

"THAT the following temporary borrowing resolution renewal be approved: 89-02 Sludge Disposal Lagoon \$1,470,000"

MOTION CARRIED

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

"THAT the following temporary borrowing resolution be approved: 90-02 Sackville Fire Stations \$1,600,000"

MOTION CARRIED

#### Request for Grants

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

"THAT the following requests for grants be approved:

District Capital Grant, District 1, \$4,000, for topsoil and hydroseeding for Boutilier's Point Ball Field;

District Capital Grant, District 1, \$1,000, for improvements to ballfield, Black Point Community Hall;

District Capital Grant, District 6, \$1,693.37, for 30 Neighbourhood Watch Signs and 6 Caution Children Playing Signs;

District Capital Grant, District 6, \$7,180, for bulldozing, grading and fill for parking lot District 6 Ballfield;

District Capital Grant, District 9, \$1,125, for topsoil Lawrencetown Community Centre Ballfield;

District Capital Grant, District 9, \$431.30, for 10 Neighbourhood Watch Signs;

District Capital Grant, District 10, \$1,084.62 for construction of dugouts at Beech Hill Ballfield;

District Parkland Grant, District 14, \$123.50, for additional costs re: playground in Wellington;

District Capital Grant, District 19, \$885, for constructing of playgrounds Lakecrest Avenue;

District Parkland Grant, District 20, \$422.23, for construction of bleachers at Community Playing Field Caudle Park, placement of metal mesh waste receptacle on Quaker Crescent and 5 yards of

topsoil and sods for county owned walkways;

District Parkland Grant, District 20, \$250, for topsoil for playing field at Caudle Park Elementary School;

District Capital Grant, District 20, \$100, for 5 yards of topsoil at Caudle Park Elementary School;

District Parkland Grant, Districts 23 and 7, \$400 total, for equipment for play area at Joseph Giles School;

District Capital Grant, District 23, \$690.08, for 16 Neighbourhood Watch Signs;

District Capital Grant, District 23, \$9,422.30, for fencing walkways;

District Capital Grant, District 24, \$1,700, for walkway fencing between Deerebrooke Drive and Caldwell Road;

District Capital Grant, District 25, \$603.82, for 14 Neighbourhood Watch Signs."

MOTION CARRIED

#### County Fire Fighting Grants

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

"THAT Council approve that the minimum fire fighting grant be \$7.00 per dwelling unit, the six districts which are below the minimum be increased to the minimum for 1990, and the new dollar amount in grants for fire fighting remain in place until a new methodology for all grants is approved by Council."

MOTION CARRIED

#### Paving Aerotech Park

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

"THAT Council approve that the road leading to the lagoon be chip sealed at an estimated cost of \$50,000 costs being provided from the funding for the lagoon project."

MOTION CARRIED

#### Town of Gander Correspondence

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

"THAT Council not participate in the funding of a 200 ultra modern unit for Senior Citizens in Gander, Newfoundland."

MOTION CARRIED

**BUILDING INSPECTOR'S REPORT - LESSER SIDE YARD CLEARANCE**

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

"THAT the lesser side yard clearance of 1' Lot 1A Terence Bay Road, Terence Bay applicant Fancis W. Kendall be approved."

MOTION CARRIED

**SIDEWALK CONSTRUCTION AGREEMENT NO. I-U**

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

"THAT this agreement be approved."

MOTION CARRIED

**APPOINTMENT OF MEMBERS - ARBITRATION COMMITTEE**

It was moved by Councillor Poirier, seconded by Deputy Warden Ball:

"THAT Warden Lichter be nominated."

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

"THAT Councillor MacDonald be nominated."

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

"THAT nominations cease."

MOTION CARRIED

**HALIFAX HARBOUR CLEAN-UP - DEPUTY WARDEN BALL**

Deputy Warden Ball stated that the county's share for implementation of the task force report is about \$400,000 to \$600,000. He stated that before we pay our share that the report should address the only outfall affected at Tribune Head in Herring Cove. He stated that this should be remedied as soon as possible. He stated that this could be in the form of an interceptor at the City boundary or a plant for all sewage in mainland south.

It was moved by Deputy Warden Ball,

"THAT a letter be written to the Clean-up Corporation stating that the municipality not commence payment until there is a satisfactory recommendation for the Halifax Harbour Clean-up."

Warden Lichter stated that he has spoken with his counterparts on this type of issue and the consensus seems to be that if one withholds payment until their issue is dealt with, then each will do the same and this could be seen as an escape for the federal government. He stated that Council could urge the minister to do that.

Deputy Warden Ball stated that the residents of Herring Cove will be paying for capital charges and he is suggesting that a decision be made with respect to the Herring Cove outfall and find out how Herring Cove fits into the overall picture. He stated that once some solution is put forward by the corporation then we can work out how it is to be paid.

Mr. Meech stated that at the moment we have received the first billing of \$600 and he has authorized payment. He stated that this will be going to urban services with a view to formulating a policy as to how this is going to be recovered from a county point of view.

MOTION WITHDRAWN

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

"THAT a letter be written to the Clean-up Corporation urging them to come on board with a recommendation for the Herring Cove outfall."

MOTION CARRIED

Churchill Estates

Deputy Warden Ball stated that it was the decision of the PUB on August 7 to grant a rate increase of 87% to Churchill Water Utility Inc.

IT was moved by Deputy Warden Ball, seconded by Councillor Deveaux:

"THAT a letter be written to the PUB requesting justification of the 87% rate increase and to find out how the PUB is going to supervise all the orders that they have initiated, and if they are not followed, what remedies will they provide."

Councillor Merrigan advised that the Board of Health has written to the PUB outlining to them that a number of their orders have not been adhered to and we are awaiting a reply.

Deputy Warden Ball stated that the service of the Churchill Estates Water Utility has been poor. Water has been turned off on a number of occasions without notification to the residents, at one point for 4 days.

MOTION CARRIED

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

"THAT staff come back with a report on the advantages and disadvantages of taking over this water utility."

MOTION CARRIED

#### DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION - DEPUTY WARDEN BALL

Deputy Warden Ball stated that there is a playground being installed in Portuguese Cove.

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

"THAT a letter be written to the Department of Transportation requesting a reduction in the speed limit along the Ketch Harbour Road between Harbour View Drive and Campertown Road and the posting of crosswalk signs."

MOTION CARRIED

#### CROSSWALKS, DISTRICT 6 - COUNCILLOR DEVEAUX

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

"THAT the County request that a crosswalk be placed in Eastern Passage on the intersection of Green Ridge Trailer Court and the Caldwell Road."

MOTION CARRIED

#### BEAVERBANK ROAD - COUNCILLOR MERRIGAN

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

"THAT a letter be written to the Minister of Transportation stating that we are pleased to hear that the Beaverbank Road from Harold T. Barrett to the County line will be resurfaced next year, and ask them if they would at the same time look at constructing 3/10 of a mile of sidewalk from Harold T. Barrett to Danny Drive."

MOTION CARRIED

**LACK OF WASHROOM FACILITIES AT MUNICIPAL PLAYING FIELDS -  
COUNCILLOR MCINROY**

Councillor McInroy stated that he has received a number of complaints about this subject. He stated that hundreds of people are using the fields at any given time and some have come a considerable distance and it has become a common practice to use wooded areas or perceived wooded areas which have been peoples back yards for washroom facilities. He stated that concerns have been expressed in particular for the Forest Hills Commons where there are a number of recreational fields without facilities.

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

"THAT staff investigate the possibilities with respect to the Forest Hills Commons play areas and other well used fields that warrant this kind of facility."

Councillor MacDonald stated that "Johnny on the Spots" have been used in Sackville which have proved adequate for temporary use.

Councillor Merrigan stated that he was in support of this because he tried to get facilities in Beavercreek. Councillor Merrigan stated that the smell that comes from the "Johnny on the Spots" warrants another option.

MOTION CARRIED

**URGENT AGENDA ITEMS****Treatment Plant - Councillor Deveaux**

Councillor Deveaux stated that McNab's Island is being considered as a proposed treatment plant site in conjunction with the Harbour Clean Up. He stated that he has not spoken to anyone who would support having a plant erected there. He stated that he was part of a committee that drew up plans for the island that were strictly for recreation and associated uses. He stated that a treatment plant would not enhance the future of the island. He stated that the cities are more responsible for the problem and therefore the plant should be located within their confines.

It was moved by Councillor Deveaux:

"THAT a letter be sent to the Harbour Clean-Up Corporation stating that Council is opposed to a treatment plant on McNab's Island or within the confines of Halifax County."

Councillor Deveaux stated that his concern is not because it is in his district, but rather the cities are more responsible for the problem and therefore should be within their confines.

Warden Lichter stated that he met with his counterparts on this issue and he stated that if this motion passes, the door would be closed to further extensive public consultation. He stated that consultation is taken at each stage of the selection process.

Deputy Warden Ball read from the report referring to the public consultation process at various stages.

MOTION LOST FOR A SECONDER

ADDITION OF ITEMS FOR THE SEPTEMBER 18, 1990 SESSION

Councillor Horne: Department of Transportation for Councillor Snow

Councillor Bates: High School in Eastern Sub Section

Councillor Bayers: Municipal Development Plan in District 10

ADJOURNMENT

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

"THAT this session adjourn."  
MOTION CARRIED

Session adjourned at 8:20 p.m.

COUNCIL SESSION

September 18, 1990

THOSE PRESENT: Warden Lichter  
Councillor Poirier  
Councillor Fralick  
Deputy Warden Ball  
Councillor Deveaux  
Councillor Bates  
Councillor Adams  
Councillor Randall  
Councillor Bayers  
Councillor Smiley  
Councillor Reid  
Councillor Merrigan  
Councillor Morgan  
Councillor Eisenhower  
Councillor Boutilier  
Councillor Harvey  
Councillor Sutherland  
Councillor McInroy  
Councillor Cooper

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

SECRETARY: Mrs. Twila Simms

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Warden Lichter called the meeting to order at 6:00 p. m. with the Lord's Prayer. Mr. Kelly called the Roll.

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

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

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

"THAT the minutes of August 21, 1990 Council Session be approved as circulated."  
MOTION CARRIED

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

"THAT the minutes of August 27, 1990 Public Hearing be approved as circulated."  
MOTION CARRIED



LETTERS AND CORRESPONDENCE

Department of Transportation and Communications

Mr. Kelly reviewed the letter concerning the survey and cost estimate for three sections of sidewalk construction on the Old Beaverbank Road.

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

"THAT this letter be received."  
MOTION CARRIED

Department of Transportation and Communications

Mr. Kelly reviewed the letter concerning the paving of Kelly Road.

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

"THAT this letter be received."  
MOTION CARRIED

Ocean View Manor

Mr. Kelly reviewed the letter stating that Ocean View Manor has recently been awarded a three year accreditation status.

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

"THAT this letter be received."

Councillor Randall stated that as a member of the Board he would like to congratulate the management and staff for this achievement. He stated that a lot of work and planning went into realizing this achievement. He stated that he was proud of the accreditation status.

MOTION CARRIED

Forestry Canada

Mr. Kelly reviewed the letter concerning the Dutch Elm Disease Assistance Program.

It was moved by Councillor Reid, seconded by Deputy Warden Ball:

"THAT this letter be received."

Councillor Reid asked if this meant that the province is dropping support for this program. Mr. Kelly stated that the Department of Lands and Forests and Forestry Canada will provide technical information, but financial assistance will no longer be provided by the Department of Lands and Forests.

MOTION CARRIED

#### SUPPLEMENTARY CORRESPONDENCE

##### Independent Order of Foresters

Mr. Kelly reviewed the letter asking that October be declared as Prevention of Child Abuse Month.

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

"THAT this letter be received and that October be proclaimed as Prevention of Child Abuse Month."

MOTION CARRIED

##### Mountain Security Ltd.

Mr. Kelly reviewed the letter requesting that Council appoint Susan Elizabeth Lowe, Lower Sackville, through the N.S. Police Commission as an Animal Control Officer.

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

"THAT this letter be received and that Council request the NS Police Commission to appoint Susan Elizabeth Lowe as an Animal Control Officer."

MOTION CARRIED

#### PLANNING ADVISORY REPORT

File No.'s PA-SA-16-90; ZAP-SA-16-90; PA-TLB-17-90; ZAP-TLB-17-90; PA-EP/CB-19-90; ZAP-EP/CB-19-90; PA-LM-20-90; ZAP-LM-20-90; SB-03-90 - Reduced Lot Frontage Provisions

Mr. Kelly reviewed the report.

It was moved by Councillor Boutilier, seconded by Deputy Warden Ball:

"THAT this item be dealt with at a public hearing on October 15, 1990 at 7:00 p.m."

MOTION CARRIED

Application No. ZA-PD5-25-90 - Amendments to the Land Use By-law for Planning District 5

Mr. Kelly reviewed the report.

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

"THAT this item be dealt with at a public hearing on October 15, 1990 at 7:00 p.m."

MOTION CARRIED

Application No. RA-CH/W-04-90-25 - Application By Louis and Sami Tam, Cole Harbour Road

Mr. Kelly reviewed the report.

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

"THAT this item be dealt with at a public hearing on October 15, 1990 at 7:00 p.m."

MOTION CARRIED

#### EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPORT

##### Store Hours

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

"THAT this item be deferred to the next Council Session."

MOTION CARRIED

##### Grants

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

"THAT Council approve a General parkland grant and District Parkland Grant, District 25, of \$550 each for park area at Chameau Crescent."

MOTION CARRIED

#### SUPPLEMENTARY GRANT

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

"THAT Council approve a District Parkland Grant, Districts 7 and 23 of \$200 each for 2 bicycle racks at Joseph Giles School."

MOTION CARRIED

**Applications for Property Tax Relief, Recipients of Family Benefits**

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

"THAT Council request a meeting with the Minister of Community Services respecting proposed deductions in family benefits for those recipients who are granted property tax relief by the Municipality;

AND FURTHER THAT we approach the Cities of Halifax and Dartmouth to see if the same condition applies and ask them to accompany us to a meeting with the province."

Councillor Reid stated that Halifax County has had a program that relieves taxes of people in need for that year. He stated that this year we were informed by our Social Services Department that as a result of our relieving taxes for those in receipt of Social Services, the provincial Department of Social Services will deduct that amount of benefits for the following year. He stated that we are providing the program to make it better for those on Social Services budgets. He stated that the province is riding on the coat-tails of our \$200,000 program.

MOTION CARRIED

**SUPPLEMENTARY: THREE BROOKS SUBDIVISION DISTRICT 3**

Mr. Kelly reviewed the report stating that Three Brooks Subdivision is situated in the Five Island Lake District 3. In 1988 the Halifax County Municipality received lot 100 as parkland. The developer of Three Brooks Subdivision has submitted a request to Halifax county to do a land swap of a portion of parcel 100. The developer has agreed to convey parcel A in exchange for parcel B.

The developer is proposing to construct a model home on the proposed Lob 105B as a sales office for the lots within the above mentioned subdivision. Once the sale of these lots has been completed, the model home will be converted into a community centre and conveyed to the residents of the subdivision.

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

"THAT this proposal be approved."

MOTION CARRIED

**SUPPLEMENTARY: NOMINATIONS - COLE HARBOUR PLACE BOARD**

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

"THAT the following individuals be nominated as members of the Cole Harbour Place Board for a one year term: Mr. Harold Northrup, Ms. Merna Conrod, Mr. Bill Grandy, Mr. Charles Chant, Mr. Alan Turner, Ms. Gerri Irwin, Mr. Roy Teal, and that Councillors Cooper and Bates be appointed as members."

MOTION CARRIED

**FOR INFORMATION: MAINSTREET CO-ORDINATOR'S REPORT**

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

"THAT this report be received."

MOTION CARRIED

**COUNCILLOR BATES: HIGH SCHOOL IN EASTERN SUB-SECTION**

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

"THAT this item be deferred until the next Council Session."

MOTION CARRIED

**COUNCILLOR BAYERS: MUNICIPAL DEVELOPMENT PLAN DISTRICT 10**

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

"THAT Council give its notice of intention to prepare a planning strategy and Land Use By-law for the plan area of Districts 10 and 11, and for the plan area of Districts 12 and 13.

FURTHER THAT these plans will be prepared according to the Municipality's established process for public participation and Council hereby reaffirms its public participation resolution as previously adopted for Stage 1 and 2 planning process."

MOTION CARRIED

**IN CAMERA ITEM**

AT 6:20 it was moved by Councillor Smiley, seconded by Councillor Fralick:

"THAT Council move in-camera until the minor variance appeal scheduled for 7:00 p.m."

MOTION CARRIED

Council agreed to come out of camera.

## MINOR VARIANCE APPEAL - 7:00 P.M.

Staff presented the report stating that on June 25, 1990 during a regular inspection of the Arklow Drive area, the Halifax County Building Inspector noted that a sun deck had been constructed at 388 Arklow Drive without the necessary permits. On June 25, 1990, Linda Squires applied for a building permit, a municipal development permit and a minor variance to locate a sun deck 3 feet from the left side yard property line rather than the required 8 foot setback.

The new deck, which measures 7 x 10 feet, was constructed to replace an older step and platform which measured 6 x 6 feet. This addition is located in what is now a non-conforming side yard and results in further reducing the separation distance between it and the dwelling on the adjacent lot.

Councillor Bates asked if the neighbours were upset. Staff advised that there were phone calls inquiring as to what was going on, but no one was opposed.

Councillor Fralick asked if there was opposition. Staff advised that no one was concerned enough to come forward.

Councillor Eisenhauer asked if construction has been done. Staff advised that construction was completed.

Councillor Cooper asked if there were driveways next to this new construction. Staff advised that it was only the owners driveway. Councillor Cooper asked if the neighbour's door was located on this side of the house. Staff advised that there was no door, and no windows on that side of the neighbouring house.

Councillor Merrigan stated that this is one foot in difference and questioned why it was not minor. Staff advised that the land use by-law would have allowed the owner to reconstruct the deck at the original 6 feet, but 7 feet further reduces the side yard clearance.

Mr. Squires stated that the existing platform had deteriorated and was dangerous and when the new deck was built, they just extended it.

Councillor Cooper asked Mr. Squires if the neighbours had any difficulties with this. Mr. Squires stated that they did not. Mr. Squires also stated that the 6 x 6 deck was there when they bought the house.

Councillor Cooper asked if the lot in question is narrower than

provided for in the by-law. Mr. Squires stated that the average lot is 60' x 100' and his lot is 50' X 120', giving a narrower lot, but same square footage.

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

"THAT the minor variance be granted."

Councillor McInroy stated that he was in support of the motion and stated that these are the types of conditions that the by-law is for and does not take advantage of the neighbours.

Councillor Sutherland stated that it was nothing personal, but stated that Council should be maintaining the setbacks and should do so or look at not having them.

Warden Lichter stated that the report on Minor Variances and the way they are dealt with will be forthcoming.

MOTION CARRIED

#### IN-CAMERA

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

"THAT Council move in-camera."  
MOTION CARRIED.

The committee agreed to come out of camera.

Council discussed and debated recommendations from the Selection Committee re: Legal Services. Council agreed to reconvene to regular session.

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

"THAT the recommendation of the Selection and Evaluation Committee (copy attached) thereby appointing the firm Cox, Downie and Goodfellow as legal counsel to the Municipality and its various Boards and Committees as per their proposal and incorporating the changes as recommended by the C.A.O. re: Fixed retainer and hourly rates be approved."  
MOTION CARRIED

Meeting Adjourned.

PUBLIC HEARING

SEPTEMBER 10, 1990

THOSE PRESENT: Deputy Warden Ball  
Councillor Meade  
Councillor Poirier  
Councillor Deveaux  
Councillor Bates  
Councillor Adams  
Councillor Randall  
Councillor Bayers  
Councillor Smiley  
Councillor Reid  
Councillor Horne  
Councillor Merrigan  
Councillor Eisenhauer  
Councillor MacDonald  
Councillor Harvey  
Councillor Sutherland  
Councillor McInroy  
Councillor Cooper

ALSO PRESENT: Mr. R. Cragg, Municipal Solicitor  
Mr. G. J. Kelly, Municipal Clerk

SECRETARY: Mrs. Twila Simms

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Deputy Warden Ball called the meeting to order at 7:00 p. m. with the Lord's Prayer. Mr. Kelly called the Roll.

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

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

RA-SA-01-90-21 - APPLICATION BY DAVID AND MARK HALL TO REZONE THE PROPERTY AT 6 BRIDGEVIEW AVENUE IN LOWER SACKVILLE FROM R-1 (SINGLE UNIT DWELLING) ZONE TO R-2 (TWO UNIT DWELLING) ZONE

Susan Corser presented the staff report. She stated that an application has been made by David and Mark Hall to rezone their property from R-1 to R-2. The purpose of this application is to rezone the subject property to R-2, thereby permitting an existing second dwelling unit. The legal non-conforming status of this second basement apartment unit has been confirmed through telephone listings. The previous owner of the property has stated that the unit was built in 1969.

The existing structure is a single storey bungalow fronting on Bridgeview Ave. The second unit is located in the basement and has a private entrance at the rear. The presence of the second unit is not evident from the exterior of the structure. The dwelling



is set well back from the road, atop a ridge of land. Apart from the abutting single unit dwellings to the east and west, the property is fairly isolated. Slides were shown of the site.

The driveway off Bridgeview Avenue is clearly visible and unobstructed. The Walker Service Road is located to the rear of the property. A large vacant lot and an excavating business are located across the Walker Service Road from this property.

The subject property is located within the Urban Residential Designation established in the MPS for the Sackville plan area. This designation recognizes the importance of the low density residential environment and complementary community uses, while acknowledging the need for a broader housing mix.

In order to facilitate the intent of the Sackville plan, with regard to meeting diversified housing needs, two unit residential development may be considered by amendment to the land use by-law, where it is of a scale and location not inconsistent with existing neighbourhoods.

In considering such amendments to the land use by-law, Council must have regard to the provisions of Policy P-104 relative to general planning and land use concerns, including conformity with the intent of the plan, the adequacy of municipal services, the adequacy of land use controls and the suitability of the site.

She stated that staff believe that since it is intended to recognize an existing use and will result in no alteration to the existing structure, the application should be approved.

#### Questions from Council

None.

#### Speakers in Favour

None.

#### Speakers in Opposition

None.

#### Decision of Council

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

"THAT the application by David and Mark Hall to Rezone the property at 6 Bridgeview Avenue, in Lower Sackville,

from R-1 to R-2 be approved."  
MOTION CARRIED

**SB-02-90 - APPLICATION BY THE MUNICIPALITY TO AMEND THE MUNICIPAL  
SUBDIVISION BY-LAW IN ORDER TO INDEX WITHIN SCHEDULE "A", SIX  
PRIVATE SERVICES LANEWAYS WITHIN THE COMMUNITY OF NORTH PRESTON**

Jim Donovan presented the staff report. He stated that in April, 1989, Council approved amendments to the MPS and LUB for the Lake Major plan area, and to the subdivision by-law, in conjunction with the installation of central sewer and water services in the community of North Preston. Included among these amendments were plan policies to support a Department of Housing program to replace some existing housing in the community and to encourage the creation of new building lots in response to long-standing problems concerning the subdivision of land within the community.

He stated that in order to allow some opportunity for the owners of these properties to subdivide on the basis of serviced lot sizes, Policy P-36 (b) of the Lake Major strategy provides that the Municipality, in consultation with the provincial Department of Transportation, will consider indexing these private laneways within Schedule "A" of the Subdivision By-law.

Mr. Donovan stated that the main elements of the listing criteria are:

1. the private laneway must extend to and have access to a public street which is owned and maintained by the Department of Transportation;
2. the private laneway must have a minimum width of 6 meters and be a passable travel way;
3. the private laneway must provide access to at least 3 or more existing developed lots and these lots must be the majority of the total lots that could exist on the laneway. The number of potential lots that could exist is based on the minimum lot sizes contained in the Subdivision By-law or land use by-law;
4. the intersection of and Schedule "A" road and the public road must meet the grade, site distance and safety requirements of the Department of Transportation;
5. the length of the laneway may not extend beyond the last existing residential use and may not extend beyond the existing service.

Mr. Donovan stated that of the 18 serviced laneways in North

Preston, only 6 meeting the province's indexing criteria.

**Questions from Council**

Councillor Sutherland asked if there were municipal services such as garbage collection and snow plowing for these laneways. Mr. Donovan stated that these laneways have the same status as a private road and would not have municipal services.

Councillor Horne asked how many new lots may be formed. Mr. Donovan stated that this would be 3-10. Councillor Adams stated that for all 18, there could have been 30 potential new lots. He stated that it would only be a small number.

**Speakers in Favour**

None.

**Speakers in Opposition**

None.

**Decision of Council**

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

"THAT the amendments to the Municipal Subdivision By-law attached as Appendix "A" to the report be approved."  
MOTION CARRIED

**ADJOURNMENT**

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

"THAT this meeting adjourn."  
MOTION CARRIED

Meeting adjourned at 7:20 p.m.

COUNCIL SESSION

17 September 1990

THOSE PRESENT:           Warden Lichter  
(3:30 p.m. meeting)   Councillor Meade  
                          Councillor Poirier  
                          Councillor Fralick  
                          Councillor Ball  
                          Councillor Deveaux  
                          Councillor Bates  
                          Councillor Adams  
                          Councillor Randall  
                          Councillor Bayers  
                          Councillor Smiley  
                          Councillor Reid  
                          Councillor Horne  
                          Councillor Merrigan  
                          Councillor Morgan  
                          Councillor Eisenhauer  
                          Councillor MacDonald  
                          Councillor Boutilier  
                          Councillor Harvey  
                          Councillor Sutherland  
                          Councillor McInroy  
                          Councillor Cooper

ALSO PRESENT:           Mr. K. R. Meech, Chief Administrative Officer  
  
(6:00 p.m. meeting)   All present except:           Councillor Baker  
  Councillor Ball  
  Councillor Deveaux  
  Councillor Snow  
  Councillor Richards

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Council convened on Monday, September 17, 1990 at 3:30 p.m. Council had convened for the purpose of being briefed for proposals received from Davis Developments Ltd. and Canadian Shopping Centres Ltd. relative to relocating the central administration centre to the community of Sackville. The first presentation for the afternoon session was Bill Davis of Davis Developments Ltd. The second presentation, at 6:00 p.m., was by Canadian Shopping Centres Ltd., with the presentation being put forward by Stuart Blair.

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

"THAT the Council move in camera to hear the  
aforementioned proposals."  
MOTION CARRIED  
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The second portion of the meeting commenced at 6:00 p.m.

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

"THAT the Council meeting be convened an in-camera session."  
MOTION CARRIED

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THOSE PRESENT: Warden Lichter  
Councillor Poirier  
Councillor Fralick  
Deputy Warden Ball  
Councillor Bates  
Councillor Adams  
Councillor Randall  
Councillor Reid  
Councillor Merrigan  
Councillor Morgan  
Councillor Eisenhauer  
Councillor Boutilier  
Councillor Harvey  
Councillor Sutherland  
Councillor McInroy  
Councillor Cooper

ALSO PRESENT: Mr. G. J. Kelly, Municipal Clerk

SECRETARY: Mrs. Twila Simms

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Warden Lichter called the meeting to order at 7:00 p. m. with the Lord's Prayer. Mr. Kelly called the Roll.

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

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

ZA-FEN-11-90/ZA-8&9-12-90/RA-1&3-09-90-01/RA-1&3-10-90-03/RA-F&S-06-90-17/RA-EP/CB-05090-06/RA-TLB-11-90-02/RA-PD5-12-90-05/RA-F&S-14-90-17/RA-PD5-15-90-05 - The intent of the amendments is to correct errors in the zoning of specific properties as well as in the text of the by-laws themselves.

Mr. Rick Spanik presented the report.

Rezoning

1. Schooner Cove Marine Limited, Boutilier's Point to be rezoned from MRR-1 (Mixed Rural Residential 1) to MU-1 (Mixed Use 1). This change would provide the same zone as on the abutting parcel to the east, also owned by Schooner Cove Marine and would permit full use of both properties for the existing business. This narrow parcel of land was overlooked at the time the MU-1 zone was applied to the remainder of their property.

2. District 1 & 3, Sheldrake Lake would rezone properties east of an existing salvage yard from I-2 (Salvage Yard) to MRR-1 (Mixed Rural Residential 1) and the existing salvage yard from MRR-1 to I-2. This amendment would zone the subject properties to accurately reflect the intended residential and salvage yard uses. The I-2 zoning symbol was incorrectly placed to the east of the zoning line.

3. Waverley Road north of Dartmouth, to be rezoned from P-3 (Park) to R-1B (Suburban Residential). This amendment would correct the zoning to accurately reflect the intended residential use of each property.

4. Property at Cow Bay Road, Cow Bay to be rezoned from C-1 (Local Business) to R-2 (Two Unit Dwelling) and the neighbouring property from R-2 to C-1. This amendment would correct the zoning to accurately reflect the present use of each property. The zoning symbols were inadvertently reversed on these two properties.

5. Property on Highway No. 3, Lakeside to be rezoned from I-1 (Light Industry) to R-1 (single Unit Dwelling). This amendment would correct the zoning to accurately reflect the present and intended residential use of the property.

6. Property owned by Green Acres Development located at the northern boundary of District 5 to be rezoned from CDD to R-6 (Rural Residential) and to rezone the western portion of the J. REX Burgess property located at the northern boundary of District 5 from P-4 (Conservation) to R-6. The CDD zone was intended to be placed on the N.S. Housing Commission lands only. The P-4 Zone was intended to be placed on Crown lands only. The zoning symbols were incorrectly placed on these properties during the preparation of the zoning schedules.

7. Planning District 5, rezoning of property at Tribune Court, Herring cove from R-1 (Single Unit Dwelling) to VR (Village Residential). Section 11.6 of the Land Use By-law specifically permits the multiple unit dwelling on this property within the VEER Zone. THE correct zone was not placed on the property.

8. Property on Highway No. 2, Planning Districts 14 and 17 from C-2 (Community Commercial) to R-1B (Suburban Residential) and another property from R-1B to C-2. The amendment would correct the zoning to accurately reflect the intended residential and commercial use of the respective properties.

Text Amendments

1. Amend the Land Use By-law, Planning Districts 8&9 by deleting a use from Appendix "A" and correct an inconsistency found between Sections 14.5 and 14.7.

The existing sial making business presently identified in this appendix has relocated to another property with the result that it should be deleted from the appendix. In Sections 14.5 and 14.7 of the RE Zone two figures were inadvertently reversed.

2. Amend the Land Use By-law for Planning Districts 15/18/19 by adding an additional cross reference in Section 13.4 Other Requirements: Business and Day Care Uses. This addition will clarify that day care facilities within the MU-1 zone must meet the same provisions as day care facilities in the R-6 zone.

Questions from Council

Councillor Poirier asked if this would take care of all errors. Mr. Spanik stated that this would correct those that staff have been made aware of to this point.

Councillor Morgan asked if all applications for amendments were by staff or by the operators. Mr. Spanik stated that some were discovered as a result of owners coming forward, some have been caught by staff.

Councillor Morgan asked why there are instances in Sackville that have taken a year and a half to correct rather than 15 minutes like tonight. Mr. Spanik stated that there would have to be someone on staff to verify that errors were made and it has to be clear in the minutes or notes of the planning committee. He stated that there has to be verifiable evidence.

Speakers in Favour

None.

Speakers in Opposition

None.



Decision of Council

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

"THAT Application No. RA-1&3-09-90-01 be approved."  
MOTION CARRIED

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

"THAT Application No. RA-1&3-10-90-03 be approved."  
MOTION CARRIED

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

"THAT Application No. RA-F&S-06-90-17 be approved."  
MOTION CARRIED

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

"THAT Application No. RA-EP/CB-05-90-06 be approved."  
MOTION CARRIED

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

"THAT Application No. RA-TLB-11-90-02 be approved."  
MOTION CARRIED

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

"THAT Application No. RA-PD5-12-90-05 be approved."  
MOTION CARRIED

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

"THAT Application No. RA-F&S-14-90-17 be approved."  
MOTION CARRIED

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

"THAT Application No. RA-F&S-14-90-17 be approved."  
MOTION CARRIED

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

"THAT Application No. ZA-8&9-12-90 be approved."  
MOTION CARRIED

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

"THAT Application No. ZA-FEN-11-90 be approved."  
MOTION CARRIED

ADJOURNMENT

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

"THAT this meeting adjourn."  
MOTION CARRIED

Meeting adjourned at 7:20 p.m.

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1 OCTOBER 1990

THOSE PRESENT: Councillor Meade  
Councillor Fralick  
Deputy Warden Ball  
Councillor Deveaux  
Councillor Bates  
Councillor Adams  
Councillor Randall  
Councillor Bayers  
Councillor Smiley  
Councillor Reid  
Councillor Horne  
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Councillor Eisenhauer  
Councillor MacDonald  
Councillor Boutilier  
Councillor Harvey  
Councillor Richards  
Councillor Cooper

ALSO PRESENT: Mr. G. J. Kelly, Municipal Clerk

SECRETARY: Mrs. Twila Simms

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Deputy Warden Ball called the meeting to order at 6:00 p. m.

Canada Post Corporation

Marilyn Fardy, Manager Media Relations, Community Affairs and Donald Grantor, Manager, Rural Services were in attendance to address concerns of Council.

Mr. Grantor read the following written statement:

First of all I would like to thank you for the opportunity to speak to you on behalf of Canada Post. It gives me pleasure to be here to talk to you as members of the Halifax County Council. In the next few minutes I hope to demonstrate that Canada Post too, as a business, is dedicated to serving our customers and explain what we are doing to bring postal service in Canada into the twenty first century.

For those of you who are familiar with our operations, I should explain that Canada Post is organized into 10 divisions with Head Office located in Ottawa. Atlantic Division covers the provinces of Nova Scotia, New Brunswick, Prince Edward Island, Newfoundland and Labrador. We have a customer base of about 2.5 million people who are served by more than 1900 locations where postal products and services are available. Our division has approximately 5000 full and part time employees and three major mechanized processing

plants located in Halifax, St. John's Newfoundland and Saint John New Brunswick. We also deal with more than 2800 local entrepreneurs who provide mail transport and delivery in urban, suburban and rural areas.

On the national front, Canada Post delivers on average 36 Million pieces of mail every working day; serves approximately 11 Million addresses in every part of Canada; walks, drives flies over some of the most formidable terrain in the world and in some of the worst weather conditions; employs some 60,000 full and part time employees; runs a network of 29 major mechanized processing plants; buys more transportation services in Canada than any other corporation and now makes a profit.

When Canada Post became a crown corporation it had no modern standards, systems or procedures, no balance sheet, no general ledger, no cash flow and our revenues were in the \$1.5 Billion range. We had to put these into place to improve and expand service and break even financially, while business was proceeding full steam ahead. In our bleakest year, Canada Post cost taxpayers a little over \$600 Million. That was more than 8 years ago. In those 8 years we have moved from an annual deficit of \$600 Million to a profit in the fiscal year 88-89 of \$96 Million and to a profit of \$149 Million in fiscal year 89-90. But the biggest story, which you don't see in the headlines, is that at the same time we have improved the reliability and accessibility of our service and we have limited rate increases in the basic letter rate to less than the rate of inflation. We are committed to giving Canadians more reliable, accessible and affordable service.

Let me tell you what we have been doing to improve your postal service in each of these areas. First, reliability. We have set up a program of operational improvements for collecting, processing, and delivering the mail. We introduce inform standards, systems and procedures, at all our plants so that the mail would move in a coordinated predictable way across the country. For example we have instituted a special system for colour coding the mail. This allows us to designate which mail should be treated with priority within a postal facility in order to maintain service standards. We have a national control centre which is linked to nine divisional control centres as well as to the major Canadian airline and ground transportation networks. And the weather forecasting networks has been set up to monitor the movement of mail 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, ensuring that schedules are continually being met. If there is a flight delay at Toronto's Lester B. Pearson Airport, for example, or if a major snow storm forces road closures in Alberta, we know about it right away and take corrective action.

We establish clearly defined standards for delivery of properly

prepared letter mail and then hired an independent firm of auditors, Ernst and Young, to measure our performance to those standards and publish the results every quarter. We are the first postal administration in the world to have its performance independently measured and the results published. The standards for properly prepared letter mail are delivery within two business days within the same urban centre, within three days between major centres in the same province and within four days between major centres in different provinces. Service has been steadily improving since the auditing began in the fall of 1987. The most recent Ernst and Young report for the past two quarters covering January to June of this year, indicates that our service performance reached an all time high of 97% in all three categories. That compares with an average of below 85% just over two years ago.

We are constantly looking for ways to improve our service performance to those set standards. By using our resources more efficiently we can provide better service to our customers and manage our costs for providing the service more responsibly.

Another indication of reliability is the greater volume of mail delivered. That volume has increased by more than one third since we became a crown corporation. By trusting us to deliver more of their mail, people are showing confidence in our ability to provide efficient and reliable service.

Second we promised to make our products and services more accessible. We want to make it easier for you to buy stamps, mail a letter or receive a package. That is why we are entered into partnerships with local businesses, setting up retail postal outlets with the people who best understand retail sales. This program would increase the number of outlets by more than 25% over the next 5 years to some 21,000. This is only the beginning.

In terms of geographic area, Canada Post is one of the most of the extensive delivery networks in the world, serving nearly 11 million addresses throughout the country and over the next 5 years and estimated 225,000 new addresses will be added to the network. One of the biggest democratic changes in Canada over the past 20 years or so has been the growth of sprawling suburbs around our major cities and towns. The community mailbox is one that is used here as well as in the United States to extend service to suburban areas. One of the advantages of community mailboxes is that they have special compartments for packages. Retail postal outlets such as the one located in the Superstore in Lower Sackville, McDonalds Stationery in Cole Harbour, offer extended hours, giving customers greater access to our products.

We want to regain a significant part of the parcel delivery market,



by making it more competitive and attractive for commercial customers. We are now introducing a system for letters and parcels that allows both customers and commercial customers to choose the best speed/cost combination for their needs. If a customer wants extra service, we can now provide choices for another cost from our new products. Electronic mail products, tele-post, entopost, invoi-post and volume electronic mail can ensure top priority messages same day delivery. Priority Courier will deliver your urgent documents tomorrow morning on time, 99% of the time with the added feature of track and trace. Our special letter products guarantee delivery within the purchase time frame as early as tomorrow or the next one is delivered at no cost to the customer.

Our commercial customers are also important to us and we are eager to do business with you. In our division we are dealing with businesses as large as Maritime Tel & Tel, Stanfields, National Sea Products and many others. We have also made significant inroads in the commercial market with our own unique advertising media which we call ad-mail. Our extensive network and flexibility makes it possible for mailers to distribute advertising material in areas as small as one postal code area, or as large as an entire region, or all rural communities in a given area or to all of Canada.

Our third commitment to you is affordability. When we became a corporation 8 years ago we promised to give you your money's worth. Since our first year as a corporation, postal rate increases have been kept below the rate of inflation. Comparisons are often made between postal systems in Canada and other countries without taking into account the different wage rates and geographic sizes and population density involved. Canada is the second largest country in the world and our relatively small population is widely disbursed. By comparison, all Great Britain would fit into an area the size of the Maritimes, yet the basic letter rate there when measured in real terms is still higher than here in Canada where mail is delivered from Labrador City to Victoria BC for the same price as between Halifax and Sydney. By any yardstick that is value for money.

Canada Post is delivering on its promise of better service to its customers. In 1989/90 our profit was \$149 Million. While this amount may be large in absolute terms, on revenues of \$3.6 Billion it's small. It represents a return on equity of 10.5% and is a step towards the industrial norm of 14-15% return. We have made our second consecutive profit and for the first time we have paid dividends of \$60 Million to our shareholder, the government of Canada. That means that Canada taxpayers are no longer subsidizing our operation. Now we are helping to reduce government deficit instead of contributing to them. To Canadian businesses, which provide 80% of the postal volume, availability of reliable,

accessible, and affordable postal service is essential. Inefficiencies in the postal network mean higher cost for businesses increasing our vulnerability in a highly competitive marketplace.

To build for the postal service of the future, Canada Post must maintain its profitability. We must revitalize our aging plants and equipment while continuing the improvement in efficiencies we have established since we became a crown corporation. We must continue to increase our volume by providing services that meet market needs and focus even more on serving our customers well. Through the 90's and into the twenty first century, Canada Post will continue to improve upon the success by providing Canadians with reliable, accessible and affordable products and services specifically adapted to your needs.

Councillor Deveaux asked why, although Canada Post had a considerable profit last year, that the price of stamps continues to rise. Mr. Grantor stated that the cost of stamps increases are always below the cost of living increases. He stated that although there is a profit, they have to continue with a profit to get new equipment and facilities as the ones they have are getting old now.

Councillor Deveaux stated that the service is handed over to private businesses and asked if it was more profitable not to have the operation cost of those buildings continue. Mr. Grantor stated that there are in excess of 600 offices converted over to private business, most being those operated from a person's home. He stated that it is cost effective to do that and that we would be seeing more of it in the future. He added that each case is worked out on its own merit.

Councillor Deveaux stated that he had concerns with the mailboxes that freeze up in the winter and asked if there was a number to call if that happens again. Ms. Fardy stated that their winter brochure is being released soon and will have a telephone number to call in case of problems with the boxes. She stated that the brochure will be sent to those who would be affected.

Councillor Deveaux asked if the GST would have any bearing on postal service. Mr. Grantor stated that when it comes into effect that 7% will be charged on all products and services. Councillor Deveaux asked if this would include mailorders. Mr. Grantor stated that it would not. Mr. Grantor added that they are only collecting the tax for the government and they do not benefit from the 7% tax.

Councillor Deveaux asked if Mr. Grantor was responsible for cutbacks in the metro area. He stated that there were 4 places in Metro proposed for cuts in service. Mr. Grantor stated that he looked after the rural area and this would include Eastern Passage.

Councillor Deveaux asked if he was aware of any cuts in service to the public. Mr. Grantor stated that hours to postal offices were being standardized to 9:00 - 12 Noon on Saturdays. Councillor Deveaux stated that the regular hours are 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. and stated that this is a substantial cut to service to the public. Councillor Deveaux asked how much forewarning would be given. Mr. Grantor stated that 30 days notice would be given. Councillor Deveaux asked why only 30 days. Mr. Grantor stated that 30 days is sufficient because it is not a significant change and 9-12 seems adequate. Councillor Deveaux stated that it is significant to the employees in the run of a year. Mr. Grantor stated that these changes are done in line with union contracts. Councillor Deveaux asked who would be notified. Mr. Grantor stated that it would be the people in the area and the Councillor/Mayor/Alderman/MP for the area involved. Mr. Grantor stated that 90 days is given for a major change.

Councillor Reid stated that he questioned the better service in the area of accessibility in light of the fact with Middle Musquodoboit post office changes. He stated that it will be closed every day from 1-2 p.m. and no notification was given to him or the Warden about it. He stated that the present employee of Canada Post would lose 10 hours every 2 weeks when the post office is closed to the public.

Mr. Grantor stated that that change has been put on hold at the moment for further review and that is why no notice was sent.

Councillor Reid stated that Middle Musquodoboit has its own post office with 3-4 employees and he stated that there are rumours in the community that when the post mistress retires that the post office will close and it will go into private business. He stated that Middle Musquodoboit is the central point for a large area and 4-5,000 people. He stated that the post office is an essential service.

Mr. Grantor stated that he did not know of any plans with Middle Musquodoboit and clarified that each situation is reviewed on its own merits. He stated that they do not go out and automatically convert. He stated that they look at geography, location and he stated that with 3-4 employees, they are not laid off, they look to transfer them somewhere else. He stated that offices that have been converted, 95% of them were ones run by 1 person in their own home. He stated that there are contractual obligations that would prevent closures of a post office as well. He stated that offices with larger staff is not easy to convert as a one person office.

Councillor Reid stated that Canada Posts seems to be very secretive about such closings. He stated that he cannot understand that such

a large corporation, that must have a master plan of what it is going to do, will not come straight out and inform people that an office may close rather than through the back door. Mr. Grantor stated that these opportunities for closure are reviewed as the opportunities present themselves, either when someone retires or leaves, etc and each is reviewed on its own merit. He stated that they do not know until that time arises. He stated that through natural attrition, the basic age of post masters is getting older and Canada Post is finding itself with an aging population of post masters. He stated that there could be anywhere from 25 to 40 possibilities of closure this year, but nothing is guaranteed.

Councillor Reid stated that someone knows which offices fit that criteria to be closed and stated that he cannot understand why Canada Post cannot be up front and say these offices will be kept open and other offices are not necessary and will be closed. He stated that this would make people aware and it would not look like Canada Post is sneaking in through the back door.

Mr. Grantor stated that 90 days notice is given up front. He stated that they do not have a plan that pinpoints when offices will be closing. He stated that as opportunities arise they are reviewed, each on its own merits.

Councillor Meade stated that 5 years ago the Tantallon Post Office and Department of Fisheries shared a building and the Dept. of Fisheries was forced out so that the post office could expand, but nothing has happened yet. Mr. Grantor stated that he was not aware that the Dept. of Fisheries was forced out for Canada Post to expand and stated that he was not familiar with the history.

Councillor Meade stated that 5 years ago at the Head of St. Margarets Bay they closed out that post office and Boutilier's Point and Black Point will be with just Hubbards left. He stated that a vote was taken in the community and they wanted the community mailboxes. He stated that this year from September 7th to 14th work was being done on these and since the 14th it is only 75% complete and nothing more is being done. He stated that they were promised a roof and walls and lights. He stated that this is a concern because Black Point is getting one in November.

Mr. Grantor stated that he would look into it and call Councillor Meade tomorrow.

Councillor Merrigan stated that Beaverbank lost the post office and its retail post office too and they are living without it. He stated that they have the old green mailboxes and they are trying to improve the community and they cannot get anyone to tell them what they are doing. He stated that whenever a subdivision is created they throw in those old green mailboxes and he asked if

there was any policy to work with the community because in the rural area no one maintains the boxes, they tip over, etc. He stated that the community is prepared to do its part in this and stated that he thought they were going to be converted to supermailboxes.

Mr. Grantor stated that with new subdivisions they try to work with local authorities through the Delivery Services Department and he stated that plans to replace green boxes with supermailboxes are long term. Mr. Grantor stated that they try to make the green boxes last as long as possible because of the costs involved. Mr. Grantor suggested that Councillor Merrigan call Barry Bennett in Delivery Services on this issue.

Councillor Bayers asked about the 'as the opportunity arises' policy with respect to closure. He stated that in Musquodoboit Harbour the post mistress retired and the acting post master has retired and he stated that there is no one there. Mr. Grantor stated that there is not a vacancy at that post office and the acting post master is on some kind of leave. Mr. Grantor stated that they do not create the opportunities.

Councillor Bayers asked if it was policy when a post office is closing that there is a 90 day notification and public meeting. Mr. Grantor stated that there was.

Councillor Horne stated that he had some concerns with the post office boxes sites getting quite large. He stated that in his community there used to be 2-3 and now there about 14. He stated that these are located on the turn in a road (Site 9) and stated that he sent a letter requesting an alternate site at the fire hall. Mr. Grantor took note of the situation.

Councillor Adams stated that a few years ago he was given assurances that he would be seeing supermailboxes for Lake Echo and East Preston. Mr. Grantor stated that for budgetary reasons installation will be more gradual and long range.

Councillor Adams expressed concern about the condition of some green mailboxes in his area on Salmon River Drive, he stated that they are desperate looking and mail is often on the ground because of the holes in them. Mr. Grantor took note of the situation.

Councillor Smiley stated that she was concerned about the amalgamation of the routes in Tangier. She stated that Canada Post was lacking in PR. She stated that the routes covered 371 households and stated that when you live in a rural area and services are 40 miles away delivery is very important. She stated that she has requested meetings and never succeeded. She stated that there were 2 rural route drives covering 75 miles of district