

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

"THAT the minutes of the Public Hearing, May 30, 1988 be approved as circulated."  
MOTION CARRIED

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

"THAT the minutes of the Committee of the Whole, May 31, 1988 be approved as circulated."  
MOTION CARRIED

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

"THAT the minutes of the Council Session, June 7, 1988 be approved as circulated."  
MOTION CARRIED

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

"THAT the minutes of the Public Hearing, June 16, 1988 be approved as circulated."  
MOTION CARRIED

EMERGENCY AGENDA ITEMS

Councillor Wiseman - Student Safety, Beaverbank Crossroad

Councillor MacKay - Acadia School  
- George Street  
- Cobequid Road

SUPPLEMENTARY AGENDA

Industrial Commission Report - Hubbards Square Condominiums

Councillor MacKay stated that some years ago Councillor Walker expressed an interest in industrial development in his area, and the Industrial Commission had agreed that once certain on-going projects were completed this would be forthcoming. Mr. Denny has working on this project for Councillor Walker's area, as well as other from the area.

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

"THAT Halifax County Council approve the Hubbards Square project at an estimated cost of \$1,363,000 and concur with the following:

- 1) approval of expropriation to clear land title;
- 2) apply to the Province to use capital reserve funds acquired by the Commission in the amount of \$250,000
- 3) approve borrowing by-law in the amount of \$1,363,000
- 4) approval of lease and sale of units to retire debt and the return of capital reserve funds; and
- 5) that the project be done in two phases."

Mr. Denny added that this project is very similar to those in Lakeside and Sackville. It is designed for 12 units, although only 9 will be developed until several are sold.

Mr. Denny outlined the costs involved with this development, as well as the intent for timing of the development. He noted he has received seven letters of intent from businesses wanting to locate here, and this project has not been made public yet. There have also been about 20 other calls from people showing interest in this development. He suggested that all units will be sold by the time construction begins and advertising takes place.

MOTION CARRIED

#### PRESENTATION, HALIFAX REGIONAL WELFARE RIGHTS ORGANIZATION

Mr. Peter Harrington was in attendance to make this presentation. He introduced several members from this organization who were in the gallery.

Mr. Harrington advised that he represents a group that tries to help those who cannot make ends meet with the money they bring in. He stated there are people out there who cannot make enough money to feed and keep their families. Some people are unemployed and other are employed, but only making minimal wages. Statistics indicate that the family of four must bring in approximately \$20,987 per year in order to survive, and there are many holding down low paying jobs that do not make this much, and those receiving social assistance get less than one-half of this amount.

Mr. Harrington stated the only consultation to the Municipality in this regard is that Halifax County is not the only municipal unit in this situation. He advised that a new program with the Province taking over all social assistance responsibility has been recognized, although it will take some time to get it in force. It has been presented to the Task Force, and it will certainly assist municipal units once it is enforced.

Mr. Harrington advised that this organization was first formed in 1969, and they have been fighting for the rights of individuals on low or fixed incomes since. The organization is funded by the United Way and the City of Halifax, which helps to pay the salaries of two staff members, as well as operational costs. Over the past three years, this organization has provided some level of service to approximately 9,000 people with specific services. During the month of June, the organization received over 500 telephone calls from individuals looking for assistance. Mr. Harrington advised that many individuals are assisted with more welfare, landlord and tenant disputes, drug and alcohol dependency services, etc. Many referrals have been received from the Human Rights Commission, as well as social services offices, Councillors, the Ombudsman, etc. He noted that three letters of reference from various government agencies dealt with on a regular basis were circulated to Members of Council.

Mr. Harrington challenged any government organization to meet the needs this organization does with the minimal funds provided. He expressed concern that more staff is required, as well as the upgrading of current salaries, which have been the same for seven or eight years. He advised that 341 individuals from Halifax County were served by this organization, and hundreds of telephone calls from County residents have been received. He requested that Halifax County contribute \$5,000 to the overall operation of the Halifax Regional Welfare Rights Organization and staffing costs. He noted that the Federal cost-sharing program would pick up 50 percent of this, so the contribution would only amount to \$2,500. He stated this is a small price for the services provided to residents of Halifax County by this agency. He suggested that Mr. Mason would attest to this. Mr. Harrington stated he is looking for a three year commitment, and this is why the grant committee was not approached.

Mr. Harrington continued that this organization puts every effort into trying to assist individuals and offers a second chance for people to deal with their lives. He noted that not all calls are necessarily related to social services; arrangements are made for people who are going to be evicted or who will have their power shut off. These are services that social service workers do not offer. He suggested that social service workers only issue cheques, as opposed to actually trying to help people. Therefore, assistance is also provided to the social service worker in this regard.

Mr. Harrington asked that this request be given serious consideration, stating the money will be well spent. He thanked for the opportunity to make this presentation.

Councillor P. Baker stated he will support this request, although he expressed concern for those who abuse the system. He stated they do not deserve to be supported by these organizations. Mr. Harrington agreed that there is abuse of the system, but the organization he represents does not support this. The organization is a true advocacy working for the people.

Councillor C. Baker also expressed concern about abuse of the system. He stated those how deserve more should get it, but it is those who abuse the system are getting more. He also stated there are families that receive assistance and use the money for bingo and other forms of recreation, although there are better uses for the money. Mr. Harrington stated he would rather see those people spend the money at bingo as opposed to drinking it and abusing their children. Often bingo is their only form of recreation.

Deputy Warden MacDonald thanked Mr. Harrington for his presentation, and he stated the request will be considered.

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

"THAT the request from the Halifax Regional Welfare Rights Organization be referred to the Executive Committee."  
MOTION CARRIED

#### LETTERS AND CORRESPONDENCE

##### Minister of Transportation and Communications

Mr. Kelly reviewed this letter about streets in Bomont Subdivision, as well as the paving of streets under the Suburban Street Paving Program.

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

"THAT this correspondence be received."  
MOTION CARRIED

##### Minister of Transportation and Communications

Mr. Kelly reviewed this correspondence regarding drainage problems at Birchdale Court, Timberlea.

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

"THAT this item of correspondence be received."

Councillor Rawding informed that this issue is still not cleared up, and there is more work taking place there, although he was not sure who is conducting this work. He asked that Mr. Sheppard provide an updated report to the Urban Services Committee in this regard. He also inquired about the status of the Storm Drainage Legislation. Mr. Meech advised that the Legislation has been approved by the Province, and Mr. Sheppard is now working on the development of the associated by-law to be incorporated under this new legislation.

MOTION CARRIED

Minister of Transportation and Communications

Mr. Kelly reviewed this letter concerning a road between Terence Bay and Pennant.

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

"THAT this letter be received."  
MOTION CARRIED

Councillor P. Baker felt there should be a more positive response to this letter, and he asked that a similar request be forwarded to the Premier for his consideration.

Councillor C. Baker felt a letter could not reflect all the information about this project that the Premier should be made aware of. He suggested that a small delegation be formed to meet with the Premier and discuss the benefits of this project.

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

"THAT a small delegation be formed to arrange a meeting with the Premier to discuss the construction of a highway between Terence Bay and Pennant."  
MOTION CARRIED

Members of Council agreed to take a five minute break while waiting for a quorum.

Deputy Warden MacDonald called the meeting back to order at 7:10 p.m.

PUBLIC HEARING-UNDERSIZED LOT LEGISLATION

File No. F-317-88-04 - Subdivision of Lands of Arthur Zinck, West Dover

Mr. Gough reviewed the staff report regarding this undersized lot. He advised that this public hearing has been duly advertised, and it is staff's recommendation that approval be granted for the Subdivision of Lots Z-1CA-A and Z-1CA-B.

Questions from Council

Councillor MacKay clarified that the subdivision is proposed for the movement of one home to the second lot and in order to build a new home on Lot Z-1CA-A. He also clarified that the driveway for Lot Z-1CA-A will make a jog and come out beside the church.

Councillor P. Baker advised that he is familiar with this subdivision, and there has been no opposition expressed. He advised that he will support this application.

Speakers in Favour of this Application

None

Speakers in Opposition to this Application

None

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

"THAT the subdivision of Lots Z-1CA-A and Z-1CA-B of the lands of Arthur Zinck, West Dover, be granted final subdivision approval by Council."

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

LETTERS AND CORRESPONDENCE Cont'd.

Minister of Transportation and Communications

Mr. Kelly reviewed this letter in response to Council's correspondence regarding the paving of "C" class roads.

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

"THAT this letter be received."

Councillor MacKay stated that the Minister forgot to mention in his response that political persuasion is also important. He stated there is no sense in sending a petition for the pavement of a road, but approaching the Minister directly appears to be the only way. He stated there will be an election called in the near future, and something must be done in order to get some kind of commitment in this regard.

MOTION CARRIED

Minister of Transportation and Communications

Mr. Kelly reviewed this letter regarding the installation of traffic signals at the intersection of Route 206 and Hugh Allen Drive.

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

"THAT this item of correspondence be received and that a letter of appreciation for this action be directed to the Minister of Transportation and Communications."

MOTION CARRIED

Antigonish-Eastern Shore Tourist Association

Mr. Kelly reviewed this letter from the Executive Director of the Association, noting there is a tourism report included.

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

"THAT this correspondence and report be received."

Councillor DeRoche noted that the Metropolitan Area Tourist Association was formed because the Antigonish-Eastern Shore Tourist Association was not looking after the Cole Harbour area as it should have been. He expressed dissatisfaction that Cole Harbour is mentioned in the report.

MOTION CARRIED

Sackville Chamber of Commerce

Mr. Kelly reviewed this letter of resignation from Harold Irving respecting the Halifax County Industrial Commission.

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

"THAT this letter of resignation from Harold Irving be received and that a letter of appreciation be sent to Mr. Irving for his efforts and time spent with the Halifax County Industrial Commission;

ALSO THAT the Sackville Chamber of Commerce be requested to make a recommendation to Council to fill this vacancy."

Deputy Warden MacDonald noted that a certificate of appreciation would be appropriate to sent to Mr. Irving. Members of Council agreed.

MOTION CARRIED

SUPPLEMENTARY CORRESPONDENCE

Minister of Municipal Affairs

Mr. Kelly reviewed this correspondence with regard to the rejection of the District 14 Municipal Planning Strategy and Land Use By-law by the Minister. He noted a response from the Warden's office is also attached for Council's information.

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

"THAT this letter be received."

Councillor MacKay asked that the letter be received with protest, but Councillor Mont objected, noting that staff and the Planning Advisory Committee are using this opportunity to make some other changes which are now felt to be necessary. He also noted that the Warden has already responded with regard to this letter.

MOTION CARRIED

Herring Cove Ratepayers Association

Mr. Kelly advised this letter is with regard to the sewage treatment plant proposed for the Herring Cove area.

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

"THAT this matter be referred to the Urban Services Committee for discussion."

MOTION CARRIED

PLANNING ADVISORY REPORT

Application No. RA-CH/W-36-87-21 - Rezoning of a portion of the Property at 1241 Cole Harbour Road

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

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

"THAT Application No. RA-CH/W-36-87-21 be approved and that a public hearing be scheduled for August 8, 1988 at 7 p.m."

MOTION CARRIED

Application No. RA-CH/W-08-88-17 - Rezoning of Civic No. 37 Carisbrooke Lane, Cole Harbour

Mr. Kelly reviewed the report and recommendation of the PAC in this regard.

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

"THAT Application No. RA-CH/W-08-88-17 be approved and that a public hearing be scheduled for August 8, 1988 at 7 p.m."

MOTION CARRIED

File No. P 245-88-04 - Undersized Lot Legislation - Lands of Colin and Muriel Slaunwhite, Terence Bay

Mr. Kelly reviewed the report and recommendation of the PAC.

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

"THAT the proposed subdivision of lands of Colin and Muriel Slaunwhite, Terence Bay be given approval in principle;

THAT the applicants be directed to proceed to the final subdivision stage; and

THAT once the application is complete, staff be empowered to advertise for the public hearing."

MOTION CARRIED



CHIEF BUILDING INSPECTORS REPORT

Graham Lutwick, Hackett's Cove

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

"THAT approval be granted for a lesser setback of 25 feet from the centre line of Paul's Point Road, Hackett's Cove for applicant Graham Lutwick."

MOTION CARRIED

Alex Cowie, Sambro

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

"THAT approval be granted for a lesser setback of 20 feet for Lot B2, Atlantic View Subdivision, Sambro for applicant Alex Cowie."

MOTION CARRIED

SUPPLEMENTARY BUILDING INSPECTORS REPORT

Michael Gibbons, Musquodoboit Harbour

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

"THAT approval be granted for a lesser setback of 30 feet from the centreline of Bayers Mill Road, Musquodoboit Harbour for applicant Michael Gibbons."

MOTION CARRIED

Debbie MacLean, Oyster Pond

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

"THAT approval be granted for a lesser setback of 42 feet from the centreline of Sunnyhold Road, Oyster Pond for applicant Debbie MacLean."

MOTION CARRIED

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPORT

Capital Budget, 1988-1990

Mr. Kelly reviewed the report respecting this matter.

Mr. Meech advised that this constitutes the projected capital budget over the next three years. He advised it will only be a few more months before this will be back for the 1989 update, and at that time any amendments can be made. He stated it is important to get this submitted to the Department of Municipal Affairs to ensure that capial grants are issued to the Municipality.

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

"THAT Council endorse the statement of projected capital projects and sources for 1988 to 1990 and that this be submitted to the Department of Municipal Affairs."

MOTION CARRIED

District Capital Grant, District 12

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

THAT approval be granted for a District Capital Grant, District 12 in the amount of \$500 for improvements to the Moose River Community Hall, County-owned property."

MOTION CARRIED

Temporary Borrowing Resolution

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

"THAT approval be granted for a Temporary Borrowing Resolution in the amount of \$5,200,000 for sewage - Eastern Passage-Bissett Lake."

MOTION CARRIED

Additional Grants to Organizations

Mr. Kelly reviewed the report.

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

"THAT the additional \$17,000 for grants to orgnaizations, 1988 be approved as submitted by the Executive Committee."

Councillor Wiseman expressed concern that Fultz House Restoration Society was not given a grant. Deputy Warden MacDonald informed that he had indicated this could be dealt with by District funds. Councillor Wiseman objected, stating District funds could also be used, but the Society is in a financial pinch with respect to its operation. She felt the County should take some responsibility in this regard by providing funds from grants to organziations.

Councillor DeRoche suggested that Province may provide operating funds for Fultz House as a museum, if District funds are used for capital funds. He stated this has been done for the Cole Harbour Rural Heritage Farm. Councillor MacKay suggested the Province will not provide this funding, and the community has been supporting Fultz House through District funds for several years, but there has never been a grant received from the Province.

Councillor P. Baker expressed disappointment that the Communities Against Drugs organization in his District was not given consideration.

Councillor Randall inquired about the grant to Dartmouth General Hospital. Mr. Meech informed there is no specific deadline with regard to the commitment to Dartmouth General Hospital, although two years ago they approached the County for a commitment over a ten year period for much more than was granted.

Councillor MacKay inquired about mandate of the Nova Scotia Friends for Schizophrenics, to which a \$1,000 grant was recommended. Mr. Wilson informed that the request from this agency gives no indication of where their funding comes from, but they are requesting a grant to assist with staffing, rent, and telephone expenses. The organization is non-profit run mostly by volunteers, and their mandate is to educate the public and help Schizophrenics that may need support and assistance.

MOTION CARRIED

#### SUPPLEMENTARY EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPORT

##### Building Permit Fees

Mr. Kelly reviewed the report.

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

"THAT building permit fees be increased from \$3 to \$4 per \$1,000 value for those districts where the existing fee is \$3;

ALSO THAT the Municipal Solicitor be instructed to prepare the appropriate amendments to the Building By-law for submission to the Minister of Municipal Affairs for approval."

MOTION CARRIED

##### Council Chambers Renovations

Mr. Kelly reviewed the recommended changes to the Council Chambers to accommodate the new Councillors following the election in the fall.

Councillor Walker expressed concern about being one seat short during the election of the Warden and when he must leave the chair. It was noted that one person will have to stand during the election of the Warden, and when he must leave the chair, he can occupy the Deputy Warden's chair.

Councillor DeRoche suggested it is not necessary to make any renovations, if Mr. Meech were to sit at the front of the room with the Municipal Clerk and have the Deputy Warden occupy the front seat along with the Warden.

There was further discussion concerning the measurements of the new seat, as well as those existing first seats that will lose some space.

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

"THAT one additional seating area be provided in the front row of the County Chamber."

MOTION CARRIED

Amendment - Municipal Council By-law

Mr. Kelly reviewed the report and amendment with respect to remuneration for Councillors.

Councillor DeRoche expressed some concern about the wording of the amendment. Mr. Kelly clarified that the increase will be from \$10,149.62 to \$10,555.60.

Mr. Meech indicated that it was also the intent of the Executive Committee to increase the per diem for meeting attendance.

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

"THAT the Municipal Council By-law be amended to increase the remuneration for Councillors by four percent, as well as the per diem for meeting attendance."

MOTION CARRIED

SUPPLEMENTARY AGENDA

Temporary Borrowing Resolution, Hubbards Industrial Mall

Mr. Meech advised that this borrowing is required for the development of the Industrial Mall in Hubbards as approved earlier.

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

"THAT approval be granted for Temporary Borrowing Resolution No. 88-02 in the amount of \$1,250,000 for the Hubbards Industrial Mall."

MOTION CARRIED

URBAN SERVICES COMMITTEE REPORT

Sewer Lateral Hookups

Mr. Kelly reviewed the report of the Urban Services Committee respecting this issue.

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

"THAT Halifax County Council adopt a policy whereby property owners will be responsible for the hook-up cost from the main to the house subsequent to the completion of the initial installation of services."

MOTION CARRIED

APPOINTMENT OF FIRE FIGHTER - HARRIETSFIELD/SAMBRO FIRE DEPARTMENT

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

"THAT Halifax County Council appoint Harold Deveau as firefighter for the Harrietsfield-Sambro Fire Department."

There was some discussion about Council appointing somebody to this position. Councillor MacKay felt Council should only approve the position and administrative staff would be left with the hiring responsibility. It was noted that this position was approved at an earlier date.

Following some discussion about the process, Mr. Meech informed that this firefighter will be paid by area rates, so it is not important that administrative staff do the hiring.

MOTION CARRIED

APPOINTMENT OF AUDITORS

Mr. Kelly advised that the auditors need to be appointed for 1988.

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

"THAT Thorne, Ernst and Whinney be appointed as auditors for Halifax County Municipality for 1988."

MOTION CARRIED

APPOINTMENT OF MEMBER, POLICE COMMITTEE

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

"THAT Councillor McInroy be nominated to sit on the Police Committee."

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

"THAT nominations cease."

MOTION CARRIED

Councillor McInroy was declared the member to sit on the Police Committee.

METROPOLITAN AUTHORITY REPORT - COUNCILLOR McINROY

This matter was deferred in the absence of Councillor McInroy.

Mr. Meech noted that the Authority has agreed to meet with the Sackville Beaverbank Advisory Board concerning the landfill site at Sackville.

DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION - COUNCILLOR P. BAKER

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

"THAT a letter be written to the Department of Transportation requesting the reduction of the speed limit near Marydale Road at Hatchett Lake to 70 km/hr;

ALSO THAT appreciation be expressed to the Minister of Transportation and his Deputy with regard to the crosswalk in this area."

MOTION CARRIED

EMERGENCY AGENDA ITEMSCouncillor Wiseman - Student Safety, Beaverbank Crossroad

Councillor Wiseman explained that there has been much concern expressed at the School Board level about the safety of children walking from Sackville Estates Trailer Park to Millwood School. The Minister of Transportation has responded to the School Board that the official request for sidewalks must come from the Municipality with the agreement to cost-sharing in the project.

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

"THAT a request be sent to the Minister of Transportation for the installation of sidewalks from Sackville Estates Trailer Park to the new Millwood School in Sackville."

MOTION CARRIED

Councillor MacKay - Acadia School

Councillor MacKay reminded that the County has purchased two parcels of land for the future construction of a new Acadia School, but nothing is forthcoming in this regard. He stated the existing Acadia School is in deplorable condition, and the Province must be urged to proceed with this project. He stated the classrooms are overcrowded, the school is in deplorable condition, the student population is being divided up, etc.

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

"THAT Halifax County Council again write to the Minister of Education, the Minister of Public Works, and Premier Buchanan requesting the construction of a new Acadia School (primary to grade six) as soon as possible."

Councillor Wiseman advised that the School Board is facing a real problem with respect to this school with increasing enrollments, sub-standard classrooms, and lack of facilities. She advised that this request has been made many times, and she asked that Council support the motion.

MOTION CARRIED

Councillor MacKay - George Street

Councillor MacKay advised that the Minister of Transportation has recently announced that "A" class roads that have been listed for more than a certain number of years would be paved without charge to the abutters. He advised there is a portion of George Street on the north side of Pine Hill in this situation. This road serves six homes, as well as Centennial School at the end.

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

"THAT the Minister of Transportation be asked to favourably consider the paving of that section of George Street referred to above."

Councillor DeRoche asked that this request also include a portion of Hillsborough Drive in District 7. He explained that the pavement now goes about 2/3 along this road, stops for approximately 120 to 130 yards, and starts again. That section has not been paid because there is only one landowner here, and he has refused to pay abutters charges for the pavement of this section of road.

Councillor MacKay agreed to incorporate Hillsborough Drive into the resolution.

MOTION CARRIED

Councillor MacKay - Cobequid Road

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

"THAT a letter be written to the Minister of Transportation requesting the re-consideration of the limited access designation on the Cobequid Road from Sackville Drive to Memory Lane."

Councillor MacKay explained that business located along limited access controlled roads are not allowed to install signs within 500 feet of the road, and it has been detrimental to those businesses along that section of Cobequid Road from Sackville Drive to Memory Lane. He advised that he has had discussions with Martin Delaney of the Department of Transportation, and he is sympathetic to this situation; however, he is unable to do anything until the regulations are changed by the Province. He reviewed those business affected.

MOTION CARRIED

Deputy Warden MacDonald - Highway No. 101

Deputy Warden MacDonald expressed concern about several serious accidents on Highway No. 101, particularly an accident over a week ago in which five people were killed. He suggested a letter be written to the Minister of Transportation requesting road improvements here including the extension of the jersey barrier and the widening of the road.

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

"THAT a letter be written to the Minister of Transportation requesting consideration for road improvements along Highway No. 101 where several fatal accidents have occurred, including the extension of the jersey barrier and the widening of the road."

Councillor P. Baker stated the government should also do more about controlling drinking and driving.

MOTION CARRIED

ADJOURNMENT

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

"THAT this Council Session adjourn."  
MOTION CARRIED

The meeting adjourned at 8:15 p.m.



COUNCIL SESSION

TUESDAY, JULY 19, 1988

PRESENT WERE: Warden MacKenzie  
Councillor Walker  
Councillor Rawding  
Councillor Fralick  
Councillor P. Baker  
Councillor C. Baker  
Councillor DeRoche  
Councillor Adams  
Councillor Randall  
Councillor Bayers  
Councillor Reid  
Councillor Lichter  
Councillor Snow  
Councillor Merrigan  
Councillor MacKay  
Councillor McInroy  
Councillor Eisenhauer  
Deputy Warden MacDonald  
Councillor 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 Hill

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

Mr. Kelly called the Roll.

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

"THAT Glenda Hill be appointed Recording Secretary."  
MOTION CARRIED

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

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

"THAT the minutes of the Special Council Session, June 15, 1988 be approved as circulated."  
MOTION CARRIED

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

"THAT the minutes of the Council Session, June 21, 1988 be approved as circulated."

MOTION CARRIED

EMERGENCY AGENDA ITEMS

Councillor Walker - By-law, re racing, squeeling of tires, etc.

Councillor P. Baker - Pitbulls

PRESENTATION, RE WAVERLEY SPORTS COMPLEX

Warden MacKenzie advised that this presentation has been cancelled and another date will be arranged for this presentation.

PRESENTATION, CBCL, RE SLUDGE DISPOSAL

Mr. Wdowiak introduced staff members from CBCL, who were in attendance to present a status report on sludge disposal. The representatives were Mr. James Axle, Mr. John Noble, and Mr. Tom Austin.

Mr. Noble presented the Sludge Disposal System Site Search and Conceptual Design, summarizing the contents of the report. Mr. Noble reviewed the steps to date in achieving the information contained in this report. He informed that the study began in early May, 1988. First, potential sites were identified. This involved contacting the Department of Lands and Forests to identify Crown lands, the contacting of real estate agents to determine what land might be for sale and available, and further investigation about lands available in the vicinity of Halifax County.

At the same time, centres of generation were identified where it would be most convenient or economical to locate a sludge disposal site. The most economical location was found to be Burnside Industrial Park. However, realizing this site could not be located in Burnside Industrial Park, the site selection process expanded to include the areas north and east. It was also determined that the establishment of two sites would balance out with one site on each side of the harbour.

In identifying operating scenarios, consideration was given to the operation of the sludge management facility. It was recommended by CBCL that the site be built by the Municipality, leaving the Municipality with the option to operate it or to have a private operator run it. He noted one private operator has already approached CBCL who is very interested in operating such a site.

The amount of sludge and septage generated was considered to define the design criteria for the sizing of the lagoon.

During the site selection criteria process, approximately 20 criteria were used for the selection of a site. These criteria were physical, social, and environmental. Quantities and qualities of sludge and septage were also obtained from County records, as well as septage haulers. There was also contact with the Nova Scotia Department of the Environment and the Nova Scotia Department of Health to keep them updated on this project. There was also continued contact with the Municipality's Engineering & Works Department to keep them updated on this study.

Potential sites were then rated. Seven potential sites were identified. Mr. Noble referred to each of them at the back of the report. A concept design of the system was then developed, and the cost of construction was estimated, as well as operating costs. A cost comparison of single versus a multiple site was also estimated. It was determined that the additional cost of two sites over one is an additional \$500,000 capital expenditures, and for three sites, it is estimated to be \$350,000 more. The operating costs will also increase.

An alternate funding scenario was also developed.

Mr. Noble advised that the project is proposed to be phased, so in the first year of construction, the first sludge lagoon will be built. In the second year, the secondary aerated lagoon, the chlorine contact chamber, and the chlorination building will be built. In the third year, the second sludge lagoon will be built, and in the fourth year, a dewatering building will be constructed.

Mr. Noble next reviewed the proposed costs. The recommended site was at the Old Guysborough Road at the junction of the Antrim Road. There is an initial requirement of 23 acres, and another 150 to 200 acres will be required for the dewatering and landfilling system. He explained the development of these steps, explaining that Site 6 (the recommended site) will involve a total cost of \$2,618,000, including the lagoon storage system, the dewatering process, the landfilling system, equipment testing (which may not be necessary), power supply, land acquisition. There will also be an operating and maintenance cost per year, which is estimated to be \$138,000 for the lagoon storage system and \$180,000 for the dewatering and landfilling system. The cost of the additional hauling distance to the recommended site is estimated to be about \$203,000.

Mr. Noble reviewed the cost estimates over a four year term. The first year costs will be about \$582,000, and the secondary lagoon in year two will cost about \$634,000. The second sludge lagoon in year three is estimated to cost \$364,000. The final capital cost in the fourth year is estimated to cost \$1,038,000.

Site specific soil testing must now be done on the recommended site, as well as a conceptual site layout, a site specific cost analysis, site operational methods, etc., and report to Council. All regulatory agencies will be updated throughout the process. The site must then be purchased, and detail design on the final site and the final cost estimates must be done. Specifications, design drawings, and tender

packages will then be complete. A zoning amendment will be required for this area, as well as other regulatory agency approvals.

Mr. Noble stated discussions with the regulatory agencies is important. They have been informed of everything to date, and they have had input into this process. CBCL feels this project can be done safely with no detrimental impact on the environment or no adverse health impact. Part of the costs will be a monitoring system that will be carried out on the sludge and septage, as well as ground waters surrounding the site. He stated it is also important to remember that this is a treatment process, and the phasing will allow time to determine the actual quantities. The estimates presented are based on the worst case scenario, so the phasing of the project is very important.

Mr. Noble continued that something will have to be done to satisfy the immediate requirement, but the long term requirements must also be considered. This sewage and septage must be treated, and there must be room to maneuver at this site. He noted that a regional sludge management study is to be soon, and it may impact on this proposal. The findings of that study may become very important on what the County is about to embark upon.

Mr. Noble stated the proposed site was recommended following must examination and consultation with the Departments of the Environment and Health. The major factors were the soil conditions, ground water (which is of low quality), and the surrounding land use. He noted the recommended site is surrounded by the Department of Lands and Forests and Scott Paper, so the site is remote.

Mr. Noble concluded that immediate action is required to purchase this land and initiate rezoning and detailed design work.

Councillor P. Baker expressed concern about the location of the recommended site, with regard to it be such a far distance from the City. He suggested this site will prove to be more costly for the users because of the distance involved.

Councillor Lichter also expressed concern about the costs involved for the users of the system. However, this will probably be a concern no matter where the recommended site is located. He stated there is much urgency involved in this project, but Council must consider the public and allow them to make their views known. He stated the people in this district should have the opportunity to hear a presentation in this regard, as Council has heard.

Councillor Lichter noted there is a Provincial Park not far from the recommended site, and many people travel along the Old Guysborough Road to the park, which is an important consideration. He suggested the residents of District 14 may also have some concerns, as the boundary is not far from this site. He stated there must be some public meetings before this option is endorsed by Council. He stated the location of the landfill site took many years, and this should be given the same consideration. He suggested public meetings may mean

some time delay. He also suggested the soil conditions are not as good as indicated, and he questioned the affordability of further jeopardizing the quality of the ground water, which is not good now. He stated he would have the same concerns no matter where the recommended site was for this proposal.

Mr. Wdowiak advised that this presentation is a status report based on the direction of Council last May. He stated the direction clearly indicated there is only six months to implement a sludge/septage management system. He felt it appropriate to update Council of the status of this study without making the assumption that there is all kinds of time, although Council may find an extension to the time limitation to examine other considerations. Mr. Wdowiak stated it is his strong recommendation that Council consider the approval of the funding to implement the sludge management scheme as outlined.

Councillor C. Baker also expressed concern about the cost involved in hauling sludge and septage this great distance to the recommended site. He stated it will be difficult to find an appropriate location because nobody wants this system in their backyard. He stated Herring Cove and District 5 certainly does not want this system, as they receive enough sludge now.

With respect to the site at Greenhead Road, Councillor Rawding stated he is always concerned about environmental hazards, especially in relation to the Nine Mile River and Shad Bay. He clarified that the recommended process will involve no environmental or health damage. Mr. Noble agreed, stating throughout the design and construction of this project, every precaution will be taken to ensure that the sludge and septage is contained on the site. This is the reason for the two lagoon system and the secondary lagoon for treatment, and the chlorination of the effluent. The quantity of the effluent is too great to pass directly into the ground, so it must be released to the nearest stream. Its quality must meet the guidelines of the Departments of the Environment and Health, and that is the reason for multiple lagoons and chlorination.

Councillor Rawding inquired about the construction of trenches or the actual dumping of sludge and septage into the Nine Mile River (if this were the recommended site). Mr. Noble stated the Nine Mile River site is 1,200 to 1,500 feet away from the River, and treated (chlorinated) effluent is what would be going into the River.

Councillor Rawding inquired about the difference in quality between this effluent and that which presently comes from the treatment plant. Mr. Noble responded that the quality would be very close, although it has not been studied. He stated it would be well below the established criteria for the Departments of the Environment and Health.

Councillor Rawding clarified that there is development on the south side of the Greenhead Road, including a mobile home subdivision and a school.

He next inquired about recommendations from MAPC, and he asked if the County may be premature with this action given the forthcoming MAPC study.

Mr. Wdowiak clarified that the currently study is now being done by Municipal Affairs. He suggested he and CBCL are not premature with this recommendation because the haulers are currently disposing of their material into harbour, which is not acceptable. Therefore, by November of this year, an alternate means of disposal will have to be used. With regard to additional costs, Mr. Wdowiak stated until now the users have only been paying for transportation costs, rather than disposal costs. Currently, \$40,000 to \$50,000 annually is budgeted for sludge disposal from the County's treatment plants. He concluded, suggesting the regional system implementation will be six to seven years, if work begins immediately. Therefore, the timing is not premature. He referred to the staff report, comparing the 42 million gallons of sludge disposed of annually in the Halton Region to the 6 million galls estimated for Halifax County.

Councillor Rawding asked if these lagoons will eventually be filled and enclosed, and if so, what alternative is there for the future. Mr. Noble informed that the proposed lagoons are cleaned out of sludge, and it is envisioned that this will happen no sooner than four years. This is the reason for the dewatering process. This process will raise the solid contents to about 20 percent, and then bury the solids. He noted the estimates include the dewatering process.

Councillor Reid inquired about the quality of effluent that will come from the plant at the recommended site. Mr. Noble stated it will be relatively high quality effluent, having gone through two ponds and a chlorination process. The effluent will be given secondary treatment. Councillor Reid noted that the discharge body of water is quite small (East Brook). Mr. Noble stated there is a substantial flow through at East Brook. He also noted there is a connection between the site and East Brook, as there is some distance between them. Councillor Reid clarified that this will run to Porter's Lake, and by the time it runs into Porter's Lake no harm would be done. He expressed concern about the upper part of East Brook. Mr. Noble stated there is no need for concern for East Brook because the quality of the effluent will be very high quality. He suggested it will be difficult to tell the difference between the effluent and normal stream water. Mr. Noble added that the Departments of the Environment and Health will be involved in monitoring this, and the monitoring costs has been included in these estimates.

Deputy Warden MacDonald inquired about the private operation of the system. Mr. Noble responded that the County will need somebody to operate the sludge disposal site, and CBCL has already been approached by a private operator interested in this work. He advised that this individual has been involved in this business, and much time has been spent discussing this with sludget and septage haulers, and one of those people has offered to operate that plant. Mr. Noble suggested this will be a viable route to follow.

Deputy Warden MacDonald commented on the high cost of maintaining such a plant. He inquired about financing this. Mr. Meech advised this proposed has not yet been developed, although it is the intention to suggest that government assistance should be sought from the capital cost of this project. "It was also intended that if the site can be agreed upon, part of the background work to be developed is a funding proposal, including a request for government assistance.

Mr. Noble noted that the report also includes different methods of cost recovery. He expressed concern about added a significant cost to the haulers at this time because the haulers have expressed the concern that people have about paying the \$80 to \$100 fee now. He also expressed concern that if the haulers' fee is increased too much, there may be potential for illegal dumping. Therefore, he suggested the cost analysis and haulers' fees must be given very careful consideration by Council. Mr. Meech added that it may be a consideration to pay for this from general revenue as it will be of benefit to those with on-site services as well as those with central services.

Councillor Lichter expressed appreciation for the consultants quick proposal based on the direction of Council. He noted at the same Council Session in May, staff was directed to apply for a joint certificate from the Departments of the Environment and Health for harbour dumping. He asked what happened to that application. Mr. Wdowiak informed that the first application was via letter requesting permission to dump into the harbour. There was a very quick negative response, although it was not very clear. Subsequently, a formal application for a joint certificate of approval was submitted in duplicate to the Department of the Environment. Mr. Wdowiak advised that he inquired about the status of that application on July 15, and staff at the Department of Health had not received their copy of the application yet.

Councillor Lichter felt that funds for the proposed sludge disposal system will not be forthcoming very quickly, and there is also a need for public meetings in this regard. Councillor Lichter agreed that this system will be a benefit to all in the County, but within a short period of time, it will be taken by the Cities of Halifax, Dartmouth, and the Town of Bedford, who also have septage to dispose of. Councillor Lichter asked if there is any fencing proposed for this project, and he asked if that was included in the cost estimation. Mr. Noble advised that fencing was included in the project proposal, including the cost.

Councillor Snow stated there is a need for public meetings concerning this project; the people will have to determine if they want honeywagons travelling through their community to the proposed site. He asked why a contour system was not considered, such as that in Pictou. Mr. Noble replied that the volume of effluent is anticipated to be too great for a contour system; therefore, the overland route has been recommended. Also, the nature of the soils must be tight, which means there will not be good underground dispersement, as with a contour system. Therefore, the chlorination system is recommended, as well as the secondary lagooning process.

There was a brief discussion concerning the location and the cost to the haulers. Councillor P. Baker clarified that it was Mr. Meech's suggestion that this be paid for from general revenue as it will benefit all of Halifax County - the serviced areas, as well as the non-serviced areas. Councillor P. Baker expressed concern about the cost, stating the County should not be signing a blank cheque.

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

"THAT this matter and the authorization to proceed with the sludge disposal system site search and conceptual design be deferred pending a definite response to the application for the Joint Certificate from the Departments of the Environment and Health for harbour dumping."

Councillor McInroy suggested this should be sent directly to the Ministers involved, rather than waiting for staff to send it to them.

MOTION CARRIED

#### APPEAL RE MINOR VARIANCE

A.E. MacMillan Subdivision, 37 Maple Drive, Timberlea; File No. MV-07-02-88

Mr. Gough reviewed the staff report concerning this minor variance. He advised that he has rejected this application because there is no provision in the Planning Act for the approval of a minor variance where construction has taken place prior to the application. He also circulated pictures of the property in question.

#### Questions from Council

Councillor Rawding noted that the pictures show a bricked-in garage firmly attached to an existing dwelling, as opposed to a carport. He inquired about the distance between this dwelling, and that abutting this property. Mr. Gough advised he was not aware of this distance, although the owners is in the gallery, and may be able to answer that question.

Councillor Rawding asked if any complaints have been received about the location of this garage. Mr. Gough advised that the landowner most affected would be directly adjacent to this property, and Mr. Gough advised that he was in receipt of a letter from the abutting property owner, expressing no problem with the issuance of a variance.

Councillor Rawding asked if Council is permitted to approve this as a minor variance, given the longstanding pre-existingness of this garage. Mr. Cragg responded that Council can make any decision the Development Officer could have under Section 79 of the Planning Act, if the variance is determined to be minor. He stated if the variance



is considered to be anything other than minor, Council cannot deal with it. However, Mr. Cragg felt this situation could be dealt with by Council.

Councillor Rawding asked what other options would be available to the property owner should this variance be denied. He expressed concern that Mr. Hall would be requested to dismantle his garage. Mr. Gough felt there will be no such suggestion, but the application is in the process of selling his house, and his solicitor has asked that he proceed with this application. Mr. Gough stated Council can either confirm the rejection of the minor variance or approve it.

#### Speakers in Favour of this Application

Mr. Rodney Hall, 37 Maple Drive, Timberlea advised that he is the property owner, and he would be willing to answer any questions Council may have.

#### Questions from Council

Councillor P. Baker asked if Mr. Hall was aware of any objection from neighbouring properties concerning this minor variance. Mr. Hall responded that he is not aware of any objections.

Councillor McInroy asked if Mr. Hall was the property owner when the carport expanded to a garage. Mr. Hall advised he was the initial owner of this property. He advised he did not realize a building permit was required for the cement slab that his garage began with. At that time he was one of the few houses at the end of the street, and the survey pins were temporary and misleading, so there was some misunderstanding as the carport eventually became a garage.

#### Speakers in Opposition to this Application

None.

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

"THAT Minor Variance No. MV-07-02-88 be approved by Halifax County Council."

Councillor Rawding noted that abutting property owners have no objection to this minor variance, and the property appears to be well kept and presentable. He noted this variance occurred not intentionally, but through a misunderstanding about the placement of survey markers. He asked that Council support this motion.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

LETTERS AND CORRESPONDENCEMAPC - Regional Pollution Control Proposal

Mr. Kelly reviewed this correspondence from the Chairman of MAPC. Warden MacKenzie noted that this letter is in response to a letter from Council regarding a regional sewage treatment plant at Hartlen's Point.

Councillor Rawding advised that this matter originated at the Urban Services Committee.

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

"THAT this correspondence and correspondence circulated from the Herring Cove Ratepayers Association be referred to the Urban Services Committee for further deliberation."

Councillor McInroy suggested that staff should be requested to review both items of correspondence and be prepared to respond on the content of both at the Urban Services Committee level.

Petition, BoMont Subdivision, Lantz

Mr. Kelly advised that this is a copy of a letter and petition mailed to the Minister of Transportation requesting paving for BoMont Drive, Lantz.

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

"THAT Halifax County Council support the request of the residents of BoMont Drive to the Minister of Transportation to have BoMont Drive paved."

MOTION CARRIED

Councillor McInroy advised it is his understanding the Department of Transportation may be looking for prioritizing of requests, in addition to letters from Council. He stated there are a large number of outstanding requests, and Halifax County should prioritize these requests to give the Department of Transportation a guide when determining which roads will be paved.

Mr. Meech advised that this was discussed with the Minister of Transportation at a recent meeting, and Mr. Meech had requested a copy of the policy regarding this program. However, the policies have not yet been developed to paper, and it will be delivered to him once it is ready. Mr. Meech stated it was his understanding that if Halifax County has any streets in this category for paving, they should be brought to his attention.

Councillor Lichter stated the newspaper article clearly indicated that the Department of Transportation will assign priorities. The residents of BoMont Drive are now asking for delivery of the promise made by the Minister of Transportation.

MOTION CARRIED.

Dartmouth General Hospital

Mr. Kelly reviewed this letter of appreciation for the 1988 Grant to the Hospital.

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

"THAT this correspondence be received."  
MOTION CARRIED

Harness Horse Owners Association

Mr. Kelly advised that this letter is from the President of the Association, advising that they are supporting a new harness racing facility adjacent to Halifax International Airport.

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

"THAT this correspondence be received."

Councillor Walker advised that the Atlantic Winter Fair also has a proposal for a harness racing facility. He referred to a proposed site plan, speaking of the benefits to Halifax County as a whole, as well as the Metropolitan area. He stated harness racing will complement the Atlantic Winter Fair site, and it could lead to additional types of racing. Councillor Walker stated the proximity of the fair site is close to the large population, and the financial rewards will complement this facility. He stated this will lead to improved transit to the Atlantic Winter Fair grounds, and parking facilities are readily available. He stated Halifax County Council should support this site, as it has in the past.

Councillor P. Baker also expressed support for the Atlantic Winter Fair site for a harness racing facility. He stated there is much unemployment in the area, and this will help to reduce that problem. There has also been concern about traffic problems in the area, but the Minister of Transportation recently advised that this will be cleared up within three months. He suggested the Airport site is too far away from the population base. He expressed appreciation to Councillor Walker for his work and efforts as a Director of the Atlantic Winter Fair.

Councillor Snow stated if the harness racing facility is located in District 14, the entire County will still reap the benefits. He stated most of the harness racing horses come from the Annapolis Valley, the Musquodoboit Valley, and Prince Edward Island while not many come from the western side. Also, District 14 has a better transportation system with no congestion of traffic when a major event is taking place.

Councillor Walker advised that at a recent Police Committee meeting one of the RCMP representatives expressed concern about traffic problems with the existing racetrack along the Airport Highway. He stated these problems will eventually cause a serious accident.

Councillor MacKay stated he is only concerned that the racetrack located somewhere in Halifax County as soon as possible with a maximum amount of funding that will be available from the Federal and Provincial governments. He was of the understanding that funding could only be made available from the Federal government if the project is in conjunction with an exhibition site. He asked if the project will still be eligible for that money, if the racetrack is built at any other site than the Atlantic Winter Fair site. He suggested that initial money was available through the Department of Agriculture, although ACOA may now be administering these funds, and they may now be available to a site other than an exhibition site. He also asked if applications for this funding has been made by both groups with a proposal. He noted when the Atlantic Winter Fair site was first selected, there was a strong presentation by the Community of Sackville that the Atlantic Winter Fair would only be successful in conjunction with a racetrack and/or other facilities. He agreed that using the exhibition site only several times per year is not cost efficient; if other activities can be going on there throughout the year, the incremental costs can be lowered. However, Councillor MacKay informed that the geographic location at the airport area is better in terms of patrons from the horse racing industry. He stated the money comes from those who are interested in the horses and racing. He stated if something is not done soon, the entire industry will be affected.

Councillor Snow stated there is not a great traffic problem at the existing racetrack in District 14. The RCMP are now earning their wages there, and the Province is benefitting from revenue from tickets and fines. He stated when Exit 5A opens, traffic will move both ways, and there will be no problem.

Warden MacKenzie advised that he and Mr. Meech have heard a presentation from the group proposing the harness racing facility at the airport site, and he suggested this matter be deferred to the Committee level for further study and to give time to hear another proposal for the Atlantic Winter Fair site. Councillor Bayers suggested the Industrial Commission should also be involved. Mr. Meech noted that the group proposing the track at the airport site has requested some financial assistance from the Municipality, as well as the Federal and Provincial governments, and this request for financial assistance is related to development of the infrastructure to the facility, including the hotel and Scotia Speedworld. Their request was for approximately \$800,000. Mr. Meech stated this development will have some relationship on the development of the Aerotech Park, which the Industrial Commission has been dealing with, but any final decisions will be made by Council.

MOTION CARRIED

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

"THAT the matter concerning the establishment of a racetrack in Halifax County be referred to the Executive Committee with the proviso that the Councillors of districts with interest in this undertaking be invited to attend the Executive Committee meeting when this will be discussed."

Councillor Walker expressed objection, stating Halifax County Council supported the Atlantic Winter Fair site, and until that site requests funding, he suggested no other proposals should be heard.

This lead to further discussion concerning Council's rights to deliberate on any matter at any time.

Councillor MacKay asked that the Executive Committee consider the total cost of the facility at each location, contributions requested by each organization from all levels of government, as well as the benefits to the Harness Racing Association and each of the communities. He felt this may lead to a presentation from both respective groups.

Councillor Eisenhauer questioned the involvement of the Municipality in this project regardless of where it will be located. However, he noted there will be funding requested to help financial this operation. He stated he will not support a racetrack that receives it funds for bets on a residential tax base.

Councillor Rawding inquired about rescinding the original motion supporting the Atlantic Winter Fair site. He asked if a 2/3 majority is required. Mr. Cragg responded that only a majority vote is required to rescind a motion; a 2/3 vote is not required.

There was further discussion about the procedure - whether both group should make a presentation or whether the County should even be involved in such a decision.

MOTION CARRIED

#### Minister of Municipal Affairs

Mr. Kelly advised this correspondence is to acknowledge receipt of documentation related to the Districts 1 and 3 Municipal Planning Strategy and Land Use By-law. He advised that the documents are being reviewed by the Minister's Department, and Council will be advised of a decision regarding approval as soon as possible.

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

"THAT this item of correspondence be received."

MOTION CARRIED

#### Halifax County-Bedford District School Board

Mr. Kelly advised this correspondence is to advise that the Beaver Bank Villa School has been declared surplus to the needs of the Board and will be turned back to the Municipality effective July 29, 1988. Mr. Kelly advised there is further correspondence advising that ten portable classrooms have been declared surplus to the needs of the School Board, and they will be turned back to the Municipality, also effective July 29, 1988.

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

"THAT these items of correspondence be received;

AND THAT Beaver Bank Villa School and the ten portable classrooms be accepted;

AND THAT staff be directed to dispose of these buildings in the appropriate manner."

MOTION CARRIED

SUPPLEMENTARY CORRESPONDENCE

Office of the Mayor, Town of New Glasgow

Mr. Kelly reviewed this correspondence.

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

"THAT this correspondence be received."

Councillor DeRoche noted that this correspondence is dated July 1, 1988 and since that time the Honourable Senator Allan J. MacEachern has reversed his position.

MOTION CARRIED

Society for the Protection and Preservation of Black Culture in Nova Scotia

Mr. Kelly reviewed this correspondence.

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

"THAT this correspondence be received."

MOTION CARRIED

PLANNING ADVISORY COMMITTEE REPORT

File No. P 130-88-09 - Undersized Lot Legislation - Lands of Greg MacIsaac, Porter's Lake

Mr. Kelly reviewed the report and recommendation of the PAC in this regard.

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

"THAT File No. P 130-88-09 be granted approval in principle and that staff be empowered to advertise the public hearing once the application is complete."

MOTION CARRIED

District 14 Planning Area - Revised Draft Plan and By-law

Mr. Kelly read the report of the PAC regarding this matter.

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

"THAT Halifax County Council adopt the resolution respecting public participation in Planning District 14 planning area, as per Appendix "A" of the staff report."

MOTION CARRIED

SUPPLEMENTARY PLANNING ADVISORY COMMITTEE REPORT

Parkland, White Birch Subdivision, Lewis Lake, Halifax County District 3

Mr. Kelly reviewed the report of the PAC regarding this matter.

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

"THAT Halifax County Council accept a combination of land and cash for the parkland contribution for White Birch Subdivision, Lewis Lake, District 3."

MOTION CARRIED

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPORT

Sackville Sports Stadium

Mr. Kelly reviewed the report concerning this matter.

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

"THAT Halifax County arrange funding for interim financing and act as banker for the Sackville Sports Stadium;

THAT Halifax County approve a temporary borrowing resolution in the amount of \$6,000,000 and apply to the Department of Municipal Affairs for approval;

AND THAT if the funds are not repaid according to the terms agreed to, that Halifax County Council reserve the right to set an area rate to recover any outstanding debt."

MOTION CARRIED.