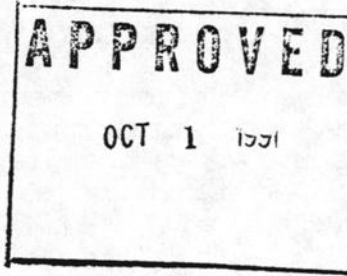


COUNCIL SESSION

August 20, 1991

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



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

The meeting opened with the Lord's Prayer. Mr. Kelly called the roll.

APPOINTMENT OF RECORDING SECRETARY

It was moved by Councillor Snow, seconded by Councillor Deveaux

"THAT Christa Pettipas be appointed as Recording Secretary."
MOTION CARRIED.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

It was moved by Councillor Fralick, seconded by Councillor Harvey

"THAT the June 24, 1991 Public Hearing Minutes be approved as circulated."
MOTION CARRIED.

It was moved by Councillor Harvey, seconded by Councillor Snow

"THAT the July 8, 1991 Public Hearing Minutes be approved as circulated."

MOTION CARRIED.

It was moved by Deputy Warden Ball, seconded by Councillor Meade

"THAT the July 16, 1991 Council Session minutes be approved as circulated."

MOTION CARRIED.

Councillor McInroy requested that Item 1 of the Supplementary Agenda - Presentations Re Sidewalks, Greenwich Drive, Cole Harbour be discussed at the present time. He advised officials from the DOT and Staff Members were present with respect to this matter. Council agreed.

PRESENTATIONS RE SIDEWALKS, GREENWICH DRIVE, COLE HARBOUR

Warden Lichter advised of letters submitted to him included in the Supplementary agenda from Mr. White, Greenwich Drive, in opposition to the sidewalk and a letter from Ms. Cantley, Greenwich Drive in favor of the proposed sidewalk. He advised both individuals were requesting presentations. He asked Council's permission whether or not these individuals could be allowed to make a presentation. Council agreed.

Speakers in Favor

Ms. Cantley, Greenwich Drive, stated this was an issue that did not seem to be resolving itself. She advised she was speaking on behalf of 21 out of 25 individuals in the area, all of which were in favor of the proposed sidewalk. She advised two schools, a Junior High School and an Elementary School were located on this street, therefore, traffic generated from school buses, parents picking up their children, and cars was a major concern. She advised 45 to 60 cars passed by on this street every 3-4 minutes. She stated the 21 residents mentioned wished to install a sidewalk as a sidewalk was definitely needed in the area. She advised the street was 28 feet wide consisting of three lanes of traffic. She stated the children were in danger as they had no place to walk and therefore, were walking on the residents lawns. She advised one of the residents in the area had his dog killed, which could have been very easily a child. She advised teenagers were drag racing on the street. She indicated Astral Drive had a sidewalk installed. She expressed concern with respect to the blind corner on this street. She felt sidewalks should be installed on both sides of the road.

If not, on the west side of the street which was the same side as the school. The main issue involved was the residents were concerned with the lives of their children.

Questions from Council

Councillor Bates referred to the driveway problems on one side of the street where property had to be taken from people to order to accommodate this sidewalk. He questioned the opposite side of the street. He asked if the same problem existed in this area.

Ms. Cantley responded No. She stated the street veared off sharp to the left and continued in another direction. She advised of the location of the blind corner. She advised the east side of the street would be more dangerous than the west side.

Warden Lichter advised Council, at their last session, approved expropriation of property in order to install a sidewalk in this area. He stated he wished to make Council aware this was the same item debated at the last Council session.

Speakers in Opposition

Mr. Wayne White, Greenwich Drive, advised Council at their last session decided to expropriate an interest in his property. He stated his intent here, at present, was to have Council reconsider their opinion and actions before any further decisions were made. He stated he understood Council's perspective. He stated he understood Council was trying to address public complaints as well as increase the safety and look after the welfare of the children living on the street. However, the expropriation act seemed to be the tool Council decided in order for this to happen. On the other hand, the courts and constitution allowed him to protect the interest and rights of individuals such as himself. He stated there had to be some agreement reached with respect to this matter as there were two views of the situation.

He stated his statements might be correct or incorrect with respect to the history of this. It was to his understanding the original development for Colby Village did not propose sidewalks on the street. He stated properties were purchased on that basis. He stated there were four individuals on his side of the street that were opposed to the item being proposed. He stated a new Junior High School was built. After Colby Village put together plans for their area, the School Board decided to put the school's entrance off of Greenwich Drive which was originally designed as a local street not a collector street. He stated Astral Drive was a collector street and, therefore, would have been a suitable location for the entrance. As a result of this, traffic increased

a great deal. He stated it was then decided to install a sidewalk on the east side of the street. He stated individuals did not like the proposed side of the street. He stated a survey was completed in which individuals were opposed to the crosswalk because of the side of the street it was to be installed on. He stated this was a one side of the street vs the other side of the street issue.

He stated the best measure to take would be to go back to the Department of Engineering & Works Department requesting advice as to what the best side of the street would be for the sidewalk. He stated this Department, he felt, did a preliminary study by just driving through the area, in which cost estimates was drafted. He stated they then decided that the right side of the street was the west side. He stated the biggest factor with respect to that was the corner. He stated based on that, the corner would outweigh the cost and difficulty of construction.

He stated the Engineering Study, in his view, was not very thorough or documented. He stated this study consisted of a lot of Engineering judgement. He stated Engineering judgement had a way of making a study but it was not the only way. He stated they did not take into consideration the pedestrian flow patterns or traffic flow patterns. He felt the department did not look at any of the other factors that went into an Engineering solution.

He stated the real problem was with respect to school. He stated before the school was there, there was no issue of concern with respect to the street. He stated there was no increase in traffic. He stated this was a local street handling the increased traffic flow in which it should not. He stated Astral Drive would have been a proper collector road for handling traffic. He stated the conflict was between pedestrians, students and cars. He stated they were all trying to reach the same destination between 8 & 9. He felt if the entrance to the school was eliminated or relocated, the traffic problems would be eliminated. He stated Mr. McInroy indicated this would be very difficult to do. He stated he went through the Expropriation Act and through the Municipal Act. He stated Clause 144 indicated that Council had the right to offer and perform work on the School Board's property. He stated just as easy as Council could expropriate his property, they could expropriate the School Board's.

Mr. White referred to the blind corner mentioned. He stated the traffic on this street drove too fast. He stated there were two ways to solve it, one would be speed bumps which was not such a good solution. The other solution would be to install a three way stop. He stated 2 three way stops could be installed on this street, one at the corner of Lakeshire and Greenwich and the other at Geldart & Greenwich. He stated the 3 way stop was a cheaper

alternative in which he felt would stop the problem. He stated even if Council installed a sidewalk, this issue should still be addressed. He stated Council once three way stops were installed could wait a year or so to see if this would solve the problem.

He stated Council should take the interest to do the proper study understanding where the pedestrians were coming from. He stated he believed they were coming from Colby Village.

He stated if Council wished to proceed with a sidewalk, an alternate and cheaper solution would be to install a sidewalk up Greenwich Drive to the school. He stated this was a distance of approximately 4/10ths of a kilometre. He stated the other distance being proposed was a distance of 7/10ths of a km. He stated this would lessen the cost. He stated this would also separate the pedestrian traffic on one street and the car traffic on another street. He stated it, therefore, eliminated some of the problems. He stated the best solution on Greenwich Drive was the east side of the street. He stated the reasons why was because the three way stops had to be installed to slow the traffic down. He stated this was really a separate issue from the sidewalks. He stated this basically eliminated the concern with respect to the corner. He stated Council should also consider lower capital costs. He stated the figures the Engineering Department gave him to install this sidewalk was between \$5,000 and \$10,000, done with unit costs. He stated these were estimates. He stated there was a risk that these numbers could go higher once bills were received. He stated they would not know what side the street was cheaper because they were based on units.

He stated sidewalks on loop streets always go on the inside. He referred to Colby Drive. He stated on Cobequid Drive, the sidewalk was on the inside of the loop. He stated this fit better with the past and future plans in terms of where the sidewalk was supposed to have gone which was up one side of Greenwich Drive to the school. He stated it fit better with future plans in terms of the layout of the sidewalk. He stated he was sure when the Engineer followed through with the study, he would agree. He stated if a sidewalk was installed on the side being proposed, an extra crossing guard would be required at the corner of Grenadier and Greenwich. He stated this would cost approximately \$20,000 per year, which would mean the operating costs for long term tax dollars increases. He stated if they did not go with the proposed side, a crossing guard would not be required. He stated Halifax County was getting involved with operating costs that would impact the taxpayers.

He stated there would be a safety issue if placed on this side of the street with respect to slopes in terms of ice build up. He

stated last year a considerable amount of ice was located on the street in front of his driveway which was there all year round because of the bank there. He stated by installing the crosswalk on the opposite of the street, there would be less impact on ecstastic values of the houses because of the trees and property. He stated Halifax County would have to take down three trees from his property which would impact the street as well as his own property. He stated on the other side of the street, out of necessity, Halifax County did not require permission from a number of individuals but two. He stated on his side of the street, Halifax County needed the permission of seven or eight individuals. He stated Halifax County had permission from some of those except for four. He reiterated Halifax County did not need to expropriate on the other side of the street. He felt this was an important factor of making a decision.

He stated Halifax County was expropriating an interest in his property which meant Halifax County had the right to enter onto his property but not the right to change it. He stated if the design was reviewed, the slopes located on his property would have to be changed. He stated the slope that would be left over on his property would be much steeper which would be much more difficult for him to mow. He stated this increased the safety risk of his family. He stated there would be an impact on his driveway. He stated the curbing, here, as well would have to be changed as the driveway had to be widened at a cost to himself. He stated in the expropriation act, at present, there was a Compensation Board which he had a right to go to and make a presentation for a claim. He stated another way to proceed would be a legal battle. He stated on the opposite side of the street these problems would not occur as nobody had to be expropriated.

He stated he appreciated Council being very patient in allowing him to make the presentation. He requested that Council reconsider their opinion.

He stated options were available, Council could do nothing, further study, pursue the School Board which he felt was the prudent course of action with respect to the entrance, install three way stops on the street to slow down the traffic which he felt would eliminate most of the problem, install an alternate sidewalk up Greenwich Drive from Colby which would be less expensive and a shorter distance, install the sidewalk on his side of the street as well as expropriation, and finally, install the sidewalk on the opposite side of the street which expropriation would not be needed and less expensive long term and short term. He stated if Halifax County Council continued on with the current course of action, the tax load would be increased.

Questions from Council

Councillor Eisenhower stated it was his understanding when the issue of expropriation came forth, he suspected the only reason why Mr. White did not want the expropriation to take place was because slopes located on the property would have to be altered.

Mr. White stated that was correct. At the present time, Halifax County was expropriating an interest.

Councillor Eisenhower referred to the comments made with respect to installing the sidewalk on one side of the street as opposed to the other side. He stated this was really based on the amount of dollars available. He stated it seemed to him the earlier work was completed on the most expensive side, the less it would cost officially due to the cost of dollars increasing. He stated he was uncertain whether the concern being expressed was with respect to the sidewalk.

Mr. White advised he stated in his letter circulated that sidewalks would be good for the community. He stated he felt sidewalks would have a positive impact on the community. He stated the immediate impact was that no individual wanted a sidewalk in front of their house and this was the reason for debate. He stated this would impact the dollar value and the resale of property. He stated sidewalks decayed and did not look as good. He stated they lasted for approximately 25 years and then needed to be replaced. He stated, therefore, the sidewalks were replaced in sections according as they decayed. He stated noise and pollution would increase as a result of the sidewalk especially on this side of the street because more individuals would be using it. He stated vandalism and garbage increased as well in which pedestrians did not pick up but the homeowners. He felt the entrance to the school was the major problem. He stated it was mentioned to him that it would be difficult to have the School Board change their view. He reiterated this property was just as easy to execute as his. He felt this would eliminate a lot of the problems.

SPEAKERS IN OPPOSITION

Mr. Dameon Leonard, Greenwich Drive, stated which side of the road the sidewalk should be installed on did not really matter because if 21 individuals out of 25 individuals really wanted the sidewalk on the street, that was the most important aspect. He stated it seemed to him the most important factor that needed to be considered was the safety of the children living on the street. He felt some of the reasons to install the sidewalk on the east side of the street as indicated by Mr. White did not relate to the chief issue involved. He stated some of the reasons Mr. White gave

with respect to installing the sidewalk on the east side were lower capital costs, lowered the long term operating cost, lessened the impact on the ecstastics of the street, expropriation on the opposite side of the street was not required, short term solution, cheaper route, etc. Mr. Leonard advised none of these were reasons for considering installing a sidewalk for the safe transportation of all pedestrians, particularly children, on any side of the street. He stated the only factor to consider with respect to this matter was the safety of the children. He stated lawns were being destroyed because children had no where to go to be safe from the traffic. He stated speeding on the street, as well, deserved attention. He felt an individual would be killed as a result of this and he did not wish to stand at the podium one day and say it was his son. He stated three way stop signs were not the solution. He stated these stops would slow the traffic, somewhat. However, the largest stretch of the street on Greenwich Drive ran from the blind right angle corner mentioned up to Grenadier. He stated the speed was 50 to 60 miles per hour. He, therefore, felt the three way stop sign would not slow traffic down on that street to the extent the residents would like to see it. He stated three way stop signs did not address, as well, the volume of traffic. He stated this volume did not only occur between the hours of 8:00 a.m. - 9:00 a.m., but constantly. He referred to property values mentioned. He stated property values would enhance if a sidewalk was installed.

Mr. Leonard felt Council made the correct decision to install the sidewalk on the west side of the street. He stated the majority of the residents would be happy if this was proceeded with.

Questions from Council

Councillor McInroy referred to speeding and signage. He stated he had requested the Department of Transportation to investigate the area and consider appropriate signage relative to speeding and safety. He stated the DOT did feel there was a need for some measures to be taken. He stated he would contact them again to investigate what the DOT intended to do.

Mr. Leonard felt this was a very positive step. However, 50 km/hour when children present in a residential area to him was absolutely unacceptable.

Councillor McInroy stated the project Engineer was present at this session. He stated it seemed to him the west side of the street was the most appropriate. He stated he could not pre-determine what the Department of Transportation & Communications would do with the request. He stated it seemed to him he would prefer to be walking under the street lights on the opposite side. He stated

this was a difficult issue. He regreted that the issue came to the point it did.

Warden Lichter stated he was aware that the Department of Transportation and Halifax County Engineering people were present. He stated he was not going to ask those people for an opinion until presentations were made by residents. He stated he did not wish the residents to get into a debate with the experts. He stated he did not invite the experts to be exposed to a debate but to simply give advice and information to Council.

Councillor Bates asked if Mr. Leonard lived on the east side of the street.

Mr. Leonard advised that was correct.

Councillor Bates asked if Mr. Leonard agreed that Halifax County should pursue this issue with the School Board in attempting to have the entrance to the school changed.

Mr. Leonard stated the issue with school, entrances, traffic, etc. was most definitely worthwhile to investigate. He stated with respect to this particular situation, he did not think it would help. He stated the reason was because there still would be traffic on the street regardless of where the entrance was located. He stated the entrance to the school and the parking lot was really for the teachers. He stated parents dropping their children off at school were not permitted to enter the parking lot. He stated that, therefore, would not control the amount of traffic proceeding up and down the street. He stated a lot of children walked to school from all destinations including Astral Drive, whereby, they came from the west end of Greenwich Drive, down and up Grenadier Drive. He stated whether the sidewalk was installed on the east or west side of the road, a guardwalk might still be required. He stated children from Astral Drive, Grenadier, Lakeshire and both ends of Greenwich needed a place to walk. He stated he did not see this as a solution to the problem.

Councillor Bates referred to the safety aspect mentioned. He asked of the 21 people in favor of this, were they aware of the safety problems that might be caused to Mr. White and his children as a result of the slope change mentioned.

Mr. Leonard stated he would have to assume that all matters such as individuals safety were considered and the best decision taken.

Councillor Bates asked if slopes had to be changed on the east side.

Mr. Leonard responded technically, he could not answer that question. He stated in some situations, there may be.

Deputy Warden Ball stated Halifax County Council was presently listening to debate. He stated a Community Committee was established to deal with the local issues of that particular area. He stated he would assume that some of these matters would have been dealt with by the Westphal/Cole Harbour Community Committee as to what the appropriate action would be.

Councillor McInroy responded he could see the point made. He stated the issue of sidewalk construction had not been dealt with anywhere in the Cole Harbour/Westphal area by the Committee. He stated the Committee would be pursuing a meeting with the MLA to discuss this. He stated when the decision to recommend to Council that the working of expropriation be obtained, this was the Committee's decision. He stated the decision was then made by Council. He stated he did agree with Deputy Warden Ball's opinion.

Deputy Warden Ball felt the entire issue should have been resolved in the area by the Cole Harbour/Westphal Community Committee. He stated the purpose of the Committee was to come forward with a recommendation in which obviously they had not done. He felt this was where the matter should have been dealt with initially.

Warden Lichter stated now that Council had heard from a portion of the public, they were not going to change the rules that applied.

Speakers in Favor

Mr. Gary Moulton, 41 Greenwich Drive, advised he lived on the west side of the street. He stated he had been waiting two years to see a sidewalk installed. He stated Greenwich Drive, itself, was approximately four years old. He stated one of the schools was seven years old, the other school in the process of being finished when Greenwich Drive was being completed. He stated individuals who bought property on that street knew two schools were located there. He stated he had witnessed the ice flow across the street. He stated it was a wonder children had not been hit, as there were a number of close cases. He stated snow in the wintertime was built up on the sides of the roads, therefore, children had to retreat to walk in the street as opposed to residents lawns. He stated he would not mind the sidewalk being located on his property.

Questions from Council

None.

Warden Lichter asked if Councillors had any questions to the representative of the Department of Transportation, Councillor Reid, Chairman, School Board or Halifax County Engineering Staff.

Councillor Reid stated he did not remember the specifics that necessitated the change to put the traffic through Greenwich Drive. He stated he was sure the School Board would be glad to address the issue if they received a letter from the Westphal/Cole Harbour Community Committee. He stated they would take a further look at it. He stated the earliest possible date for review would be the second Wednesday in September.

Warden Lichter asked if any individuals were present from the Halifax County/Bedford District School Board Staff. He stated he forwarded a letter requesting that an individual be present.

Councillor Reid responded he did not see any individual present from School Board Staff.

Councillor Bates stated surely, Halifax County should check out the solutions handed to them. He stated the last thing they would want to do was to expropriate property if Halifax County did not have to. He stated hopefully, Halifax County could come up with some kind of solution that would be satisfactory to all individuals involved. He stated the idea of a new entrance to the school seemed to stand out. He stated he hoped this could be investigated before Halifax County proceeded with expropriation.

Warden Lichter asked if any Council Members wished to ask Mr. Marriott of the DOT any questions. No comments.

Warden Lichter thanked Mr. Marriott of the Department of Transportation & Communications for attending.

Councillor McInroy referred to what Councillor Reid had said with respect to the School Board assisting Halifax County with the entrance of the school if a letter was submitted to them by the Westphal/Cole Harbour Community Committee. He stated he did not have much hope, in this regard, because of past experiences. He stated he had, in the past, asked for District School Busses access to the buildings from the back. He stated the Junior High School physically faced Lakeshire Drive. He stated the back of the school faced Astral Drive. He stated, at the time, Betty Rix was the Chairperson. He stated they responded that the School Board were, for various reasons, unable to re-route the buses. He advised of the difficulty with the access of the elementary school. He stated the access from this was directly from Astral Drive. He suggested immediate response as to whether or not the sidewalk would be installed.

Warden Lichter questioned if on the west side where the sidewalk was being proposed, expropriation orders had been passed for two properties.

Mr. Newman responded that was correct.

Warden Lichter asked if Halifax County needed more than two properties for expropriation. He asked if Halifax County required the four families that refused access to their property. He stated one of the speakers indicated there were four property owners in opposition to the sidewalk. He stated a motion was on the table for expropriation of two properties. However, if four families were required, the expropriation order for two would not do the job. He asked if that was correct.

Mr. Newman advised he had delivered letters to the effected residents based on correspondence from the Department of Transportation & Communications. He advised letters were delivered on November 6, 1990. He stated in response to requested feedback from these individuals, he received indication from four individuals at that time that there were problems with locating the sidewalk on the west side. He stated it was to his understanding that one of the residents were satisfied if a particular drain was installed, she would have no objection to that sidewalk on the west side which left three other parties who were in objection to the sidewalk being located on the west side. He stated the two mentioned were accounted for. However, there appeared to be a third unaccounted objector who did not appear tonight.

Councillor McInroy advised one of the four individuals was the owner of Mr. White's house. He questioned the installation of retaining walls.

Mr. Newman stated they were down to two properties.

Warden Lichter stated he had to be cautious of this issue because Mr. Whalen wrote to Mr. Brine recently. He stated his recollection was Mr. Whalen was objecting to the sidewalk.

Councillor Bates stated he could not understand why Halifax County could not obtain a staff report from the Department of Engineering & Works with respect to this issue. He made mention of the survey conducted by the Department of Engineering & Works Mr. White indicated. He stated there were a lot of ands, ifs and maybes floating around with respect to this issue. He stated he did not see how another couple of weeks would hurt in order to have the Engineering & Works Department prepare a full blown report with respect to this matter.

Warden Lichter advised Mr. White stated all his statements may be correct or incorrect.

Warden Lichter suggested that the Solicitor advise of his opinion with respect to this matter.

Mr. Crooks stated if there were additional property owners who were not prepared to consent, i.e. property owners additional to the two dealt with by the resolutions of Council at its last meeting, his understanding of the Department of Transportation Policy and from a legal point of view, the position was that the project not proceed unless/until an appropriate expropriation order was made with respect to additional properties or property. He stated it would be advisable, at the least, to be reasonably certain in attempting to undertake this project. He advised as of now, all of the property owners who would be effected were accounted for either as supporting or consenting to the establishment of a sidewalk or opposing it. He stated if what was required was simply the expropriation of interest in two properties, that is done and the documents prepared, it is a simple matter of depositing those documents in the Registry of Deeds after which the expropriation became effective. He stated if there were additional property owners, they would need to be the subject of a further expropriation resolution.

Warden Lichter stated it was pointed out to him that it was a possibility that when the construction took place, Halifax County would not need any other individuals property but the two mentioned. He asked if that was correct .

Mr. Marriott responded that was his understanding. The outstanding agreement was from those two properties only.

Councillor McInroy asked if there were more than two properties in which Halifax County had to enter in order to carry out the work.

Mr. Marriott responded they would have to proceed on more than two properties.

Councillor McInroy stated that the Solicitor suggested that Halifax County obtain in writing from every current property owner, exactly what their position was with respect to this matter, whether they were authorizing the work to be done or whether they were not. He felt the Engineering & Works Department should, at least, prepare a staff report for the next Council Session. He also suggested that Halifax County obtain from the DOT indication that the project would not be lost for this year. He stated this would give Halifax County adequate time to get some preliminary work done.

Councillor Reid advised he would get in touch with Dr. Morrison, Director of Operations, tomorrow. He stated there should be good reason why the entrances were changed at the time they were. He stated he would get Dr. Morrison to write a report for the next Council session laying out the information necessary as to why the entrances were changed. He stated he would ensure the information was available for the next Council session.

Warden Lichter asked if Councillor McInroy wished to have a staff report prepared.

It was moved by Councillor McInroy, seconded by Councillor MacDonald

"THAT a staff report be prepared by the Department of Engineering & Works respecting installation of a sidewalk on Greenwich Drive as well as agreements prepared from every property owner required in reference to expropriation, a report from the the School Board with respect to the change of entrances to the school, subject to assurance from the Department of Transportation & Communications that the project would not be lost."

Councillor Richards stated this was an issue certainly alive and well within the community of Cole Harbour since the school had been constructed. He stated there were students beyond Greenwich Drive, Lakeshire and the rest being affected. He stated he feared the procrastination of the report previously approved would by-pass another year of schooling and the safety problems would not be resolved. He stated he had no problem with respect to the staff report in the motion. He stated the problem he had with the process was that a second report might come back ending up with three residents opposed to the installation. He asked what would happen if the report came back and the gentlemen who wrote the letter indicated he did not want it. He stated Halifax County would have to come back and pass another resolution but they would not know that until that Council session. He stated once paperwork was done on that, Halifax County would be into October, perhaps before a resolution could be obtained for expropriation of that property. He stated when the item came before Council session at the last session, he stated he did not believe Halifax County should be involved in this. He stated this was the Department of Transportation & Communications problem. He stated the more Halifax County found themselves involved in taking on the responsibilities of the Province, more problems were created. He stated this was another clear example of it. He stated why the school was allowed to be built the way it was presently was beyond his understanding. He stated he did not understand why the school was constructed before a sidewalk was constructed so the safety of

the children would be recognized. He stated Halifax County were presently trying to fix problems that had been created by other agencies outside Halifax County Municipality. He stated his children attended this school, as well, which had to be droven to the school quite frequently. He stated the expressions of the residents were very real. He stated he had witnessed this day after day. He felt this area would not receive a sidewalk again this year. He stated there had been a lot of shortcomings in the reports received. He stated he could not understand why Halifax County could not come up with one complete document that would clear up the issue once and for all. He stated he found the process very frustrating and an intolerable situation. He reiterated there were a great deal of shortcomings in this entire process that Halifax County was getting stuck with.

Councillor McInroy stated he did not disagree with what was said by Councillor Richards. He stated Halifax County should ascertain in writing permission to expropriate land. He felt it unfortunate the situation was prolonged as long as it had been. He stated it was unfortunate Council, at present had to deal with the issue. He stated the legal matter should be cleared up and the project commenced this year.

MOTION CARRIED.

LETTERS AND CORRESPONDENCE

1. Scott, Canadian Timberlands Re Herbicide Information Package

Mr. Kelly outlined the letter.

It was moved by Councillor Poirier, seconded by Councillor Eisenhauer

"THAT the letter be received."
MOTION CARRIED.

2. Department of Transportation & Communications Re Study of Motor Vehicle Accidents on Highway 107 East and East of the Minesville Interchange

Mr. Kelly outlined the letter.

It was moved by Councillor Adams, seconded by Councillor Fralick

"THAT the letter be received."
MOTION CARRIED.

3. Dartmouth General Hospital Re Grant Received from Halifax County Municipality

Mr. Kelly outlined the letter.

It was moved by Councillor Bates, seconded by Councillor Richards

"THAT the letter be received."
MOTION CARRIED.

4. Department of the Environment Re PCB Contamination at Nova Scotia Power Corporation Site, Head of St. Margaret's Bay

Mr. Kelly outlined the letter.

It was moved by Councillor Meade, seconded by Councillor Fralick

"THAT the letter be received."
MOTION CARRIED.

5. Port of Halifax Re Appointment to the Board of the Halifax-Dartmouth Port Development Commission

Mr. Kelly outlined the letter.

It was moved by Councillor Deveaux, seconded by Councillor Horne

"THAT the letter be received."
MOTION CARRIED.

Warden Lichter suggested that nominating for Committee Members take place at the September 3, 1991 Council Session. Council agreed.

6. The Salvation Army, National Red Shield Appeal Re The Amazing Grace Capital Campaign

Mr. Kelly outlined the letter.

It was moved by Councillor Deveaux, seconded by Councillor Cooper

"THAT the letter be received."
MOTION CARRIED.

7. Office of the Minister of Public Works Re Pulp Wood Operation by Forest Carriers Limited, Sheet Harbour

Mr. Kelly outlined the letter.

It was moved by Councillor Smiley, seconded by Councillor Poirier

"THAT the letter be received."
MOTION CARRIED.

8. Town of Antigonish Re Expression of Concern in Reference to Health Care

Mr. Kelly outlined the letter .

It was moved by Councillor Deveaux, seconded by Councillor Smiley

"THAT the letter be received."
MOTION CARRIED.

Warden Lichter questioned if Council Members wished to support the motion included in the letter respecting health care.

There was no expression of desire to do anything with respect to this matter.

9. Corporation of the City of Nepean Re Resolution in Reference to Air India Flight 182 Disaster

Mr. Kelly outlined the letter.

It was moved by Councillor McInroy, seconded by Councillor Richards

"THAT the letter be received."
MOTION CARRIED.

Warden Lichter asked if Council wished to support the resolution or remain silent.

Councillor Cooper referred to the continuing investigation taking place by the Federal Government into this incident.

It was moved by Councillor Cooper, seconded by Councillor Harvey

"THAT the resolution as follows be supported in order to receive clarification of the incident involved.

WHEREAS, Air India Flight 182, a 747 passenger jet carrying 329 people including 295 Canadians from Toronto to London, crashed 110 miles west of the Irish coast on June 23, 1985;

AND WHEREAS, all of the 329 passengers and crew, including six infants, 82 children and more than a dozen families perished;

AND WHEREAS, after six years of investigation many of the families and friends of these victims have not been satisfied

that the Federal Government has done everything in their power to discover the truth about the tragedy of Flight 182 and to ensure that such a tragedy never occurs again;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT the City of Nepean call on the Federal Government to immediately initiate a Royal Commission of inquiry into the circumstances surrounding the Air India tragedy including recommendations aimed at ensuring that a similar incident does not re-occur;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the Federation of Canadian Municipalities be notified of this request, and that the City of Nepean encourages other municipalities to pass similar motions calling for a Royal Commission of Inquiry into the Air India Tragedy.

MOTION CARRIED.

10. Department of the Environment Re St. Margarets Bay Nova Scotia Power Corporation Substation Property

Mr. Kelly outlined the letter.

It was moved by Councillor Meade, seconded by Councillor Fralick

"THAT the letter be received."
MOTION CARRIED.

11. Department of Transportation and Communications Re Traffic Conditions, John Stewart Drive, Cole Harbour area

Mr. Kelly outlined the letter.

It was moved by Councillor Adams, seconded by Councillor Cooper

"THAT the letter be received."
MOTION CARRIED.

Councillor Cooper advised the residents in this area had been complaining for a number of months with respect to the vehicle speed on this drive.

It was moved by Councillor Cooper, seconded by Councillor Richards

"THAT the above mentioned letter be forwarded to the Cole Harbour RCMP Detachment."
MOTION CARRIED.

12. Department of Transportation & Communications Re Road

Shoulders, Pleasant Drive, Gaetz Brook

Mr. Kelly outlined the letter.

It was moved by Councillor Randall, seconded by Councillor Richards

"THAT the letter be received."
MOTION CARRIED.

13. Department of Transportation & Communications Re Paving of
Cleary Drive, Patterson Road and McKay's Lane, Eastern Passage

Mr. Kelly outlined the letter.

It was moved by Councillor Deveaux, seconded by Councillor Smiley

"THAT the letter be received."

Councillor Deveaux stated the correspondence indicated McKay Lane was not listed until 1986. He stated he knew for a fact, this Lane had been taken over by the DOT in the 1970's.

Warden Lichter responded he had discovered items such as this in his area. He stated it obviously took the DOT 14 years to add McKay Lane to the list.

MOTION CARRIED.

14. Department of Transportation and Communications Re Paving of
Southwood Road, Highland Park

Mr. Kelly outlined the letter.

It was moved by Councillor Eisenhauer, seconded by Councillor MacDonald

"THAT the letter be received."
MOTION CARRIED.

15. Department of Transportation and Communications Re the Naming
of Roads for the Sheet Harbour Industrial Park

Mr. Kelly outlined the letter.

It was moved by Councillor Smiley, seconded by Councillor Horne

"THAT the letter be received."
MOTION CARRIED.

16. Department of Transportation and Communications Re Paving of Kelly Road, Wellington

Mr. Kelly outlined the letter.

It was moved by Councillor Horne, seconded by Councillor Richards

"THAT the letter be received."
MOTION CARRIED.

17. Department of the Environment Re Beverage Container Litter and Endorsement of "Operation Greensweep" Developed by the Grade 8B Students of Canso High School

Mr. Kelly outlined the letter.

It was moved by Councillor Meade, seconded by Councillor MacDonald

"THAT the letter be received."
MOTION CARRIED.

Councillor Richards stated the letter of response from Mr. Leefe, in his opinion, did not really address the resolution that was presented to him. He stated what was asked for and what was received was a quite different matter. He stated he wondered if Halifax County should do a further follow up recognizing that this may be his response to the issue. However, it was not the request Halifax County were making. He stated Halifax County wanted the banning of plastic or non-returnable bottles completely from the Province following the example in Prince Edward Island. He reiterated this response did not achieve what was requested. He stated it would cost the taxpayers of Nova Scotia a lot more dollars. He stated Halifax County should do a further follow up requesting the Minister of Environment to reassess his position with respect to this issue and determine whether or not the request initially was the more appropriate one.

It was moved by Councillor Richards, seconded by Councillor Cooper

"THAT Halifax County proceed with a further follow-up letter requesting the Minister of Environment to re-assess his position with respect to this issue and determine whether or not the request initially was the more appropriate one."
MOTION CARRIED.

18. Davis Developments Limited Re the Sackville Business Park as a Potential Site for the New Women's Prison

Mr. Kelly outlined the above mentioned letter.

It was moved by Councillor Horne, seconded by Councillor Cooper

"THAT this letter be received."

Warden Lichter advised listed under the Executive Committee Report was a recommendation concerning the new Women's Prison. He stated this could be discussed at the time of the Executive Committee Report. Council agreed.

MOTION CARRIED.

19. Michael, For the Triumph of the Immaculate Re Provincial Credit System

Mr. Kelly outlined the letter.

It was moved by Councillor Smiley, seconded by Councillor Randall

"THAT the letter be received."

MOTION CARRIED.

20. Department of Small Business Development Re Women's Prison. Sackville Business Park

Mr. Kelly outlined the letter.

It was moved by Councillor Horne, seconded by Councillor Smiley

"THAT the letter be received."

MOTION CARRIED.

SUPPLEMENTARY LETTERS AND CORRESPONDENCE

1. Office of the Mayor Re Committee Respecting Cost Savings through Regionalization of Services

Mr. Kelly outlined the letter.

It was moved by Deputy Warden Ball, seconded by Councillor Fralick

"THAT the letter be received."

MOTION CARRIED.

Warden Lichter advised Mayor Savage requested him to nominate another individual to serve on this Committee. He stated he felt Council should nominate an individual for this Committee.

It was moved by Councillor Cooper, seconded by Councillor Harvey

"THAT Councillor Richards be appointed to the Committee Respecting Cost Savings through Regionalization of Services."
MOTION CARRIED.

It was moved by Deputy Warden Ball, seconded by Councillor Fralick

"THAT nominations cease."
MOTION CARRIED.

PLANNING ADVISORY COMMITTEE REPORT

1. Application No. ZA-LM-17-91 - Amendments to the Land Use By-law for North Preston, Lake Major, Lake Loon/Cherry Brook and East Preston Re: Add Properties to Appendix "C" of the Land Use By-law

Mr. Kelly outlined the report.

It was moved by Councillor Cooper, seconded by Councillor Meade

"THAT a public hearing on this application be held September 9, 1991."
MOTION CARRIED.

2. Application No. DA-SA-03-91-21 - Application by John MacFadven to Enter into a Development Agreement with the Municipality to Operate a Used Car Sales Outlet at 984 Sackville Drive, Lower Sackville

Mr. Kelly outlined the report.

It was moved by Councillor Harvey, seconded by Councillor Meade

"THAT a public hearing on this application be held September 9, 1991."
MOTION CARRIED.

SUPPLEMENTARY PLANNING ADVISORY COMMITTEE REPORT

1. File No.'s RA-EP/CB-10-91-06/ZAP-EP/CB-23-91 - Application by Tim Donuts Limited to Rezone the property at 1104 Eastern Passage Road and Amendment to the Eastern Passage/Cow Bay Road Land Use By-law in order to permit larger business signs within the C-5 (Mixed Use) Zone

Mr. Kelly outlined the report.

It was moved by Councillor Boutilier, seconded by Councillor

Deveaux

"THAT a public hearing on this application be held September 9, 1991."
MOTION CARRIED.

2. Memo - Proposed Shopping Centre, Antigonish

Mr. Kelly outlined the report. He stated the Shopping Centre Development Act required that the Municipal Board give notice of the application to every Municipality within a 50 mile radius of the proposed shopping centre.

It was moved by Councillor Snow, seconded by Councillor Meade

"THAT the report be received."
MOTION CARRIED.

Warden Lichter asked if there were any reasons Council should oppose the information contained in the report.

Councillor Boutilier advised this memo was for information purposes.

REPORT RE LESSER SETBACK

Mr. Kelly advised Mr. Legate had submitted an application requesting that he be permitted to construct a garage within 5 to 15 feet of the front lot line of his property which abutted Highway #357 in Elderbank.

It was moved by Councillor Reid, seconded by Councillor Horne

"THAT the request by Robert M. Legate for a lesser setback of 20 feet from the front lot line of Lot 87-2CD, on Highway 357 in Meagher' Grant be approved by Municipal Council."
MOTION CARRIED.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPORT

1. Former Lakeside School

Mr. Kelly outlined the report.

It was moved by Councillor Poirier, seconded by Councillor Meade

"THAT the former Lakeside School be retained by Halifax County

Municipality for use as a community recreation centre."
MOTION CARRIED.

2. Lot 1 Mushaboom - Property of Rosemary and Alvin Boutilier

Mr. Kelly outlined the report.

It was moved by Deputy Warden Ball, seconded by Councillor Smiley

"THAT Council approve to proceed with expropriation of Lot 1 Mushaboom, Property of Rosemary and Alvin Boutilier for the purposes of constructing a fire hall."

Mr. Kelly read into the record the resolution pertaining to this matter.

MOTION CARRIED.

3. Acquisition of Land - Hatchett Lake Fire Department

Mr. Kelly outlined the report.

It was moved by Deputy Warden Ball, seconded by Councillor Horne

"THAT Halifax County approve acquisition of the Fire Department property, Lot 5, Main Road, Hatchett Lake, at a cost of \$25,000, contingent upon clear title."
MOTION CARRIED.

4. Senior Planner Position

Mr. Kelly outlined the report.

It was moved by Deputy Warden Ball, seconded by Councillor Cooper

"THAT County Council approve the filling of the vacant Senior Planner position within the Policy Division, Department of Planning & Development."
MOTION CARRIED.

Warden Lichter referred to the report stating the approval provided the C.A.O. with the flexibility to ensure this position did not require a department budget increase in the following fiscal year's budget. He asked if this meant this fiscal's year budget would be increased.

Mr. Meech responded if the position was filled within this fiscal year, it would have to be done within the total monies allocated. He stated there was no guarantee the extra monies required to

retain this position as well as the existing position would be in the budget for 1992/1993.

5. Sidewalk Construction Agreement

Mr. Kelly outlined the report.

It was moved by Deputy Warden Ball, seconded by Councillor Deveaux

"THAT Sidewalk Construction Agreement for No. 1-Z, Cole Harbour, Eastern Passage and Beaverbank be approved."
MOTION CARRIED.

It was moved by Councillor Bates, seconded by Councillor Snow

"THAT Sidewalk Construction Agreement for No. 1-A Waverley be approved."
MOTION CARRIED.

6. Withdrawal from N. S. Housing Commission Funds

Mr. Kelly outlined the report.

It was moved by Councillor Richards, seconded by Councillor MacDonald

"THAT Council approve the withdrawal of \$5,404.66 from N. S. Housing Commission Funds for construction and equipment for two tot lots in Lower Sackville."
MOTION CARRIED.

7. Withdrawal from Tax Sale Surplus Account

Mr. Kelly outlined the report.

It was moved by Councillor Reid, seconded by Councillor Horne

"THAT Council approve the withdrawal from tax sale surplus account in the amount of \$151,963 to be credited to the Capital Grant Fund for purposes of capital projects."
MOTION CARRIED.

8. Loan Request - District 10 East Volunteer Fire Department

Mr. Kelly outlined the report.

It was moved by Councillor Bayers, seconded by Councillor Cooper

"THAT the loan request of \$100,000 for the purchase of a fire

vehicle for District #10 East Volunteer Fire Department to be recovered over a maximum 10 year period with interest, with Council reserving the right to levy an area rate in default of principal and/or interest repayment be approved."
MOTION CARRIED.

9. Requests for Capital Grants

Mr. Kelly outlined the report.

It was moved by Councillor MacDonald, seconded by Councillor Deveaux

"THAT the following requests for Capital Grants be approved:

- (A) District Capital Grant - District 1.
- (B) General Parkland Grant and District Parkland Grant - District 2.
- (C) District Capital Grant - District 3.
- (D) District Capital Grant, District Parkland Grant and General Parkland Grant - District 6.
- (E) General Parkland Grant and District Parkland Grant - District 6.
- (F) General Parkland Grant and District Parkland Grant - Districts 8 and 9.
- (G) General Parkland Grant and District Parkland Grant - District 10.
- (H) District Parkland Grant - District 20.
- (I) District Parkland Grant - District 20.
- (J) District Capital Grant - District 20 and General Parkland Grant.
- (K) District Capital Grant - District 21 and General Parkland Grant.
- (L) District Capital Grant - District 21 and General Parkland Grant.
- (M) General Parkland Grant.
- (N) General Parkland Grant.
- (O) General Parkland Grant.

MOTION CARRIED.

10. Site Selection for the Potential Development of the Atlantic Regional Facility for Federally Sentenced Women

Mr. Kelly advised the Executive Committee received a staff report respecting site selection for the potential development of the Atlantic Regional Facility for Federally Sentenced Women. He advised a draft of a letter to correctional services respecting this item was attached.

Mr. Kelly advised the Executive Committee recommended to Council that the Municipality actively pursue from the Federal Government the opportunity to have this facility located in Halifax County and further suggest there are many areas of Halifax County which meet the criteria.

Councillor Boutilier expressed concern with respect to this matter. He stated he did not know anything about the Sackville Business Park being considered as a potential site. He stated he did not think other Sackville Councillors were aware of the situation either. He asked if the staff report was initiated by the Executive Committee.

Mr. Meech responded this was a result of a resolution of Council. He advised when the report was completed, it was tabled with the Executive Committee in which it was discussed and debated. He stated Council had asked Staff to attempt to identify any potential sites that Halifax County felt would be suitable and meet the criteria for such a facility. He advised this was how it was initiated to Council in which they passed a resolution requesting for a staff report. He stated once the staff report was completed, it was tabled with the Executive Committee.

Councillor Boutilier stated he would think, as courtesy, that the Sackville Community Committee would receive a copy of the Planning Department recommendation with respect to what was suggested. He stated he was unaware of what really was going on.

Mr. Meech reiterated the report was tabled with the Executive Committee rather than coming directly to Council. He stated basically, what was being asked to do was identify any potential sites according to the criteria developed by the Federal Correction Officials. He advised sites within reason which met the criteria were related to them.

Warden Lichter advised the information was out there before the Executive Committee received it.

Councillor Harvey stated as a Sackville Councillor, he was unaware of the actual selection of a possible site. He stated he would like to know information before the information was in the public domain for discussion.

Councillor Harvey stated with respect to the chart circulated, he would like to know whether there was any support or not in terms of the community of Sackville with respect to the Sackville Business Park being a considered site. He assumed support was not received.

Mr. Meech stated what was put forward was not to endorse the

Sackville Business Park as a potential site. He stated the Committee had recommended to Council that Halifax County do nothing more but indicate to the Federal Correction Centre that Halifax County would be prepared to work with them to find a suitable site for this prison. He stated this was to go no further unless Council decided to change the recommendation submitted by the Executive Committee.

Councillor Bates stated it was to his understanding, Halifax County was opening up to more than those two sites.

Mr. Meech stated it was his understanding, at the Executive Committee, they did not want to identify any specific sites. He stated they recommended that Halifax County go simply on the record in written form that Halifax County advised Federal Correction Officials that Halifax County were prepared to work with them to assist them in locating a suitable site for the prison within Halifax County's jurisdiction. As well, make those officials aware that there were areas that met the criteria.

Councillor Morgan stated this particular facility if it were to locate adjacent to the existing facility would be located in his district. He stated he was unaware if the residents of his district were opposed to this facility as he had not spoken with any of them with respect to this issue. He advised he lived within a block of the existing facility for 12 years. Other than the fact that some individuals feel there is some stigma associated with living next door to a correctional centre, he could not see how another facility would cause any great problem. He stated one of the reasons being was when an individual escaped from such a facility, they do not stick around in the immediate neighborhood. He felt the RCMP would as well give the same opinion. He stated they had never been able to find anybody who escaped from the existing facility anywhere in the area.

Councillor Morgan stated there was a school directly across the street from the existing facility which was upgraded to a large extent. Obviously, the School Board had no objections locating schools in the same vicinity to these facilities. He stated if residents advised him that they did not wish to have the facility located in this area, he would speak on their behalf and support them. At present, he was unaware of their opinions. He stated he was unaware where Mr. Davis was getting his concerns from. He stated if somebody could show him if there was any merit to objecting this selection, he would support them. Otherwise, he could not see why Sackville would oppose an industry that seemed to be a booming industry from locating within the Municipality. He stated crime was on the increase and everything else on the decrease. He felt this was an expanding opportunity. He stated

the Federal Officials supported this as well. He stated he would be waiting to here from the residents concerned.

Councillor Cooper felt this item would be a more appropriate issue to hold a Committee of the Whole Session. He advised it was noted in the paper, that this facility was considered locating in Cole Harbour. He stated, at present, this was the personal opinion of one of the local Councillors. He stated he did not think there had been an opportunity to determine the community's reaction to it. He stated he agreed with the basic principle that establishing regional prisons for women was a good idea. However, he wished to express concerns with respect to this location. He stated he hoped this would not effect future services to the residents in the area. He specifically addressed the question of water in that particular area which was experiencing arsenic problems. He stated he would not want this facility to use up any public capacity in that area unless Halifax County Municipality determined that changes would be made to ensure any excess capacity for those residents remain and receive the servicing they require. He felt to have the facility located in the Municipality would be good for the Municipality, etc.

Councillor Harvey stated his remarks should not be taken to mean that he did not think the Municipality should necessarily say no, anywhere in the Municipality, within the criteria established for such a facility. He stated he was suggesting that the Sackville Business Park was not the place for such a facility.

Councillor Boutilier stated if Halifax County were going to get involved with crime, they could as well relate to Solid Waste Management. He stated it would have been nice if the Sackville Community Committee were advised that Mr. Davis requested the Planning & Development to identify potential sites for this facility.

Mr. Meech reiterated this was a verbal request to himself. He stated he asked the Planning & Development Staff to examine the potential sites thinking Halifax County were seriously interested in wanting to find a suitable site somewhere in Halifax County jurisdiction. He stated it was brought to his attention, very quickly, that they should not be asked to take a position on this matter. He stated this was communicated back to Mr. Grace that if he was interested in pursuing his piece of land as a possible site, he was in fact to do that directly.

Councillor Poirier stated she believed Halifax County were talking about human beings not garbage or taking up water capacity. She stated certain districts could not wait to get everything. She stated most of these women had been placed in these facilities

because they were abused by men. She stated they were not talking of women that had tried to kill an individual in ordinary circumstances. She stated she was appaled to the shovenistic situation and discussion she was hearing tonight. She stated these individuals needed to be rehabilitated, close to their families, in a place that had 24 hour police service, mental health, drug and alcoholic treatments. She stated a lot of individuals required this not just those in prison. She stated she did not agree with these Council men comparing women to garbage.

Warden Lichter responded he did not believe any of the comments were made in reference to garbage.

Councillor Poirier responded more women were needed on Council.

Councillor Cooper stated it was clearly stated that Councillor Richards and himself, in principle, agreed with the location of this type of facility closer to where the families lived. He stated they could not make that decision, however, unless all circumstances were taken into consideration including those who presently lived in the districts. He stated their needs, as they lived in the districts, needed to be considered. He stated Council could not forget the residents of the district just to accommodate the institution being proposed.

Councillor Bates stated he heard the City of Halifax made several representations regarding the facility being located in the City. He questioned Dartmouth and Bedford. He asked if these areas were promoting this.

Mr. Meech stated it was his understanding that the Town of Bedford had advanced at least one, if not two, of their Industrial Parks for a potential site. He stated the City of Halifax had publicly indicated they were interested in having this facility. He was uncertain if sites were submitted. He stated the City of Dartmouth were going to pursue the matter. He stated the County of Colchester, as well, intended to try to have this located in their jurisdiction.

Councillor Bates asked if there was not indication that the Industrial Park was not a suitable location for this type of facility.

Mr. Meech responded as he recalled from readings, there was an inmate in one of these penitentiaries who made the point that locating the facility in an Industrial Park was not appropriate. He stated they were looking to have these facilities located within the community because of rehabilitation opportunities and have access to the other support services that would be necessary. He

stated they suggested this be located in more of a residential character rather than an industrial type of location.

Councillor Bates stated the reason he questioned this was because there was specific concern by one of the developers regarding a shopping centre which he understood would not be the ideal location. He stated there were several locations in Halifax County that would be much more suitable for the facility. He stated he did not see where the developers concerns were legitimate.

Mr. Meech referred to the Cobequid Multi-Service Centre. He stated it seemed to him this was the type of location they were trying to find. He stated in Dartmouth where the Nova Scotia Hospital was located was probably a suitable location as well.

Councillor Richards felt it was interesting to hear comments from what has supposed to have been said. He stated with all due respect to the reporters covering the Municipality of the County of Halifax, this source of finding out information was not always the most accurate method of receiving information that Halifax County should be relying on. He stated he would much appreciate it if Halifax County would come forward with respect to making decisions.

It was moved by Councillor Richards, seconded by Councillor Bates

"THAT the Municipality of the County of Halifax actively pursue from the Federal Government the opportunity to have this facility located in Halifax County and further suggest there are many areas of Halifax County which meet the criteria, including the letter forwarded to Mr. Kelly by Ms. Ashton."

Councillor Morgan stated he had brought two of the former inmates of the Correctional Centre in Sackville to his home. He stated he believed any community should be honored to have the opportunity of helping to rehabilitate male and female prisoners. He stated he would go on record as saying "Until the whole of the residents of District 16 appals the re-location of this establishment within his particular district, he would support it for his district. He stated he did not understand how Halifax County Council supported playgrounds adjacent to the existing jail or correctional centres, he did not fully understand the difference between what makes a criminal more of a criminal when they get a two year plus one day sentence and go to Federal Prison, or they receive two years less a day and go to Halifax County's why they are tougher and less desirable. He stated the Correctional Centre housed most of the Federal prisoners until they were sent elsewhere. He stated they had exposure whether they liked it or not. He stated if residents came out and prevailed against him, he would buy it. Until that

happened, he could not see how any Councillor from Sackville would not support the relocation of this facility within their community when, in fact, Halifax County have the facilities that can help these individuals. He stated Halifax County wanted this facility. He stated the faster these individuals could be rehabilitated and brought back into the community, the better. He stated this was one of the ways Halifax County could show them they wanted them. He stated he did not agree with locating this prison on an island with barb wire fence around it, etc. like it used to be. He stated he was not for this.

Councillor Fralick stated since the facility may wind up in Halifax County, Hubbards Square would be an ideal location for it.

Councillor Deveaux stated he agreed with Councillor Morgan. He stated there seemed to be a stigma attached to an institution of this type. He stated this could provide employment as well as have a high assessment on tax value.

MOTION CARRIED.

DATE FOR MINOR VARIANCE APPEALS

Mr. Kelly advised Ms. Marie Greenwood wished to appeal a minor variance application approval. He advised the recommended date for a public hearing was September 3, 1991.

It was moved by Councillor Richards, seconded by Councillor Cooper

"THAT a public hearing on this minor variance appeal be held September 3, 1991."

MOTION CARRIED.

Mr. Kelly advised Mr. Malcolm Stone, Jim Harnish and Pat Fitzner wished to appeal a minor variance application approval. He advised the recommended date for a public hearing was September 17, 1991.

It was moved by Councillor Boutilier, seconded by Councillor MacDonald

"THAT a public hearing on this minor variance appeal approval be held September 17, 1991 at 7:00 p.m."

MOTION CARRIED.

Councillor Bayers advised it had come to his attention a letter from Mr. David Grace respecting the prison discussed earlier was included in the agenda. He stated it was his understanding this letter was not to be added to the Council agenda but disregarded.