

Mayor Lichter said it would have to be dealt with as is unless the applicant withdraws the application and starts to renegotiate. He said either council rejects it or the application is withdrawn. He said he does not see any other options.

Councillor Deveaux asked if a motion can be made referring that issue back to planning and PAC.

Mayor Lichter said it could not because it has been advertised for a public hearing on a particular issue. That is the issue being dealt with and the only way to deal with the issue is either reject, approve or the applicant can withdraw. In view of the fact that the councillor is saying that the applicant is willing to make some compromise the only way he can make that is if he withdraws the application and then go ahead and start a new application with the compromises or if it is rejected then the applicant would have to start over again.

Councillor Ball said to say lets redesign that whole CDD in two weeks and make those changes of putting in sixty feet etc. He said that is easier said than done. He said the whole thing would have to be revisited. The only way he believes council is going to revisit the whole thing is if council makes a decision to reject it. He said if council is supportive then that is the end of the issue. He said he would like to defer the debate to that item to December 13th in conjunction with the two parcels of land that have to be rezoned in order to help either bring it about in a positive or a negative way. He said at least a decision will be made and the debate will be done at the same time.

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

"THAT THE APPLICATION BE DEFERRED TO DECEMBER 13, 1993
FOR FURTHER CONSIDERATION BY COUNCIL AT THAT TIME AT 6:00
P.M."

Councillor Ball asked if there will be a public hearing on this particular portion of the application at six o'clock on December 13th.

Mayor Lichter said not this particular portion. Not on the CDD agreement. He said it has been emphasized a number of times that the public hearing on the CDD agreement was completed. The public hearing that will be advertised will be on the two small parcels that have to be rezoned.

Councillor Cooper said the two small rezonings should have their public hearing prior to this. He said he feels that if the rezonings are rejected then you have a substantial change to the CDD.

MOTION CARRIED

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

"THAT THE TWO REZONING PUBLIC HEARING MATTERS THAT HAVE TO BE DEALT WITH CONCERNING THIS MATTER, IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE CONTINUANCE OF THE DEBATE ON THIS PARTICULAR ITEM OF THE CDD COMMENCE AT 6:00 P.M TO MAINTAIN THE CONSISTENCY OF TONIGHT TO PUBLIC IN THAT MEETING."

Councillor Rankin said there has already been an advertisement to the public for a public hearing for 6:00 p.m. on a substantive proposal.

MOTION DEFEATED
8 IN FAVOUR
11 AGAINST

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

"THAT THE TIME BE 7:00 P.M."

MOTION CARRIED

ADJOURNMENT

It was moved by Councillor Merrigan:

"THAT THE MEETING BE ADJOURNED"

MOTION CARRIED

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

November 29, 1993

PRESENT WERE: Mayor Lichter
Councillor Meade
Councillor Rankin
Councillor Ball
Councillor Deveaux
Councillor Hendsbee
Councillor Randall
Councillor Smiley
Councillor Merrigan
Councillor Brill
Councillor Giffin
Councillor Barnet
Councillor Boutilier
Councillor Harvey
Councillor Sutherland
Councillor McInroy
Councillor Cooper

ALSO PRESENT: K.R. Meech, Chief Administrative Officer
Fred Crooks, Municipal Solicitor
Dale Reinhardt, Acting Municipal Clerk
Julia Horncastle, Recording Secretary

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Mayor Lichter called the meeting to order. He said the Redistribution committee had met and the chairman, Councillor Rankin, indicated that his committee would like to have a Committee of the Whole to be held and that the meeting be held in camera.

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

"THAT COUNCIL MOVE IN-CAMERA"

MOTION CARRIED
9 IN FAVOUR
7 AGAINST

Council agreed to move out of camera.

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

"THAT THE MAYOR, MR. MEECH AND THE CHAIRMAN OF THE REDISTRIBUTION COMMITTEE MEET WITH THE PREMIER AND THE MINISTER OF MUNICIPAL AFFAIRS ASKING FOR A COMMITMENT TO BRING FORWARD LEGISLATION, IN THE SPRING, TO EXEMPT HALIFAX COUNTY MUNICIPALITY FROM DISTRICT BOUNDARY ADJUSTMENT FOR THE OCTOBER, 1994 MUNICIPAL ELECTION SO AS TO ALLOW TIME FOR FULL CONSULTATION WITH THE PUBLIC ON FAIR AND REASONABLE ADJUSTMENT OF THE DISTRICT BOUNDARIES BEFORE THE 1997 MUNICIPAL ELECTIONS"

Councillor Hendsbee asked if changes in the Municipal boundaries would affect the Provincial boundaries.

Mr. Crooks said he did not know the answer. He said presumably what the provincial scheme does is to adopt the municipal boundaries to the extent that they rely on them as they stand at the time of the fixing of the provincial boundaries. He said they will remain as they are notwithstanding that the municipal boundaries may have subsequently changed. He said the boundaries as they stood municipally at the time the provincial boundaries were fixed would remain the provincial boundaries. He said it would be that the province in effect incorporated, by reference, the municipal boundaries into its description. He said no change under this act would effect the provincial.

Councillor Cooper said he had suggested that the motion include that an indication from council that it recognizes there is difficulty in some of the districts and the need to correct them but asking for sufficient time to do it properly and to be carried over after the forthcoming election.

Councillor Deveaux said he agrees with Councillor Cooper and does not feel that his motion changes his intent of what was originally brought forward. He said he is asking for that deferment and be put in the same category as other municipalities and be able to bring forward a county proposal when it so wishes and deems it necessary instead of having to be forced into it.

MOTION CARRIED

ADJOURNMENT

It was moved by Councillor Meade:

"THAT THE MEETING BE ADJOURNED"

MOTION CARRIED

JOINT COUNCIL SESSION

November 29, 1993

PRESENT WERE: Mayor Lichter
Councillor Meade
Councillor Rankin
Councillor Ball
Councillor Deveaux
Councillor Hendsbee
Councillor Randall
Councillor Smiley
Councillor Merrigan
Councillor Brill
Councillor Giffin
Councillor Barnet
Councillor Boutilier
Councillor Harvey
Councillor Sutherland
Councillor McInroy
Councillor Cooper

ALSO PRESENT: K.R. Meech, Chief Administrative Officer
Fred Crooks, Municipal Solicitor
Dale Reinhardt, Acting Municipal Clerk
Julia Horncastle, Recording Secretary
Mayor Kelly, Town of Bedford
Dan English, CAO, Town of Bedford

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The meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m.

Mayor Lichter welcomed Mayor Kelly and members of the Town of Bedford Council to chambers.

He said the meeting has been called as a follow up to the September 27th meeting. He said at that meeting an offer had been made by Bedford and council has indicated that it cannot accept that offer; however, Halifax County has indicated that it is prepared to have a further meeting. He referenced the letter to Mary Gillis from Mr. Meech dated October 7, 1993.

He said it is his understanding that Bedford had come with a proposal and he suggested the council allow Mayor Kelly to make that proposal with the understanding that if it is in writing it be received and dealt with at the next council session.

Mayor Kelly said there purpose at this meeting was to try and establish a formula. He said the town was proposing that any funding requirement by the regional library board over and above the minimum mandatory amount be shared by the County and Bedford on the basis of a formula. He said the proposed formula is assessment plus a prescribed rate based on population base. He overviewed the

amount which would be paid by both the County and Bedford. He said as a part of the proposal they would honour their commitment with regards to the \$31,000 that is owed for this year.

Mayor Lichter asked Mayor Kelly to confirm that he was referencing Scenario #7 as the proposal for the budget year 94/95 with the agreement that the \$31,000 would be paid for the current fiscal year.

Mayor Kelly confirmed this.

Mayor Lichter asked if the figures presented are figures based on the present requirements.

Mayor Kelly confirmed this. He said they are trying to establish a formula, from here on in, but they still know they have to deal with the \$31,000. that is outstanding. He said they are proposing to pay that this year if some form of formula can be agreed on.

Councillor Ball asked if the \$31,000 was an original amount of money allocated by Bedford to go into the library fund.

Mayor Kelly said they did not allocate that out of their budget. He said this is over an above what was already committed to.

Mayor Lichter said the proposal will be coming to Halifax County in writing and it will be taken to council early in December when the finance department will advise on which one of the scenarios is the actual one.

Councillor Hendsbee asked where the province stands with regards to its funding formula and will the provincial funding, when it is decided, be for the next three years. He asked if anything decided tonight with regards to additional funding will it have any impact on the formula adjustments the province is looking at.

Councillor Smiley said she sits on the funding formula review committee and they have just about finished and the report is in the process of being written. She said they have another meeting scheduled. She said they do not know what the funding commitment is from the province.

Mayor Lichter said he doubts that the province will commit, in advance, for three years other than what they have been telling their own departments, the level of cuts. He said if council eventually agrees to this he said he trusts this is not going to be renegotiable every year regardless what happens to the population in the Town of Bedford. He said he indicated earlier that there won't be any decision at this meeting. The decision will be made when it is taken to council and he does not feel this will influence the province.

Councillor Giffin asked what the basis is for other types of funding.

Mayor Lichter said waste management is based on assessment completely.

Mayor Kelly said the Town of Bedford has never agreed to pay on the basis of assessment. He said that Halifax County gave what it deemed appropriate and the Town did the same.

Councillor Hutt said it is his understanding that the problem resulted from the fact that Bedford's budget was set prior to the County and prior to the Library Boards. He said the county gave more additional than they did but they gave it after the fact.

Mayor Kelly said the Town pays for the library separately and over and above the set amount.

Mayor Lichter requested that Mayor Kelly send the proposal in writing for it to be taken to council in December.

Councillor Merrigan said if no formula was in place by the end of December what is the county going to do. He asked if Halifax County was going to have to rethink its contribution.

Councillor Ball said from his point of view any option should have been presented to staff and council in advance of this meeting so that input can be obtained.

Mayor Kelly said that Bedford staff had been in contact with Halifax County staff on the options.

Councillor Boutilier asked Mayor Kelly if his council has said that the commitment for 1993 is \$31,000 whether or not a formula is agreed on. He said it seems to be forgotten that the two municipalities were operating under a basic formula and now what is being said is that the formula should be changed. He said from his point of view some indication should be given that Halifax County is going to carry through on its commitment of the funding and that Bedford would carry through and then take a look at it in the next budget year.

Mayor Kelly said there is no set formula.

Councillor Sutherland said if there are formulas that are going to be worked out they have to be specific and up front.

Mayor Lichter thanked the Mayor of Bedford and his councillors for attending.

This portion of the meeting adjourned in to a Committee of the Whole respecting redistribution.

MINUTES & REPORTS
OF THE
SECOND YEAR MEETINGS
OF THE
FORTY-FOURTH COUNCIL
OF
HALIFAX COUNTY MUNICIPALITY
DECEMBER COUNCIL SESSION
TUESDAY, DECEMBER 7, 1993
&
PUBLIC HEARINGS
DECEMBER 13, 1993
&
COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE
DECEMBER 6, 1993

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COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

DECEMBER 6, 1993

PRESENT WERE: Mayor Lichter
Councillor Meade
Councillor Rankin
Councillor Fralick
Councillor Mitchell
Councillor Ball
Councillor Deveaux
Deputy Mayor Bates
Councillor Hendsbee
Councillor Bayers
Councillor Smiley
Councillor Peters
Councillor Merrigan
Councillor Brill
Councillor Giffin
Councillor Barnet
Councillor Boutilier
Councillor Harvey
Councillor Sutherland
Councillor Turner
Councillor McInroy
Councillor Cooper

ALSO PRESENT: K. R. Meech, Chief Administrative Officer
Dale Reinhardt, Acting Municipal Clerk
George McLellan, Director of Finance
Julia Horncastle, Recording Secretary

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m.

IN-CAMERA ITEM

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

"THAT COUNCIL MOVE IN-CAMERA"

MOTION CARRIED

Council agreed to move out of camera.

Councillor Bayers and Councillor Hendsbee requested that the vote be a recorded vote.

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

"THAT IT BE RECOMMENDED TO COUNCIL TO GIVE STAFF

DIRECTION TO PROCEED WITH NEGOTIATIONS SUBJECT TO A FIVE (5) YEAR THE LEASE WITH THE IGA AND THE LIQUOR COMMISSION, THE ENHANCED SERVICES FOR THE EASTERN AND WESTERN PART OF THE MUNICIPALITY AND NEGOTIATE FOR THE PURCHASE OF THE ADDITIONAL PARCEL OF LAND TO BE INCLUDED WITH THE WHOLE PARCEL"

Councillor Sutherland said this would be with the understanding that staff would come back at a later date.

Mayor Lichter said a Special Council session will have to be held in order to make a decision.

Mr. Meech said it may take some weeks to get a firm commitment on the leasing and as a result it may be January before it can be brought back.

Councillor Sutherland said his motion will give staff direction to see whether or not council is supporting the concept of proceeding and moving forward on this proposal.

Councillor Cooper said it is his understanding that this motion is saying is if some of the objectives are achieved then staff is being instructed to go out and spend money and do the project.

Councillor Merrigan said he feels the motion should be changed to give proper direction to staff. He said staff have to be given direction to be able to enter into a purchase and sales agreement to purchase that property subject to negotiation the leases with the liquor commission and IGA. He said he also feels council has to give some type of direction with regards to what Halifax County is prepared to do on the parcel of land.

Mayor Lichter said his understanding would be that Mr. Meech would be negotiating and he would be coming back to a special council session or a council session in January indicating what additional money, if any, that the 30,000 square foot piece of land would cost.

Mr. Meech said the option agreement says that Halifax County is going to buy that complete parcel, with the exception of the 30,000 square feet, for two million thirty five thousand dollars. He said to negotiate for that additional parcel he would go back and negotiate to have it included at the present price. If not, what would happen is, if he has to negotiate an additional price, then the option agreement would have to be revised and if necessary get an extension on the option agreement and then come back to council to receive final go ahead.

RECORDED VOTE

Councillor Meade	For
Councillor Rankin	For
Councillor Fralick	Against

Councillor Ball	Against
Councillor Deveaux	For
Deputy Mayor Bates	For
Councillor Hendsbee	Against
Councillor Bayers	Against
Councillor Smiley	For
Councillor Peters	For
Councillor Merrigan	For
Councillor Brill	For
Councillor Giffin	For
Councillor Barnet	For
Councillor Boutilier	For
Councillor Harvey	For
Councillor Sutherland	For
Councillor Turner	Against
Councillor McInroy	Against
Councillor Cooper	Against
Mayor Lichter	For

MOTION CARRIED

14 IN FAVOUR

7 AGAINST

ADJOURNMENT

It was moved by Councillor Merrigan:

"THAT THE MEETING BE ADJOURNED"

MOTION CARRIED

COUNCIL SESSION
December 7, 1993

PRESENT WERE: Mayor Lichter
Councillor Meade
Councillor Rankin
Councillor Fralick
Councillor Mitchell
Councillor Ball
Councillor Deveaux
Deputy Mayor Bates
Councillor Hendsbee
Councillor Randall
Councillor Bayers
Councillor Smiley
Councillor Peters
Councillor Merrigan
Councillor Brill
Councillor Giffin
Councillor Barnet
Councillor Harvey
Councillor Sutherland
Councillor Turner
Councillor McInroy
Councillor Cooper

ALSO PRESENT: K. R. Meech, Chief Administrative Officer
Fred Crooks, Municipal Solicitor
Dale Reinhardt, Acting Municipal Clerk

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

APPOINTMENT OF RECORDING SECRETARY

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

"THAT JULIA HORNCastle BE APPOINTED AS RECORDING SECRETARY"

MOTION CARRIED

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

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

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

MOTION CARRIED

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

"THAT THE MINUTES OF THE OCTOBER 19, 1993 COUNCIL SESSION
BE APPROVED"

MOTION CARRIED

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

"THAT THE MINUTES OF THE NOVEMBER 2, 1993 COUNCIL SESSION
BE APPROVED"

MOTION CARRIED

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

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

MOTION CARRIED

LETTERS AND CORRESPONDENCE

1. Mr. Reinhardt outlined a letter from Emergency Measures Organization with respect to the progress of the E-911 Project in Nova Scotia.

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

"THAT THE LETTER BE RECEIVED"

MOTION CARRIED

2. Mr. Reinhardt outlined a letter from the Department of the Environment with respect to the Environmental Assessment, Burnside Waste to Energy Facility.

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

"THAT THE LETTER BE RECEIVED"

MOTION CARRIED

3. Mr. Reinhardt outlined a letter from the House of Assembly with respect to the establishment of a policy concerning the use of multi-way stop signs on residential streets.

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

"THAT THE LETTER BE RECEIVED"

MOTION CARRIED

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

"THAT A LETTER BE WRITTEN TO THE MINISTER, DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION, OUTLINING HIS CONCERNS ABOUT THE SPEED LIMITS WHICH ARE OVER AND ABOVE THE POSTED 50KM SPEED ZONES. FURTHER THAT THE LETTER INCLUDE A REQUEST ON CLARIFICATION ON THE RESIDENTIAL STREETS"

Councillor Sutherland said that the clarification with regards to streets is whether the residential street versus a local or collector street within a subdivision. He said it does not indicate whether they are speaking specifically of a subdivision street as being a residential street or does that include the local or collector street.

Mayor Lichter said that it is his understanding what is being said is not what is the posted speed limit but what is the measured average speed. He said the experience of DOT staff is that in many instances the average speed that they measure is greater than the posted speed limit. He said they are not talking about the speed limit itself.

Councillor Brill said there is a problem with speed in the communities and until the Prima Facia speed limit is eliminated from the Highways Act, there will be continual problems.

MOTION CARRIED

4. Mr. Reinhardt outlined a letter from the House of Assembly with regards to amendments that the NDP caucus presented to the Legislative Committee concerning the Unpaid Leave Act and advises that the amendments were defeated.

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

'THAT THE LETTER BE RECEIVED"

MOTION CARRIED

5. Mr. Reinhardt outlined a letter from FCM with regards to proclaiming February 6 to February 12, 1994 as international development week.

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

"THAT THE LETTER BE RECEIVED AND FEBRUARY 6-12, 1994 BE DECLARED AS INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT WEEK IN HALIFAX

COUNTY"

MOTION CARRIED

6. Mr. Reinhardt outlined a letter from the Friends of McNabs Island Society with regards to their concerns with respect to the McNabs Island Treatment Plant proposal.

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

"THAT THE LETTER BE RECEIVED"

MOTION CARRIED

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

"THAT ALAN JEAN-JOYCE BE INVITED TO MEET WITH COUNCIL
SOMETIME IN THE NEW YEAR"

Councillor Ball said before any discussions can be held Halifax County has to determine whether or not there is going to be a Halifax Harbour Cleanup. He said it is his feeling that until Halifax County knows there is going to be a Harbour Cleanup Project there would be no point in discussing this.

Mayor Lichter said he had a meeting with the Premier and the Minister of Labour and at that meeting it was quite clear that the very first item in the condition of release by the Minister of Environment included the financing. He said in their discussion it was his suggestion that there was no point in further discussions until after it is determined as to how the project is to be financed regardless of where the project is going to take place. He said as a result of that, a number of meetings have taken place with private enterprise to explore the possibility of private enterprise actually doing the harbour cleanup. He said those meetings are still in progress.

Mr. Meech said what is ongoing at the moment is essentially to develop some information that come as a result of the Environmental Review process where there were some issues that were raised with regards to reexamination of some of the proposed actions. He said, at the moment, the Board is actually waiting to get word from the Province as to what the provinces' decision is going to be with regards to the future of the project. He said at the next board meeting they were going to be informed what the provincial and federal future role was to be in this particular project.

Councillor Cooper said due to problems that may arise and the uncertain future of this Halifax County should be more informed about what is happening with the Board. He said he would like to once again ask the Board to come forward with their minutes and

decisions made by them.

Councillor Deveaux asked if any of the neighbouring municipalities or Metro Authority has approached Ottawa for funding.

Mayor Lichter said that FCM has been informed that one of the projects being looked at for the infrastructure program is the Harbour Cleanup. He said there had been discussion with regards to the infrastructure program with the president of the treasury board and the infrastructure program will be moving very fast. He said the finance ministers of the provinces will be meeting with him on the 21 of December and a Board is going to be set up with two federal representatives and two from each province representing just the province to whom the applications are going to be put for infrastructure programs. He said the Harbour Cleanup would qualify but whether Nova Scotia receives sufficient funds to fund that project is questionable. He said a decision has been reached by the Federal government that the two billion dollar pot, over the two year period, is going to be divided up on a formula that is based on 50% population and 50% on unemployment rate.

Councillor Ball said that if council is going to talk to a special interest group then there should be an open invitation to all interest groups that have an interest in the Halifax Harbour Cleanup.

Council agreed that this would be dealt with at a Special Council Session.

MOTION CARRIED

Councillor Cooper said this is public money being spent on this project and other than press releases the public has been kept in the dark only receiving synopsis of what the activities of HHCI are. In view of the recent decision regarding the Halifax/Dartmouth Bridge Commission, he said he would suggest that HHCI is in the same category as that body.

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

"THAT A LETTER BE WRITTEN FORMALLY REQUESTING THAT THE HALIFAX HARBOUR CLEANUP INCORPORATED MAKE AVAILABLE TO ITS COUNCIL MEMBERS THE APPROVED MINUTES OF THE BOARD MEETINGS RETROACTIVE TO ITS INCEPTION"

Mayor Lichter asked if this request would apply to future meetings or would it be retroactive to the inception.

Councillor Cooper said it would be retroactive.

MOTION CARRIED

7. Mr. Reinhardt outlined a letter from the Municipality of the District of Lunenburg reconfirming their stand that video gambling machines not be permitted in convenience stores.

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

"THAT THE LETTER BE RECEIVED"

MOTION CARRIED

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

"THAT HALIFAX COUNTY SUPPORT THE RESOLUTION FROM THE DISTRICT OF LUNENBURG"

MOTION CARRIED

15 IN FAVOUR

7 AGAINST

SUPPLEMENTARY LETTERS AND CORRESPONDENCE

1. Mr. Reinhardt outlined a letter from the Department of the Environment with regards to the Environmental Health Services Amalgamation.

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

"THAT THE LETTER BE RECEIVED"

MOTION CARRIED

2. Mr. Reinhardt outlined a letter from the Hardman Group Limited with respect to the working together of governments and private enterprise to find solutions to infrastructure problems.

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

"THAT THE LETTER BE RECEIVED"

MOTION CARRIED

Mayor Lichter said he wanted to bring to the attention of council the infrastructure program contemplates the possibility that provinces and municipalities would qualify for the one third amount even if they involve private enterprise. He said he and Mayor Kelly will be meeting with a particular group to discuss the possibility and only the possibility of Mill Cove Sewage Treatment Plant under the infrastructure program along these lines.

Councillor Ball said it was his understanding that there was no

agreement as to how the funds were to be accessed.

Mayor Lichter said they were told by the president of the treasury board how it would be divided up amongst the provinces and territories. From that point on it is going to be a matter of applications by municipalities to be made to that board that has two federal and two provincial members. He said FCM has asked to have status standing on that board. He said the president of the treasury board has said it is not going to be decided by a province, unilaterally, as to what is going to be their priorities or how they are going to divide up that money.

Councillor Deveaux asked if there is a board for each province does it mean that Halifax County would send a list of priorities to that body.

Mayor Lichter said yes. He said he and Mr. Meech have discussed this and Mr. Meech has started developing suggestions to council which will be brought forward at a future meeting.

3. Mr. Reinhardt outlined a letter from the Cole Harbour Boys and Girls Club informing council of its decision to close as of December 31, 1993.

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

"THAT THE LETTER BE RECEIVED"

MOTION CARRIED

4. Mr. Reinhardt outlined a letter from Joan Jones, Chair, Black History Month Coordinating Committee requesting Halifax County proclaim February as Black History Month.

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

"THAT THE LETTER BE RECEIVED AND COUNCIL PROCLAIM
FEBRUARY AS BLACK HISTORY MONTH"

MOTION CARRIED

5. Mr. Reinhardt outlined a letter from the Shubenacadie Canal Commission thanking council for appointing Mr. Bruce Mills and Mr. Keith Manchester to the Canal Commission.

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

"THAT THE LETTER BE RECEIVED"

MOTION CARRIED

6. Mr. Reinhardt outlined a letter from UNSM requesting council

to sign a universal proclamation of human rights and declare and proclaim December 10th Human Rights Day.

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

"THAT THE LETTER BE RECEIVED AND DECEMBER 10TH BE DECLARED AS HUMAN RIGHTS DAY"

MOTION CARRIED

Mayor Lichter requested that Mr. Reinhardt inform UNSM.

7. Mr. Reinhardt outlined a letter from the Royal Canadian Mounted Police acknowledging councils support for the additional police officers.

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

"THAT THE LETTER BE RECEIVED"

MOTION CARRIED

8. Mr. Reinhardt outlined a letter from the Department of Education with respect to councils request for a report on the status of school area rates.

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

"THAT THE LETTER BE RECEIVED"

MOTION CARRIED

9. Mr. Reinhardt outlined a letter from Mr. Bruce Evans concerning the formation of a new independent port authority.

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

"THAT THE LETTER BE RECEIVED"

MOTION CARRIED

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

"THAT A DATE FOR A SPECIAL COUNCIL SESSION BE SET AND MR. EVANS BE INVITED TO ATTEND"

MOTION CARRIED

PLANNING ADVISORY COMMITTEE REPORT

Staff Report - File No.'s RA-F&S-04-93-17/ZA-F&S-16-93 - Application by Laurie Baker to rezone property from R-1B to R-6;

Amendments to the provisions and requirements of the Land Use By-law for Planning Districts 14 & 17

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

"THAT THE DATE AND TIME SET FOR A PUBLIC HEARING BE JANUARY 10, 1994 AT 6:00 P.M."

MOTION CARRIED

Plan Review - Sackville

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

"THAT A COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE BE SCHEDULED FOR JANUARY 17, 1994 AT 6:00 P.M."

MOTION CARRIED

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

"THAT MONDAY, FEBRUARY 14, 1994, 6:00 P.M. BE THE DATE AND TIME SET FOR PUBLIC HEARING FOR ADOPTION OF THE MPS AND LAND USE BY-LAW FOR SACKVILLE"

Councillor Harvey said within the last week a consensus on provincially owned lands at Second Lake has become public. It would seem that at some point it will be necessary to bring that part of the MPS in line with that consensus and he said he does not know if it is the intention of the PAC to reconvene on that particular aspect of the plan prior to committee of the whole or what procedure should be followed there to reflect these changes.

Councillor Ball said that to a large degree the Sackville plan shouldn't be held up because of some awaited amendments that are going on concerning that particular realignment of property. He said he feels that staff can get it implemented before we have the committee of the whole session. He said he does not think it is necessary to hold up the plan in waiting for that, the necessary amendments can be made afterwards.

Councillor Harvey asked if those changes will take place at staff level without any direction from committee or council.

Councillor Ball said he would suggest to councillor Harvey that the input will probably come from the Sackville Community Council and its sub committee in conjunction with staff.

Councillor Harvey asked councillor Ball if he would then anticipate some direction from their next community council meeting.

Councillor Ball replied that he would assume so.

MOTION CARRIED

Staff Report - Subdivision Status for Kingswood on the Lake and Kingswood West

The staff report stated that this information was being forwarded onto council for information purposes only.

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

"THAT THE INFORMATION BE RECEIVED"

MOTION CARRIED

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPORT

Reorganization: Executive Office/Clerk's Department/ Finance Department

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

"THAT COUNCIL APPROVED THE FOLLOWING RECORDING RESOLUTION:

Be it resolved that:

1. The report of K.R. Meech, Chief Administrative Officer, to the Executive Committee, dated November 4, 1993, respecting "Reorganization: Executive Office/Clerk's Department/Finance Department" ("the report"), be approved, and the changes to the structure of the Executive Office, the Municipal Clerk's Department and the Department of Finance, as proposed therein, be adopted, effective as of the date of this Resolution.
2. The Director of Finance, from time to time, shall be the Director of Corporate Services, as referred to in the report.

MOTION CARRIED

Recovery of Waste Water Disposal Costs on Water Bills

It was moved by Deputy Mayor Bates, seconded by Councillor Hendsbee:

"THAT THE RECOMMENDATIONS OUTLINED IN THE STAFF REPORT DATED OCTOBER 18, 1993 BE APPROVED"

MOTION CARRIED

Metropolitan Authority - Refund of Special Reserve - \$424,000

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

"THAT THE \$424,000 SPECIAL RESERVE REFUND FROM METROPOLITAN AUTHORITY BE TRANSFERRED TO THE COUNTY'S SPECIAL CAPITAL RESERVE FUND TO REDUCE THE REQUIREMENT FOR FUTURE LONG TERM CAPITAL BORROWINGS AND FURTHER THAT THESE FUNDS BE FLAGGED TO ASSIST IN FINANCING FUTURE WASTE TREATMENT AND DISPOSAL CAPITAL PROJECTS"

MOTION CARRIED

Sanitary Systems - Lake Loon Road and Lockview/MacPherson Road Area

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

"THAT COUNCIL APPROVE THE GRANTING OF A \$300.00 SUBSIDY PER SEWAGE PUMP INSTALLATION TO PROPERTY OWNERS WHOSE PROPERTY WILL REQUIRE PUMPING"

Mr. Meech said the reason why these individual property owners will require an individual pump is because it did not appear to be financially feasible to lower the sanitary sewer lines to an elevation so that they could all get gravity feed. The cost of lowering those sanitary sewer lines, in the streets, to get down to the required elevation would be at a much higher cost than subsidising the pumps. He said because there is a lake in the area it does not allow the County to lower the sewer line to that elevation.

Councillor Ball asked why the cost of the pumps not been included in the capital costs of the project.

Mr. Meech said it is intended to be included as part of the capital costs. He said there was the knowledge that there was going to be a number of property owners that were going to have individual pumps installed; however, at that time it was not incorporated in the plan.

Councillor Ball asked if this is something that is afforded to every resident where a water and sewer project is being installed whereby they may have to require a pump in house in order to pump into the main system.

Mr. Meech said in any area where Halifax County is putting in central sewer, based on what has been as a matter of practice and policy in the past, would put those people in a position to expect similar treatment.

Councillor Cooper asked if it was ever determined if this had been extended to the residents in Lakeside.

Mr. Meech said he will have to determine this by checking the

record.

MOTION CARRIEDLESSER SETBACK APPLICATION

Mitch Dickey made the staff presentation. He said lesser setback applications, in the past, have not been accompanied by a staff report. In the future the procedure will be a staff presentation in order to provide as much information as possible to council. Under this application Maroun Hage of Hage Enterprises applied for a permit to construct a single family dwelling on lot 17 in the Christian Subdivision on the prospect bay road. He was issued a preliminary certificate on November 16, 1993 which would permit him to excavate and place his footings; however, he went ahead and put the footings and foundation in place without completing his surveyors certificate and submitting it for approval. The surveyors certificate did come in to the development office on November 29, 1993. It showed that the full foundation for the dwelling had been placed 20 feet from the front property line instead of the 30 as required under By-law No. 24. Mr. Hage was told to cease all work immediately and make application for a lesser setback. He said Mr. Hage did stop work, as requested.

QUESTIONS FROM COUNCIL

Councillor Bayers asked if there was any confusion with regards to what the right of way is with regards to the Prospect Bay Road.

Mr. Dickey said it is a 66 foot right of way which, to his knowledge, does not vary.

Councillor Bayers asked if all the houses along that road have the proper setback.

Mr. Dickey said he believes they are 30 feet or more back. He said the nearest house is approximately 300 to 400 feet away so it is hard to get an exact line.

Councillor Mitchell said he measured the distance and from the corner of the foundation on the West side to the boundary line was approximately 23 feet back. On the other side it was 28 feet. He said from the foundation on the short side to the edge of the highway it was 43 feet. On the other side it was 48 feet. He said there are no buildings next to this property. He said he feels this was done without any measurements being taken.

Councillor Hendsbee asked if the owner wished to put a verandah or front deck on the house would it also require another set back hearing.

Mr. Dickey said he would require another lesser set back if he were

to put a verandah on the front. He said presently all that is planned is steps going up to the front door.

DECISION OF COUNCIL

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

"THAT COUNCIL APPROVE A LESSER SETBACK OF TWENTY (20) FEET"

Councillor Cooper said this is a situation where the municipality bears no responsibility yet is faced with ignoring the requirements of the By-laws. He said there has been no evidence presented to indicate that there was misinterpretation of the preliminary building permit that was issued for this particular property. He said council is, once again, being asked to approve something after it has been put in place and money has been spent.

Councillor McInroy said if Mr. Hage is in the business of building residential dwellings he is used to the building permit process, the surveyors certificates etc. He said Mr. Hage had acquired none of these until he had in place what he felt Halifax County would not move. He said he would not be supporting the motion.

Councillor Bayers said he agrees with both councillors; however, if it was just the footing then yes because the cost would not be that great but the foundation is up which brings undue hardship. He said council has always taken into consideration the costs and whether or not it would cause undue hardship.

Councillor Mitchell said that this foundation is in the community of Prospect Bay and some of the houses in that area are only five feet from the edge of the pavement.

MOTION CARRIED

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPORT

St. Margarets Arena Insurance Premiums

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

"THAT OPTION #2 OF THE STAFF REPORT DATED NOVEMBER 15, 1993 BE APPROVED"

MOTION CARRIED

Capital Grant Requests

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

"THAT THE FOLLOWING CAPITAL GRANT REQUESTS BE APPROVED:

(A) General Parkland Grant, in the amount of \$462.54 and District Parkland Grant, District 5, in the amount of \$462.54;

(B) District Capital Grant, District 20, in the amount of \$920.00 and General Parkland Grant in the amount of \$920.00;

(C) District Capital Grant, District 25, in the amount of \$2,560.00"

MOTION CARRIED

BORROWING RESOLUTIONS

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

"THAT BORROWING RESOLUTION TBR87-10 SEWER (MACPHERSON/ LOCKVIEW ROAD) IN THE AMOUNT OF \$1,300,000 BE APPROVED"

MOTION CARRIED

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

"THAT BORROWING RESOLUTION TBR91-08 SEWER (CALDWELL ROAD) IN THE AMOUNT OF \$155,000 BE APPROVED"

MOTION CARRIED

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

"THAT BORROWING RESOLUTION TBR91-09 WATER (CALDWELL ROAD) IN THE AMOUNT OF \$210,000 BE APPROVED"

MOTION CARRIED

It was moved by Deputy Mayor Bates, seconded by Councillor Hendsbee:

"THAT BORROWING RESOLUTION TBR91-10 WATER (CHERRY BROOK) IN THE AMOUNT OF \$1,000,000 BE APPROVED"

MOTION CARRIED

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE RECOMMENDATIONS

Redistribution

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

"THAT THE MAYOR, MR. MEECH AND THE CHAIRMAN OF THE REDISTRIBUTION COMMITTEE MEET WITH THE PREMIER AND THE

MINISTER OF MUNICIPAL AFFAIRS ASKING FOR A COMMITMENT TO BRING FORWARD LEGISLATION, IN THE SPRING, TO EXEMPT HALIFAX COUNTY MUNICIPALITY FROM DISTRICT BOUNDARY ADJUSTMENT FOR THE OCTOBER, 1994 MUNICIPAL ELECTION SO AS TO ALLOW TIME FOR FULL CONSULTATION WITH THE PUBLIC ON FAIR AND REASONABLE ADJUSTMENT OF THE DISTRICT BOUNDARIES BEFORE THE 1997 MUNICIPAL ELECTIONS"

MOTION CARRIED

It was moved by Councillor Bayers,

"THAT THIS BE DEFERRED"

Motion lost for want of a seconder.

Sackville Town Centre

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

"THAT COUNCIL AUTHORIZE THE CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER TO PROCEED WITH THE ACQUISITION OF THE SACKVILLE TOWN CENTRE SUBJECT TO LEASE AGREEMENTS (FIVE YEAR) WITH IGA AND THE NOVA SCOTIA LIQUOR COMMISSION AND A PLAN FOR ENHANCED SERVICE DELIVERY TO THE EASTERN SHORE AND THE WESTERN REGION AREAS OF THE MUNICIPALITY. FURTHER THAT THE SEPARATE PARCEL OF LAND FRONTING ON FIRST LAKE DRIVE (APPROXIMATELY 30,000 SQ. FT.) BE INCLUDED WITH THE PURCHASE"

Councillor Bayers, supported by Councillor Ball requested a recorded vote.

Councillor Meade	For
Councillor Rankin	For
Councillor Fralick	Against
Councillor Mitchell	For
Councillor Ball	Against
Councillor Deveaux	For
Deputy Mayor Bates	For
Councillor Hendsbee	Against
Councillor Randall	Against
Councillor Bayers	Against
Councillor Smiley	For
Mayor Lichter	For
Councillor Peters	For
Councillor Merrigan	For
Councillor Brill	For
Councillor Giffin	For
Councillor Barnet	For
Councillor Harvey	For

Councillor Sutherland	For
Councillor Turner	Against
Councillor McInroy	Against
Councillor Cooper	Against

MOTION CARRIED

14 IN FAVOUR

8 AGAINST

LIBRARY FUNDING

Mr. Reinhardt said the Town of Bedford has forwarded a request for consideration of a funding formula for the library. He said this was discussed at a previous Joint Council Session. He said at that time it was requested that a written submission be made to the county on behalf of the Town of Bedford to try to come up with a formula for providing funds to the regional library.

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

"THAT HALIFAX COUNTY ACCEPT THE PROPOSAL PUT FORTH BY THE TOWN OF BEDFORD"

Councillor Sutherland said it is his understanding that the Town of Bedford was attaching some criteria to the awarding of the \$30,000. He said what it means is a change in the funding format that the municipalities share. He said if Halifax County was going to do this then they would have to do it on a wider basis across the region.

Councillor McInroy said he was speaking against the motion. He said he is concerned that the process has not been handled in an honourable way. He said if the Town of Bedford wanted to change that formula, and did proceed to change it, then what had been in place, with the additional being shared on an assessment basis, then the proper thing to do would have to have given some advance notice and to have entered into some discussion ahead of time. He said any amount of money they might be willing to contribute this year shouldn't be contingent upon what Halifax County commits itself to in the years ahead. He said he does not feel he can support something that is going to put the municipality in a position of undertaking more of the surplus funding for the library operation.

Councillor Ball said he could not support the motion. He said when the budgetary figures were compiled in April, it was contingent on the fact that Bedford was going to have \$30,960 contribution. He said before anything is negotiated he would like to see that amount be dealt with by the Town of Bedford.

Councillor Deveaux asked if this was approved would it mean Halifax County was accepting the proposal for future years.

Mayor Lichter said it would.

Mayor Lichter said the proposal is a mixture of assessment and population.

Councillor Smiley said there are many people who work for the library system that are waiting to hear the results of tonight's meeting. If this approval is approved and the money is received from Bedford one week will be knocked off the planned closure. She said staff is also being hit with the 2% unpaid leave which they also have to take. She said staff are going to be suffering and sacrificing. She said the problem with the formula that was in place was that it did not help Halifax County because it did not deal with increasing population and this formula takes a combination of both.

Councillor Cooper said libraries are an educational institution that will be needed more and more in the future. He said he would like to see the agreement expanded to include the educational funding.

Councillor Harvey said he feels this formula has merit as it does contain the two elements, population and assessment. He said he feels council should give it serious consideration. He said he feels there is an opportunity here for municipal cooperation. He said he feels council should endorse this.

Mr. Meech said traditionally assessment has been considered to be the basis of ability to pay of a municipality. He said that is the formula utilized by the province in terms of cost sharing between provincial and municipal units. He said if you want to take into consideration the interests of both parties this, in his view, is a reasonable compromise.

Councillor Merrigan said there is a situation here that he feels is very unfair. He said he feels Halifax County is being told that if they don't accept this agreement there will be further hardships on the library. He said he feels Halifax County should make a positive motion that the county approves that formula subject to it being extended to supplementary funding of the school board.

Mayor Lichter said he could not accept this as an amendment to the motion because it would mean that council would not make a decision on the motion that Councillor Smiley has made.

Mr. Meech said council should take into consideration that this proposal is talking about the additional funding. In other words, if council agrees to this and Halifax County was able to persuade the province to increase the so called mandatory budget to an amount, even though it may be cost shared in some way, that closely approximates the total budget it would then in effect for the most part be still cost shared on the basis of assessment. He said the

proposal is actually saying that the mandatory would obviously still be cost shared on the basis of assessment and it would only be the additional funding that would be cost shared on the basis of average.

MOTION CARRIED

13 IN FAVOUR

9 AGAINST

Councillor Merrigan said that he feels a letter should be written to Bedford in response to approving their recommendation that in the spirit of cooperation it would seem right for them to look at adjusting the formula for supplementary education based on the same formula.

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

"THAT A LETTER BE WRITTEN TO THE TOWN OF BEDFORD INDICATING TO THEM THAT HALIFAX COUNTY WOULD APPRECIATE THEM LOOKING AT THE SUPPLEMENTARY EDUCATION FUNDING ON THE SAME BASIS AS WE WERE PLEASED TO APPROVE THEIR LIBRARY FUNDING"

MOTION CARRIED

PRESENTATION BY COUNCILLOR PETERS TO THE THIRD GRAND LAKE SCOUT TROOP

Mayor Lichter welcomed the scouts to chambers. He said they were in attendance to receive their citizenship badge.

Councillor Peters welcomed the scout troop to council. She presented a Halifax County pin to each of the scouts and the leaders.

MEMORANDUM RE: NON-COUNCIL MEMBER - BOARD OF HEALTH

Mr. Reinhardt said this was to notify council that the Board of Health member term expires at the end of the year and the appointment would be made at the first session in the new year.

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

"THAT THE POSITION ON THE BOARD OF HEALTH BE ADVERTISED"

MOTION CARRIED

MEMORANDUM RE: PROPOSED FALL LEAF COLLECTION PROGRAM - SACKVILLE COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Councillor Harvey said this is a matter that has been brought to Community Council by concerned residents who would like to have the

opportunity to have them collected by the municipality for the purpose of composting. He said the Community Council would like to work towards giving direction to Engineering, through council, to try to make some arrangement to provide a place for these leaves and to make some arrangement in the budget for next year for collecting leaves separately.

Councillor Brill asked if this would be part of any facility put in place by Metro Authority.

Mayor Lichter said that everything is ready to award the contract to have a composting facility created at Bedford. He said he does not know how soon this will be up and running. He said this would include all organic materials. He said council could officially ask Metro Authority to officially notify Halifax County.

Councillor Harvey asked if collection would need to be arranged.

Mayor Lichter said that particular composting plant if it were to receive anything other than institutional organic materials then the collection would have to be arranged by the municipality but they would be able to process at that facility. He said the facility would be able to handle the material but it is the question of collection more than anything.

Councillor Harvey suggested that the Engineering Department be kept abreast of this site with the view to accounting for this in the budget at budget time to do a leaf collection at least in the Urban areas if it can be confirmed that the site will be operational by the fall of 1994.

Councillor Merrigan said he feels this is an item to be referred to the Service Standards committee and from there come back with a recommendation.

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

"THAT THIS ISSUE BE REFERRED TO THE SERVICE STANDARDS COMMITTEE"

Councillor Sutherland said he does not see it as being feasible for this to go outside the urban areas.

MOTION CARRIED

MEMORANDUM RE: DOG LICENSE FEES - 1994

Councillor Brill asked if this process is cost effective.

Mr. Meech said there is a net revenue to the municipality in that the amount of dollars collected less the fee that is paid leaves

the county with a net amount that is applied against the dog control program.

Councillor Merrigan said he does not feel it will be of any benefit to increase the rate and not increase the commission.

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

"THAT THE FEE BE RAISED TO \$20.00 WITH THE COMMISSION RATE BEING \$6.00 PER TAG"

Councillor Ball said in his opinion what Halifax County is taxing the good dog owner. He said Halifax County should possibly look at some way of absorbing it in a general tax rate.

Councillor Turner asked Mr. Meech if a study has been done on the cost of the dog tax.

Mr. Meech said the cost of the control program will still be there whether or not the license fee is in place or not. He said approximately fifty percent of the revenue coming from the dog licensing fees that is going towards the cost of that program. He said the rest of it is now being paid by the taxpayer. He said if all of the costs were taken into consideration it would probably be greater than what would be shown. He said there is some net revenue gained as a result of having this license fee.

MOTION CARRIED

12 IN FAVOUR

9 AGAINST

TENDERS - SNOW PLOWING/SANDING/SALTING

Mayor Lichter said this was a report for council information and all that was required would be a motion to receive.

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

"THAT THE REPORT BE RECEIVED"

Councillor Merrigan said he did not appreciate seeing this report when, in Beaverbank, they did not want the area rate put on to sand and plow the sidewalks. He asked if it was possible for staff to now put an area rate on.

Mr. Meech said it was his understanding that what has been done is to renew the sidewalk plowing for areas that were under agreements.

Councillor Merrigan said he had been upset about this last year and had spoken to both the Mayor and Mr. Meech. He said the community

wants to look at looking after their own sidewalks. He said he was told they could not do anything about it because it was still under contract but this year it would be looked at. He said no one has talked to him. He said he finds it upsetting and he does not feel that staff have the right to spend area rate monies without talking to the councillor.

Mayor Lichter said it appears that for 1993/94 the area rates were approved by council. He said this is part of sidewalk area rate then it would have been only to the advantage of the residents of any district if the councillor has informed the purchasing department that they do not proceed with giving out contracts for sanding and salting. He said under the purchasing policy they have the right, up to a certain limit, to award those contracts providing that the area rates were approved.

Mr. Meech confirmed that the area rates were approved. He said if councillor Merrigan does not want the service provided through the municipality, and would so indicate, then an attempt would be made to see whether or not the agreement can be undone.

Councillor Merrigan said he had spoken to the Mayor and Mr. Meech and asked if there was any way of looking at the possibility of providing the service, within the community, through someone in the community, by buying a machine to be used for plowing in the winter and recreation in the summer. He said he was told at that time that this could not be done because it was done under contract. He said he does not feel he should have to advise the purchasing department. He said he had made it clear that what he wanted to look at in the community and he was never advised whether he could or couldn't do that nor whether it was a possibility or not a possibility.

Mayor Lichter said he acknowledges that Councillor Merrigan had spoken to him after an Executive meeting at which there was debate on the way the charges for this service were paid or whether the number of hours were actually spent where excessive or not. He said he did not take it as an instruction, to him, to remember that when the time comes, next year, come back to Councillor Merrigan.

Councillor Merrigan said he is not suggesting that the Mayor to coordinate this. He said he dealt with the Engineering Department and indicated to them the problems. He said he had also conveyed the problems he had. He said he did not expect the Mayor or Mr. Meech to have to come back and tell him but he did expect the Engineering Department to do so before awarding the tender.

Mayor Lichter said that Mr. Meech would discuss this with the Engineering Department, concerning Councillor Merrigan's area, to see what can be done in order to remedy the situation.

Councillor Merrigan said he would also like to know if his area can

get out of the agreement can they look at providing their own machine and hiring someone to look after their own people.

Councillor Brill asked, with reference to the second paragraph which states " the amount will not exceed \$50,000 per year", how overruns are controlled.

Mr. Meech said it is based on an estimate as to what the expected cost would be. He said it will depend on the weather conditions over the winter.

Councillor Brill said his concern is that there was a significant overruns last year.

Mr. Meech said there has been efforts made to try to better coordinate between DOT and Halifax County efforts. He said he would have to talk to staff people as whether the county has been able to accomplish any changes. He said he would get a report to be circulated.

Councillor Sutherland said he would have difficulty with each district attempting to negotiate a cost for sidewalk clearing. He said this is a service provided by the municipality on a coordinated basis. He said if there is someone in the community would could do the snow clearing for less then they have the option of bidding when it is advertised.

Councillor Cooper asked if the contracts are awarded on a calendar or fiscal year.

Mr. Meech said it is his understanding it is on the basis of a year beginning December 1.

Councillor Cooper said if a tender is awarded for a full year and in March a certain amount if approved for snowplowing and it is suppose to carry over to the next March then there is an overlap which maybe, if they were coordinated a little more, some of these problems could be avoided. He said if someone has difficulty then at budget they could have their say. He asked what were some of the prices for the sidewalk snow removal. He said he can understand the awarding of the contracts for various locations but he would like to know the amount of money for a three year contract.

Mr. Meech said he did not have the details and he would have to get staff to prepare a detailed report with the individual amounts by contract area.

Councillor Cooper said if it was considered important enough that these agreements be sent to council then for three year contracts there should be some information. He said he would like to have the report reprepared and redistributed showing that information.