

COUNCIL SESSION

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MARCH 2, 1993

ADDITION OF ITEMS TO MARCH 16, 1993 COUNCIL SESSION

Councillor Giffin - Transportation
- Education

Councillor Fralick - Canada Post

ADJOURNMENT

It was moved by Councillor Merrigan:

"THAT THE MEETING BE ADJOURNED"

MOTION CARRIED

COUNCIL SESSION

March 16, 1993

PRESENT WERE: Mayor Lichter
Councillor Meade
Councillor Rankin
Councillor Fralick
Councillor Holland
Councillor Deveaux
Councillor Bates
Councillor Adams
Councillor Randall
Councillor Bayers
Councillor Smiley
Councillor Taylor
Councillor Peters
Councillor Brill
Councillor Giffin
Councillor MacDonald
Councillor Sutherland
Deputy Mayor Richards
Councillor McInroy
Councillor Cooper

ALSO PRESENT: G. J. Kelly, Municipal Clerk
K. R. Meech, Chief Administrative Officer
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 Fralick, seconded by Councillor Giffin:

"THAT JULIA HORNCastle BE APPOINTED AS RECORDING SECRETARY"

MOTION CARRIED

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

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

"THAT THE MINUTES OF THE JANUARY 25, 1993 PUBLIC HEARING BE APPROVED"

MOTION CARRIED

It was moved by Deputy Mayor Richards, seconded by Councillor

Deveaux:

"THAT THE MINUTES OF THE FEBRUARY 1, 1993 COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE BE APPROVED"

MOTION CARRIED

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

"THAT THE MINUTES OF THE FEBRUARY 8, 1993 PUBLIC HEARING BE APPROVED"

MOTION CARRIED

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

"THAT THE MINUTES OF THE FEBRUARY 16, 1993 COUNCIL SESSION BE APPROVED"

MOTION CARRIED

LETTERS AND CORRESPONDENCE

1. Mr. Kelly outlined a letter from the Minister, Department of Transportation and Communications in response to Municipal Council's letter requesting the Department to determine the estimated cost of constructing sidewalks on Fall River Road. The letter also asks whether the Municipality is prepared to cost share in the field survey to provide an estimated cost.

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 Taylor:

"THAT HALIFAX COUNTY MUNICIPALITY COST SHARE ON THE SURVEY WITH AUTHORIZATION TO BE GIVEN AFTER A COST FIGURE IS OBTAINED FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION"

Mayor Lichter asked Mr. Meech if he had any idea of what the survey would cost because under the Charter any expenditure over a certain amount has to have a recommendation from the CAO.

Mr. Meech said that he would have to obtain that figure from the Department of Transportation. He said he would suggest that Halifax County proceed on that basis and get the figure before actually authorizing this at staff level.

Councillor Peters agreed to this being part of the motion.

MOTION CARRIED

2. Mr. Kelly outlined a letter from the Minister, Department of the Environment with respect to council's motion regarding membership on the monitoring board of Tidewater.

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

"THAT THE LETTER BE RECEIVED"

MOTION CARRIED

Councillor Peters said that she wanted to advise council that the Ratepayers Association will be in contact with the Village Commission to get an update on the information so that would be apprised of any impact of any of the possible contaminants coming down the Shubenacadie Canal System.

3. Mr. Kelly outlined a letter from the Attorney General in response to council's correspondence respecting the provision of funding for Legal Aid in Nova Scotia.

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

"THAT THE LETTER BE RECEIVED"

MOTION CARRIED

Councillor Smiley said there is no mention in the letter with regards to the problem of issuing certificates to individual solicitors in the community so that they can provide legal aid service for local people.

It was moved by Councillor Smiley, seconded by Deputy Mayor Richards:

"THAT HALIFAX COUNTY WRITE TO THE ATTORNEY GENERAL ASKING THAT THE PROVISION OF CERTIFICATES ARE MADE AVAILABLE TO PRIVATE PRACTICE SOLICITORS SO THAT THEY MAY LOOK AFTER PEOPLE, THROUGHOUT THE PROVINCE, THAT HAVE PROBLEMS WITH TRANSPORTATION"

MOTION CARRIED

4. Mr. Kelly outlined a letter from Deputy Attorney General in response to Halifax County's correspondence with respect to the status of commissioners of oaths.

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

"THAT THE LETTER BE RECEIVED"

MOTION CARRIED

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

"THAT A LETTER BE WRITTEN TO THE DEPARTMENT OF THE ATTORNEY GENERAL ASKING THAT THIS BE THE FIRST ITEM ON THEIR AGENDA WHEN THE HOUSE SITS"

She said she feels it is inherent upon the provincial government to, as quickly as possible, make it so that councillors can become Commissioners of Oaths.

MOTION CARRIED

5. Mr. Kelly outlined a letter from the Minister, Department of Municipal Affairs to acknowledge receipt of Halifax County's correspondence of February 10th with respect to provincial grants in lieu of taxes.

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

"THAT THE LETTER BE RECEIVED"

MOTION CARRIED

6. Mr. Kelly outlined a letter from Gerard McDonald, Special Assistant, Office of the Minister of Transport acknowledging receipt of Halifax County's correspondence concerning transportation facilities in Atlantic Canada.

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

"THAT THE LETTER BE RECEIVED"

MOTION CARRIED

7. Mr. Kelly outlined a letter from the president of FCM with respect to freeze on grants in lieu of taxes by the federal government.

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

"THAT THE CORRESPONDENCE BE RECEIVED"

MOTION CARRIED

8. Mr. Kelly outlined a letter from the Alan Ruffman, Coordinator, Metro Coalition for Harbour Cleanup.

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

"THAT THE LETTER BE RECEIVED"

MOTION CARRIED

Mayor Lichter said council is asked to consider the recommended motion by Mr. Ruffman.

Councillor Deveaux said the first portion of that motion is already in effect. He said a motion had been passed requesting that Mr. Meech bring a monthly report to council regarding the proposed treatment plant for the clean up of the harbour. He asked Mr. Meech if there was any particular reason why council could not receive the minutes of HHCI.

Mr. Meech said that at the moment it is the policy of the corporation. He said this policy was established early on and hasn't changed.

Councillor Deveaux said if there is nothing to hide then why can't the minutes be made available.

Mr. Meech said, from his point of view as a member of the Board of Directors, if the policy remains as it is he does not intend to provide them.

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

"THAT A REQUEST BE MADE THAT HHCI PROVIDE MINUTES OF THEIR MEETINGS TO THE MEMBERS OF THE COUNCILS IN THE METRO AREA"

Councillor Cooper said he feels in general that projects sponsored by governments and promoted by governments should have their documentation generally made available. He said if the Board of Directors decides to maintain it's policies then they should be formally requested to provide in writing the reasons why they are maintaining that policy.

MOTION CARRIED

9. Mr. Kelly outlined a letter from the Secretary-Manager of the Atlantic Winter Fair pointing out that the duMaurier Ltd. will no longer be sponsoring the horse jumping competition at the Atlantic Winter Fair after 1993. There is also a report on the economic impact on Metro.

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

"THAT THE LETTER BE RECEIVED"

MOTION CARRIED

Mayor Lichter said the last paragraph extends an invitation to offer any suggestions or ideas that Halifax County council may have. He said any ideas or suggestions could be given to him and he would communicate these to the Atlantic Winter Fair.

SUPPLEMENTARY LETTERS AND CORRESPONDENCE

1. Mr. Kelly outlined a letter from Edgar Goguen, Chairman, Education Committee, Construction Association of Nova Scotia in response to council's debate over the establishment of a set-aside monitoring committee.

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

"THAT THE LETTER BE RECEIVED"

MOTION CARRIED

2. Mr. Kelly outlined a letter from the Black United Front of Nova Scotia with respect to the monitoring committee for the Set Aside program.

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

"THAT THE LETTER BE RECEIVED"

MOTION CARRIED

3. Mr. Kelly outlined a letter from Phyllis Marsh-Jarvis, Acting President, Black Business Consortium requesting an opportunity to make a presentation to council at the council session to address the issue of the proposed monitoring committee for the Set Aside program.

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

"THAT THE LETTER BE RECEIVED"

MOTION CARRIED

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

"THAT COUNCIL AGREE TO THE REQUEST"

MOTION CARRIED

Reverend Daryll Gray thanked council for the opportunity to speak. He said the BBC made a request to speak to council because they felt there was some comments made and concerns registered that they

hoped they could answer. He said what was being suggested in the development of a monitoring committee was to allow residents an opportunity to participate in the process of set aside and affirmative action. He said they would like to go on record to congratulating Mayor Lichter in bringing this initiative together and to council and the willingness of the municipality for recognizing the need for affirmative action and set aside programs. He said some of the comments made prejudged negatively the ability of not only the organizations mentioned but also the black community and the proposed members that may be selected.

He said the Black Business Consortium and others in the black community have been involved long and hard in their efforts to ensure equal access to government procurement opportunities and their goal, at this time, because of their success in assisting the development of set aside policy, is now to ensure that these programs and policies meet the needs of the residents that they are intended to meet. He said they would like to be more involved through an avenue of advising and making recommendations between the government partners, the business community and the community at large. He said they would like to lend their expertise in the process. He said a monitoring committee, they feel, would aid government officials in getting a better understanding on how to access qualified black contractors and vendors and how to address the problems that they may face on a daily basis. He said there is no justification in the statement that self interests of proposed committee members would be served. He said the committee would only be used in an advisory capacity and all recommendations would be submitted to council for final approval. He said this committee would allow input from citizens that this would affect more directly. He said they have pledged that they will not let any one business destroy any set aside or any program geared towards helping the communities.

Councillor Taylor said he stands by his comments made at the previous council session. He said he has concerns about it being reactionary to the problems encountered with the Cherry Brook project. He said if this type of committee is enacted would it be sending out the message that the integrity of the many competent, credible and well serving black contractor, already in the communities, being questioned. He questioned whether or not what this committee is trying to do could be handled internally through staff.

Reverend Gray said they monitor the companies within their association and make sure that business do not close down to avoid such things as creditors. He said they know when contractors are not paying sub contractors. He said they know when most of the problems take place. He said he agrees that implementation should be done in house but there are some special things such as the lack of management skills, and education which they understand and are trying to work and provide the resources and support mechanisms.

Councillor Taylor said maybe it would be better if the efforts were pooled into forming some sort of business counselling for those black contractors who need help.

Reverend Gray said some of this has been done but right now more people are becoming interested in business. He said as a result there is interest in business on one side and lack of experience on the other. He said they are trying to combine them.

Councillor Holland asked what benefit would there be in changing a program that is currently working well.

Reverend Gray said it is working well but there are still flaws. He made reference to the Cherry Brook contract and said had they been involved they could have stepped in to make sure some things could have been done.

Councillor Holland asked him if he was saying he could recommend some contractors but not others.

Reverend Gray said they would never say that. He said they can't do that. He said they could have recommended that certain steps be taken to eliminate whatever the problem may have been. He said steps were taken but they are saying that there is more that needs to be done.

Councillor Peters asked why it would not be possible in the community to form a group with the composition of the committee as outlined from all of these different parties involved and meet with Halifax County staff on a quarterly basis. She asked why he would not recommend that as opposed to what is being recommended here.

Reverend Gray said what they are asking is input on a regular basis to ensure that this program is successful.

Councillor Cooper requested that the set aside monitoring committee item be moved up on the agenda for consideration after Reverend Gray has completed his presentation.

Council agreed to do this.

Councillor Cooper said there has been much discussion on who would be involved in a feedback process to the municipality. He said it is agreed that the objectives of the set aside committee are to assist black businessmen get experience, be able to go out and demonstrate that they are worthy of having the same opportunities as white businessmen for financial backing, bonding etc. He said he has not seen discussion or an inclination or desire to include some to the business people, in those particular fields, in this whole process. He asked Reverend Gray if that had been given consideration.

Reverend Gray said they have been meeting on a regular basis with representatives from financial institutions and representatives of government. He said he does not feel it would be appropriate to have these types of people on this committee. He said his concern would be that it might slow down rather than accelerate the process.

Councillor Cooper said he does not see how the municipality can see that those problems are addressed unless all sides are openly involved in it and have feedback.

Reverend Gray said they need to be careful of who is selected from the wider business community and he does not feel it needs to be someone from the supply, banking or insurance industry. He suggested that it could possibly be someone from the Nova Scotia Construction Association.

Councillor Cooper said, in his opinion, he feels any business group, such as the black business consortium, are looking to obtain as much of the business as possible. He said this is a day to day reality of the business world. He said he is prepared to support the set aside program as it stands, but he said he was not approached to see if he had meant the implications that were attributed to him over the last while.

Reverend Gray said self interest is only with respect to black people working for the black business but self interest with respect to someone on this committee making sure they get a project or tender he said there is no way that could happen because this committee is not developed for that - it is developed just to advise. He said this committee is not geared to say where projects go - who gets them, who doesn't get them. He said it does not deal with the individual contractor from the entry point of view.

Councillor Deveaux said that he does not feel Reverend Gray's situation is any more unique than any other similar group or organization. He said there are many other groups and organizations, within the municipality, who could make the same claim. He said he feels that this may be undermining the capabilities of the set aside committee.

Reverend Gray said he agrees that there should be no business people on the implementation phase of it because that would be a conflict of interest. He said all this committee would do would review policy and make suggestions. He said he is not questioning the motives or capabilities of the set aside committee but he recognizes the fact that they still don't have all the answers. He said there is still a lack of "comfortableness" between the business people and government.

Councillor Deveaux asked him if he agreed that the present system is working.

Reverend Gray said he would agree that it is working but it has flaws. He said they can't afford flaws.

SET ASIDE PROGRAM MONITORING COMMITTEE

Councillor Adams said he is appalled that some members of council would have the difficulty they have expressed in putting in place that instrument that would serve to enhance one of Halifax County's pioneer programs. The progress of black entrepreneurship cannot afford any setbacks or delays in it's progress. He said that the County of Halifax as well as other levels of government has a responsibility to support black or minority initiatives. He said the set aside program is working well and to ensure that it continues well a monitoring committee or an advisory committee can provide all involved a greater peace of mind. He said monitoring functions can serve to improve upon situations and at times help change directions or focuses. He said that in 1981 Halifax County was the first Nova Scotian municipality to sign an affirmative action agreement. He said affirmative action is defined as "those positive efforts that are used to assist the catch up of the disadvantaged people of our communities". He said the set aside program is a part of affirmative action and the monitoring committee would have the role of an advisory body that would monitor and make sure that it works to the benefit of both the participants and the municipality in terms of its' taxpayers.

Councillor Peters said she would like to see the name changed from "Monitoring Committee" to "Advisory Committee".

Mayor Lichter brought council's attention to the amendments made to the terms of reference. He said the amendments were designed by Mr. Meech and himself based on council discussion at the previous meeting.

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

"THAT COUNCIL APPROVE THE SET ASIDE PROGRAM MONITORING COMMITTEE BE RENAMED THE SET ASIDE POLICY REVIEW COMMITTEE AND UNDER THE COMPOSITION OF THE COMMITTEE WHERE IT STATES IN NUMBER 3, AND 4 TWO (2) PERSONS THIS BE CHANGED TO ONE (1) PERSON AND IN NUMBER 5 THE TWO (2) PERSONS FROM MUNICIPAL COUNCIL - ONE OF THESE TO BE CHAIRPERSON"

Councillor Rankin said he could see no possible harm coming from this policy review function in as much as policy is the realm of council and not the staff and from time to time it is appropriate to review policy.

Mayor Lichter said this motion would require a change on page two under the "Chairperson" heading where the chairperson is defined as being a member of the committee selected by the committee at their

first meeting and he or she shall be a member of the committee with extensive experience in business or the construction industry.

Councillor Rankin said the intent would be to delete that paragraph but retain the portion with respect to the duties of the chairperson.

The amended motion would be as follows:

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

"THAT COUNCIL APPROVE THE SET ASIDE PROGRAM MONITORING COMMITTEE BE RENAMED THE SET ASIDE POLICY REVIEW COMMITTEE AND UNDER THE COMPOSITION OF THE COMMITTEE WHERE IT STATES IN NUMBER 3, AND 4 TWO (2) PERSONS THIS BE CHANGED TO ONE (1) PERSON AND IN NUMBER 5 THE TWO (2) PERSONS FROM MUNICIPAL COUNCIL - ONE OF THESE TO BE CHAIRPERSON AND FURTHER THE FIRST PARAGRAPH UNDER THE "CHAIRPERSON" HEADING BE DELETED WITH THE DUTIES AS OUTLINED TO REMAIN"

Councillor Holland asked if the staff members on the set aside program had been asked if they felt there was any benefit to this committee.

Mr. Meech said he had informally consulted with some members of the set aside committee seeking their views. He said some of the members have questions and concerns. He said from his point of view he would endorse the establishment of the committee.

Councillor MacDonald said he endorses the establishment of the committee. He said Halifax County should help the black community do better and these programs help them. He said he does not see where it necessitates a councillor being the chairperson of the committee. He said he feels the chairperson should be elected from the committee. He said he feels the chairman should be selected from the committee as a whole.

Councillor Brill asked if the wording of item three the term "one male and one female" was to be deleted.

Mayor Lichter said the committee would have to delete the expression completely.

Councillor Bates said he agrees there should be a policy review committee. He does not see a problem with the establishment of this committee. He said all the group is asking is that they have an opportunity to give their opinions relevant to the policies of the committee that has been established largely to assist black businesses. He said he would prefer the original suggestion for the composition of the committee.

Councillor Adams said he would suggest that the composition of the committee be left as it was originally presented.

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

"THAT THE MOTION BE AMENDED SO THAT THE COMMITTEES COMPOSITION SHOULD BE THAT NUMBER 3 & 4 RETAIN THE ORIGINAL NUMBER OF TWO (2) PERSONS WITH THE WORDING MALE AND FEMALE BE PUT BACK AS PART OF NUMBER 3, THE CHAIR BEING A MEMBER OF COUNCIL BE DELETED AND THE PARAGRAPH ON CHAIRPERSON WOULD GO BACK AS ORIGINAL WITH THE WORD "EXTENSIVE" REMOVED"

Councillor Taylor said he would feel more comfortable if the committee composition was left as it was in the original terms of reference.

Councillor Cooper said he is not sure what benefit item number 6 would have to the committee.

Councillor Adams said that it was simply to add variety of people and expertise to the committee.

Councillor Cooper said this review committee doesn't meet the objectives that it should. He said it has only gone half as far as it should. He said he has no concerns with respect to the committee but with the way it is structured and he feels it should be an independent committee. He said if Halifax County is going to meet the objectives of the set aside program, then Halifax County should be making an effort to ensure that there are people on that committee to help address the problems that it was originally set up to address. He said Halifax County does not have input that will allow the concerns of bonding and financial backing for the black businessman to be addressed. He asked if this had been discussed and if it had why was it rejected and if it hadn't been discussed why wasn't it.

Mayor Lichter said that particular item wasn't discussed because the set aside program, the way it was set up by council, waived the bonding requirement. He said what Councillor Cooper is suggesting is looking into the possibility of how to obtain bonding for a program where it was said bonding would not be required.

Councillor Cooper said that in order for the program to meet it's objectives, it has to be structured so that the black businessmen, who wish to be able to go out and compete, has to gain the experience, which was the intention of this program, has to have the support of the municipality in saying that they have performed the contracts that they have received adequately. He said that Halifax County would have no problem recommending that they be given the consideration that they should have. He said the link between the municipality and organizations out there is missing.

He said he feels they should be part of an independent committee to feedback to Halifax County, along with the black businessmen and black business consortium, that the objectives are being met. If they are not involved there is a missing piece in this process. He said it could be approved as it is now but Halifax County will have to go back and address that. He said rather than approve just as is, see if there is something missing and go back and try to have that included.

Mayor Lichter said that council has set the policy in such a way as to ensure that a number of black businesses are going to be able to successfully complete projects and demonstrate to the financial institutions that they have that experience behind them. The financial institutions then will be willing to bond and extend the credit.

Councillor Deveaux asked if the change in the title of the committee changes the mandate or goals and objectives of the committee.

Mayor Lichter said the fact that the title is changed does not change the terms of reference. He said it was not a committee to interfere with the process of giving out contracts. He said he has emphasised this on a number of occasions.

AMENDMENT PASSED14 IN FAVOUR OF AMENDMENT5 AGAINST

Deputy Mayor Richards it seems to him that the issue has been the set aside program and not the committee. He said he believes that the set aside program is a progressive step for Halifax County. He said the committee is a process that is used by most organizations when they set up something new, they want to make sure that it is working in the best interest of all affected parties. He said that the mayor has an obligation to bring before council recommendations of discussions and meeting that he has on an ongoing basis. He said the composition of the committee should not make a difference as long as there is balance and fairness.

Councillor McInroy said he believes that an independent advisory committee, relative to black business and in particular relative to the set aside program, would be more effective if it's composition did include some of the target group. He said it seems to him if this does not include people involved in banking and insurance etc. in order to expedite the success and end of the program then the longer they are not involved in the process the more difficult it will be to convince and demonstrate to them what the program is all about.

Mayor Lichter said he and Mr. Meech have discussed the setting up of what will be called "Set Aside Policy Review Committee" for the

four units however because of the length of time involved, he decided that this could not wait for a number of years while negotiations were held with the other three units.

Councillor Peters said she has seen the benefits of affirmative action programs. She said it is recognizing a situation that needs correcting. She said she does not feel that this policy review committee reflects on the record of the set aside committee.

Councillor Sutherland said he would like to see representation from areas such as Lucasville, Beechville etc.

Mayor Lichter said this can be addressed under item number 4.

Councillor Meade asked who would do the yearly review of the set aside program as set out in the staff report dated March 6, 1991 when the set aside program was set up. He asked if this new committee would be doing this review. He said if there is no maintenance or guarantee bond the taxpayer will have to pay for the work if there are deficiencies.

Mayor Lichter said he the committee will make recommendations that the program works as well as it can possibly work.

Councillor Meade asked when the issue of the guarantee or maintenance bond be addressed.

Mayor Lichter said that as early as possible the set aside program will be reviewed.

Councillor Cooper said he feels the proposal does not meet the criteria that was originally set. He said to ensure successful completion of this program and termination of the program some time in the future, the problem of having recognition of successful participants in the program must be addressed. He said the achieving the status and recognition in the outside business world he feels it is necessary to include methods to address that question.

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

"THAT THE SPECIFIC GOALS BE AMENDED TO ADD A NUMBER 4 WHICH WOULD STATE "MAKE RECOMMENDATIONS TO ENABLE THE PARTICIPANTS OF THE SET ASIDE PROGRAM, WHO HAVE BEEN SUCCESSFUL IN THE PROGRAM, TO INTERACT WITH THE FINANCIAL WORLD ON AN EQUAL BASIS"

Councillor Cooper said the objective of his motion is to help the black businessmen get out into the financial world and receive considerations. He said it is an objective to ask the committee to make recommendations to enhance the entry of the black businessmen into the financial backing they need to succeed. He said that is

the specific objective of this goal.

Councillor Peters suggested that the committee could encourage some kind of liaison with the Department of Public Works to help the black business people in the tendering and management process.

Mayor Lichter said the committee would recommend ways and means that would enable participants of the set aside program to achieve the kind of financial equality with financial institutions that other business already enjoy.

Councillor Adams said he feels this objective may be helped if a letter is sent to financial institutions outlining what is trying to be accomplished and ask them for their cooperation.

AMENDMENT PASSED

17 IN FAVOUR

2 AGAINST

The main motion as amended:

"THAT COUNCIL APPROVE THE "SET ASIDE PROGRAM MONITORING COMMITTEE" BE RENAMED "SET ASIDE POLICY REVIEW COMMITTEE". FURTHER THE COMMITTEE'S COMPOSITION SHOULD BE THAT NUMBER 3 & 4 RETAIN THE ORIGINAL NUMBER OF (2) PERSONS WITH THE WORDING "MALE AND FEMALE" TO BE PUT BACK AS PART OF NUMBER 3. FURTHER "THE CHAIR TO BE A MEMBER OF COUNCIL" BE DELETED AND THE PARAGRAPH ON CHAIRPERSON WOULD GO BACK AS ORIGINAL WITH THE WORD "EXTENSIVE" REMOVED. FURTHER "SPECIFIC GOALS" BE AMENDED TO ADD A NUMBER 4 WHICH WOULD STATE "MAKE RECOMMENDATIONS TO ENABLE THE PARTICIPANTS OF THE SET ASIDE PROGRAM, WHO HAVE BEEN SUCCESSFUL IN THE PROGRAM, TO INTERACT WITH THE FINANCIAL WORLD ON AN EQUAL BASIS"

MOTION CARRIED

16 IN FAVOUR

3 AGAINST

THE APPROVED TERMS OF REFERENCE

TERMS OF REFERENCE

SET ASIDE PROGRAM POLICY REVIEW COMMITTEE

PURPOSE

To monitor the Set Aside Program and to provide policy advice to Municipal Council to ensure that the Program is effective

in meeting its goals.

SPECIFIC GOALS

1. To review the Terms of Reference of the Set Aside Committee and recommend amendments to Municipal Council.
2. To review the procedures of the Set Aside Committee regarding:
 - a) Recruitment of program participants;
 - b) Criteria used for determining program participants and to recommend amendments to Municipal Council.
3. To review projects awarded through the Set Aside Program and suggest amendments to the Program to Municipal Council.
4. Make recommendations to enable the participants of the set aside program, who have been successful in the program, to interact with the financial world on an equal basis.

COMPOSITION OF THE COMMITTEE

1. One (1) person to be appointed by the Black United Front.
2. One (1) person to be appointed by the Watershed Associated Development Enterprises Ltd..
3. Two (2) persons from the Black Business Consortium - one male and one female.
4. Two (2) persons recruited from the public to represent the Black Business Community.
5. Two (2) members from Municipal Council.
6. One (1) non black member from the business or corporate community.

RESPONSIBILITY OF COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Committee members are responsible to attend each meeting of the Committee, to partake in its discussions and to be committed to the work of the Committee. The work is very important in helping to improve the Set Aside Program.

MEETING TIME

Meetings will be scheduled as required and no designated time has been specified.

TERM

The term will be for one (1) year.

CHAIRPERSON

The Chairperson shall be selected by the Committee at their first meeting and he/she shall be a member of the Committee with experience in business or the construction industry.

The duties of the Chairperson are:

- schedule meetings when required;
- prepare the agenda;
- distribute the agenda and appropriate materials;
- ensure minutes, correspondence, etc. are completed.

REPORT TO

The Committee will make reports and recommendations to Municipal Council.

SUPPLEMENTARY LETTERS AND CORRESPONDENCE

1. Mr. Kelly outlined a letter from the Department of Municipal Affairs in response to Council's resolution requesting the 1993 assessment for Halifax County be re-done.

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

"THAT THE LETTER BE RECEIVED"

MOTION CARRIED

2. Mr. Kelly outlined a letter from FCM with respect to March 21, 1993 being proclaimed as the International Day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination.

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

"THAT THE LETTER BE RECEIVED AND MARCH 21, 1993 BE DECLARED AS THE INTERNATIONAL DAY FOR THE ELIMINATION OF RACIAL DISCRIMINATION"

MOTION CARRIED

PLANNING ADVISORY COMMITTEE REPORT

1. File No. DA-FEN-04-92-18 - Development Agreement to Allow for a Commercial Trail Ride Facility, Hammonds Plains

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

"THAT THE APPLICATION BE APPROVED AND APRIL 19, 1993, AT 7:00 P.M. BE DATE AND TIME SET FOR THE PUBLIC HEARING"

MOTION CARRIED

2. Request to Waive Advertising Deposit and Processing Fee for a Rezoning Application by Laurie Baker

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

"THAT THE ADVERTISING AND PROCESSING FEE BE WAIVED BY COUNCIL FOR THIS REZONING APPLICATION"

MOTION CARRIED

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPORT

Property Tax Exemption

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

"THAT COUNCIL APPROVE BY RECORDED RESOLUTION THAT THE MAXIMUM INCOME BE INCREASED TO \$12,000.00 AND THE MAXIMUM EXEMPTION BE INCREASED TO \$325.00 FOR THE 1993/94 FISCAL YEAR"

MOTION CARRIED

Lakeside Treatment Plant Modifications - Engineering Services

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

"THAT COUNCIL APPROVE THAT CBCL ENGINEERING LTD. BE RETAINED TO PROVIDE THE ENGINEERING SERVICES REQUIRED AT AN ESTIMATED COST OF \$61,910.00"

MOTION CARRIED

Bank Service Charges

Deputy Mayor Richards said the background information indicates that this service has not had full tendering since 1984. He said

he feels it would be prudent for Halifax County to have an examination of what is available from institutions who are interested in providing that detail. He said Halifax County should be going out and asking for a complete tender process on that service. He said he would recommend that this be sent back for that complete analysis.

Mayor Lichter said it had been discussed at the executive committee and inquiries had been sent out with regards to the type of charges Halifax County would have to pay in order obtain the same services.

Mr. Meech said Mr. Wilson had done some background research.

Mr. Wilson said they had not gone directly to banks. He said they had gone to other local governments that have services from various banks to see what they were doing. He said they found that the rates and contract that Halifax County has is better than the other ones. He said Halifax County has one of the best throughout.

Deputy Mayor Richards said this would not necessarily mean that Halifax County would take it's business away from the Royal Bank. He said if it is a service that is normally a tendered service then he feels that procedure should be followed. He said he is not in favour of continually keeping this going year after year.

Mr. Meech said that Halifax County is not tied, by agreement, to the Royal Bank however, if it is the desire of council that proposals be called for he would ask that council agree to renew until November, 1993 because of the fact that, at this point in time, it may not be opportune to have the staff resource involved in the development of the specifications. He said he would suggest that council agree to renew it until November, 1993 and in the meantime prepare for a proposal call.

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

"THAT HALIFAX COUNTY ACCEPT THE ROYAL BANK PROPOSAL UNTIL NOVEMBER, 1993 AND IN THE MEANTIME PREPARE FOR A PROPOSAL CALL"

Councillor Peters asked what would be the cost involved in putting together the tender proposal and she said the Royal Bank is offering a three year guarantee here and will they let Halifax County go to November and still hold the guarantee after going through the tendering process.

Councillor Bates said that the other municipalities are not the same as Halifax County. He said he would agree that this should be looked at.

Mayor Lichter said it would be hard to estimate the cost and he

does not know if the Royal Bank would hold the guarantee or not.

Councillor Peters asked if Mr. Meech could find out from the bank whether they would be willing to extend it and hold it while going through the tender process.

Mr. Meech said if council decides to call for proposals then the Royal Bank would put in a proposal like any other financial institution that would be interested.

MOTION CARRIED

Tax Arrears - Ursula Edwards

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

"THAT COUNCIL APPROVE THE WRITE OFF OF THE 1990 PROPERTY TAXES IN THE AMOUNT OF \$298.89"

MOTION CARRIED

Withdrawal From the Vehicle Reserve Fund

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

"THAT COUNCIL APPROVE THE WITHDRAWAL OF \$9,000.00 FORM THE VEHICLE RESERVE FUND FOR THE ACQUISITION OF A COUNTY VEHICLE (CLERK'S DEPARTMENT)"

MOTION CARRIED

COUNCILLOR HOLLAND DECLARED A CONFLICT OF INTEREST

Former Goodwood School

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

"THAT COUNCIL APPROVE THE PROPERTY BE PUT ON THE MARKET FOR SALE"

Councillor Peters said that in the original agreement any funds received from the sale of this was to be used for community recreation.

Mr. Meech said it would be his understanding that the agreement was that if there are excess funds they would be put aside for future community projects.

MOTION CARRIED

Private Road Snow Removal

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

"THAT COUNCIL APPROVE THE TERMS A TO G AS OUTLINED IN THE
IN THE CORRESPONDENCE FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF
TRANSPORTATION AND COMMUNICATIONS"

Councillor Cooper asked with respect to "G" of the terms and conditions, if it meant that even if liability was assessed in a court of law, against the department, that Halifax County will accept or take all responsibility and pay all claims no matter what size.

Mayor Lichter replied yes. He said when the meeting between Councillor's Deveaux and Rankin was held with the Minister of Transportation and the Deputy Minister it was in relation to private roads only in Eastern Passage and in Beechville, Lakeside, Timberlea. Those private roads that are listed in the appendix of the two MPS's having water and sewer services. He said the request was to have them upgrade and take over those roads. He said the main reason for Halifax County's approach to the Department of Transportation was to see if they would be willing, at no cost, to snow plow those roads. He said this was achieved. He said the only condition was that the municipality would indemnify the Department of Transportation from the possibility of property damage.

MOTION CARRIED

Borrowing Resolutions

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

"THAT COUNCIL APPROVE THE BORROWING RESOLUTION IN THE
AMOUNT OF \$10,000,000.00 FOR THE MUNICIPAL OPERATING FUND
FOR THE 1993/94 FISCAL YEAR"

MOTION CARRIED

Capital Grant Requests

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

"THAT THE FOLLOWING CAPITAL GRANT REQUESTS BE APPROVED:

- (A) DISTRICT CAPITAL GRANT, DISTRICT 8, IN THE AMOUNT OF \$1,250.00 TO SUPPLY AND INSTALL TWO 200 GALLON OIL TANKS AT THE NORTH PRESTON RECREATION CENTRE AND,

- (B) DISTRICT CAPITAL GRANT, DISTRICT 8, IN THE AMOUNT OF \$500.00 TOWARDS THE PURCHASE OF A WAR CANOE AT THE ORENDA CANOE CLUB.

MOTION CARRIED

SUPPLEMENTARY EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPORT

Recyclable Collection

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

"THAT THIS ITEM BE DEFERRED FOR FURTHER STAFF INFORMATION"

Deputy Mayor Richards said questions had been asked at the executive committee meeting with regard to the low bid tender.

Mayor Lichter asked if the Deputy Mayor if he was asking staff to seek an extension for the present contractor.

Deputy Mayor Richards said this information should be forthcoming.

Mr. Meech said he would suggest that council agree to award the contract subject to those investigations by staff.

Deputy Mayor Richards asked if council would allow the executive committee to make the decision at it's next regular meeting subject to it's approval of that detail. He said he would withdraw his motion of deferral.

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

"THAT COUNCIL BY RECORDED RESOLUTION ALLOW THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE TO GIVE FINAL RATIFICATION FOR THIS TENDER SUBJECT TO THE INFORMATION THAT STAFF IS GOING TO BRING FORWARD AT THE NEXT EXECUTIVE MEETING"

Councillor Cooper said he feels these tenders should come to council as a whole and not stay with the executive.

Councillor Taylor asked if ARB was being considered because they were low bidder.

Mr. Wdowiak said they are low bidder and staff are satisfied that it's within the estimated cost of providing the service for the municipality. He said the equipment available is comparable with the present contractor.

MOTION CARRIED

Tender - General Insurance - Volunteer Firefighters Accident Insurance

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

"THAT THE TENDER FOR GENERAL INSURANCE - VOLUNTEER FIREFIGHTERS ACCIDENT INSURANCE BE AWARDED TO ZIVE INSURANCE FOR A THREE YEAR PERIOD"

MOTION CARRIED

SECOND AND THIRD READING - WESTERN REGION COMMUNITY COMMITTEE BY-LAW DISTRICTS 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 AND 18

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

"THAT THE WESTERN REGION COMMUNITY COMMITTEE BY-LAW BE GIVEN SECOND READING"

MOTION CARRIED

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

"THAT THE WESTERN REGION COMMUNITY COMMITTEE BY-LAW BE GIVEN THIRD READING"

MOTION CARRIED

NOMINATIONS - METROPOLITAN AUTHORITY RECYCLING COMMITTEE

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

"THAT MRS. CLAIRE HILCHIE, PORTERS LAKE BE NOMINATED TO THE METROPOLITAN AUTHORITY RECYCLING COMMITTEE"

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

"THAT NOMINATIONS CEASE"

MOTION CARRIED

REDISTRIBUTION COMMITTEE REPORT

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

"THAT THE REPORT BE RECEIVED"

MOTION CARRIED

REQUEST FOR PUBLIC HEARING - REDISTRIBUTION COMMITTEE

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

"THAT MARCH 29, 1993 BE SET AS THE DATE FOR THE PUBLIC HEARING"

MOTION CARRIED

TRANSPORTATION - COUNCILLOR GIFFIN

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

"THAT A LETTER BE WRITTEN TO THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION AND COMMUNICATIONS REQUESTING SIGNAGE ON THE HAMMONDS PLAINS ROAD DENOTING HAMMONDS PLAINS - ONE AT THE JUNCTION OF KEARNEY LAKE ROAD AND HAMMOND PLAINS ROAD AND THE OTHER AT THE OTHER END ABOVE THE STILLWATER LAKE BRIDGE ON HAMMONDS PLAINS ROAD"

MOTION CARRIED

EDUCATION - COUNCILLOR GIFFIN

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

"THAT A LETTER BE WRITTEN TO THE MINISTER OF EDUCATION, WITH A COPY TO THE SCHOOL BOARD, REQUESTING ACTION ON A NEW JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL FOR THE DISTRICT"

Councillor Giffin said that the school need not be in the Hammonds Plains area but it needs to be somewhere in the district.

MOTION CARRIED

RATIFICATION OF APPROVED DISTRICT CAPITAL GRANTS

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

"THAT THE APPROVED DISTRICT CAPITAL GRANTS BE RATIFIED BY COUNCIL"

MOTION CARRIED

URGENT AGENDA ITEMS

Department of Housing, Need and Demand Survey - Councillor Rankin

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

"WHEREAS A NUMBER OF THE RESIDENTS OF BEECHVILLE DESIRE PUBLIC HOUSING BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED THAT HALIFAX COUNTY ENDORSE A REQUEST TO THE DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING TO CONDUCT A HOUSING NEEDS STUDY TO DETERMINE THE LEVEL OF NEED"

MOTION CARRIED

ADDITION OF ITEMS TO APRIL 6, 1993 COUNCIL SESSION

Department of Transportation - Councillor Randall

Clearcutting - Councillor Peters

Sewage Treatment Plant, Mados Drive, Wellington - Councillor Peters

Education - Councillor Holland

Transportation - Councillor Giffin

DATE FOR BUDGET SESSIONS

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

"THAT TUESDAY, MARCH 30, 1993 AND WEDNESDAY, MARCH 31, 1993 AT 3:00 P.M. BE SET AS DATES AND TIME FOR BUDGET SESSIONS"

MOTION CARRIED

ADJOURNMENT OF ANNUAL SESSION TO APRIL 6, 1993

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

"THAT THE ANNUAL SESSION BE ADJOURNED"

MOTION CARRIED

ADJOURNMENT

It was moved by Councillor McInroy:

"THAT THE MEETING BE ADJOURNED"

MOTION CARRIED

MINUTES & REPORTS
OF THE
SECOND YEAR MEETINGS
OF THE
FORTY-FOURTH COUNCIL
OF
HALIFAX COUNTY MUNICIPALITY
APRIL COUNCIL SESSION
TUESDAY, APRIL 6 & 20, 1993
&
PUBLIC HEARING
APRIL 19, 1993

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COUNCIL SESSION

April 6, 1993

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

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

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The meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. with the Lord's Prayer and the observance of a moments silence in memory of Mary King Myers. Mr. Kelly called roll.

APPOINTMENT OF RECORDING SECRETARY

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

"THAT JULIA HORNCastle BE APPOINTED AS RECORDING SECRETARY"

MOTION CARRIED

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

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

"THAT THE MINUTES OF THE MARCH 2, 1993 COUNCIL SESSION BE

APPROVED"

MOTION CARRIED

PRESENTATION OF SIERRA LEONA FLAG TO MAYOR AND COUNCIL BY COUNCILLOR WAYNE ADAMS

Councillor Adams said he would like to present the flag on behalf of the mayor of Freetown, Sierra Leona. He said the city has close ties with Nova Scotia as it was settled by free loyalists who left Nova Scotia to return to Africa in 1792. He said a delegation left Halifax and went to Freetown and the mayor of Sierra Leona had sent a flag for the four municipalities and for the province of Nova Scotia. He proceeded to present the flag to the mayor.

LETTERS AND CORRESPONDENCE

1. Mr. Kelly outlined a letter from R. J. McDonald, Chairman, Waverley Village Commission requesting they be permitted to make a presentation to council with respect to reinstating volunteer recycling for their area.

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

"THAT THE LETTER BE RECEIVED"

MOTION CARRIED

Council agreed to hear a presentation from the Village of Waverley.

2. Mr. Kelly outlined a letter from Ralph Drew, Mayor, Village of Belcarra, British Coloumbia with respect to youth oriented crime with a request that the Minister of Justice be requested to review the Young Offenders Act.

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

"THAT THE LETTER BE RECEIVED"

MOTION CARRIED

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

"THAT THIS ITEM BE REFERRED TO THE POLICE COMMITTEE"

MOTION CARRIED

3. Mr. Kelly outlined a letter from the Honourable Brian Young, Minister of Municipal Affairs with respect to changing the assessment appeal period.

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

"THAT THE LETTER BE RECEIVED"

MOTION CARRIED

4. Mr. Kelly outlined a letter from the Honourable Neil LeBlanc, Minister of Education in response to Halifax County's correspondence requesting consideration be given to the construction of a new Junior High School in Hammonds Plains as well as consideration of acquiring a parcel of federally owned land adjacent to the Elementary School as a possible site for this new school.

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

"THAT THE LETTER BE RECEIVED"

MOTION CARRIED

5. Mr. Kelly outlined a letter from FCM with respect to Federal Freeze on Grants-in-lieu of Taxes.

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

"THAT THE LETTER BE RECEIVED"

MOTION CARRIED

6. Mr. Kelly outlined a letter from the office of the Superintendent of Financial Institutions Canada in response to Halifax County's correspondence with respect to the closure of the Royal Bank at Mulgrave.

It was moved by Councillor Brill, seconded by Deputy Mayor Richards:

"THAT THE LETTER BE RECEIVED"

MOTION CARRIED

7. Mr. Kelly outlined a letter from John Risley, Chair of the building campaign for the new Halifax Infirmary.

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

"THAT THE LETTER BE RECEIVED"

MOTION CARRIED

Mayor Lichter said he had a phone call asking for another meeting on the same issue.

8. Mr. Kelly outlined a letter from Elmer MacKay, Minister Responsible for Canada Mortgage and Housing Corporation in response to a copy of a letter that had been forwarded to the Prime Minister with respect to proposed changes to the Unemployment Insurance Commission benefits.

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

"THAT THE LETTER BE RECEIVED"

MOTION CARRIED

9. Mr. Kelly outlined a letter from the Honourable George Archibald, Minister, Department of Transportation and Communications in response to Halifax County's request for paving of Gallaway Drive and Cherry Lane, Beavercreek.

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

"THAT THE LETTER BE RECEIVED"

MOTION CARRIED

10. Mr. Kelly outlined a letter from the Honourable Roland Thornhill, Minister, Department of Community Services in response to correspondence on Municipal Reform.

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

"THAT THE LETTER BE RECEIVED"

MOTION CARRIED

11. Mr. Kelly outlined a letter from Department of Health with respect to the Transition of Nursing Homes/Homes for the Aged.

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

"THAT THE LETTER BE RECEIVED"

MOTION CARRIED

12. Mr. Kelly outlined a letter from the provincial coordinator advising that on May 31, Nova Scotia will be the site of the national kickoff for the sixth annual National Access Awareness Week.

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

"THAT THE LETTER BE RECEIVED"

MOTION CARRIED

13. Mr. Kelly outlined a letter from the Minister, Department of Municipal Affairs with respect to the amendments to the building code regulations to exempt mobile homes and mini homes from the requirements of the code when built in accordance with CSA standards Z240.

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

"THAT THE LETTER BE RECEIVED"

MOTION CARRIED

14. Mr. Kelly outlined a petition by residents of the Middle Musquodoboit area protesting changes to municipal boundaries.

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

"THAT THE LETTER BE RECEIVED"

MOTION CARRIED

Mayor Lichter said, based on discussions at the previous council session, he has written to each individual as each letter is received.

Councillor Boutilier asked if councillors could be informed when a piece of correspondence comes in from their area.

15. Mr. Kelly outlined a letter from Robie Horne, Chairperson, 1993 "Jigger" Mott Memory Walk asking for help in the endeavour by asking one of the councillors to sit on the committee.

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

"THAT THE LETTER BE RECEIVED"

MOTION CARRIED

Councillor Holland volunteered to sit on the committee.

16. Mr. Kelly outlined a letter from Robert Anthony, Warden, Municipality of Yarmouth with respect to municipal reform.

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

"THAT THE LETTER BE RECEIVED"

MOTION CARRIED

17. Mr. Kelly outlined a letter from Metropolitan Authority with respect to having the four municipal units support a proposed legislation.

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

"THAT THE LETTER BE RECEIVED"

MOTION CARRIED

Mayor Lichter asked the solicitor is a notice of motion had to be given with respect to this resolution and then have the three readings.

Mr. Crooks said the request is to approve a draft bill for presentation to the House of Assembly and as it was in the agenda book notice could be given tonight. It would be a resolution if council were prepared to approve the draft. He said it doesn't need three readings. He said the draft was prepared before the enactment of the Charter and there are some minor technical revisions that would have to be done in view of the enactment of the Charter. These would be in terms of the name of the municipality and the reference to enabling legislation. He said he would suggest any approvals would be subject to this.

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

"THAT COUNCIL APPROVE THE DRAFT BILL SUBJECT TO REVISIONS WITH RESPECT TO THE NAME OF THE MUNICIPALITY AND THE REFERENCE TO ENABLING LEGISLATION"

Deputy Mayor Richards said this does not clearly identify whether the collection of solid waste is to be considered under this. He said he recognizes that, to date, each municipality is responsible for the collection process but not for the disposal of it. He said the correspondence talks about certain aspect of collection and disposal and he said he was wondering if maybe this was more specific or more identified so that Halifax County is not overlapping it's responsibilities. He said he feels that maybe the Harbour Clean Up Master Plant should be considered under this same piece of legislation. He said he would prefer to see some clarification on these issues before approval.

Mayor Lichter said this was before Metro Authority approximately eight months ago. He said the intention was that the collection would be a municipal collection and it would be the municipal responsibility but this drafting is done in such a manner that it would prevent an individual from doing private collection. He said