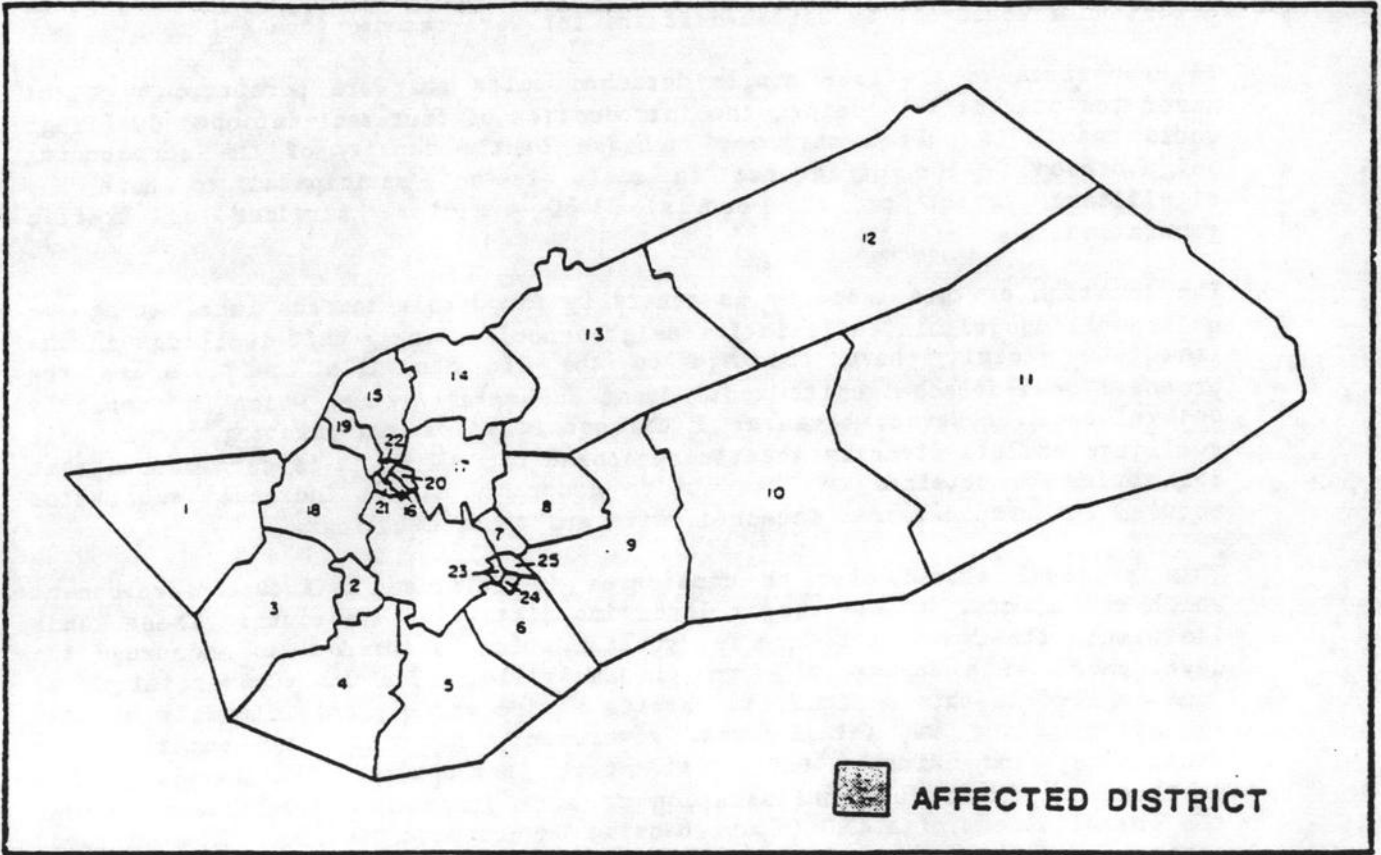
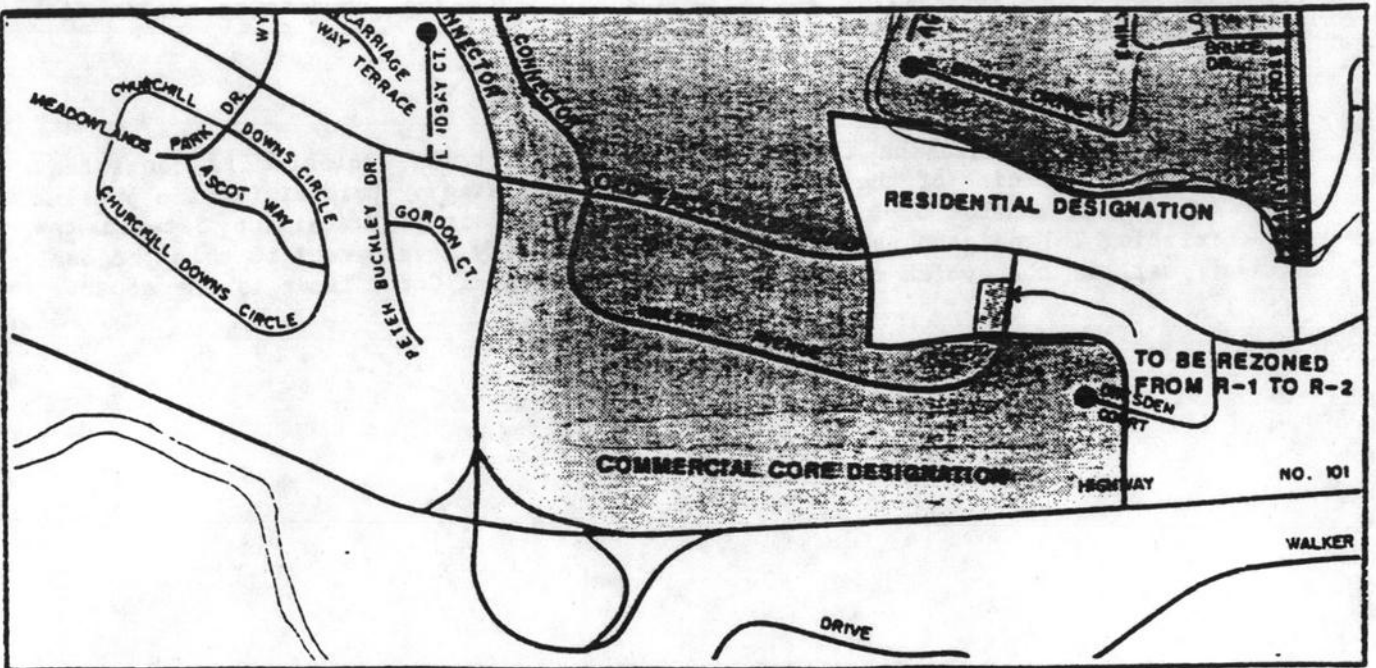


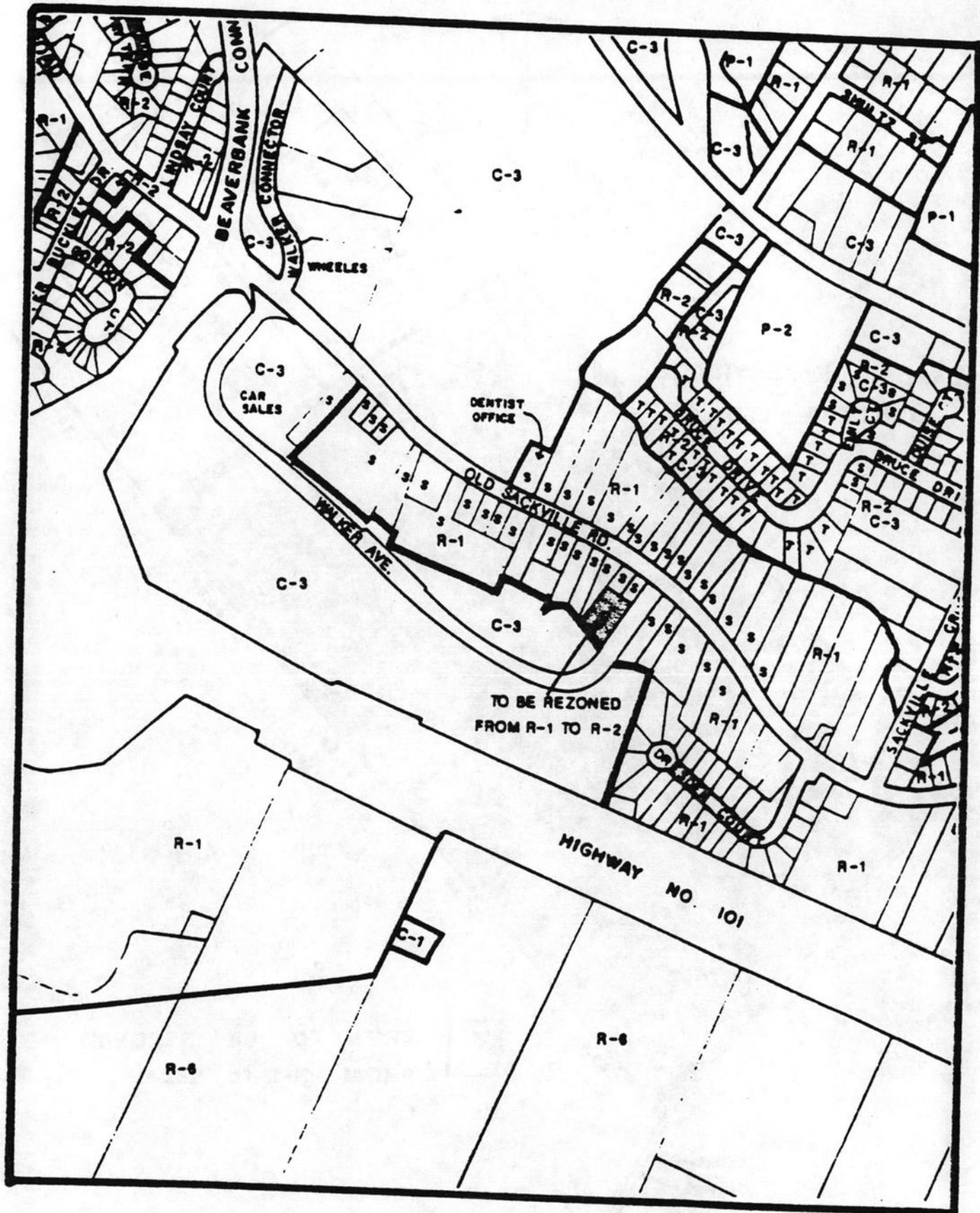
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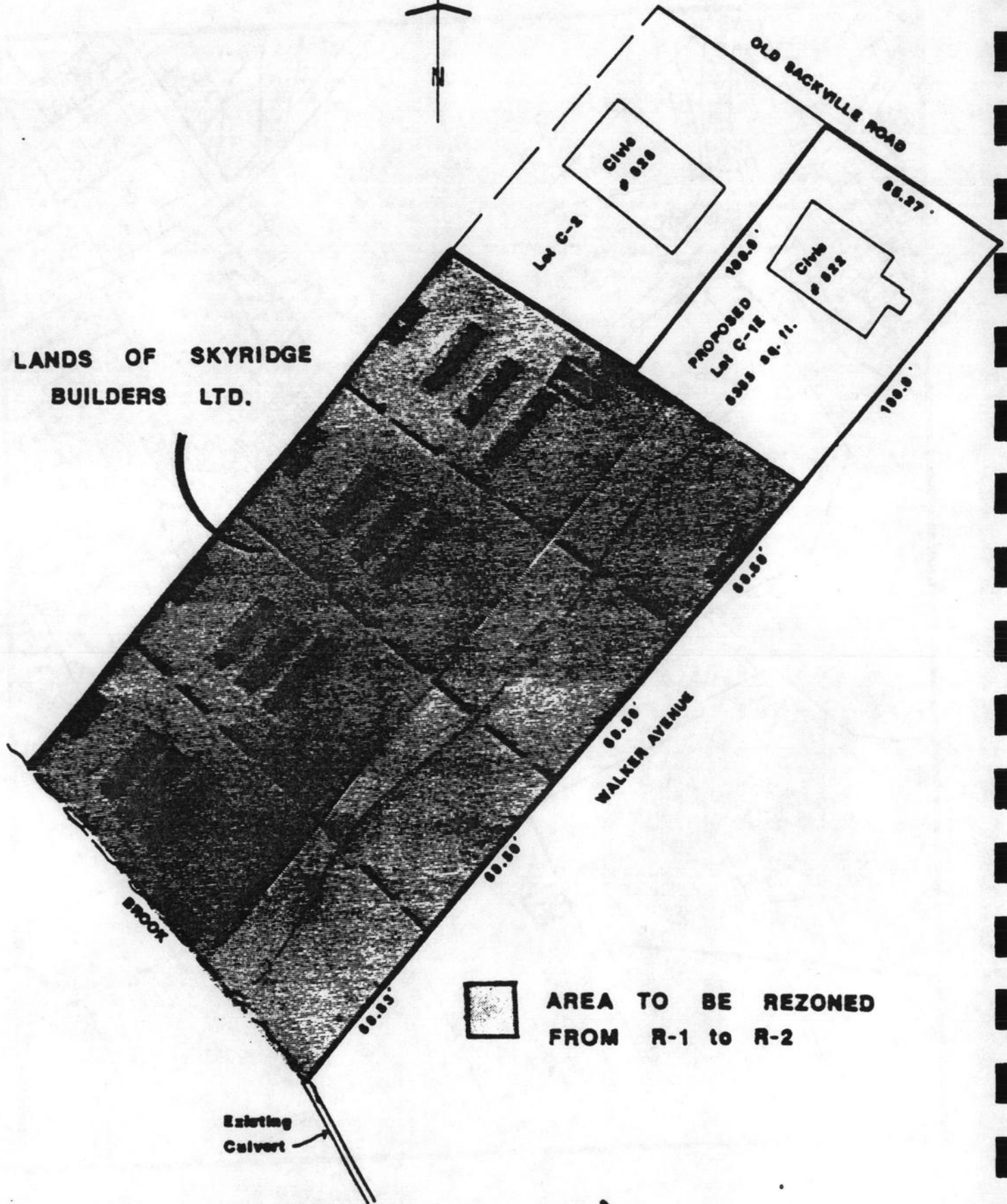


MAP 3





LANDS OF SKYRIDGE  
BUILDERS LTD.



AREA TO BE REZONED  
FROM R-1 to R-2

*Planning*

Rodney MacKinnon  
630 Old Sackville Rd.  
Lower Sackville, N.S.  
February 15, 1989

RECEIVED FEB 21 1989

Mr. G.J. Kelly  
Municipal Clerk  
Municipality of the County of Halifax

Dear Municipal Council:

I am writing this letter as an objection to application No. RA-SA-15-88-16 by Mr. Brian Saulnier to rezone a ~~.81~~ acre parcel of land from R1 to R2 zone dated February 10, 1989. *.66*

The property in question borders my lot at 630 Old Sackville Road on its entire western boundary and these duplexes would severely de-value my property as well as several other properties in this area.

There are at present no R2 zoning in this area and this application if approved would create over crowding where I feel it is not necessary in this country-like setting.

Sincerely yours,

*R MacKinnon*

Mr. Rodney MacKinnon

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COUNCIL SESSION

TUESDAY, MARCH 7, 1989

PRESENT WERE: Warden Lichter  
Councillor Meade  
Councillor Poirier  
Councillor Fralick  
Councillor Baker  
Councillor Ball  
Councillor Deveaux  
Councillor Bates  
Councillor Adams  
Councillor Randall  
Councillor Bayers  
Councillor Smiley  
Councillor Reid  
Councillor Horne  
Councillor Merrigan  
Councillor Morgan  
Councillor Snow  
Councillor Eisenhauer  
Councillor MacDonald  
Councillor Boutilier  
Councillor Sutherland  
Councillor Richards  
Deputy Warden McInroy  
Councillor Cooper

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 Lichter called the Council Session to order at 6 p.m. with the Lord's Prayer. Mr. Kelly called the Roll.

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

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

Warden Lichter called upon Councillor Sutherland and Councillor Poirier to introduce the guests in the gallery. Councillor Sutherland welcomed the Eighth Sackville Scout Group and their leaders, and he presented them with a County flag to be hung in their meeting room and flown whenever possible. Councillor Poirier welcomed members of the Timberlea Girl Guide group and their leaders, introducing each of them to Council. She advised that they would be presented with Halifax County pins when they are available.



APPROVAL OF MINUTES

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

"THAT the minutes of the Council Session, February 7, 1989, be approved as circulated."

MOTION CARRIED

LETTERS AND CORRESPONDENCE

Department of Housing

Mr. Kelly read this correspondence with regard to Council's request for a Need and Demand Study for District 11.

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

"THAT this item of correspondence be received."

MOTION CARRIED

Federation of Canadian Municipalities

Mr. Kelly advised that the FCM is looking for Council's support in proclaiming March 21 as the International Day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination.

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

"THAT March 21, 1989 be declared the International Day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination by Halifax County Council."

MOTION CARRIED

Canadian Wildlife Federation

Mr. Kelly reviewed this correspondence requesting that Halifax County declare April 9-15, 1989 as National Wildlife Week.

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

"THAT April 9-15, 1989 be declared National Wildlife Week in Halifax County."

MOTION CARRIED

Halifax Regional Cerebral Palsy Association

Mr. Kelly advised that this correspondence is in support of the Leisure Buddy Program in Halifax County.

It was moved by Councillor Richards, seconded by Councillor Sutherland:

"THAT this item of correspondence be received."

MOTION CARRIED

Union of Nova Scotia Municipalities

Mr. Kelly advised that this is a letter of appreciation from Mr. Sherman Zwicker, Executive Director of the UNSM, for his opportunity to attend the 1989 Think Tank Session.

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

"THAT this item of correspondence be received."

Warden Lichter advised that he met with Mr. Zwicker for lunch last week and presented him with a plaque appropriately engraved and a letter of appreciation for his input into the Think Tank Session over the past two years.

MOTION CARRIED

Minister of Transportation and Communications

Mr. Kelly reviewed this item of correspondence regarding sidewalk construction on Majestic Avenue and Monarch Drive, Beaverbank Cross Road, and Connolly Road.

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

"THAT this item of correspondence be received."

Councillor MacDonald, Councillor Boutilier, and Councillor Sutherland all noted that these are requests from previous years; they are not new requests. Councillor Sutherland also informed that the Sackville/Beaverbank Advisory Board has presented a list of priorities to the Department of Transportation, and those streets do not appear on the list. He stated those sidewalks are required because of the new schools in the area.

MOTION CARRIED

Dianne Cox, re Sidewalk Construction, Sackville

Mr. Kelly advised that this correspondence from a resident of Sackville expresses concern about the lack of sidewalks on the streets leading to Cavalier Drive, Sackville.

It was moved by Councillor Boutilier, seconded by Councillor Sutherland:

"THAT this item of correspondence be received."

MOTION CARRIED

Chezzetcook Clam Flats

Mr. Kelly advised that this correspondence is with regard to the closure of the Chezzetcook Clam Flats. He noted that the Department of Fisheries and Oceans is asking Halifax County to send a representative to sit on a Soft Shell Clam Advisory Committee to deal with the many problems of bacterial contamination of the shellfish areas.

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

"THAT this item of correspondence be received."

Councillor Randall advised that he is disappointed that the Department of Fisheries and Oceans has not identified the source of contamination at the Chezzetcook Clam Flats, and they have given no indication that they are continuing to study this. He noted that there is an effort to re-open a portion of the flats, but he informed that the portion under consideration for re-opening is not in the most productive area. He stated he will have to continue to monitor tests in the area to determine what is being done about this problem.

MOTION CARRIED

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

"THAT Councillor Randall be nominated to sit on the Soft Shell Clam Advisory Committees."

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

"THAT nominations cease."

MOTION CARRIED

Councillor Randall was declared elected to represent Halifax County on the Soft Shell Clam Advisory Committees.

#### Provincial Volunteer Week

Mr. Kelly reviewed this item of correspondence. He also referred to correspondence circulated from Mr. Markesino, Director of Parks & Recreation regarding this matter. It was noted that Mrs. Sandra Flemming of Meagher's Grant has been selected as Halifax County's Outstanding Volunteer for 1989.

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

"THAT these two items of correspondence be received."

MOTION CARRIED

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

"THAT April 9-15, 1989 be declared Volunteer Week by Halifax County."

MOTION CARRIED

#### Municipality of the County of Victoria

Mr. Kelly advised that the County of Victoria has requested Halifax County's support for a resolution concerning the listing of rural roads.

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

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

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

"THAT consideration of support for the County of Victoria's resolution concerning the listing of rural roads be deferred to the next Session of Council."  
MOTION CARRIED

SUPPLEMENTARY CORRESPONDENCE

John Holm, MLA for Sackville and Department of Housing

Mr. Kelly reviewed these two items of correspondence regarding sidewalks in Sackville.

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

"THAT these two items of correspondence be received."  
MOTION CARRIED

PLANNING ADVISORY COMMITTEE REPORT

Application No. DA-EP/CB-09-88-06 - Development Agreement - Atlantic Industries, Oceanview School Road, Eastern Passage

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

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

"THAT a public hearing for Application No. DA-EP/CB-09-88-06 be held on April 10, 1989 at 7 p.m."  
MOTION CARRIED

SUPPLEMENTARY PLANNING ADVISORY COMMITTEE REPORT

Amendments to the Land Use By-laws - Commercial Motor Vehicles in Residential Zones

Mr. Kelly reviewed the report and recommendation of the Planning Advisory Committee regarding these amendments.

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

"THAT amendments to the Land Use By-laws concerning commercial motor vehicles in residential zones be approved and that a public hearing concerning these amendments be held on May 8, 1989 at 7 p.m."  
MOTION CARRIED

Application No. RA-CH/W-18-88-24 - Application by Terry and Florence Collins, 42 Nova Terrace, Cole Harbour

Mr. Kelly reviewed this report, noting that rejection of the application is recommended.

It was moved by Councillor Ball, seconded by Councillor Cooper:

"THAT Application No. RA-CH/W-18-88-24 be rejected by Halifax County Council."

Deputy Warden McInroy expressed opposition to the rejection of this application. He advised that the applicants have been waiting for almost two years for Council to accommodate their existing in-law suite, and they have co-operated in every possible way during that period. He felt they should be entitled to a public hearing. Deputy Warden McInroy informed that he usually does not support "spot" rezoning, but these applicants have been very understanding throughout the Municipality's process in this regard; they have signed a draft agreement indicating that they will agree to whatever the Municipality can work out to accommodate their situation. He advised that the neighbours surrounding this property are fully supportive of this situation.

Councillor Deveaux agreed that people should always be entitled to a public hearing.

Councillor Cooper advised that the recommendation of the Planning Advisory Committee is based on the fact that the surrounding area is completely zoned R-1, and an amendment such as this proposal would be an encroachment on the community.

Councillor Bates stated it is difficult for those not on the Planning Advisory Committee to make an informed decision.

It was moved by Councillor Bates, seconded by Councillor Horne:

"THAT a decision regarding Application No. RA-CH/W-18-88-24 be deferred to the next Session of Council."  
MOTION DEFEATED

Councillor Ball stated it is precedent-setting to continually rezone properties after the implementation of a plan, and this rezoning has the potential to change the whole street.

Deputy Warden McInroy agreed with Councillor Ball, but he expressed difficulty with the situation of in-law suites in Halifax County. He stated these

situations should not be outlawed, and the existing uses forced to prevail illegally. He stated he does not feel planning should be based on personalities, and this situation is supported by the principle. He also suggested that in disagreement with legal advice, Halifax County should enter into a contract with somebody with an in-law suite and let somebody else challenge it; he stated Halifax County will have to take a stand in order to find a solution to these situations.

Councillor Deveaux reiterated that a public hearing does not mean the rezoning will be granted, and the people should be entitled to this process; he added that the Plans should not be etched in stone, but there should be an ability to make decisions based on individual circumstances.

There was much discussion concerning this application, several in favour of the recommendation and others not.

Councillor Boutilier objected to the public hearing, stating the plan was created by the people for the people, and Council should follow those guidelines.

Councillor Cooper noted that the building permit was issued for the work requested, a single unit dwelling, and the home was built beyond that; therefore, this application should be rejected.

MOTION DEFEATED

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

"THAT a public hearing be scheduled for May 8, 1989 at 7 p.m. for Application No. RA-CH/W-18-88-24."

MOTION CARRIED

File No. F-077-89-03 - Undersized Lot Legislation - Lands of James Thomas and Valma Saunders. Indian Harbour

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

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

"THAT the proposed subdivision of Lots C-A and D-A of the lands of James Thomas and Valma Saunders be granted final approval and that a public hearing for this subdivision be held on April 4, 1989 at 7 p.m."

MOTION CARRIED

Municipal Planning Strategy and Land Use By-law for Planning Districts 14 and 17

Mr. Kelly advised that the Planning Advisory Committee recommends a meeting of the Committee of the Whole to ratify the above-noted documents before a public hearing, which is recommended for April 24, 1989 at 7 p.m.

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

"THAT a meeting of the Committee of the Whole be scheduled for March 20, 1989 at 7 p.m. to discuss the proposed Municipal Planning Strategy and Land Use By-law for Planning Districts 14 and 17 and that a public hearing be scheduled for April 24, 1989 at 7 p.m."  
MOTION CARRIED

#### EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPORT

##### Halifax County Administration Centre

Mr. Kelly reviewed the report of the Executive Committee.

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

"THAT the Chief Administrative Officer be given authority to identify development options and commence negotiations with Canadian Shopping Centres Limited for the location of the central administration centre on the Sackville Downs property and that a full report on the matter be provided to Council by April 30, 1989."

Councillor Poirier expressed objection to the motion, stating much time and effort could be saved before negotiations begin by making a decision about the move now.

Councillor Baker also expressed objection to the resolution. He stated the present facility is owned by the Municipality, and the taxpayers should not be burdened with building a new facility. If there is a need for more space, the Assessment Department could be asked to re-locate, and the School Board will be re-locating in the near future. He stated re-locating the administration centre to Sackville is another means of giving Sackville more control; they already have five representatives from that area, and they continue to take more.

Councillor MacDonald felt the study should be done to determine if it would be feasible to re-locate to Sackville. He stated Sackville may not be the best location, but Mr. Meech will look into that. Sackville is central to most of the Municipality, and if the administration centre does move to Sackville, it will be within the Municipality, where it should be.

Councillor Snow objected to the resolution, stating there are more important issues which should be dealt with first.

Councillor Boutilier felt re-locating to Sackville would not be supported without considering the possible consequences. He noted that the reasons for moving to Sackville, as presented by Mr. Meech, are not supportive of the Sackville alone or the Sackville Councillors, but for the entire Municipality, and the issue should be considered as such, instead of a request from Sackville. He stated support for the resolution is not a power block for

Sackville, but a possible good deal for the Municipality in terms of real estate. He advised that he will not support moving to Sackville unless it is a good move for the Municipality.

Councillor Deveaux stated a study will cost some dollars, and this matter is not top priority at this time. He stated if there is to be a move, it should be to a more rural area because when Sackville is better off financially, they will form their own government, and the County will be faced with moving again. He stated the existing building is centrally located, although it is within the City, but County residents have been served from this location for many years-when it was more difficult for people to travel to the City. He stated he has not supported moving the building in the past, and he will not support it again because he feels the administration centre is now in the best place to serve all residents of the County.

Councillor Morgan felt that the County building should be within its own jurisdiction; the residents of the County would like to see their local government within their own jurisdiction. He stated Sackville will never be prosperous enough to become its own entity because it does not have the commercial and industrial tax base.

Councillor Poirier stated if there was any need to find new accommodations, she could consider the resolution, but there is no need. She stated much money was spent on enhancing the existing building, and it is very nice and sufficient for our needs. It appears there will be a \$900,000 deficit in 1989, and there are other, more important issues to be dealt with before accommodations for Councillors and staff is considered. Councillor Poirier advised that everybody she has spoken to about this consideration feels the idea is not worthwhile because Sackville will eventually go, one way or another. She continued that many meetings are held downtown, and there will be continual travel in that direction; therefore, central administration should remain where it is. The effects of letting the Town of Bedford go on its own are always being felt, and we cannot let Sackville take this route. If money is to be spent, it should be spent on something more worthwhile; a move cannot be made without costing money. She concluded that Halifax County is good to Sackville with much representation in industry and other areas.

It was agreed that the minor variance appeal should be dealt with, as it was past 7 p.m.

#### MINOR VARIANCE APPEAL

##### Minor Variance of Raymond Keats, 14 Hillside Court, Lower Sackville

Mr. Gough reviewed the staff report and the summary of events leading to this application, as contained in the agenda. He suggested that the Development Division has become aware of this minor variance as a result of a deteriorating relationship with a neighbour who owns property abutting Mr. Keat's sundeck.



Questions from Council

Councillor Fralick asked if there has been any response from abutting property owners. Mr. Gough advised that all property owners within 100 feet of this property were advised of the minor variance appeal; there were several telephone inquiries about the appeal, but no written submissions have been received.

Councillor Bates clarified that the original minor variance appeal was denied by Council because an abutting neighbour objected to it. He asked if that neighbour is still there and if anything has been heard from them. Mr. Gough felt that neighbour still resides there, but there is a vacant lot between the two. He advised that nothing in writing was received with regard to this appeal.

Councillor Sutherland clarified that the sundeck is now six feet away from the property line, and the requirement is for eight feet. Mr. Gough agreed.

Councillor Cooper asked if a development permit was ever issued for this sundeck. Mr. Gough explained that the deck was built by Mr. Keats based on a mutual agreement with the abutting property owner several years ago; the relationship between the neighbours has deteriorated, and reports from the abutting property owner made the Development Division aware of this situation. He stated the timing of construction of the sundeck is questionable; it may have been before development permits were required.

Councillor MacDonald noted that the original appeal was denied, and Mr. Keats was informed that if he rectified the situation, he could appeal it again for re-consideration by Council.

Speakers in Favour of this Minor Variance

Raymond Keats, 14 Hillside Court, advised that when he first moved to Sackville the sundeck on his home was small and rotten so he decided to build a new deck. He was not aware of the permit process, and he went ahead and built the deck. The abutting neighbours moved in two years later, and there was no problem until the neighbour informed Mr. Keats that his driveway was over the property line. A survey proved the neighbour wrong, and Mr. Keats suggested that the neighbour is now taking this route against him.

Mr. Keats advised that the sundeck was originally two feet from the property line, and it was moved back eight feet and constructed more in the front. He advised that he would like to have this settle by summer so he can enjoy the deck, concluding that only the peak of the deck is over the allowable line by two feet.

Speakers in Opposition to this Minor Variance

None.

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

"THAT a minor variance for a sundeck owned by Raymond Keats, 14 Hillside Avenue, Lower Sackville be approved."  
MOTION CARRIED

Halifax County Administration Centre Cont'd.

Councillor Baker stated what the people want is important. The residents of Sackville decided to remain with the County via plebescite, and he suggested that another plebescite should be held to determine what the residents want in terms of having the administration centre moved. Warden Lichter commented that it is costly to hold a plebescite.

Councillor Merrigan stated the County building should be within the Municipality. If we want to attract business and industry to the County, the administration centre should be there.

Councillor Cooper commented that Sackville is larger than the City of Dartmouth, but does not carry the weight that the City of Dartmouth does. In this regard, Councillor Cooper suggested that Halifax County should consider moving to Sackville quite quickly.

Councillor MacDonald stated the people of Sackville made it clear that they want to remain with the County, and the County should now be supporting them. Sackville cannot afford to go on its own, and what the Chamber of Commerce reports in this regard is only the opinion of the business community; not the residents of the area.

Councillor Ball stated he has never seen that the existing building is not in an appropriate location, and he will not support moving until it is proven that this location is not appropriate. He stated if additional space is required, the existing building can be expanded. If somebody wants to develop the Sackville Downs property, let them do so, but Halifax County should not facilitate that development.

Councillor Horne suggested deferral of this matter, but Warden Lichter noted that deferral would only cause renewed vigor for old arguments at another time.

Councillor Sutherland informed that this matter must be considered objectively, as Mr. Meech has written his report objectively. He advised that the recommendation is only that Mr. Meech investigate the possibility of moving the administration centre, remembering that we do have a valuable asset with the existing facility. He stated all factors must be considered, including the establishment of a satellite office in the western area of the County.

Councillor Morgan suggested that the community of Timberlea or Cole Harbour will leave the County of Halifax before Sackville goes independent. He stated the issue of Sackville civic status has been dead since the plebescite in October; the people decided to stay with the Municipality because they felt the County could best handle their tax dollars, and if they left the Municipality it could result in a tax increase of as much as 25 percent. He expressed fear

that there will be such an increase in Halifax County. Councillor Morgan concluded that Mr. Meech prepared the report in question with nine good reasons for moving to Sackville, although this discussion is not about the issue in question.

Councillor Bates commented that he has not heard anybody in his district express concern about moving to Sackville, and he could not image why such a move would interest anybody. He stated the existing facility is paid for, and much money was spent on improvements recently. He felt moving the administration centre to Sackville would not be as convenient as this in the City of Halifax because much business is transacted downtown, among other reasons. He stated this is not a priority issue, and other, more pressing problems should be dealt with first. He stated nobody is ashamed to move into the County, but it is not necessary, and it is not necessary for the Chief Administrative Officer to examine this any further.

Deputy Warden McInroy informed that the residents of Cole Harbour are not concerned about the location of the building being in the City or in Sackville, but they are concerned about a higher profile for the Municipality. He stated there is a need for a physical presence in the areas of larger population. He stated Halifax County can no longer be adequately administered from the existing building; there is a need to expand as the communities within the Municipality have been doing. There are already offices in Sackville, and there is a need for more; therefore, a study to determine if we should move there should be done. He stated the study is not a major undertaking involving consultants, and it is not a forgone conclusion that we will lose money on such a move.

Councillor Fralick indicated that he would not support the motion; he felt there are more pressing matters that should be dealt with first.

Warden Lichter stated that Councillors come and go, and there is no continuity in what is happening. He stated three years ago Mr. Meech was asked to prepare a report for Council, which was endorsed by Council. The "Meech Report" included a study for the re-location of the existing building; this is not a sudden idea. He concluded that Mr. Meech's report in this regard and his discussion with reporters about the re-location were not related; it was only coincident that they both came about at the same time.

Mr. Meech stated the key issue in the original report was identity and accessibility. Re-locating would be another step in the decentralization process which will mean greater presence in the more populated areas. He stated it would be more sensible to have more centralized offices throughout the Municipality, and this building could serve as a satellite office for the western area, which now has a lesser population base and growth.

Mr. Meech continued that many dollars are spent every year trying to attract economic development in the Municipality, and re-locating within the Municipality could be the start of such development. Mr. Meech cited a project in the City of Dartmouth which will house City offices as well as other commercial facilities, and he suggested that a similar project could work in Halifax County: if Halifax County is the key tenant in a major complex, it could create an additional commercial base with the Municipality being the

catalyst. There is the potential for economic spin off, and the plan for decentralization calls for satellite offices in the western area.

Mr. Meech clarified that this report did not come about because of a major requirement for additional office space. He agreed there are some spatial problems, but this will be alleviated by moving some offices and the re-location of the School Board in the near future.

Mr. Meech informed that he suggested negotiations be struck with Atlantic Shopping Centre Limited because they have the Sackville Downs property, and the Municipal Plan for the community of Sackville has always identified that area as the commercial core of the community. This will serve as an opportunity to enhance the interest in this regard and to do something positive for one of the single largest communities within the Municipality.

Mr. Meech concluded that this issue is not high priority to many and that a costly proposal would not be welcomed by anybody, but he suggested that everybody will welcome findings that a move will create commercial spin offs.

MOTION CARRIED      13 YES  
   11 NO

#### SUPPLEMENTARY AGENDA

##### Halifax Harbour Clean-up

Warden Lichter advised that on February 7, Council deferred this issue for 30 days, and during that period several meetings were held. The first was a very successful meeting with the Minister of the Environment, Mr. Meech, Councillor Ball, and himself on March 1.

A special meeting of the Metropolitan Area Planning Commission was held at which three motions carried unanimously. The first was that MAPC rescind the motion of August 24, 1987 which identified Sandwich Point as the location for a single treatment plant, and the second was a motion to rescind the motion of March 7, 1988 which contained a similar reference to Sandwich Point. The third motion at the MAPC meeting was that MAPC supports the subsidiary agreement in which all conditions remain unchanged except that no site or sites be chosen for the sewage treatment plant(s) until all necessary studies that relate to the location(s) of the plant(s) are completed as recommended by the Environmental Control Council report. Warden Lichter clarified that MAPC has now taken the stand that the ECC report should be implemented and a decision about the number of plants and the location of the plant(s) should not be made until after the studies are complete.

Warden Lichter advised that in the meantime, the Minister of the Environment has changed the tentative agreement to address two issues: possible cost overruns, and the location of a site for the plant(s). The agreement now contains a clause that the municipal units will be responsible for 25 percent of any cost overruns, and the Province will be responsible for 75 percent. Also, any reference to Sandwich Point has been removed from the tentative agreement; the final determination of a location will be after the final studies have been completed.

Warden Lichter advised that the new agreement is now before Council for approval, and he encouraged Council to endorse it so the work can proceed.

Councillor Merrigan expressed concern that if this agreement is signed now, and the Environmental Control Council recommends Sandwich Point as the location for the plant, Halifax County will not have any say about the recommendation. Warden Lichter advised that the agreement and the Provincial commitment is to set up a corporation to make the necessary moves to have the studies undertaken; by signing this tentative agreement, Halifax County will become a part of the corporation.

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

"THAT Warden and the Municipal Clerk be authorized to sign the tentative agreement for the Halifax Harbour Clean-up on behalf of Halifax County Council."

Councillor Ball advised that the report of the Environmental Control Council concurred with the residents of Herring Cove that all of the homework is not yet done. The amended agreement has removed any references to Sandwich Point, and indicated that all potential sites will be assessed. He expressed agreement. He also commended the residents of Herring Cove for their work in this regard. He concluded that the agreement should be signed to ensure the County's involvement in this agreement and to ensure that all studies are done and done fairly in order that the best possible site for the sewage treatment plant(s) is found.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

#### Sludge Management

Warden Lichter reviewed the recommendation of the Engineering & Works Department as noted in the staff report. He advised that Council gave staff authority to examine the possibility of having one sludge lagoon become a reality before the deadline of the end of May. Staff and the consultants (CBCL Limited) were directed to hold a public meetings and to call for private proposals.

He advised that a successful public meeting was held at Goffs last week. Those in attendance asked many intelligent questions, but they did not oppose the recommendation. Therefore, Warden Lichter asked that Council pass the recommendation so CBCL Limited can complete the work before the end of May.

It was moved by Councillor Morgan, seconded by Councillor Horne:

"THAT \$1.715 million be approved by Halifax County Council to implement the sludge and septage lagooning facility adjacent to the Aerotech sewage treatment plant, including the upgrading of the road to park standards and the closing out of this temporary facility in the future."

Councillor Poirier inquired about the cost to sludge haulers. Warden Lichter advised that it is difficult to estimate such costs. Private proposals have been invited to accommodate such concerns, and there may be a proposal forthcoming for the Beaverbank area, which would also serve the western area of the County.

Councillor Poirier stated the sludge lagoon will have detrimental effects on the sludge haulers. She stated the residents do not believe that this is the beginning of the harbour clean-up, but a duplication of cost. She advised that she is not opposed to the lagoon, but to this duplication of spending.

Warden Lichter advised that Council is not doing this by choice. He also felt this project is the first step to the harbour clean-up because it is the first concrete step that anybody has taken in cleaning-up the harbour. He expressed hope that the Departments of Municipal Affairs and Environment will also recognize this as a first step in the harbour clean-up when they consider our application for cost-sharing in this project.

Councillor Randall inquired about the hours of operation for the lagoon. Warden Lichter advised that it is initially intended to operate the lagoon eight hours per day, five days per week, although this may have to be reconsidered once it has been in operation for some time. He advised that the consultants and Engineering & Works staff will co-operate with the sludge haulers, who were also present at the public meeting.

Councillor Randall suggested that a meeting be arranged between the consultant, Engineering & Works staff, and the sludge haulers. Warden Lichter advised that Mr. Noble of CBCL Limited has already had many discussions and meetings with the haulers, and if it is determined that another meeting should be held, it will be scheduled.

#### MOTION CARRIED

Members of Council agreed to recess for five minutes. Warden Lichter re-called the meeting to order at 8:25 p.m.

#### EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPORT Cont'd.

##### Future Direction: Parks & Recreation

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

"THAT the proposal for decentralization of the Parks and Recreation Department be approved and endorsed by Halifax County Council and that the concept be further considered during budget deliberations."

Councillor Eisenhower expressed apprehension about the boundaries of the regions; he was concerned about a portion of District 18 not being included in this proposal. Mr. Markesino, Director of Parks & Recreation, indicated that the report had not been updated since redistribution, and some of the district boundaries may be confused. He assured that all 25 districts will be included in the proposal.

Councillor Merrigan and Councillor Horne agreed that the motion be amended to read as follows:

"THAT the proposal for decentralization of the Parks and Recreation Department be approved and endorsed by Halifax County Council subject to all boundaries being clearly defined and that the concept will be further discussed during budget deliberations."

MOTION CARRIED

Spatial Requirements, Social Services Department

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

"THAT the proposal by Davis Properties Limited to approved;

THAT the Co-ordinated Home Care Program, the Homemaker Program, and the Community Care Program be accommodated within this facility at 11 Glendale Avenue; and

THAT the vacated space at the Cobequid Multi-Service Centre be used to accommodate the Employment Resource Centre."

MOTION CARRIED

Vehicle Acquisitions, 1989

It was moved by Councillor Baker, seconded by Councillor Bates:

"THAT Council approve the transfer of \$76,700 from the vehicle reserve fund for the purchase of six new County vehicles- three additional vehicles and three replacement vehicles."

Councillor Meade noted that two replacement vehicles are not given any trade-in value. He inquired about this. Mr. Wilson, Director of Finance, advised that those vehicles are not worth very much; they will be put on the auction, and any proceeds from their sale will be put towards the purchase cost of the new vehicles.

MOTION CARRIED

Additions and Alterations, William King Elementary School, Herring Cove and Oceanview School, Eastern Passage

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

"THAT titles for the William King Elementary School, Herring Cove and Oceanview School, Eastern passage, be deed to Her Majesty the Queen during construction and alterations and that upon completion of the projects these properties be deeded back to the Municipality."

MOTION CARRIED

Tax Write-Off for Land Title Clarification

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

"THAT Council approve the write-off of tax arrears for property owned by Mrs. Louella Smith, North Preston in order that a Certificate of Title can be issued."

MOTION CARRIED

Collective Agreement, I.A.F.F., Local 1456

It was moved by Councillor Meade, seconded by Councillor Horne:

"THAT Council approve the collective agreement between the International Association of Fire Fighters, Local 1456 and the Municipality as proposed."

MOTION CARRIED

SUPPLEMENTARY EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPORTSewer Repair Work, DND, Shearwater

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

"THAT Halifax County enter into an agreement with the Department of National Defence to carry out sewer repair work to the Shearwater Base sanitary sewer, totally at the expense of the Department of National Defence; also that upon completion of the repair work, that Halifax County assume ownership and maintenance of the system serving the married quarters of the Shearwater base."

MOTION CARRIED

Kenel License - Dog By-law

It was moved by Councillor Richards, seconded by Councillor Bates:

"THAT Council request, through the Legislative Counsel's Office, a Private Members Bill to amend the Sheep Protection and Dog Regulation Act respecting the licensing of kennels."

MOTION CARRIED

Stipend for Chairman, Halifax County Regional Rehabilitation Centre

Councillor Lichter informed that when the Legislative budget proposal was approved by Council on February 4, 1989 it was subject to review of the position of chair for the Halifax County Regional Rehabilitation Centre. He advised that following further investigation, it is his recommendation that the stipend for this position be increased.



Warden Lichter advised that the amended by-laws are now being signed by the Minister of Municipal Affairs, and an additional amendment with regard to the stipend for the chair of the Rehab Centre will be made after the first set of amendments are approved.

It was moved by Councillor Richards, seconded by Councillor Bates:

"THAT the stipend of the chair of the Halifax County Regional Rehabilitation Centre be approved in the amount of \$2,500 per annum, for a total of \$4,000 per annum."

Councillor Poirier clarified that the \$2,900 received by the chairman of the Rehab Centre in 1983 was not only for the position of chairman, but it also included being a member of the Board.

Councillor Baker advised that he originally opposed the \$3,300 recommended for stipend for this position. However, he stated he will now support the recommendation of the Executive Committee keeping in mind that the Chairman can only be a representative from Halifax County Council. He also commented that he does not qualify for the position of Chairman as former administrator of the Rehab Centre.

#### MOTION CARRIED

Councillor MacDonald inquired about the stipend for the chairman of Ocean View Manor. Warden Lichter advised that the stipend for that position is \$300, but the duties and the number of meetings are much different.

#### Requests for Grants

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

"THAT the following grants be approved by Halifax County Council:

- a) District Capital Grant, District 7 in the amount of \$5,500 for a tot lot at Greely Court;
- b) District Capital Grant, District 14 in the amount of \$293.69 for the preparation of a skating rink on parkland at Steves Subdivision, Wellington."

#### MOTION CARRIED

#### EXPROPRIATION, TREATMENT PLANT LANDS, NORTH PRESTON

Mr. Cragg informed that Mr. Wdowiak and Porter-Dillon have been involved in this project in an effort to have the sewage treatment plant at North Preston constructed. He advised that the small parcel of land in question has an unknown owner, although one individual is claiming some interest. He suggested that Halifax County proceed with expropriation because this land is necessary for the construction of this sewage treatment plant.

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

"THAT Halifax County Municipality approve the expropriation of certain lands more particularly described in Schedule "A" annexed to the Notice of Expropriation for the purpose of construction of a sewage treatment plant to service the community of North Preston in the County of Halifax."

MOTION CARRIED

REPORT, SEWAGE TREATMENT PLANT LANDS, MILL COVE

Mr. Meech advised that a meeting has been arranged at the Town of Bedford Council Chamber on March 13 for the purpose of trying to settle this issue. He advised that the Sackville Councillor have been invited, along with the Town of Bedford, and a representative of the Provincial Department of Lands and Forests, who is acting to expropriate the lands in question. He advised that this meeting is the result of a meeting last week between Halifax County representatives, the Province, and the Bedford Waterfront Development Corporation. He advised that the purpose of the meeting on March 13 will be to try to reach a compromise concerning the ownership of these lands.

Councillor Merrigan suggested the meeting on March 13 should be held with all of Council in attendance, rather than trying to explain the outcome to those who were not invited. Mr. Meech agreed that it might be beneficial to meet with the entire Council, although it would prove to be cumbersome.

Warden Lichter advised that this report is for information purposes only.

REPORT, REQUESTED ZONING AMENDMENT, RE ENTERTAINMENT USES IN BEVERAGE ROOMS AND TAVERNS - COUNCILLOR RICHARDS

It was Councillor Richards' understanding that this report is not yet prepared. He asked that any difficulties be resolved and that the report be prepared for the next Session of Council.

Mr. Cragg informed that he is awaiting a staff report from the Planning Department in this regard, and he will also be interpreting a court decision that affects the City of Dartmouth when it is available.

SACKVILLE EXPRESSWAY - COUNCILLOR MacKAY

SIDEWALKS, OLD SACKVILLE ROAD & WALKER CONNECTOR ROAD - COUNCILLOR MacKAY

These two items were deferred to the next Session of Council in Councillor MacKay's absence.

DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION (CROSSWALKS AND ROAD & TRAFFIC SURVEY)-  
COUNCILLOR COOPER

Councillor Cooper advised that an apartment complex with approximately 100 units is located on Cole Harbour Road next to a small subdivision. Many children from the apartment building and the subdivision cross the road to commercial establishments, and it can be very dangerous.

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

"THAT the Department of Transportation be requested to carry out a traffic survey for consideration of the installation of crosswalks in the vicinity of 1109 Cole Harbour Road."

MOTION CARRIED

SUPPLEMENTARY AGENDAChief Building Inspector's Report, re Lesser Side Yard Clearance

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

"THAT Council approve a lesser side yard clearance of six feet for applicant George Toulany at Highway No. 2, Wellington."

MOTION CARRIED

TABLING OF THE 1989 OPERATING BUDGET

Copies of the 1989 proposed operating budget and a budget statement from Mr. Meech were circulated to Members of Council.

Warden Lichter recommended that Council take the next three weeks to study the budget and that a budget meeting be held on March 28. He suggested that rather than having each department head justify their budgets, pertinent questions could be asked of each to clarify any point. He felt in this manner the budget could be dealt with in one day, and the 1989 tax rate could be set at the April 4, 1989 Session of Council.

It was agreed that a meeting would be scheduled for March 28 beginning at 10 a.m. to discuss the 1989 operating budget.

URGENT AGENDA ITEMSCouncillor Adams - Takeover of Frog Lake Road, East Preston

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

"THAT the Department of Transportation be requested to expedite their commitment to re-open and take over Frog Lake Road, East Preston."

MOTION CARRIED

Councillor Boutilier - Sidewalk Construction, Sackville

Councillor Boutilier advised that he is in receipt of a petition signed by over 500 residents requesting sidewalks for Cavalier Drive, First Lake Drive, and Polara Drive in Sackville.

It was moved by Councillor Boutilier, seconded by Councillor Morgan:

"THAT the above-noted petition be tabled for discussion at a meeting with the Minister of Transportation and that a response be sent to the initiators of the petition from the Warden's office indicating Council's receipt of the petition and our proposed action."

MOTION CARRIED

Councillor Baker - Street Paving, Pinedale Park

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

"THAT the Department of Transportation be requested to pave Rosalee Drive, James Street, and a portion of Philip Drive in Pinedale Park, District 4 under the 15 year and older paving program."

MOTION CARRIED

Councillor Smiley - Variable Entrance Ratio

Councillor Smiley advised that many fishermen in her district are affected by recent changes to eligibility requirements for unemployment insurance benefits. She advised that Canada Employment and Immigration bases variable entrance ratios on political boundaries so statistics from one part of the Eastern Shore are included with the metro area, and on the other side of the municipal boundary statistics are different.

Councillor Smiley advised that ten insurable weeks used to be the minimum to receive benefits, but that has been changed to 12 weeks without any notice. This change is based on lower levels of unemployment in the metro area. She advised of two men who worked on the same boat for the same amount of time, but one lives in Guysborough County and the other at the border of Halifax County. The man from Guysborough County is entitled to benefits, but the man from Halifax County is not because he is required to work 12 weeks rather than 10.

Councillor Smiley suggested that boundaries for unemployment insurance purposes should be based on economics, as opposed to political boundaries, and she felt this problem should be immediately addressed by Canada Employment and Immigration.

It was moved by Councillor Smiley, seconded by Councillor Meade:

"THAT a letter be written to the Honourable Barbara MacDougall, Minister responsible for Canada Employment and Immigration, expressing concern about the use of political boundaries to determine eligibility for unemployment insurance benefits and requesting a full investigation;

ALSO THAT copies of this letter be forwarded to Elmer MacKay, Member of Parliament, and Thomas McInnis, Member of the Legislative Assembly."  
MOTION CARRIED

ADDITION OF ITEMS TO THE AGENDA FOR MARCH 21, 1989

Councillor Randall - Update, Traffic Survey, Highway No. 207, Lawrencetown  
Councillor Fralick - Upgrading of Intersection at Exit 5, Highway No. 213  
Councillor Baker - Seniors Housing

ADJOURNMENT

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

"THAT this Session of Council adjourn."  
MOTION CARRIED

The meeting adjourned at 9:10 p.m.

COUNCIL SESSION

TUESDAY, MARCH 21, 1989

PRESENT WERE: Warden Lichter  
Councillor Meade  
Councillor Poirier  
Councillor Fralick  
Councillor Baker  
Councillor Deveaux  
Councillor Adams  
Councillor Randall  
Councillor Bayers  
Councillor Smilev  
Councillor Horne  
Councillor Merrigan  
Councillor Morgan  
Councillor Eisenhower  
Councillor MacKay  
Councillor Sutherland  
Councillor Richards  
Deputy Warden McInroy  
Councillor Cooper

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

SECRETARY: Glenda Hill

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

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

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

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

"THAT the minutes of the Council Session, February 21, 1989, be approved as circulated."  
MOTION CARRIED

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

"THAT the minutes of the Public Hearing, February 27, 1989, be approved as circulated."  
MOTION CARRIED

LETTERS AND CORRESPONDENCEMunicipality of the County of Victoria

Mr. Kelly advised that this correspondence, requesting support for a resolution concerning the listing of private roads, was deferred at the last Council Session.

Warden Lichter declared a conflict of interest, and Deputy Warden McInroy took the Chair.

Councillor Deveaux expressed support for the resolution of the County of Victoria commenting on the many problems experienced by people residing in private roads.

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

"THAT Halifax County Council support the resolution of the Municipality of the County of Victoria regarding the listing of rural roads."

Deputy Warden McInroy expressed concern that the Department of Transportation will be left responsible for upgrading and taking over roads that were not completed by developers.

There was much discussion concerning the development of private roads and the Department of Transportation taking them over. Councillor Horne stated supporting the resolution of the County of Victoria will be the first step for the County in an effort to show we do not support private roads.

Councillor Merrigan felt the resolution of the County of Victoria is very vague. He stated if a resolution is to be made in this regard it should be more specific, providing more details. Councillor Cooper agreed, questioning the meaning of rural roads. He stated the intent of the resolution is good, but it is not specific enough.

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

"THAT this correspondence be deferred pending further clarification from the County of Victoria concerning criteria being requested, etc."

Councillor Deveaux suggested that the correspondence to the County of Victoria include suggestions for changes to the resolution, such as the specifics discussed. He also felt the resolution should not only apply to rural areas because there are also many private roads in urban areas.

Councillor Eisenhower requested that the current policy with regard to the Department of Transportation taking over roads also be made available, and Councillor Merrigan requested a list of all private roads in Halifax County.

MOTION CARRIED

Department of Transportation and Communications

Mr. Kelly reviewed this correspondence regarding the paving contract for Parkdale Subdivision, Timberlea.

Councillor Poirier was not pleased with the response, but she stated there is nothing further that can be done because the community cannot provide the funds to pave this road.

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

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

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Mr. Kelly reviewed this correspondence regarding municipal infrastructure.

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

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

Warden Lichter advised that at the recent Director's Conference in Calgary, it was decided that the government would be pressured to go ahead with the original motion of the Directors', which was to replace, as opposed to upgrade, existing infrastructure. It was suggested that appropriate Members of Parliament be invited to meet with each of the Councils to discuss specific infrastructure replacement needs.

Warden Lichter suggested that staff be requested to prepare a report on Halifax County's needs in this regard, and Council can then determine if a meeting should be arranged with individual Members of Parliament. Members of Council agreed.

Department of the Environment

Mr. Kelly reviewed this correspondence regarding the canal between Porter's Lake and Three Fathom Harbour.

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

"THAT this item of correspondence be received."

Councillor Randall referred to the letter where it read "...the impact on Porter's Lake is expected to be minimal...", and he stated he would like more assurance that this statement. He suggested somebody should be involved to consider the potential if this property was sold and filled in.

MOTION CARRIED



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

"THAT Engineering & Works staff be directed to contact the Department of the Environment Assessment Division and request technical assistance in studying the affects of infilling on the canal between Porter's Lake and Three Fathom Harbour and that any expenditure be approved by Council before proceeding."  
MOTION CARRIED

#### SUPPLEMENTARY CORRESPONDENCE

##### Proclamation, New Homes Month

Mr. Kelly reviewed this correspondence the Canadian Home Builders' Association of Canada, requesting that the month of April be declared New Homes Month.

It was moved by Councillor Sutherland, seconded by Councillor Cooper:

"THAT Halifax County Council declare the month of April, 1989 New Homes Month."  
MOTION CARRIED

#### PRESENTATION OF APPRECIATION AWARDS

Warden Lichter advised that three gentlemen from Sackville are being awarded certificates of appreciation for their efforts in raising funds for Eddie LeBlanc of Sackville to travel to Vancouver for a bone marrow transplant. He advised that Mr. John Payzant, Mr. Ron Hefler, and Mr. Bill Garnett established a trust fund for this purpose, with the goal of raising \$25,000. They exceed the goal by \$10,000, enabling Eddie's family to travel to Vancouver and stay with him during his treatment. He noted that Canadian Airlines was also instrumental in this effort by providing round trip airfare to Vancouver for the family.

Warden Lichter noted that Mr. Garnett could not be in attendance this evening, but he asked Mr. Hefler and Mr. Payzant to come to the front of the Council Chambers, and he presented them each with a framed Certificate of Appreciation from Halifax County Council.

#### PLANNING ADVISORY COMMITTEE REPORT

Application No.'s PA-CH/W-08-87 and SB-04-88 - Amendments to the Cole Harbour/Westphal Service Boundary - Clayton Developments

Mr. Kelly read the report and recommendation of the Planning Advisory Committee with regard to these applications.

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

"THAT a public hearing be scheduled for May 8, 1989 at 7 p.m. with regard to Application No.'s PA-CH/W-08-87 and SB-04-88."  
MOTION CARRIED

File No. P-087-89-17 - Undersized Lot Legislation - Lands of Douglas and Dorothy Allan and Doreen Snow, Fall River

Mr. Kelly reviewed the report.

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

"THAT Lot GD-X, Lands of Douglas and Dorothy Allan and Doreen Snow, Fall River, be granted approval in principle according to the Undersized Lot Legislation and that the applicants be directed to proceed to the final subdivision stage; also that staff be empowered to advertise the public hearing once the application is complete."

MOTION CARRIED

SUPPLEMENTARY PLANNING ADVISORY COMMITTEE REPORT

Application No. RA-FEN-04-89-19 - Rezoning of Lands within Phase I of the Springfield Lake Servicing Project

Mr. Kelly read the report.

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

"THAT staff's recommendation with regard to Application No. RA-FEN-04-89-19 be accepted and that a public hearing be scheduled for April 10, 1989 at 7 p.m."

MOTION CARRIED

Peggy's Cove Preservation Area

Mr. Kelly reviewed the report.

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

"THAT a letter be written to the Premier, with copies to be forwarded to the Ministers of Municipal Affairs, Transportation & Communications, and Lands & Forests, requesting the release of the recommendations of the government committee regarding the Peggy's Cove Preservation Area as soon as possible."

Councillor Baker stated this issue has been on-going. It was his understanding that the Provincial government has made some recommendations in this regard, and it is only fair to the people that they be released and implemented immediately.

Councillor MacKay agreed, stating these people deserve a quick response because their lands have been expropriated without compensation.

MOTION CARRIED

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPORT

Sewer Extension, Cobequid Road

Mr. Kelly reviewed the report.

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

"THAT Council approve the extension of the sanitary sewer along Cobequid Road to serve additional properties within the serviceable boundary;

THAT the municipal general capital fund contribute \$18,000 towards this project; and

THAT a frontage charge of \$18 per foot be levied to the properties served."

MOTION CARRIED

Request for Tax Exemption, Harrietsfield/Williamswood Ratepayers Association

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

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

"THAT Halifax County Council grant approval for the addition of lands leased by the Harrietsfield/Williamswood Ratepayers Association to be added to the Tax Exemption By-law (By-law No. 51)."

MOTION CARRIED

Requests for Grants

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

"THAT Council approve the following grants:

a) District Capital Grant, District 17 in the amount of \$1,000 for repairs to the senior citizens' building (County-owned); and

b) District Capital Grant, District 17 in the amount of \$2,000 for the supply of play equipment for the Fall River East Recreation Centre (County-owned)."

MOTION CARRIED

SUPPLEMENTARY EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPORT

Derelict Vehicle Program

Mr. Kelly read the report.

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

"THAT Halifax County continue to participate in the Derelict Vehicle Program for 1989 and that \$20,000 be made available for this purpose."

Councillor Baker commented on inequities in asking salvage yards to pick up derelict vehicles. He advised that a report from the Building Inspection Office indicates that the number of cars picked up by the more expensive salvage yard operators was greater than those picked up by the operator who bid less for such projects. He asked that the Chief Administrative Officer pursue this with the Chief Building Inspector, Mr. Hefler.

MOTION CARRIED - 1 NO

Councillor Fralick inquired about the increase from \$16 to \$20 per vehicle, as noted in the report. Warden Lichter advised that the Provincial contribution per vehicle is increasing by \$4, but it will still cost the Municipality to pick up derelict vehicles.

#### Mainstreet Program

Mr. Kelly read the report.

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

"THAT the proposal for changes to the delivery of the Mainstreet Program throughout Halifax County be approved effective April 1, 1989."

Mr. Meech explained that the changes are relative the administration of the program. Sackville will be served by the present Promotions Assistant, who will be upgraded to a Project Manager, and Karen Schellinck will be retained by contract, rather than an employment agreement, to serve the three Mainstreet Programs on the Eastern Shore. He noted that Ms. Schellinck will provide her own office facilities and expenses, as Ms. Frizel will be responsible for providing administrative support in Sackville.

Councillor MacKay asked why this change has been proposed. Mr. Meech informed that the thrust of the program in Sackville has changed from facade projects to promotions projects. Also, the distance and geography between the four different programs makes it difficult for one person to serve and meet the demands in Sheet Harbour, Musquodoboit Harbour, and Eastern Passage. He noted that Ms. Schellinck presented him with this proposal, indicating her own interest in this regard, and he agreed that it does make good sense from the County's point-of-view.

Councillor MacKay inquired about the length of the contract with Ms. Schellinck. Mr. Meech informed it is a one year contract renewable at the option of both parties. He added that there will be the ability to terminate the contract by one or both parties, given certain notification, which is yet to be negotiated.

Councillor MacKay next asked about the cost of these changes to the Municipality. Mr. Meech advised that the changes should provide for a less costly program for the Municipality, noting that Department of Small Business Development has agreed to cost-share for both positions at 50 percent.

Councillor MacKay noted that the overall budget is the same as last year, and he asked if that will cover all proposed projects. Mr. Meech informed that the budget should adequately cover the identified project in each community. He noted that costs for all projects under the Mainstreet Programs will come from the general rate, with the exception of sidewalks in Sackville for which an area rate has been established. He informed that the main project in Musquodoboit Harbour is in conjunction with the tourism and heritage grant, in which the Eastern Shore Recreation Association is also involved. A conceptual plan must be developed for the Village Square Program in Eastern Passage. He noted that the County is required to contribute \$1,000 over and above administrative support in the first year, and consultants for the conceptual plan will be available through the Department of Small Business Development. The main focus in Sackville will be on promotions, and in Sheet Harbour a parking lot for the bank and the commercial area will be constructed, and it is also intended to complete the facilities at McPhee House.

Councillor MacKay inquired about the effect of these proposed changes on funding from the Province. Mr. Meech informed that the program will remain basically the same, although there will be changes in cost-sharing arrangements because there are less dollars to be distributed. He noted that the Village Square program is a "mini" of the Mainstreet Program, designed to accommodate very small, commercial communities.

Deputy Warden McInroy noted that funds for the Mainstreet Program have always come from the general rate (except for the area rate for sidewalks), but in Sackville the Mainstreet Program has focused only on the promotion of that community, and there has been no real benefit to the rest of Halifax County. He also noted that the present co-ordinator of the Mainstreet Program is moving to the Musquodoboit Harbour area, and he questioned if this has any affect on the proposal. He suggested the Program may be going beyond its original intent because the general fund is the means of financial support for this program, and he wondered if cost-sharing from the communities should be considered. He stated that some project could not be completed without funds from the general account, but there should be some consideration for cost-sharing because the program is expanding, and it will continue to expand.

It was moved by Councillor Baker, seconded by Councillor Richards:

"THAT the matter of changes to the administration of the Mainstreet Program be deferred to budget deliberations."

MOTION CARRIED

Compensation, Halifax County Industrial Commission Members

It was moved by Councillor Meade, seconded by Councillor Horne:

"THAT each member of the Halifax County Industrial Commission receive the sum of \$1,500 per annum, being equivalent to category one in the Committees and Boards By-law, and further that the Chairman of the Halifax County Industrial Commission be paid an additional \$500 per annum for that capacity."

Councillor MacKay clarified that the \$1,500 per annum will be for Council and non-Council members. Warden Lichter advised that is the intent.

Councillor Cooper advised he was aware of questions about remuneration for other boards, and he asked if they have been addressed. Warden Lichter advised that individual questions have been addressed.

Councillor Cooper next asked why this is being dealt with as policy and not as an amendment to the Committees and Boards By-law. Warden Lichter advised that Mr. Cragg had informed that it is the opinion of the Department of Municipal Affairs that amendments to the Committees and Boards By-law cannot include the Industrial Commission, but this could be dealt with as a policy.

## MOTION CARRIED

Councillor Cooper asked if other non-Council members on the Planning Advisory Committee and the Board of Health are receiving the same pay as Councillors or a stipend. Warden Lichter advised that as of the first of March, the only exception was the Halifax County Industrial Commission, and as of the first of April, there will be no exceptions.

Requests for Grants

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

"THAT Council approve the following grants:

- a) District Capital Grant, District 3 in the amount of \$1,500 for the purchase of fire fighting equipment for the Bay Road Volunteer Fire Department;
- b) District Capital Grant, District 3 in the amount of \$1,000 for the purchase of fire fighting equipment for the Seabright Volunteer Fire Department;
- c) District Capital Grant, District 18 in the amount of \$25,000 for the purchase of land for the Hammonds Plains Fire Commission; and
- d) District Capital Grant, District 19 in the amount of \$1,000 for the purchase of playground equipment for a playground at Lakecrest Acres Subdivision (County-owned)."

MOTION CARRIED