

Councillor Rawding noted many budgets presented show renewing of equipment, maintenance, purchasing of new equipment, etc., but there is no itemization on a department by department basis for recovery from the sale of surplus equipment or use of equipment. He inquired about a policy respecting this and the revenue where it is shown. Mr. Wilson informed any money from the sale of used equipment goes to a special capital reserve fund, which can only be used for capital purchases. Much of the used equipment is given to fire departments and other agencies of the County. Vehicles are usually sold at a dealers auction because more money can be made with this method than trading vehicles in. Councillor Rawding asked why the purchase of new equipment is not pro-rated or cost-shared from the special reserve fund to be mixed with new money in a budget. Mr. Wilson informed this could be done, but the main idea is to save the capital reserve for larger items. For example, the addition to the Municipal Administration Centre was totally funded from various reserve and surplus accounts.

#### Recreation Budget

Mr. Markesino reviewed the covering page of his budget, outlining the purpose and objectives of his department. He advised there are three areas of recreation which are budgeted for: administration, programming, and parks maintenance. He noted there is an increase in the budget, but is required to retain and increase the present level of service and programming.

Councillor Lichter asked if there was a way determined to cut travel costs from 1986 to 1987. Mr. Markesino advised there has been a staff meeting, as a result of the travel report from Mr. Meech. Every effort will be made by the department to cut these costs from 1986. He noted students working on summer playgrounds use much of this costs, although the maintenance supervisor and the regional supervisors have been trying to cut back on these costs.

Councillor Deveaux asked if Sackville programming is different from that of other departments. Mr. Markesino informed in the past no money has been put into Sackville for programming. However, it was recently decided money should be spent in Sackville. A formula was agreed upon, and Mr. Markesino expressed his support for this formula and the amount involved. He noted it is a new proposal for 1987.

Deputy Warden Mont inquired about the Recreation Co-ordinator and security for Eastern Passage. Mr. Markesino informed this is for the new facility in Eastern Passage. Security is required for a door person and to make sure the building is not abused. Instructors will be doing their programs and will have no control over this. The Community School Co-ordinators do much programming work for the County, and this money is put back into their efforts. Mr. Wilson noted this cost has increased to \$18,000 from approximately \$13,000 in 1986. This is shown as an improvement in service. There was some discussion about Community School Co-ordinators and the programs they work under.

Councillor Reid asked if all the part time salaries shown are new. Mr. Markesino informed these salaries are only a continuation from

1986; there are no new part time positions. There is an increase of approximately \$8,000 over 1986. Mr. Wilson noted security and the co-ordinator are the two main items reflecting this increase.

Councillor DeRoche inquired about two recreation programmers in Cole Harbour at \$14,000. Mr. Markesino informed these positions are not new. He identified these employees and explained their duties to Councillor DeRoche. Councillor DeRoche expressed concern that the County is paying too much for what is received in return. Mr. Markesino noted although these people work from the Cole Harbour office, they service the entire area. Councillor Deveaux felt the money is being spent very usefully. He stated the new facility in Eastern Passage has been put to good use, keeping children occupied who were in trouble in the past.

Councillor Snow asked when it is expected that District 14 will have its own programmer. Mr. Markesino expressed hope that if the school in the area becomes vacant next fall, a community youth centre can be opened here, such as the one in Eastern Passage. He expressed a desire to have at least one of these facilities in every district. He agreed there is a full time programmer required now. Councillor Snow stated if the dollars paid are not soon matched to the services, District 14 will be in a situation such as that of Sackville.

Councillor C. Baker inquired about youth activities for Herring Cove. He stated there is a problem with vandalism in Herring Cove, and there should be more recreation facilities for these people. Mr. Markesino informed there is a part time program at the fire hall in Herring Cove, operating one or two nights per week. However, this is not sufficient because the youth must be able to identify with the place, and a part time program does not allow this. He stated part time programs are often a waste of money because the remainder of the week poses a problem. Another problem is that not all youths are interested in the same activities.

Councillor P. Baker informed the hall in Terence Bay does not provide a good recreation facility because it is so expensive to operate during the winter months, and funds for this facility are almost depleted. He asked that Mr. Markesino speak to the Director of the facility about the use of this hall for recreation purposes and have it repaired to necessary standards. There are no other facilities available in the area.

Councillor Reid noted on page 30-17 the large budgets for recoveries, but the small amounts actually recovered. He expressed concern about the low recoveries, and that larger recoveries are projected for 1987. Mr. Markesino stated the projected recoveries were Federal and Provincial grants to supplement summer programs. This was received, although it is not shown in the actual; only registration fees are shown as recoverables. He noted the recoveries from grants is shown on page 30-16. He informed budgeted increases for 1987 are due to expansion of the entire program. Mr. Markesino informed he has a list of the areas which will be covered by the programs, and he informed he would have this circulated to Members of Council. Councillor Lichter felt these should be distributed before this budget is dealt with.

With respect to page 30-29, Deputy Warden Mont asked if providing sports equipment to various associations is for adults, as well as children. Mr. Markesino informed it is. Deputy Warden Mont expressed concern about this. He stated adults have the ability to pay for this equipment themselves and to fundraise for equipment. Mr. Markesino expressed agreement with the Deputy Warden, although he noted this has been the policy since the opening of the department. He stated adults should be buying their own equipment and freeing more money for minor leagues throughout the County.

Deputy Warden Mont informed he was not aware of this until recently, and he suggested this should be reviewed. He also suggested Councillors should be made aware of what equipment is requested and given out. He stated there are other needs for recreation, and this is not done for all sports. He stated golf and hunting equipment is not purchased for adults pursuing these sports.

Councillor Merrigan advised his recreation group was directed not to purchase equipment unless he knows about it. He stated there is no organization to the issuance of this equipment. He expressed discontent with the organization of the County's recreation program. He stated if it were not for the Beaverbank Recreation Association, Beaverbank would have nothing.

Mr. Markesino expressed opposition to Councillor Merrigan's comments. He stated the budget is a program budget, rather than a capital budget. The Recreation Department has never gone into capital budgeting, although they should be. He stated the programming aspect works very well in Beaverbank.

There was additional opposition expressed for giving equipment to adult groups and teams. Mr. Markesino explained the system in the City of Halifax, and he indicated this is how it should work for the County, as well. He stated the City does not give equipment to adult teams, but they do give grants. The grants must be accounted for and financial statements shown. He stated if this were done in the County, minor groups would probably get more equipment.

There being difficulty in keeping a quorum, this meeting of the Committee of the Whole adjourned. It was agreed the Warden would schedule another meeting to continue the discussion with respect to the Recreation budget and the rest of the budgets to be reviewed. The meeting adjourned at 5 p.m.

JOINT COUNCIL SESSION  
DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD FUNDING

APRIL 7, 1987

PRESENT WERE: Warden MacKenzie  
Mayor Roberts  
Councillor Fralick  
Councillor P. Baker  
Councillor C. Baker  
Councillor Deveaux  
Councillor Randall  
Councillor Bayers  
Councillor Reid  
Councillor Lichter  
Councillor Snow  
Councillor Merrigan  
Councillor MacKay  
Councillor MacDonald  
Councillor Wiseman  
Deputy Warden Mont  
Councillor Lugar  
Councillor Roy  
Councillor Kelly  
Councillor Christie  
Councillor Nolan

ALSO PRESENT: Mr. K.R. Meech, CAO, County of Halifax  
Mr. K. Wilson, Director of Finance, County of Halifax  
Mr. R. Singer, Director of Finance, Town of Bedford

SECRETARY: Glenda Higgins

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Warden MacKenzie called the meeting to order at 3:40 p.m.

Warden MacKenzie advised there was an Ad Hoc Committee established to deal with Excess School Board Funding, and he turned the meeting over to Councillor Lugar, Chairman of the Committee, and staff for discussion.

Councillor Lugar advised in the spring of 1986 there was frustration with the annual review of the School Board budget. Thus, a small committee was appointed to derive a formula to deal with this problem. He stated it is hoped this formula can be derived every autumn for a three year period. Councillor Lugar advised School Board staff were approached about the guaranteed financing they would like to have. It was agreed the dollar level of service for 1986 would be built on over the next three years. There was no consideration given to a reduction in financial assistance; it was necessary to develop a control for the next few years. Councillor Lugar reviewed the mandate of this Ad Hoc

Committee. He noted the School Board will be required to be responsible for its deficits and integret with the following year's budget. Any surplus would also be retained by the School Board; the following year's budget would not be reduced due to a surplus.

Councillor Lugar advised there are four basic components of the formula, and reviewed he of them.

1) the School Board should receive the combined contribution of the current year - the amount which is mandatory by Provincial law added to excess funds which have been required over the past few years.

2) An amount should be added for increased cost based on the Consumer Price Index.

3) An amount should be added for any increase in the number of students. Any surplus which may be accumulated from this should remain with the School Board so they would be able to meet some of the costs of the new schools.

4) The current programs should be universally accessable to all students. There could be additional costs involveed in gradually making the current programs universally accessable. The additional cost to do this should be reasonably easy to determine each year, and this should be presented as an additional amount to the previous three items. Once this additional amount is agreed to, it would form part of the base for the next year.

Councillor Lugar next outlined the formula proposed, as noted on page 6 of the report, as well as the formula as applied to 1987 (with some unknown factors). This formula gave a figure of \$1,397, 692 to be supplemented by the two municipal units. He compared this to the \$5,977,875, which was paid in 1986.

Councillor Lugar advised that the Ad Hoc Committee agreed this formula is safe, and it should be implemented for the next three years and reviewed after that time.

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

"THAT the Joint Councils adopt the Ad Hoc Committee report on District School Board funding with the formula contained therein, as described on pages four to seven inclusive, and that this formula be applicable for the years 1987, 1988, and 1989."

Councillor Deveaux noted the \$1,397,692 figure noted by Councillor Lugar, and he asked if this is the figure the two municipal units will have to pay. Councillor Lugar informed the School Board has not approved its budget yet, and if this figure were adopted now, the Board would have to request additional funds separate and apart from this \$1,397,692. Councillor Lugar stated this meeting is not to vote on the dollars, but to decide on the concept of this formula. He noted this figure would change based on the Provincial Education Tax.

Councillor Lichter asked if the number of students will be those verified by the Inspector of Schools, or the figures provided by the School Board. Councillor Lugar felt this information would be made available from the School Board. Councillor Lichter expressed objection, noting students are often enrolled in more than one school due to mobility, and the rolls are not kept up-to-date by the day. He noted an increased number of students has an impact on the formula, and he suggested this be based on the increased number of students as verified by the Education Department to assure honest mistakes are not made.

Councillor Lichter inquired about the assessment figures utilized and what will take place in 1988. It was noted 1986 assessment figures are utilized, and the rate should come down in 1988 because the new (1987) assessment figures will be used in 1988. Councillor Lichter expressed objection stating there will be a reversal in 1988 with respect to Provincial funding. Mr. Wilson stated this is why the formula was devised to consider the combined mandatory and excess. Councillor Lichter stated the impact will be the same, whether an increase is in the mandatory contribution or the excess contribution. He concluded the formula for 1987 is acceptable, but it must be considered beyond that point. In 1988 if the 44 cent rate does not go down proportionate to the assessment increase, the impact will be hard.

Mr. Wilson replied with this formula, of the mandatory figure had gone up, there would be no excess. Councillor Lichter stated if the province increases the mandatory figures to a point where there is no excess, any extraordinary requests from the Board will be presented, and Councils would be pressured to supply these requests. He stated this is a psychological advantage for the School Board because the excess funding will eventually be included with the mandatory.

Councillor Merrigan asked why the formula is not simply the cost per student multiplied by the Consumer Price Index multiplied by the number of students. He stated the proposed formula is too complicated.

Councillor Lugar informed everything is factored by the cost of living. It would be worked out every year based on the number of student and the Consumer Price Index.

Mr. Wilson reviewed the formula once again, and there was some discussion concerning implementation of the formula.

Councillor Lugar commented that because this formula is based on 1986 facts and figures, makes the contribution known to the School Board and the two Councils by early December each year, provided the Provincial government has established the rate per \$100 for the next year at the time.

Councillor Lichter commented on the teachers' salaries in relation to the School Board budgets, which in turn causes excess costs. He noted settlements are often high in terms of teachers' salaries. However, if the cost of living is to be applied to the formula, it must also be

applied to the salaries, teachers and otherwise. He stated this will build a cushion between the agreed increase to teachers' salaries and the Consumer Price Index. He stated the only time this will be reasonable is during the third year of the present contract because at that time teachers' salaries are raised according to the Consumer Price Index.

Mr. Wilson informed this was considered by the Ad Hoc Committee, as variations of the recommended formula were consideration, taking the teachers' increments into consideration.

Mr. Meech added that while the formula applies the Consumer Price Index, it only relates to the Municipal Councils portions; therefore, it is not a case where teachers are receiving 3.4 percent over and above their prescribed increases.

Councillor Lichter stated the Consumer Price Index is not known for upcoming years, and it is possible the two Council's will be caught in a tight situation when the increase in salaries is three percent, regardless of the CPI. He stated if there is a very drastic jump in the cost of living in the first year, there will be a very drastic jump in the required contribution. He expressed objection to applying the cost of living without any consideration to the fact that the cost may not be available for teachers' salaries; the formula should be adjusted in view of this.

Mayor Roberts agreed the cost of living will be higher than the increase to teachers' salaries, but he stated in order to pay teachers' salaries in the past, other items suffered. He expressed hope that the School Board will take advantage of the time when it is known the costs for salaries will be lower, to catch up on maintenance of schools, etc. He stated the only problem might be if the School Board takes advantage of this period to hire additional teachers.

Councillor Roy stated discussion about increases to teachers' salary scales often neglects scale increases. He noted there are many teachers who upgrade their license and move up on the service scale, and he felt these increases would be above the cost of living increases.

Councillor Reid expressed agreement with Councillor Roy's point, and he noted at the School Board level there has been discussion about a two percent increase in teachers in 1987, with a seven percent increase in salary level. He was of the understanding the increase to the two percent increase in teachers would approximate three percent.

Councillor Lugar noted once the formula is adopted for a three year term, it can be reviewed by the Joint Councils as it is prepared annually. He noted it is a legal requirement to meet together to discuss the and approve a School Board budget.

Councillor Wiseman noted the number of students given to the County and those working on the funding formula as the same as those sent from Nova Scotia Department of Education. She felt the Provincial

government would not accept an inaccurate figure or that the School Board would project figures that could be found at fault. Councillor Wiseman also informed a total increase for salaries and wages for teachers is set at 6.4 percent for 1987.

Councillor Lichter stated when student enrollment is being calculated in September it often lags, and any miscounts are not intentional. He felt these numbers should be verified by the Inspectors before they are utilized in the formula. He noted the incremental is only for 11 years; this is the last year a teacher can receive an increment unless their license is increased. Given this consideration, Councillor Lichter expressed objection to the formula.

Councillor Wiseman responded there were 151 new teachers hired in 1986, and almost all of those teachers would be starting at the bottom and moving up. She reviewed some figures and noted the number of teachers has not increased significant, although there has been a fairly significant change in staff. She stated if this number of teachers were changed every year, there would be younger teachers, at a lower scale every year.

Councillor Lichter expressed agreement, but he stated both issues must be considered - the new teachers at a lower salary, as well as the others at a higher salary.

Councillor Reid asked if the formula will be reviewed annually. Councillor Lugar clarified the formula will be reviewed at the end of the three year period, but each year a report from senior staff will be presented, and it can be changed if the results are not appropriate.

Councillor Kelly asked the motion be amended so the count of students will be verified by the Provincial inspector.

Councillor Lugar and Councillor Fralick agreed to include this in the original motion.

The final motion read:

"THAT the Joint Councils adopt the Ad Hoc Committee report on District School Board funding with the formula contained therein, as described on pages four to seven inclusive, with the amended that the number of students be verified by the Provincial inspector of schools and that this formula be applicable for the years 1987, 1988, and 1989;

MOTION CARRIED

There being no further business, this meeting of the Joint Councils adjourned at 4:45 p.m.



COUNCIL SESSION

APRIL 7, 1987

PRESENT WERE: Councillor Rawding  
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  
Councillor Wiseman  
Deputy Warden 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

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Warden MacKenzie called the Councillor Session to order at 6:05 p.m. with the Lord's Prayer.

Mr. Kelly called the Roll.

Warden MacKenzie extended a welcome to Cubs and Scouts from the Sackville area, as well as their leaders, Bob Jones and John Hawkins. Councillor MacKay introduced the group to Members of Council. Warden MacKenzie advised the boys County pins are usually presented to groups attending Council Sessions; however, there are no pins available at this time. He assured each boy would receive a pin through their leaders once they have arrived.

Warden MacKenzie also welcomed a group of students and their teachers from Duncan MacMillan High School, Sheet Harbour. He introduced a group of exchange students from Labrador City. He presented Mr. Rick Thorne of Labrador City with a plaque as a token from the Municipality in appreciation of the exchange program for bringing the students and teachers together.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

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

"THAT the minutes of the Council Session, March 3, 1987, be approved as circulated."

MOTION CARRIED

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

"THAT the minutes of the Council Session, March 17, 1987, be approved as circulated."

MOTION CARRIED

EMERGENCY AGENDA ITEMS

Councillor P. Baker - School Area Rates

Councillor Lichters - Roads

REPRESENTATION, RE FISHING AND MINING INDUSTRIES - OIL DRILLING, GEORGE'S BANK

Warden MacKenzie introduced Mr. Randy Baker and Mr. Stan Purdy to represent the fishing industry with respect to drilling off George's Bank. He advised representation from the drilling industry will be heard at the next Council Session.

Mr. Baker began by outlining a report he had circulated to Members of Council. He advised George's Bank is one of the richest fishing grounds off our coast. The 1987 harvest from George's Bank is predicted to be worth over \$100 million, and because of its location, temperature, tidal flows, and currents, it guarantees this value of harvest indefinitely. He agreed oil is also a valuable resource, but there are many other areas besides George's Bank where there are proven reserves. Mr. Baker noted United States companies were successful in obtaining drilling rights for the U.S. area of George's Bank, but they were proven unsuccessful and were stopped for environmental reasons. A moratorium was put in place to stop any further drilling here. The potential for environmental damage to the fishery from off-shore drilling is alarming, let alone an oil spill on the most important fishing bank Canada has. Mr. Baker concluded a \$100 million industry cannot be put at stake for a quick flow-through of \$45 million in exploration monies. He asked for Council's support in an attempt to put a moratorium on exploration drilling off George's Bank.

Mr. Purdy added that the Eastern Fishermen's Federation is an umbrella group of 21 fishing organizations from New Brunswick, Prince Edward Island, and Nova Scotia. At a recent meeting, it was unanimously decided to voice opposition to any drilling off George's Bank. Those most directly affected by such drilling would be from Grand Manan. These people are very concerned about this matter. He suggested fishing along the entire Atlantic Coast would be in severe trouble

should there be any complications when drilling in this area. He concluded that after speaking to many of the residents of this area, complete opposition has been shown to drilling along George's Bank.

Councillor Deveaux clarified the major concern of the Eastern Fishermen's Federation is what complications with drilling in the area could cause to the fishing industry. He was of the understanding it is Texaco's intention to employ a system that has been employed in the past that will not cause any major problems even if a spill did occur. He asked if the Eastern Fishermen's Federation is aware of this system and if it has been employed anywhere in the past. Mr. Purdy responded he is not aware of any such system. He stated exploration drilling in this area would only be considered if there is an unconditional guarantee, and he felt no drilling company can produce such a guarantee. Mr. Baker felt there is no such system available anywhere. He informed throughout the world there has been 18 serious blow-outs, and he expressed concern about the 19th blow-out being on George's Bank. He stated George's Bank is unique because the currents flow in a circular motion, which makes this area so rich for fishing. He informed nutrients for the fish are held within the area because of the flow of the currents. Fish on George's Bank grow twice as fast as they do off Sable Island because of the circulation of currents and the water temperature. He concluded the scallop industry off George's Bank last was worth \$63 million; it is the only off-shore scallop industry in the world. It would not be worth the risk to allow drilling to take place in this area.

Councillor C. Baker inquired about the size of boats that fish off George's Bank. Mr. Baker replied boats 40 feet and larger fish here, including long liners and draggers. Councillor C. Baker also asked if the fishermen from Sambro are members of the Eastern Fishermen's Federation. Mr. Baker replied they are not. Councillor C. Baker informed there is a large fishing industry in this area, and the fishermen from this area also want to reiterate the concerns of the Eastern Fishermen's Federation. He stated these fishermen are dependent on the fish from George's Bank for their livelihood.

Councillor P. Baker stated fishermen have had a hard life, and the fishing industry is only now starting to flourish. Fishermen all over Nova Scotia have concerns about drilling, and he felt Halifax County should take a strong stand against drilling off George's Bank. He stated the other side of the story will not change his opinion in this respect. He asked if a motion supporting the fishermen would be in order, and Warden MacKenzie suggested this be left until representation from the oil industry is heard. Councillor P. Baker concluded that oil and fish do not mix, and Halifax County should show support for the fishermen.

Councillor MacKay inquired about the origin of the figures presented in the circulated report. Mr. Baker replied these figures come from a paper distributed at the Gulf of Maine Advisory Committee. He informed this is a federal committee set up of fishermen's representatives, groups, processors, and government representatives. He stated the figures are solely Canadian with no consideration given to American figures.

Councillor MacKay noted this is a very large industry. He inquired about the environmental reasons for the moratorium on United States companies. Mr. Baker replied problems were not encountered from the drilling, but a number of American fishing groups and environmentalists went to United States Courts and proved that any complications with the drilling would cause serious damage to the fishing industry. He informed this took place in the late 1970's.

Councillor MacKay inquired about an unconditional guarantee. Mr. Purdy replied if the drilling companies can guarantee no problems will be caused to the fishing industry, they will be supported. He stated there would have to be a guarantee that nothing at all will happen. He stated nobody can give this guarantee.

Councillor Randall inquired about the effect of the circular circulation of the water. Mr. Baker informed this would be detrimental because there is no tide to carry the oil away; any oil from a spill would continue to circulate along the Banks.

Councillor Randall also inquired about the distance from an oil drilling rig that a fishermen can fish, and the effect of the required distance. Mr. Baker replied there is a three mile radius around an oil drilling rig where no fishing can take place. However, the proposed drilling areas have not been made public. Hearsay informs the North-east peak area is proposed for drilling, which is the richest fishing area of the Bank. This would have an adverse affect even if there is no pollution.

Mr. Purdy added the movement of water may confine the oil to one area should it come to the surface. However, the spawning grounds for lobster have never been defined, and this could be in George's Bank. He stated if juvenile lobsters are on the surface, and there was an oil spill, it would wipe out the lobster industry in Nova Scotia, and it would be obvious what the situation would then be.

Councillor Deveaux asked if the moratorium from the late 1970's is still in effect. Mr. Baker replied this moratorium is still in effect, but it is strictly American. There has been no attempt as of yet to have a Canadian moratorium placed here.

Councillor Fralick asked Mr. Purdy how long he has been involved in the fishing industry. Mr. Purdy replied it has been a long time. He stated he has been with the Eastern Fishermen's Federation since its formation in 1979. Presently, he holds the position of Secretary. For four other years, he held the position of President.

Councillor Fralick informed the offshore fishermen of St. Margaret's Bay will be supporting the fishermen and opposing any drilling off George's Bank.

Mr. Purdy concluded that although a disaster off George's Bank may directly affect the larger of the fleet, the effort imposed on the inshore sectors of the fleet would be disastrous for inshore fishermen.

Warden MacKenzie called upon Dr. Robert Bailey, Senior Environmental Advisor, Canada Oil & Gas Land Administration, for comments. Dr. Bailey stated he had no presentation, but would be willing to answer any questions. Mr. Peter Underwood expressed same.

Councillor Bayers inquired about the Provincial position with respect to oil drilling off George's Bank. Mr. Underwood informed this position has been made clear through the press. The Premier has spoken a number of times, clearly indicating his government will not approve of any drilling on George's Bank until such time as the fishermen are satisfied they could live with this. Councillor Bayers clarified if the Eastern Fishermen's Federation made representation to the Provincial government, they would continue to hold this position. Mr. Underwood agreed, stating there has been sufficient representation from the Nova Scotia Department of Fisheries in this respect. He advised as a representative of this department, he has attended a large number of advisory committee meetings across the Province, and it has been unanimous that the fishermen are opposed to drilling off George's Bank. He concluded until such time as the decision of the Premier changes, the Department of Fisheries will also hold this stance.

There being no further discussion regarding this presentation, Warden MacKenzie thanked Mr. Baker and Mr. Purdy for their presentation. He noted the matter will be dealt with following the presentation from the oil industry. He also expressed appreciation for Dr. Bailey's and Mr. Underwood's attendance.

#### REPORT, RE ADOLESCENT TREATMENT CENTRE

Warden MacKenzie called upon Councillor Wiseman to make this presentation.

Councillor Wiseman asked Members of Council to watch a film which she and other Members of Council saw in North Carolina as part of their information sessions.

Councillor Wiseman stated there are people of all ages in the immediate area who are as badly affected by drugs and alcohol as those shown in the film. She stated concern began with the Ad Hoc Committee for the Adolescent Treatment Centre when it was realized that although the Halifax County-Bedford District School Board was showing leadership in providing help for children through the school system, there is no available treatment facility in Nova Scotia to provide an adequate level of treatment for children. Councillor Wiseman introduced the members of the Ad Hoc Committee. She advised the object of the presentation is to make Councillors aware of the needs of children in the metro area and what it is hoped can be done about this. She stated the object of the presentation is also to share with Members of Council what was learned in North Carolina with respect to Adolescent Treatment Centres. Councillor Wiseman expressed appreciation to Bev Smith, who works in the school system as a drug and alcohol education coordinator.

Dr. Joe Morrison began the presentation by outlining the history of ADAPT - the alcohol and drug program within the school system, as well as the Ad Hoc Committee. He informed time made parents, teachers, etc. realize that a drug problem will not go away, and there is a requirement for a rehabilitation program in which drug and alcohol education is important. He informed during the 1982-83 school term Mr. Terry Tingley presented an application for sabbatical leave in order to undertake a program in drug education. Upon Mr. Tingley's return, with cooperation from the Nova Scotia Commission on Drug Dependency, the Halifax County-Bedford District School Board started its own program with a number of goals: to actively encourage drug awareness among pupils, professional staff, and community; to develop a peer education program; to provide a liaison between pupils, parents, schools, and helpful agencies; and to work with other groups within the communities to make people aware of the problem and to offer assistance. He concluded that the service provided and the assistance offered to people has been very good, and the School Board is very pleased with the impact they have been able to provide. However, because of the work done, it is realized there is a need for an adolescent treatment centre.

Mr. Terry Tingley, Head of the Alcohol and Drug Abuse Prevention and Training Program, continued the presentation, informing of the extent of the problem within the Halifax County-Bedford District. He informed the Provincial 5 and 28 day programs are not acceptable to adolescents because they cannot interact about their problem openly with adults. The programs for drug and alcohol treatment are geared for adults. They do not offer opportunities for continued education, and the programs are interrupted by weekend breaks, which is detrimental to the treatment. He concluded that those harmfully involved usually drop from the school system, leave home, get in trouble with the law, and end up on social assistance. There is a need for support to get something in the Province pertaining to the need that exists for adequate adolescent treatment facility. He noted there is a regular caseload of approximately 300 who are at some stage in drug use. There are presently 45 young people harmfully involved with drugs and in need of specialized adolescent treatment.

Deputy Warden Mont continued the presentation with awareness which the group received from the tour of treatment centres in North Carolina. He informed he was approached as Chairman of the Rehab Centre to see how he could assist in this program. He reviewed each of the treatment centres visited in North Carolina, and he noted it was a very educational experience. He noted in the United States the medical service is much different, and most everything is private. The centres visited by the group were all privately owned. He stated the fact that they can charge for their facilities says something about the facilities that can be built. He noted two in particular were very beautiful. However, if you can afford to pay and you do not have the insurance, you do not get the treatment. The costs are approximately \$2,500 per week per child. Two of the facilities strongly believed there should be no mixture of adolescents and adults during treatment, and the third facility had some involvement, and they allowed some

adolescents to be a part of an adult program. However, this was very rare. The physical health program is vital to the treatment program, and there was gymnasium facilities, etc. available. An important part of the treatment is teaching young people to have fun without drugs and alcohol. At North Carolina, most adolescents have a six week stay - the first ten days are to become drug free, and after that treatment and rehabilitation begin. Group therapy is used, and there is a strong feeling that individual therapy does not work. Interaction is not advised between adult and adolescent patients because their needs and experiences are different. He continued that family participation is very important in all programs. Families could not visit unless they participated in the Family Outreach Program. There was also outpatient care available for after completion of the inhouse program. The program is modeled on the 12 steps of Alcoholics Anonymous, starting in the morning and running until the evening with a few hours for schooling and scheduled recreation. Deputy Warden Mont continued to review the facilities visited. He concluded that adolescents are not adults, and they require a different treatment plan than adults, along with continuity. Allowing adolescents to go home for the nights and weekends is felt to be counter-productive. There is a need for a program that combines recreational, educational, and health components. He stated the visit and tour was very moving for all who attended.

Councillor P. Baker spoke of the Ad Hoc Committee, informing it is very worthwhile group. He stated there is a breakfast meeting arranged with the area MLA's on April 10, 1987 to solicit their support for an adolescent treatment centre. He commented the program offered at the Halifax County Rehab Centre is not acceptable for treatment of drug and alcohol abusers. He stated support is required for an independent treatment facility for adolescents. The intent is not to get the County into an expensive program at the cost of the taxpayers. However, money which is now made available is not put to proper use, and it should be re-directed to help adolescents with drug problems. He concluded by suggesting there should be another Member of Council to sit on this Committee and offer further support.

Councillor Wiseman stated the two major needs are a separate treatment facility for adolescents and programming geared specifically to the needs of adolescents. She informed programming must meet emotional, physical, and spiritual needs of adolescents, as well as educational needs. She concluded the presentation, asking that Council support an adolescent treatment centre for the metro area, if not for the entire Province.

Warden MacKenzie felt Council is supportive of the work of this Ad Hoc Committee. He wished Councillor Wiseman and the Committee well with the meeting with the MLA's.

Councillor Rawding inquired about the caseload and if this problem is serious or if these numbers are kept to a minimum. Mr. Tingley replied the more aware staff, teachers, parents, etc. are of the problem, the more the problems present themselves. The aim of the Committee is to stop drug abuse from the beginning. He stated there are 6,000 high

school students, and statistics would say that 70 percent of that population (including alcohol) would be experimenting. One-seventh of those who experiment get in over their heads and get harmfully involved.

Councillor C. Baker commented on the types of homes the young people who are involved with drugs come from. He asked what the Ad Hoc Committee is capable of doing, as there must be a universal effort in this respect. Deputy Warden Mont responded that the efforts must start somewhere, although the Ad Hoc Committee may not be the most appropriate group, but the initiative does not come from anywhere else. He felt the Ad Hoc Committee can already take some credit for the work of the government in this respect. They recognize the need for a program for adolescents.

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

"THAT Halifax County Council go on record as supporting the objectives of the Ad Hoc Committee to establish a centre to deal with Adolescent drug and alcohol abuse."

Councillor DeRoche asked if it is the intention of the Committee to seek the establishment and operation of a centre for alcohol and drug abuse for adolescents comparable to that presently at the Nova Scotia Hospital, known as MacKay House. He noted the MacKay House is for longer term treatment for mental and social disorders. He expressed support for the motion, and he suggested the motion include a recommendation for the Provincial authority to establish and operate a facility for the treatment of drug and alcohol abuse for adolescents with programs comparable with those provided at MacKay House. He suggested Council unanimously support the motion.

Councillor Deveaux inquired if the Committee is aware of the program at MacKay House. Mr. Tingley replied the proposed centre would be independent for the treatment for adolescents for drug and alcohol abuse. Councillor DeRoche informed at MacKay House the educational process is continued for adolescents accommodated there, which has been part of the presentation by the Ad Hoc Committee. It was felt the support of Council would be sufficient at this time.

MOTION CARRIED

#### LETTERS AND CORRESPONDENCE

##### Office of the Minister of Fisheries and Oceans

Mr. Kelly reviewed this letter in response to Council's resolution respecting the licensing policy for fishermen. He advised the Department of Fisheries and Oceans plan to develop a general policy document on licensing which should be available to the general public later this year, and information relative to the existing policies at the local fisheries offices.



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

"THAT this item of correspondence be received."

Warden MacKenzie suggested when this policy is made public, it should be forwarded to the representatives of the fishing industry who were in attendance earlier.

MOTION CARRIED

Prospect Bus Service

Mr. Kelly reviewed this letter from the Prospect Road District Lions Club, advising of support for the Prospect Road Bus.

Warden MacKenzie advised he has receipt 43 letters from citizens of the Prospect Road area. This particular one was added to the agenda as there was an indication it would be discussed at this Council Session.

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

"THAT this item of correspondence be received."

MOTION CARRIED

Councillor P. Baker advised he is in receipt of 11 letters respecting this matter. He stated it seems people are writing in support of the bus who will not use the service. He stated the community is growing, and he would support this request. He advised the original request was for \$15,000, but he recommended Mr. Pike request \$12,000. He stated a precedent has been set, and after this request has been dealt with, a policy should be established.

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

"THAT the Prospect Road Bus be given a grant of \$12,000."

Councillor Merrigan advised the Executive Committee had recommended a grant not be given. In the meantime, Councillor Merrigan advised he has worked with Mr. Pike to determine if he is eligible for a grant under the Employment Act. He felt \$12,000 for this bus service would be wasted. The people of the Prospect area have the right to a bus service, but not one that will last only until the \$12,000 disappears. He felt this matter should be referred back to the Executive Committee to determine a policy for rural transit. In this situation the requirements must be studied and something set up that will work for this bus service.

Councillor P. Baker stated it is not fair for Councillor Merrigan to compare this situation to Beavercreek. He stated Mr. Pike undertook this bus service with his own savings, and he could have given up after the first two months. He stated the \$12,000 would be money well spent on a demonstration program. He suggested if this service is successful with this grant, he would approach the residents of the district about an area rate for this service. He noted the public meeting would have to be well attended and the majority would have to be in favour of the area rate.

Councillor Merrigan reiterated that \$12,000 will not keep this bus service running. He stated he is supportive of the bus and a grant to keep this bus running until the end of 1987 to give Mr. Pike a chance to arrange a better schedule and service.

Councillor McInroy stated he would not support anything in this manner unless priorities are set. He stated there is a requirement for a policy to deal with these requests. He stated the County cannot start to give grants for small business. Councillor McInroy stated he wants to support rural transit, but the present approach is irresponsible.

Councillor Deveaux stated a precedent was set with the first grant for transit, and the County must live with this now. He expressed hope that once this grant is awarded, every effort will be made to ensure something is done with this bus service. He noted there is no transit operation that does not run in the black, and in urban areas there are area rates to cover this.

Councillor MacDonald inquired about the ridership on this bus. Councillor P. Baker informed some days are better than others; some days there is ridership to cover expenses, and other days there is not. He suggested this not be deferred to the Executive Committee because Mr. Pike has prepared an application to the Board of Public Utilities to withdraw this service, and this will be dealt with before the next Session of Council.

Deputy Warden Mont stated he is supportive of the bus service in this area, but he expressed concern that the money not just be thrown away. He stated there are other such requests forthcoming. He stated if this money is granted, the service must continue.

After further discussion, Councillor P. Baker and Councillor Deveaux agreed to withdraw the original resolution. Councillor Merrigan clarified Mr. Pike has applied to withdraw his service, but it will not be shut down before the first of May. He reviewed the ridership of the bus. From the gallery, Mr. Pike indicated he would be willing to meet with the Executive Committee on April 8, 1987.

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

"THAT the matter of the Prospect Road Bus Service be referred to the Executive Committee meeting of April 8, 1987 and that Mr. Pike be invited to attend this meeting."

MOTION CARRIED

#### Department of Municipal Affairs

Mr. Kelly reviewed this letter from the Minister of Municipal Affairs with respect to the Sackville Civic Status Review Committee. The letter indicated a willingness on the part of the Department to assist with information and support to ensure that all viable options for Sackville area explored.

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

"THAT this item of correspondence be received, and that the Minister of Municipal Affairs be advised Halifax County Council is prepared to co-operate in this regard."

MOTION CARRIED

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPORT

Business Improvement District Commission, Sackville

Mr. Kelly reviewed the report, advising the Executive Committee recommend no further action with respect to the establishment of a Sackville Business Improvement District Commission including proposed changes to the Municipal Act. Also that the Sackville Advisory Board be requested to hold a public meeting with the businessmen of the Sackville community and the Sackville Mainstreet Committee for the purpose of ascertaining the desires of the community in this regard.

Councillor MacKay clarified the Sackville Advisory Board has been advised of this request, but there has been no arrangements made for a meeting at this time.

It was clarified this is for information purposes only.

Request for Easement, Maritime Tel & Tel Company

Councillor Eisenhauer declared a conflict of interest.

Mr. Kelly reviewed the report.

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

"THAT approval be granted for an easement to Maritime Tel & Tel Company on County-owned property (Lot C-5A), Cole Harbour."

Councillor DeRoche inquired about the purpose of this easement, and if the Cole Harbour/Westphal Service Commission have approved of this recommendation. Mr. Kelly responded the Fire Chief for the area had been contacted, but he was not aware that this was discussed with the Service Commission.

Councillor DeRoche noted the Service Commission has jurisdiction in this matter, and he felt this should have been discussed at this level.

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

"THAT the matter of an easement for Maritime Tel & Tel Company be deferred pending consultation with the Cole Harbour/Westphal Service Commission and a response from that body."

MOTION CARRIED

Requests for Grants

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

"THAT Council approve a General County Parkland Grant in the amount of \$4,500 and a District Parkland Grant, District 4 in the amount of \$3,000 for the purpose of installing playground equipment at Atlantic Memorial School, Shad Bay."

MOTION CARRIED

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

"THAT Council approve a District Capital Grant, District 10 in the amount of \$3,000 for the purpose of upgrading the ballfield and facilities at Beechill ballfield (County-owned)."

MOTION CARRIED

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

"THAT Council approve a District Capital Grant, District 12 in the amount of \$2,000 for the purpose of purchasing equipment for the Middle Musquodoboit Volunteer Fire Department."

MOTION CARRIED

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

"THAT Council approve a District Capital Grant, District 16 in the amount of \$2,000 for the Waverley Ground Search and Rescue for building improvements."

MOTION CARRIED

Request for Loan

Mr. Kelly reviewed the request and the recommendation of the Executive Committee.

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

"THAT Council approve a loan advance to the Sackville Lions Club in the amount of \$100,000 for the purpose of constructing an extension to the Lions Club Hall; the loan will be repayable over a ten year term of principal and interest with Council reserving the right to levy an area rate in default of principal and/or interest repayment."

MOTION CARRIED

Withdrawal from Vehicle Reserve Fund

Mr. Kelly reviewed the report.

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

"THAT Council approve a withdrawal from the vehicle reserve fund in the amount of \$10,000 to acquire a new one-quarter ton vehicle for the Building Inspection Division."

MOTION CARRIED

Long Term Service Recognition, County Employees

Mr. Kelly reviewed the report respecting this matter, noting attached correspondence from the Administrators of Ocean View Manor and the Rehab Centre.

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

"THAT Halifax County Council approve the proposed policy respecting long term service recognition for Halifax County Administration Employees."

MOTION CARRIED

PLANNING ADVISORY COMMITTEE REPORT

Application No. RA-TLB-46-86-02 Amend the Timberlea/Lakeside/Beechville Land Use By-law by rezoning a portion of the Lands owned by the Armoyan Group Limited (and now or formerly by Myrtle Johnson), Timberlea

Mr. Kelly reviewed the report, advising this matter was presented earlier and deferred to this Session of Council. It is the recommendation of the Committee that the application be approved, and that a date for a public hearing be set.

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

"THAT Application No. RA-TLB-46-86-02 be approved and that a date for a public hearing be set."

MOTION CARRIED

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

"THAT the public hearing for Application No. RA-TLB-46-86-02 be held on May 25, 1987 at 7 p.m."

MOTION CARRIED

Appeal - Home East Developments Limited

Mr. Kelly reviewed the report and recommendation of the Planning Advisory Committee that the lands in question be rezoned from R-7 (Rural Estate) Zone to R-1 (Single Unit Dwelling) Zone, as ordered by the Municipal Board.

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

"THAT lands in question be rezoned by R-7 (Rural Estate) Zone to R-1 (Single Unit Dwelling) Zone, as ordered by the Municipal Board."

MOTION CARRIED

9 FOR

6 AGAINST

File No. PA-EP/CB-13-86 Proposed Amendments to the Eastern Passage/Cow Bay Municipal Planning Strategy - Reduced Frontage Requirements

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

"THAT Option 2 of the staff report be approved and that a public hearing with respect to this be scheduled for May 11, 1987 at 7:00 p.m."

MOTION CARRIED

Application No. DA-SA-02-87-19 - Development Agreement - Langevin Developments, Lower Sackville

Mr. Kelly reviewed the report.

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

"THAT the Development Agreement between Langevin Developments (Halifax County Condominium Corporation) and Halifax County Municipality be amended as per Appendix "A" of the staff report, and that a public hearing be scheduled for May 11, 1987 at 7 p.m."

MOTION CARRIED

Application No. DA-EP/CB-26-85-06 Development Agreement - Pud'n Head Sea Croppers Incorporated, McNabs Island

Mr. Kelly reviewed the report.

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

"THAT Application No. DA-EP/CB-26-85-06 be approved and that a public hearing with respect to this application be held on May 11, 1987 at 7 p.m."

MOTION CARRIED

Application No. PA-EP/CB-13-86 Proposed Amendments to the Eastern Passage/Cow Bay Municipal Planning Strategy - Reduced Frontage Requirements

Mr. Kelly reviewed the report and recommendation of the Planning Advisory Committee with respect to this application

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

"THAT the amendments to the Eastern Passage/Cow Bay Municipal Planning Strategy, the Eastern Passage/Cow Bay Land Use By-law, and the Halifax County Subdivision By-law be approved as presented."

MOTION CARRIED

REPORT OF THE DEVELOPMENT OFFICER

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

"THAT the Report of the Development Officer be received."  
MOTION CARRIED

REPORT, REDISTRIBUTION COMMITTEE

Mr. Kelly reviewed the report of the Redistribution Committee, recommending that the requested boundary alteration to the Sackville/Beaverbank boundary be approved, relocating a small area as noted from District 19 to District 15. Mr. Kelly advised this boundary change will affect approximately 16 homes. Mr. Lowerison identified the area in question on the map.

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

"THAT the area in question, which is presently located in District 19, be included in District 15."

Councillor McInroy referred to a letter from the Sackville Advisory Board respecting this matter. He felt this letter is incorrect in three areas. He referred to the end of the letter, stating the Redistribution Committee did not get involved in the alteration of boundary changes between Districts 20 and 14 because there was no population involved and no consensus from the local representatives with respect to what should take place with this boundary, and what it should be. He added there was a previously agreement that with respect to planning this area would be included in both plan areas. Therefore, there was no recommendation with respect to a change to this boundary. He stated the two boundary considerations are not similar in any manner. He concluded a particular effort was made to get the Sackville Advisory Board's input on this alteration because of the local nature of this request.

MOTION CARRIED

RECOMMENDATIONS TO COUNCIL, RE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

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

"THAT Council endorse the three year capital budget and that the following capital projects be identified as priority projects for the Municipality:

1. Springfield Lake Sewer and Treatment Plant
2. MacPherson-Lockview Road Sewer
2. North Preston Sewer and Water
3. Middle Musquodoboit Sewer."

MOTION CARRIED

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

"THAT Council adopt the following policy for funding of capital projects:

THAT the capital costs associated with new and expanded water and sewer systems be funded as follows:

60 percent of the capital cost by the Municipality;  
40 percent of the capital cost by the property owners;

AND FURTHER THAT any special assistance provided by the Province for a specific project be distributed 50 percent towards the municipal contribution and 50 percent towards the property owners contribution; however, the minimum contribution from the property owners be established at 30 percent of the capital costs;

AND FURTHER THAT 25 percent of the annual Deed Transfer Tax revenues be allocated as a contribution to the General Capital Grant Fund."

MOTION CARRIED

Warden MacKenzie noted the first recommendation contained in the report was already dealt with by Council.

#### WOODBINE MOBILE HOME PARK, BEAVERBANK

Mr. Kelly advised this memorandum is from Mr. Meech advising there are a number of outstanding violations of the Mobile Home Park By-law relative to Woodbine Mobile Home Park. He recommended that Council instruct the Chief Building Inspector to institute a stay of prosecution on this for a period of 60 days.

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

"THAT Halifax County Council instruct the Chief Building Inspector to institute a stay of prosecution on the issue of outstanding violations of the Mobile Home Park By-law against Woodbine Mobile Home Park for a period of 60 days, enabling Council and the owner of the mobile home park an opportunity to review the Engineering report and reach a decision."

MOTION CARRIED

#### APPOINTMENT OF MEMBERS, HALIFAX COUNTY INDUSTRIAL COMMISSION

Councillor Bayers advised the Chairman of the Industrial Commission, Councillor MacKay, and the Director of the Commission asked that this matter be deferred to the next Session of Council. This will allow the Commission to discuss this matter at the next meeting to determine which members would like to re-offer.

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

"THAT appointment of members to the Halifax County Industrial Commission be deferred to the next Session of Council."  
MOTION CARRIED



REPORT, SOCIAL SERVICES SPECIAL COMMITTEE

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

"THAT the following recommendations be adopted by Council:

THAT the Municipality consider the implementation of a Research and Development Officer in the 1987 budget, to be cost-shared by the Minister of Social Services;

THAT Council write to the Department of Employment for the assignment of a staff person to work within the Municipal boundaries in an effort to concentrate on the able-bodied unemployed;

THAT there be a concentrated effort on the part of all field staff to work specifically with those persons who are able-bodied unemployed;

THAT every effort for education and training be encouraged and made so that persons may be upgraded utilizing facilities and programs already established in the Municipality, with cooperation from the Halifax County-Bedford District School Board and the offices of Mr. Gordon Michael."

Councillor DeRoche informed the manner should be presented in the proper form, and he asked which office the Department of Employment refers to. Mr. Meech suggested this refers to the Canada Employment and Immigration, and he would bring this to the attention of staff. Councillor DeRoche also noted if Canada Employment and Immigration decide to cooperate in this manner, it will be a decided departure from the norm.

Councillor Adams asked if able-bodied unemployed has been defined. Councillor Reid informed the standing Committee has not put a definition on this, but through the expertise of the Social Services Department, field workers can make a decision and classify people in this regard. He informed in August, 1986, it was determined there were approximately 150 able-bodied unemployed, which he preferred to call employable. He stated it would be difficult to define this. Mr. Meech added this classification is used based on regulations and procedures adopted by the Province in the past. He felt the different categories which have been developed by the Provincial Department of Social Services are understood, but he agreed there is a requirement for more detailed information in order to make this judgement. He suggested this may be part of the justification for the Research and Development Officer position.

Councillor Adams referred to the fourth recommendation, and he asked if this also refers to volunteer organizations which may not be directly associated with the Municipality. Mr. Meech felt this recommendation refers specifically to the continuing education program of the Halifax County-Bedford District School Board. However, this is probably not restricted to this. Councillor Adams noted there are various existing

programs with community-based organizations with various kinds of government funding. He suggested these programs could also be utilized to help more people receiving social assistance. Councillor Reid suggested this will be the job of the Research and Development Officer once the caseload is analyzed. He suggested analyzing the caseload will take approximately six months. He stated any available support program will be utilized, but it will be through the new positions. He concluded this recommendation is to establish a literacy program with the Halifax County-Bedford District School Board.

MOTION CARRIED

BUILDING INSPECTOR'S REPORT

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

"THAT Council approve a lesser setback of 25 feet at Lot 208, Essex Drive, Herring Cove."

MOTION CARRIED

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

"THAT Council approve a lesser setback of 23 feet for applicant Edmonds Brothers at Hubbards Medical Centre, Hubbards."

MOTION CARRIED

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

"THAT Council approve a lesser setback of 27 feet and a side yard clearance of four feet for applicant Wayne D. Raymond, Tantallon."

MOTION CARRIED

GUARANTEE RESOLUTION, RE METROPOLITAN AUTHORITY

Mr. Kelly advised requests for Council to guarantee temporary borrowing resolutions for solid waste and Metro Transit. He informed these have already been approved by the Metropolitan Authority.

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

"THAT Halifax County Council guarantee a temporary borrowing resolution in the amount of \$975,000 for Solid Waste."

MOTION CARRIED

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

"THAT Halifax County Council guarantee a temporary borrowing resolution in the amount of \$2,344,000 for Metro Transit."

MOTION CARRIED

CRTC - COUNCILLOR P. BAKER  
DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION - COUNCILLOR P. BAKER

Councillor P. Baker informed both of these issues are being dealt with, and he asked that they be deleted from the agenda.

AGENDA ITEMS

Councillor P. Baker - School Area Rates

Councillor P. Baker asked that this matter be placed on the agenda for the next Session of Council.

Roads - Councillor Lichter

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

"THAT a strong letter be sent to the Minister of Transportation, with a copy to be sent to the Honourable Ken Stretch, MLA, urging the Minister to provide money to enable the Department of Transportation to carry out ditching and graveling on problem roads identified as Cole Road, Intervale Road, Antrim Road, (District 13), Caribou Road, Dean Back Road, Old Guysborough Road, and McFetridge Road (District 12)."

Councillor Lichter informed these roads have been closed, and the Department of Transportation have indicated this is because their machines cannot get through those roads, as they have not been ditched for seven years or more, nor have they received necessary graveling. He informed the residents of these roads are without mail service, school bus service, ambulance and fire service, garbage collection, etc. He noted these roads are public, and the only way to resolve this problem is to maintain them, and only a strong letter to the Minister of Transportation and the MLA could help these residents.

MOTION CARRIED

ADDITION OF ITEMS TO THE APRIL 21, 1987 COUNCIL SESSION

Councillor P. Baker - School Area Rates

ADJOURNMENT

Warden MacKenzie advised of an invitation to all Members of Halifax County Council to attend the sod-turning ceremony of the new ground floor cafeteria at the Halifax County Rehab Centre. He informed this ceremony will take place on Friday, April 10 at 3 p.m. He further advised there will be a reception following the ceremony, and Members of Council should let the Rehab Centre know of the approximate number of those who will attend.

Deputy Warden Mont advised the Special Urban Service meeting scheduled for April 8, 1987 at 4:30 has been cancelled because the Sewer Legislation is not yet complete and ready to be discussed. He advised this meeting will be re-scheduled for Wednesday, April 14, 1987 at 4:30 p.m.

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

"THAT the next meeting of the Committee of the Whole be scheduled for April 14, 1987 at 4 p.m. to continue budget discussion."  
MOTION CARRIED

It was noted the School Board budget should be ready for presentation to Council following the next regular School Board meeting. A meeting of the Joint Councils will have to be arranged for this discussion.

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

"THAT the annual Session of Council be adjourned to April 21, 1987."  
MOTION CARRIED