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SPECIAL COUNCIL SESSION

April 1, 1992

PRESENT WERE: Warden Lichter  
Councillor Meade  
Councillor Rankin  
Councillor Holland  
Councillor Ball  
Councillor Deveaux  
Councillor Adams  
Councillor Randall  
Councillor Taylor  
Councillor Peters  
Councillor Merrigan  
Councillor Brill  
Councillor Snow  
Councillor Giffin  
Councillor MacDonald  
Councillor Boutilier  
Councillor Harvey  
Deputy Warden Sutherland  
Councillor McInroy  
Councillor Cooper

ALSO PRESENT: G. J. Kelly, Municipal Clerk  
K. R. Meech, Chief Administrative Officer  
Julia Horncastle, Recording Secretary

REGRETS: Councillor Fralick  
Councillor Bayers  
Councillor Smiley  
Councillor Richards

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The meeting was called to order at 4:00 p.m.

REPORT AND DISCUSSION ON TASK FORCE ON MUNICIPAL REFORM

Warden Lichter outlined a report on Task Force on Local Government that had been circulated to the Council.

He asked Council, after the outlining of the report, if they wished to discuss the five issues outlined in the report namely:

1. What are the most critical issues in the present delivery and finance of services?
2. What are the most critical issues in the present structure and boundaries of municipal government?

3. Do you agree that change is necessary in
  - a) the allocation of responsibilities?
  - b) structure and boundaries?
4. What are the preferred options for the delivery and financing of services?
5. What changes in boundaries might be appropriate in your area?

Councillor Deveaux asked if there was any indication given on how indepth the report to be given on April 6, 1992 was going to be and whether or not this would be the final report or an interim report.

Warden Lichter stated that this was not going to be an interim report because the government was adamant that the consultants contract would expire on March 31, 1992 and the only task left for the consultants is filing the report which takes place on April 6, 1992.

Councillor Deveaux asked what the reaction was with regards to costs and responsibilities.

Warden Lichter stated that what should be Municipal and what should be Provincial responsibility was discussed was completed by some of the groups but up to March 12, 1992 the consultants had no interest in discussing who delivers what services. He stated that the last letter received from Mayor Savage indicates that the consultants indicated that they will also incorporate, in their final report, some recommendations as to who should deliver what services and who will pay for what services. He stated that his understanding is that one recommendation will be that Class 4 policing and Class 4 roads are to be paid for by the Municipality.

Councillor Deveaux stated that these allocation responsibilities should be determined before the boundaries are struck.

Warden Lichter stated that all the Mayors and Wardens have expressed the same concern that yes, they are in favour of trying to save money for the property taxpayer. On March 12, 1992 when the Task Force met the consultants were asked if they had come to a conclusion as to their eventual recommendations and will that bring about some savings by downsizing government. He stated that they replied that yes there will be savings. He stated that they had been asked if they had carried out any calculations on which they can base that opinion and they replied that they had not; it was just a gut feeling. He stated that he had difficulty with an approach where you assume that any change in government is going to bring about savings without really knowing as to where and how those savings are going to be made.



Deputy Warden Sutherland stated that he has no difficulty with attempting to modify or amend the way service is delivered if it is a question of saving money. He stated that the report gives no perspectives of what the benefits are and what possible amalgamations are being looked at. He stated that unless there is a proposal and time given to discuss and raise concerns then Halifax County is not going to be a very important part of the whole process. He stated given the way things are progressing he would question how effective the Municipal Council is going to be in the whole process.

Councillor Merrigan stated that he cannot see how the province can say they are going to change Municipalities. He stated that Council cannot forget that they are here to try and provide a service to the people they represent.

Councillor Rankin stated that he feels that change will require change on the part of the Province as well as the Municipalities. He stated that Halifax County should communicate to the Province that it is willing to cooperate providing they are prepared to delineate and have a discussion on who should be delivering what before proceeding to the next step.

Warden Lichter stated that on March 13, 1992 at the Executive, after listening to a number of speakers, he express his personal opinion saying that the agenda appears to be nothing other than the elimination of "x" number of Municipalities; "x" being an unidentified number of Municipalities and unidentified Municipalities. He stated that Municipal governments are the buffer between the MLA's and MP's and the people. He stated that it appears to him that the briefing book contains a large number of optional structures for government. He stated the map presentation made by the consultants showed a number of incorporated towns and cities are surrounded by octopus like serviced areas. He stated that the document and the consultants also spoke about the difficult, lengthy, and expensive process of annexations.

Councillor Boutilier stated that structure changes should be two way. He stated that he is not totally sure that changes are needed in Municipal government as much as changes in the structure of the funding formulas that exist with the Provincial government. He stated that the services provided by Halifax County Municipality, for the dollars that are allotted, are good. He stated that he would suggest that the Warden, on behalf of the Council, express the that the process is poorly done.

Councillor MacDonald stated that the Province will download more responsibilities on the Municipal governments.

Councillor Cooper stated that if the options are eliminated then you are left with looking at consolidations. He stated that Council must bear in mind the relationship between the Provincial



and Municipal government. He stated that the Municipalities try to provide a service for the residents of their communities and the province, by their funding and the conditions they put on things, are making life very difficult. He stated that this whole process may result in rationalization of services and the funding for those services. He stated that he felt the Municipality should be looking at what should come out of this process for the people of the Municipality. He stated that he felt the Municipality is a fair number of clearly defined communities. He stated that Halifax County should try to make it clear that it is going to strive and maintain in each individual community the community input necessary to maintain them and to achieve what the communities want. He stated that he would like to see Halifax County achieve a plan to maintain community identity and some form of body where those communities can be represented. He stated he feels that the recent election boundaries have been a disservice to some communities because they have resorted and recombined them and this may be the first step in eliminating community identities.

Warden Lichter stated that the aspirations of those communities that Councillor Cooper was talking about probably were built into the greatest possible extent in the charter that the Council has worked on. He stated that the answer received was that in view of the Task Force on Local Government the provincial government is not prepared to do anything with the charter at the present time. He stated that this indicates that there may be some impact on Halifax County.

Deputy Warden Sutherland asked if Mr. Meech could give an overview.

Mr. Meech stated, that from his point of view, there is a need for change but what is most key at this point in time is to reinforce the position of the union executive which is what's most important is that before any restructuring is done the Provincial government sort out as to what level of government is going to be responsible for what services and who is going to pay for each service. He stated that if it is just a restructuring of boundaries then what you may see happen is that the province may see this as nothing more than an opportunity to restructure local government so it has the capacity to accept more costs without having that agreement up front. He stated that he would strongly recommend that the message be sent that Halifax County believes that the realignment or sorting out of service delivery and financing should be dealt with before any restructuring actually takes place.

Councillor Giffin asked for confirmation that the contract for the consultants expired on March 31, 1992 and their report is going to the Minister on April 6, 1992.

Warden Lichter replied that this was correct. He stated that possibly a letter could be faxed to the Premier with a copy to UNSM if Council agrees to what was suggested by Mr. Meech and

Councillor Cooper suggesting that Halifax County Council has grave concerns about the ability of those communities to maintain their identity should the attempt be made to have these communities in some way disappear or fragment.

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

"THAT HALIFAX COUNTY COUNCIL SEND A FAX TO THE PREMIER STATING THE POSITION AS OUTLINED BY THE WARDEN"

MOTION CARRIED

UPDATE ON MEETING WITH MINISTER OF COMMUNITY SERVICES

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

"THAT COUNCIL MOVE IN-CAMERA"

MOTION CARRIED

Committee agreed to move out-of-camera.

REPORT AND DISCUSSION ON HALIFAX CITY TASK FORCE REPORT ON SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT STRATEGIES

Warden Lichter stated that the way he reads the document essentially is that it is only a modification of what was proposed to Metro Authority in either May or June of 1991 when he made a motion at Metro Authority of going with a composting system. He stated that the motion had failed with a count of 5 to 5. He stated that following that a number of Metro Authority members have gone to Iowa and Minnesota. He stated that upon returning from these states he had changed his position and had explained to Council members why.

He stated that what is being established in this report is that the Metro Authority option that includes an incinerator, at an estimated capital cost of \$166.8 million, is actually not the best available technology incinerator. He stated that he has looked through the information, data and the formulas that were used to reach that conclusion and he does not understand why that conclusion was reached other than if a consultant establishes that it is not the best available technology then to put the best in would cost more and they were looking for what could be done more than what Metro Authority is proposing to do with the incinerator. He stated that what is being suggested is that in addition to what Metro Authority is proposing the flue gasses, before the fly ash drops out, could be recirculated again and go through the entire scrubber system. He stated that if that was done the cost would then be \$241.8 million. He stated that the exact cost will not be known until after proposals come in from the two proponents, Ogden Martin and Foster Wheeler.

He stated that the Environmental Hazards and Hazard Indexes have been examined in great detail and although all the indexes are below the acceptable levels it is argued that if you take the child receptor then the figures that have been computed, with regards to incinerator emissions, they come close to the acceptable standards. He stated that as a result further consultant studies have been suggested.

He stated that there have been four options designed for the four Municipalities and separate options designed only for the city of Halifax. He stated that he has gone through those options to see what it means and in every one of the options there are at least a three stream collection at the household. These three streams would be recyclables, organics and regular garbage. The recyclables go to the MRF, the organics go to a facility where they would be composted, and the garbage would go to a garbage facility where they would be further handled to remove recyclable and compostable materials with the remainder going to the landfill. He stated that it is estimated that a lesser amount would go to the landfill, in the end, than with an incinerator.

He stated that option 1 further suggests that at the household level and also at businesses and industries the three stream collection be further segregated; newspaper, glass, tin and aluminum, and plastic all in separate containers. He stated that the suggested collection schedule is: recyclables - weekly; garbage - weekly; and organics - bi-weekly. He stated that the four options are different variations on collection method and they all basically mean that there would be a second safeguard by doing further sorting at the garbage disposal facility before the garbage goes to the landfill. He stated that the costs per ton, capita and operation wise are cheaper if the Metropolitan area is persuaded to go the route of option 1, 2, 3, or 4. Also is the City of Halifax wishes to go on its own then it is recommended that option 1 be the preferred option.

Councillor Meade asked if there had been any indication given on how the compost would be used.

Warden Lichter stated that the report suggested that the compost could be used in areas where it would not be close to any humans. He stated that it is indicated that in the best case scenario, if the separation works at both stages, then it could be used on gardens and for the growth of vegetables as a soil additive but if the quality is not good then it would be used for landscaping and in nurseries.

Councillor Meade asked if this system went through would the landfill site be wet or dry.

Warden Lichter stated that it is indicated that there would be no organics left because they would be taken out both at the



separation at the household level and at the garbage processing facility. He stated that a dry landfill site would be contemplated. He stated that the report indicates that Metropolitan Authority overestimated the 15% that they could save by recycling because they said that all their calculations indicate that there is no where close to 15% that Halifax County could get from recycling from the householder. He stated that they suggest in order to improve the percentage and take it above 20% all commercial and industrial etc.

Councillor Meade asked if the City of Halifax went on its own would Bedford and the County of Halifax still be able to use the recycling facility in Bayers Lake Industrial Park.

Warden Lichter stated that since Halifax County, Bedford and Halifax had funded it together and had signed the agreement to have Envirocare operate it for Metro Authority. He stated that he felt quite sure it would be available for the use of everybody.

Councillor Brill asked if there should be some type of backup strategy.

Warden Lichter stated that at the time council did not feel that the County should begin working on a fallback position. He stated that should Halifax City decide that they want Metro Authority to change their position on the present waste management system then Halifax County would have to indicate to Halifax City that although we have some reservations about what is in the report, if they feel comfortable that this is the approach that the four Metro units should take and are willing to accommodate a landfill in their jurisdiction for the four Municipalities, we will be glad to participate but we will not take the risk of betraying any of the Halifax County residents by locating a landfill there not knowing whether or not it is going to be a dry landfill.

Councillor MacDonald stated that the amount of composting that is being indicated is not logical. He stated that composting is not far enough advanced that it can be done on a large scale. He stated that if everyone was a dedicated recycler it would probably work but most people may not do it therefore organics will end up in the incinerator or landfill.

Councillor Deveaux asked when does a decision have to be made to meet the deadline.

Warden Lichter stated that within two weeks the proponents for incineration will present their complete contract package. He stated that at that point Metro Authority would have to make a decision to either accept or not. In order to be able to finance it the borrowing resolutions are still necessary which Halifax City says they do not agree with and are not willing to sign. He stated that he does not know how long the Peer Group Committee will take

to come back with a recommendation to their council. He stated that if this is delayed a couple of months then it will also delay the completion of the incinerator. He stated that Metro Authority have approved that staff study the possible alternatives to what to do with the garbage in the interim period other than extend the life of the landfill at Sackville and other than put this garbage in the new landfill.

It was moved by Councillor Rankin, seconded by Councillor Holland:

"THAT THIS REPORT BE RECEIVED AND REJECTED"

Councillor Brill stated that even if the report is rejected the Council has not addressed the question.

Warden Lichter stated that the County then can come back to a fallback position.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Warden Lichter stated that there are eleven members on Metro Authority. He stated that last time around there was a 7-4 vote for the waste management strategy that was adopted. He stated that he did not know if this report is going to convince anybody otherwise. He stated that he cannot speak for any other member of Metro Authority and if for no other reason some of the other members of Metro Authority would be inclined to change their minds then it would have to be made absolutely clear that Halifax County's position is "if you do change it, then be prepared to locate a landfill in the City of Halifax, don't expect Halifax County to put up with a landfill that cannot be guaranteed to be a dry landfill". Council agreed to this fallback position in that particular case.

UPDATE AND DISCUSSION ON METROPOLITAN AUTHORITY SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT STRATEGY

Warden Lichter stated that Councillor Adams was informed that this was going to be discussed.

He stated that BARROLS has written a letter to Metro Authority indicating that the process that was used to rate sites H, G, and L was a process that piked a second and third site as well. He stated that since that time he has received representations from PROBE indicating the same thing. He stated that the Secretary of State, the Honourable Jerry Weiner has recently through his local office indicated his displeasure with the fact that Halifax County did not respect and implement the 90 recommendations that the Race Relations Committee had worked on and presented which was discussed at the December 3, 1992 meeting of Council. He stated that Mr. Weiner felt that in selecting site H, Metropolitan Authority members have been insensitive or did not carry out a commitment

that was promised to be carried out. He stated that he felt that this Council has acted very responsibly and he stated that clarification had been requested from the writers as to what they mean by "near" and what they mean by "Black community".

He stated that considering the concerns that have been expressed about site H and considering the fact that site G and L are closer to black communities than site H is to the nearest black community there are two options. He stated that Site H goes through the Environmental Assessment and then if for any reason the Environmental Assessment panel says, to the minister, that they do not recommend it and the minister says it is rejected he is prepared to accept the decision. He stated that if prior to the Environmental process being completed political interference at any level rejects site H then as an individual he will have an obligation to reject site G and L as well. He stated that he cannot see how either of those two sites could qualify.

It was moved by Councillor Rankin, seconded by Councillor Giffin:

"THAT COUNCIL COMMUNICATE TO THE PROVINCIAL GOVERNMENT, THROUGH THE PREMIER, AND TO THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT, WITH A COPY TO MR. CROSBIE THAT PROVINCIAL AND FEDERAL POLITICIANS STAY OUT OF THE PROCESS AND LET THE ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW TAKE ITS COURSE"

Councillor Rankin stated that he would like the letter to go to the Minister of Multiculturalism.

Warden Lichter suggested that perhaps the proper thing would be not to say anything to the politicians but simply to write to the Minister of Multiculturalism and ask for his assistance in bringing about a very fast resolution to the definition of near and black community which was asked for in December.

Councillor Cooper stated that the interpretation of December 3, 1991 was to allow for further consideration of other items of that report. He stated that the Council was very selective in the items addressed because there were concerns as to how the report was arrived at. He stated that what is being addressed is a landfill and garbage problem for the Municipalities, there were criteria set up and decisions made on the criteria. He stated that he felt the County should not take any action that would lead to any slanting of the site selection or changing of the site selection by trying to clearly define types of communities.

MOTION DEFEATED

6 IN FAVOR

8 AGAINST

It was moved by Councillor Deveaux, seconded Councillor Holland:



"THAT WARDEN LICHTER SEND A LETTER TO JERRY WEINER ALONG  
WITH THE MINUTES OF THE DECEMBER 3, 1991 MEETING"

MOTION CARRIED

It was moved by Councillor Harvey:

"THAT THE MEETING BE ADJOURNED"

MOTION CARRIED

COUNCIL SESSION

April 7, 1992

PRESENT WERE: Warden Lichter  
Councillor Meade  
Councillor Rankin  
Councillor Fralick  
Councillor Holland  
Councillor Ball  
Councillor Deveaux  
Councillor Adams  
Councillor Randall  
Councillor Bayers  
Councillor Smiley  
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Councillor Brill  
Councillor Snow  
Councillor Giffin  
Councillor MacDonald  
Councillor Boutilier  
Councillor Harvey  
Deputy Warden Sutherland  
Councillor Richards  
Councillor McInroy  
Councillor Cooper

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

REGRETS: Councillor Bates

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The meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. with the Lord's  
Prayer. Mr. Kelly called roll.

APPOINTMENT OF RECORDING SECRETARY

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

"THAT JULIA HORNCastle BE APPOINTED AS RECORDING  
SECRETARY"

MOTION CARRIED

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

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

"THAT THE MINUTES OF THE MARCH 3, 1992 COUNCIL SESSION BE APPROVED"

MOTION CARRIED

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

"THAT THE MINUTES OF THE MARCH 2, 1992 COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE BE APPROVED"

MOTION CARRIED

UNSM REGIONAL MEETING

Warden Lichter informed Council that the UNSM regional meeting will be hosted by Halifax County on May 27, 1992 at 5:00 p.m. in Chambers. He stated that Halifax County has five voting delegates and he asked how Council wanted these delegates chosen.

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

"THAT WARDEN LICHTER SELECT THESE FIVE DELEGATES"

MOTION CARRIED

METRO AUTHORITY SPECIAL SESSION

Warden Lichter informed Council that on April 21, 1992 at 10:00 a.m. in the Council Chambers Metro Authority will be holding a special session to which all Halifax County Councillors are invited. He stated that the Department of the Environment has informed Metro Authority that they would like to make a presentation in order to outline the procedure that the Environmental Assessment Process consists of.

DATE FOR COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING

Warden Lichter stated that he has been asked by staff to arrange a possible date for a Committee of the Whole meeting to present the 1992/93 budget. He stated that he was proposing Tuesday, April 14, 1992 at 3:00 p.m. be the time of this meeting.

It was moved by Councillor Peters, seconded by Councillor Rankin:

"THAT TUESDAY, APRIL 14, 1992 AT 3:00 P.M. BE SET AS THE DATE AND TIME FOR A COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE SESSION"

MOTION CARRIED



PRESENTATION BY MRS. CHRISTINE SOOSAR, PARKINSONS FOUNDATION OF CANADA

Mrs. Soosar stated that over one hundred thousand Canadians may be suffering from Parkinsons. Seven thousand of those are Nova Scotians. It is the third largest disabling disease in Canada. It had been estimated that of those in the over 40 age group one person in two hundred will likely develop some symptoms. The Nova Scotia division of the Parkinsons Foundation of Canada is a registered charitable organization under the Societies of Nova Scotia. She stated that they are devoted to three aims: 1) assisting people with Parkinsons Disease and their friends and families to understand better to live with this condition 2) informing the public of the nature of Parkinsons and the specific needs of the Parksonian and 3) raising money for support of Parkinsons and for research into the causes and treatment of the disease. She thanked Halifax County Municipality for their generosity in proclaiming April 20 - 26 Parkinsons Awareness Week.

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

"THAT APRIL 20 -26, 1992 BE DECLARED AS PARKINSONS AWARENESS WEEK"

MOTION CARRIED

1. Mr. Kelly outlined a letter from Anne MacMullen, Sackville Mainstreet Co-ordinator to Councillor Reg Rankin with respect to a Mainstreet Program in the Lakeside/Timberlea area.

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

"THAT THE LETTER BE RECEIVED"

MOTION CARRIED

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

"THAT HALIFAX COUNTY MUNICIPALITY RECOMMEND TO THE DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, ON BEHALF OF THE COMMUNITIES OF TIMBERLEA AND LAKESIDE, THAT THE DEPARTMENT GIVE FAVOURABLE CONSIDERATION TO WAIVING THE REQUIREMENT OF A FINANCIAL INSTITUTION"

MOTION CARRIED

2. Mr. Kelly outlined a letter from the office of the Minister, Department of Transportation and Communications acknowledging receipt of Halifax County correspondence concerning pedestrian and

vehicular safety on Caldwell Road, Cole Harbour.

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

"THAT THE LETTER BE RECEIVED"

MOTION CARRIED

3. Mr. Kelly outlined a letter from the Hon. Ken Streach, Minister, Department of Transportation and Communications in response to Halifax County correspondence requesting signage in the area of the Atlantic Canada Aviation Museum. The Minister points out in the letter that the department will institute a program of signage for all museums with an annual attendance of over 5,000 visitors and further indicates it is anticipated that the signage will be in place early this tourist season.

It was moved by councillor Peters, seconded by Councillor Holland:

"THAT THE LETTER BE RECEIVED"

MOTION CARRIED.

4. Mr. Kelly outlined a letter from Hon. Ken Streach, Minister, Department of Transportation and Communications in response to previous correspondence requesting a traffic survey in the Montague Mines Road to Ross Road, Westphal.

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

"THAT THE LETTER BE RECEIVED"

MOTION CARRIED

5. Mr. Kelly outlined a letter from Hon. Ken Streach, Minister, Department of Transportation and Communications in response to the request by Halifax County for street paving on street and roads in the Harrietsfield, Portuguese Cove, and Herring Cove area.

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

"THAT THE LETTER BE RECEIVED"

MOTION CARRIED

6. Mr. Kelly outlined a letter from the Hon. Ken Streach, Minister, Department of Transportation and Communications acknowledging the request by Halifax County for paving of Bonin Road, Grand Desert.

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

"THAT THE LETTER BE RECEIVED"

MOTION CARRIED

7. Mr. Kelly outlined a letter from the Hon. Ken Streach, Minister, Department of Transportation and Communications in response to Halifax County correspondence and petition requesting paving of Doyle Drive, Porters Lake.

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

"THAT THE LETTER BE RECEIVED"

MOTION CARRIED

8. Mr. Kelly outlined a letter from the Hon. John Leefe, Minister, Department of Natural Resources in response to letter from Halifax County requesting clean up of the sawdust pile in the cove at Todd's Island, Head of St. Margaret's Bay.

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

"THAT THE LETTER BE RECEIVED"

MOTION CARRIED

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

"THAT A LETTER BE SENT TO THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION AND COMMUNICATIONS REQUESTING THEM TO LOWER THE BOX CULVERT GOING TO TODD'S ISLAND TO ENABLE WATER FLOW AT LOW TIDE"

MOTION CARRIED

9. Mr. Kelly outlined a letter from Kenneth R. B. Simpson, Executive Director, Union of Nova Scotia Municipalities in response to correspondence with respect to dues.

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

"THAT THE LETTER BE RECEIVED"

MOTION CARRIED

10. Mr. Kelly outlined a letter from Warden John Coady, Co-Chair, Municipal Awareness Week Committee of the UNSM with respect to Municipal Awareness Week and requesting that Municipalities consider participating in this particular program.

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



"THAT THE LETTER BE RECEIVED"

Warden Lichter stated that he had written to all principals of Junior High Schools urging them to have their grade seven students participate in the essay contest. He stated that he has also informed them that the Municipality would provide certificates for each winning entry from each school and that Council would present these at the Council session on May 19, 1992. He stated that he had asked the Special Events Co-ordinator to do displays, etc. but he would be asking for a Councillor to spearhead some additional activities.

MOTION CARRIED

Councillor Ball stated that he felt it would be appropriate for Councillors to get involved with the Junior High School in their respective areas.

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

"THAT COUNCILLORS WOULD BE WILLING TO PARTICIPATE IN SPEAKING TO STUDENTS WHERE AN INVITATION IS RECEIVED"

MOTION CARRIED

11. Mr. Kelly outlined a letter from the Hon. Thomas J. McInnis, Minister, Department of Economic Development in response to Halifax County correspondence written on behalf of the Atlantic Canada Aviation Museum with regards to funding to construct a further facility at their present location.

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

"THAT THE LETTER BE RECEIVED"

Councillor Peters stated that she has spoken with Dr. John Christie and he is pleased with the efforts of Halifax County on behalf of the museum.

MOTION CARRIED

12. Mr. Kelly outlined a letter from Clyde A. Purvis, Chief Administrative Officer, Municipality of Pictou County to Mr. Kenneth Simpson, Executive Director, UNSM with regards to a resolution passed by their Municipal Council.

It was moved by Councillor Taylor, seconded by Councillor Giffin:

"THAT THE LETTER BE RECEIVED"

MOTION CARRIED

Councillor Richards stated that he felt that Halifax County Council should support the resolution.

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

"THAT HALIFAX COUNTY SUPPORT THE RESOLUTION AS PRESENTED  
BY THE MUNICIPALITY OF PICTOU COUNTY"

MOTION CARRIED

12. Mr. Kelly outlined a letter from both the Elmsdale Lumber Co., Ltd. and MacDonald Chevrolet-Oldsmobile Ltd. dealing with assessment and taxation on approved lots.

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

"THAT THE LETTERS BE RECEIVED"

MOTION CARRIED

13. Mr. Kelly outlined seven (7) letters received in support of Halifax County Council's resolution respecting to the Canadian Constitution.

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

"THAT THE LETTERS BE RECEIVED"

MOTION CARRIED

SUPPLEMENTARY CORRESPONDENCE

1. Mr. Kelly outlined a letter from Marie P. Dechman, Minister, Department of Housing in response to Halifax County correspondence with respect to requesting the Department of Housing to carry on permanent controls in their development of Forest Hills, Phase 11.

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

"THAT THE LETTER BE RECEIVED"

MOTION CARRIED

2. Mr. Kelly outlined a letter from the Hon. Ken Streach, Minister, Department of Transportation and Communications in response to letters regarding construction of the Highway 107 extension, particularly the section from Glendale Drive to Highway 102.

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

"THAT THE LETTER BE RECEIVED"

Warden Lichter informed the Council that the attachment "Conditions of Release" is available in his office if any Councillor wished to peruse it.

MOTION CARRIED

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPORT

Amendments to the Halifax County Full Time Retirement Pension Plan

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

"THAT THE AMENDMENTS TO THE HALIFAX COUNTY FULL TIME RETIREMENT PENSION PLAN BE APPROVED EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 1992"

Councillor Richards stated that when this item was discussed at the Executive Committee there were other numbers being reviewed by staff and consultants. He asked Mr. Meech if there was an update available on this.

Mr. Meech stated that it was with regard to the actuarial assessment of the whole plan and would be completed within a couple of months.

Councillor MacDonald asked if this would cost the Municipality.

Mr. Meech stated that it would not.

MOTION CARRIED

Report - Subdivision and Assessment

Councillor McInroy declared a "Conflict of Interest" on this issue

Mr. Kelly stated that concern has been expressed by land developers regarding assessment and taxes on approved lots. Due to current market conditions building lots may not be sold for a period of time. The staff report stated that land developers may request that final endorsement not be applied to a whole residential subdivision but rather applied on a lot by lot basis. Further to resolve the issue as requested by developers will require amendments to the Provincial Assessment Act. It was recommended that a fact sheet be prepared to provide to applicants applying for subdivision lots.

Councillor Brill asked if this was discussed with the Department of Municipal Affairs.

Warden Lichter stated that Halifax County did indicate to the



Deputy Minister, Municipal Affairs that they may be coming back to them if Council decides that the County did wish to have some kind of amendments to the Assessment Act. He stated that a change to the Assessment Act would be province wide therefore they would want to consult with UNSM and the other Municipalities.

Deputy Warden Sutherland stated that the objective can be achieved by indicating to the developers that they do not have to have a number of lots approved at one particular time but could seek approvals on a lot by lot basis.

Councillor Bayers stated that he is not fully in agreement. He stated that it will improve the situation of people who are coming in and getting subdivision approvals now but the people who are suffering are the people who already have subdivision approvals in place. He stated that these are the people who will either lose the subdivisions or the land. He stated that he does not feel that this is really answering the concerns of the developers who have been writing the letters.

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

"THAT STAFF PREPARE A RESOLUTION FOR APPROVAL BY COUNCIL AT THE APRIL 21, 1992 COUNCIL SESSION AND THEN BE PUT FORWARD AT THE UNSM REGIONAL MEETING ON MAY 27, 1992 AND FROM THERE TO THE UNSM CONFERENCE IN SEPTEMBER"

Deputy Warden Sutherland stated that the effect this would have with regards to assessment would have to be looked at. He stated that he would like to see how it relates to Halifax County before proceeding to UNSM.

Warden Lichter stated that it would have an impact on all undeveloped lot regardless of when it was approved. He stated that it could have a serious reduction on the assessment base which would result in an increase on the general tax rate.

Mr. Meech stated that it may not be simple to extract that information.

Warden Lichter stated that he does not have any difficulty with the motion because other Municipalities have the same concerns and this will be debated at UNSM. He stated that the requests that have come in were both from very small and very large developers who have been developing for a long period of time. He asked how that resolution should be worked so Council understands what is being asked of staff.

Councillor Bayers stated that when the resolution comes before Council for approval staff should be able to give some indication of what the financial impact will be on the County. He stated that a decision could not be made without financial impact data.

MOTION DEFEATED

Presentation to Girl Guides and Cubs

Warden Lichter welcomed the First Hammonds Plains Girl Guides and the First Hammonds Plains Cub Pack to Chambers. Both groups were present as a requirement to receive their citizenship badge.

Councillor Giffin spoke briefly to the Cubs and Girl Guides and then presented County pins to Darlene Pence on behalf of Halifax County.

Warden Lichter welcomed the First Wellington Guide Company to Chambers.

Councillor Peters made a presentation to Ruth Rockwell on behalf of Halifax County.

Group RRSP - Councillors

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

"THAT THE GROUP RRSP THE COUNTY HAS WITH STANDARD LIFE BE TERMINATED AS THERE ARE NOT MEMBERS IN THE PLAN"

MOTION CARRIED

Former Goodwood School - Prospect Road and Area Lion's Club

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

"THAT THE BUILDING BE SOLD AND THE PROCEEDS BE UTILIZED TO PAY OFF THE EXISTING COUNTY LOAN, AND ANY EXCESS FUNDS FROM THE SALE PROCEEDS BE PLACED IN A SPECIAL RESERVE ACCOUNT TO CONTRIBUTE TO THE DEVELOPMENT AND CONSTRUCTION OF A NEW FACILITY TO BE ADMINISTERED BY THE MUNICIPALITY OF THE COUNTY OF HALIFAX"

MOTION CARRIED

Construction of Pedestrian Bridge Over Beck's Brook, Cole Harbour

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

"THAT THE CONSTRUCTION OF A PEDESTRIAN BRIDGE OVER BECK'S BROOK, COLE HARBOUR AT A COST OF \$13,000 BE APPROVED AND FURTHER THAT DISTRICT CAPITAL GRANT, DISTRICT #24, IN THE AMOUNT OF \$3,400 AND GENERAL PARKLAND GRANT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$3,300 BE APPROVED TOWARDS THE CONSTRUCTION OF THIS BRIDGE"

MOTION CARRIED

Capital Grant Requests

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

"THAT DISTRICT CAPITAL GRANT, DISTRICT #16, IN THE AMOUNT OF \$2,300 FOR LANDSCAPING OF DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION RIGHT OF WAY PROPERTY ADJACENT TO KNOX UNITED CHURCH, SACKVILLE BE APPROVED CONTINGENT UPON AN EQUAL AMOUNT OF FUNDING BEING PROVIDED BY THE PROVINCE"

MOTION CARRIED

SUPPLEMENTARY EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPORT

Topsoil Permits - Armcrest Estates

Mr. Fred Crooks, Municipal Solicitor, stated that the procedure which is prescribed by the Top Soil By-Law requires that once a top soil permit is suspended by the engineer a report of the suspension is made by the engineer to the Executive Committee which in turn reports to Council. Council, on receipt of the report, either confirms the suspension, revokes it or revokes the permit. He stated that the matter not be dealt with and decided at this Council Session but at such time as the holders of these permits have been notified that they have an opportunity to address Council with respect to any decision that Council might take with respect to the status of their permits. He stated that the effect of this is that in the meantime the suspensions, which are imposed by the engineer, will continue until such time as the suspensions are varied or revoked by the Council or, if the conditions are remedied in the meantime, the suspension is varied or a new permit is issued by the engineer.

Councillor Boutilier stated that he understood that the people who received the suspensions had been notified to rectify the situation and as a result of not having done so this was the resulting recourse. He asked if the Top Soil By-Law was going to be enforced was there some way in which all this could be done at the Executive level before it comes before Council with a recommendation so that it does not have to be deferred.

Warden Lichter stated that now that Council has the benefit of the solicitors advice this would be the way it would be handled in the future.

Mr. Crooks clarified that the permit holders have been advised of the suspension and staff's approach was to see that Council, through the Executive Committee, was advised at the earliest opportunity that this action had been taken. He stated that at the same time there is a requirement that the permit holders have an



opportunity to come to Council before such time as Council takes any further action with regard to the suspension.

Councillor Boutilier asked if staff was aware of the legal procedure to follow.

Mr. Crooks stated that staff was aware, to the best of his knowledge, that it was necessary to advise the permit holder of the fact of the suspension. He stated that he had indicated to staff that rather than have the matter dealt with at this meeting it would be appropriate to give the permit holders an opportunity to come before Council and address Council before any definitive action is taken.

Councillor Peters stated from Executive Committee she understood that there was sediment in the water as a result of construction and it exceeded ten thousand part per million as opposed to fifty parts per million. She stated they were advised that they were in contravention of the Top Soil By-Law and were asked to make repairs which were not done. She stated that staff took measures to stop it and were now asking for the support of Council.

Warden Lichter stated that all the solicitor is saying is that before the suspensions are upheld or revoke their permits or wipe out the suspension the appellants are given an opportunity to speak to Council. He stated that being informed with regards to speaking to Council is the only part that has not been done.

Mr. Crooks verified Warden Lichter's statement.

Councillor Peters asked if this meant that the appellants were being given the opportunity to appeal the decision that had been made.

Mr. Crooks stated that the suspension has been put into effect and will continue in effect until such time as either Council or the engineer decides otherwise. He stated that before Council is legally empowered to confirm the suspension or take any other action the people who are going to be affected by it have to have an opportunity to come before Council and make representations.

Councillor Peters asked if the sediment is going to still continue to contaminate waterways in the meantime.

Warden Lichter stated that they were given a suspension so they cannot work.

Mr. Crooks stated that they are not permitted to move top soil during the time that the suspension is in effect.

Deputy Warden Sutherland stated that there has been a considerable amount of work since the order was issued by staff. He stated that

the Armoyan Group have taken the initiative to order some of the developers to improve their sites which has been done.

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

"THAT THIS ITEM BE DEFERRED UNTIL SUCH TIME AS THE APPELLANTS HAVE BEEN ADVISED THAT THEY CAN APPEAR BEFORE COUNCIL IF THEY WISH TO MAKE THEIR CONCERNS KNOWN"

MOTION CARRIED

Capital Grant Requests

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

"THAT THE FOLLOWING CAPITAL GRANT REQUESTS BE APPROVED:

DISTRICT CAPITAL GRANT, DISTRICT #12, IN THE AMOUNT OF \$3,200.00 TO ASSIST THE LEMMON HILL SPORTS ASSOCIATION WITH RESTORATION AND REPAIR OF THE COMMUNITY BALLFIELD AND PLAYGROUND;

DISTRICT CAPITAL GRANT, DISTRICT #1, IN THE AMOUNT OF \$3,500.00 AND DISTRICT PARKLAND GRANT, DISTRICT #1 IN THE AMOUNT OF \$2,500.00 TO ACQUIRE PLAYGROUND EQUIPMENT FOR ST. MARGARET'S RECREATION ASSOCIATION;

DISTRICT PARKLAND GRANT, DISTRICT #8, IN THE AMOUNT OF \$565.00 TO INSTALL TWO CULVERTS AT THE EAST PRESTON RECREATION CENTRE"

MOTION CARRIED

PLANNING ADVISORY COMMITTEE REPORT

1. File No. RA-SA-17-91-16 - Rezoning Application - 64 Cobequid Road, Lower Sackville

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

"THAT APRIL 27, 1992 BE SET AS THE DATE FOR THE PUBLIC HEARING"

MOTION CARRIED

2. File No. CDD-SA-10-92-22-A5 - Amendments to the CDD Agreement Between the Armoyan Group Limited and the Municipality of the County of Halifax

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

"THAT APRIL 27, 1992 BE SET AS THE DATE FOR THE PUBLIC HEARING"

MOTION CARRIED

MEMORANDUM RE: MINOR VARIANCE APPEAL MV-04-02-92, LOT 31 GOVERNORS GLEN SUBDIVISION ON LAKEHIGH CRESCENT, TIMBERLEA

Fred Crooks, Municipal Solicitor, suggested that this matter ought to be deferred until next session of Council. He stated that even though the developer has decided to revise his application there is an act of appeal before the Council on the basis that the development officer did grant the variance and Council should have before it an indication from the developer of the withdrawal of that application as well as withdrawal of the appeal by the appellants. He stated that hopefully that documentation could be put together in time for the next Council session.

It was moved by Councillor Fralick, seconded by Council Rankin:

"THAT THE MINOR VARIANCE APPEAL MV-04-02-92, LOT 31 OF GOVERNORS GLEN SUBDIVISION ON LAKEHIGH CRESCENT, TIMBERLEA BE DEFERRED UNTIL THE APRIL 21, 1992 SESSION OF COUNCIL"

MOTION CARRIED

DATE - MINOR VARIANCE APPEAL - MV-1-3-92

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

"THAT APRIL 21, 1992 COUNCIL SESSION AT 7:00 P.M. BE THE DATE SET FOR THE MINOR VARIANCE APPEAL, APPLICANTS GRAHAM LUTWICK AND ANNE FORBES."

MOTION CARRIED

SUPPLEMENTARY PLAN REVIEW COMMITTEE REPORT

Mr. Kelly outlined the report. Staff is recommending that a public hearing on the adoption of the new Municipal Planning Strategy and Land Use By-Law be tentatively scheduled for either Monday, June 15, 1992 or Monday, June 22, 1992, at 7:00 p.m. subject to ratification by Committee of the Whole.

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

"THAT A COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE BE SCHEDULED FOR THURSDAY,



MAY 14, 1992 AT 6:00 P.M. AT WHICH TIME THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE RATIFY A DATE FOR THE PUBLIC HEARING AND FURTHER THAT THE PUBLIC HEARING BE HELD IN EASTERN PASSAGE"

MOTION CARRIED

MUNICIPAL WEEK INSPECTOR

Mr. Kelly outlined a letter from Mr. Brian F. Hull who has been carrying out this function for a number of years. Mr. Hull has indicated that he would like to be appointed for the forthcoming year for that position.

Councillor Peters requested clarification of the duties of the weed inspector.

Warden Lichter stated that in some of the districts along the highway there are poisonous weeds that have to be checked and eliminated, if possible, in order to prevent the spread into pastures where it could present difficulties to farmers, travellers, walkers, etc. He stated that there has been a weed inspector in Halifax County for many years and the cost of the weed inspector is shared 50/50 with the provincial government.

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

"THAT THE APPOINTMENT OF THE WEED INSPECTOR BE DEFERRED TO THE NEXT SESSION OF COUNCIL"

MOTION CARRIED

RESOLUTION RE: CN RIGHT-OF-WAY

Mr. Kelly stated that there was a resolution, for approval by Council, which indicates that the ingress pipe leading to the Mill Cove sewer treatment plant has been installed partially within the boundaries of the CN right-of-way and as a result the Municipality would enter into an agreement with CN following adoption of the resolution by Council.

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

"THAT THE MUNICIPAL COUNCIL ADOPT THE RESOLUTION AND LICENSE AGREEMENT WITH CN"

Mr. Meech stated that this refers to the pipes leading to and from the treatment plant where they must cross the CN rail line coming in from Bedford.

MOTION CARRIED

MEMORANDUM - COLE HARBOUR/WESTPHAL COMMUNITY COMMITTEE

Mr. Kelly outlined the report from the Cole Harbour/Westphal Community Committee which informed Council that at their meeting on March 19, 1992 a petition was received from the residents of Coleridge Estates requesting that piped water service be extended to all those requiring the service.

For Council's information and subsequent action, the following motion was duly approved by the Committee:

That the Cole Harbour/Westphal Community Committee endorse the motion approved at the Council session on March 17, 1992 seeking capital funding for the project (Coleridge Estates); and further, that the Community Committee endorse efforts to alleviate health concerns associated with water delivery and water quality in Cole Harbour/Westphal

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

"THAT THE MEMORANDUM BE RECEIVED"

MOTION CARRIED

MEMORANDUM RE: REPORT OF THE SELECT COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION, RE THE ESTABLISHMENT OF SUPPLEMENTARY FUNDING COMMITTEES

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

"THAT THE MEMORANDUM BE RECEIVED"

MOTION CARRIED

Warden Lichter stated that he had spoken to Council about the plans of the Provincial Government introducing legislation concerning the Supplementary Funding Committee. He stated that Mayor John Savage is requesting that all Councils consider this matter and communicate their views to the Minister of Education and local MLA's.

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

"THAT HALIFAX COUNTY WRITE TO THE MINISTER OF EDUCATION AND TO MLA'S INDICATING THE COUNTY'S OBJECTION TO SETTING UP OF SUPPLEMENTARY FUNDING COMMITTEES OF THE TYPE THAT IS BEING CONTEMPLATED BY THE PROVINCIAL GOVERNMENT"

MOTION CARRIED

MEMORANDUM RE: WATER AND WASTEWATER CLASSIFICATION (FOR COUNCIL INFORMATION).

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

"THAT THE MEMORANDUM BE RECEIVED"

MOTION CARRIED

FCM ANNUAL CONFERENCE

Warden Lichter stated that he wanted to bring to Council's attention that back on December 20, 1988 Council, by motion, has established a formula for FCM attendance annually. He stated that this item was before Council to get input from them.

Councillor Fralick stated that he has had calls requesting that Council consider the cost of sending people out to conventions and maybe downsizing the number of people going.

Councillor Deveaux asked how soon FCM would need to know the number of councillors who will be attending. He stated that, personally, he felt the numbers should be cut down.

Warden Lichter stated that the deadline is close. He stated that, due to arrangements needing to be made with regards to accommodations, FCM need to know as soon as possible.

It was moved by Councillor Ball,

"THAT THE DELEGATION OF 1/3 OF COUNCIL MEMBERS PLUS THE WARDEN ATTENDING EACH CONFERENCE REMAIN IN EFFECT AND THE COUNCILLORS ATTENDING EACH MEETING BE LEFT TO THE WARDEN'S DISCRETION"

Warden Lichter stated that if there is to be no change in the formula a motion is not required because the above motion is still on the books.

Councillor Harvey stated that although he understood the reasoning behind the present formula however he felt that due to present economic conditions a smaller delegation might be more appropriate.

Councillor Merrigan stated that he felt it was important that Council continue to attend the FCM conferences.

Councillor Peters stated that she felt that the delegation should be cut back to 2 or 3 representatives plus the Warden.

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

"THAT THREE COUNCILLOR PLUS THE WARDEN ATTEND THE FCM CONFERENCE AS OPPOSED TO THE PREVIOUS NUMBER"

Warden Lichter stated that if the motion succeeds he would like it



to be understood that the councillors would be selected by draw.

MOTION DEFEATED

Warden Lichter asked Council how they wished the representatives to be selected.

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

"THAT THE DELEGATES BE SELECTED BY THE WARDEN"

MOTION CARRIED

RATIFICATION OF APPROVED DISTRICT CAPITAL GRANTS

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

"THAT THE DISTRICT CAPITAL GRANTS FOR THE MONTH OF FEBRUARY, 1992 BE RATIFIED"

MOTION CARRIED

NAMING OF SCHOOLS - COUNCILLOR GIFFIN

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

"THAT WRITTEN REPRESENTATION BE SENT TO THE HALIFAX COUNTY/BEDFORD DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD ASKING THEM TO RECONSIDER THEIR POLICY IN DEALING WITH NAMING OR RENAMING OF SCHOOLS"

MOTION CARRIED

SCHOOL NURSE AND EXAMINATION OF PRIMARY STUDENTS BY SCHOOL BOARDS  
COUNCILLOR PETERS

Councillor Peters stated that the public health nurse in district #14 who use to act as school nurse for Oldfield Elementary School has retired and had not been replaced. She stated that the community had been told that the quality of service would not change because the nurses in the other areas would pick up any slack. She stated that they were later advised that because the nurse had retired and another nurse had to pick up the slack, primary students were no longer going to be examined when they come in for orientation in May. She stated the nurse at the orientation session creates games and activities in order to test the students for problems they may have with regards to coordination, balance, hearing, speech, eyesight, etc. She stated that they have been

informed that the nursing that is taking the duties in the area will be covering Beaverbank, Sackville, Waverley, all district #14 and #17.

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

"THAT A LETTER BE WRITTEN TO THE PROVINCIAL DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH, WITH A COPY TO THE HALIFAX COUNTY/BEDFORD SCHOOL BOARD, ASKING THEM TO RE-EXAMINE THE FACT THAT A NURSE IS NEEDED FOR THE AREA AND FURTHER TO CONTINUE THE EXAMINATION OF PRIMARY STUDENTS"

MOTION CARRIED

URGENT AGENDA ITEMS

H.H.C.I. Presentation - Councillor Deveaux

He stated that a letter from H.H.C.I. indicates that they would be willing to give a presentation to groups interested in more detailed information about proposed plans. He stated that he felt that members of Council should make arrangements to view the presentation and find out what has been taking place and where the situation stands to date. He stated that Council should also be concerned about what other aspects will be when and if the final decision is made to place the treatment plant where it is presently proposed to go.

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

"THAT A SPECIAL COUNCIL SESSION BE ARRANGED IN ORDER TO HAVE A PRESENTATION BY THE HALIFAX HARBOUR CLEANUP INC."

MOTION CARRIED

Task Force on Regional Government - Deputy Warden Sutherland

Deputy Warden Sutherland stated that he believes that the Task Force Report will be the most critical item that this Municipality will be dealing with in the near future. He stated that the Council has expressed concerns, through the UNSM, by letter on April 3, 1992 directly to the Premier. He stated that Municipal Councillors have a lot of concern about what is going to happen with the structure of the Municipality and what will happen to employees.

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

"THAT COUNCIL PROVIDE EVERY OPPORTUNITY FOR COUNTY EMPLOYEES TO EXPRESS THEIR VIEWS, EITHER TO COUNCIL, THE WARDEN OR MR. MEECH, RELATIVE TO ANY PROPOSED DRASTIC

CHANGE TO THE STRUCTURE OF OUR MUNICIPALITY AS IT EXISTS  
TODAY"

Mr. Meech stated that maybe it would be better to wait until the report is tabled on Thursday, April 16, 1992 and then at the next Council session, if the same concern is still obvious, then deal with it at that time. He stated that he had met with senior management people and had discussion on this particular item. He stated until a definitive proposal is presented it is difficult to know what you are responding to.

Deputy Warden Sutherland stated that right now the Council has nothing to respond to but this motion is saying in essence is that when something comes forward to relate to then someone will be there for them to express their views.

Corporately Owned Canada Post Offices - Metro

Deputy Warden Sutherland stated that he had received a communique from the Canadian Union of Postal Workers. He stated that the letter indicates that the corporately owned post offices in the Metro Area will be closed.

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

"THAT COUNCIL WRITE CANADA POST AND ASK WHAT PLANS, IF ANY, THEY HAVE TO CLOSE ANY OF THEIR CORPORATELY OWNED POST OFFICES IN METRO"

MOTION CARRIED

ADDITION OF ITEMS TO THE APRIL 21, 1992 COUNCIL SESSION

Beaverbank Road - Councillor Merrigan

Parkland Policy - Councillor Merrigan

Paving, Fancy Drive - Councillor Ball

Churchill Estates Compensation - Councillor Ball



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ADJOURNMENT

It was moved by Councillor Harvey:

"THAT THE ANNUAL SESSION BE ADJOURNED"

MOTION CARRIED

It was moved by Councillor MacDonald:

"THAT THE MEETING BE ADJOURNED"

MOTION CARRIED

COUNCIL SESSION

APRIL 21, 1992

PRESENT WERE:

Warden Lichter  
Councillor Meade  
Councillor Rankin  
Councillor Fralick  
Councillor Holland  
Councillor Ball  
Councillor Deveaux  
Councillor Adams  
Councillor Randall  
Councillor Bayers  
Councillor Smiley  
Councillor Taylor  
Councillor Peters  
Councillor Brill  
Councillor Snow  
Councillor Giffin  
Councillor MacDonald  
Councillor Boutilier  
Councillor Harvey  
Deputy Warden Sutherland  
Councillor Richards  
Councillor McInroy  
Councillor Cooper

ALSO PRESENT:

K. Meech, Chief Administrative Officer  
F. Crooks, Municipal Solicitor  
D. Reinhardt, Deputy Municipal Clerk

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OPENING OF COUNCIL - THE LORD'S PRAYER

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

APPOINTMENT OF RECORDING SECRETARY

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

"THAT JULIA HORNCastle BE APPOINTED AS RECORDING SECRETARY".

MOTION CARRIED.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

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

"THAT THE MINUTES OF PUBLIC HEARING HELD ON MARCH 9, 1992