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COUNCIL SESSION

August 4, 1992

PRESENT WERE: Warden Lichter  
Councillor Meade  
Councillor Rankin  
Councillor Fralick  
Councillor Ball  
Councillor Bates  
Councillor Adams  
Councillor Randall  
Councillor Bayers  
Councillor Smiley  
Councillor Taylor  
Councillor Peters  
Councillor Brill  
Councillor Snow  
Councillor MacDonald  
Councillor Boutilier  
Councillor Harvey  
Councillor Richards  
Councillor McInroy  
Councillor Cooper

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

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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 Richards, seconded by Councillor Snow:

"THAT JULIA HORNCastle BE APPOINTED AS RECORDING  
SECRETARY"

MOTION CARRIED

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

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

"THAT THE MINUTES OF THE JUNE 15, 1992 PUBLIC HEARING BE  
APPROVED"

MOTION CARRIED

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

"THAT THE MINUTES OF THE JUNE 30, 1992 COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE BE APPROVED"

MOTION CARRIED

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

"THAT THE MINUTES OF THE JUNE 16, 1992 COUNCIL SESSION BE APPROVED"

MOTION CARRIED

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

"THAT THE MINUTES OF THE JULY 7, 1992 COUNCIL SESSION BE APPROVED"

MOTION CARRIED

LETTERS AND CORRESPONDENCE

1. Mr. Kelly outlined a letter from J.D. Bauld, Chairman, Clean Nova Scotia Foundation to advise of Nova Scotia's first Waste Reduction Week which will take place in October.

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

"THAT THE LETTER BE RECEIVED"

MOTION CARRIED

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

"THAT THE WEEK OF OCTOBER 24TH THROUGH 30TH BE PROCLAIMED AS NOVA SCOTIA WASTE REDUCTION WEEK"

MOTION CARRIED

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

"THAT WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 28TH BE DESIGNATED AS WASTELESS WEDNESDAY"

MOTION CARRIED

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

"THAT COUNCILLOR BRILL BE NOMINATED AS CONTACT PERSON WITHIN HALIFAX COUNTY"

MOTION CARRIED

2. Mr. Kelly outlined a letter from FCM dealing with request for resolutions for the September meeting of the Board of Directors, FCM.

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

"THAT THE LETTER BE RECEIVED"

MOTION CARRIED

3. Mr. Kelly outlined a letter from the Honourable Ken Streach, Minister, Department of Transportation and Communications in response to Halifax County correspondence requesting the Department develop a program for signage for special needs children.

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

"THAT THE LETTER BE RECEIVED"

MOTION CARRIED

4. Mr. Kelly outlined a letter from the Honourable Ken Streach, Minister, Department of Transportation and Communications in response to Halifax County correspondence regarding the Stoney Beach Road, White's Lake.

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

"THAT THE LETTER BE RECEIVED"

MOTION CARRIED

5. Mr. Kelly outlined a letter from the Honourable Terrence Donahoe, Q.C., Minister, Department of the Environment responding to two letters written by Halifax County with respect to the litter abatement act and illegal dumping.

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

"THAT THE LETTER BE RECEIVED"

MOTION CARRIED

Councillor Ball stated that the letter indicates that the Department of the Environment is not going to address any of the problems of illegal dumping.

Warden Lichter stated that it is his understanding that the Department is encouraging Halifax County to direct staff to work with their staff in reaching a resolution to these issues. ...3

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

"THAT HALIFAX COUNTY WRITE A LETTER TO THE DEPARTMENT OF THE ENVIRONMENT ASKING WHAT ACTION ARE THEY TAKING TO ENFORCE THE LITTER ABATEMENT ACT"

MOTION CARRIED

6. Mr. Kelly outlined a letter from Bill McCloskey, Director, Department of Finance in response to Halifax County correspondence regarding the application of the GST to rental fees for minor sports associations.

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

"THAT THE LETTER BE RECEIVED"

MOTION CARRIED

7. Mr. Kelly outlined a letter from the Honourable John Leefe, Minister, Department of Natural Resources in response to Halifax County correspondence with respect to the concern expressed over the public shooting range in Hammonds Plains.

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

"THAT THE LETTER BE RECEIVED"

MOTION CARRIED

8. Mr. Kelly outlined a letter from R. Mort Jackson, Executive Director, Metropolitan Authority with respect to the office of the Engineer responsible for the operations of the landfill site in Sackville.

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

"THAT THE LETTER BE RECEIVED"

Councillor MacDonald stated that the closeout committee was referring to Mr. MacEachern not Mr. Rose. They would like to see Mr. MacEachern stationed at the landfill.

MOTION CARRIED

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

"THAT A LETTER BE WRITTEN TO MR. JACKSON INFORMING HIM THAT THE MESSAGE WAS REFERRING TO MR. MACEACHERN IN ADDITION TO MR. ROSE"

MOTION CARRIED

9. Mr. Kelly outlined a letter from Loretta Bozovich, Manager, Corporate Correspondence Service, Canada Post acknowledging receipt of Halifax County's letter regarding the closure of the Sackville post office.

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

"THAT THE LETTER BE RECEIVED"

MOTION CARRIED

10. Mr. Kelly outlined a letter from Hanson D. Josey, President, Professional Plumbers Association of Nova Scotia requesting the Municipality give consideration to plumbing licenses and permits to all plumbing contractors who do work in the county.

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

"THAT THE LETTER BE RECEIVED"

MOTION CARRIED

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

"THAT A STAFF REPORT BE PREPARED"

MOTION CARRIED

11. Mr. Kelly outlined a news release from the Department of Health and Fitness with respect to the composition of a Provincial Primary Health Care Task Force.

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

"THAT THE LETTER BE RECEIVED"

MOTION CARRIED

12. Mr. Kelly outlined a letter from Michael Johnson, Chairman, Nova Scotia Municipal Board re review of polling district boundaries.

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

"THAT THE LETTER BE RECEIVED"

MOTION CARRIED

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

"THAT A REDISTRIBUTION COMMITTEE SHOULD BE SET UP TO LOOK AT THE SITUATION"

MOTION CARRIED

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

"THAT THE WARDEN APPOINT THE MEMBERS TO THE COMMITTEE"

Councillor Fralick suggested that the members be representative of each area of Halifax County; East, West, Cole Harbour and Sackville.

MOTION CARRIED

SUPPLEMENTARY LETTERS AND CORRESPONDENCE

1. Mr. Kelly outlined a letter from D.W. MacIntosh, Director of Engineering, Department of Transportation and Communications with respect to widening the crossing of Rocky Lake Drive, Waverley, N.S. and CNR at mile 2.23 Dartmouth Subdivision.

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

"THAT THE LETTER BE RECEIVED"

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 GERALD CAVICCHI BE NOMINATED AS REPRESENTATIVE TO THE BOARD OF DARTMOUTH/HALIFAX COUNTY REGIONAL HOUSING AUTHORITY"

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

"THAT NANCY STODDARD BE NOMINATED AS REPRESENTATIVE TO THE BOARD OF DARTMOUTH/HALIFAX COUNTY REGIONAL HOUSING AUTHORITY"

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

"THAT VELMA LEDWIDGE BE NOMINATED AS REPRESENTATIVE TO THE BOARD OF DARTMOUTH/HALIFAX COUNTY REGIONAL HOUSING AUTHORITY"

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



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"THAT TERRY DELEON BE NOMINATED AS REPRESENTATIVE TO THE BOARD OF DARTMOUTH/HALIFAX COUNTY REGIONAL HOUSING AUTHORITY"

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

"THAT SINCLAIR WILLIAMS BE NOMINATED AS REPRESENTATIVE TO THE BOARD OF DARTMOUTH/HALIFAX COUNTY REGIONAL HOUSING AUTHORITY"

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

"THAT NOMINATIONS CEASE"

MOTION CARRIED

RESCHEDULE MINOR VARIANCE APPEAL TO AUGUST 18, 1992, RE MARSHALL

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

"THAT THE MINOR VARIANCE APPEAL SET BY COUNCIL FOR AUGUST 4, 1992 AT 7:00 P.M BE RESCHEDULED TO AUGUST 18, 1992 AT 7:00 P.M."

MOTION CARRIED

DATE FOR MINOR VARIANCE APPEAL

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

"THAT AUGUST 18, 1992, 7:00 P.M BE THE DATE AND TIME SET FOR MINOR VARIANCE APPEAL RE ROSEANNE AND ALLAN CURRIE"

MOTION CARRIED

PLANNING ADVISORY COMMITTEE REPORT

1. Staff Report - Request for Subdivision Repeal - Mr. Keith Prevost

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

"THAT COUNCIL INITIATE ACTION TO AMEND A PLAN OF SUBDIVISION APPROVED ON JUNE 8, 1990, AS PER OPTION 2 OF THE STAFF REPORT. FUTHER, COUNCIL HOLD A PUBLIC HEARING ONCE AN AMENDED SURVEY PLAN SHOWING THE CONSOLODATION OF LOTS 94A, 94B AND 94C INTO ONE LOT HAS BEEN PREPARED"

MOTION CARRIED

2. Staff Report - File No.'s DA-FEN-01-92-18 & RA-FEN-13-92-18 - Application by the Department of Housing to enter into a... 7

development agreement for the development of a multiple unit senior citizen's residence, and rezoning of portions of the lands of Lester Hublev, Upper Tantallon

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

"THAT AUGUST 31, 1992 BE RECOMMENDED AS THE DATE FOR A PUBLIC HEARING"

MOTION CARRIED

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPORT

Atlantic Winter Fair Property Taxes

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

"THAT COUNCIL APPROVE THE DRAFT AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE MUNICIPALITY AND THE DIRECTORS OF ATLANTIC WINTER FAIR"

MOTION CARRIED

Right-of-Way - Sambro School

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

"THAT THE EXISTING RIGHT-OF-WAY WITH A THREE MONTH TERMINATION CLAUSE BE REPLACED WITH A PERMANENT RIGHT-OF-WAY"

MOTION CARRIED

Family Demonstration Units - Department of Housing

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

"THAT COUNCIL APPROVE THE WITHDRAWAL OF \$76,466.00 FROM THE CAPITAL RESERVE FOR THE FOUR (4) DEMONSTRATION UNITS IN WHITE'S LAKE AND SACKVILLE"

MOTION CARRIED

Request for Grants

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

"THAT THE FOLLOWING GRANTS BE APPROVED:

- A) DISTRICT CAPITAL GRANT, DISTRICT 7, \$5,400.00 AND GENERAL PARKLAND GRANT, \$2,700.00 RE FENCING WILLIAM ROSS BALL FIELD, WESTPHAL.

- B) DISTRICT CAPITAL GRANT, DISTRICT 17, \$250.00 RE HOLLAND ROAD SCHOOL PLAYGROUND - EQUIPMENT.
- C) DISTRICT PARKLAND GRANT, DISTRICT 15, \$1,950.00 AND GENERAL PARKLAND GRANT, \$1,950.00 RE BEAVERBANK/KINSAC SPORTS ASSOCIATION.
- D) DISTRICT CAPITAL GRANT, DISTRICT 25, \$1,033.13 AND GENERAL PARKLAND GRANT, \$1,000.00 RE FENCING AROUND PARKLAND ON RITCHEY CRESCENT DUCK POND AREA (WALKER'S PARK).

MOTION CARRIED

Request for Loan - Port Dufferin Fire Department

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

"THAT COUNCIL APPROVE A LOAN ADVANCE IN THE AMOUNT OF \$8,000.00 TO THE PORT DUFFERIN VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT FOR THE PURCHASE OF A FIRE VEHICLE. THE LOAN TO BE REPAID, WITH INTEREST, WITHIN A FIVE YEAR TERM. COUNCIL SHOULD RESERVE THE RIGHT TO LEVY AN AREA RATE IN DEFAULT OF INTEREST AND/OR PRINCIPAL REPAYMENT"

MOTION CARRIED

Borrowing Resolutions

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

"THAT BORROWING RESOLUTION 86-05 SEWAGE (EASTERN PASSAGE/BISSETT LAKE) IN THE AMOUNT OF \$3,000,000. BE APPROVED"

MOTION CARRIED

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

"THAT BORROWING RESOLUTION 90-01 AEROTECH INDUSTRIAL PARK (SUPP FUNDING) IN THE AMOUNT OF \$500,000. BE APPROVED"

MOTION CARRIED

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

"THAT BORROWING RESOLUTION 91-03 SEWER (HUMBER PARK) IN THE AMOUNT OF \$900,000. BE APPROVED"

MOTION CARRIED

It was moved by Councillor Bates, seconded by Councillor Richards:<sup>9</sup>

"THAT BORROWING RESOLUTION 91-04 SEWER (LOON LAKE) IN THE AMOUNT OF \$100,000. BE APPROVED"

MOTION CARRIED

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

"THAT BORROWING RESOLUTION 91-05 WATER (LOON LAKE) IN THE AMOUNT OF \$10,000. BE APPROVED"

MOTION CARRIED

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

"THAT BORROWING RESOLUTION 92-02 (BEAVERBANK ROAD) IN THE AMOUNT OF \$52,000. BE APPROVED"

MOTION CARRIED

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

"THAT BORROWING RESOLUTION 92-03 SEWER (BEAVERBANK ROAD) IN THE AMOUNT OF \$96,700. BE APPROVED"

MOTION CARRIED

LOCKVIEW/MACPHERSON ROAD SERVICING

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

"THAT THIS ITEM BE DEFERRED"

Councillor Snow stated that he would like to have the Lockview Residents Association informed when this item will be addressed by Council.

Warden Lichter asked Councillor Snow to inform staff after negotiations have been completed in order to have the necessary interested parties informed when this issue will again be addressed by Council.

Councillor Snow asked if it would be possible to put this out for tender.

Warden Lichter stated that he really does not think that it is fair to call tenders on a project that at the present time Halifax County does not know whether or not it will be going ahead.

Mr. Crooks stated that it is implied in any invitation to tender that someone, the lowest qualified bidder, is going to get the job. He stated that the Municipality would have to present it in a way

that what was being requested would be expressions of interest and a ball park figure, rather than a letting of tenders in the normal way.

Mr. Meech informed Council that the cost sharing is based on percentages. He stated that what happens is, all the way through each of the contributions from the Municipality, the province, etc. are reduced by the respective percentages. It would take a substantial reduction in the overall price to actually get the rates down for individual property owners. Based on the formula the property owners would end up paying 30% of the gross cost.

MOTION CARRIED

REPORT - CONSULTING SERVICES BEDFORD BY-PASS WATER MAINS

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

"THAT CBCL LTD. BE RETAINED TO PROVIDE THE CONSULTING SERVICES FOR THE BEDFORD WATER TRANSMISSION MAIN PROJECT"

Councillor Rankin stated that of the six criteria for the project, cost is not included and he feels that cost should have been included.

Councillor Taylor asked Mr. Meech if the preference was based on one of the six criteria or a combination of all.

Mr. Meech stated that he was not actually involved in the weighting of the factors but he assured Council that the item took into consideration a lot of staff time. He stated that he is satisfied that the dollar implications are minor and on the basis of that he is not sure that they have much weighting. He stated that the greater concern is based on experience, knowledge, etc., and he feels the best value will be received by going with the staff recommendation. He stated that the price is a proposal based on the design. If the scope of the work changes along the way the fees will change and it won't matter which firm is awarded the contract.

Councillor Ball stated that CBCL is the company that, over the years, have been very involved in Halifax County's water utility system. They have local knowledge of the system itself.

Mr. Meech stated that they not only have knowledge of Halifax County's system but also the Halifax/Dartmouth system.

Councillor Ball stated that he feels comfortable with CBCL because they have this knowledge and extra dollars will not have to be paid for someone to be educated to that knowledge. He stated that from his point of view Council decides what's a major and a minor variance in terms of dollars and cents. He stated that you have to...11

look at who is capable of doing the job and Halifax County could endorse FENCO but might end up in a worse situation because of their potential lack of knowledge.

Councillor Bates stated that when the low dollar tender is not accepted then why invite FENCO to bid. After examining the six criteria there is only two points separating them from CBCL. He stated that he feels that the tendering system is being interfered with.

Mr. Meech stated that part of the preliminary design is to determine whether or not the conceptual study and plan at this point in time is totally accurate. This had gone through the Urban Services Committee on the basis that the committee had not recommended proposals but when it came to council, council chose going through an invitation for proposal. He stated that Urban Services he had made it very clear what was being proposed and the procedure being followed.

Councillor Brill asked what the terms of the invitation were.

Mr. Meech stated that the invitation would place emphasis on the firms putting forward as to how they would intend to manage the project as to which particular individuals within the firm would be assigned to the project, what experience they have in this particular type of assignment. The issue of price is given the last consideration. If the prescription followed by the Consulting Engineering Association were to be followed that price should not be a part of the decision. The weighting is on the background experience and expertise of specific individuals who will be assigned to that particular project.

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

"THAT THIS BE DEFERRED UNTIL THE NEXT COUNCIL SESSION IN ORDER THAT STAFF CAN PREPARE A REPORT INCLUDING A LIST OF WHO WILL BE WORKING ON THIS JOB AND THEIR EXPERTISE"

MOTION DEFEATED

ORIGINAL MOTION CARRIED

11 IN FAVOUR

5 AGAINST

POLICE COMMITTEE REPORT

Warden Lichter stated that this is a recommendation from the police committee that council request the Solicitor General's Department to undertake a study on behalf of Halifax County council.

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

"THAT COUNCIL REQUEST THE SOLICITOR GENERAL'S DEPARTMENT TO UNDERTAKE A STUDY ON BEHALF OF HALIFAX COUNTY TO EXAMINE POSSIBLE OPTIONS FOR SUPPLYING POLICE TO HALIFAX COUNTY"

Councillor Peters asked if there would be any cost to Halifax County involved with this.

Warden Lichter stated that Halifax County is not prepared to pay. If they come back and indicate there is a cost then it would have to be brought back to council for further discussion. At the present time it is with no cost implications.

Councillor Richards stated that it would be Halifax County's intent at this point that the study be undertaken by the Solicitor General and use their expertise to review the situation. If they come back and say they will do it at a cost to Halifax County then it will come back before council for approval as the police committee does not have a budget to expend any kind of monies.

MOTION CARRIED

MEMORANDUM RE FIRE APPARATUS ACQUISITION - SACKVILLE FIRE DEPARTMENT

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

"THAT COUNCIL ENDORSE THE ACQUISITION OF THE FIRE APPARATUS FOR THE SACKVILLE FIRE DEPARTMENT"

Councillor Ball stated that there is no report which outlines what companies were involved in this process.

Mr. Meech stated that it was tendered for and there were a number of tenders and after an evaluation an agreement with the fire chief, internal staff and the Sackville committee it was decided to go with this particular vehicle which was coming from a company in Winnipeg. He stated that there was a report prepared with the analysis and evaluation on the tendering process.

Councillor Harvey stated that the commitment to this particular pumper truck was made when the commitment was made by the Sackville committee to redeploy fire fighting resources in Sackville by adding a new station and substation. There was a tender on this. There were several responses to it which were analyzed by staff, Bernie Turpin and the Sackville Committee. He stated that at the Community Committee level it was their understanding that proper procedures were being followed. There was need for the vehicle and they became aware that this particular vehicle would be available this summer and so moved to follow the steps in the procedure to acquire a vehicle which turned out to be this particular vehicle. ...13

MOTION CARRIED

MEMORANDUM RE: KEDDY'S HOTEL, HALIFAX INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT

Warden Lichter stated that the report indicates that the only suggestion coming from Bill Butler is that one particular area should be surrounded with a fence.

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

"THAT THE REPORT BE RECEIVED"

MOTION CARRIED

MUNICIPAL LAND - COUNCILLOR PETERS

Councillor Peters stated that she was referring to parkland that was given to the Municipality when subdivisions were developed prior to the time when the county Recreation department or councillors had a chance to have input. There are a number of areas in district 14 which have parcels of land which will not be developed. The homes would like to acquire this land. She asked if there was any way the Municipality could re-evaluate the By-law to find a way to sell this land and use the money for recreation within the community.

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

"THAT THIS BE EXAMINED AND A STAFF REPORT BE PREPARED"

MOTION CARRIED

URGENT AGENDA ITEMS

County Operations - Councillor Ball

Councillor Ball suggested that an in-camera session should be held with Mr. Meech regarding the operations of Halifax County. He stated that he would urge that within the next month, at Mr. Meech's discretion, an in-camera session be set up to deal with this.

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

"THAT AN IN-CAMERA COUNCIL SESSION BE SCHEDULED TO DISCUSS THE OPERATIONS OF HALIFAX COUNTY"

MOTION CARRIED

Derelict Vehicles - Councillor Brill

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



"THAT COUNCIL INSTRUCT STAFF TO TAKE IMMEDIATE STEPS TO IMPLEMENT THE HALIFAX COUNTY DERELICT VEHICLE POLICY"

Mr. Meech stated that money had been allocated in the budget for this program but the province had announced a similar program and Halifax County had made application. Staff were advised that until Halifax County had specific approval from the department it could not expect, if county employees went out and retrieved cars, that claims retroactively. He stated that if council now wishes to proceed he has no difficulty with it.

Councillor Brill stated that Mr. Butler, Acting Director Planning Department, has received information from the department that there will be some cost sharing come forward but not until October. He suggested the warden either write or phone the minister and ask, based on this information coming forward, if Halifax County can proceed now.

Warden Lichter stated that he would call the minister and try to indicate to him that Halifax County would document the monies spent and would expect the cost sharing to take place.

Council agreed that the Warden would contact the Minister and the program would be instituted after approval was received.

Department of Transportation - Councillor Adams

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

"THAT A LETTER BE SENT TO THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION ASKING FOR AN OFFICIAL RESPONSE REGARDING THE STATUS OF THE REQUEST FOR A CONNECTOR ROAD BETWEEN LOWER GOVERNOR STREET AND LOWER PARTRIDGE RIVE DRIVE, EAST PRESTON"

MOTION CARRIED

Department of Transportation - Councillor Fralick

Councillor Fralick stated that the Lake of the Woods Home Owners Association find that there is a lot of heavy traffic at the intersection of Five Islands and Woodland Road. They are requesting council's approval to check the feasibility of a set of street lights in Lake of the Woods.

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

"THAT COUNCIL CONTACT THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION ON THE FEASIBILITY OF A SET OF STREET LIGHTS IN LAKE OF THE WOODS AT THE INTERSECTION OF FIVE ISLANDS AND WOODLAND ROAD"

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MOTION CARRIED

ADDITION OF ITEMS TO AUGUST 18TH COUNCIL AGENDA

Dog By-law - Councillor Randall

DOT - Councillor Ball

Cats - Councillor Brill

IN-CAMERA ITEM

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

"THAT COUNCIL MOVE IN-CAMERA"

MOTION CARRIED

Council agreed to move out of camera.

ADJOURNMENT

It was moved by Councillor MacDonald:

"THAT THE MEETING BE ADJOURNED"

MOTION CARRIED

COUNCIL SESSION

August 18, 1992

PRESENT WERE: Mayor Lichter  
Councillor Meade  
Councillor Rankin  
Councillor Fralick  
Councillor Holland  
Councillor Ball  
Councillor Deveaux  
Councillor Bates  
Councillor Adams  
Councillor Randall  
Councillor Bayers  
Councillor Smiley  
Councillor Taylor  
Councillor Peters  
Councillor Merrigan  
Councillor Brill  
Councillor Snow  
Councillor Harvey  
Councillor Richards  
Councillor McInroy  
Councillor Cooper

ALSO PRESENT: G. J. Kelly, Municipal Clerk  
K. R. Meech, Chief Administrative Officer  
Fred Crooks, Municipal Solicitor  
Ted Tam, Engineering and Works Department  
Lorne Denny, Industrial Commission  
Bill Butler, Planning Department

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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 Snow, seconded by Councillor Peters:

"THAT JULIA HORNCastle BE APPOINTED AS RECORDING  
SECRETARY"

MOTION CARRIED

LETTERS AND CORRESPONDENCE

1. Mr. Kelly outlined a memorandum from Mr. Markesino, Director of Parks and Recreation, regarding the first Monday of August being a civic holiday throughout Halifax County.

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

"THAT THE MEMORANDUM BE RECEIVED"

MOTION CARRIED

Mayor Lichter informed council that the celebrations concerning the County Charter are in progress. The civic holiday should be referred to the Executive Committee for further examination.

2. Mr. Kelly outlined a letter from R. Mort Jackson, Executive Director, Metropolitan Authority with respect to the remaining capacity of the Highway 101 landfill.

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

"THAT THE LETTER BE RECEIVED"

MOTION CARRIED

3. Mr. Kelly outlined a letter from Mayor Moira Ducharme, City of Halifax, in which she forwards a copy of a resolution from the Village of Belcarra, B.C. requesting Halifax County council's support.

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

"THAT THE LETTER BE RECEIVED"

MOTION CARRIED

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

"THAT COUNCIL SUPPORT THE RESOLUTION"

MOTION CARRIED

4. Mr. Kelly outlined a letter from the Honourable Thomas J. McInnis, Minister, Department of Economic Development, with respect to Mainstreet and Village Square programs and identifying funding for Musquodoboit Harbour, Sackville, Sheet Harbour and Eastern Passage.

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

"THAT THE LETTER BE RECEIVED"

MOTION CARRIED

Mayor Lichter informed council that he has sent a thank you letter, dated August 5th, to the Honourable Tom McInnis indicating that Halifax County is anxious to hear what the outcome of the request will be concerning the Cole Harbour funding.

5. Mr. Kelly outlined a letter from John J. Chaisson, Department of Economic Development, which points out that the absence of a Federal Post Office Facility, the highway commercial zoning, and lack of traditional downtown core with pedestrian orientation, makes Cole Harbour/Westphal unsuitable for the programs.

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

"THAT THE LETTER BE RECEIVED"

MOTION CARRIED

Councillor Richards stated, looking at the criteria outlined in the letter, no community in Halifax County will qualify because if one of the criteria is to have a Federal Post Office facility perhaps mainstreet is a dead issue because the Federal Post Office is removing locations from the communities. He stated that he is hoping that they will review this in light of the postal closeouts. He would like to know how some of the communities that have previously been approved under this criteria when a community such as Cole Harbour is unable to. The lack of a traditional downtown core is also an issue. He stated that he does not see how communities that have been approved differ from Cole Harbour in that regard. He asked if Pedestrian Orientation meant sidewalks and if so, they have them. He stated he is not sure what the basis is behind the criteria that is being addressed this evening. If it means they are using the post office issue as the main issue then they don't qualify. He stated that he would like Halifax County to respond to the Minister of Economic Development asking him to review the criteria in light of the recent changes that have been imposed upon communities, throughout Halifax County in particular.

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

"THAT A LETTER BE SENT TO THE HONOURABLE TOM MCINNIS, MINISTER OF ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, ASKING HIM TO CHANGE THE CRITERIA TO MAKE COMMUNITIES LIKE COLE HARBOUR/WESTPHAL ADAPTABLE TO THE MAINSTREET PROGRAM"

Councillor Cooper stated that it has been requested that a Federal Post Office be located in the Cole Harbour/Westphal for a number of years and as a result of not having a post office it has held back the development of the community in trying to establish its identity. He stated that its been a long hard struggle to get where they are as a community and don't want to see it stop now.

MOTION CARRIED

6. Mr. Kelly outlined a letter from the Honourable John G. Leefe, Minister, Department of Natural Resources, with respect to bear

siting in the Pennant/Ketch Harbour areas.

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

"THAT THE LETTER BE RECEIVED"

MOTION CARRIED

7. Mr. Kelly outlined a letter from the Honourable John G. Leefe, Minister, Department of Natural Resources, regarding the boat launching facility at Oakfield Provincial Park.

Councillor Peters stated that she is speaking about large boulders that are capable of being removed. She stated that she would like to make a request that a member of the Department staff explore it prior to the opening of the park in the spring of 1993, to either mark a channel or move some of these boulders.

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

"THAT THE LETTER BE RECEIVED"

MOTION CARRIED

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

"THAT A LETTER BE WRITTEN TO THE DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES ASKING THEM TO EITHER MOVE THE BOULDERS OR MARK A CHANNEL FOR SAFETY"

MOTION CARRIED

8. Mr. Kelly outlined a letter from the Honourable Ken Streach, Minister, Department of Transportation and Communications, in response to Halifax County correspondence requesting a permanent access ramp from Trunk #3 (Bay Road) to North West Arm Drive. The Minister points out in his correspondence that the tender will close August 11, 1992 with the ramp being completed during the 1992 construction season.

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

"THAT THE LETTER BE RECEIVED"

MOTION CARRIED

9. Mr. Kelly outlined a letter from the Honourable Ken Streach, Minister, Department of Transportation and Communications, with regards to the need for proper signing and pavement marking along Trunk #7 in the vicinity of Brooks Road.

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

"THAT THE LETTER BE RECEIVED"

Councillor Adams stated that he would like to express his gratitude on behalf of the residents. He stated that the Department did a good job at the intersection and have improved it from a safety point of view. The work was done on June 29th. He stated that it is a marked improvement.

MOTION CARRIED

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

"THAT A LETTER OF APPRECIATION BE WRITTEN TO THE MINISTER"

MOTION CARRIED

10. Mr. Kelly outlined a letter from the Honourable George C. Moody, Minister, Department of Health and Fitness, with respect to Churchill Estates Water Utility, Herring Cove. In his letter he points out the province had been asked to compensate people for the cost of bottled water prior to Halifax County improving the water system there and the Minister points out that provincial funding is not available for that purpose.

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

"THAT THE LETTER BE RECEIVED"

Councillor Ball stated that it might be in order to write the Minister and remind him that the buyers of Harrietsfield/Williamswood purchased property with a Uranium content in their water and they were prepared, for a number of years, to supply bottled water to the affected residents. He stated that Halifax County is just asking that the people who were in this particular Water Utility and, by order of the Department of Health, were told that the water was not drinkable be given compensation for the water they had to buy. He stated he would like the Minister to explain why they give it for several years to Harrietsfield/Williamswood and why these people should be treated any differently.

MOTION CARRIED

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

"THAT A LETTER BE SENT TO THE MINISTER, DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND FITNESS, ASKING FOR AN EXPLANATION BASED ON WHAT THEY DID IN HARRIETSFIELD/WILLIAMSWOOD AND HOW HE DEEMS CHURCHILL ESTATES AND THEIR WATER PROBLEMS TO BE DIFFERENT THAN THAT OF HARRIETSFIELD/WILLIAMSWOOD"

Mayor Lichter stated that in the case of Harrietsfield the Board of Health had applied to the province for having bottled water supplied by and paid for by the province.

Councillor Ball stated that a request had been made through council several times and this is the first time there has been a response.

Mayor Lichter stated that council had made a request to have them retroactively reimbursed which was different.

MOTION CARRIED

MINOR VARIANCE APPEALS

Mr. Kelly outlined a memorandum from Dorothy Cartledge, Development Officer with regards to the following Minor Variance Appeals:

1) Minor Variance Application - MVC-17-92-06, John D. Marshall, 908 Cow Bay Road, Eastern Passage scheduled for this council session has been withdrawn.

2) Minor Variance Application - MVC-19-92-08, Harold M. Dickie, 63 Beechville Drive, Lake Echo scheduled for September 1, 1992 has been withdrawn.

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

"THAT THESE TWO APPEAL WITHDRAWALS BE RECEIVED AS CORRESPONDENCE FOR COUNCIL'S INFORMATION"

MOTION CARRIED

SUPPLEMENTARY LETTERS AND CORRESPONDENCE

1. Mr. Kelly outlined a letter from the Honourable Marie P. Dechman, Minister, Department of Housing and Consumer Affairs, regarding appointments of visible minorities being appointed to Housing Authorities.

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

"THAT THE LETTER BE RECEIVED"

Mayor Lichter stated that Halifax County can write to the Minister and indicate that indeed Halifax County's appointments have reflected the kind of concerns that have been indicated here.

MOTION CARRIED

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

"THAT HALIFAX COUNTY INFORM THE MINISTER OF THE



APPOINTMENTS MADE BY HALIFAX COUNTY AND HOW IT REFLECTS  
HER CONCERNS"

MOTION CARRIED

PLANNING ADVISORY COMMITTEE REPORT

1. File No. RA-FEN-06-92-18 - Application by Skyview Homes Ltd. to rezone lands to the South of the Hammonds Plains Road and to the East of the Haliburton Hills Subdivision, Upper Tantallon

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

"THAT SEPTEMBER 14, 1992, 7:00 P.M., BE THE DATE AND TIME SET FOR PUBLIC HEARING"

MOTION CARRIED

Councillor Meade stated that he wanted to clarify that the Haliburton Hills Subdivision is on the Hammonds Plains Road and not Upper Tantallon.

Mayor Lichter advised staff to make note of the proper location.

2. File No. DA-SA-01-84-16-D - Request by Marion and Roger Levv to release a portion of their property from a development agreement.

Mayor Lichter stated that the solicitor would like to address council on this item.

Mr. Crooks stated that this item concerns a request to release a portion of a development agreement which with the enactment of the Charter now falls within the jurisdiction of the Community Council for Sackville.

Mayor Lichter stated that it would need a motion to refer to the Sackville Community Council.

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

"THAT THIS REQUEST FOR PUBLIC HEARING BE REFERRED TO THE SACKVILLE COMMUNITY COUNCIL"

Councillor Harvey stated that this matter has come before council prior to the proclamation date. He stated that this was dealt with by the Community Committee on August 11th and accepted staff's recommendation and support PAC on it. The Committee, as it existed at that point, was finished with it.

Mayor Lichter asked Mr. Crooks if he felt there was any risk involved in having council deal with it tonight.

Mr. Crooks stated that the only risk is that it may not be valid. There is an argument that could be made, that since it was in progress before the enactment of the Charter then it could be dealt with by the council. He stated that the probability is that Community council and not council has jurisdiction to deal with it.

Councillor Harvey stated that the Community council would be prepared to deal with this on September 8th but it would only be a formality.

**MOTION CARRIED**

**3. Order from the Nova Scotia Municipal Board re: File No. CDD-SA-01-91-22-A3 - Appeal by the Armoian Group Limited from a decision of Council refusing to amend the CDD to increase the permitted commercial floor area within Armcrest Estates.**

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

"THAT THE INFORMATION BE RECEIVED"

**MOTION CARRIED**

**4. Addendum Staff Report - Notification Procedures; Memo - Update on Registered Mail Costs.**

Mayor Lichter stated that it was suggested by the solicitor that they would require more time to study that issue since it includes the jurisdictions of the two Community councils as well as council's jurisdiction and perhaps it would be best to defer that item until the solicitor can come back with a definite opinion as to how to handle that situation.

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

"THAT THIS ITEM BE DEFERRED UNTIL THE SOLICITOR CAN COME BACK WITH A DEFINITE OPINION ON HOW TO HANDLE THIS SITUATION"

**MOTION CARRIED**

**EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPORT**

**Financing - Aerotech Park**

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

"THAT COUNCIL APPROVE A 20 YEAR DEBENTURE IN THE AMOUNT OF \$7,000,000. TO COVER THE BALANCE OF LOANS OUTSTANDING FOR PHASE I. FURTHER THE PRINCIPAL AND INTEREST EACH YEAR TO BE SHOWN AS DEBT CHARGES ON THE OPERATING FUND"

MOTION CARRIED

Nova Scotia Kiwanis Music Festival

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

"THAT REPRESENTATIVES OF THE KIWANIS MUSIC FESTIVAL BE INVITED TO MAKE A PRESENTATION TO COUNCIL"

Councillor Peters stated that she was speaking against the motion. She stated there are a number of groups and organizations that have been supported by Halifax County over the years which the County was not able to fund this year because of financial restrictions and she feels it would be fruitless for council to invite these people to come in when there is no money available. She stated that if this motion failed she would put a motion on the floor to send a letter explaining the situation.

Councillor Richards stated that he agreed with Councillor Peters. He did not believe council should give the impression that they may be able to do something. The grant monies for the year have been spent and there are no funds available. He stated that if they are to be given an opportunity to speak the ability to fund, if council so decided, should be there.

Councillor Bayers stated that he understood from the Executive Committee meeting that a letter was to be sent informing them there were no funds available but they were welcome to come and make a presentation to council. He stated that no organization has been denied the opportunity to speak before council if they so wish.

Mayor Lichter stated that perhaps this issue should be deferred until after they have been informed there are no funds available and if they still wish to speak.

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

"THAT THE MOTION ON THE FLOOR BE DEFERRED UNTIL A CLEAR LETTER GOES TO THE KIWANIS INDICATING THAT THERE ARE NO FUNDS AVAILABLE HOWEVER, IF THEY WISH TO APPROACH COUNCIL, PLEASE INDICATE. FURTHER IF THEY WISH THEY MAY MAKE APPLICATION FOR THE 1993/94 BUDGET YEAR"

MOTION CARRIED

Rate Increase - Employee Health and Dental Insurance

Mr. Kelly informed council this was for information purposes only.

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

"THAT THE INFORMATION BE RECEIVED"

Mayor Lichter informed council that a great deal of research was done and this was the best value for the dollar at that time. He stated that they are guaranteeing the administration fee for two years. They were not able to guarantee, based on claims, what premiums will have to be paid. He stated that this increase reflects increase in claims experienced.

Mr. Meech stated that the increase is based on claims experience over the last year and there have been substantial increases. He stated that the information is being reviewed and hope to have it soon. He stated that the claims experience is being reviewed and also having them prove that the claims were sufficient to warrant this type of increase. He stated that there is an arrangement whereby Halifax County can get out of the contract with thirty days notice.

MOTION CARRIED

Capital Grant Requests

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

"THAT THE FOLLOWING GRANT REQUESTS BE APPROVED:

- A) District Parkland Grant, District #8, in the amount of \$1,445.00 for installation of fence and gate at the Salmon River Playground.
- B) General Parkland Grant in the amount of \$2,000.00 and District Capital Grant, District #16, in the amount of \$2,479.93 for improvements to the green belt adjacent to Beaumont Dr., Belvedere Dr., Somerville Dr., Zinck Ave and Hillside area."

MOTION CARRIED

REPORT - PARKLAND POLICY

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

"THAT THE REPORT BE RECEIVED"

MOTION CARRIED

REPORT RE: BEAVERBANK SERVICING

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

"THAT THIS ITEM BE DEFERRED TO THE SECOND COUNCIL SESSION IN SEPTEMBER"

MOTION CARRIED

RATIFICATION OF APPROVED DISTRICT CAPITAL GRANTS

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

"THAT THE APPROVED DISTRICT CAPITAL GRANTS BE RATIFIED"

MOTION CARRIED

UNSM CONFERENCE

Councillor Richards asked what expenditures have been made, to date, towards the UNSM conference.

Mayor Lichter stated that the registration fee has been paid and one room has been reserved at the Hilton. These are the only expenditures that have been made. These costs could be recovered.

Councillor Richards stated that if you belong to an organization and don't participate then you have to argue to come back with at a later point, you have to accept what they have decided in your absence. He stated that he gets the impression on several issues that they have decided on issues against Halifax County even when present that have had serious financial implications. He stated that non attendance would be a stronger message. He stated that he would not support Halifax County's withdrawal from the UNSM at this time but he believes that Halifax County needs to send a message to the membership at large by not attending. This would be a vote of protest against their actions.

Councillor Merrigan stated he would be more comfortable with the Mayor attending and explaining Halifax County's position.

Councillor Bates stated that Halifax County does make strong representations and the input from Halifax County is important to the UNSM. It was indicated by the representatives of UNSM that a lot of input, such as that on the Task Force, is very important. He stated feels a lot of good could be derived out of membership in the union and he would not be supportive of any move to leave UNSM.

Councillor Ball stated that he would support not attending the convention. He stated that he would support Halifax County's withdrawal from UNSM for a year. He stated that sending an absenteeism at the conference will not send a strong enough message.

Councillor Deveaux stated that he did not feel it would help the image of Halifax County to withdraw from UNSM or not attend the conference. He stated the UNSM indicated they are doing all they can and are willing to cooperate and try to change the system.

Councillor McInroy stated that the UNSM executive recognizes that there is some inequity in the current dues schedule and they also recognize they should not be relying on dues alone. They are looking at other funding sources and Halifax County has an obligation to follow up on what it does and not have a reaction every six months. He stated that at the meeting the previous day they had indicated that they are looking into things and he feels it is Halifax County's responsibility to follow up and make sure that something comes of their research and review. He stated that he did not see where non attendance at the conference would serve a useful purpose.

Mayor Lichter stated that at the last two conferences he spoke on behalf of the Municipality indicating displeasure with the dues structure. It is not the amount of money but more the principle of having five delegates go from any unit, vote on any issue and one of those issues was social services swap for policing in class 4 areas. At that time Halifax County did not fight tooth and nail and if the provincial government did not discover, or their civil servants did not discover, that the swap would have cost them a few extra million dollars as a result of the initiative of the UNSM task force it would have cost an extra 3.6 million dollars to Halifax County for the last two years. Today the county would be in the third year of that cost to property taxpayers. That has upset him in a serious manner of attending every single executive committee meeting and speaking as forcefully as he can. He appreciates the comments of those who complemented him on his ability to be persuasive. Halifax County was able to sell UNSM the position paper that has been developed on the task force report. He stated that this is the paper on which UNSM has enlarged and will be presenting to the membership in September. He stated he doesn't have any difficulty to go to the conference as long as council understands he will not stand up and for the third time say "we are dissatisfied". He stated the other municipalities do not care what you say as long as you pay your dues. They will listen to you while you are at the microphone but will vote you down without any second thought. He stated that he represents Halifax County and when he goes to UNSM he tries to keep in mind, first of all, Halifax County and after that UNSM. He stated that if this did not suit council or UNSM he is prepared to resign the UNSM executive because he cannot carry the ball one way one day and the other way the next. He stated he wants the UNSM to come to the realization that they do have to listen, not only to small municipalities, they also have to listen to the bigger municipalities and try to find a balance.

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

"THAT FOR THIS YEAR HALIFAX COUNTY DOES NOT ATTEND THE  
UNSM CONFERENCE IN SEPTEMBER"

Councillor Richards stated that he would like to believe that there

is still some hope that the membership of the UNSM will come to the realization that the system in place is unfair, not only for Halifax County but for many municipalities across this province. He stated he feels its time to take some action that will perhaps really shock some people into the reality that this is an unfair practice. The whole formula in place today is not right. He stated that he is counting on council to support the motion and membership not be sent to the UNSM conference.

Councillor Merrigan stated that he did not feel that Halifax County's absence would even be noticed. He stated that he feels there are two choices, go an support what you feel is right and fight for what you think is not right.

Councillor Ball asked if Halifax County was still paying it's UNSM dues on a monthly basis.

Mayor Lichter replied yes.

Councillor Ball stated that he would like to make an amendment to Councillor Richards motion because he does not feel Councillor Richards motion goes far enough. He does not believe that UNSM is serving Halifax County's interest at all. He would like to amend the motion by including withdrawal of payment of union dues for the rest of the remaining fiscal year.

Mayor Lichter stated that he cannot accept the amendment because he feels it is too drastic a move compared to the motion that is on the floor. He stated that if the motion on the floor is defeated he can accept Councillor Ball's motion as a new motion.

MOTION DEFEATED

8 IN FAVOUR

12 AGAINST

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

"THAT HALIFAX COUNTY SUSPEND IT'S UNION DUES AND MEMBERSHIP WITH UNSM AND RE-EVALUATE IN THE NEXT FISCAL YEAR AS TO WHETHER OR NOT HALIFAX COUNTY WISHES TO GO BACK OR EVEN IF UNSM SERVES ANY PURPOSE FOR HALIFAX COUNTY"

Councillor Ball stated that the time has come for Halifax County to send a message.

Councillor Merrigan stated that it makes no sense to pay dues up to this point and when a major conference comes up, you withdraw. He stated that Halifax County should pay the dues for an extra month, go to the conference and make a motion then.

It was moved by Councillor Merrigan, seconded by Councillor

Deveaux:

"THAT THIS ITEM BE DEFERRED UNTIL THE FIRST COUNCIL SESSION IN OCTOBER"

MOTION DEFEATED

Councillor Cooper stated that there are still many options that could be considered by the UNSM in order to find a solution to this dilemma. He stated that Halifax County should stay in the UNSM rather than endangering Halifax County's situation when decisions could be made in the next year that could seriously affect Halifax County and there would be no voice in the UNSM.

ORIGINAL MOTION DEFEATED

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

"THAT HALIFAX COUNTY REMAIN A MEMBER OF UNSM AND PAY THE DUES AS THEY ARE CURRENTLY LEVIED"

Mayor Lichter stated that he does not want council to make the mistake of saying it approves of the current dues structure because it doesn't but this motion would change the way Halifax County pays the remaining amount which, up to this point, has been paid on a monthly basis.

Councillor Cooper stated that he agreed that Halifax County should pay it's share now that council decides it is going to remain a member. It should be understood by all members of UNSM that Halifax County is not at odds with the organization itself but with the decision taken by the executive.

Councillor Taylor stated that he felt Halifax County should continue to pay on a protesting monthly basis.

Councillor Merrigan stated that he feels that along with the dues a letter should be sent indicating that Halifax County is paying these dues and would expect prior to next year a decision on the restructuring of the dues.

MOTION DEFEATED

6 IN FAVOUR

11 AGAINST

Councillor Rankin put forward a motion of reconsideration.

COMMISSIONER OF OATHS

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

"THAT A LETTER BE SENT TO THE ATTORNEY GENERAL REGARDING