

MOTION CARRIED

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

"THAT COUNCIL SEND AN URGENT FAX TO CANADA POST DEMANDING THAT THE PRESENT RETAIL OUTLET REMAIN OPEN UNTIL SUCH TIME AS THE RESIDENTS OF SACKVILLE CAN BE ASSURED ADEQUATE AND SUFFICIENT SERVICE WILL BE PROVIDED IN SACKVILLE BY CREATING ANOTHER RETAIL OUTLET AT A SUITABLE LOCATION IN THE COMMUNITY OF SACKVILLE"

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PLANNING ADVISORY COMMITTEE REPORT

1. File No.'s PA-F&S-10-92 and ZAP-F&S-10-92 - Amendments to the Municipal Planning Strategy and Land Use By-law for Planning Districts 14 & 17 Re: Ledwidge Lumber Property.

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

"THAT THE AMENDMENTS OUTLINED IN APPENDICES "A" AND "B" BE APPROVED AND THAT AUGUST 17, 7:00 P.M. BE SET FOR PUBLIC HEARING"

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2. File No. DA-FEN-23-90-19 - Application by Vernon Kynock to enter into a development agreement to permit a gravel pit operation on the Hammonds Plains Road

Mr. Vernon Kynock addressed Council. He stated that Vernon Kynock Trucking Limited is asking council to hold a public hearing for their development agreement application on July 27th as originally agreed to by the PAC. In their development agreement they agreed to conduct work in the two summer months and if they lose this date they are put back twelve months. If this date is postponed to August 17th the company will lose production for an entire twelve month period which will severely jeopardize their competitive position and ability to maintain employment. The original date of July 27th was postponed at the request of one councillor who could not attend but they hope he can adjust his schedule for the benefit of the people that the company employs locally. They have already experienced a six week delay from May 11 to June 22 when the PAC requested a second opinion from the Department of Environment. Time is of the essence.

Warden Lichter stated that he believed the situation to be that at the PAC, in the absence of Councillor Giffin, the item had been dealt with and set up for July 27th. At that time Mr. Kynock believed that to be the date of the public hearing. Mr. Giffin then arrived at PAC and requested that the PAC consider changing

the date to August 17th.

Councillor Giffin stated that he can return for the public hearing if it is changed to the original date of July 27th. He stated that there are residents who live within the area of this quarry who also will not be available on July 27th and they also wish the date to be August 17th.

Councillor Brill asked Mr. Kynock how many jobs could be affected by the delay.

Mr. Kynock stated that four or five full time jobs would be affected.

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

"THAT THE PUBLIC HEARING BE HELD ON JULY 27TH"

Councillor Harvey stated that anyone wishing to have their views known could submit written submissions prior to the meeting. The views of the residents referred to by Councillor Giffin could be made known to the council in written form.

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3. File No. SCA-1&3-01-92-01 - Application by Sobey Leased Properties Ltd.

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

"THAT JULY 27, 1992 AT 7:00 P.M. BE THE DATE AND TIME FOR THE PUBLIC HEARING"

Councillor Fralick stated that he would like it to go on record that there are more accidents in that intersection than any other section of his district and he hopes that before any project goes ahead he would like to see a letter from the Department of Transportation accompanying the application.

MOTION CARRIED

4. File No. PUD-01-88 - Development Agreement - Lands of Allison Killen, District 13

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

"THAT AUGUST 17, 1992 AT 7:00 P.M. BE SET AS DATE AND TIME FOR PUBLIC HEARING"

MOTION CARRIED

Department of the Environment Assessments



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

"THAT COUNCIL PROCEED WITH AMENDING ITS MUNICIPAL PLANNING STRATEGIES AND LAND USE BY-LAWS IN ACCORDANCE WITH OPTION "1" OF THE STAFF REPORT"

Councillor Cooper stated that he has difficulty with this recommendation from PAC. His biggest concern is that it is based on Option 1 and he feels that any changes based on Option 1 will exclude the Municipality from giving adequate consideration to environmental concerns. He feels that under the Planning Act, Halifax County has the responsibility to take into consideration any matters which would affect the Municipality and its residents including environmental concerns with development. He asked the solicitor if reading Option 1 where it states: "Council approval or rejection of projects should be based upon an evaluation of all relevant planning concerns except environmental ones, which would be subsequently dealt with by the Department of the Environment should Council approve the proposal" would this restrict this Municipality from taking any environmental concerns into consideration in any rezoning or planning matter within the Municipality.

Mr. Crooks stated that it would only be to the extent that council pursued that policy and that staff have identified and amended the various planning strategies to delete or repeal those policies that require council to consider environmental matters. While those policies remain in effect, council is legally bound to consider the environmental objectives that they incorporate.

Councillor Cooper stated that this would be basically putting a time frame and a deadline on the ability of the people of this Municipality to have these things considered. If this motion is adopted then those By-laws and Municipal Planning Strategies would have to be changed. The intent of the motion was to ensure that either the province or the proponents performed the environmental evaluations at no expense to the Municipality and ensure that it would be done by professionals. He stated that he did not feel that council should be making decisions that is going to tie Halifax County's hands in some of these areas. The intent was to ensure that it was being done professionally and at no cost to the Municipality. He stated that he feels this motion should be defeated and have a motion that would allow Halifax County to give those approvals or rejections once our environmental concerns are addressed, either by the Department of the Environment or proponent, to the satisfaction of the Municipality.

Councillor Taylor stated that he agrees with Councillor Coopers comments and it appears to him that residents have come to expect to be able to give their input at public hearings.

Councillor McInroy stated that he cannot see how Halifax County can

be asked to look at planning issues and development agreements. To put ourselves in a position where the County is agreeing to ignore significant facts is outrageous.

Councillor MacDonald asked Mr. Crooks when a rezoning is approved how will it affect the Department of the Environment.

Mr. Crooks stated that there are many projects or instances where there would be a public hearing before this council which may not see the benefit of a public hearing by the Minister or convened under the authority of the Minister of the Environment. There are cases where there would not be a public hearing with respect to or leading up to the decision of the Department of the Environment with respect to the environmental impact of the proposal.

Councillor Brill stated that Mr. Sheppard would be meeting with Diane Cosh to discuss a number of issues and asked if they shouldn't be discussing this one as well. Based on that he would ask that this item be tabled to the next council session and to ask Mr. Sheppard to report.

Warden Lichter stated that it was his understanding that the MPS and Land Use By-Law Amendments that staff is speaking about are those amendments whereby they would not have seek and environmental opinion from the Department of the Environment in advance. This does not mean that people cannot come to express concerns. Meetings have been going on at the staff level for a long period of time and the province is not willing to say they will operate the way they have operated up until recently which was, if Halifax County sent them an inquiry they come back with either we don't have an environmental concern or perhaps they have this or that concern. Some time ago they stopped that practice and the result of that is the applicants and indirectly many of the residents suffer. He stated that the applicants want Halifax County to work out the differences with the provinces because the applicants are caught in the middle. Staff, in discussions with the province, have tried to negotiate but the province have made their point quite clear. Staff have gone to PAC with a number of options and PAC recommended that those sections that require Halifax County to write to Department of the Environment be taken out.

He stated that people can still come to public hearings and speak about environmental concerns. This just means that the public hearing process cannot be held up waiting for a written document from the Department of the Environment knowing that document is not going to come.

Councillor Richards stated that if seems what is being recommended is that Halifax County can't consider environmental issues if we approve this option 1. If Halifax County is still permitted to assess environmental concerns when looking at a rezoning or development then that meets the concerns of the public and the



concerns Council wants to express.

Councillor McInroy stated that the report clearly states that Council will approve or reject based on an evaluation of all relevant planning concerns except environmental ones. He stated that this clearly meant that when Council makes a decision it ignores anything that has to do with the environment. He stated that to go with one of the other two options would make more sense.

Warden Lichter stated that part of the argument is, when it comes to an environmental assessment the Minister cannot declare anything until after it is complete. Only at the very end can he make a decision in favour or against. In the past even when they have indicated there is no environmental concern, Council's have turned around and rejected.

Councillor Holland asked why the environmental issue cannot be decided first in order to save time and effort.

Warden Lichter stated that they have been discussing this issue for approximately a year and have not been able to come to an agreement to do that.

Mr. Meech stated that what it comes down to is that there is that option but, they have decided from their perspective they want the way they are suggesting. They want the issue of the land use consideration dealt with before they deal with the issuance of the environmental permit. The staff have communicated that it is now an administrative procedure in the department that would indicate that it is supported by the Minister. Halifax County had requested a meeting with the Minister after there had been at least one or two sessions between the staff and at that time the Minister was not prepared to meet. If Halifax County abides by what the department is suggesting would mean removing those references or policies so that in the final analysis the County would not technically be formally considering environmental issues.

Councillor Rankin stated that the ultimate jurisdiction is with the province and decisions would have to be subject to Department of Environment regulations.

Councillor Fralick stated that he would support Option 1.

Councillor Merrigan stated that staff should be asked to put in place an option whereby Halifax County can ask for an environmental report. Applications should not be rejected on the basis of not receiving environmental information. He stated an option should be put in place to allow council flexibility.

Councillor Taylor stated that in his opinion staff and the Department of the Environment should try to pursue common ground. Option 2 is unacceptable and unreasonable to expect the applicant

to provide the necessary environmental information.

Councillor Bates stated that the province is not going to go through an environmental assessment until it knows what the County is going to do after it holds public hearings.

Councillor Cooper asked if the decisions that Council has made with regards to planning processes in this Municipality have recognized environmental concerns as legitimate concerns to be before council. He stated that Halifax County has a responsibility under those plans to carry out what is permitted by them and indeed under the Planning Act of the province council is allowed to consider other planning concerns. He stated he feels those other concerns includes the environment. He stated he has difficulty in trusting the province in a lot of the environmental assessments. He stated that Halifax County has responsibilities and must stand up for them.

Councillor McInroy stated he did not feel that Halifax County should not go to the point where it is not even going to consider any more environmental issues because we are not going to receive anything in writing from the Department of the Environment. He stated Halifax County should go with what it has, what the developer says and what people who come into public hearings say. He stated that what is needed is to look for another option that removes the requirement for something in writing from the Department of the Environment and the ability to consider what is appropriate when reviewing these things.

Mr. Bill Butler stated that in Option 1 there are obvious clauses that have to be eliminated such as the one that requires reports from the Department of the Environment. If they are not going to provide them we have to take out those clauses or be in a situation where Councils decision would be in jeopardy because an applicant would have the legitimate right to expect council to have addressed those issues. The plans are all different. Some of the plans are environmentally sensitive. A balance needs to be struck for what Halifax County's environmental position would be in terms of a policy statement. It has to be established where Council's legitimate interest is. He stated that one of the things planning is trying to do is give an idea of what is being proposed and what is acceptable for some such things as quarries and salvage yards. The parameters of what is acceptable is largely determined by the Department of the Environment. Environmental considerations are going to have to be ignored totally and it will put council in a position where it can hear them but can't be in a position to reject a proposal because of an environmental consideration.

Councillor Merrigan asked Mr. Crooks if there was a way to change the wording and intent of Option 1 so that council can deal with environmental matters.



Mr. Crooks stated that it would be possible to amend the strategies to eliminate those provisions that require, as a condition of approval, written indication of position from the Department of the Environment. The Municipality has jurisdiction to deal in its planning strategies, under the Planning Act, with a number of matters including environmental matters. How it chooses to deal with those matter and what it chooses to identify as required as a basis for councils decision is a matter for council. That would be an acceptable way to proceed. The difficulty is that council would then continue to be obliged to consider environmental matters if they remain mandated by the strategies. It would be difficult for council to find a base to exercise judgement with respect to those matters in the absence of the resource that environment has provided, to some extent, in the past.

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

"THAT THIS ISSUE BE REFERRED BACK TO STAFF AND PAC TO COME UP WITH A REVISED OPTION"

Mr. Meech stated that he understands that council is trying to achieve an option whereby all that is going to be removed is the fact that you don't require a Department of Environment approval. The policies and regulations will still be in place. He stated that if Halifax County want the ability to deal with these kinds of issues and have the appropriate kind of information then you have to be prepared to pay the bill because this is essentially what the province is saying. He stated what the province is saying that they are not prepared to give us the expertise or resource to allow the benefit of that information. He stated that from his point of view council has to be prepared to pay the additional costs involved.

MOTION CARRIED

6. File No. RA-CH/W-11-92-25 - Rezoning Application by Harry Poole, Cole Harbour

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

"THAT JULY 27, 1992 AT 7:00 P.M. BE THE DATE AND TIME SET FOR THE PUBLIC HEARING"

MOTION CARRIED

SUPPLEMENTARY PLANNING ADVISORY COMMITTEE REPORT

1. File No. PA-SA-07-88 - Little Sackville River Flood Plan

The Planning Advisory Committee advised council that at the Planning Advisory Committee of June 29, 1992 it was recommended

that these amendments not be proceeded with and that the application be cancelled.

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

"THAT THE APPLICATION BE CANCELLED"

Councillor Harvey asked if it was the intention that this would become a matter for consideration for plan review since the Sackville Plan is in the final review or is it the intention of PAC that this would be dispensed with altogether and not considered in the present plan as an amendment and not considered in the new plan as a section of that plan.

Councillor Brill stated he understood that the flood plains no longer exist and so this information is redundant.

Councillor Harvey stated that he does not accept this. He stated that he would not be happy with the Sackville plan amended that does not address this issue. The lower part of the river has flood plain regulation in it in the Town of Bedford and he feels that Halifax County's part of the Sackville River should have a consistent Flood Plain Policy.

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

"THAT THIS ISSUE BE REFERRED TO PLAN REVIEW COMMITTEE TO BE DEALT WITH WHEN THE SACKVILLE PLAN IS BEING CONSIDERED"

Councillor MacDonald stated that at PAC he had referred this back to the local planning committee for discussion.

Councillor Harvey stated that he would like some kind of regulation or restrictions that is somewhat consistent with what is in Bedford.

MOTION CARRIED

2. Order received from the Nova Scotia Municipal Board re: Rezoning Application by Armoyn Group Limited to Rezone Property Located Adjacent to Kingswood on the Lake Subdivision on Hammonds Plains Road

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

"THAT THE PROPERTY OF THE ARMOYAN GROUP (FILE NO. -RA-FEN-22-90-18) BE REZONED FROM MR-1 TO MU-1"



MOTION CARRIED

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPORT

Lease of County Property Allen Heights S/D, District #1

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

"THAT LOT 182, HEAD HARBOUR ROAD, ALLEN HEIGHTS SUBDIVISION BE LEASED TO THE ST. MARGARET'S BAY RECREATION ASSOCIATION AS A COMMUNITY RECREATION FACILITY"

MOTION CARRIED

Land Exchange Three Fathom Harbour

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

"THAT THE LAND EXCHANGE BETWEEN HALIFAX COUNTY AND HANS AND MARIOLINA FANCONI BE APPROVED"

MOTION CARRIED

Closed Business Occupancy Accounts

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

"THAT THE WRITE OFF OF UNCOLLECTIBLE CLOSED BUSINESS OCCUPANCY ACCOUNTS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$115,448.67 BE APPROVED"

MOTION CARRIED

Nova Scotia Power Corporation - Municipal Taxation

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

"THAT HALIFAX COUNTY PROCEED WITH ITS RESOLUTION TO ENSURE WHEN THE NOVA SCOTIA POWER CORPORATION BECOMES PRIVATIZED THEY BE REQUIRED TO PAY ALL COMMERCIAL TAXES TO ANY MUNICIPALITY IN WHICH THEY HAVE PROPERTY"

MOTION CARRIED

Withdrawal From Vehicle Reserve

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

"THAT COUNCIL APPROVE THE WITHDRAWAL OF \$11,510.00 FROM

THE VEHICLE RESERVE TO COVER REPLACEMENT COSTS OF BRAKES  
FOR THE FIVE TRAILERS BEING USED BY PARKS AND RECREATION"

MOTION CARRIED

Grant Requests

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

"THAT THE FOLLOWING CAPITAL GRANT REQUESTS BE APPROVED"

- (a) District Parkland Grant, District 6, in the amount of \$1,668.22 for fencing of Briarwood playground and fencing of ball fields in Eastern Passage.
- (b) District Capital Grant, District 9, in the amount of \$1,841.13 for playground equipment, West Chezzetcook School.
- (c) District Capital Grant, District 16, in the amount of \$1,900.00 for two basketball hoops and two backstops, Centennial School.
- (d) District Capital Grant in the amount of \$2,100.00 and District Parkland Grant in the amount of \$4,550.00, District 4, for improvements to Campbell Point Park and Beach and other community facilities.
- (e) District Parkland Grant, District 9, in the amount of \$3,000.00 for improvements to Nathan Smith Park, East Chezzetcook.
- (f) District Capital Grant in the amount of \$1,000.00, General Parkland Grant in the amount of \$1,000.00 and District Parkland Grant in the amount of \$1,000.00, District 8, for fencing of ballfield in Lake Echo.
- (g) District Capital Grant, District 14, in the amount of \$1,000.00 for playground equipment, Holland Road School.
- (h) District Capital Grant, District 21, in the amount of \$500.00 for playing field improvements, Acadia Recreation Club.
- (i) Cultural and Recreational Grant, 1/6 funding in the amount of \$18,333.33 for a new soccer field, Cole Harbour.

MOTION CARRIED

Sidewalk Construction Agreements

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



"THAT SIDEWALK CONSTRUCTION AGREEMENT 1-C BE RATIFIED"

MOTION CARRIED

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

"THAT SIDEWALK CONSTRUCTION AGREEMENT 1-D BE APPROVED"

MOTION CARRIED

Council Sessions - July and August

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

"THAT THE REGULAR COUNCIL SESSIONS SCHEDULE BE MAINTAINED DURING JULY AND AUGUST"

MOTION CARRIED

SUPPLEMENTARY EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPORT

Expansion of Cole Harbour Place

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

"THAT THE RECOMMENDATIONS FOR THE EXPANSION OF COLE HARBOUR PLACE BE APPROVED"

MOTION CARRIED

PLAN REVIEW COMMITTEE REPORT

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

"THAT A COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE SESSION BE SCHEDULED FOR COLE HARBOUR/WESTPHAL ON MONDAY, AUGUST 24, 1992 AT 6:00 P.M."

MOTION CARRIED

RECOMMENDATIONS COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE COUNCIL

Municipal Planning Strategy and Land Use By-Law for Timberlea/Beechville/Lakeside

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

"THAT AUGUST 10, 1992 AT 7:00 P.M. BE RATIFIED AS THE

DATE AND TIME FOR PUBLIC HEARING TO ADOPT THE MUNICIPAL PLANNING STRATEGY AND LAND USE BY-LAW FOR TIMBERLEA/LAKESIDE/BEECHVILLE"

MOTION CARRIED

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

"THAT THE PREVIOUS MOTION BE RESCINDED"

MOTION CARRIED

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

"THAT THE FOLLOWING AMENDMENT BE INSERTED IN THE DRAFT MUNICIPAL PLANNING STRATEGY PRIOR TO ADVERTISING THE NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING BY INSERTING THE FOLLOWING CLAUSE IN POLICY UR-22: "THAT THE MAXIMUM GROSS FLOOR AREA OF THE PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT, EXCLUSIVE OF ANY AREA DEVOTED TO AN ACCESSORY DWELLING UNIT, SHALL NOT EXCEED SIX THOUSAND FIVE HUNDRED (6,500) SQUARE FEET"

MOTION CARRIED

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

"THAT AUGUST 10, 1992 AT 7:00 P.M. BE RATIFIED AS THE DATE AND TIME FOR A PUBLIC HEARING TO BE HELD TO ADOPT THE MUNICIPAL PLANNING STRATEGY AND LAND USE BY-LAW FOR TIMBERLEA/LAKESIDE/BEECHVILLE"

MOTION CARRIED

Grants to Organizations

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

"THAT THE GRANTS TO ORGANIZATIONS FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 1992/93 AS OUTLINED IN THE STAFF REPORT BE APPROVED"

Councillor Richards stated that he would like to amend the motion that in granting to the Fight Against Drugs Organization the monies not be allocated as outlined in the report.

Mr. Crooks stated that a recommendation coming from a Committee of the Whole is either to be supported or rejected but not to be amended.

MOTION CARRIED

14 IN FAVOUR

4 AGAINST

MEMORANDUM PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT RE: REQUEST FOR RELEASE OF INTEREST IN ACQUIRING MUNICIPAL PARKLAND AT HATCHET LAKE

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

"THAT THE MUNICIPALITY RELEASE ITS INTEREST IN ACQUIRING LOT 19 AS SHOWN ON A PLAN OF SUBDIVISION OF BROOKSIDE SUBDIVISION, FOR ACQUISITION AS MUNICIPAL PARKLAND"

MOTION CARRIED

MEMORANDUM: CHAIRMAN, SACKVILLE COMMUNITY COMMITTEE RE: WATERSHED MANAGEMENT FOR FIRST LAKE

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

"THAT COUNCIL SUPPORT WATERSHED MANAGEMENT FOR FIRST LAKE"

MOTION CARRIED

PARKLAND POLICY - COUNCILLOR MERRIGAN

Councillor Merrigan stated that it was his understanding that in an area where a piece of parkland was taken the Councillor for the area was to be advised and part of the process. He stated that in Beaverbank Kinsac staff continues to take properties that end up of no use and, as a result, the County ends up buying parcels of land.

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

"THAT THE PARKLAND POLICY BE REWRITTEN IN SUCH A WAY THAT WHENEVER A PIECE OF PARKLAND IS CONTEMPLATED TO BE ACCEPTED THE COUNCILLOR OF THE AREA BE CONTACTED AND HIS CONCURRENCE BE SOUGHT"

MOTION CARRIED

Mr. Meech stated that he would take this under advisement and come back with a staff report.

RESOLUTION - HALIFAX COUNTY CIVIC HOLIDAY, AUGUST 3, 1992

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

"THAT AUGUST 3, 1992 BE DECLARED AS A CIVIC HOLIDAY"

Councillor MacDonald suggested that when the Halifax County Charter is proclaimed that day could called "Charter Day".

Warden Lichter suggested that a staff report be prepared as to what could be done in order to organize some kind of a celebration. If



it is proclaimed prior to August 3, 1992 then that date would be used this year, but if it is not proclaimed legally then Halifax County is not entitled to utilize.

MOTION CARRIED

APPOINTMENT OF REPRESENTATIVES TO BOARD OF DARTMOUTH/HALIFAX COUNTY REGIONAL HOUSING AUTHORITY

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

"THAT THIS ISSUE BE DEFERRED TO THE JULY 21, 1992 SESSION OF COUNCIL"

MOTION CARRIED

DELEGATES - UNSM CONFERENCE 1992

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

"THAT WARDEN LICHTER APPOINT THE FIVE (5) DELEGATES TO THE 1992 UNSM CONFERENCE"

MOTION CARRIED

RATIFICATION OF APPROVED DISTRICT CAPITAL GRANTS

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

"THAT THE APPROVED DISTRICT CAPITAL GRANTS BE RATIFIED"

MOTION CARRIED

SPECIAL NEEDS CHILDREN - SIGNS

Councillor Peters stated that she approached the Department of Transportation and Communications for some signage for special needs children such as those in wheelchairs and was informed there were no signs.

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

"THAT A LETTER BE WRITTEN TO THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION AND COMMUNICATIONS ASKING THEM TO INVESTIGATE WAYS OF DEVELOPING SOME KIND OF SIGNAGE TO INDICATE A SPECIAL NEEDS CHILD IS LIVING IN A CERTAIN AREA"

MOTION CARRIED

BICYCLE HELMETS

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

"THAT A LETTER BE WRITTEN TO THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION AND COMMUNICATIONS ASKING THEM TO INVESTIGATE THE POSSIBILITY OF MAKING THE USE OF BICYCLE HELMETS LAW FOR CYCLISTS"

MOTION CARRIED

OAKFIELD PARK BEACH AREA AND BOAT LAUNCH

Councillor Peters stated that there are so many large boulders and rocks in the park that it is almost impossible to launch a boat.

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

"THAT A LETTER BE SENT TO THE DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES REQUESTING THAT THEY INVESTIGATE A WAY TO MAKE A BOAT CHANNEL OR CLEAR THE BOAT LAUNCH AREA AS PER PAST DISCUSSIONS TO ALLOW FOR EASIER ACCESS TO THE BOAT LAUNCH FACILITIES"

MOTION CARRIED

MAINSTREET PROGRAM DISTRICT #2

Councillor Rankin stated that the Minister of Economic Development turned down the request for a Mainstreet program in Lakeside/Timberlea area because they did not have a financial institution.

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

"WHEREAS THERE ARE MAINSTREETS IN THIS PROVINCE WHICH ARE CONSIDERED VIABLE BUSINESS COMMUNITIES EVEN THOUGH THEY DO NOT HAVE A FINANCIAL INSTITUTION AND, WHEREAS THE PROVINCIAL MAINSTREET PROGRAM CAN ADD CONSIDERABLY TO THE ATTRACTIVENESS OF A MAIN STREET AND THEREBY HELP TO HASTEN THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A FINANCIAL INSTITUTION, BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED THAT THE DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT NOT DISCRIMINATE UNDULY AGAINST SUCH DESERVING BUSINESS COMMUNITIES AND THAT THE MINISTER RECONSIDER FAVOURABLY ANY SUCH APPLICATIONS FOR MAINSTREET ASSISTANCE, INCLUDING THE RECENT REQUEST SUBMITTED ON BEHALF OF TIMBERLEA/LAKESIDE DISTRICT"

MOTION CARRIED

Warden Lichter informed Council that on July 13, 1992 there will be a Joint Council Session with Bedford concerning School Board



Funding. After that meeting Council will remain in session in order to have a joint meeting to consider the request from the Library Board for additional funding for the 1992/93 fiscal year.

IRVING, ENFIELD

Councillor Peters stated that the Irving Oil Big Stop has approached Hants East asking that the Municipal Boundaries be changed in District 14 so that the area of the Enfield Big Stop North be incorporated into Hants County. She stated that petitions are being circulated to that effect. She stated that the purpose is in order for Irving Oil to hook up to their sewage treatment plant. Hants County says they do not want them to hook up because they are not in Hants County. She stated that she wanted to advise council of this.

PROVINCIAL BOUNDARIES

Councillor Peters stated that she had received information that the provincial boundaries have been declared and ratified but she wanted to express her outrage. She stated that when this report first came out in March, 1992 the riding that District 14 was in was the Bedford/Fall River riding. One of the reports stated that it was assumed that those that were satisfied with the report would not make oral or written submissions. She stated that she had not because she was satisfied. She has since found out that there has been a ripple effect where District 17 requested that Windsor Junction and Lakeview be included back into Bedford/Fall River riding which split District 14 up the middle. The airport and all of Enfield, Oldham and Goffs is now a part of Colchester County riding. Everything East of highway 102 in District 14 is now in the Colchester/Musquodoboit riding. She stated that she feels it is wrong that the provincial government can do this.

Councillor Cooper stated that he had approached the Law Amendments Committee because he felt that their report was a perfect example for maintaining the Westphal/Cole Harbour area in one riding. They did not see fit to do that because it would cause a ripple effect in the surrounding ridings and yet that are prepared, in other parts of the Municipality, to do divisions and cause ripple effects. He stated that he feels that the committee ignored some of the criteria that it laid down in making the decision in the Westphal/Cole Harbour area which has resulted in a division down Cole Harbour Road which splits the community.

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

"THAT A LETTER BE WRITTEN TO THE GOVERNMENT OF NOVA SCOTIA ADVISING THEM OF HALIFAX COUNTY'S OUTRAGE AT THE WAY IT'S BEEN TREATED"

MOTION CARRIED



COUNCIL SESSION

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ADDITION OF ITEMS TO JULY 21, 1992 COUNCIL SESSION

Provincial Housing Task Force - Councillor Rankin

ADJOURNMENT

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

"THAT THE MEETING BE ADJOURNED"

MOTION CARRIED

COUNCIL SESSION

JULY 21, 1992

PRESENT WERE:           Warden Lichter  
                  Councillor Rankin  
                  Councillor Fralick  
                  Councillor Holland  
                  Councillor Ball  
                  Councillor Deveaux  
                  Councillor Bates  
                  Councillor Adams  
                  Councillor Bayers  
                  Councillor Smiley  
                  Councillor Taylor  
                  Councillor Peters  
                  Councillor Merrigan  
                  Councillor Brill  
                  Councillor Snow  
                  Councillor Giffin  
                  Councillor MacDonald  
                  Councillor Richards  
                  Councillor Cooper

ALSO PRESENT:           K. Meech, Chief Administrative Officer  
                  F. Crooks, Municipal Solicitor  
                  G. J. Kelly, Municipal Clerk  
                  E. Wdowiak, Director of Engineering and Works

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CALL TO ORDER

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

APPOINTMENT OF RECORDING SECRETARY

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

"THAT SANDRA SHUTE BE APPOINTED AS RECORDING SECRETARY".

MOTION CARRIED.

MINOR VARIANCE APPEAL - MVS-06-92-19 - MIDDLE SACKVILLE

The Minor Variance Appeal was withdrawn.

LETTERS AND CORRESPONDENCE

1. Mr. Kelly outlined a letter from James W. Knight, Executive Director, Federation of Canadian Municipalities dated June 23, 1992 acknowledging receipt of membership fee for the current year.

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

"THAT THE LETTER BE RECEIVED".

MOTION CARRIED.

2. Mr. Kelly outlined a letter from Alexandra Evershed, Special Assistant to the Prime Minister dated June 25, 1992 acknowledging correspondence regarding the Co-operative Housing Program and Social Housing Program.

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

"THAT THE LETTER BE RECEIVED".

MOTION CARRIED.

3. Mr. Kelly outlined a letter from Joel Matheson, Attorney General of Nova Scotia dated July 7, 1992 responding to correspondence and Council's Resolution in support of the Resolution respecting violent crime as put forth by the Municipality of the County of Cape Breton.

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

"THAT THE LETTER BE RECEIVED".

MOTION CARRIED.

4. Mr. Kelly outlined a letter from District Manager/Customer Services, Maritime Tel & Tel Company Limited dated June 18, 1992 in response to correspondence regarding the possibility of eliminating long distance charges in various areas of Halifax County.

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

"THAT THE LETTER BE RECEIVED".

Councillor Peters asked if the County had made lines available for taxpayers to call in at no charge. Warden Lichter advised that, by motion of Council approximately eight years ago, any resident who calls in collect from a long distance area and indicates that they are calling on County business would have their call accepted. He said this was considered to be cheaper than having a toll free number.

Councillor Peters asked if this was cheaper than the saver services presently available. Warden Lichter responded that would depend on the number of minutes a taxpayer would use the service and it would be a matter of trial before it was found to be cheaper.

MOTION CARRIED.



5. Mr. Kelly outlined a letter from Bruce Evans, the County representative on the Halifax/Dartmouth Port Development Commission dated July 9, 1992 indicating he would be pleased to arrange for the Executive Director of the Commission and himself to attend a meeting of Council to report on the activities of the Commission. Copies of reports were also included which Mr. Kelly advised were available in the Resource Room.

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

"THAT THE LETTER BE RECEIVED".

MOTION CARRIED.

Warden Lichter asked if Council wished to invite them to appear before Council at a Special Council Session. It was agreed not to invite them at present.

6. Mr. Kelly outlined a letter from Donald Murphy, City Manager, City of Halifax dated June 19, 1992 which included a copy of the proposal of the City Police Department and table of costs for policing in District 5.

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

"THAT THE CORRESPONDENCE BE RECEIVED".

MOTION CARRIED.

Warden Lichter asked if Council wished to refer the matter to the Police Committee.

Councillor Ball stated that this matter had been dealt with almost two years ago through Council and Council had been waiting that long for the report. He said he did not particularly like the figures in the report but said they could have built in some assumptions as to the level of policing based on the downtown City of Halifax level. He asked if Mr. Meech could contact the City of Halifax with a view to looking at the policing more as an extension of the Spryfield based policing and at a level which would provide a presence in the community. He said he did not think it was necessary for twelve men in the District on a 24-hour basis. He was suggesting some reasonable extension of the Spryfield policing where right now the City of Halifax does the loop through Herring Cove and back out to Purcells Cove and the manpower could be increased to do the triangle.

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

"THAT MR. MEECH, TOGETHER WITH COUNCILLOR BALL, CONTACT THE CITY MANAGER OF THE CITY OF HALIFAX WITH A VIEW TO INVESTIGATING A REASONABLE EXTENSION OF THE SPRYFIELD

BASED POLICING BUT NOT TO THE LEVEL OF 1:450 OR 1:650 BUT  
AT A LEVEL OF APPROXIMATELY 1:1000 OR 1:1200".

Councillor Richards stated that in light of the motion put forward today at Police Committee, he wondered if this motion went in an opposite direction. He said that no one would disagree that the level of policing in District 5 was below par. As far as that went, the level of policing all over Halifax County was below par and the Police Committee had passed a motion to look at various options for policing for all of Halifax County. He asked if the motion on the floor went against the motion passed at Police Committee. He pointed out that his understanding was that municipal forces were guided by union contracts so that the number of officers to population was a fixed ratio and the County might not be able to obtain the level it wanted and would be bound, if the offer from the City of Halifax was accepted, to a higher level of policing than was required.

Councillor Ball said the only reason he was suggesting going back to the City of Halifax was because the proposal was initiated long before the Police Committee ever came into existence. He said he was not trying to suggest flying in the face of the motion that was passed at Police Committee today but was suggesting that the proposal needed some fine tuning and assumptions might have been built in. As far as the ratio went, the County might be looking at a contractual agreement which would be different. He said he would like the opportunity for himself and Mr. Meech to discuss the matter with the City Manager and Police Chief to find out. He asked that once the meeting had been held and more information received, that the matter could be forwarded to Police Committee for its perusal.

MOTION CARRIED.

7. Mr. Kelly outlined a letter from Marie Dechman, Minister of Consumer Affairs dated June 30, 1992 in response to a request for clarification of the Minister's previous letter requesting the Municipality to enforce the Retail Business Uniform Closing Day Act. It was determined at that time that legislation was provincial and clarification was requested. The Minister advised that her original request was merely to ask the Municipalities to report any complaints received to the R.C.M.P.

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

"THAT THE LETTER BE RECEIVED".

MOTION CARRIED.

8. Mr. Kelly outlined a letter from Ken Streach, Minister of Transportation and Communications dated July 7, 1992 in response to correspondence and a petition from Dean area residents requesting



improvements on the Lemmon Hill and Dean Back Road. The Minister advised that improvements are being carried out.

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

"THAT THE LETTER BE RECEIVED".

MOTION CARRIED

9. Mr. Kelly outlined a letter from Murray Doehler, Chairman, 1999 Halifax Pan American Games Inc.

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

"THAT THE LETTER BE RECEIVED".

MOTION CARRIED.

Councillor Bates stated he was concerned because previously, without very much notice, the City of Halifax requested Halifax County to look with favour on the bid they proposed making relative to the 1999 Pan Am Games. He said that this latest letter did not present any figures but it was obvious that there would be very substantial capital costs involved. The letter even suggested that sufficient funds from Halifax were not going to be forthcoming to complete the bid. In the final analysis, he suspected Halifax County would receive some projection as to what the cost would be in terms of 1999 dollars.

Councillor Bates stated his concern also stemmed from the County's experience in dealing with the City of Halifax over the incinerator and their pay-as-you-go philosophy and what kind of problems the County might encounter somewhere along the line if it happened to join forces regarding the Pan Am Games. He said it was a long time between now and 1999 and the City of Halifax might get the wrong message. The County should decide very shortly whether or not it wishes to commit to the project and he was not in favour of it.

It was moved by Councillor Bates:

"THAT A LETTER BE WRITTEN ADVISING THAT HALIFAX COUNTY WILL NOT BE FUNDING ANY PORTION OF THE COST TO PRESENT A BID DOCUMENT".

Warden Lichter said that when the Chairman, Mr. Doehler and the Acting Mayor, Mr. Bill Stone came before Council, Council endorsed moral support. Following that, Warden Lichter stated he wrote a letter of support in which he pointed out that it was moral support only and he had spelt out very carefully what moral support meant. He suggested that when the County was actually approached for funding, that would be the time to make a decision.



Councillor Bates stated that in light of Warden Lichter's remarks, he would withdraw his motion.

SUPPLEMENTARY LETTERS AND CORRESPONDENCE

1. Mr. Kelly outlined a letter from the Assistant Executive Officer, Halifax County Regional Library dated July 15, 1992 acknowledging funding in the amount of \$66,000. He also outlined a letter from the Chief Administrative Officer of the Town of Bedford advising that funding had been approved for the Library in the amount of \$24,081. There was also a letter from Mr. Meech to the Town of Bedford dated July 14, 1992 advising that the County had approved an additional sum for the Library of \$66,000 which was conditional on the Town of Bedford providing funding on the basis of uniform assessment.

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

"THAT THE THREE LETTERS BE RECEIVED".

MOTION CARRIED.

Councillor Ball stated he had been unable to stay for the part of the meeting last Monday which dealt with this item and, had he been present, would not have voted in favour of the motion. He asked if the gist of the motion had been that the grand total to the Library would be \$66,000 or was the County's portion \$66,000. Warden Lichter advised \$66,000 from the County subject to Bedford putting in its share based on uniform assessment.

Councillor Deveaux asked if the Town of Bedford had been informed of Council's decision the day after the meeting. Warden Lichter advised that the letter dated July 14, 1992 from Mr. Meech had been faxed to the Town of Bedford because the Town of Bedford was holding its Council Session on the evening of July 15.

Councillor Deveaux noted that the Town of Bedford had indicated before they left the meeting on July 14, 1992 that they wanted to make their decision on their own; however, County Council had not had that opportunity when it made its decision. He asked why things had worked that way. Warden Lichter advised that Council had made its decision conditional on the fact that Bedford would provide the additional dollars.

Councillor Ball asked if there was any possibility that a motion could come forward that Halifax County reconsider the \$66,000 or was it too late.

Warden Lichter stated there should have been a motion of reconsideration at the meeting on July 14, 1992.

Councillor Ball asked if there was another motion which might be in order to put the item back on the table.

Warden Lichter stated it might be unfair to look at a motion of rescindment which would require a notice of intention to bring the motion to the next Council Session. In the meantime, the Library Board believed it had received approval from both Councils.

Councillor Smiley stated she had been unable to attend the Library Board meeting but believed that very serious decisions had been made based on what was decided by both Councils. She asked for comments from the Co-Chairman, Councillor Fralick.

Councillor Fralick stated it seemed to him that there were a lot of motions of reconsideration made by Council lately. He said a lot of work and planning had gone into the Library Board's decision and 11 jobs were on the line. It was no easy task and if jobs were of no value to County Council, he said he had no difficulty with it. Warden Lichter stated that a motion of reconsideration had been ruled out.

Councillor Ball noted that a card had been circulated by UNSM which included an item on a motion to rescind that could be done within the same Session without having to give notice of motion with a required two-thirds majority. He asked if Mr. Crooks could explain.

Mr. Crooks responded his opinion was that any suggestion that a matter could be amended or rescinded without an opportunity for each Councillor to have notice in advance was wrong. He disagreed with reluctance with the card circulated by any organization but, in his opinion, the notice must, as a matter of law, be given and two-thirds majority was not sufficient to do it at the same meeting.

2. Mr. Kelly outlined a letter from Ernest Meriggi dated July 17, 1992 which dealt with an item further on the Agenda under Date for Minor Variance Appeals. Mr. Merriggi advised he was cancelling his appeal.

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

"THAT THE LETTER BE RECEIVED".

MOTION CARRIED.

3. Mr. Kelly outlined a copy of a letter from Robert Chisholm, M.L.A. dated July 21, 1992 to Hon. George Moody, Minister of Health regarding a meeting held the previous evening on the meningococcal inoculation program.

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



"THAT THE LETTER BE RECEIVED".

Councillor Ball stated he had attended the same meeting last night and there had been approximately 250 people at the meeting who did not understand why they would not be included in the buffer zone. As far as District 5 was concerned, it was necessary to understand that until 1967 District 5 and Spryfield were all one and the same and an integral part of a way of life. He stated that District 5 was simply an extension and a letter needed to be sent, on behalf of the residents of District 5 in support of inoculation for them. Spryfield was a high risk zone and there was one case on record. He stated that after the motion on the floor was passed, he wanted to put a motion on the floor outlining the historical, sociological, economical and educational relationship that existed between the residents of District 5 and the residents of Spryfield in support of inoculation.

Councillor Giffin stated he disagreed entirely with Councillor Ball as what was being talked about was a communicable disease. District 5 was no different than any other part of the County or of the province. People were very migratory and transportation allowed everyone to move very easily back and forth. He stated that as far as he was concerned, the Department of Health and the provincial government would be culpable if anything happened because the whole province should be inoculated for the age group that was susceptible to the disease.

MOTION CARRIED.

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

"THAT A LETTER BE SENT TO THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH ADVISING THAT HALIFAX COUNTY COUNCIL IS SUPPORTIVE OF THE INOCULATION OF THE RESIDENTS OF DISTRICT 5 AND FOR ALL RESIDENTS IN THE RISK GROUP THROUGHOUT NOVA SCOTIA BECAUSE IT CANNOT BE PREDICTED WHEN MENINGOCOCCAL CAN BREAK OUT".

Councillor Ball requested that the letter outline the significance of the residents of District 5 and the rest of Spryfield.

Warden Lichter pointed out that if the County supported the inoculation of all children in the age category in the province, then District 5 should not be singled out; otherwise, there would be greater emphasis put on one area than the other.

Councillor Richards stated that Warden Lichter's comment was precisely what he wanted to say. If the province was going to be requested to expand the inoculation, then it should be done completely without bias to any one community. He noted that Council should show caution with the motion because there was no question that the emotion that runs parallel with the disease was



high. He said the province, in his opinion, had taken a reasonable approach recognizing that even with inoculation, there would be the spread of the disease as the disease had so many components to it. He said he was not sure that he could go on record that he could speak against the experts. By requesting province-wide inoculation, he suggested it might just spread more fear.

Councillor Bates said he did not think the Municipality had expertise in this field and the decision should be left up to the province.

Councillor Ball said that to automatically disassociate oneself because health was a provincial responsibility was a mistake. All Council would be asking for was support of the fact that the inoculation does alleviate some fears and it had never been stated by the province that, because you were outside the buffer zone, you probably would not get meningitis. Council should be supportive of the residents of Halifax County and the rest of Nova Scotia in trying to reduce the risk as much as possible. He said if Council wished, he would change his motion to delete District 5 to encompass the whole province instead; however, anything that could be done to reduce or lessen the risk should be done.

Councillor Ball agreed, and the seconder agreed, to change the motion to delete District 5.

AMENDED MOTION CARRIED.

PLANNING ADVISORY COMMITTEE REPORT

Mr. Kelly advised that Planning Advisory Committee had forwarded a copy of an Order for Judgement from the Appeal Division of the Supreme Court of Nova Scotia to Council for its information. A copy of the decision had been forwarded to the Sackville Community Committee under separate cover and copies of the decision would be made available to other Councillors on request.

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

"THAT THE INFORMATION BE RECEIVED".

MOTION CARRIED.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPORT

Withdrawal from Special Reserve

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

"THAT COUNCIL APPROVE THE WITHDRAWAL OF \$664,000 FROM THE SPECIAL RESERVE FUND FOR DEBENTURE NO. 90-B-1".

MOTION CARRIED.

Capital Grant Requests

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

"THAT THE FOLLOWING CAPITAL GRANT REQUESTS BE APPROVED:

- a) General Parkland Grant - District 10 - \$2,325.49  
District Parkland Grant - District 10 - \$2,325.49
- b) District Capital Grant - Districts 16, 19, 20, 21 and 22 - \$1,000.00
- c) District Parkland Grant - District 6 - \$3,020.00
- d) District Capital Grant - District 10 - \$2,250.00
- e) District Capital Grant - District 25 - \$2,250.00  
District Parkland Grant - District 7 - \$2,250.00  
District Parkland Grant - District 24 - \$2,000.00  
District Capital Grant - District 23 - \$500.00
- f) Capital Grant - Porters Lake Community Services Association - \$16,024.98  
Brookside Community Homeowners Association - \$10,546.00".

MOTION CARRIED.

Proposed Water and Sanitary Sewer Extension - Windsor Highway

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

"THAT COUNCIL APPROVE THE PROPOSED EXPANSION BASED ON A 40% RECOVERY FROM THE RESIDENTS".

MOTION CARRIED.

Loan Request - District #2 Fire Department - \$180,000.00

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

"THAT COUNCIL APPROVE A TEN YEAR LOAN ADVANCE IN THE AMOUNT OF \$180,000.00 TO DISTRICT #2 FIRE DEPARTMENT FOR THE PURPOSE OF PURCHASING A PUMPER FIRE VEHICLE AND THAT COUNCIL RESERVES THE RIGHT TO LEVY AN AREA RATE IN DEFAULT OF PRINCIPAL AND/OR INTEREST REPAYMENT".

MOTION CARRIED.

DATE FOR MINOR VARIANCE APPEAL

As outlined under Correspondence previously, the Minor Variance Appeal with regard to the property of Evan Morgan was dropped.

With regard to the Minor Variance Appeal of John Daniel Marshall, re MVC-17-92-06, the date suggested by the Planning Department was the next Council Session, August 4, 1992.

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

"THAT THE DATE FOR THE MINOR VARIANCE APPEAL BE AUGUST 4, 1992".

MOTION CARRIED.

LOCKVIEW MACPHERSON ROAD SERVICING

Councillor Snow advised that he had just received word before the Council Session that the schools in Fall River would be hooked up and a contribution from the provincial government would be forthcoming; however, no amount had been indicated. He requested, therefore, that the matter be deferred to the next Council Session to allow him time to confer with the M.L.A. and the Minister of Government Services. This was agreed.

ST. JOHN AMBULANCE NOMINATION

Warden Lichter noted it had been agreed at the last Council Session to look for nominations for the position and one name had been submitted where a Councillor expressed interest. He asked for nominations.

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

"THAT COUNCILLOR GIFFIN BE NOMINATED".

Councillor Richards noted that the letter was twofold, one part asking for financial commitment and the other asking for a nomination. He said he wondered if the two did not go hand in hand - was Council being asked to put somebody on the Board with the hope it would encourage a financial commitment. Council had already taken a position with regard to finances at the Grants Committee meeting a few weeks ago. He said he would not want to send out a mixed message but noted he was not suggesting they be financially supported, much the same as the Pan Am Games discussion.

Warden Lichter said he believed St. John Ambulance was looking at creative ways to raise funds and, if the nominated Councillor was put on the Board, Council could be assured that Councillor Giffin would be creative enough to ensure that Halifax County was part of the creativity.

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



"THAT THE NOMINATIONS CEASE".

MOTION CARRIED.

Warden Lichter expressed his congratulations to Councillor Giffin.

APPOINTMENT OF REPRESENTATIVES TO BOARD OF DARTMOUTH/HALIFAX COUNTY REGIONAL HOUSING AUTHORITY

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

"THAT THE ITEM BE DEFERRED UNTIL THE NEXT COUNCIL SESSION TO ALLOW TIME TO SPEAK WITH ONE OF THE APPOINTEES".

Councillor Rankin noted this matter had been deferred at the last Council Session and asked when the current terms expired. Mr. Kelly advised that the terms were August 1 and that the appointees would either be appointed or re-appointed on that date for two years.

MOTION CARRIED.

DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION - COUNCILLOR RANKIN

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

"THAT WHEREAS THE RESIDENTS OF RIVERVIEW DRIVE OF ROYAL OAKES SUBDIVISION AND THE REMAINING UNPAVED PORTION OF MUNROE SUBDIVISION HAVE SHOWN GREAT PATIENCE OVER THE YEARS FOR THE INSTALLATION OF PAVEMENT ON THESE ROADS;

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED THAT THESE ROADS BE NOW GIVEN THE NECESSARY PRIORITY IN THIS FISCAL YEAR TO UNDERTAKE THESE DESERVING PROJECTS UNDER THE 15-YEAR PAVING PROGRAM".

MOTION CARRIED.

It was moved by Councillor Rankin, seconded by Councillor Fralick

"THAT WHEREAS THERE HAS BEEN A SUBSTANTIAL BUILDUP OF VEHICULAR TRAFFIC ALONG THE NO. 3 HIGHWAY, PARTICULARLY DURING PEAK TIMES, AND WHEREAS THERE CONTINUES TO BE AN ABOVE-AVERAGE RESIDENTIAL GROWTH RATE ALONG THIS ROUTE;

BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE PROVINCE CONSIDER NOW THE CONSTRUCTION OF A PARALLEL INTERCONNECTING ROAD LOCATED BETWEEN THE NO. 3 HIGHWAY AND HIGHWAY 103 AND THEREBY RESOLVE TRAFFIC PROBLEMS ALONG NO. 3 HIGHWAY AND ENABLE MORE ORDERLY RESIDENTIAL GROWTH IN THE LAKESIDE/TIMBERLEA AREA".

MOTION CARRIED.

Councillor Rankin requested that a copy of the letter be sent to the current M.L.A.

PROVINCIAL HOUSING TASK FORCE

Councillor Rankin advised he had circulated a letter written by the Minister of Housing, Marie Dechman, because Council had asked as well for a Task Force on Housing. The Minister had not benefitted Council with a reply but had benefitted the group with a reply.

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

"THAT WHEREAS THE MINISTER OF HOUSING HAS RECENTLY WRITTEN TO THE AFFORDABLE HOUSING ASSOCIATION OF NOVA SCOTIA INFORMING THE GROUP THAT HER OFFICE IS NOT YET PREPARED TO ESTABLISH A HOUSING TASK FORCE TO DEAL WITH SEVERE FEDERAL CUTBACKS IN SOCIAL HOUSING AND WISHES TO WAIT FOR THE OUTCOME OF FEDERAL/PROVINCIAL NEGOTIATIONS ON THE CONSTITUTION;

AND WHEREAS THIS MUNICIPALITY BY RESOLUTION HAS ALREADY REQUESTED THE DEPARTMENT TO ESTABLISH SUCH A TASK FORCE BUT HAS NOT RECEIVED THE BENEFIT OF A REPLY AND WHEREAS THE FEDERAL CUTBACKS IN THE ORDER OF 35% ARE ALREADY UPON US THIS YEAR AND ANOTHER REDUCTION AGAIN NEXT YEAR IRREGARDLESS OF CONSTITUTIONAL NEGOTIATIONS;

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED THAT THE MINISTER BE URGED TO PUT IN PLACE NOW THIS HOUSING TASK FORCE SO THAT THE PROVINCE, IN CONCERT WITH MUNICIPALITIES AND HOUSING GROUPS CAN BETTER RESPOND AND PLAN IN THE FACE OF THESE DEVASTATING CUTBACKS OUTLINED IN THE MOST RECENT FEDERAL BUDGET".

Councillor Rankin pointed out there was concurrent jurisdiction in housing inasmuch as the Municipality pays 12% on public housing; therefore, Council was very much involved with housing.

MOTION CARRIED.

BLUE BAG RECYCLING

Councillor Brill advised that on July 10, 1992 many people in his District put out their recyclables due to an error in public relations given to them. He raised the concern with Engineering Department and stated he was pleased to see a recycling calendar had been placed in the major newspapers; however, he said he felt that the same calendar should have been distributed via Canada Post as not everybody received a newspaper. He noted he had been able