C. Baker - Lands and Forests

MEETING WITH JOHN W. HARLOW, CHAIRMAN, COLE HARBOUR PLACE

Mr. John Harlow, Chairman of Cole Harbour Place, was in attendance with several others to make a presentation. He introduced the others as Ivor Axford, Vice Chairman; Kevin Stewart, Treasurer; Emily Deveaux, Secretary; Bill Grandy, Chairman, Westphal/Cole Harbour Service Commission; and Drew Sperry, Architect.

Mr. Harlow began by advising that on May 29, 1984 the Cole Harbour/Westphal and area Cultural and Recreation Foundation was formed with the sole purpose of developing an organized plan to meet the cultural and recreation needs of the surrounding communities. At present there is Scotia Stadium, which was constructed in 1975 to serve the recreational needs of that time. This facility, situated on Forest Hills Parkway consists of an ice sheet, a mezzanine room, and two service club rooms.

Mr. Harlow went on to say that in 1983, the Cole Harbour/Westphal Service Commission conducted a recreational survey to obtain the views of the residents as to necessary programs and facilities to better serve the area. As a result of this survey, the proposed cultural and recreational complex advanced planning committee was established in 1984, resulting in the formation of the Cole Harbour/Westphal and Area Cultural and Recreation Foundation.

To ensure an organized and cost-effective approach, the professional services of consultants were engaged to provide a building program study. The architectural firm of Sperry-MacLennan was appointed at a cost of \$50,000, funded by the Cole Harbour/Westphal Service Commission.

The building program is based on the provision of facilities for activities such as hockey, ringette, figure skating, curling, and other ice related activities, recreational and competitive swimming,

government offices, library, performing arts (with a 500 seat theatre), community activities including meetings, dances, receptions, bingo, etc. Fitness related activities would also be included.

Mr. Harlow continued that the Foundation Executive divided the building program into three phases: Phase I to include the rink, swimming pool, government offices, library, community and fitness activities; Phase II - the theatre component (provided federal government funding becomes available); and Phase III will consist of a curling club, designed to contain six sheets of ice.

The site for the proposed complex is the existing stadium on Forest Hills Parkway. This location, with more than adequate parking and recreational land, serves as the central point for the communities of Cole Harbour and Westphal.

In 1984, Cole Harbour Place was only a vision of a newly formed committee. Today, with the continual support of the MLA, the Honourable David Nantes, Councillor DeRoche, Councillor McInroy, Councillor Mont, the Cole Harbour/Westphal Service Commission, and the communities at large, the dream is evolving into reality. Saturday, May 31 has been designated as Cole Harbour Place day, and the Cole Harbour/Westphal Service Commission will present the Phase I proposed development plan at a public meeting to be held on June 10 at the Cole Harbour District High School.

Mr. Sperry next went over the orientation of the proposed structure, outlining each of the facilities, their proposed uses and location in the building.

Councillor Fralick asked about dampness and humidity with the library being located in the same complex as the swimming pool. Mr. Sperry advised the two are well separated. They are completely self-contained units, and each one is separately climate controlled.

Mr. Sperry advised that research into swimming pool useage these days shows concentration on neither the competitive aspect nor the leisure pool. Therefore, a combined system will be used in which small competitions can be held in the larger pool, and there will also be a small leisure pool. There is a female changing room, a male changing room, and a family changing room. This provides for families with small children who need help changing; it also has cubicles for privacy.

Deputy Warden Wiseman commented on the split-entry, and asked if there are steps down into the library. Mr. Sperry stated yes, there are steps going down into the library, as well as ramps and elevators for the handicapped. There is a direct entrance to the library from the front of the building, and from the side there are a few steps downward.

Warden MacKenzie asked if there is any concern for noise with the community centre above the library. Mr. Sperry replied that it would be noisy in the library when a dance is being held in the community

centre, but for other events such as bingo games, there will not be an acoustic problem.

Councillor MacDonald asked about the distance between the front of the municipal office space and the back. He commented that there appeared to be a long distance between the two, which would make it very inconvenient to run between offices. Mr. Sperry advised that the distance is approximately 200 feet, but there are two entrances - one at each end. He also advised that the offices would probably be broken into related groups so there would not be much travelling space between offices. For instance, the offices in the front would be those dealing with the public the most.

Mr. Harlow added that the architects are not new to this type of facility. They have been involved with the design of the Dartmouth Sportsplex and the facilities at the St. John Aquatic Centre. He then showed a few overheads of the proposal, and an advertisement for a Casino Night to be held as a fundraiser for this project. He extended an invitation to everybody to attend this event.

Mr. Stewart then presented the capital related costs of this project. The gross construction costs total \$9,500,000, and with a sales tax rebate, the net construction costs are \$9,120,000. Professional costs added bring the total cost to \$10,520,000.

Councillor Deveaux clarified that this project would be built in phases. He then asked if it has been determined whether or not this will be a paying project. Mr. Stewart advised that operating costs for each segment of the project have been prepared in detail. Mr. Sperry advised that the different pool operations have been investigated, and it has been determined that this pool will at least break even or make a small profit. This pool is designed to be most economical.

Councillor Deveaux then asked about benefits to his district. Mr. Harlow informed this project is not simply for Districts 7, 17, and 21. The areas to be serviced by this facility will extend to a number of districts immediately adjacent to districts 7, 17, and 21, as well as the Eastern Shore area, and the Lawrencetown area. It will serve a very wide area of the County.

Mr. Axford next spoke about fundraising, advising there have been several overtures made to various bodies politic. The breakdown of requests is as follows: the federal government, 19 percent of the total - \$2,000,000; the provincial government, 48 percent - \$5,000,000; the Municipality of the County of Halifax, 14 percent - \$1,500,000; corporations and local donations, \$1,020,000; the Cole Harbour/Westphal Service Commission, 9 percent - \$1,000,000. These contributions would total the required \$10,520,000 for Phase I.

Mr. Harlow concluded by advising there are a number of major items that will be held on Cole Harbour Events Day. During that day a major press release will be made pertaining to this facility. As a result of the presentation made to Council, the Foundation solicited Council's capital and on-going support towards the development of Cole Harbour

Place scheduled for construction in late 1986. The following municipal special requirements will be provided: a library component of 10,000 square feet, and municipal offices from 5,000 to 10,000 square feet. In return, Cole Harbour Place will require support from the Municipality in the form of a capital commitment of \$1,500,000 during the fiscal operating year of 1987 and 1988, all lease-hold improvements within the two components will be the responsibility of the Municipality, common operating costs will be assessed to the Municipality based on the overall square footage utilized, Cole Harbour Place to be exempt from Municipal taxation, which is presently the procedure with Scotia Stadium, and confirmation of Municipal support and commitment must be received by June 30, 1986.

Mr. Harlow thanked Council for allowing the Executive of the Foundation to make this presentation.

Councillor P. Baker asked if the money requested would be in 1986 or over a long-term. Mr. Harlow informed they are requesting \$1,500,000 on the front end of the project - as investment into the project. He stated it is not their intent to charge a lease per square foot for the municipal components.

Councillor Reid was of the understanding that the Library Board has had a few meetings with this Executive group to discuss the proposed facility. He also understood that it was quite clearly explained that Halifax County could not proceed with the authorization of construction of a library until there is a commitment of support from the provincial government. He asked if there has been any such commitment yet. Mr. Harlow stated that he has met with the building committee of the library group and with Deputy Warden Wiseman. He also advised that a letter was written to the library board to which they are still waiting for a reply. The Foundation group felt comfortable from the position of the Municipality that the intent for the library looks very positive. The provincial government will look into the on-going operating of this facility over the upcoming years, but the front-end capital is with the Municipality and the operating of the library will be by the Municipality. Councillor Reid stated that unless there is commitment from the province for future funding for operating costs, the Municipality could not commit to the construction of the library in Cole Harbour Place. Mr. Harlow responded stating there are on-going discussions at the provincial level, and he felt that after May 31 the province's position on this project would be well-known.

Councillor Deveaux clarified that the \$1,500,000 would look after the Municipal offices and the library.

Councillor MacDonald advised that the Municipality has not yet made any decisions as to the urban strategy. He commented that this project is quite involved for a Municipality that does not know where it will be next. He felt a decision with regard to this project could not be made in the near future. He asked how the lack of a decision in the near future would affect the project. Mr. Harlow advised if approval for the municipal library is not received, the building complex will have to be rearranged. The building has been designed with the Municipality

of the County of Halifax in mind. It is important to have the library where it is for easy accessibility and visibility. If there was a problem in rearranging the plans, the library would cause the most trouble. To meet the design as it is now seen, there must be a commitment from the County for at least the library aspect of the project. Mr. Harlow added that the costs will go up if this commitment is not received.

Councillor Mont expressed appreciation to Mr. Harlow and members of the Executive for the large amount of work put into this project to date. He advised there is unanimous support of the three area Councillors, and they have been working quite closely with the Executive on this project. Councillor Mont continued that Council must soon take a stand on where it is going with annexation and providing services to the urban and other areas of the County. It is time, however, for the Municipality to show support for this project and the community involvement in it. This is a much needed service to the community. The offices have been discussed in the "Meech Report" as part of annexation and incorporation. This type of space is already leased in Cole Harbour for branches of the Social Services and the Recreation offices. Therefore, this money will not be spent but saved. This project cannot wait for several years while Council decide what will take place with annexation and incorporation. Council must make a decision soon, and this project may help to make this decision. This could be a project to be financed over a period of years from the Municipality, but paid up-front. The taxpayers will be paying in the end, but it may not have to come out of one year's taxes.

Mr. Harlow advised that the residents of the area have been behind this project from the beginning. They invested \$150,000 two years ago to help with advanced planning, and in March, they invested another \$50,000 to get into schematic design. June 10 will give these people the opportunity to see the full scope.

Councillor McInroy agreed with the comments made by Councillor Mont, and he emphasized the fact that the Municipality has approved in principal the location of a library in Cole Harbour subject to a provincial contribution toward operating costs. Also, approximately 4,000 square feet of office space is currently leased in Cole Harbour for the Recreation and Social Services offices. It would be a logical movement to increase this presence by investing in Cole Harbour Place. He applauded the efforts of all people who have been involved with this project.

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

"THAT discussion about Cole Harbour Place be placed on the agenda for the meeting of June 10, when the "Meech Report" will be discussed."

MOTION CARRIED.

PUBLIC HEARING, UNDERSIZED LOT LEGISLATION

Mr. Gough identified the applicants and the location of the property in question. He advised that the recommendation of staff is that the proposed subdivision of Lots A and B of the John and Mary Power Subdivision, Herring Cove, be granted approval by County Council.

Mr. Gough reviewed the report as presented in the agenda from the Department of Planning and Development.

Questions from Council

Councillor C. Baker commented that many lots in this area are undersized because they do not have the road frontage.

Speakers in Favour of this Application

John and Mary Power, spoke in favour of this application advising they are brother and sister, and the purpose of the application is to enable each of them to construct a single family dwelling in Herring Cove. They indicated they were born and raised in Herring Cove, and they both wish to return there.

Questions from Council

None.

Speakers in Opposition to this Application

None.

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

"THAT Application No. F 226-85-05, the subdivision of Lots A and B of the John and Mary Power Subdivision, Herring Cove, be approved as per the Undersized Lot Legislation."
MOTION CARRIED.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPORT

20 Units Enriched Housing, Ocean View Manor

Members of Council agreed to discuss this item at this point on the agenda while Mr. Meech was in attendance.

Councillor McInroy and Councillor Mont each declared a conflict of interest.

Mr. Kelly read the report from the Executive Committee.

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

"THAT the Municipality execute an agreement with the Department of Housing for the construction of 20 units of enriched housing at Ocean View Manor with funding as proposed in the demonstration project formula;

THAT the units be designed and constructed by the Department of Housing and upon completion that the units be transferred to the authority of the Halifax County Housing Authority;

THAT the Municipality agree to contribute the required 25.5 percent contribution from the following sources: 1. conveyance of required land which equals \$60,000; and 2. the net financial contribution of \$177,500 charged to the special capital reserve account;

THAT the Municipality incorporate in the agreement a condition for the Housing Department to designate J. Morrison, Administrator, Ocean View Manor, as a member of the planning team for the design of the 20 units."

Mr. Meech went over his report to the Executive Committee clarifying that this project falls under a special demonstration program, apart from the normal program. He advised that the Municipality must provide an up-front contribution (in the form of either land or cash) of 25.5 percent of the estimated capital cost of the project. The Municipal contribution would equal \$237,500 and the lands for this project are presently owned by the Municipality valued at \$60,000 (still to be confirmed); therefore the net financial contribution by the Municipality would be \$177,500. The Municipality is not required to provide an annual basis of approximately 10 to 12 percent of the net operating subsidy requirements, as under the normal program.

Councillor Lichter felt it should be incorporated into the agreement that the Municipality will not be required to provide an annual 10 to 12 percent of the net operating subsidy requirements. Verbal agreements have been contentious in the past, and could prove to be so again in this case. Mr. Meech responded that this was the intention in the recommendation.

Councillor P. Baker asked the definition of enriched housing. Mr. Meech informed the intent is to build an addition to Ocean View Manor with a connecting corridor. It will be a separate facility except for this corridor. Enriched housing refers to the provision of a level of care between a nursing home and the senior citizen's rental housing. There may be a requirement that each senior is visited a number of times per week to ensure personal hygiene or the seniors may want to have certain meals in the cafeteria of Ocean View Manor, or they may require certain medication. There would be an agreement between Ocean View Manor and the Housing Authority to buy those services from Ocean View Manor. It would provide housing for people who want to remain in an apartment environment although they may require some additional

support not available in normal senior citizen housing. Councillor P. Baker expressed concern about being too institutionalized with these people. He felt the trend should be towards keeping these people in their own homes. He felt too many people tend to put the aged into these homes to be rid of the responsibility. Warden MacKenzie clarified that the senior citizens would be purchasing these services themselves. Mr. Meech agreed, and stated that the emphasis is to provide home support with the overall objective of trying to keep people in their own homes as long as possible. This program of enriched housing is to accomodate those people who do not need to go into the full institution but do require some support services. The units in question would be totally separate from Ocean View Manor except for the connecting corridor. Councillor P. Baker still felt this situation is too institutionalized, taking people away from their own villages and homes.

Warden MacKenzie commented that these units will probably be filled by seniors from the area, which is not taking them away from their own villages.

Councillor Walker stated that the seniors have to want to get into these facilities before they can be accepted there. The senior must meet a certain criteria to get into these units; they have to apply, and they do not apply unless they want to go there. Mr. Meech clarified that these units would operate in terms of rentals. There are presently residents in Ocean View Manor who could adequately maintain themselves in units as those proposed. This would make available units in Ocean View Manor. He agreed with Councillor P. Baker, but stated that many times the families are not prepared to take on the responsibility of seniors; therefore, they may be better off in such a facility.

Councillor Deveaux informed that these people apply themselves for accomodation in these units. He further informed that three people from the senior citizens units in District 6 have already applied to get into the proposed units.

MOTION CARRIED

RECOMMENDATION, HALIFAX COUNTY INDUSTRIAL COMMISSION, RE: SALE OF PROPERTY, MUSQUODOBOIT HARBOUR

There was some discussion as to whether or not this item should be discussed in-camera. It was agreed that it could be discussed in the open if the press would agree not to disclose information about the discussion because the formal announcement will not be until September 18 and because the client does not want it made public to any great extent that the province has provided a grant.

Mr. Denny began by informing the regular Industrial Commission meeting would be held on May 21, 1986, at 7p.m. He also extended an invitation to all Members of Council to attend the Trade Show in Sackville on May 23 - 25.

Mr. Denny began his presentation by outlining the report of the Industrial Commission as addressed to Warden MacKenzie and Members of Council, dated May 15, 1986, regarding Former Preston Fiberglass Building. Mr. Denny advised he had contacted Mr. Wilson, Director of Finance, and asked him where the money would come from for the shortfall. Mr. Wilson had assured there are a couple of surplus accounts that have been held for this purpose. This money has been received for rent from the buildings at the Aerotech Park, the surplus from the Sackville project, surplus from Lakeside, and an anticipated profit from the industrial condominiums. Mr. Wilson has not been putting interest on this because the amount being held is in excess of the amount of this building. Therefore, Mr. Denny felt Mr. Wilson was justified.

Mr. Denny continued that the Eastern Shore Development Commission, Councillor Bayers, the Executive Committee, and the Industrial Commission have all supported the request by Fossil Power Systems Inc.

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

"THAT Halifax County Council approve the Agreement of Purchase and Sale of the former Preston Fiberglass building to Fossil Power Systems Inc., as per the attached agreement."

Councillor Bayers commented that the \$30,000 the company received was not towards the purchase of the building, but it was for job creation. There are 17 jobs in a small community, which Fossil Power Inc., now have on staff, and this is not a high-profile company; it was created by two individuals from New Glasgow. They were brought into the incubator mall by the Eastern Shore Development Commission. All of the employees are from Districts 9 and 10. One of the company executives lives in District 10 and has bought a home there. The company has substantial contracts outside of the province. They have designed a new burner type system, more fuel efficient, and they have sold these igniter burner-type systems to such companies as Michelin Tires, the nuclear plant at Point Lepreau, Scott Paper in Pictou, a paper company in Port Hawkesbury. Councillor Bayers stated that after observing this company closely, he sees it as very sound company with a tax base for the area. It will also create employment because they will be expanding again within five or ten years. Councillor Bayers asked Council to consider the agreement as presented.

Councillor Lichter asked about the \$178,589.43 as referred to in the report. He inquired as to whether this is all the money that went into this building, or the Municipal share. Mr. Denny informed this is all the money that has gone into this building.

Councillor Lichter advised he has no difficulty supporting the motion except for the fact that Council would be approving something that is already approved. He commented that the minutes of the Industrial Commission meeting are poorly written because if the Halifax County Industrial Commission has already approved the agreement, it is approved, and Council has no say in it. He referred to the second motion stating that this motion refers to the action as though it has

been formally approved and acted upon. Councillor Lichter stated he would appreciate having the minutes reflect the fact that Council is being requested to support something - not to rubber stamp something.

Councillor DeRoche asked if the Industrial Commission is asking Council to cut its losses at \$30,000+ and get out from under the building in question. Councillor MacKay advised the first agreement that had been worked out and suggested to the Commission approximately four months ago was a proposal coming forth for the purchase of the building for \$150,000, for which the evaluation on the building was \$180,000. It was suggested to the company that there would be a second mortgage held by the Industrial Commission forgivable at the rate of \$6,000 per year over a period of five years. If the company were to sell the building in that five year period, the outstanding balance would then be payable to the County for ensurance that the company would not turn around and sell the building. Unfortunately this was not able to be worked out because the second mortgage could not be held before the first mortgage was in place, along with other legal aspects. Councillor MacKay continued that the building has been offered for sale through various industrial realtors through the Halifax County Industrial Commission and the Eastern Shore Development Commission without any takers. There have been no other sincere offers. At the present time, with the proposal from Fossil Power Systems Inc., it is the position of the Industrial Commission that it may be the best offer received. Councillor MacKay advised this company is a small one that started in the incubator mall and has continued to flourish. It would also be assisted by the Halifax County Industrial Commission and/or the Municipality. Therefore, the Industrial Commission recommends approval of this proposal.

Councillor Mont stated that it was his intention in moving the second resolution to recommend this proposal to Council for approval. He stated it is not to advise Council of an action after the fact.

Councillor MacKay stated that the Industrial Commission does have the power to sell its assets, but this proposal was somewhat different because construction of the building was approved by Council. Therefore, it was the position of the Halifax County Industrial Commission to recommend approval to Council, and Council would make the final decision because the money was borrowed from the County of Halifax for construction of this building approximately three years ago.

Councillor Randall asked for clarification as to where the Eastern Shore Development Commission entered the scene. Mr. Denny informed the Eastern Shore Development Commission are presently leasing space to Fossil Power Systems, Inc. of approximately 2,500 square feet. Under the agreement, after five years they are to move out and make that space available for another incubation type firm. This proposal will allow them to stay on the Eastern Shore in the same location they are at, move into a larger building of 7,000 square feet. The present location is already spoken for by three other companies; it is still to be decided upon as to who will occupy the space. This will bring another five to seven jobs to the Eastern Shore when the present location is re-occupied.

MOTION CARRIED.

REPORT, BOARD OF HEALTHUplands Park Sewage Treatment Plant

Councillor McInroy and Councillor Mont each declared a conflict of interest.

Warden MacKenzie advised that the Public Hearing is complete, the matter was referred to the Board of Health and the Board of Health has submitted a report back to Council.

Mr. Kelly outlined the report from the Board of Health indicating that whereas the Board of Health has not been advised of any Health hazard concerning the workings of the Uplands Park Sewage Treatment Plant that it be recommended that there should be no further delays in adding the extra units to Uplands Park.

Councillor Lichter commented that the actual motion in the report is not worded in the manner Councillor DeRoche moved it. He asked Councillor DeRoche to clarify the motion as to the exact wording.

Councillor DeRoche informed his motion read "THAT the Board of Health not having had substantiation provided to it of any health hazard existing as a result of the operation of the Uplands Park Sewage Treatment Plant, therefore, advises Council there appears to be no reason for further delay in making a decision for additional connections to the referenced plant."

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

"THAT the rezoning of Parcel "A" of the Uplands Park Subdivision, located on Woodlyn Drive in the Village of Uplands Park, from R-2 (Two Unit Dwelling) Zone to R-4 (General Residential) Zone be approved by Municipal Council."

Warden MacKenzie advised he was in receipt of letters from Mr. Grant, Solicitor for Summit Realty and Mrs. Jean Pender.

Councillor MacKay had it clarified that the applicant for this rezoning is the Municipality of the County of Halifax. He also felt that the letter from Mr. Grant should be read into the record. Councillor Reid felt the letter should not be read into the record because the Public Hearing was completed. Mr. Cragg advised he had discussed this with Mr. Gough, Manager, Development Division, and with Warden MacKenzie. Although the public input portion of the hearing has concluded, Mr. Cragg stated he had no great difficulty in having the letter circulated and read by Councillors, especially because the applicant in this matter is the Municipality. He felt Council should be above-board in dealing with matters of a nature such as this, and Council must also be seen quite clearly to be above-board and give everybody reasonable opportunity to have their views put forth. Technicially, it would not be allowed to have the letter read into the record, but both Mr. Gough and Mr. Cragg agreed to have the letter circulated and read, should Council so desire. Members of Council agreed to have the letter circulated and read.

Councillor Eisenhower expressed confusion over the applicant and owner of the land. He asked Mr. Cragg where the application and the land stood in this regard. Mr. Cragg informed that the whole matter is contingent upon the appropriate zoning being obtained which would allow for the construction of the proposal.

After reading the letter, Councillor Lichter stated that much of what is contained in the letter from Mr. Grant are statements that were examined by the Board of Health in great detail. With regard to the overall capacity of the sewage treatment system, there was definite indication from both the Departments of Engineering and the Environment that 2,500 gallons per day of additional affluent can be treated by the plant efficiently. Councillor Lichter advised this represents 15 units plus an additional eight units. He further advised that he spoke with a Chairman of the Districts 15, 18, and 19 PPC, and it is their draft Policy 67 referred to in the letter, indicating the area requires a complete assessment. Councillor Lichter explained to the Chairman that the Board of Health has examined this problem. The Board of Health wanted to determine whether or not there is a problem with the plant. He felt the Board was quite patient and conscientious in having listened to anybody who wanted to speak on the issue. However, Councillor Lichter advised that any further delay tactics will not be accepted, and he felt the letter from Mr. Grant indicates another delay tactic. Councillor Lichter further advised that he took exception at the Board of Health meeting to the fact that it almost appeared that Mr. Grant was trying to indicate that the County did not maintain the plant until the County had an interest in this particular rezoning, and then took to maintaining it better. He referred to the end of the first paragraph on page 3 of the letter from Mr. Grant. With regard to this he informed that the Board of Health wanted to determine how the plant is operating now (meaning on those days and weeks when the Board of Health has met about this issue). The Board's finding, with the exception of one board member out of seven, was definitely that the plant is being maintained properly, the plant is operating properly, and it has the capacity of 2,500 gallons per day more affluent. Now that the Board of Health is indeed aware of the concerns about the Uplands Park Sewage Treatment Plant, they will quite frequently during the years be asking for reports as to how that plant is operating. This is an obligation of the Board of Health. This will assure no shortfall in maintenance and operation of this plant.

Warden MacKenzie clarified the application and the resolution on the floor.

Councillor Eisenhower thanked the Board of Health for their investigation into this matter. This system was once a problem because it was operated previously by the Village Commissioners. The Board of Health insisted that this plant be repaired, so the County took over the plant and repaired it to Board of Health standards. He advised that capital grants were used to help fix this plant up when it was taken over by the Municipality. Councillor Eisenhower concluded that he would like to see the continuous monitoring of this plant to ensure that it works within the appropriate environmental guidelines.

MOTION CARRIED.

BUILDING INSPECTORS REPORT

Mr. Kelly read the report from Mr. Slaunwhite, Assistant Chief Building Inspector.

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

"THAT a lesser setback of 20 feet be granted to Ronald Barkhouse for property at Barrett Lake, Beaverbank."
MOTION CARRIED.

CENSUS PROCLAMATION

Mr. Kelly advised of correspondence received with regard to this matter.

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

"THAT Council support the census proclamation as attached to the agenda."
MOTION CARRIED.

LETTERS AND CORRESPONDENCE

Department of Transportation

Mr. Kelly advised this letter is from the Honourable Maxine Cochran, Minister of Transportation, acknowledging a letter from Council on March 26, 1986, with regard to the condition of the highway at Harrietsfield. The letter indicated that this matter would be given consideration.

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

"THAT this item of correspondence be received."
MOTION CARRIED.

Department of Transportation

Mr. Kelly advised that this letter is also from the Honourable Maxine Cochran acknowledging Council's letter of May 2, 1986. This letter requested consideration of the construction of a highway between Pennant and Terrance Bay.

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

"THAT this item of correspondence be received."
MOTION CARRIED.

Department of Municipal Affairs

Mr. Kelly advised this letter is with respect to Council's previous correspondence about the 20 lot limitation in the Lawrencetown area. He added that this item was referred to the Planning Department, and it will be dealt within the Planning Advisory Committee report.

Councillor DeRoche advised this letter was on the agenda for the Planning Advisory Committee, but there was no indication to the Committee at that time that it would be coming to the attention of Council. The Planning Advisory Committee referred it to Council because they felt it would be more appropriately dealt with here. It was also felt that a copy of the letter should be sent to the Public Participation Committee for the Lawrencetown area. He further advised that the Planning Advisory Committee were not in receipt of the letter as copy addressees, but it was simply passed along when it arrived. The Planning Advisory Committee felt it would be appropriate for Council to receive the correspondence and take action as per the Planning Advisory Committee report.

Warden MacKenzie advised that this item of correspondence would be dealt with during the Planning Advisory Committee report.

PLANNING ADVISORY COMMITTEE REPORTApplication No. RA-SA-74-85-19 - Rezone a portion of the Sunnyvale Estates Subdivision, Five Point Development Limited

Mr. Kelly outlined the report advising it is the intention of the Planning Advisory Committee to indicate to Council that the previous application being considered has been withdrawn and Council can anticipate a new application being put forth once the Planning Advisory Committee has dealt with it.

Councillor DeRoche reminded Councillors that at the last Council Session there was an application with respect to rezoning for the Sunnyvale Estates Subdivision, and by virtue of a motion this item was deferred until tonight due to the absence of the district Councillor. Councillor DeRoche clarified that there is no longer an application to consider, as it has been withdrawn.

Warden MacKenzie clarified that this report was for information purposes only.

Application No. RA-TLB-11-86-02 - Amend the Timberlea/Lakeside/Beechville Land-Use By-law by rezoning Lot "AX" of the Lands of Peter David and Susan Caldwell and John Frederick Ciguere, Timberlea

Mr. Kelly reviewed the report of the Planning Advisory Committee, advising it is their recommendation that the application be approved, and that a public hearing date be set for July 14, 1986.

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

"THAT Application No. RA-TLB-11-86-02 be approved, and that a public hearing be held on July 14, 1986, at 7 p.m."
MOTION CARRIED.

Application No. RA-SA-60-85-16 - Amend the Sackville Land-Use By-law - Chappell Glen - Senior Citizens Complex - Sackville

Mr. Kelly identified the application, stating it is the recommendation of the Planning Advisory Committee that the rezoning from C-2 (General Commercial) Zone to CDD (Comprehensive Development District) be approved and that a date be set for a public hearing on July 7, 1986, at 7 p.m.

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

"THAT Application No. RA-SA-60-85-16 be approved, and that a public hearing be held on July 7, 1986 at 7 p.m."

Councillor MacDonald advised that this development has been publicized in the community, and most people are supportive of it. However, from looking at the staff report and items involved, Councillor MacDonald felt that other things should be noted closely. The report indicates it will not be possible to have all units occupied by seniors, and it is a possibility that Council could not hold them to that if all units could not be rented. If all units are not rented to seniors, there will be an impact on schools. Councillor MacDonald further advised that when public meetings were held, it was indicated the rentals would be \$550 to \$600. Now it appears rentals are going to be between \$600 and \$700. The development itself is also felt to be too concentrated for the lot, and it does not meet the parking requirements of one space per dwelling unit. Also the height of the buildings would have an impact on the surrounding subdivisions, such as Bridlewood Subdivision. Councillor MacDonald stated that if Council is going to go ahead with this development, these matters should all be closely considered to make sure this development will suit and fit into the area. Councillor MacDonald added that the Department of Transportation was earlier looking at an exit onto the Beaverbank Connector; now they are saying no, meaning all traffic will have to exit onto Highway No. 1 or Sackville Drive.

Warden MacKenzie expressed agreement with Councillor MacDonald in some of the concerns he raised.

MOTION CARRIED.

Application No. RA-CH/W-02-86-21 - Rezoning of the lands of Gordon T. Eisener, Cole Harbour Road

Mr. Kelly outlined the report of the Planning Advisory Committee, advising it is their recommendation that the application be approved, and that a public hearing be held on July 14, 1986 at 7 p.m.

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

"THAT Application No. RA-CH/W-02-86-21 be approved and that a public hearing be held on July 14, 1986 at 7 p.m."
MOTION CARRIED.

Twenty Lot Limitation - Lawrencetown Area - Letter of Response from the Minister of Municipal Affairs

Mr. Kelly advised the Planning Advisory Committee had referred this correspondence to Council for information purposes, and recommend that a copy of the letter be sent to the Public Participation Committee for the Lawrencetown area.

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

"THAT a copy of the letter from the Minister of Municipal Affairs with regard to 20 lot limitation in the Lawrencetown area be sent to the Planning Participation Committee for the Lawrencetown area."
MOTION CARRIED.

Application No. F 1102-85-SA - Undersized Lot Legislation - Lots 1 and 2 of the Lands of Leonard and Irene Reteff and Paul and Catherine Sapp, Springfield Lake

Mr. Kelly reviewed the report of the Planning Advisory Committee.

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

"THAT Application No. F 1102-85-SA be approved and that a public hearing be held on June 17, 1986 at 7 p.m."
MOTION CARRIED.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPORT

Lease, Former Lakeview School

Mr. Kelly outlined the report of the Executive Committee, advising it is the recommendation of the Executive Committee to Council that the Municipality enter into a five year lease agreement with option to renew with the Waverley Ground Search and Rescue Team for an annual fee of \$1 to lease the former Lakeview School.

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

"THAT the Municipality enter into a five year lease agreement with the option to renew with the Waverley Ground Search and Rescue Team for an annual fee of \$1 to lease the former Lakeview School."

Councillor DeRoche commented that this particular property has already been recommended to Council for demolition, and Council has taken action on this. The indication was this recommendation was made because

no community group was interested in taking on this property. He asked whether or not the Waverley Ground Search and Rescue Team had been contacted subsequent to that time or in the initial approach. Councillor Snow advised that a member of the Ground Search and Rescue Team asked him if he knew of any buildings from which they could operate. Councillor Snow informed this member that the Lakeview School was going to be demolished, and after they looked at it, felt they could save it. They requested that the County enter into lease agreement with them, and they would fix it up. Councillor Snow informed the Waverley Ground Search and Rescue Team that the ratepayers of the area were looking for a meeting place and a location for a playground. Members of the Ground Search and Rescue Team agreed to work with the community on both projects. Councillor Snow referred the team to Mr. Brine, Property Manager, to determine if the building could be saved.

Councillor DeRoche felt this proposal is in keeping with Council's policy of restoring properties for community use. He pointed out that Council should not be so hasty in the future of accepting and approving demolition of buildings until exhaustion has been reached.

Councillor Snow advised the building in question was vacant for approximately five or six months before it was decided to demolish it. He added that many community groups looked at the building and determined they did not want to take the volunteer time, effort, or money to fix the building. He clarified that the Waverley Ground Search and Rescue Team are strictly working on their own, with no funding from the Municipality.

MOTION CARRIED.

Policy re, Attendance at Conferences, Courses and Seminars -
Councillors

Mr. Kelly advised the Executive Committee had received a report respecting policy for attendance by Councillors at conferences, courses, and seminars. He advised the recommendation of the Executive Committee is that for 1986 an amount of \$15,000 be allocated for conferences and further that \$9,450 (\$450 per Councillor) be allocated for courses and seminars.

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

"THAT for 1986 an amount of \$15,000 be allocated for conferences, and further that \$9,450 (\$450 per Councillor) be allocated for courses and seminars."

Councillor Mont asked the intention of the recommendation. He clarified that money for the Federation of Canadian Municipalities conference came from a separate account, over and above that \$15,000 for conferences.

Councillor DeRoche asked if \$450 per Councillor for courses and seminars is supposed to be all inclusive. Warden MacKenzie suggested it is. Councillor DeRoche stated that with this amount Councillors will not be able to go to many courses and seminars. He advised that he had been approved for a course in London, Ontario which would have cost almost \$800 for tuition and accomodation, not including transportation. He added that he can no longer attend because of other commitments, but the expenditure would have been well over \$1,000 if he had gone. He felt the recommendation of \$450 per Councillor all inclusive is not realistic unless all courses and seminars were at the Institute of Public Affairs in Halifax.

Deputy Warden Wiseman advised that it was the intent of the \$450 per Councillor to cover the cost of two seminars held in Halifax at Henson College, or perhaps one of a similar nature held in other parts of the Atlantic Provinces.

Councillor Lichter stated that in five years he has not indicated interest in any courses or seminars. He commented that a request was made for this report after he requested approval to attend a seminar in Prince Edward Island. He stated that some Councillors have fought against having seven Councillors and the Warden attend the FCM conferences every year. However, the motion passed, and he has respected the decision. However, it was forgotten completely that the argument for such large attendance at this conference was to allow each Councillor an opportunity to attend in the three year term as Councillor. Now the costs for the FCM conference are left out of the expenditures for Councillors to attend conferences. He advised that the seminar for which the Executive Committee approved Councillor Lichter's attendance will cost approximately \$480 for accomodation only. He felt this recommendation would not be fair for 1986. He felt something fair could be decided upon for 1987, and it should include an amount for the FCM conference for each Councillors indicating that those Councillors who save in three year period a sufficient amount of money to attend the FCM. Councillor Lichter felt the recommendation should be for an entire calendar year and it should be a three year period concerning the FCM conference during which the money could be accumulated or advanced for attendance. Councillor Lichter concluded that he would probably make arrangements to cancel his registration for the seminar in Prince Edward Island.

Warden MacKenzie stated that Councillor Lichter should not feel this way about the matter. He stated that he did not feel it necessary to have an amount in the budget for specific Council Members. He also felt that Council has never abused the right to attend conferenes and seminars.

Councillor McInroy stated that he did not see the need for this formula. He agreed with comments made by previous speakers in that the formula is penalizing Councillors for wanting to attend courses and seminars.

Councillor MacKay agreed with remarks made by Councillor Lichter. He advised that he has not taken any trips on behalf of Council with the exception of Industrial Commission business for which he did not receive remuneration. He felt there should be a total overall budget for Members of Council attending conferences, conventions, seminars, etc. He expressed support for a budget or an allocation for these expenditures because at the Executive Committee level approval is given for certain Councillors to attend courses that other Councillors are not even aware of. The system does not seem to be just as it now stands. Councillors should know a calendar of events and the costs of events, and from there each Councillor could judge whether or not they wanted to go, and if they could afford it. He felt some type of budget for this purpose should begin at the start of a fiscal year, and it should be all inclusive.

Deputy Warden Wiseman stated that all Councillors are advised of courses and seminars held at Henson College, and she felt that it is time to put some kind of funding for individual Councillors' attendance at these seminars and conferences. She noted that in the last two years not one Member of Council has attended any of the seminars at Henson College. She felt it important for Councillors' development and ability to be able to deal with problems. She felt that \$450 would be a good motivator, and will get Members of Council who hesitate about going before the Executive Committee to attend some of these seminars and conferences.

Councillor McInroy commented that putting \$450 in an account for individual Councillors would not encourage Councillors to attend conferences they are not now attending.

Councillor Deveaux expressed agreement with Councillor Lichter.

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

"THAT the matter of a Policy re attendance at conferences, courses and seminars for Councillors be referred back to the Executive Committee."

Councillor DeRoche felt the motion of referral to the Executive Committee did not make sense because the initial recommendation came from that committee. That committee saw fit to present the recommendation to Council, and Council either has to adopt or defeat the recommendation of the Executive Committee.

MOTION CARRIED.

Pension Increase for Halifax County Pensioners

Mr. Kelly advised it was the recommendation from the Pension Advisory Task Force to the Executive Committee, who recommended to Council, approval of a pension increase for Halifax County pensioners in the amount of 4 percent effective January 1, 1986.

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

"THAT approval be granted for a pension increase for Halifax County pensioners in the amount of 4 percent effective January 1, 1986."

MOTION CARRIED.

Request for District Capital, District 19

Mr. Kelly outlined the report.

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

"THAT a District Capital Grant, District 19 be approved in the amount of \$1,685.85 for the Springfield Lake Recreation Centre."

MOTION CARRIED.

Request for District Capital Grant, District 6

Mr. Kelly outlined the report.

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

"THAT a District Capital Grant, District 6 be approved in the amount of \$4,255 for improvements to the Eastern Passage ballfield."

MOTION CARRIED.

Request for District Capital Grant, District 16

Mr. Kelly outlined the report.

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

"THAT a District Capital Grant, District 16 be approved in the amount of \$3,725 to supply and install fencing at the Riverview Community Centre, Lower Sackville."

MOTION CARRIED.

Request for District Capital Grant, District 11

Mr. Kelly outlined the report as attached to the agenda.

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

"THAT a District Capital Grant, District 11 be approved in the amount of \$2,000 for stacking chairs for the Sheet Harbour Lioness Club."

MOTION CARRIED.

Westphal/Cole Harbour and District Fire Station

Mr. Kelly outlined the report of the Executive Committee with regard to this matter.