

Haliburton Hills Homeowners Association

Mr. Kelly reviewed the report regarding this matter.

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

"THAT Council approve a \$5,000 temporary advance to the Haliburton Hills Homeowners Association to complete funding for the Association's playground equipment on the basis that it will be recovered in 1989 by an area rate."

MOTION CARRIED

Request for District Capital Grant, District 13

Mr. Kelly reviewed the report.

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

"THAT approval be granted for a District Capital Grant, District 13 in the amount of \$3,000 for the Gays River, Cooks Brook, Lake Egmont Volunteer Fire Department."

MOTION CARRIED

SUPPLEMENTARY EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPORT

Requests for Grants

Mr. Kelly reviewed the requests for grants.

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

"THAT approval be granted for:

a District Capital Grant, District 8 in the amount of \$1,000 for construction of a ballfield at East Preston;

a District Capital Grant, District 10 in the amount of \$2,270 for improvements to the Musquodoboit Harbour and District ballfield;

a District Capital Grant, District 10 in the amount of \$1,740 for repairs to a County-owned wharf at Petpeswick;

and a District Parkland Grant, District 16 in the amount of \$3,000 for improvements to the Riverview Community Centre ballfield."

MOTION CARRIED

Capital Grants, re Cultural and Recreational Facilities

Mr. Kelly reviewed the Executive Committee report regarding this matter.

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

"THAT approval be granted for the following projects under the one-sixth funding program for Cultural and Recreational facilities:

West Chezzetcook/Grand Desert Recreation Society in the amount of \$8,503;

Haliburton Hills Tennis Association in the amount of \$15,000 (subject to approval by the Minister of Municipal Affairs, as this property is not County-owned);

and the Chezzetcook Recreation Facility Development Society in the amount of \$10,675."

MOTION CARRIED

URBAN SERVICES COMMITTEE REPORT

Transit Cost-Sharing Formula

Mr. Kelly reviewed the report of the Urban Services Committee report regarding this matter.

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

"THAT Council formally approve the amendment to the assessment-based cost-sharing formula for transit;

AND THAT the Municipal Solicitor be authorized to amend the Regional Transit By-law as per the draft resolution attached to the staff report."

Councillor MacKay asked if the City of Halifax is still refusing to cost-sharing by assessment, and he noted that the policy will not be affective unless all four municipal units agreed.

Warden MacKenzie inquired about amending the by-law at this time, if the City of Halifax is still not agreeing to cost-sharing by assessment. Mr. Meech advised that each municipal unit has been asked to amend the By-law, although only Dartmouth and Bedford have concurred to date. If the City of Halifax continues to refuse to cost-sharing by assessment, the amendment will not be made. Each municipal unit is required to amend its By-law.

Councillor Rawding stated the benefits of the cost-sharing formula by assessment have been clearly perceived by the Town of Bedford and the City of Dartmouth; it is the only way to have an efficient system for a growing municipality. He asked that pressure be put onto the City of Halifax to consider the regional service, rather than just the service in the City. He concluded that the service will not be accepted or expanded unless the assessment base for cost-sharing is adopted.

MOTION CARRIED.

METROPOLITAN AUTHORITY REPORT - COUNCILLOR McINROY

Councillor McInroy informed that copies of the Metropolitan Authority report have been circulated. He advised that with regard to the financial statements for the period ending May 31, 1988, the Metropolitan Authority projects a \$661,894 operating deficit for 1988. This means Halifax County will have to pay \$85,000 over and above what was already approved as the Metropolitan Authority budget. Councillor McInroy advised that this deficit is caused by an 11 percent deficit for transit, attributable primarily to decreased revenues. He reviewed the decreases in revenues. He felt the Metropolitan Authority and Metro Transit must learn to better adhere to their policies, especially with regard to 40 percent recoveries because the cost is becoming a tremendous burden on the taxpayer. He stated there is a limit to the subsidy the public should provide to that body. He stated it is unacceptable that transit routes continue to operate at a significant loss. Also, it was agreed that the four chief magistrates and senior Metropolitan Authority staff would approach the Province about its contribution to the Authority, which is currently fixed on a per capita basis. As costs increase, that figure has not increased, so the Province's contribution is low on a percentage basis.

Councillor McInroy informed that the landfill site is the other main operation of the Metropolitan Authority, and it is within budget by 1.1 percent. The problem is transit in terms of the deficit.

Councillor MacKay inquired about the effect of the new transit pass system on revenues. Councillor McInroy informed that Mr. Prentice of Metro Transit feels the ridership has been stabilized, as opposed to the decline it had experienced. He suggested the program has been successful.

There was further discussion concerning the transit deficit and transit service.

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

"THAT the Metropolitan Authority Report be received as presented."
MOTION CARRIED

SUPPLEMENTARY AGENDA

Petition, re Paving of Parkcrest Drive and Roywell Drive, Upper Lawrencetown

Mr. Kelly advised that this is a petition signed by residents requesting the paving of Parkcrest Drive and Roywell Drive in Upper Lawrencetown under the new program for paving by the Department of

Transportation.

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

"THAT the petition for the paving of Roywell and Parkcrest Drives in Upper Lawrencetown be received and forwarded to the Minister of Transportation for necessary staff action;

ALSO THAT a copy of this petition be forwarded to the MLA for the area, Tom McInnis."

Councillor MacKay inquired about the procedure for the program of paving roads that have existed for more than 15 years; he asked if a petition is required or only a request from the area Councillor. Councillor Randall advised that he had been informed by officials of the Department of Transportation that a petition is not required. However, he stated there are some people who do not want their streets paved, so he prefers to have a petition to confirm that the majority of residents on the street want it paved.

MOTION CARRIED

APPEAL, RE MINOR VARIANCE, DATE FOR PUBLIC HEARING

Mr. Kelly advised he has received correspondence from Roy F. Reinhart of Amaranth Crescent in Cole Harbour appealing the refusal decision of the Development Officer for a minor variance. Mr. Kelly recommended that a public hearing date be scheduled to hear this appeal, and he recommended the second Council Session in August, August 16, 1988.

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

"THAT a public hearing for the appeal of Minor Variance No. MV 18-21-88, Roy F. Reinhart, 60 Amaranth Crescent, be scheduled for August 16, 1988 at 7 p.m."

MOTION CARRIED

RESOLUTION, RE EXPROPRIATION OF LANDS, NORTH PRESTON

Mr. Cragg advised that he is not prepared to deal with this matter at this time.

APPOINTMENT OF ACTING DEVELOPMENT OFFICER

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

"THAT Sharon Bond be appointed Acting Development Officer during the absence of Mr. Gough from August 15 to September 2, 1988."

MOTION CARRIED

CAT BY-LAW AND AMENDMENTS TO THE DOG BY-LAW

Mr. Kelly advised that the Executive Committee had requested that this matter be added to the Council agenda, the reason being to get a status update on the Cat By-law and the amendments to the Dog By-law. He advised that this matter was referred to Mr. Cragg for further review.

Councillor P. Baker indicated that he is opposed to the Cat By-law because if people do not have cats, they will have rats. He asked that District 4 be exempt from the Cat By-law.

With regard to pitbulls, Councillor P. Baker stated these animals are like wolves: for many years, people were warned about them, but now they are not as dangerous. Councillor P. Baker stated all animals should be respected; dogs bark at everybody, and a pitbull barking should not be anymore frightening than another dog barking. He stated a Committee should not decide for Council that these dogs should or should not be done away with. He stated the pitbulls in question have not hurt anybody, but they have done what any other animal or even a person would do if they were caged in all the time. He concluded that the animals are secure now, and no decision will be made until the courts decide, but the County should not pass judgement on those animals.

Warden MacKenzie objected, stating there have been many instances of damage done to body and soul by pitbulls. He felt they should not be allowed in Halifax County. He agreed that other dogs are dangerous, and they will be dealt with individually, but pitbulls are a breed of dog meant to do harm.

Councillor DeRoche stated it is not appropriate to condemn a species of animals because of the actions of a select few; he felt condemnation may be necessary on an individual basis, but they should not be dealt with as a species in general.

Mr. Cragg advised that certain districts can be exempt from the Cat By-law. He advised that this by-law has been before the Department of Municipal Affairs for approximately two months, and he suggested they are fairly close to approving the Cat By-law.

With regard to the amendments to the Dog By-law, Mr. Cragg advised that he is frustrated with attempting to secure approval of these amendments by the Department of Municipal Affairs. He advised that he recently requested a meeting between municipal staff and the Minister and Deputy Minister of Municipal Affairs, and if deemed appropriate, the solicitor dealing with approval of these amendments. He felt they are appropriate with the powers granted to the County, and a meeting with the Minister may help resolve this delay.

Councillor Rawding inquired about the length of the delay. Mr. Cragg indicated that he has been frustrated concerning these amendments for some months - perhaps as long as six months.

Councillor Rawding advised he, too, is frustrated with the Province's attitude toward passing legislation. He stated if the City of Dartmouth have approval for such a Dog By-law, the County of Halifax should have the same rights.

Councillor Wiseman asked how long it will be before the Cat By-law will be before Council again. Mr. Cragg suggested the Cat By-law should be ready for presentation to Council again at the next Council Session.

Warden MacKenzie advised that he has received many calls in support of the Cat By-law, and there have also been numerous letters in this regard.

Councillor Rawding suggested that people be advised they pursue a cat problem through the small claims court without a Cat By-law; it may be a means of resolve pending the adoption of the Cat By-law. Warden MacKenzie felt the people should not have to take that route; they expect the Municipality to take control of the problem.

EMERGENCY AGENDA ITEMS

Councillor Walker - A By-law to Control Squealing of Tires, etc.

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

"THAT the Municipal Solicitor be instructed to draft a by-law to control the squealing and spinning of tires, to give the opportunity to prohibit this type of behaviour and to charge for this action under a by-law for Halifax County Municipality."

Councillor Walker advised that Chester has such a by-law, and he suggested it be examined in the drafting of such a by-law for Halifax County.

MOTION CARRIED

Councillor P. Baker - Pitbulls

Councillor P. Baker advised that he expressed his comments earlier.

ADDITION OF ITEMS TO THE AUGUST 2, 1988 COUNCIL SESSION

Councillor DeRoche - Expansion of Boundary, Land Title Clarification Act

Councillor Walker - Police Protection, Halifax West Subsystem

Councillor Wiseman - Cat By-law

ADJOURNMENT

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

"THAT this Council Session adjourn."
MOTION CARRIED

The meeting adjourned at 8:55 p.m.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

MONDAY, JULY 11, 1988

PRESENT WERE: Warden MacKenzie
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 MacKay
Councillor McInroy
Councillor Eisenhauer
Deputy Warden MacDonald

ALSO PRESENT. Mr. G.J. Kelly, Municipal Clerk
Mr. R.G. Cragg, Municipal Solicitor
Mr. Bill Butler, Manager, Policy Division
Mr. E.T. Wdowiak, Director, Engineering and Works

SECRETARY: Glenda Hill

Warden MacKenzie called the public hearings to order at 7 p.m. with the Lord's Prayer.

Mr. Kelly called the Roll.

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

"THAT Glenda Hill be appointed Recording Secretary."

MOTION CARRIED

Warden MacKenzie reviewed the procedures for the Public Hearings.

FILE NO. PA-SA-04-87 - AMENDMENTS TO THE SACKVILLE MUNICIPAL PLANNING STRATEGY AND LAND USE BY-LAW RELATED TO COMMERCIAL DEVELOPMENT IN SACKVILLE INDUSTRIAL PARK

Mr. Butler advised that these amendments are a follow-up to amendments approved by Council at a Public Hearing on April 25, 1988. The amendments approved at that time allowed for commercial and office uses in the Sackville Industrial Park conditional on their being located in a multiple tenancy industrial mall.

At a public participation meeting in Sackville since that time, there was representation from residents and business people who feel that limiting commercial and office uses to industrial malls would still constrain the competitive position of the Park. They felt commercial and office uses should be permitted in freestanding buildings in that park. Mr. Butler advised that the recommended amendments will permit all C-2 uses within the Sackville Zoning By-law to locate within the Sackville Industrial Park on an equal footing as industrial uses, including freestanding buildings.

Questions from Council

Councillor Rawding clarified that the by-law as it exists would not allow a construction such as the Sun Tower in Bedford to be constructed in the Sackville Industrial Park. He asked if the proposed amendments will permit such development. Mr. Butler advised that they will. He also agreed that construction of a facility such as the Sun Tower would not be permitted in the Sackville Industrial Park with the by-law as it now exists.

Speakers in Favour of these Amendments

Bill Davis, Davis Properties Ltd., advised that he is very much in favour of these amendments. He felt they are essential for the long term benefit of the Industrial Park and will increase the competitive position with other parks in the area.

Questions from Council -

None

Lorne Denny, Executive Director, Halifax County Industrial Commission advised that he is supportive of the proposed amendments. He also spoke on behalf of the Sackville Chamber of Commerce representative and the IEL representative who both expressed support for these amendments at the last public hearing.

Questions from Council

Councillor Rawding and Deputy Warden MacDonald each clarified that Mr. Denny is supportive of these amendments, as well as IEL and the Sackville Chamber of Commerce.

Speakers in Opposition to These Amendments

Evan Morgan, Chairman of the Business Improvement District Commission for Sackville Drive advised that when the original amendment was dealt with in 1987, the Commission supported the amendments to permit expanded uses if they were done coincidentally with expanded uses on Sackville Drive. He stated that since Council has approved expanded uses within the Sackville Industrial Park and not done so for Sackville Drive, the Commission is opposed to the timing of these amendments. He felt any reference to C-2 uses within the Sackville Industrial Park should be done at the same time as expanded uses along Sackville Drive.

Questions from Council

None

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

"THAT Halifax County Council approve amendments to the Municipal Planning Strategy for Sackville to allow commercial and office uses within freestanding buildings in the Sackville Industrial Park as outlined in Appendix "A" of the staff report."
MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

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

"THAT Halifax County Council approve amendments to the Land Use By-law for Sackville to allow commercial and office uses within freestanding buildings in the Sackville Industrial Park as outlined in Appendix "B" of the staff report."
MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

FILE NOS. PA-EP/CB-08-86; PA-CH/W-07-86 - AMENDMENTS TO THE EASTERN PASSAGE/COW BAY MUNICIPAL PLANNING STRATEGY; THE COLE HARBOUR/WESTPHAL MUNICIPAL PLANNING STRATEGY AND LAND USE BY-LAW; AND THE MUNICIPAL SUBDIVISION BY-LAW RELATED TO SERVICE BOUNDARY EXPANSION

Mr. Butler advised that these amendments relate to both the Cole Harbour/Westphal Planning Strategy and the Eastern Passage/Cow Bay Planning Strategy and amendments to the Subdivision By-law. All amendments are related to the expansion to the serviceable boundaries of both communities, made possible by the expansion to the Eastern Passage Sewage Treatment Plant.

Mr. Butler stated amendments to the Cole Harbour/Westphal serviceable boundary were approved by Council in November, 1987, and this Public Hearing is to consider similar amendments to the Eastern Passage/Cow Bay serviceable boundary.

With respect to the Eastern Passage/Cow Bay area, pursuant to previous decisions of the Planning Advisory Committee and Council, a total of 570 acres of additional serviceable land made possible by the expansion to the existing sewage treatment plant was divided on a 50-50 basis between the communities of Eastern Passage and Cole Harbour. In expanding the Eastern Passage Serviceable Boundary, there are two areas involved: the Caldwell Road, Cow Bay Road intersection, which comprises approximately 205 acres; and along Shore Road, near Hartlen Point, which is approximately 65 acres in size. It is recommended that the serviceable boundary be expanded to incorporate those two areas for a total of 270 acres.

With respect to Eastern Passage, the timing of funding for services is uncertain, so the text amendments to the Eastern Passage Plan will permit on-site serviced development until municipal water and sewer services are provided. Mr. Butler stated this is different from other portions of the serviceable boundary where lands located within the serviceable area must locate with water and sewer services.

Mr. Butler advised there are also related amendments to the Subdivision By-law, which he referred as Appendix "D" of the staff report.

Mr. Butler stated that the amendments to the Cole Harbour/Westphal Plan are two-fold: There is an amendment to the Subdivision By-law to include the lands of Mr. Donald Williams within Schedule "E" of the Subdivision By-law. Mr. Williams' land was approved for inclusion within the serviceable boundary earlier in 1988, and this amendment will add those lands within the serviceable boundary of the Subdivision By-law.

Also, when previous amendments to the Planning Strategy for Cole Harbour/Westphal Planning Strategy were approved, it was the policy of Halifax County Council that until all infrastructure improvements related to the expansion of the plant are complete, subdivision activity would not be permitted within the newly added areas. In approving expansion to the serviceable boundary, the Minister of Municipal Affairs did not approve those policies on the basis that it is not legally possible for Council to prohibit development by not approving subdivision plans. Therefore, revised amendments were prepared which would prohibit development in these newly added areas except for minor infill situations and accessory uses which will not provide any additional strain on the capacity of the service system. Mr. Butler stated it is recognized that subdivision activity could still occur within these areas, and it is the proposed policy that any plans of subdivision approved within these newly added areas will have a notice put on them, such that new property owners will be aware that until the infrastructure improvements are complete, no development permits will be issued. He referred to these amendments as Appendix "B" of the staff report.

Mr. Butler also referred to amendments to the Subdivision By-law which would carry out those policies by prohibiting development within these areas except for minor infill situations.

Questions from Council

None

Speakers in Favour of these Amendments

Tom Harmes, Chairman of the District 6, Eastern Passage Ratepayers Association spoke in favour of the amendments as proposed. He stated that since early 1986, the District Association has been actively involved in setting up and trying to determine the areas for expansion for water and sewer services as a result of the expansion to the

Sewage Treatment Plant. There have been many meetings with the Engineering and Works Department, Planning and Policy staff, and local committess. The Association totally supports the suggested expansion for some 205 acres of property along the Cow Bay Road, as well as the 65 acres along the Shore Road.

Mr. Harmes continued that at a recent meeting of the Residents Association, it was suggested that a small portion of property along the northern boundaries of District 6, bordering Cole Harbour (approximately seven acres) also be considered under these amendments so development can take place there.

Questions from Council

Councillor Lichter asked for clarification concerning the location of the additional seven acres requested to be included under these amendments. Councillor Deveaux informed that the proponents of this development will be making a presentation and planning staff are aware of the location of the 7.2 acres in question.

David Grouchie, Solicitor representing Oknah Developments advised that Okngh Developments is in part involves in the 7.2 acres referred to.

Mr. Grouchie advised that he is supportive of the proposed amendment, as well as others, including this 7.2 acre parcel.

Mr. Grouchie stated that Oknah Developments appeared before Council on October 23, 1987 asking for the inclusion of a portion of its land within the serviceable boundary for Cole Harbour/Westphal. Oaknaugh owns a total of 160 acres in the Cole Harbour/Westphal/Eastern Passage districts, and expansion of the sewage treatment plant in Eastern Passage could service these lands. This excess capacity was created by virtue of the expansion of the treatment plant at Eastern Passage, as well as recognition of the general development being occupied by fewer people per acre than originally anticipated. It was also recognized that services are installed to much higher standards now, and the system can accommodate greater capacities than earlier calculated.

Once the additional acreage was identified for inclusion in the serviceable boundary, it was divided between the two areas: 250 acres for Cole Harbour and 250 acres for the Eastern Passage area. Mr. Grouchie stated 110 additional acres were included for development by the Nova Scotia Department of Housing.

Mr. Grouchie continued that in November, 1987, Halifax County Council agreed that some of the Oknah lands should be admitted within the serviceable boundary as they were contiguous to the Caldwell Road, where the main trunk sewer for the district was located. There the inclusion of 17.6 acres was agreed to.

Mr. Grouchie informed that approximately eight acres of Oknah's lands were included with the original service boundary. However, that eight acres is inaccessible so Oknah Developments now requests that this

capacity of the sewer system. However, that eight acres is inaccessible, so Oknah Developments now requested that this acreage be exchanged for acreage within the newly added area. He stated that if there is any difficulty with this exchange, Oknah Developments is prepared to enter into any necessary agreements to give affect to that intention. There will not be any additional load put on the sewage treatment plant, as a result.

Mr. Grouchie felt that these amendments were not intended to put a moratorium on that development by allowing subdivision to proceed but now allowing the issuance of development permits there until full upgrading of the sewer system is complete.

Mr. Grouchie stated that Oknah has already spent approximately \$187,000 on this development, and unless the requested amendments can be implemented, Oknah Developments will suffer a very severe financial penalty. Oknah will continue in an orderly fashion and will be introducing approximately 30 lots in the 1988-89 development season, which will not create any detriment to the present sewage services immediately adjacent to the land of Oknah Developments on the Caldwell Road. It will also allow Oknah Developments the orderly development of its land now, prior to the twinning of the sewer. He expressed concern about that time frame being indefinite with respect to the twinning of services.

Mr. Grouchie also spoke about the 7.2 acres of lakefront property to be developed as a senior citizens village. Oknah is now prepared to apply for appropriate zoning for that purpose. The balance of its serviced property will be developed as R-1 and R-2 uses with 30 percent of R-2 and 70 percent of R-1 development. The senior citizen's village will consist of five wood buildings each with 26 units and each with three floors and elevators. It will be an enriched senior citizens village, and an addition to the Eastern Passage amendment is requested to accommodate this proposed development. Mr. Grouchie stated he cannot interpret the proposed amendment to include or exclude the requested 7.2 acres from the moratorium, although it is possible to service that area through a forced main.

Mr. Grouchie referred to six acres of Oknah property which has always been in the serviceable area, although that land is inaccessible; therefore, it is suggested that this six acres be substituted for another area recently added to the serviceable area, with no adverse affect on the sewage system. This will also make possible a land deal with the Department of Transportation which is presently being negotiated, whereby land will be given to the Department in order to straighten the Caldwell Road.

Mr. Grouchie concluded that Oknah Developments is prepared to continue with the orderly development of the area, for both the senior citizens area and the balance of the land included in the serviceable boundary last year.

Mr. K.W. Robb was in attendance to support the presentation by Mr. Grouchie. Mr. Robb explained that the land already within the serviceable boundary cannot be developed because it was inaccessible. He stated it is the request of Oknah Developments to exchange development rights for its lands within the old serviceable boundary for land recently included. He noted that this will not put any additional strain on the sewage treatment plant.

Mr. Robb continued that there may be some difficulty in getting development permits for the 17 acres recently added to the serviceable boundary, and this would cease development there until the lines are fully twinned (approximately two years). Again, this reflects the reason for the request to exchange the properties within the serviceable area boundary.

Mr. Robb advised that he attended a meeting of the Eastern Passage Ratepayers Association on July 10, and the Ratepayers in attendance voted almost unanimously in favour of allowing Oknah Developments a 7.2 acre addition within the serviceable area boundary of Eastern Passage in order to develop the senior citizens village.

Mr. Robb also referred to negotiations with the Department of Transportation and the local MLA, Mr. Nantes, to straighten the Caldwell Road in front of the Oknah property. Oknah has offered land to straighten the road for nothing, if the proposal to proceed with the senior citizen's village is approved. Mr. Nantes is also attempting to get funding to straighten that section of the road.

Mr. Robb advised that there are preliminary plans for the senior citizen's village, but nothing further can be projected until servicing connections are assured. He advised the complex will be enriched with a design for invalid seniors. There will also be a medical office within the village to facilitate those seniors needing medical attention. A very sanitary garbage collection system is also proposed, whereby all garbage will be within the interior of the building through garbage chutes. Mr. Robb advised that funding for this project has been secured, and a considerable amount of money has already been spent. There has also been a tentative plan submitted to the County for approval of approximately 130 lots, and recently a final plan for 15 lots along the Caldwell Road was submitted. Having spent this much money, it is important to the developer to proceed with this project.

Questions from Council

Councillor McInroy inquired about the medical services within the seniors village. He asked if it will be, in anyway, a private health care facility or if it will allow space for doctors to lease and operate private practices near the seniors village. Mr. Robb responded that a medical facility will be provided within the complex, although the arrangements are not finalized yet. He stated it is intended to have this privately financed, although there may be some form of government assistance available.

Councillor McInroy clarified that the development will contain one central location where doctors might practice medicine, but essentially it will be a market rental apartment complex, which is suggested to be occupied by senior citizens. Mr. Robb agreed, stating it will cater to seniors, and all facilities within the buildings will be specialized.

Councillor McInroy noted that Mr. Gruchie spoke of orderly development. He asked if there is any development in Eastern Passage or Cole Harbour considered to be disorderly. Councillor McInroy also inquired about the proposed housing mix of R-1 and R-2, and he noted there must also be some R-4 proposed to allow for this senior citizen's project. He noted that the Municipality is now considering the definition of mixed use. He suggested there may be a question of a certain area containing a mix, rather than various parcels of land. Councillor McInroy also stated that this housing mix being part of the presentation will not necessarily have any weight with regard to a decision on the issue of the serviceable area boundary.

Mr. Robb felt it is not possible for any project to proceed without some R-2 development. He stated R-4 is not desired, and the seniors complex will be the only area with an R-4 designation. The remainder of the area will be R-1 (70 percent) and R-2 (30 percent). He noted these figures are negotiable, but there is a demand for some R-2 development. Mr. Robb stated he would not want to see too much R-2 development, as now exists in Eastern Passage.

Councillor DeRoche expressed concern about hearing the details of the senior's project at this public hearing. He noted this public hearing is with respect to the plan amendments as proposed. He inquired about the location of the land requested to be exchanged for that already within the serviceable boundary. Mr. Robb located the land in question on a map, noting there are 7.2 acres at the end of Morris Lake running between Caldwell Road and Morris Lake, all within District 6. The eight acres requested for exchange is within the Cole Harbour boundary. Oaknaugh Developments also owns approximately 110 additional acres in District 6.

Deputy Warden MacDonald inquired about the seniors complex, asking about age criteria, eating facilities, etc. Mr. Robb suggested the minimum age to live at this complex will probably be 55 years.

Councillor McInroy asked Mr. Cragg if it would be appropriate for Council to consider changes to the serviceable area boundary for the Cole Harbour/Westphal plan area, other than what was advertised or a reasonable variation thereof. Mr. Cragg responded that Council should only deal with that which has been advertised or a deletion of something that has been advertised, but it is a decision of Council to determine if this exchange is a reasonable variation of that which was advertised. Councillor McInroy noted there was no reference in the advertisement to any change in the serviceable boundary from what was approved. He suggested there could be others with an interest in this area who may feel they were not treated justly if this change was undertaken by Council without being referred to in the advertisement.

Councillor Deveaux informed that at the Ratepayers meeting there was no mention of the land exchange as requested. It was agreed to allow Oaknaugh to have 7.2 acres out of the acreage included in the Eastern Passage/Cow Bay serviceable area. He expressed hope that Council would support an amendment to accommodate that for the purpose of construction of the senior's complex.

Mr. Butler referred to Appendix "B" of the staff report with regard to a completion date for the infrastructure. He noted the report indicates this work will not be completed until late 1989, but it is now the information of the Department of Engineering and Works that this work will not be complete until 1990 due to funding from Municipal Affairs.

With respect to the 7.2 acres, Mr. Butler informed that property is not located adjacent to the Cole Harbour service boundary, and it is a long way from the Eastern Passage service boundary, so it does not appear that it can be added by simply extending the boundary - much more land would be included. Therefore, if Council should decide to provide services to this land, it would probably take a specific amendment with reference to that parcel.

Mr. Grouchie concluded his discussion by informing he did not intend to infer there is any disorderly development in the Cole Harbour or Eastern Passage. In terms of orderly development, Mr. Grouchie informed he means to work with the Planning Department to develop a plan of action that will be an answer for what is obviously a problem - housing mixtures.

Mr. Grouchie suggested this amendment will have no adverse affect on anybody not represented at this public hearing.

Mr. Grouchie apologized for raising the issue of the development, as it is not the purpose of the public hearing.

Mr. Grouchie questioned the wording of the requested amendment. He suggested it should address the 7.2 acres and the 8 acres, if that is Council's wish. He agreed with Mr. Cragg that if Council decides that the variation sought is reasonable as to what was advertised, this amendment should be approved.

Mr. Alf Giles, abutting land owners to the property owned by Oknah Realty located his property on the map, adjacent to the eight acres which are inaccessible.

Mr. Giles advised that his property is approximately 145 acres, and his long term plan for this land is to develop it in concert with the Oknah development. The next phase on his property will be to develop a plan such as that which has been developed by Oknah, in order to enhance the entire community.

Mr. Giles expressed no difficulty with the exchange of properties within the serviceable area boundary as requested by Mr. Grouchie and Mr. Robb. He stated it is good common planning, and he asked that Council consider this request.

Questions from Council

Councillor McInroy asked if Mr. Giles' reference to the amendment giving Oknah an opportunity to provide facilities in the area refers to a convenience store and/or a service station at that intersection. Mr. Giles stated he is not involved with the planning, but if Council feels that is a required service, it could be accommodated. However, the presentation at this time is for an R-1 and R-2 housing mix, and this provides for a good development.

Warden MacKenzie asked if Oknah Developments were given an opportunity to present this amendment when this matter was discussed at the Planning Advisory Committee level. Councillor Lichter, Chairman of the PAC, advised that there have been community visits, the people have been heard from, and there was much discussion in this regard. The area Councillors have been asked for their opinions and have met with the public regarding this issue. He felt the opportunities to present this amendment earlier were more than ample. He agreed with Councillor DeRoche that the issue at this public hearing is the amendment, as opposed to the proposed development of these lands, and the issue should have been straightforward. He stated the Plan now indicates what development is permitted, and when the Plan is reviewed and revised, it will again indicate what is permitted. He stated remarks should have been restricted to the serviceable area boundary.

Speakers in Opposition to these Amendments

None

There was some discussion concerning the required amendment(s) to allow the 7.2 acres referenced to be included within the serviceable area boundary. Mr. Cragg stated first, Council must determine if this request is a reasonable variation to what was advertised. If Council determines it is reasonable, the amendment could be dealt with.

Councillor Deveaux noted that there was an addition to the Cole Harbour serviceable boundary at a past public hearing, whereby Oknah Developments was accommodated at the public hearing.

There was some discussion concerning the necessary wording of the resolution for amendments to the Eastern Passage/Cow Bay serviceable boundary.

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

"THAT amendments to the Eastern Passage/Cow Bay Municipal Planning Strategy be amended to expand serviceable boundaries, including 7.2 acres owned by Oknah Realty."

Mr. Butler stated that when he had spoken to Councillor Deveaux earlier about the 7.2 acres, his assumption was that the lands would be adjacent to land already approved within the serviceable boundary. However, this is not the case, and it is not just a matter of extending the serviceable boundary to include this area; it would also

have to include other lands, which brings into question the entire acreage involved. Mr. Butler felt that a specific text amendment would be required to accommodate the entire lands involved. He also expressed concern about the number of units that could be developed on that land, and the affect this may have on the capacity of the sewage treatment plant.

There was further discussion about the serviceable boundary, and the necessary amendments to accommodate the request by Oknah Developments.

Councillor Lichter asked if there would be a cost to the Municipality to service this 7.2 acres. Mr. Wdowiak agreed there will be no cost to the Municipality to service that area.

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

"THAT this issue be deferred and that the wording of the amendment be further investigated by staff and reported to the Planning Advisory Committee for a recommendation to Council."

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

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

"THAT amendments to the Cole Harbour/Westphal Municipal Planning Strategy as contained in Appendix "B" be approved by Municipal Council."

Councillor DeRoche stated that he could not support the resolution. He felt that the amendments were too restrictive by virtue that no development can take place until all improvements and upgrading of the total system is accomplished. He stated, it is conceivable that some development can take place within the serviceable boundary that could proceed despite the fact that all improvements have not been accomplished.

MOTION DEFEATED 5 YES
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ADJOURNMENT

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

"THAT this Public Hearing adjourn."
MOTION CARRIED

The Public Hearing adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

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COUNCIL SESSION

TUESDAY, AUGUST 2, 1988

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

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

SECRETARY: Glenda Hill

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

Mr. Kelly called the Roll.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Warden MacKenzie advised that the July 19, 1988 Council minutes had not yet been circulated, but there are others for approval.

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

"THAT the minutes of the July 5, 1988 Council Session be approved as circulated."
MOTION CARRIED

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

"THAT the minutes of the Public Hearing, June 13, 1988, be approved as circulated."
MOTION CARRIED

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

"THAT the minutes of the Public Hearing, June 27, 1988, be approved as circulated."

MOTION CARRIED

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

"THAT the minutes of the Public Hearing, July 11, 1988, be approved as circulated."

MOTION CARRIED

EMERGENCY AGENDA ITEMS

Councillor Randall - Paving of Lake Hill Drive
- Abandoned Rail line

Councillor C. Baker - Environmental Service Charge, Herring Cove

Councillor P. Baker - Meeting with Minister and Staff, Department of Transportation

Councillor Deveaux - Crosswalks

Warden MacKenzie - Expropriation, North Preston
- Sludge Disposal
- Resolution, City of Dartmouth
- Sackville Municipal Planning Strategy & Land Use By-law

PRESENTATION, EMERGENCY MEASURES ORGANIZATION

Mr. Gough introduced Mr. John Perkins of EMO Nova Scotia who was in attendance to make this presentation regarding 911 emergency service.

Mr. Perkins advised that this 911 project was announced in March, 1988 when the Minister had announced that an agreement was reached with Maritime Tel & Tel to implement a province-wide enhanced 911 emergency telephone reporting system. At that time, EMO Nova Scotia was directed to start work immediately, and since that time much progress has been made.

Mr. Perkins stated presentations are being made to Municipal Councils throughout the Province because emergency planning is a municipal responsibility. Mr. Perkins stated the purpose of this presentation is to explain how the proposed system will work, as well as to solicit support and advice from Council.

Mr. Perkins' presentation covered the use of 911, the purpose of 911, how the system will work in Nova Scotia, timing, and how the Municipal units can be involved. He reviewed statistics from studies and gave information to support the presentation.

Mr. Perkins informed that a survey has been sent to various emergency agencies in the communities, and it is important to get a 100 percent return on this survey in order to make the 911 system as effective as possible. Councillors can also help in this regard by urging people to complete the survey and to relay any input to EMO Nova Scotia through Mr. Gough.

Mr. Perkins concluded with the benefits of the 911 system, and he stated the old number will remain working because any system is subject to mechanical breakdowns, and no matter how hard this system is promoted, there are people who will prefer to use the local number they are accustomed to. He also reviewed problems with the system for party lines, noting that party line service is expected to be eliminated by 1995. In the interim, it is estimated that about 4,000 to 5,000 subscribers without automatic number identification service through 911.

Capital costs for the 911 system is estimated at \$6.5 million, and the on-going operating costs are estimated at \$1.5 million per year (which will be the responsibility of the Province). The Municipality can help by urging response to the survey and sharing enthusiasm and support for this process, which will save some lives and lead to a much more coordinated and efficient emergency response system for the Province.

Warden MacKenzie inquired about the cost of this service to the Municipality. Mr. Perkins advised the municipal units will not be responsible for any costs with regard to this system.

Councillor MacKay expressed appreciation to those initiating this service, as well as the Province for the financial support. He asked the effect of certain numbers being forwarded to another location during certain hours. Mr. Perkins advised that the numbers will be switched to the appropriate detachment or location according to time. With regard to party lines, he informed that the 911 service can be used from a party line, although the location cannot be automatically identified.

Councillor MacKay next inquired about the ability to cut the number of false alarms using 911. Mr. Perkins advised false alarms from pay phones will always be a problem, although the lines are not tied up when the receiver is left off the hook. Also, a ring can be forced to a phone off the hook through the 911 system. He added that many people dial 911 when it is first implemented to determine if it is working, and after this happens a few times, prosecution begins to cut down on the false calls. He noted that a pattern of abuse of calls can be identified with this system.

Councillor MacKay next inquired about recording emergency calls. Mr. Perkins informed that information in the automatic number identification and the automatic location identification data base is stored digitally, the voice is recorded digitally for quick re-play if further interpretation is required, and there is also the standard multi-track logging tape for a permanent record.

Mr. Perkins informed that Bedford is the only place with the 911 system in Nova Scotia at this time. There are approximately one-half dozen enhanced 911 systems and maybe three or four dozen basic 911 systems in Canada. Nova Scotia will be the first province in Canada to implement this system province-wide.

Councillor C. Baker inquired about the financial impact of this system on the people. Mr. Perkins advised that the telephone company intends to build a part of this cost into the rate base for telephone service, although this will be subject to approval by the Public Utilities Board. The operating cost will be borne by the Provincial tax revenue. There will be no surcharge on the phone bills.

Warden MacKenzie added that when this system was first presented to Council, the cost was to be borne by the municipalities, but the Province and the people will be paying for it now.

Councillor Lichter expressed concern about the use of party lines in conjunction with the 911 system. He stated people often have difficulty getting their line. He asked if Maritime Tel & Tel had written that party lines will be non-existent by 1995. He stated this system will not be of any advantage to those with party lines. Maritime Tel & Tel have made a number of improvements over the years, but there are some areas where telephone service is not up to scratch, let alone the 911 system. He expressed appreciation to the Province for doing its part, but he stated Maritime Tel & Tel must be committed to removing all party lines by 1995; they will be making money on this project or they would not be involved, so they should be in a position to make this commitment which is long overdue. Mr. Perkins responded that Maritime Tel & Tel have reported that by the time 911 is implemented only 4,000 to 5,000 people will be left with party lines and within three or four years after that, all party lines will be eliminated. He stated this is in the hands of Maritime Tel & Tel, and they seem to be very serious about the process.

Councillor Snow asked if this information about 911 has been sent to the local fire departments. Mr. Perkins advised that it has. The survey was mailed on July 26, including other information in this regard. This package was also sent to the Association of Chief Fire Officers, all Nova Scotia municipalities, Chiefs of Police Associations, and to about one-half of the County with regard to mutual aid areas. It is time consuming to make presentations to all municipalities, but it is being done.

Councillor Fralick inquired about the response to 911 from the rural areas of the County. Mr. Perkins advised that the response is very positive, although people are cautious, particularly with respect to party lines and the uniform identification system for rural areas.

Councillor Wiseman inquired about a response when a crank call is suspected. Mr. Perkins advised if the call is from a private residence, it will automatically be responded to. Operators will be

trained to identify suspicious calls, such as a call from the south end of Barrington Street reporting a fire at the north end container pier. There are many cases where 911 is dialed but there is no response from the caller which turns out to be an emergency; it is important that all such calls are responded to.

Councillor Bayers stated there are three different party lines in District 10, and if they cannot use the 911 service, the operator service can still be used. However, he expressed concern about the charge Maritime Tel & Tel may impose on the people for this service they may not be able to use. He stated the people should not have to pay until the service is available to them.

Deputy Warden MacDonald inquired further about the surveys. Mr. Perkins advised there were 500 surveys mailed out, and it is vital to the program that all are returned in order to determine what equipment will be necessary. He advised that EMO Nova Scotia is aware of where each of the surveys were sent, and they can easily be followed upon. The RCMP are now dedicated to this service.

Councillor Randall stated there are many private roads without names or signage in the County, and the Department of Transportation is not responsible for these roads. He suggested the 911 system will encourage the Department of Transportation in this regard. Mr. Perkins advised that a map coordinate may also be used for dispatching which will be helpful.

There being no further discussion in this regard, Warden MacKenzie thanked Mr. Perkins and Mr. Gough for the presentation.

EMERGENCY AGENDA ITEMS

Warden MacKenzie - Sludge Disposal

Warden MacKenzie suggested this issue be dealt with next as Mr. Wdowiak and the consultant working on this project were in the gallery. Members of Council agreed.

Mr. Wdowiak reviewed his staff report in this regard, noting that Halifax County's request for a Joint Certificate of Approval for the disposal of sludge and septage into Halifax Harbour has been denied. He gave two recommendations given this denial: that Council approve the previous recommendation for support and approval of funding requirement of \$582,000 to continue the implementation of a permanent sludge disposal solution; or that staff be directed to place this project on hold while Council takes steps to secure Provincial and Dartmouth approval to continue, as an interim solution, disposal of the sludge and septage to the Harbour pending completion of the long term solution for the Halifax Harbour clean-up.

He stated the expenditure of these funds and to proceed with the project at this time would almost seem irresponsible at this time; however, if there is not full cooperation for this recommendation, the

system will not be implemented before the deadline on dumping in Dartmouth is up.

Deputy Warden MacDonald inquired about the timeframe proposed for the Halifax-Dartmouth and metro area new plant. Mr. Wdowiak suggested it would not be implemented for five or six years given immediate go ahead. Some coordinating groups and advisory bodies to this project will have to be coordinated, including senior levels of Provincial and Federal departments, which can be time consuming. He continued that the County's lagooning proposal is to be phased over a four year period, and the first phase could not be complete before the November deadline.

Deputy Warden MacDonald agreed that it would not be reasonable to spend money on the first phase, and then implement the regional treatment plant. He felt another location for dumping can be found in the meantime. The County is the only municipality that has been environmentally responsible, and the County should have the right and the ability to wait for the regional system, and in the meantime, continue to dump sludge into the harbour where everybody else dumps.

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

"THAT staff be directed to put the lagooning project on hold and that Council take steps to secure Provincial and Dartmouth approve to continue as an interim solution disposal of the sludge and septage to the Harbour pending completion of the long term solution for the Halifax Harbour clean-up."

Councillor Lichter stated the Province should be made aware that Halifax County will have to make its fair contribution to the cost of the harbour clean-up, which Halifax County did not cause. As well, the \$2.5 million capital project on top of \$500,000 operating costs amounts to \$5 million. The Province should be told that if they are prepared to consider this \$5 million to be Halifax County's portion of the contribution to the harbour clean-up, the County would be prepared to accept this. However, it is unfair for the Province to tell Halifax County that they cannot pollute the already polluted harbour and then help to pay for the clean-up of it, as well as spend over \$5 million for an interim solution. He felt confident that Dartmouth will consider another extension for dumping in their manhole given this new information about a solution to the pollution problem. Also, the Province with secured funding will be more willing to cooperate than in the past.

Councillor Deveaux agreed that it is senseless to spend millions of dollars at this stage on something that can be handled by the proposed new treatment system. He asked if this new system will handle Halifax County's sludge. Mr. Wdowiak responded that he only has limited knowledge of this technology, which is that ideally, an undigested sludge is suited to this transformation process. A secondary plant could not accommodate a sludge to oil program. However, in terms of quantity, the amount of sludge generated in Halifax County is quite

minimal so it might be possible to accommodate it. The energy that will be generated will be a very thick oil perhaps to be used by the Power Corporation in their thermal generating plants. Dewatering facilities will be required at the large plant because the moisture content of sludge must be reduced to 95 percent solids. Twenty percent moisture content is required for burial, and that which comes from the plants is mostly water - 4 to 6 percent solids.

Councillor Deveaux stated he would support the motion as this issue cannot be held up any longer. However, he expressed concern that there will still not be anywhere to dump sludge; he suggested this be investigated further.

Mr. Wdowiak clarified that there has been no information that the proposal from senior levels of government will be cost effective. Therefore, any deficit will no doubt be the responsibility of the municipalities.

Councillor Merrigan inquired about additional damage if sludge is dumped directly into the harbour as opposed to dumping it into the harbour second-hand. Mr. Wdowiak stated he does not condone discharging a digested sludge into the harbour; however, he felt the damage that will occur by continuing the existing practice for another three to five years will be minimal. If there were no plants at all, there would be significantly more damage.

Councillor Bayers expressed difficulty with the resolution. He stated this was an emergency issue when it was brought forth, and it was Council's direction to have a solution to the problem implemented before the November deadline. He asked if delaying this project now would give staff enough time to report to the next Council Session and to have the first phase complete by November. Mr. Wdowiak felt this work could not be implemented by November. Councillor Bayers stated the rural areas will be adversely affected by any delays because when a septic tanks needs to be flushed, it must be done so immediately, and the honeywagons will have no place to take this sludge. If the tanks are not cleaned out when required, they will only backup into the homes causing malfunctioning septic systems and health problems. He agreed that \$582,000 is expensive, but an urgent decision must be made.

Councillor P. Baker inquired about additional costs to the homeowners. Mr. Wdowiak stated to date disposal costs have been nil and the homeowners have been paying for the transportation of sludge. He estimated the additional cost for the disposal of sludge will be approximately \$100 more every time their tank is cleaned out. Councillor P. Baker expressed difficulty with this.

Warden MacKenzie advised that he has been trying to contact the Minister with regard to this issue, although he has not been available over the past few days. He suggested a committee be formed to meet with the Minister to discuss this very important subject. He agreed that the taxpayers should not be burdened with a temporary solution; therefore, the Minister must be approached, and if he is not prepared

to allow Halifax County to continue dumping through a manhole, provincial funding should be available to carry on until a permanent solution is implemented. Warden MacKenzie stated Engineering and Works staff should not be blamed when the County is cutoff from further dumping into the Harbour, as Mr. Wdowiak and his staff have been working very hard to get Council to react to this situation.

Councillor Randall stated this problem must be rectified, and there is a long procedure to initiate this. He noted the recommended site for the lagoon process runs into Porter's Lake, and if this recommendation is adopted by Council the people of the Porter's Lake area should have a right to a full and complete understanding of the implications of this site for lagooning. He stated the people must be well informed as to what is happening.

Councillor Lichter stated he is concerned about the fate of onsite sewage disposal system, although he felt a \$582,000 project should be implemented with haste because that could be the downpayment for a regional solution. He stated he is not supportive of acquiring the land for lagooning and then proceeding with studies and public meetings. The public must be aware of the situation before the land is acquired. At present the people in the area have not stated, "do not bring this project our way", but they want to know what will be done and how the project will be carried out before they form any opinions.

There was some discussion concerning costs to homeowners for the proposed lagooning process, as well as other alternatives to burying the sludge, such as spreading it. Mr. Noble of CBCL indicated that the worst case scenario was presented so it is possible to reduce the cost of the proposal.

Mr. Noble stated there will have to be a place for sludge in November at the expiration of the November deadline. Therefore, lagooning will begin. The alternative is to mount a political force to involve the Province in the County's situation. He agreed that the impact of that will be minimal. A regional study is to begin immediately, and the County is ahead of the whole process with their own studies. There was also discussion about the dumping of sludge.

Councillor Rawding felt a regional study should be done, and in the interim, the Province should be approached to find a manhole for dumping in the County. He stated he does not agree with the dumping, but it is a treated by-product that is dumped and its effect on the environment is minimal.

Following much discussion,

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

"THAT the aforementioned resolution be amended to include provision for a committee, to be named by the Warden, to meet with the Minister of the Environment to discuss the issue of sludge and septage disposal."