

Questions from Council

Councillor Bates stated that last year the County had to increase taxes by 15% and that we were obliged to keep the tax rate down this year. He then asked the percentage increase over last year.

Ms. Gilliss stated that in terms of total dollars this would be a 13.6% increase, and a 40.5% increase over funding for last year based on the three year phase in. She stated that based on the five year phase in there would be a 58% increase, as the provincial share would be dropping.

Councillor Bates asked what would happen if Council decided that it could not afford to increase taxes any more than 10%. Ms. Gilliss stated that this would mean cutting back library services.

Councillor Deveaux asked if the Minister has been recommended both the 3 and 5 year phase in. Ms. Gilliss stated that both would be presented to the Management Board and the option would be left up to councils.

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

"THAT the combined Councils support the three year phase in proposal as presented with the intent of maintaining the current service levels now provided in the next three years, with the understanding that the province supports the three year phase in also."

Councillor Deveaux asked what dollar figures were involved with the 40.5% increase. Ms. Gilliss stated that this would mean \$263,926 more than last year.

Mayor Christie asked if the Library Board had a strategy if the province provides funding as of June 1 rather than January 1.

Councillor Reid stated that he did not expect the province to do this, and that the Library Board was not given any assurances that this would start this year. Councillor Reid stated that the Board has not directly discussed this, but they are currently spending at a level to maintain the existing level of service. He stated that if the province comes in as of June 1, this would mean drastic cuts in the latter part of the year.

Councillor Gaucher stated that the reason for this meeting is to give endorsement for moving the level of funding towards the two cities which would reinforce our willingness to move toward that level. He stated that this meeting is to show our willingness to support it financially and requires endorsement only.

Councillor Cooper stated that it was his understanding that Councils had already done that, and were now to discuss the ramifications of such. He stated that staying with the three year phase in results in an 11% reduction of services, but a five year phase in results in a 25% reduction. Councillor Cooper stated that Council should be looking at the three year phase in as the option.

Councillor Walker asked what the Board's plans were for cutting back the budget (by \$304,000) if the province did not come through with funding.

Ms. Gilliss stated that the \$2,256,200 is an already board reduced budget by \$150,000 which reduced everything but staffing and the book budget. If the province did not come through, they would have to look at direct public services cuts. She stated that 86% of the budget is staff and resources, therefore, the Board would likely look at cutting back on the hours, the book stock, etc.

Warden Lichter stated that he did agree that Councils were only to endorse the concept, but stated that once agreed to, the Councils are committed to provide that funding.

Councillor MacDonald stated that this would be endorsement if the province agrees.

Councillor Bates asked if the 42% increase has come about because of the change in the provincial formula. Ms. Gilliss stated that this was the case.

Councillor Richards stated that he was having difficulty with the proposal and did not know if we could afford the recommendation knowing what is coming up in budget deliberations and what affect this will have on the tax rate.

Councillor Reid clarified that there has been a turn around from the funding of 65/35 provincial/municipal to 60/40 municipal/provincial as a direct result from the change in the funding formula. He stated that Council made the commitment at that time and is now in the position of deciding whether or not to continue, or cut back. He stated that cutting back would mean a 35% reduction in services to the new Cole Harbour Branch, and in other branches as well.

Councillor Walker asked how this could be avoided in the future. Ms. Gilliss stated that the proposal now before councils would be looking after that concern because the base level of funding would be at a high enough level to handle this.

Councillor Cooper asked if the Councils were supplying the 'in excess' funding now. Ms. Gilliss stated that they were, but they

anticipate that after one year of the proposal this in excess would be eliminated.

Councillor Poirier stated that it was wonderful to see the new library requests, but stated that the western section has been forgotten. She stated that she found it difficult to support any increase when the requests for a library facility in her district have been forgotten.

Councillor Gaucher stated that Councils should drop their boundaries and get on with this proposal so the Libraries can do their job.

Councillor MacDonald asked if the first year increase was mainly due to the Cole Harbour Branch and expansion throughout the system. Ms. Gilliss agreed.

Deputy Warden Baker stated he had no intention of dropping boundary lines and expressed concern that his area was also left without a library facility. He stated that he could not support this until the Library Board realized that there was more to Halifax West than Hubbards and Tantallon.

Councillor Richards asked if the three year increases were fixed. Ms. Gilliss stated that they would be fixed by this proposal.

MOTION CARRIED 19 FOR  
5 AGAINST.

Council called for a 5 minute recess.

Strategy on Waste Reduction - Robert Pietrzak

Mr. Pietrzak stated that he has been carrying around some thoughts on solid waste reduction techniques since November and it was then that he took up the challenge to speak here tonight. A lot of things have changed since then, and the change has been for the good.

He stated that there are a growing number of people, not only within Halifax county, but throughout the country who are expressing their views on the immediate need of solid waste reduction. In Nova Scotia, political wheels are clicking in motion, the Metropolitan Solid Waste Advisory Committee has sprung into life, and several municipalities and interested groups have established recycling depots.

Solid waste represents everything we throw away, and quite inseparable from litter. Litter is highly visible, the result of complete neglect perpetrated by our addiction to convenient

disposal consumer items. Litter is so widespread, that our entire landscape is in fact a giant waste disposal site, and the only difference between our landscape and an official landfill site, is that the waste is well hidden.

In cleaning up, recycling techniques are only a measure, not a solution. He stated that the much heralded Blue Box program in Ontario was a complete waste of money, and as an excuse to continue the proliferation of disposable products. Indeed, the debate has opened in the Toronto area between the environmentalists, who claim complete failure of the program, and the proponents who claim victory. But the costs are phenomenal, the markets for used materials is flooded and the subsidies required from Municipalities is rising. He stated that we cannot afford curbside recycling in Halifax County, nor can we ignore the requirement of a new landfill site without huge tax increases to county residents.

He stated that he has been told of a Resource Recovery Program that is under development with the Provincial Government. He stated that such a program will derive funds from industry, based on the type of packaging produced. Such a tax on industry will only be passed on to the consumer, and add to the cost of living.

Solid waste generation is the responsibility of every individual and every one of us has taken for granted that what we throw onto or into the ground will suddenly disappear. All things being equal, this would have worked forever. But we are becoming so overwhelmed with our own waste, that we are running out of places to store it, and we're losing our tolerance for looking at it.

He stated that his eyes often grow weary at all those soft drink cans and bottles, and plastic wrappers and other items that pile up along the roadside in his neighbourhood. Ditches, designed to relieve excessive run-off and improve drainage are hindered by trash. With this comes unexpected flooding, and unnecessary freezing of water on our roadways. Must we wait for a tragic accident before we act? If it weren't for the Boy Scouts who so generously contribute their time every spring, we would have had one by now.

He stated that he was submitting several projects in a Strategy of Waste Reduction for the Municipality of the County of Halifax. He stated that the objectives of the strategy are simply to reduce the flow of refuse to our landfill site, and to undertake a Think Green campaign to all residents of Halifax County.

The key elements of the Strategy are leadership and communication which are vital for its success. Some residents are unaware of the pressures that are placed upon the community to find solutions to our growing waste problem. They wish to participate, but find

there are few guidelines, and wait in anticipation for politicians to come up with new ventures. I ask for leadership from the Municipality to show that there is an interest, and with this interest a progressive attitude and progressive programs for waste abatement. He stated that he wanted his Municipality to begin the same logical programs that are underway in other parts of the country.

Remembering that waste abatement is an individual responsibility, he asked that his Municipality communicate with his neighbours and the other residents, so that they too will develop new attitudes and begin projects of the R's of Waste Reduction - Reduce, Reuse, Recycle and Reject.

If it is demonstrated that most of what we throw away has a value attached to it, then there will be an ability to significantly reduce the flow to our landfill site, and, all things being equal, cut the cost of servicing waste pick-up and disposal. If 80% of what we create as waste is redundant, or reusable or recyclable, then we will astound ourselves at our own results.

Another benefit of the strategy is the snowball effect created by finding ways to reduce waste. In participating with R activity, we will take a close look at everything we throw away and will become obsessed with saving the environment. We will literally turn back the hands of time to when there weren't any disposable plastic razors, or diapers, or pop bottles and the like, and refuse to purchase these things. We will apply old solutions to new problems, ask questions to our retailers, asking for better products or alternate packaging, fully knowing that industry will respond, or their customers will be lost. With communication, the message is spread, and the greater the awareness on behalf of all residents, the sooner this will happen. We will become a more resourceful community, a more charitable community, and that is healthy for the community.

He asked that the Municipality devote an entire issue of Municipal Focus to deal with the issue of solid waste management, and to appoint a communicator to prepare the issue and to liaise directly with the constituents of Halifax County.

Mr. Pietrzak then presented a visual presentation. It stated that the objective is to reduce flow to landfill sites and this could incorporate the Think Green campaign.

He stated that the Municipal Focus could devote one entire issue to solid waste. Articles could include the R technique; the relation between the local municipalities and the Metro Authority; solid waste dollar breakdown; the Solid Waste Task Force - activity, thoughts and forum; composting and mulching; wise

choices; hotline for information (1-800-).

Dollar pressures to avoid big tax increases and the resources that could be used.

He also suggested that the Municipal Focus could explain composting and mulching and that this is simple and there is no need for elaborate systems; or the municipality could provide a rebate to those constituents who purchase boxes. Mr. Pietrzak stated that 30-35% of all household waste (leaves, scraps, and grass) could be composted, and this rich humus could replenish poor soil. He also stated that composting and mulching reduces the flow to the landfill site, gardening results in health and sustenance, and landscaping results in pride in the home and community. This article could also dispel the myths about composting in that there is no smell, not a home for insects and weeds and an attraction to animals if done properly.

He suggested that the county could provide a mulching facility with a curbside pick-up of leaves only. Aerotech park could make rows of 10' by 10' and the product could be used by landscapers, as fill, or for gardeners.

Mr. Pietrzak stated that Christmas trees alone contribute 750 tonnes to the land fill in Metro. He suggested a tree chipping program that could be a curbside processing in which a simple pile remained. This could be contracted or done by the municipality.

He also stated that arrangements for recycling depots should be made with proceeds from custodial groups (volunteers) going towards local charities or education and awareness programs. These would also create jobs for the recycler. The sites for the depots could be at any visible roadside, ie. legion halls, schools plazas, fire halls, churches, etc.

Mr. Pietrzak also stated that the school board should have compulsory recycling and the proceeds could be used for charity, events, or donated to the third world children. He stated that this would teach the new generation of consumers to be environmentally conscious and this would put demands on industry and retailers to act.

He also stated that the school board should reinstate Arbour Day as this would result in the education of trees and the forests and the benefits of these. He added that the sponsor would be the N.S. Forestry Association.

Mr. Pietrzak concluded by stated that provincial parks and picnic grounds in Halifax County should have compulsory recycling of class/can containers in separate bins rather than one garbage bin.

This would result in anti-litter, reduce the flow to landfill, and increase awareness.

Questions from Council

Deputy Warden Baker asked if his organization could provide leadership in the area of recycling depots in the communities. Mr. Pietrzak stated that he was representing himself with this presentation and asking that Council endorse in principle these recommendations and the actual work could be done by calling for tenders.

Councillor Cooper asked if he had given thought to waste reduction for industry. Mr. Pietrzak stated that as the cost of hauling the waste increases, each will have to find their own ideas to reduce waste. He stated that his projects are for households.

Councillor Sutherland stated that he must applaud him for his determination to do something in this matter. Councillor Sutherland asked if there would be a problem finding a market for recyclable materials. Mr. Pietrzak stated that the market is volatile, but the key is to reduce the flow to the landfill site.

Councillor Boutilier stated that many of these activities have little or no cost. Mr. Pietrzak stated that the most expensive activity would be the rebate program on the composting boxes, but there would be long term benefits.

Councillor Fralick stated commended Mr. Pietrzak on a job well done on a voluntary basis. Councillor Fralick then questioned the Blue Box program. Mr. Pietrzak stated that this program would not function adequately in our are because of its rural nature. He stated that people would be supportive of a recycling depot.

S.M.A.R.T.

Four members presented the following proposal.

SMART's objectives include (1) to establish a safe, convenient and effective recycling depot system suitable to the needs of the St. Margaret's Bay area; (2) to promote use of the recycling system through public education; (3) to develop and support projects related to reducing, reusing and recycling waste materials (such as composting, packaging reduction, endorsing "environmentally-friendly products") in the St. Margaret's Bay area; (4) to engage the general public, community, commercial, and ecology groups, and government towards achievement of these objectives.

SMART solicits the Municipality for funding, technical assistance, and general support in achieving it stated objectives. Specific

requests include:

### 1. Recycling Depot System

SMART proposes movable modular depots, serving as receptors for recyclable items, which meet the following specifications:

- a) 12' x 16' in size;
- b) 12 - 14 barrels enclosed with such buildings for deposit of recyclable: glass, newspaper, aluminum cans, steel/tin, plastic bags and containers, corrugated cardboard;
- c) outside mail-box type openings which allow for safe and convenient deposit of recyclable items by the public at any time;
- d) well-marked openings and clearly provided instructions to promote proper preparation and sorting of recyclable materials by the public;
- e) sufficient space within buildings to allow for proper preparation and storage of recyclable items until pick-up by commercial recycler;
- f) attractive and thematic building design and decor to motivate participation by the public;
- g) 2 such buildings to be located at the Hubley Centre parking lot (Near Exit 5, route 103) per agreement between Atlantic Shoppers and SMART (buildings targeted to be in place by March 17, 1990);
- h) 4 additional buildings to be located either at Hubley centre, or at other sites in St. Margaret's Bay area, as demand for space for recyclable materials' depots increases;
- i) depot site to be checked daily for clearance, maintenance, and preparation of recyclable for pick-up;
- j) to be serviced for pick-up once per week, or more often as needed, by commercial recycler; funds generated by sale of recyclable items to the commercial recycler will be used by SMART to expand the recycling depot system and to support other projects as stated in the objectives.

### 2. Public Education:

SMART will develop community awareness and education about use of the recycling depots through such avenues as: flyers at grocery store checkouts, school presentations and programs, community bulletin boards, community meetings about recycling, ecology groups, community group joint projects with SMART, newspaper coverage, TV and radio announcements.

### 3. Project Development

In addition to recycling depot system, SMART seeks to initiate or develop plans for the following projects: composting as a method of recycling, commercial and office recycling programs, campaigns to reduce unnecessary packaging of consumer items, endorsement of

environmentally friendly products, social and legislative change at all community and government levels regarding beneficial interaction with the environment.

#### 4. Community Engagement

SMART is in the process of securing non-profit status in the province of Nova Scotia. Through its organization, SMART will provide a common forum and working group open to all concerned residents and users of the St. Margaret's Bay area: public, commercial and government.

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Councillor Sutherland asked in terms of a recycling dealer if marketable materials were discussed. It was reported that the markets are changing but they would put any monies received back into the program and educating the public or other projects.

Councillor Bates asked if the funds were for the capital cost of the building and public education. It was stated that this was the case and was noted that five districts will be using the depot, and SMART would like to see additional buildings constructed down the road.

Councillor Bates asked how long it would take to achieve 25% usage. It was reported that the educational element will increase awareness and area participation. Councillor Bates stated that this work is commendable and stated that the communities could do these projects more effectively than dictated government programs.

Councillor Meade congratulated the group on their effort and asked how many had volunteered to participate in the program. It was reported that 200 people had signed up.

Deputy Warden Baker asked if SMART would be prepared to assist fellow councillors in other districts. It was stated that it was anticipated that this project would be a prototype and SMART members would be available to share materials, resources, and experience in this area.

Councillor Fralick asked if Former Councillor Archie Fader, who is in the recycling business, could speak as to the market. Warden Lichter stated that this would not be fair in this type of forum as competitors could twist any answer he gives to their advantage.

Councillor Horne stated that this effort was commendable and asked if any recycling has been done as of yet. It was reported that none has been done formally, but SMART members do recycle and reuse on an individual basis.

Councillor Horne asked if there was an existing structure that could be used for this purpose. Members reported that the location of the depot was one of the primary concerns and noted that these depots would be unmanned. They also stated that the building is designed so that it could be moved or added on to.

Councillor Eisenhauer questioned the land use and zoning and stated that a public hearing would be needed which would clarify some of his concerns with items being left outside the building. It was reported that the depot would be open 24 hours a day and therefore there would be no excuse to leave items outside.

Councillor Smiley asked if SMART would be lobbying the government to ban non-recyclable materials. Members stated that they would primarily be concentrating on the immediate area.

Councillor Boutilier questioned the handling of 250 tonnes before the requests are made for expansion. It was reported that if this depots recycle 10% in six months, they would achieve the 5% per year. Members clarified that they would not be asking for money unless there is significant success and guarantee that it is usable as a model for others to follow.

Councillor Fralick asked about contracts with haulers. It was reported that a contract has already been signed for the first year and a wide variety of haulers had been approached on this issue.

Councillor Eisenhauer noted that there was no cost to any part of the municipality as this money would go to the landfill costs if the SMART group had not applied.

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

"THAT Council amend the By-Law to include the definition of a recycling depot. By having a definition the location of a depot would be a permissible use in the existing MU-1 zone. It is further recommended that the P.A.C. be requested to initiate the necessary amendments post haste."

MOTION CARRIED

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

"THAT Council approve the recommendations as outlined in the staff report."

Councillor Bayers stated that grants to organizations should be dealt with by the Executive Committee during budget deliberations.

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

"THAT this item be referred to the Executive Committee when dealing with the rest of the grants to organizations."

Councillor Eisenhower stated that this was not a grant, this would be coming from the Garbage Collection account of the Engineering Budget.

After further debate members of SMART indicated that there was a tremendous community demand for this which includes the schools that are already saving items for the depot.

Mr. Wdowiak stated that this \$18,100 would not have an impact on the garbage projection rate.

Councillor MacDonald stated that if the money is coming out of garbage collection for the area then council should not slow them down by referring this to executive.

After further discussion Councillor Bayers withdrew his motion.

MOTION WITHDRAWN

ORIGINAL MOTION CARRIED

Adjournment

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

"THAT this session adjourn."  
MOTION CARRIED.

The session adjourned at 9:30 PM.

COUNCIL SESSION

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 6, 1990

PRESENT WERE:

Warden Lichter  
Councillor Meade  
Councillor Poirier  
Councillor Fralick  
Deputy Warden Baker  
Councillor Ball  
Councillor Deveaux  
Councillor Bates  
Councillor Adams  
Councillor Randall  
Councillor Bayers  
Councillor Smiley  
Councillor Reid  
Councillor Horne  
Councillor Morgan  
Councillor Eisenhauer  
Councillor MacDonald  
Councillor Harvey  
Councillor Sutherland  
Councillor Richards  
Councillor 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:

Twila Smith

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Warden Lichter called the session to order at 6:00 PM with the Lord's Prayer. Mr. Kelly called the Roll.

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

"THAT Twila Smith be appointed as Recording Secretary."  
MOTION CARRIED

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

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

"THAT the Public Hearing Minutes of January 8, 1990, be approved as circulated."  
MOTION CARRIED

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

"THAT the Public Hearing Minutes of January 15, be approved as circulated."

MOTION CARRIED

LETTERS AND CORRESPONDENCE

Department of Transportation and Communications

Mr. Kelly reviewed the correspondence regarding estimates for proposed sidewalk installation of Holland Road and Brook Street.

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

"THAT this letter be received."

MOTION CARRIED.

Department of Transportation and Communications

Mr. Kelly reviewed the correspondence regarding cost estimates for sidewalk construction along Trunk 2 - Rocky Lake Drive - from Porto Bello Road to Fraser Drive, Waverly.

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

"THAT this letter be received."

MOTION CARRIED

Metropolitan Authority

Mr. Kelly reviewed the letter regarding efforts to obtain federal funding for bus service to the East Preston area.

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

"THAT this letter be received."

MOTION CARRIED

Councillor Bates stated that this request came as a result of a request from Dartmouth East Black Learning Centre to the Metro Authority. He stated that it was initially recommended that the Authority approach the Department of Municipal Affairs to provide special funding to provide a bus service in the area and at the time, members of the Authority did this. The Minister commended us, but stated that municipal infrastructure costs were not eligible for funding under the multicultural assistance programs.

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

"THAT Halifax County Council support the Metropolitan Authority's efforts to obtain special funding, similar to Access-a-bus, for service in the Preston, Cherrybrook and Lower Westphal area."  
MOTION CARRIED

**Sackville Rivers Advisory Board**

Mr. Kelly reviewed two letters from Mr. Mandaville to the Sackville Community Committee of which these were copies to Councillors.

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

"THAT these letters be received."  
MOTION CARRIED

**Department of the Environment**

Mr. Kelly reviewed the correspondence concerning council's interest in legislation banning products harmful to the ozone layer.

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

"THAT this letter be received."

Councillor Poirier stated that she was pleased with this and hoped that we would start to see results soon.

MOTION CARRIED.

**SUPPLEMENTARY CORRESPONDENCE**

**Correspondence from Mr. Donald O'Brien, District 5**

Mr. Kelly reviewed the letter stating the concern to keep the tax rate down.

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

"THAT this letter be received."  
MOTION CARRIED

**PLANNING ADVISORY COMMITTEE REPORT**

**City of Halifax Case No. 5903 - Rezoning of Lands East of Herring Cove Road and West of the McIntosh Road.**

Councillor Sutherland declared a conflict of interest.

Mr. Kelly reviewed the staff report recommending not to appeal.

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

"THAT Council not proceed with the appeal."

Councillor Ball stated that he did not agree. He stated that it appeared that a municipality could put in place any planning strategy with no consideration of the impact on other municipalities. He stated that there had to be a way to phase in development until the results of impacts can be addressed. He stated that developing in phases would allow for assessment on the impact, and if not harmful, then the development could proceed to phase 2, and so on. He stated that this development by the City of Halifax would cause undue hardship on the residents of Herring Cove.

Councillor Bates asked how Council could restrict residential development in Halifax City. Councillor Ball stated that the only outfall that affects the county is in Herring Cove. He stated that the effluent

would be going in the county and the county has no control over them dumping on this small community. He stated that Halifax City would have unlimited hook-ups while the county is limited to 242 hook-ups. Councillor Ball added that the City owns the pipe itself.

Councillor Morgan stated that if we could demonstrate that a health hazard exists then the same authority that told Sackville to do something with Woodbine would do the same in this case. He stated that the Ministers of Health and Environment may overrule Halifax.

Councillor McInroy stated that his motivation in his motion was the recommendations made in both the staff report and the letter from the solicitor. He stated that the county should not assume the adversarial position with the city.

Councillor MacDonald stated that the County has tried to be environmentally positive in this field and this has worked out for the benefit of residents. He stated that by allowing development here, the county may lose capacity and he was in favour of the appeal.

Mr. Meech stated that the suggestion made by Councillor Morgan would be a better approach to this problem than by the appeal process. He stated that the County could write the ministers of environment and health and ask them not to grant the joint certificate that would be necessary for development to continue until a solution for the effluent

on the McIntosh run is found. He stated that this would achieve the same result.

Warden Lichter stated that the Municipal Board only rules as to whether this is in line with Halifax City's MPS and on that basis only.

Councillor Poirier stated that all Councillors should go out to the site and see for themselves that this outfall is literally an open toilet. She stated that Council must do something.

Councillor Deveaux asked if Councillor Ball would be interested in Mr. Meech's suggestion as it would give council a better chance at achieving the requested results.

MOTION DEFEATED 6 FOR  
14 AGAINST

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

"THAT the County proceed with the appeal."  
MOTION CARRIED 15 FOR  
5 AGAINST

File No.'s PA-FEN-36-89 and SB-04-89 - Amendments to the Municipal Planning Strategy for Planning Districts 15, 18 and 19 and amendments to the subdivision by-law re: Establish a Service Boundary

Mr. Kelly reviewed the report and stated that a majority vote of the whole council would be necessary for approval.

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

"THAT a public hearing be held on this issue on March 12, 1990, at 7:00 PM."  
MOTION CARRIED

Warden Lichter asked that notification be sent to Councillors.

Owen Davis Trucking, Sackville Drive

Mr. Kelly reviewed the report.

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

"THAT the \$500.00 advertising fee be waived."  
MOTION CARRIED.

SUPPLEMENTARY PLANNING ADVISORY COMMITTEE REPORT

File No. PA-SA-04-88 - Amendments to the Sackville Municipal Planning Strategy and Land Use By-Law RE: Application by Noel Fredericks

Mr. Kelly reviewed the report.

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

"THAT a public hearing be held on this issue, March 12, 1990, at 7:00 PM."  
MOTION CARRIED

Warden Lichter stated that a majority vote of the entire council would be needed for approval and asked that a notice be sent to each councillor.

S.M.A.R.T.

Mr. Kelly reviewed the recommendations from the special session.

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

"THAT Council amend the By-Law to include the definition of a recycling depot. By having a definition the location of a depot would be a permissible use in the existing MU-1 zone. It is further recommended that the P.A.C. be requested to initiate the necessary amendments."  
MOTION CARRIED

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

"THAT Council approve funding in the amount of \$13,100 from the Garbage Collection account for the construction of the buildings, and \$5,000 from the advertising section of the budget in order to assist with the public information and awareness process."  
MOTION CARRIED.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPORT

**Temporary Borrowing Resolutions**

Mr. Kelly stated that these represent the County's portion of funding for which we will be taking out a debenture.

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

"THAT the Temporary Borrowing Resolution 89-03, Water (North Preston), \$500,000 be approved."  
MOTION CARRIED

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

"THAT the Temporary Borrowing Resolution 89-04, Sewer (North Preston), \$900,000 be approved."  
MOTION CARRIED

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

"THAT the Temporary Borrowing Resolution 89-05, Water (Middle Musquodoboit), \$110,000 be approved."  
MOTION CARRIED

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

"THAT the Temporary Borrowing Resolution 89-06, Sewer (Middle Musquodoboit), \$450,000 be approved."  
MOTION CARRIED

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

"THAT the Temporary Borrowing Resolution 89-07, Water (Meadowbrook Subdivision), \$40,000 be approved."  
MOTION CARRIED

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

"THAT the Temporary Borrowing Resolution 89-08, Sewer (Meadowbrook Subdivision), \$190,000 be approved."  
MOTION CARRIED

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

"THAT the Temporary Borrowing Resolution 89-09, Sewer (Springfield Lake), \$1,810,000 be approved."  
MOTION CARRIED

#### Temporary Borrowing Resolutions

Mr. Kelly stated that these renewals, with the exception of Cole Harbour Place, represent the homeowners' portion for which

debentures will be taken out.

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

"THAT the Temporary Borrowing Resolution, 87-05, Water (Middle Musquodoboit), \$200,000, be approved."  
MOTION CARRIED

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

"THAT the Temporary Borrowing Resolution 87-04, Sewer (Middle Musquodoboit), \$575,000 be approved."  
MOTION CARRIED

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

"THAT the Temporary Borrowing Resolution 87-06, Water (Ross Road), \$344,000 be approved."  
MOTION CARRIED

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

"THAT the Temporary Borrowing Resolution 87-08, Cole Harbour Place, \$600,000 be approved."  
MOTION CARRIED

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

"THAT the Temporary Borrowing Resolution 87-09, Sewer (Springfield Lake), \$1,900,000 be approved."  
MOTION CARRIED

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

"THAT the Temporary Borrowing Resolution 88-04, Water (Meadowbrook), \$120,000 be approved."  
MOTION CARRIED

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

"THAT the Temporary Borrowing Resolution 88-05, Sewer (Meadowbrook), \$220,000 be approved."  
MOTION CARRIED

#### Sheet Harbour Fire Station - Renovations

Mr. Kelly reviewed the report.

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

"THAT Council approve a loan advance for \$25,000 for leasehold improvements to the Sheet Harbour Fire Station. It is understood the cost of these improvements plus interest, excluding new windows, will be recovered through a five year lease with the Department of Supply and Services. It is further recommended that Council reserve the right to levy an area rate in default of principal and/or interest repayment."

MOTION CARRIED

#### 1990 Vehicle Acquisitions

Mr. Kelly reviewed the report.

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

"THAT Council approve the requests for 1990 vehicle acquisitions with funding in the amount of \$105,500 from the Vehicle Reserve Fund."

MOTION CARRIED.

#### Requests for Grants

Mr. Kelly reviewed the requests.

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

"THAT the following requests for grants be approved by Council:

a) District Parkland Grant, District 4, \$5,000.00, for capital improvements, Pinedale Park;

b) District Capital Grant, District 4, \$5,000.00, for Terence Bay Fire Department Equipment. "

MOTION CARRIED

Request to Abandon Sewer Easement: Sandalwood Subdivision, Cole Harbour

Mr. Kelly reviewed the report.

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

"THAT Council approve the request to abandon the Sewer Easement in Sandalwood Subdivision, Cole Harbour."

MOTION CARRIED

### Personnel Policies

Mr. Kelly reviewed the report.

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

"THAT Council approve the new and revised personnel policies as outlined in the report."

Councillor Cooper asked if each policy was being dealt with separately or all in one motion. Warden Lichter stated that they would be in one. Councillor Cooper asked the reasoning for having the family leave deducted from the sick leave.

Mr. Meech stated that family leave would be permissible if necessary for up to 5 days. He stated that this was in attempt to respond to changes in society with single parent families or two income families. Mr. Meech stated that there is a willingness to accept these as a legitimate excuse under the sick leave policy.

Councillor Cooper stated that something was better than nothing, but suggested that there should be a separate policy for family emergencies that cannot be handled outside of working hours.

Councillor Cooper questioned the recruitment policy.

Mr. Meech stated that the only portion of this policy that is changing is the underlined portion that allows term employees to submit internal applications.

Councillor Cooper asked if this applied to the union employees as well. Mr. Meech stated that this was accepted in the union's collective agreement.

Councillor Cooper stated that by accepting an in-house applicant there was a possibility that a more qualified person could be excluded.

Mr. Meech stated that there always was that possibility, but this attempts to give special consideration to existing employees. He stated that this was step one in a two step process. He stated that if no suitable candidate is found, it is then taken to general application.

Councillor Cooper suggested that the Executive Committee should examine this with the view that we may be excluding more qualified people and the issue of carrying on equality employment practices.

Councillor McInroy stated that he agreed and that we owed it to the

Municipality to find the best applicant possible for the job.

Mr. Meech stated that this policy of internal applications before outside applications has been in place for a number of years and the only portion that is coming before council for change is the issue of considering term employees as eligible for internal application.

Councillor Sutherland stated that searching internally first had its advantages and gives employees the opportunity to move through the system. He stated that sometimes outside applicants are overqualified and they use the position as a stepping stone within the organization.

Councillor Bates stated that this procedure is carried on in most national companies and corporations and it gives employees the opportunity for promotion before outside applicants are considered. He stated that this also takes place within the fire departments.

Councillor Deveaux stated that he agreed with Councillor Bates. He stated that people in the system are given the first opportunity and that this practise was consistent with other municipalities and corporations. He agreed that the County was not doing anything differently.

Councillor Cooper amended the motion:

"THAT Council adopt the first two recommendations and that the recommendation with regard to recruiting be returned to the Executive Committee for further consideration."

MOTION DEFEATED 9 FOR  
12 AGAINST

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

"THAT Council approve all three policy recommendations."

MOTION CARRIED 13 FOR  
7 AGAINST

### SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS

#### Anchor Industries

Ms. Cathy Daigle stated that she has been the manager of Anchor Industries since 1984. She stated that Anchor Industries was founded in 1982 by the County of Halifax.

Anchor Industries is a workshop for the handicapped, operated under

the guidance of the Management Committee of Sackville, - Bedford Branch, Canadian Association for Community Living.

Anchor Industries endeavours to prepare individuals in the program to lead productive lives. The ultimate goal is to appropriately place as many people as possible in a paying job in the community. Realistically some may spend many years at Anchor Industries. Thus, we must ensure that challenging age appropriate work is provided to all in the sheltered setting. It is also our goal to strive towards financial independence.

To assist in achieving these goals we seek age appropriate contract work, teach basic work habits, and seek independent work situations in the community for those who are prepared.

It is our aim to work towards financial independence by operating Anchor Industries on a sound business like basis, seeking contracts and product lines that can be sold in the market place at competitive prices.

Above all, Anchor Industries operates for the benefit of the individuals employed in its workshop, never losing sight of its primary purpose, that of maximizing individual potential.

Ms. Daigle stated that this mission statement was adopted in 1984 and she stated that they hope it will stand the test of time. She stated that ultimately they hoped that one day Anchor Industries is not needed and that all citizens, under the Charter of Rights - Section 15, will be employed in the community.

Ms. Daigle stated that Anchor is primarily funded by the Department of Rehabilitation and Community Services and subsequently by the Workshop Council of Nova Scotia.

In regard to funding, 75% of the approved budget comes from the Department of Social Services. Anchor must earn 25% of approved budget plus the remainder of the operating budget. This is done through the Print Shop, The Ladle (Cafeteria), General Contracts, Grants from the Municipalities of the County of Halifax and the Town of Bedford, and Organizations. This is done by an Marketing Representative, Advertisement, Referral, Tenders and very good customer relations, as well as fundraising and donations.

Ms. Daigle reviewed the Financial Statement Breakdown in the distributed report, which covered the years from 1982 to the present and projected to 1990-91.

Ms. Daigle stated that there are qualifications that applicants must meet for admissions. They must meet established criteria, complete the application, referral, recommendations and approval.

A Vocational Assessment takes place with orientation, work habit/skills development, 3 month assessment and at the end of the probationary period the applicant can enter one of three areas: vocational Assessment (continuation of basic work habit/skill development reassessment), Skill Training (Cafeteria, Printing, Janitorial, Promotion Contracts, Reassessment, Vocational Planning), or Job Placement/Employment (Job readiness skills, exploration of employment options and employment options reassessment if necessary). Ms. Daigle stated that there is no established Outreach or Manpower support development program at this time, but it is being researched and developed.

Ms. Daigle informed Council that the Vocational Programs at Anchor Industries includes: The Ladle, General Contracts, The Printshop, Developmental II - a program that deals with those with very challenging needs, ie. taking someone who has not been out of their home for 35 years into other areas, and Community Based Employment.

Ms. Daigle stated that the future challenges will be further community based employment, Program Expansion and Diversification, ramifications of integration, identification and provision for gaps in service, financial stability, public education and awareness, evaluations and education of and qualification of staff.

#### Questions from Council

Councillor Morgan thanked Ms. Daigle for her presentation and stated that having been involved in the business and using the services provided by Anchor Industries, it gives everyone a great deal of pleasure to know the type of work done there.

Councillor Morgan asked if there was a reason for the funding on behalf of the county decreased from \$20,000 in 1984 to a requested \$3,000 in 1990-91. Ms. Daigle stated that the County provided a grant in the amount of \$60,000, at \$20,000 in 1982, 1983 and 1984, and 1984 was the last year of commitment for the building of Anchor. From 1985 on, Anchor staff wanted to try to "fly" on its own and therefore the County was not asked for funds.

Councillor Morgan asked why the fundraising portion in the financial statement also decreased. Ms. Daigle stated that the amount projected has not been reached and, therefore, it was felt that Anchor had to be more realistic in its goal setting for fundraising. She stated that the competition for public funds is difficult. She added that the provincial government has also approved two staff positions that Anchor was originally paying for itself, thereby allowing funds to be shifted, not to put a strain on the fundraising aspect.

Deputy Warden Baker stated that he has visited the facility and was very impressed with the facilities. He stated that he has been around this kind of operation for 30 years and commended Ms. Daigle for their efforts and stated that they were doing a tremendous job. He suggested that the Councillors should visit the facility and encouraged Ms. Daigle to send invitations to Councillor to ask for membership on the Board of Directors.

Councillor Bates asked if Anchor was a non-profit organization. Ms. Daigle stated that it was. Councillor Bates stated that from the financial statements it appears that there is a surplus in funds. Ms. Daigle stated that Anchor's Finance Director could not make it to the session and stated that she believed that any surplus would be within the building or equipment. She added that these figures were taken from the end of 1989 and the fiscal year ends in March 1990. She stated that the figures were profit and loss figures, not an actual accounting statement.

Councillor Reid stated that the figures of the Total Income and Total Expenses did not add up. Ms. Daigle apologized and stated that any financial questions she could have Anchor's Finance Director answer and send to council.

Warden Lichter informed Council that the request for grant for Anchor has already been received and has already been referred to the Executive Committee to examine with other grants to organizations.

Warden Lichter thanked Ms. Daigle for making the presentation and stated that Council would be dealing with the grant request in April.

#### Atlantic Winter Fair

Mr. Coombs and Mr. Robertson thanked Council for the opportunity to approach council with their problem. Mr. Robertson asked Deputy Warden Baker to explain.

Deputy Warden Baker stated that a few years ago there were a number of unpaid taxes, both commercial and otherwise, on the part of the Atlantic Winter Fair. A representation was made to council, and council relieved the AWF of the General Rate, with the exception of the Area Rate. He stated that the area rates are still posing a problem with the Directors of the AWF.

Deputy Warden Baker stated that the Directors of the AWF have no ability to raise money to pay the area rates. He stated that they were before Council to ask for relief of paying the area rates. He stated with the question of ownership, if it were 100% provincially owned it would be exempt from taxation. He stated that the amount

outstanding is \$120,000. Deputy Warden Baker stated that this amount goes into District 4 for street lighting, garbage collection, fire protection, etc.

Mr. Robertson stated that the buildings belong to the taxpayers of Nova Scotia, not any private owners. He stated that the province stated that it had deeded the lands over to the Directors of the AWF, but there is no record of this transaction. He stated that the AWF does not belong to the Directors in any way, shape or form. He stated that all they can do with the facility is improve on it. He stated that a barn was built last fall, and had to borrow \$300,000. The province signed for it through the bank. They paid the AWF half and when this tax issue came up, they would not give them the other half until it was settled with the county. He stated that the AWF is a non-profit organization and none got paid for working there. He stated that either the province or county would have to do something about it, because there was no money to correct this problem.

Warden Lichter stated that in November 1988, Council passed a By-Law(No. 60) to exempt the lands of the AWF from taxation. He stated that a clause was inserted to ensure that there was no misunderstanding, which stated that the AWF was property of the directors of the AWF. The province made no representation, AWF did not make representation to object the position.

Warden Lichter stated that \$120,000 was a large sum of money. He stated that if this amount was forgiven, the general tax rate impact would be greater. He stated that if the provincial government feels that the AWF is a worthwhile undertaking, that they do want the taxation to be cleared up, they will find the money to do so.

Mr. Robertson stated that there was a possibility that this would happen, but Councillors change and people change and down the road this amount, which is now \$20,000 per year could be \$100,000 per year and the AWF cannot afford the \$20,000 now.

#### Questions From Council

Councillor Eisenhauer stated that the AWF came to the Executive Committee and they in turn recommended to Council that the AWF be exempted from the property taxation, but not area rates. He stated that the rates are established within the district and the taxpayers have the control. He questioned how many residents could afford to pay the area rates, and stated that if the ordinary resident could pay, then the AWF should be able to pay. Councillor Eisenhauer asked why there was no ice surface at the AWF.

Mr. Robertson stated that there is no money in an ice rink. He stated that those types of facilities tend to be abused and they

were trying to keep the facility respectable. He stated that a lot more could be done, if they were asked.

Councillor MacDonald stated that if the AWF cannot afford to pay their debts, and council does not have the ability to relieve them, should it not go back to the community and ask the ratepayers.

Councillor Horne stated that a community meeting may be able to make a recommendation to council. Mr. Cragg stated that this would be a council decision, and it would entail, not just a recommendation, but an amendment to the existing by-law.

Councillor Horne questioned Mr. Robertson, asking if they built the barn knowing that they still owed the county for the area rates.

Mr. Robertson stated that they built the barn in hopes of bringing in more revenue. He stated that by putting in the permanent barn, it eliminated the costs of putting the stalls up and taking them down, the wear and tear on the stalls. He stated that to replace the stalls it would have cost \$750,000. He stated that the barn will be paid for from rentals and the fairs etc.

Councillor Horne stated that it was appalling that the AWF would not pay off its debts before starting on a new venture. He suggested that the County may do a better job by taking over the ownership.

Councillor Reid stated that this matter was fairly dealt with by the Executive Committee.

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

"THAT this item be referred to the Executive Committee for further discussion with the Atlantic Winter Fair Staff."

Councillor Deveaux suggested trying to put the pressure on the provincial government to pay the bill. He stated that if the AWF is paying \$40,000 year for septic, they should go to the province to have city hook-up to the city sewer.

Councillor Bates stated that his suggestion was similar to Councillor Reid's, in that the AWF is insolvent and therefore Council should instruct the C.A.O. to have discussions with the province concerning ownership and look at the remedies available. He stated that Council does not have enough information to make a decision tonight.

Councillor Morgan stated that with a resident who fails to pay, they are given one year, and if they still cannot pay, their property is put up for sale. He stated that the same should be for the AWF.

Councillor Fralick stated that he agreed with Councillor Bates and that the County should take ownership of the project and that we could do an excellent job with it.

Deputy Warden Baker stated that his district needed the money and the ownership should be determined.

MOTION CARRIED

BUILDING INSPECTOR'S REPORT re: Lesser Setbacks

Lot B-401, Bonang Subdivision, Lawrencetown

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

"THAT the lesser setback of 20', lot B-401, Bonang Subdivision, Lawrencetown, applicant Anthony Amyoony, be approved."

MOTION CARRIED.

Lot 7A, Porter's Lake

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

"THAT the lesser setback of 28', Lot 7A, Porter's Lake, applicant William A. Montgomery, be approved."

MOTION CARRIED.

TOURISM STEERING COMMITTEE REPORT

Councillor McInroy made reference to Page 3, section 3, of the Final Report which stated:

"The annual level of funding for tourism promotion for halifax County equal the provincial region funding amount and that the amount be divided equally between the new Tourism Association and the Antigonish/Eastern Shore Tourism Association."

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

"THAT in 1990 Council abide by the commitment and provide the requested level of funding (\$27,500) to both associations as stated in the report."

MOTION CARRIED

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

"THAT the matter of funding to tourism from 1990 onward, be referred to the Executive Committee to control the increases

in County contribution to the cost of living."

Councillor McInroy stated that both Associations felt that this was fair.

Councillor Eisenhauer stated that \$27,500 was no a lot of money when one considered the history of this.

MOTION CARRIED

REPORT OF THE DEVELOPMENT OFFICER

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

"THAT this report be received."  
MOTION CARRIED.

FEES FOR SERVICE, DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Councillor Sutherland stated that about one month ago he was asked by the Accounting Department to authorize payment for a service provided by the Department of Transportation. He stated that it was it was customary that we pay the Department of Transportation for services, in this case painting sidewalks and crosswalks on the street.

He stated that he took offence to the fact that we are being asked to pay for a series of crosswalks that are across trunk highways. He stated that he would not have problem with a charge for this service on a subdivision street, but in this case, it was strictly trunk highways: Sackville Drive, Beaverbank Road, and Glendale Drive.

He asked if we had any sort of maintenance agreement with the Department of Transportation indicating a willingness or a means of cost sharing on those things.

He stated that whether or not we requested those, in other jurisdictions, there are maintenance agreements whereby the Department of Transportation and the local unit will cost share on major expenditures on major trunk highways.

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

"THAT we ask the Department of Transportation their policy on charges for service in the municipality related to traffic matters and note our displeasure for having to pay the full amount of those services."

Councillor Sutherland stated that we are dealing strictly with trunk highways and not subdivision streets.

Councillor Fralick stated that there were two in his district that he did not request, but received the bill for.

Councillor Deveaux stated that this was the first time he received a bill for that type of service and noted that the price was a hefty one.

MOTION CARRIED.

#### SANITARY LANDFILL

Councillor Ball stated that this is referring to a problem in Halifax County in that some haulers of disposal are not taking their loads to the landfill site, but dumping in the communities. He asked what we could do about this and to whom we would address this issue.

Warden Lichter stated that should we ever experience dumping in the county, action should be taken as this is illegal. One should report the action, regardless of the cause.

Councillor Ball stated that the Department of the Environment is only concerned if the material being dumped is toxic. He stated that he had the license plate numbers of those dumping in his area and not the landfill, where it should be going.

Warden Lichter stated that if Councillor Ball would pass this information on to him, he would see what could be done.

#### URGENT AGENDA ITEMS

##### CN Road Crossing

Councillor Deveaux stated that a few months ago he asked that a letter be written to CN regarding horn blowing near Hines Road. He asked if any response had been heard. Mr. Kelly indicated that we have had no response.

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

"THAT Council send another letter to reinforce the original concerns on Hines Road to have a drop barrier installed to cut down on the amount of horn blowing during the silent hours."

MOTION CARRIED

Taxi Service Between City and County

Councillor Deveaux stated that he has been approached by a number of taxi drivers in his area. He stated that concern is expressed that they cannot go into the City and pick up a passenger and drop them off within the city. He stated that a lot of city cabs do come out to his area both to pick up and drop off passengers.

Councillor Deveaux stated that one gentleman has requested the opportunity to go before the Executive Committee.

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

"THAT Councillor Deveaux and the gentleman in question meet with the Executive Committee to discuss the concerns about the taxi service between the City of Dartmouth and the Municipality."

MOTION CARRIED.

Accidents, Highway 101

Councillor MacDonald stated that last year beyond the concrete divider at the Sackville turn-off, there were many accidents and at least 5 people have been killed in the last 2 years at this location.

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

"THAT Council write the Minister of Transportation and stress the importance of having the barrier on the 101 extended to the Hants County Line."

MOTION CARRIED

City of Halifax Case No. 5903 - Rezoning of Lands East of Herring Cove Road and West of the McIntosh Road.

Councillor Richards asked that there be a motion of reconsideration regarding the appeal of the Halifax City Case to the Municipal Board.

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

"THAT this item be reconsidered."

MOTION DEFEATED           9 FOR  
  10 AGAINST

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

"THAT Council send a letter to Municipal Affairs placing

a moratorium on District 5 as well as the trunk sewer of the City of Halifax on any more development, until the sewage treatment system is developed."

Councillor Bates stated that a lot of Councillors did not realize the cost that would be involved with appealing the case, which would be approximately \$50,000 or higher.

Councillor Morgan stated that he believed that the proper way to save the taxpayers between \$50,000 - \$100,000, would be to send letters to the Ministers to consider doing this in another fashion. He stated that Council should not be in a hurry to spend this kind of money. He stated that he seconded the motion in the hopes that Councillor Ball would take this course of action rather than the appeal process. He stated that the Premier may have some weight in this issue.

Councillor Eisenhauer stated that he had difficulty supporting the motion, because there are too many unknowns. How do we know that the sewage system in Herring Cove will not be way out, and residents from the area will be coming to Council to have the moratorium lifted. He stated that he knew that this would create more effluent

in the system, and placing a stop on building may defer the need to build a plant at this location first. He stated that we could be defeating the purpose.

Councillor Richards stated that he too, had difficulty supporting the motion. He stated that the monetary figures had not been presented to Council. He stated that Council should not be making decisions blindly, but on adequate information.

After consultation with the solicitor, Warden Lichter stated that the only other step would be to rescind the original motion.

Mr. Meech explained that in order to make the appeal case worth while, the municipality would have to hire expert witnesses in the case and consultants, etc. and indicated that this would get fairly expensive. He stated that doing any less would weaken the County's credibility.

MOTION WITHDRAWN

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

"THAT the original motion be rescinded."

MOTION CARRIED 15 FOR  
4 AGAINST

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

"THAT staff be directed to send a letter to the Department of the Environment and the Department of Health expressing our displeasure with the City of Halifax dumping effluent into Herring Cove and request that they not issue the joint certificates that would be necessary for development."

MOTION CARRIED

After much discussion and questioning the rules of order,

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

"THAT Halifax County not appeal the case."

MOTION CARRIED 15 FOR  
4 AGAINST.

Addition of Items for the February 20, 1990 Council Agenda

Peggy's Cove/West Dover Update - Deputy Warden Baker

Unemployment Insurance - Councillor Adams

Solid Waste/Refuse Transfer Depot, Dist. 10 - Councillor Bayers

Open Burning Legislation, Dist. 10 - Councillor Bayers

In-Camera

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

"THAT this session move in-camera."

MOTION CARRIED

Council agreed to come out of camera.

Adjournment

There being no further business, Council adjourned at 10:30 PM.

COUNCIL SESSION

20 February 1990

THOSE PRESENT:           Warden Lichter  
                          Councillor Meade  
                          Councillor Poirier  
                          Councillor Fralick  
                          Deputy Warden Baker  
                          Councillor Ball  
                          Councillor Bates  
                          Councillor Randall  
                          Councillor Smiley  
                          Councillor Reid  
                          Councillor Horne  
                          Councillor Merrigan  
                          Councillor Morgan  
                          Councillor Eisenhauer  
                          Councillor MacDonald  
                          Councillor Boutilier  
                          Councillor Harvey  
                          Councillor Sutherland  
                          Councillor Richards  
                          Councillor McInroy  
                          Councillor Cooper

ALSO PRESENT:           Mr. K. R. Meech, Chief Administrative Officer  
                          Mr. R. Cragg, Municipal Solicitor  
                          Mr. G. J. Kelly, Municipal Clerk  
                          Ms. V. Spencer, Director Planning

SECRETARY:               Twila Smith

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Warden Lichter called the session to order at 6:00 PM with the Lord's Prayer. Mr. Kelly called the roll.

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

"THAT Twila Smith be appointed as Recording Secretary."  
MOTION CARRIED

Approval of Minutes

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

"THAT the minutes of the Council Session, January 16, 1990, be approved."  
MOTION CARRIED