

and amalgamation was called administrative housekeeping. She stated that this meant the loss of two jobs and this concerned her. She stated that the two who lost their jobs had 9 and 18 years experience in the business and their hard work was ignored. She stated that the tendering was handled badly. She stated that there was a lack of community involvement in the decision.

Mr. Grantor stated that amalgamation was tendered as they are obligated. He stated that this situation was not of the nature to require a public meeting, because it was an administrative change. He stated that mail is still delivered within the same business day. He stated that there may be a change in the contractor, but even if there was two routes there could have been a change in contractor. He stated that there were 90 days notice given, but it did not significantly impact mail delivery. Mr. Grantor stated that when a contract is signed they go over it thoroughly with the contractor to make sure they know what they are getting into. He stated that with retail operations, they do the same and often suggest that their lawyers advise them on the matter. He stated that they are given a percentage of sales or a minimum base.

Councillor Randall stated that he has been experiencing some problems in the Chezzetcook, Lawrencetown area and stated that green boxes are becoming unsightly. He stated that he has found that Canada Post does not stock many of those boxes and orders have taken months and years to fill. Mr. Grantor stated that they do have problems getting supplies and that is tied in with the G.A.T.T. and they have to accept bids from everywhere. He added that there will be a fair supply coming in shortly.

Councillor Randall also stated that he has written a letter requesting that some green mailboxes be relocated as they are on a bad turn in the road on the 207 and suggested that they be moved to within the subdivision. Councillor Randall stated that he would write another letter with these concerns for Mr. Grantor to address.

Councillor Fralick stated that there were unsightly green boxes in District 3 in need of replacement in Seabright and Woodens River. Mr. Grantor stated that an inspection would be carried out.

Deputy Warden Ball stated that he would like to have green mailboxes in his district. He also stated that a majority of mail from this building goes to the Armdale Post Office and stated that recent reports have indicated that Armdale is one of 4 locations that are suggested for closure in the near future. Mr. Grantor stated that he was not aware that Armdale was or would close. He stated that if it was alternatives would be found for the clients. He advised that they did close the station at Scotia Square.

Department of Tourism and Culture

Mr. Brian Gallivan was present to answer questions of Council.

Councillor Fralick stated that N. S. is built on small business and that growth has been slow here and small business is our strength. He stated that he has found that the Department of Tourism is heading down the same road as the Fisheries. He stated that money is going into mergers and it would appear that it is putting a hardship on small corporations and they could be looking at a similar situation as to what happened with Fisheries.

Mr. Gallivan stated that the bulk of tourism is small business and stated that most assistance programs in the past and also today are geared towards the smaller businesses and once they reach a certain size they are no longer eligible for assistance. He stated that the more common complaint is that the bigger businesses cannot get the assistance.

Councillor Fralick stated that moneys should be spent on the roads and rest areas. He stated that with assisting companies it seems that if one restaurant receives funding and another does not, it goes out of business. He stated that he would rather see funds go into roads and rest areas and let the private sector run the thing to have a healthier industry.

Mr. Gallivan stated that the roads are handled by the Department of Transportation. He stated that it was fair to say that the Department of Tourism has a difference of opinion with the Department of Transportation in this area. He also stated that roadsides are another department's responsibility. He stated that their Department would like to see more look-offs and rest areas, but they have to influence the Department of Transportation. He stated that in any situation where assistance is requested, all areas are looked at including other businesses in the area. He stated that they would need evidence to prove that the assistance from the province has contributed to another going out of business. He stated that claims are made, but they are not able to prove it.

Councillor Meade stated that his concern was with sign pollution. He stated that there should be a design standard similar to PEI. Mr. Gallivan stated that they are looking at that idea. He stated that they are looking at PEI and Ontario as examples of such. He stated that it was a case of the Department of Transportation who has the ultimate authority in that area. Councillor Meade asked when they would be taking the idea to the Department of Transportation. Mr. Gallivan stated that they are having a meeting this week and it would most likely be raised again at that time, but he stated that he did not know what or when anything may happen.

Councillor Smiley stated that she was concerned about signage and stated that it is important to pursue it. Mr. Gallivan stated that it is also important for the Municipality to keep the pressure on the Department of Transportation in this area. Councillor Smiley stated that there are crude, homemade, illiterate signs that are disturbing to not only the tourists, but also to the residents of the area.

Councillor Smiley also asked about rest areas and asked who to contact. Mr. Gallivan stated that these are the responsibility of the Department of Transportation if it is adjacent to a major highway, or the Department of Lands and Forests.

Councillor Smiley stated that her area is working on developing a gold resources centre, and stated that there are concerns that this should be taken over by the N.S. Museum. Mr. Gallivan stated that museums are handled by the Department of Education.

Councillor Merrigan stated that in his area, there were 26 sawmills in 10 miles and stated that the residents were interested in looking into the possibility of having some kind of cultural centre for sawmills, but they did not know where to start. He also asked if there were funds available for these types of projects. Mr. Gallivan stated that he was not sure about funding and stated that there were a number of questions that would have to be answered to determine if it were eligible for and funding. Mr. Gallivan stated that if they called his department, he has someone on staff who could assist as a starting point.

Councillor Eisenhower stated that his concern was with the implementation of the GST. He asked if tourists were surveyed and what their views were on the prices. Mr. Gallivan stated that they survey on a regular basis and they also get a lot of comments both verbally and in writing. He stated that until this year the price of gas was mentioned from time to time, but most felt that it was offset by other factors, such as no toll roads. Mr. Gallivan stated that a 7% tax would be a major adjustment for everyone. He stated that the campground aspect of the industry is very nervous about this increase. He stated that this was not a good year for campgrounds and there is a fear that the traffic could seriously drop next year because of the price of gas.

Councillor Horne stated that he was concerned about the provincial parks, Oakfield and Laurie Park in particular and about improvements. Mr. Gallivan stated that there are considerations that have to be looked at. He stated that they have to be sensitive to private operators and that the government should not undercut them. He stated that it was a deliberate policy not to go too far with developing them as the private campgrounds are

having a hard time to maintain business let alone anything more. He stated that another factor is operational budgets and to the extent that they can find more dollars they will do more.

Councillor Smiley asked if there was money available for market studies to consider projects. She stated that Kelly Lake Fish Hatchery was a natural resource and that a lot of tourists went there for fishing and recreation. She stated that it was closed with the provision that it would be turned over to a provincial park. She asked if there were any plans. Mr. Gallivan stated that he was not aware of the situation but took note of it and would try to find out.

Adjournment

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

"THAT this meeting adjourn."
MOTION CARRIED

Meeting adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

COUNCIL SESSION

2 October 1990

THOSE PRESENT: Councillor Meade
Councillor Poirier
Councillor Fralick
Deputy Warden Ball
Councillor Deveaux
Councillor Bates
Councillor Adams
Councillor Randall
Councillor Smiley
Councillor Reid
Councillor Horne
Councillor Merrigan
Councillor Morgan
Councillor Snow
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. F. Crooks, 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 6:00 p. m. with the Lord's Prayer. Mr. Kelly called the Roll.

It was moved by Councillor Snow, seconded by Councillor Sutherland:
"THAT Twila Simms be appointed as Recording Secretary."
MOTION CARRIED

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

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

"THAT the minutes of the September 4, 1990 Council Session be approved as circulated."
MOTION CARRIED

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

"THAT the minutes of September 10, 1990 Public Hearing be approved as circulated."
MOTION CARRIED

Deputy Warden Ball welcomed Mr. Fred Crooks, new Municipal Solicitor to Council.

Deputy Warden Ball stated that Rhonda Creelman, Harold T. Barrett Junior High was in attendance and stated that she placed second in the provincial contest for Municipal Awareness Essay Contest for her essay, "Don't Sweep it Under the Carpet." Miss Creelman read her essay to Council and Councillor Merrigan presented her with a plaque and honorarium for her hard work and achievements.

LETTERS AND CORRESPONDENCE

Halifax County Bedford District School Board

Mr. Kelly reviewed the letter concerning wheelchair accessibility in older schools.

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

"THAT this letter be received."
MOTION CARRIED

Department of Transportation and Communications

Mr. Kelly reviewed the letter concerning the paving of Galloway Drive, Beaverbank.

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

"THAT this letter be received."
MOTION CARRIED

Board of Commissioners of Public Utilities

Mr. Kelly reviewed the letter concerning the Churchill Estates Water Utility.

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

"THAT this letter be received."
MOTION CARRIED

Department of Transportation and Communications

Mr. Kelly reviewed the letter concerning the appointment of two persons to the Shubenacadie Canal Commission.

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

"THAT this letter be received."
MOTION CARRIED

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

"THAT Mr. Bill Lockhart and Mr. Keith Manchester be re-appointed for a three year term."

Councillor Richards stated that he only received his agenda yesterday and stated that he has not had time to get a better understanding about Councils position towards these two people

It was moved by Councillor Richards,

"THAT this motion be deferred until the next Council Session for more information."

Councillor Boutilier asked if these people were appointed according to districts or across the board. Mr. Meech stated that when these people were appointed it was the first of such appointments.

Councillor Snow stated that initially why these two gentlemen were chosen is that they have shown, living on the canal in Wellington and Waverley, interest in restoring the system even before the commission was established.

MOTION LOST FOR SECONDER

MOTION CARRIED

Department of Transportation and Communications

Mr. Kelly reviewed the letter concerning the construction of sidewalk from Harold T. Barrett Subdivision to Danny Drive, Beaverbank.

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

"THAT this letter be received."
MOTION CARRIED

Department of Transportation and Communications

Mr. Kelly reviewed the letter concerning the installation of a crosswalk at the intersection of Greenridge Trailer Court and Caldwell Road, Eastern Passage.

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

"THAT this letter be received."
MOTION CARRIED

Department of Transportation and Communications

Mr. Kelly reviewed the letter concerning the paving of Marjorie Drive, Lawrencetown.

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

"THAT this letter be received."
MOTION CARRIED

Department of Transportation and Communications

Mr. Kelly reviewed the letter concerning the reduction to 50km/h between Caldwell Road and Bissett Road, Cole Harbour.

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

"THAT this letter be received."
MOTION CARRIED

Department of Transportation and Communications

Mr. Kelly reviewed the letter requesting a four way stop at Parkdale Ave and Maple Grove Ave. in Parkdale Subdivision, Timberlea.

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

"THAT this letter be received."

Councillor Poirier stated that whenever Council makes a request we get a letter stating that it will be looked at and then it gets lost somewhere along the lines. She stated that Council never gets the final answer unless we keep asking for a response. She stated that this is becoming a common practice.

MOTION CARRIED

Department of Housing

Mr. Kelly reviewed the letter confirming the reappointment of individuals to the Halifax County Regional Housing Authority.

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

"THAT this letter be received."
MOTION CARRIED

DATE OF MINOR VARIANCE APPEAL

Deputy Warden Ball reported that appeal MV 8-20-90 was withdrawn.

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

"THAT the appeal of Minor Variance MV-11-15090 - 1610
Beaverbank Road be heard October 16, 1990 at 7:00 p.m."
MOTION CARRIED

REPORT OF THE DEVELOPMENT OFFICER

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

"THAT this report be received."
MOTION CARRIED

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPORT

Store Hours

Councillor Richards stated that the Attorney General is supposed to be making a further announcement this week concerning this issue.

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

"THAT this item be deferred until the next Council Session and a staff report be done based on the adjustments the Attorney General will be coming forward with this week and how this would effect the current by-law."

Councillor Reid stated that the reason for repealing this by-law is that the provision of a Tourist Zone is no longer an option and would make the by-law void.

Councillor Richards stated that he agreed about the tourist zone, but stated that the by-law went further than designating the County as a tourist zone and stated that to repeal the by-law before hearing what the Attorney General has to say would be premature.

Councillor Boutilier asked Mr. Crooks what has to be done. Mr. Crooks stated that amendments will be necessary as a result of the elimination of the tourist zone option and any other amendments would be at Council's discretion and stated that other amendments could be affected by what the province says with regard to this legislation.

MOTION CARRIED

Pension Advisory Task Force

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

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

Councillor Deveaux asked what the changes would be. Mr. Meech stated that there would be two amendments that would state that if a person takes an early retirement that they will not suffer a reduction in their pension and that the Rule of 90 be changed to a Rule of 85 on an application basis. Mr. Meech stated that there would be 8 employees who would qualify within the next five years under this policy and their application would be reviewed on an individual basis.

Councillor Deveaux asked if this was only applicable within 5 years of the normal retirement age. Mr. Meech stated that if someone chose to take an early retirement they would have suffered a reduction.

Councillor Deveaux asked what the Rule of 85 was. Mr. Meech stated that this would be a combination of age and experience.

Councillor Richards asked that with the adjustments what the costs were to the fund and to the municipality. Mr. Meech stated that he did not have the figures before him, but it has been examined and the pension plan has sufficient surplus to handle these changes, including the one time cost of living increase. Mr. Meech added the plan has an ad hoc policy, not part of the pension arrangement, that if there was sufficient surplus Council would authorize a cost of living increase on an ad hoc basis.

Councillor Richards stated that the federal government has introduced legislation which forced changes to the pension arrangement. He asked if those changes were incorporated with these or if that would mean further adjustments that will incur further costs. Mr. Meech stated that those would be in place or will be by the specific date required in the legislation.

Councillor Cooper questioned the early retirement without penalty. Mr. Meech stated that the rule of 90 would be changed. Councillor Cooper asked if it was so much per year of service. Mr. Meech stated that it was and the consultants feel that this increase can be covered.

Councillor Sutherland asked about minimum qualifications. Mr. Meech stated that under the present plan it would be an age of 60 with a minimum of 15 years service or now with the age of 55.

MOTION CARRIED

Sidewalk Replacement - Portion Of Astral Drive

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

"THAT Council approve cost-sharing for the replacement of approximately 900 metres of asphalt sidewalk with concrete sidewalk, for the West and North sides of Astral Drive, from Caldwell Road to Brookfield Ave."

MOTION CARRIED

Application for Arcade, District 9

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

"THAT Council register its objection to the establishment of an arcade in the Gaetz Brook/Head of Chezzetcook area."

Councillor Randall stated that he has spoken to many who are opposed to an arcade at this location and one of the main areas of concern is its close proximity to the junior high school.

MOTION CARRIED

Temporary Borrowing Resolution

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

"THAT the following temporary borrowing resolution be approved by Council:

90-03 Sewer (Munroe Subdivision) \$350,000"

MOTION CARRIED

Renewal - Temporary Borrowing Resolution

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

"THAT the following renewal, temporary borrowing resolution be approved by Council:

85-03 Industrial Park (Infrastructure) \$6,800,000."
MOTION CARRIED

Requests For Grants

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

"THAT the following grants be approved:

- a) District Capital Grant, Dist. 7, \$3552.58 for playground equipment;
 - b) District Capital Grant, Dist. 12, \$4000.00 for Musquodoboit Valley Bicentennial Theatre for hookup to central water and sewer;
 - c) District Capital Grant, Dist. 13, \$2000 for pump replacement, Gays River, Cooks Brook Vol. Fire Dept.;
 - d) District Parkland Grant, Dist 16, \$50 for placement of metal mesh waste receptacle;
 - e) District Parkland Grant, Dist. 22, \$2540 for fencing, Smokey Dr. Elementary;
 - f) District Parkland Grant, Dist. 22, \$189.12 for parkland improvements;
 - g) District Capital Grant, Dist 22, \$154.56 for gravel, community playing field, Smokey Dr. Elementary.
 - h) District Capital Grant, Dist 25, \$4,231 for fencing."
- MOTION CARRIED

SUPPLEMENTARY EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPORT**Charles L. McDonald Sportspark - Funding**

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

"THAT Council approve an advance of \$100,000 from the Municipalities grant allocation for the purpose of covering fees and expenses associated with the development of cross country trails, the access road and excavation for the facility."

Councillor Horne asked if there were any controls for this \$100,000. Mr. Meech stated that Council could request invoices and decide on that basis to pay or not. Mr. Meech stated that this would require an amendment of the motion to require detailed

invoices for those purposes. He stated that the \$1 Million grant was made conditional on being satisfied that the province and federal people approved it and they would be advancing their contributions.

Councillor Merrigan asked who owned the property. Mr. Meech stated that it was owned by the Province of Nova Scotia but leased to the Waverley Village Commission which met the criteria for an agency of the Municipality and therefore the grant criteria.

Councillor Fralick asked if we had letters from the province and feds supporting this project. Mr. Meech stated that there has been an indication from the province and feds that it is in the economic agreement between the feds and the province which covers other projects as well. He stated that they have agreed to \$6.8 Million in total with conditions attached before the funds could be accessed. He stated that they have been able to satisfy the province and they have indicated that they would remove one or two of the conditions and will guarantee shortfalls with corporate funding and they are now waiting for federal approval through ACOA. He added that there was no guarantee that it would be approved.

Councillor Eisenhauer stated that he supported the motion.

MOTION CARRIED

Sackville Fire Station

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

"THAT Council approve the construction of the main station and sub-station for the Sackville Fire Department in the amount of \$1,875,000 and an additional temporary borrowing resolution in the amount of \$275,000."

Councillor Sutherland asked if after follow through with the contractual arrangement that it would come before the Sackville Community for scrutiny.

Mr. Meech stated that in an effort to expedite the project he has a draft of a letter to be signed by E. Stevens stating that the maximum is \$1.875 Million and if there are any changes they will have to find another way to address it. He stated that this is consistent with what the Sackville Community Committee adopted.

MOTION CARRIED

PAVING - CANDY MOUNTAIN ROAD

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

"THAT the petition for paving of Candy Mountain Road, District 9, be submitted to the Department of Transportation, with a copy to the MLA, Tom McInnis."
MOTION CARRIED

VILLAGE OF UPLANDS PARK TREATMENT PLANT

Mr. Meech stated that he had staff prepare this report for Council's information relative to the recent decision reached through the Expropriation Board. He stated that they have awarded a sum much larger than was originally anticipated. He stated that this was in the area of \$130,000 and under appeal, we would have to pay for legal costs and appraisal fees and survey costs. He stated that we estimated a cost of \$30-40,000. He stated that he will attempt to have a staff report put together with regard to financing and that he would bring this to the Urban Services Committee as it would be covered under the Environmental Services Rate. He stated that staff would research the agreements again.

Councillor Reid asked if we had any right to appeal. Mr. Meech stated that he has requested the opinion of our previous solicitor who was responsible for representing us in the past.

Councillor Reid questioned why we would be responsible for those costs. He stated that he sold all the lots as they were serviced, signed an agreement with the resident and we have to pay to bring the land back to its former condition.

Mr. Meech stated that he shared the same view and stated that it was hard to take. He stated that what happened is the expropriations board determined that based on their information the property owner was eligible for injuries. Councillor Reid asked if it was the responsibility of the residents of the municipality. Mr. Meech stated that he would have to check on that. Mr. Meech stated that in 1979 the Village Commission allowed the developer off the hook because the agreement basically put the commission in the position that they would be given some rights to have the plant there and continue to operate and give notice if wanted to renew it.

Councillor Reid stated that he remembered when it was expropriated, but did not remember being informed about being taken to court on this issue. Mr. Meech stated that when Council authorizes expropriation, everyone has the right of appeal and the procedure to follow is to pay 75% of the appraised value. He stated that the individual has the right to appeal and we pay for the legal and survey costs. Mr. Meech stated that he had to get more information

about the terms of the agreement when we decided on behalf of the local area to expropriate.

Councillor Eisenhauer stated that the report is not complete and there were some things missing. He stated that some assumptions have taken place and he stated that the part he has difficulty with is even though we have different company names and service commissions being formed since 1959, is that the principals are still one in the same. The village commission did not exist that was the developer and another arrangement to develop the houses, people moved in, and developer went bankrupt, the people were left with water and sewer problems, but prior to that before the developer went bankrupt they had a problem with lot sizes (in the 60's) and it was felt that if a village commission was formed then they could override the Municipality's planning by making the lot sizes requirements smaller. However, when they formed this village commission, then they got roped into the sewer and water included in the Act. Following that information, Summit Realty or legal people decided that what they would do is put pressure on the village commission to maintain or to enter into an agreement to keep the sewer flowing. They were forced into that agreement in the first place and then they got forced out of it then we stepped in. He stated that if we look at the whole series of what took place, he could not see how the Board could possibly award that injurious affection, because on the other side of the road there is this huge gain on other lots that are now serviced for the same Company (same principals). He stated that there was a loss, but the loss was designed by the principals of the company. He stated that there has been an error in law and awarding that judgement.

Councillor Eisenhauer stated that we should review the whole scenario before we pay. He stated that the second position is on payment. The County got involved in assessment and paying area rates because the Board of Health was on the Village Uplands Park because they could not maintain the sewer plant, and no one was an expert maintenance man in sewer, and it was called upon and the Municipality helped to maintain that. We then got involved in paying the environmental rate, and since that time the other subdivision that was established at that time under CMHC in the 1950's is Lively Subdivision. Where the appeal is coming from, it would be part of the capital costs of the sewer same with the Bedford-Sackville System and Lively System because the area rate is being paid the same as others for some time.

He stated that he would like to have two things happen, to have another look at the legal aspect of this and to state his position on how the costs will be paid when this comes to a conclusion.

Mr. Meech stated that he agreed unless he found something in the record otherwise. He stated that it would have to be absorbed by that environmental services budget.

Councillor Merrigan stated that we may have made a mistake with expropriating it. He stated that it seems to him that if he buys a lot from someone and it is a serviced lot and the developer of the lot has a sewage treatment plant and won't maintain it after it is bought or will want to close it down so that he would not have services any more, he would have recourse against them. He stated that the County expropriated the lot and taken over the plant, just because we had an agreement with the village commission to run it, he could not see why that would take away from his initial responsibility. He stated that he did not see how responsibility could be taken away by an agreement. He stated that maybe by expropriating that we may have alleviated that possibility.

Mr. Meech stated that he shared his views and that this is an injustice. He stated that when you review the agreement and events involved what seemed to be the key objective of Summit Realty is that they were looking for pressure to be applied to the County to have the trunk main extended out the Hammonds Plains Road which would have meant that existing and additional lands would become more valuable.

Councillor Merrigan stated that this should be given to the new solicitors.

Councillor Morgan asked with the Board that heard this case, do we have the right of appeal.

Mr. Crooks stated that they would be unable to advise the county on this issue as their law firm represented Summit Realty Ltd. when this began and on the basis of ethics and client-counsel basis he was unable to advise, other than to say that one always has the right of appeal. He stated that this was a retainer that they had long before the matter of representing the Municipality arose.

Councillor Eisenhauer stated that there have been a couple of parties involved here, one had the development to put in the homes, and that is what the people would go back on, however the owner of the property was part of the contract. There used to be a septic tank and when that plugged up, it was then the owner, who subsequently became Summit Realty said to go with the other properties outside of the developer who went bankrupt, and the same thing happened with water, they had to go through one lake and enter into an agreement to get water. In tracing back the path, there have been a lot of companies and a lot of attempts made to keep the Board of Health out of there and it all comes down to the

wrong people receiving the benefits. He also added that there could be a conflict of interest.

DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION - COUNCILLOR SNOW

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

"THAT Council request the Department of Transportation for a cost study for sidewalks, No. 2 Highway to LeGay's Fiberglass, Silverside Subdivision Entrance 318 to the No. 2 Intersection at Waverley."

MOTION CARRIED

URGENT AGENDA ITEM

Councillor Deveaux

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

"THAT Council request an extension of sidewalks in Eastern Passage on the Cow Bay Road from Hornes Road to the Sand Piper Shopping Mall."

MOTION CARRIED

ADDITION OF ITEMS FOR OCTOBER 16, 1990 SESSION

Councillor Sutherland - Local Traffic Authority

Deputy Warden Ball - Department of Transportation

ADJOURNMENT

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

"THAT Council adjourn."

MOTION CARRIED

Meeting adjourned at 7:30 p.m.

COUNCIL SESSION

16 October 1990

THOSE PRESENT: Warden Lichter
 Councillor Meade
 Councillor Poirier
 Councillor Fralick
 Deputy Warden Ball
 Councillor Deveaux
 Councillor Bates
 Councillor Adams
 Councillor Randall
 Councillor Smiley
 Councillor Reid
 Councillor Horne
 Councillor Merrigan
 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. F. Crooks, 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

LETTERS AND CORRESPONDENCE

Department of Transportation and Communications

Mr. Kelly reviewed the letter requesting paving of Myers Drive, Musquodoboit Harbour.

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

 "THAT this letter be received."
 MOTION CARRIED

Department of Transportation and Communications

Mr. Kelly reviewed the letter requesting a road name change for the Old Emersion Road to Old Post Road in Hubbards.

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

"THAT this letter be received."
MOTION CARRIED

Department of Transportation and Communications

Mr. Kelly reviewed the letter concerning the paving of Crane Hill Drive.

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

"THAT this letter be received."
MOTION CARRIED

Department Transportation and Communications

Mr. Kelly reviewed the letter concerning the passing zone along the Church Point Road in Sheet Harbour.

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

"THAT this letter be received."
MOTION CARRIED

Department of Transportation and Communications

Mr. Kelly reviewed the letter concerning signing in the vicinity of the public playground within the Greenwood Heights Subdivision.

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

"THAT this letter be received."
MOTION CARRIED

Department of Transportation and Communications

Mr. Kelly reviewed the letter concerning the installation of a stop sign at the intersection of the Old Post Road and the Old Indian Bridge Road.

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

"THAT this letter be received."
MOTION CARRIED

Department of Lands and Forests

Mr. Kelly reviewed the letter concerning improvements to Oakfield and Laurie Parks.

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

"THAT this letter be received."
MOTION CARRIED

Halifax East Hants Federation of Agriculture - Carol Versteeg,
Secretary

Mr. Kelly reviewed the letter informing Council that the Halifax East Hants Federation of Agriculture's appointee to the Fences Arbitration Committee is Mr. Ronald Holman, Middle Musquodoboit.

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

"THAT this letter be received."
MOTION CARRIED

SUPPLEMENTARY CORRESPONDENCE

Federal Business Development Bank

Mr. Kelly reviewed the letter asking that Small Business Week be proclaimed.

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

"THAT this letter be received and the week proclaimed
Small Business Week."
MOTION CARRIED

Kids Sense

Mr. Kelly reviewed the letter asking that Kids Sense Week be proclaimed Oct. 22 - Oct. 27.

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

"THAT this letter be received and the week proclaimed

Kids Sense Week."
MOTION CARRIED

Rev'd T. Phillips - Meadow Brook Subdivision Drainage System

Mr. Kelly reviewed the letter and petition concerning the above noted drainage system.

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

"THAT this letter be received."
MOTION CARRIED

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

"THAT a letter be written to the Minister of Transportation because water and sewer were put on the site, but the Department of Transportation did not do a proper job of hooking into the Storm Drainage System and the street is in a complete shambles."
MOTION CARRIED

PLANNING ADVISORY COMMITTEE REPORT

Application No. CDD-SA-01-89-22-AL - Amendments to the Armovan Agreement

Mr. Kelly reviewed the report.

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

"THAT the amendments be approved by Council."
MOTION CARRIED

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPORT

Loan Request - \$4,000 Chezzetcook Recreation Facility Development Society

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

"THAT Council approve a \$4,000 ten year loan advance to the Chezzetcook Recreation Facility Development Society for the purpose of completing construction of the recreation building extension at the Nathan Smith Park. The loan is repayable with interest and Council reserves the right to levy an area rate in default of principal and/or interest repayment."
MOTION CARRIED

PROPOSALS TO RELOCATE CENTRAL ADMINISTRATION OFFICE

Mr. Kelly reviewed the memorandum from Mr. Meech asking that Council provide the direction to either conclude the matter and indicate we are not interested in pursuing either of the proposals or direct him to undertake further detailed analysis of one proposal or both.

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

"THAT Council direct Mr. Meech to undertake further detailed analysis of both proposals and release the information to the press with the agreement of the respective proponents."

Councillor Eisenhauer stated that he was in opposition to the motion. He stated that the benefits would not be realized until well into the future and the fact that both proposals were of more benefit to the developers than to the County. He stated that the County cannot afford to foot the bill for this.

Councillor Fralick asked if we were cramped for space in this building. Mr. Meech stated that presently we were not.

Councillor McInroy stated that he was against the motion. He stated that Council spent a lot of money a few years ago to upgrade this building and decentralization has benefitted the urban areas and now the County has a higher profile and is more effective in these areas. He stated that the economic climate is not good now for this and there were no major benefits to moving. He stated that it is important to limit the expenditures as a government.

Councillor Reid stated that he could not disagree with the positions taken, but stated that this motion does not mean that Council gives Mr. Meech the ability to come up with a final position that the County would take. He stated that Mr. Meech would have the position of looking at the two proposals, studying them and maybe getting a better deal from them. He stated that it is important that we as a council have the administrative offices in the area we represent.

Councillor MacDonald stated that he agreed with Councillor Reid. He stated that Council has been looking at this for a number of years and stated that this should be looked at further and suggested that even more proposals could come in. He stated that this could be to Council's advantage.

Councillor Deveaux stated that he was against the motion. He stated that with the GST, this is not the time to pursue this matter. He stated that although this would not be making a

commitment, it could give the indication and that alone may cost money. He stated that Council should maintain the present building.

Deputy Warden Ball stated that he supported the motion on the floor. He stated that we should pursue the avenues and see what the details are. He stated that more accurate figures could be given. He stated that we should see what this property is worth. He stated that financially we could be better off with a short term deficit situation. He stated that this building could generate enough revenue to pay for itself and there was no reason not to pursue this. He stated that residents of the western section of the county are more concerned with the services provided than with the fact that the administration building is located here.

Councillor Poirier stated that she has been listening to this for 10 years. She stated that to move we have to have a need. She stated that it is evident that we have more than enough space in this building and don't need another one. She stated that the more we get the more we want. She stated that there were no offices out in Timberlea and she has never heard one complaint. She stated that with the state of the economy, the mood of the people and the view people have of politicians today, we have more important things to do.

MOTION CARRIED 11 FOR
10 AGAINST

Warden Lichter stated that none of this would be done at the cost of the municipality and it would simply mean more work for Mr. Meech and staff. He stated that this would come back to Council for further decisions.

Councillor Fralick asked the solicitor if the count was accurate. Mr. Crooks suggested a recount.

The result of the recount was:

MOTION CARRIED 11 FOR
10 AGAINST

BUILDING INSPECTOR'S REPORT RE: LESSER SIDE YARD CLEARANCE

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

"THAT Council approve a lesser side yard clearance of 2' lands of John Charles, Prospect."

MOTION CARRIED

NOMINATING COMMITTEE

Warden Lichter asked that the Nominating Committee meet and have a report for Council's first November session. Council agreed.

SUMMIT REALTY LTD. EXPROPRIATION

Mr. Meech stated that at the last Council session he tabled an information report re: Summit Realty lands and stated that since that time he has had a legal opinion as well as a second opinion and a report was circulated to Councillors yesterday. He stated that after discussion with the lawyer and given the risk of us not overturning the decision and incurring a fair amount of expense, his recommendation is to not appeal.

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

"THAT Council not appeal this decision."
MOTION CARRIED

LOCAL TRAFFIC AUTHORITY

Councillor Sutherland stated that if one looks through the agenda, 80% is traffic related. He stated that at the Sackville Community Committee they have thought of different ways of improving the relationship with the Department of Transportation. He stated that he was looking for some means of having a way of shortening the time involved in getting approval for things like signs, lights, etc. He stated that one way would be to approach the minister to have someone designated as a local traffic authority. He stated that the cities have this arrangement. He stated that after this we could make a determination as to whether we want to set up a department to deal with the function of installing signs etc.

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

"THAT a letter be written to the Minister of Transportation in reference to seeking authorization to appoint a local traffic authority for the County of Halifax."

Councillor Eisenhauer stated that discussion on this topic should be done under the County Charter. He stated that the Charter could include having an authority to regulate traffic flow, signs and street lights. He stated that this would help the frustrations and amount of phone calls because of the Department of Highways.

Warden Lichter stated that the Charter Committee is looking at that.

Councillor MacDonald stated that the Department is dealing with these quicker than in the past.

MOTION CARRIED

DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

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

"THAT a letter be written to the Department of Transportation asking for a speed reduction on the Old Sambro Road from the Harrietsfield Irving Station to Whitehead Road; AND a speed reduction and children playing signs in the Lancaster Avenue, Churchill Estates."

Councillor Deveaux stated that usually the Department of Transportation will not set up children playing signs.

Councillor McInroy suggested that 'playground ahead' signs are more appropriate to the Department as the 'children playing' could give children the false sense of security to play in the streets.

MOTION CARRIED

URGENT AGENDA ITEMS

Car Accident, Portuguese Cove

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

"THAT a letter be written to the Department of Transportation for a reduction in the speed zone and the widening of the shoulders at Ketch Harbour, as well as a cross walk light to be installed near the playground in the area."

MOTION CARRIED

Recycling

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

"THAT the Engineering Department do a study on all recycling groups in Halifax County, finding out how much garbage is diverted from the landfill site and see how much it would cost to give them a bi-yearly grant equal

to the tipping fees."

Warden Lichter stated that this item was before Metro Authority this morning and there was a motion passed to make some financial contribution in the interim to those groups involved in recycling.

Councillor Sutherland asked if there were specifics or just the general feeling that they should be compensated.

Warden Lichter stated that a \$10,000 figure was mentioned but it was not clear of what Mr. Jackson was thinking at the time. He stated that the details have not been worked out, but they will be working on it.

Councillor Richards asked for an explanation in terms of the tipping fees and asked if this would come from the Municipality or the Metro Authority.

Councillor Meade stated that this year the SMART group received \$18,100 to set up a depot and suggested that the amount of tonnage diverted from the landfill, that the tipping fee that would have been charged for that tonnage be given to the groups out of the garbage collection budget.

Councillor Deveaux asked where Metro Authority stood on this issue. Warden Lichter stated that further discussions will take place on the 25th of October and some decision will be made at that time.

Councillor Eisenhauer expressed concern about whether the materials were actually being recycled and reused or if we will end up paying for the collection of the materials at a later date.

Warden Lichter stated that the same concerns were raised at the Authority and markets are being examined.

Councillor Reid asked that when the report comes back that it be referred to Executive for discussion.

MOTION CARRIED

Solid Waste Management Committee

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

"THAT Council write to Metro Authority asking them to request the County to nominate three additional members to the Solid Waste Management Advisory Committee from the rural districts."

Councillor Meade stated that Ms. Muecke stated that there was an option for the Authority to appoint three more members if they see fit.

MOTION CARRIED

Department of Transportation

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

"THAT a letter be written to the Department of Transportation requesting the installation of two crosswalks on the No. 3 Highway, one at Boutillier's Point Road, Boutilliers Point and at Station Road, Head of St. Margaret's Bay with a copy to the President of the Home and School Association."

MOTION CARRIED

ADDITION OF ITEMS TO THE NOVEMBER 6, 1990 SESSION

Councillor Randall: Reduction of Speed Limit, Minesville Road
Bridge at Seaforth
Causeway Road, Three Fathom Harbour

Councillor MacDonald: Passing Lane, Upper Sackville

Councillor Sutherland: Sidewalks, Stokil Drive

Councillor Poirier: Reduction of Speed Limit, Cranberry
Lake, Timberlea

APPEALS OF MINOR VARIANCE - 7:00 P.M.

Minor Variance MV-02-20-90 - Lands of Ralph Gidney - 106 Cavalier
Drive Sackville

Mr. Boyd presented the staff report stating that Municipal Development and Building Permit was issued on April 4, 1990 to permit construction of a shed 4 feet from the side property line. On August 1, 1990, Mr. Ralph Gidney applied for a Minor Variance to construct the shed 1 foot from the property line instead of the required 4 feet, as specified on the issued permit. That being the case the application was rejected by the Development Officer.

Mr. Boyd showed slides of the site. He stated that the adjacent lands belonged to Cavalier Drive Elementary School.

Councillor Poirier asked if this was on a foundation. Mr. Boyd stated that he did not know, but this fact was irrelevant to the fact that he is 1 foot from the side property line.

Councillor McInroy asked when he applied for the minor variance. Mr. Boyd informed that it was after the by-law enforcement officer paid a visit to the site.

Councillor Bates asked if there were any problems with the neighbours. Mr. Boyd stated that he has received no complaints.

Councillor Bates stated that the property is fenced in and won't bother anyone one way or the other.

Deputy Warden Ball asked if this was a deliberate attempt on behalf of the individual. Mr. Boyd stated that the question would have to be posed to the applicant.

Mr. Gidney stated that he had a letter from the School Board agreeing to the location of the shed and a letter signed by three neighbours directly involved. Mr. Gidney stated that when he first started the shed he did not realize that it would be as close as it was. He stated that the reason he did not move it over was so that he would not have to cut down any more trees than was necessary. He stated that a by-law enforcement officer visited the site and explained to him that he would have to apply for a minor variance. He stated that he was not familiar with the procedure until the officer explained it.

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

"THAT this minor variance be approved."
MOTION CARRIED

Minor Variance MV-11-15-90 - Lands of Ataollah Erfani - 1610
Beaverbank Road

Mr. Boyd presented the staff report stating that a minor variance requesting permission to construct a single unit dwelling 4.6 feet from the Beaverbank Road right-of-way instead of the required 20 feet and 7.9 from the right property line instead of the required 8 feet is requested.

He stated that prior to issuance of the preliminary building permit, pending additional information, construction of the dwelling was started. The footings and foundation were placed, without the required permits, and a stop work order was issued on August 31, 1990.

He stated that the foundation wall does not conform to the requirements of the Nation Building Code and should Council approve this variance, an Engineer's Certificate will be required before

a final building permit can be issued.

He stated that an application has been made to have the old portion of the Beavercreek Road conveyed to Mr. Erfani from the N. S. Dept. of Transportation, however, the Department cannot guarantee that the conveyance will take place and have advised that the process will take approximately 6 months. Mr. Boyd then showed slides of the site.

Councillor McInroy stated that Council is being asked to approve the issuance of a building permit for a substandard building that was started without permits and with minor variances.

Mrs. Erfani spoke on behalf of her husband. She stated that they were very sorry, but their English was not very good and stated that her husband came to the county to get the permit while she was working and they were told that when they received the letter from the county they could begin. She stated that they received a letter and began building on the house because the trailer they were living in was leaking badly. She stated that when they moved in to the trailer in the winter the pipes froze and they were without water for the winter. She stated that in the spring they started to make a well on the property that cost \$5,000. She stated that they decided to build a house because the trailer would have cost them \$20,000 to fix. She stated that they asked if it was okay to make a new building. She stated that the county said it had to be twenty feet from the street and stated that they did not know that it was not right. She stated that their English is poor and said that it was very difficult to do this in a new country when they did not know that things were not okay. She said that no one came to the property and when they got the letter from the County they thought it was okay to start. She stated that they did not want to break the law.

Warden Lichter stated that he had been handed the standard application to the Department of Transportation to have the access from the highway to the property.

Warden Lichter stated that the decision made by Council would only be for the side yard clearance and distance from the road right-of way.

Mr. Ken Tweddle stated that he lived across from this property and stated that his only concern was that if the road was widened at some point, he was afraid that the Department of Transportation may take more of his land.

Councillor McInroy stated that Council would have no say in something like that as the decisions are made entirely by the provincial department.

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

"THAT the minor variance application be approved."
MOTION CARRIED

Councillor Sutherland expressed concern about the way minor variances are handled. Warden Lichter stated that the report from planning was forthcoming to PAC and then on to Council.

ADJOURNMENT

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

"THAT Council adjourn."
MOTION CARRIED

Council adjourned at 7:30 p.m.

SPECIAL COUNCIL SESSION

(Solid Waste Management Presentation)

10 OCTOBER 1990

THOSE PRESENT: Councillor Meade
Councillor Poirier
Councillor Fralick
Deputy Warden Ball
Councillor Adams
Councillor Randall
Councillor Bayers
Councillor Smiley
Councillor Reid
Councillor Horne
Councillor Merrigan
Councillor Morgan
Councillor MacDonald
Councillor Boutilier
Councillor Harvey
Councillor Sutherland
Councillor McInroy
Councillor Cooper

ALSO PRESENT: Mr. G. J. Kelly, Municipal Clerk
Dr. O'Brien, Chair, Solid Waste Management
Ms. Janet Ross, Solid Waste Management
Ms. Ann Muecke, Solid Waste Management

SECRETARY: Mrs. Twila Simms

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

Dr. O'Brien stated that the Solid Waste Management Advisory Task Force is made up of volunteers appointed by Metro Authority. He stated that Council also appointed two members who have served very well on the committee. Dr. O'Brien stated that the problem of solid waste management is not a simple one. He stated that it is not just that the land fills are harder to site, or that the standards are raised or that the protection of the environment demands that we do better or that the neighbours of the site deserve better or that there is more waste per capita now, or that the costs are increasing, but it is all of this combined. He stated that the quantity also presents a problem. He stated that there are more and more land at high unit costs needed more frequently; control and management; land use planning and environmental degradation are all concerns related to quantity.

Dr. O'Brien stated that the content is hazardous waste, organic waste, metals, etc., that contributes to the loss of habitat for many animals. He stated that costs will rise no matter what we do because our habits are wasteful and neglect for so long and

requires a change in our priorities. He stated that an option is to reduce waste in society. He stated that this will require a monumental effort from all levels of government, every house and every place of employment. He stated that this will require information and education including incentives, negotiation, requests and enforcement. He stated that the second option is to re-use. He stated that these are ways to cut costs as well as recycling and composting of organic wastes.

Ms. Ross stated that the recycling has primarily a volunteer backing. She stated that Council helped to develop the centre at Tantallon. She stated that recycling is the most talkable and trendy thing for the public at this point. She stated that as it is mainly done by volunteer, it is slow work of collection and shows the need and energy to be tapped. She stated that some depots have gone from 2 tonnes in 3 hours up to 6-15 tonnes in 3 hours depending on the product. She stated that over the past year and a half recycling has become strong in the public mind and now is the time to move this from the hands of the volunteers to the municipalities. She stated that it is becoming too big to carry on. She stated that the education process has already begun. She added that it is a difficult and expensive issue, but stated that something has to be done.

Dr. O'Brien stated that even after we have done all we can there will still be residue to be disposed of at landfill sites. Central composting, refuse fuel, and incineration have been analyzed in the report and he referred to the chart on page 87 of the report.

Dr. O'Brien stated that the base case is the present system and separating household hazardous waste including diversion of 10% from the tipping fees and bailing. He stated that this means that still 89% of the volume is left to landfilling. Dr. O'Brien stated that the existing cost of disposal is \$6 Million/year, and to change this base case the total cost increases to \$11-16 Million per year. Dr. O'Brien stated that the consultants when doing the cost estimates were bringing in numbers +/- 25% and the committee asked for the low and high of the figures. He stated that \$11 Million is the lowest amount compared to the current \$6 Million. He stated that this is because there are high standards to be met, new regulations, and including the price of land.

He stated that Strategy 1 adds to the base case a recycling proposal - curbside in the urban and depots in the rural with depots for highrises and condos. He stated that materials would be collected and taken to a MRF - material recovery facility where it would be closely sorted and the quality checked. He stated that this brings the cost up to \$17 Million. He stated that Paul Hyland signed a minority report questioning the wisdom of curbside collections based on the cost. He stated that where there are only

depots, the percentage of people who participate is small. He stated that because the curbside is more convenient there is a higher participation rate.

Strategy 2 includes the separation of household hazardous waste, tipping fee diversion, recycling and mixed waste composting as a way of dealing with the substantial additional amount (14%) being diverted from the landfill which raises the cost to \$21 Million. Dr. O'Brien stated that the committee did not recommend this although it is a way of reducing significantly the amount going to the landfill.

Strategy 3 includes central organic waste composting to create a product that is more marketable. He stated that the committee recommended this although the cost is above Strategy 1. The cost would be \$20 Million. He stated that there is a need for organic fertilizer in the province and there has to be a study on this.

Strategy 4 includes refuse derived fuel taking out 40%. He stated that this has the highest cost of \$26 Million as a minimum and stated that there is marketability for the product. He stated that if they could sell this for revenue, this could reduce the cost. He stated that the chief use for this fuel is as a replacement for coal and the political acceptability of this is questionable.

Strategy 5 included incineration which would take out 40% as well. He stated that the committee did not recommend this as the first choice as it is a controversial matter although the technology is better than it used to be. He stated that they can now prevent most air emissions that are toxic from being emitted as they capture the toxic gases and convert them into fly ash which has to be taken to a special land fill for hazardous wastes. He stated that committee members felt that there may be some evidence still to come as the new incinerators have not been around for 15 years. He stated that in their early years there is a vast improvement on any previous kind and if the problem is with sites, incineration is a basic alternative. He stated that central waste composting and landfill what is left over is recommended.

Dr. O'Brien stated that the problem of solid waste management must be solved, but this presents business opportunities also. He stated that in the short run, the costs are staggering, and there needs to be incentives for citizens to do their share. He stated that we have to make the Metro Authority work better since it is the only instrument we have. He stated that this would not be an easy matter.

Questions from Council

Councillor Horne asked what Metro Authority's position is on recycling and what will be happening in the next few months.

Ms. Muecke stated that there are difficulties and newspaper is presently one of them, but she stated that this is a short term glut. She stated that in the near future, there will not be enough old newspapers and they will have to import it. She stated that other markets will improve as users adjust to taking materials from a new source. She stated that part of the difficulty is that this has to be planned carefully. She stated that the material recovery facility would have to be built. She stated that there has been discussion as to which kind would be better, labour intensive or mechanized. She added that even if a decision were to be made now, it would take one year to get it running. She stated that in the interim there will be a support program put into place.

Councillor Horne asked about the Recycling Act and if we could take advantage of this. Ms. Muecke stated that there is now a resource recovery fund with about \$3 Million in it and more coming in to encourage the start-up of recycling and to assist with the capital costs. She stated that this would support the program for the first few years, but after that the program is on its own.

Councillor Horne asked about the volunteer groups getting the tipping fees. Ms. Muecke stated that this is referred to as a diversion credit. She stated that this is always an option and may be necessary in the early years and until the markets improve. She stated that another difficulty in that one has to store the material until there is sufficient volume to ship. She stated that some problems will not disappear, but they will become less and less of a problem.

Councillor Reid stated that he understood that the separation of garbage at the curbside would be mandatory. Ms. Muecke stated that this is a voluntary approach and would never be mandatory from the start. She stated that there is not even mandatory participation by the municipalities as the Metro Authority can put in the program.

Councillor Reid asked if there were any recovery costs associated with the programs. Ms. Muecke stated that the only sure market now is the energy from incineration. Councillor Reid asked if there is a recovery value assigned to organic waste. Ms. Muecke stated that there could be a recovery and a study is being done to determine that. She stated that they did not know if there is a market here for that. Dr. O'Brien stated that the province would have to establish standards so that farmers could know where it could and could not be used.