

provision of community services will be achieved. The planning strategy establishes policy direction in the area of residential development, commercial, industrial and community facility development. The plan contains policies with regard to the provision of community services which is the provision of water and sewer, pedestrian and transit services, roads, protection and emergency services, education, recreation etc.

The main component of a plan is the section that deals with land use and municipal decisions related to land use in Sackville will therefore be guided by the policies set out in the land use designations which are contained in the plan. These designations guide and direct the future path of development.

There are seven land use designations in Sackville. The main designation is the Urban Residential designation which essentially is all lands capable of being serviced with water and sewer within the community. This designation is intended to protect the established residential environment as well allow for a variety of housing types and uses which fit with residential development. The base zone applied in this designation is R1 (single unit dwelling zone). This zone is applied to the existing R1 areas as well as most undeveloped lands that are contained within the Urban Residential designation.

Within the R1 zone single unit dwellings are permitted as well as uses which are appropriate with existing residential development. This would include things such as small businesses operated from the home. Within the Urban Residential designation now higher density forms of residential development are provided for in the new plan in either of two ways: applying for a higher density zone and the second is by negotiating a development agreement. Two unit dwellings may be considered by rezoning to an R2 zone. Any land to be considered for an R2 zone however will have to be buffered from existing single unit dwellings. She said in the case were you have existing R1 development you will no longer be able to have new R2 development abutting it. This eliminates the ability to spot zone property from an R1 to an R2.

She said in the case of townhouses where it is intended that each unit be located on a separate lot with individual access to a public street a rezoning to an R5 townhouse zone can be considered. If it is intended that the townhouses be developed on a private driveway with one shared access then a development agreement provision is used. In terms of future apartments the plan provides two approaches. If it is intended that six or less units to be constructed then council may consider the proposal by a rezoning to an R4 zone. If the proposed apartment building is to have more than six units then a development agreement is used. The development agreement offers the opportunity to carefully plan all aspects of the project and to negotiate with the developer in order to provide for adequate outdoor areas for

tenants. It deals with architectural elements and basically provides better overall site design than may be achieved by simply applying an apartment zone on the property.

Schools, churches, hospitals and other larger scale institutional and community uses will be now considered by rezoning rather than permitted by right which is currently the case. The rezoning option will give residents surrounding a proposed institutional use the opportunity to have input on how this use may affect their neighbourhood. Other facilities in the community such as medical clinics, larger day care facilities and residential care facilities may be considered by development agreement. Small commercial uses such as convenience stores will no longer be considered by rezoning rather a development agreement approach will be used to ensure better compatibility with the neighbourhood. The floor area of for such small scale uses will be limited to two thousand square feet. One area where a transition from residential to commercial development is taking place is the Western portion of Sackville Drive. In those areas the plan will consider certain commercial uses by development agreement specifically those properties must have frontage and direct access on to Sackville Drive. Residential areas along Cobequid Road commercial uses may be considered by development agreement in those areas provided the property has frontage and direct access to Cobequid Road. She said this is eliminating the possibility of these uses going back into the residential areas. They are to be on the main roads.

Mobile dwellings will only be permitted in mobile home parks in the serviced areas and in unserviced areas they may be considered by rezoning to an R3 mobile dwelling zone.

She said in the unserviced areas currently beyond the serviceable boundary the intention is to recognize the semi rural character and this designation supports low density forms of housing as well as permitted some agricultural and resource uses. The base zone in the Rural Residential is an R6 Rural Residential zone. A new zone has been developed which will allow a developer to create a low density residential environment in the unserviced area yet exclude some of the more rural uses such as livestock. This will allow council to consider a more restrictive zone in the rural area and allow a more suburban style of development to occur. With respect to commercial development, the policies for commercial focus in three areas. The commercial corridor designation is found primarily along Sackville Drive between Beaverbank Road and Highway 102. The other major commercial area is the business park. The third is areas at key intersections which are intended to provide sort of an intermediate level commercial called community commercial designations.

The commercial corridor follows along Sackville Drive and it contains a diverse mix of commercial uses and essentially this

will continue. Apartments in this area are currently permitted by right. It is intended that they now be only be considered by development agreement. In the business park the zone will encourage a wide range of commercial uses as well as light manufacturing and light industrial sort of uses. In addition an area which is privately owned land to the north of the business park has also been included with the business park designation and zoned for commercial and light industrial uses. It is anticipated that with the completion of the Glendale Extension through to Cobequid Road this area will develop and these lands are there for business park expansion. Secondary commercial development is provided for by the community commercial designation. Uses in these zones are limited to ten thousand square feet by right. Anything larger by development agreement. They are intended to service the smaller neighbourhoods so providing a range of service that people need on a daily basis. The community facility designation is applied to large recreation areas and facilities such as schools and cemeteries etc. Open space lands which surrounds lakes and watercourses are also included. One of the most significant land areas contained within the community facility designation are the lands around Second Lake which have been included within the new park reserve zone.

While some of the lands are contained within the community facility designation but not presently owned by the municipality these areas constitute priority areas for acquisition. Other lands within the community facility designation which are priority areas are First Lake, Feely Lake and Little Lake as well as the land along the main Sackville and Little Sackville Rivers.

The final designation is the flood plain designation. That follows along the main Sackville River and is applied to those areas which were identified through the Federal/Provincial flood risk mapping. Along the main Sackville River in the flood plain designation addition controls on development are required when developing these environmentally sensitive lands.

She said there are a few new policies in the plan with regards to recreation. First policies encouraging bicycle paths, pedestrian walkways to be included in future development. Council work with local groups and support community initiatives towards providing conservation corridors and public access to Sackville's watercourses. Council cooperate with the province in establishing a park on Second Lake. Integral to any plan will be the preparation of a recreation master plan which will identify areas most in need of recreation facilities and lands and work towards a goal of providing all residents with access to a variety of facilities and opportunities. The new plan supports the preparation of a recreation master plan. In terms of educational services, new policies are included in support of

after hours day care for school age children. Support for community schools and adult day schools. A new policy promoting Sackville as a location for a community college or centre for advanced learning. The Sackville Heritage society and the Fultz Corner Restoration Society are recognized and supported in their efforts.

The Little Sackville River is not included in the Flood Plain designation however development bordering this river is controlled by development agreement. The main change is accessory buildings which would be permitted in conjunction with residential uses such sheds and garages will no longer be subject to development agreement as is presently the case. In protecting Sackville's watercourses council will also consult with special interest groups to gain their input and expertise regarding development along the waterways. In transportation matters council will support public transit service and para transit service and monitor the adequacy of such services on an on going basis. Council will also monitor the adequacy of emergency and protection services. Council will encourage the provinces cooperation in providing pedways in key areas to improve overall pedestrian safety. In addition, council will work with the Town of Bedford in establishing safe bicycle and pedestrian access between the two communities.

The new plan emphasises the importance of completing the Sackville expressway through to Cobequid Road as well council will work towards restrictions on on street parking and restricting truck traffic from residential areas. There are no major changes to Health Services section specifically dealing with the serviceable boundary. With the decision on the expansion to the Mill Cove Treatment Plant the inclusion of additional areas will be considered if additional capacity comes available. The only extension proposed at this time is to the north of the existing Sackville Business Park to include additional lands for park expansion. The new servicing map will also be included in the Subdivision By-law.

The plan supports the adoption of a grading and drainage by-law to reduce erosion and sedimentation into watercourses. In addition the province has asked to enforce compliance with their environmental construction practice specifications. Support is included in the new plan for community based recycling efforts and the investigation of programs for waste reduction and reclamation.

Councillor Harvey said he felt there are a couple of loose ends that council may want to consider at this time. One of them has to do with the Second Lake area which is largely owned by the Province of Nova Scotia through the Department of Housing which has been the subject of negotiation between the Province and the community for some period of time and most members of council are

aware that there is a Second Lake Land Use Report. He said he wanted to raise something in regard to this and referred to page 111 concept plan No. 3(a). He said this referred to neighbourhoods. He said neighbourhoods 3 and 4 are shown on the map as being P-4. Due to negotiations they are now part of the 390 acres intended use as Park Reserve. He brought councils attention to neighbourhood 1 and 2. He said it would seem to him that perhaps this area should be in some way highlighted or protected in terms of its development and in terms of the sensitivity of the environment there. Because the Second Lake Report does flag this area as environmentally sensitive for any kind of development the possibility of a CDD designation rather than R1 should be applied to neighbourhoods 1 and 2 to ensure that the sensitivity of that area is regarded when development is considered. He said another possibility would be a general policy inclusion which would encourage that kind of development there and flag it for future developers whether government or private developers.

Mayor Lichter said staff could be asked to include the suggestion before the advertisement goes out so that anyone who views the documents would be well aware of what is intended for the public hearing.

Councillor Harvey said he feels that this land should be treated in a special way in keeping with the Second Lake Land Use Report.

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

"THAT NEIGHBOURHOODS 1 AND 2 BE GIVEN THE DESIGNATION OF A CDD RATHER THAN R1"

Councillor Harvey said the Sackville Council accepted the report and were part of the recommendations that came out of it. He said it is a long report which has a lot of data but much of that data was provincially generated and does not necessarily reflect the Sackville Council views. He said although they accepted the recommendations that came out of the report does not mean they are responsible for the data that is in it. That was generated by the other side of the table to justify their position.

MOTION CARRIED

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

"THAT THE LANDS OF DAVID MAJOR LOCATED OFF SEAWOOD AVENUE BE ZONED FROM R2 TO R4"

MOTION CARRIED

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

'THAT IN ORDER TO RECOGNIZE A SEVENTEEN ACRE SITE ON FIRST LAKE DRIVE, ADJACENT TO THE EDDIE LEBLANC FIELD, AS THE FUTURE SITE FOR THE EXTENDED CARE SENIORS COMPLEX WITH ENRICHED HOUSING AND THAT THESE LANDS BE ZONED P2 (COMMUNITY FACILITY). FURTHER RECOMMEND INCLUDING THE AREA WITHIN THE COMMUNITY FACILITY DESIGNATION AND ADDING EXTENDED CARE SENIORS FACILITY TO THE LIST OF P2 ZONE PERMITTED USES. FURTHER THAT THE TERMS EXTENDED CARE SENIORS FACILITY PROVIDE LEVEL 2 AND LEVEL 3 CARE BE INCORPORATED INTO THE DEFINITIONS OF RESIDENTIAL CARE FACILITY"

MOTION CARRIED

DATE FOR PUBLIC HEARING TO ADOPT THE MUNICIPAL PLANNING STRATEGY AND LAND USE BY-LAW

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

"THAT THE PUBLIC HEARING BE SET FOR FEBRUARY 14, 1994 AT 7:00 P.M. TO BE HELD IN THE SACKVILLE FIRE HALL"

MOTION CARRIED

ADJOURNMENT

It was moved by Councillor Peters:

"THAT THE MEETING BE ADJOURNED"

MOTION CARRIED

COUNCIL SESSION

January 18, 1994

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 Snow
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
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. Reinhardt called roll.

APPOINTMENT OF RECORDING SECRETARY

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

"THAT JULIA HORNCastle BE APPOINTED AS RECORDING SECRETARY"

MOTION CARRIED

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

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

"THAT THE MINUTES OF THE NOVEMBER 01, 1993 COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE BE APPROVED"

MOTION CARRIED

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

"THAT THE MINUTES OF THE NOVEMBER 29, 1993 COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE BE APPROVED"

MOTION CARRIED

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

"THAT THE MINUTES OF THE DECEMBER 6, 1993 COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE BE APPROVED"

MOTION CARRIED

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

"THAT THE MINUTES OF THE NOVEMBER 29, 1993 JOINT COUNCIL SESSION BE APPROVED"

MOTION CARRIED

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

"THAT THE MINUTES OF THE DECEMBER 7, 1993 COUNCIL SESSION BE APPROVED"

MOTION CARRIED

1. Mayor Lichter referred to letters relating to the acquisition of the Sackville Town Centre. The letters were from Tina Kelly-Garnet, President, Sackville Chamber of Commerce; Thomas A. Robertson, Halifax County Business Association and Andrew Payzant, Chairman, Sackville Economic Development Office.

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

"THAT THE LETTERS BE RECEIVED"

MOTION CARRIED

Representatives from the three groups addressed council.

2. Mayor Lichter outlined a letter from Mrs. Rosemary Eaton expressing her opposition to the proposed move to Sackville.

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

"THAT THE LETTER BE RECEIVED"

MOTION CARRIED

3. Mr. Reinhardt outlined a letter from Mr. Ken Martin in opposition to the proposed move to Sackville.

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

"THAT THE LETTER BE RECEIVED"

MOTION CARRIED

4. Mr. Reinhardt outlined a letter from the Cole Harbour/Westphal Business Committee in opposition to the proposed move to Sackville.

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

"THAT THE LETTER BE RECEIVED"

MOTION CARRIED

5. Mr. Reinhardt outlined a letter from the Halifax County Business Association in opposition to the proposed move to Sackville.

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

"THAT THE LETTER BE RECEIVED"

MOTION CARRIED

6. Mayor Lichter outlined a letter of interest from the three businesses presently located in the Sackville Town Centre. He said these letters expressed some interest to receive favourable arrangements so that they remain in the same building if Halifax County does make the move.

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

"THAT THE LETTERS BE RECEIVED"

MOTION CARRIED

Mayor Lichter referenced the Memorandum from Mr. Meech dated January 11, 1994.

Councillor Barnet asked if the municipality pays taxes on the present property.

Mr. Meech said there are no taxes paid on this particular property. He said Halifax County would assume that it would lose the \$46,000 for the Sackville Town Centre. If property is leased to IGA for

example they would still be required to pay taxes on their particular portion of the facility they would be utilizing.

Councillor Harvey asked if the leased space was taking into account the enlarged space that would be used in the new library facility.

Mr. Meech said the figures makes the assumption that there would be a minimum of an additional 12,000 sq. ft. for the library. He said the headquarters would be in addition to that.

Deputy Mayor Bates asked if Halifax County included square footage for Social Services.

Mr. Meech said it was assumed that Halifax County would still be housing Social Services. He said to counter this there is an expression from existing tenants in the building for space between six and nine thousand square feet. He said in terms of increased space the assumption is that Halifax County would hope that in the detailed planning part of the area, closest to the IGA, would be reserved for service and retail kinds of businesses.

Councillor Ball stated that a process of decentralization has been done to enhance various satellite offices. He asked if the present facility was closed down what are the cost implications of servicing the Western and Eastern part of Halifax County. He asked it there really was a leasehold saving or was the county just trading that for another leaseholding in another part of the municipality to serve other people.

Mr. Meech said they are presently in the process of trying to develop that information. He said from experience in decentralization and given the fact that the county now has technology available it is his view that the county should be able to provide better access to the services. He said this may be accomplished by allowing people access to a general information office that may be manned by one person or done in combination with the library whereby they have access to telephones, computers and fax machines. He said it is his belief, at this point, that what economies of scale the county should be able to accomplish by consolidating some of the operations should give enough savings to offset any of those costs.

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

"THAT THE REPORT BE RECEIVED"

MOTION CARRIED

NOTICE OF MOTION TO RESCIND THE DECEMBER 7, 1993 RESOLUTION
AUTHORIZING THE ACQUISITION OF THE SACKVILLE TOWN CENTRE -
COUNCILLOR MCINROY

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

"THAT COUNCIL RESCIND ITS MOTION OF DECEMBER 7, 1993
AUTHORIZING THE ACQUISITION OF THE SACKVILLE TOWN CENTRE"

Councillor McInroy said he is in agreement with Halifax County reviewing its office space requirements and he supports the consolidation of those requirements giving more focus and profile to the municipality's operations in Sackville. He said he does not support the pending purchase and renovation of the Sackville Town Centre to achieve those goals. He said he has introduced the motion because it has been acknowledged that there is uncertainty about municipal government services in Halifax County, Metro and elsewhere in the province. The uncertainty as to what the county is going to be responsible for, where it will be best located to serve the people with whatever services they require, is the municipality going to be contracting services and is it going to be required to be physically located in certain areas. He said the municipality is probably not going to require all the current physical locations that it occupies. He said there would be tax increase implications and financial risks. He said if renovation costs exceed what is projected that would be coming from the taxpayers.

Councillor Ball said the risk factor is extremely high and he will be voting in favour of the motion.

Councillor Merrigan said he will not be supporting the motion. He said if the county is not willing to take risks the people of Halifax County would not have any services. He said this move would give spinoffs and help the community of Sackville to grow. He said he feels this project should be in the county of Halifax.

Councillor Sutherland said he feels Halifax County will be receiving excellent value for its investment. He said the building is approximately twenty years old located on a thirteen acre site that at some point may be subdivided.

Councillor Boutilier said he previously supported the move. He said he supported the process when Sackville wasn't picked as a site. He supported going out and looking for space based on the needs of the municipality. He said he does not see any reason why this municipality could not seize the opportunity to have a mix of the commercial and retail space in the facility the municipal government will be run from. He said he believes in the process Mr. Meech has gone through and when Mr. Meech recommends to council that council should proceed then he is supportive.

Councillor Bayers said he would be supporting the motion to rescind. He said there will be space available when the assessment department moves to its new location as well as space available in the Egan Building. He said he had asked what type of services

could be provided for the Eastern and Western Subsections and to date he has heard nothing. He said the only reference was to the installation of a telephone into an office. He does not see this as being satisfactory. He said he feels it is time for council, by defeating the move to Sackville, to say they are prepared to save any expense to the taxpayer. He said he would ask council to take rural areas into consideration when talking about moving to Sackville.

Deputy Mayor Bates said because of the subsequent information that came to light particularly with regards to social services he will be supporting the motion. He said he does not feel that the risk factor will be any more next year as compared to this year. He said he does not think that the premises will be bought up between now and next year. He said he believes the window of opportunity will be there and it would be prudent for council to maybe even take an option on it for a couple of years until the municipality finds out how the changes by the provincial government will affect Halifax County. He said at this time there are no definite costs available as to what it will cost to serve the Western and Eastern sections of Halifax County. He said there are no answers on the amount of space that will be required, whether less for social services and more for transportation.

Councillor Peters said she will not be supporting the motion. She said she continues to support this move. She said all information to date has been in camera. She said the potential of that site has now been made clear. She said the need was recognized that facilities were needed in Sackville and Cole Harbour to service them better. She said the numbers indicate that it will be making money. She said council was aware of the financial position of the municipality when it made its decision on December 7 and she is asking council do it again.

Councillor Randall said he will be supporting the motion. He said he believes that the present building is a functional building. He said office space will be available. He said maybe in a couple of years there may be a better idea of what kind of changes will be seen as result of municipal reform. He said maybe at that time a more realistic look and approach can be taken. He said he does not think the taxpayers should be further burdened at this time. He does not feel that this kind of undertaking at this time is justified.

Councillor Snow said he will be voting for the motion. He said he does not believe that the county of Halifax will crumble if it is not moved to Sackville. He said he is of the opinion that sooner or later Sackville will be on its own. He said he will not support a move that will increase taxes.

Councillor Deveaux said he is not in opposition to a move to Sackville but he will be supporting the motion and maybe other

options could be looked at in order to further look at the issue and maybe in six months the county may be in a better position to make a decision at that time.

Councillor Harvey said he believes that in supporting this proposal and opposing the motion would be a clear demonstration of faith and optimism in the municipality's future. He said there are risks and variables but the speakers are assuming that the variables are going to be on the negative side. He said a number of these variables may turn out to be on the positive side such that the cost of renovation might be less than the estimate and the demand for lease space be greater than can be accommodated. He said he believes this proposal is good for all of Halifax County.

Mayor Lichter said he will not support the motion. He said he took an oath to serve the best interest of the municipality and not just that of his district and to accept majority decision. He said the best interest of the municipality is that council show unity and, in spite of what perception might be, do what is right. He said there was discussion on an attempt by Sackville to leave Halifax County and form another municipality. He said at that Cole Harbour/Westphal also indicated that they might leave Halifax County to become part of Dartmouth. He said at that time \$1.5 million dollars was provided to Cole Harbour for their facility. He said although it was not in the best interest of all districts, the majority voted to provide the funds. He said safeguards were built in. He said that Councillor McInroy indicated at the time the money was provided that if anywhere in Halifax County somebody proposes to put up a building and the municipality can contribute, in lieu of rent, he would support it. He said what was indicated at that time that the money the county paid is in lieu of rent for 20,500 sq. ft. of space, 10,500 to serve the municipality and 10,000 to serve the library. He said rent is being paid to Cole Harbour in the amount of \$276,000. approximately. He said what he is saying is that Halifax County can't say on the one hand we don't want an increase on taxes but we do want to maintain services outside if you say there is so much space available in this building. He said he has and will accept a majority decision.

He said council had all the facts. All the provincial plans. All the financial picture. He said council made the decision to make the move subject to two conditions. He said he does not have any difficulty with having second thoughts but he does not want to mislead the public and the business community to believe that if this move is not going to be made there is not going to be any kind of a tax increase. He said unfortunately, there will be and it will be more substantial than what this particular project will ever create.

Councillor McInroy said this is the first opportunity council has had to publicly debate the issue. He said he had raised concerns at the Committee of the Whole session.

Councillor Hendsbee and Councillor Bayers requested a recorded vote.

<u>Councillor</u>	<u>District</u>	<u>For/Against</u>
Councillor Meade	1	For
Councillor Rankin	2	For
Councillor Fralick	3	For
Councillor Mitchell	4	Against
Councillor Ball	5	For
Councillor Deveaux	6	For
Deputy Mayor Bates	7	For
Councillor Hendsbee	8	For
Councillor Randall	9	For
Councillor Bayers	10	For
Councillor Smiley	11	For
Seat Vacant	12	---
Mayor Lichter	13	Against
Councillor Peters	14	Against
Councillor Merrigan	15	Against
Councillor Brill	16	Against
Councillor Snow	17	For
Councillor Giffin	18	Against
Councillor Barnet	19	Against
Councillor Boutilier	20	Against
Councillor Harvey	21	Against
Councillor Sutherland	22	Against
Councillor Turner	23	For
Councillor McInroy	24	For
Councillor Cooper	25	For

MOTION CARRIED14 IN FAVOUR10 AGAINST

Councillor Peters asked if it would be appropriate to give notice that she would like to bring the original motion of December 7, 1993 back at the next council session.

Mayor Lichter said to bring it back would, in his opinion, be futile as council has made its decision. He said the majority has decided. He said if someone wishes to put it on an agenda at a later date he would have no difficulty with this.

Councillor Merrigan said he would suggest that staff be requested to look at the concerns, address those concerns if they can be addressed, and then deal with a motion at that time.

Mayor Lichter said he understands what Councillor Peters and Councillor Merrigan are trying to achieve. He said council has come to the point where it has said no.

Councillor Merrigan said some of the councillors had concerns and if those matters can be address to satisfy those councillors then he feels a new vote should be called.

Councillor Peters said she feels concerns must be addressed. If on February 1 the councillors that voted in favour of the rescindment, because of those concerns, continue to hold that vote and opinion then that is fine. She some of the concerns was with regards to space and cost factors. She said answers were not available from staff to address those issues. She asked if there was any way Halifax County could get an extended option until the fall with first right of refusal.

Councillor McInroy said he would suggest that perhaps Mr. Meech could take under advisement what has been discussed at this meeting and come back to council.

Mayor Lichter asked Mr. Meech if he felt that by next council session he could come back and in some way address those concerns expressed.

Mr. Meech said one of the major issues raised was the speculation as to whether in fact municipal reform is going to take place. He said there are obviously going to be risks whether Halifax County does it directly or whether or not it enters into an agreement with a private sector developer because they are going to need a minimum commitment in terms of leasing for "x" amount of space. He said it seems to him that it becomes more saleable in that kind of a package. He said he has been a strong proponent to decentralization to make services more accessible. He said that with the decentralization in Sackville he has found that the decentralization itself has become so fragmented that what is happening is that it is not efficient anymore in terms of the county's ability to deliver services. He said he believes there will be some opportunities for some economies of scale if Halifax County can get this consolidation. He said if things remain as they are as a minimum some of those fragmented offices will have to be consolidated. He said there is a need for a new library in Sackville which is going to require additional space. He said if council is not prepared to take risks then the decision that was made was probably the right one. He said if council is in agreement that they want him to take another look at this then he is prepared to do this.

Councillor Boutilier said there was a vote on this in December and in the interim some councillors changed their mind. He said as far as he is concerned it is over. Whether council goes another two weeks and have another proposal come back, he feels that it should be over with at tonights meeting.

Councillor McInroy said he thinks it is important to note that this is the first public debate. He said if Mr. Meech would like to

come back at some future date with additional information it be tabled with councillors so that they are given a reasonable period of time to reflect, consider and inquire about what is put forward.

Mayor Lichter said he wanted to clarify that the issue was dealt with in camera because of financial considerations and council did not want to have the negotiations for the price take place publicly. He said during the in camera session every councillor had opportunity, as much as they wanted to, to debate the issue.

Deputy Mayor Bates said he can understand Mr. Meech being in a quandary trying to satisfy council that all those things that are now being put forward by the provincial government as being areas that there could be changes in because how is council suppose to know how the county is going to be affected. He asked a question may be is Halifax County doing something that may be flying in the face of what they are doing. He said it is not just one item but a whole array of things that have been brought forward by todays discussion.

Councillor Peters said she would like to have this come back at the second session of council in February. She said she does not want the county to lose the option on the Town Centre in the interim. She said she feels there were enough questions asked that should be answered.

LETTERS AND CORRESPONDENCE

1. Mr. Reinhardt outlined a memo from UNSM with regards to the report of the task force on incomes and adjustments in the atlantic fishery.

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

"THAT THE LETTER BE RECEIVED"

MOTION CARRIED

Mayor Lichter said he would suggest that a small volunteer group be set up to address the issue.

The following councillors volunteered to form a committee:

Councillor Deveaux
Councillor Fralick
Councillor Bayers

2. Mr. Reinhardt outlined a letter from Stephen O'Leary regarding the Armoyan Group Rezoning - Timberlea.

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

"THAT THE LETTER BE RECEIVED"

MOTION CARRIED

3. Mr. Reinhardt outlined a letter from the FCM on Municipal Action on Infrastructure.

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

"THAT THE LETTER BE RECEIVED"

MOTION CARRIED

4. Mr. Reinhardt outlined a letter from the Department of Municipal Affairs with regards to the Proposed Merger of Metro Offices.

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

"THAT THE LETTER BE RECEIVED"

MOTION CARRIED

5. Mr. Reinhardt outlined a proclamation with regards to council declaring January as Alzheimer Awareness Month.

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

"THAT COUNCIL RECEIVE THE LETTER AND DECLARE JANUARY AS ALZHEIMER AWARENESS MONTH"

MOTION CARRIED

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPORT

A By-law #13, A by-law respecting dogs

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

"THAT NOTICE OF INTENTION OF FIRST READING BE GIVEN FOR THE FEBRUARY 1, 1994 SESSION"

MOTION CARRIED

Designation of Offenses Pursuant to the Summary Proceedings Act

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

"THAT COUNCIL APPROVE, IN PRINCIPAL, PROCEEDING WITH THE DESIGNATION OF OFFENSES PURSUANT TO THE SUMMARY PROCEEDINGS ACT TO PERMIT STAFF TO ISSUE SUMMARY OFFENSE

TICKETS"

Mayor Lichter said the recommendation could be accepted by council with the proviso that a staff report would come back to council for final approval so that council would know what kind of items would be included.

This was agreed by council.

MOTION CARRIED

Woodbine Connection Agreement

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

"THAT COUNCIL APPROVE EXECUTION OF THE AGREEMENT SUBJECT TO THE ADDITION TO THE PREAMBLE AS OUTLINED IN THE MEMORANDUM FROM THE SACKVILLE COMMUNITY COUNCIL"

MOTION CARRIED

Pension Contribution Holiday Fund Report

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

"THAT COUNCIL APPROVE THE ADOPTION OF THE ALLOCATIONS AS OUTLINED IN THE STAFF REPORT DATED DECEMBER 3, 1993"

MOTION CARRIED

Capital Grant Requests

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

"THAT COUNCIL APPROVE THE FOLLOWING CAPITAL GRANT REQUESTS:

District Capital Grant, District 2, \$300.00
District Capital Grant, District 16, \$1,633.44
District Parkland Grant, District 16, \$366.56
District Parkland Grant, District 24, \$7,500.00

MOTION CARRIED

Banking Service

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

"THAT COUNCIL NOT PREPARE FOR A PROPOSAL CALL AT THIS TIME AND ENDORSE HALIFAX COUNTY CONTINUING WITH THE SERVICES PROVIDED BY THE ROYAL BANK"

MOTION CARRIED

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE RECOMMENDATION

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

"THAT COUNCIL, CONSIDERING THE EXISTING FINANCIAL SITUATION FACING THE MUNICIPALITY, REQUEST THAT EACH DEPARTMENT DO WHATEVER THEY CAN TO REDUCE DISCRETIONARY EXPENDITURES FOR THE REMAINDER OF THE 1993/94 BUDGET YEAR"

MOTION CARRIED

NOTICE OF INTENT TO CONSIDER A PROPOSED BY-LAW AMENDMENT - BY-LAW #46

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

"THAT NOTICE OF INTENT BE GIVEN TO CONSIDER FIRST READING OF A PROPOSED BY-LAW AMENDMENT - BY-LAW #46 AT THE FEBRUARY 1, 1994 SESSION"

MOTION CARRIED

APPOINTMENT OF NON-COUNCIL MEMBER TO BOARD OF HEALTH

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

"THAT LEO PEDDLE BE NOMINATED"

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

"THAT RAYMOND DEROCHE BE NOMINATED"

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

"THAT SHIRLEY LANDER BE NOMINATED"

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

"THAT LEO PEDDLE, BY RECORDED RESOLUTION, BE APPOINTED AS NON-COUNCIL MEMBER TO THE BOARD OF HEALTH"

MOTION CARRIED

RATIFICATION OF APPROVED DISTRICT CAPITAL GRANTS

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

"THAT COUNCIL RATIFY THE APPROVED DISTRICT CAPITAL GRANTS"

MOTION CARRIED

Downsizing Hospitals - Councillor Brill

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

"THAT A LETTER BE WRITTEN TO THE HONOURABLE RON SEWART, MINISTER OF HEALTH, EXPRESSING COUNCIL'S CONCERN ABOUT DOWNSIZING HOSPITALS AND WHEN HALIFAX COUNTY CAN EXPECT ADDITIONAL FUNDS TO EXPAND THE HOMEMAKER SERVICE"

Councillor Brill said it has come to his attention that residents of Sackville and other districts of Halifax County are being released from hospitals much earlier than before but with no community support. He said family members are now expected to provide care for dependents which until recently was provided in the hospital. He said more homemaker services are required as well as respite care. He said at the present time a person may have to wait six to eight months for this service. Hospital budgets are being reduced therefore some of these savings should be transferred to the appropriate municipality now and not in April of 1995.

MOTION CARRIED

LETTERS AND CORRESPONDENCE - JANUARY 18, 1995

1. Mr. Reinhardt outlined a letter from Mr. James Reid tendering his resignation as a member of the Planning Advisory Committee.

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

"THAT THE LETTER BE RECEIVED"

MOTION CARRIED

2. Mr. Reinhardt outlined a letter from the Department of Municipal Affairs in response to council's letter of December 8, 1993 concerning the Mill Cove Sewage Treatment Plant Expansion Project.

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

"THAT THE LETTER BE RECEIVED"

MOTION CARRIED

Councillor Cooper said he has some concerns with this letter. He asked what reasoning was behind what appears to be the provincial governments intention to limit their participation under the one

third cost sharing to about 17% by asking the municipalities to come up with the larger amount.

Mayor Lichter said that when Halifax County originally applied for the Mill Cove Sewage Treatment Plant Expansion the county asked for a 75% cost sharing. Further negotiations that went on between the department and the municipality there was some indication that the county would be quite happy if it was able to get 50% cost sharing knowing that would be a realistic situation based on the financial situation of the province. Since then the infrastructure program came out and municipal affairs are looking at it from the point of view that the sixty nine million dollars from the federal government is an amount that they cannot fully match with new dollars so they will have to do some innovative financing. He said the solution in this particular case may be to have them take the 33% from the federal government, top it off in order to reach the 50% which they have originally indicated would be the maximum they could do.

Councillor Cooper said the letter mentioned reduction in effluent quality standard. He asked what the province was trying to say in regard to that.

Mr. Meech said what is being suggested is trying to accomplish more capacity for the same amount of money. He said, at the preliminary design stage, it was anticipated that it would eventually have the capacity of nine million gallons a day. He said what is being examined now is that if the effluent standards are lowered from 20/20 to 30/30 it might be possible to accomplish a ten million gallon ultimate capacity. He said also the receiving waters will be the basin or the ocean as opposed to a fresh water stream. He said there are some further studies being done in consultation with the regulatory authorities to see whether in fact that would be acceptable.

Councillor Cooper said he has concern that the province is pressing for the county to reduce standards while trying to clean up the harbour.

3. Mr. Reinhardt outlined a letter from FCM with regards to a request for resolutions for consideration at the March, 1994 meeting of the FCM national board of directors or at the annual conference in June 1994.

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

"THAT THE LETTER BE RECEIVED"

MOTION CARRIED

Mayor Lichter said if any of the councillors had resolutions they would like to be passed on to FCM could they get them to him by

January 28.

4. Mr. Reinhardt outlined a letter from the Department of Education with regards to school construction within Halifax County.

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

"THAT THE LETTER BE RECEIVED"

MOTION CARRIED

Councillor Rankin said this was in reply to a resolution of the Western Community Committee.

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

"THAT A LETTER BE SENT TO MR. NAUSS, WITH COPIES TO THE SCHOOL BOARD, INDICATING THAT THEIR RESPONSE IS APPRECIATED AND ENCOURAGE THAT THEY ARE GOING TO ACTUALLY REFLECT THE CRITERIA TO TAKE INTO ACCOUNT THE RESIDENTIAL GROWTH IN HALIFAX COUNTY"

MOTION CARRIED

5. Mr. Reinhardt outlined a letter from the Halifax Harbour Cleanup Corporation with regards to council request for HHCI minutes.

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

"THAT THE LETTER BE RECEIVED"

MOTION CARRIED

Councillor Cooper asked when this request was received by Halifax Harbour Cleanup was it addressed by the Board or just answered by Mr. Calda.

Mr. Meech said his recollection is that this latest request did not in fact go before the Board. He said the previous request had gone before the Board.

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

"THAT THIS REQUEST BE RESUBMITTED TO THE HHCI BOARD INDICATING THE CHANGE IN LEGAL STATUS OF THE BRIDGE COMMISSION AS THE BASIS FOR THE HALIFAX HARBOUR CLEANUP TO RECONSIDER RELEASING TO THIS COUNCIL THEIR MINUTES. FURTHER HE WOULD REQUEST THAT MR. MEECH ENSURE THAT IT IS TAKEN TO THE BOARD AND THAT POSITION PUT FORWARD"

Mayor Lichter said the letter should go to the Board in care of Mr. Calda and in that way he has no other way to reply to it than to submit it to the Board. He does not feel Mr. Meech should be made responsible.

Mr. Meech said maybe it should be directed to the minister who is responsible for the harbour cleanup, the Honourable J. Abbass and ask him if he is prepared to direct the Board to make those minutes available.

Councillor Cooper agreed that the motion be amended.

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

"THAT A LETTER BE WRITTEN TO THE HONOURABLE J. ABBASS REQUESTING THAT THE MINUTES OF THE HALIFAX HARBOUR CLEANUP BOARD BE MADE AVAILABLE TO MUNICIPAL COUNCIL"

MOTION CARRIED

6. Mr. Reinhardt outlined a letter from Five Star Community Awards inviting Halifax County to apply for the 1994 Five Star Community Awards in recognition of a community's accomplishments in removing barriers to participation for Canadians with disabilities.

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

"THAT THE LETTER BE RECEIVED"

MOTION CARRIED

7. Mr. Reinhardt outlined a letter from the Department of Housing with regards to a request for senior citizens housing in the Sackville community.

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

"THAT THE LETTER BE RECEIVED"

MOTION CARRIED

Councillor Rankin said the government, in their April budget, gave notice that they would terminate social housing as of January 1. He said council and FCM has stated that the federal government has to remain in the housing field.

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

"THAT A LETTER BE WRITTEN, WITH A COPY TO UNSM, LOCAL MP'S, LOCAL MLA'S AND THE MINISTER OF HOUSING, TO THE HONOURABLE DAVID DINGWALL ASKING TO RESTORE SOCIAL

HOUSING INCLUDING IMPORTANT PUBLIC NON PROFIT AND RAPP
FUNDING PROGRAM"

MOTION CARRIED

SUPPLEMENTARY LETTERS AND CORRESPONDENCE

1. Mr. Reinhardt outlined a letter from Carol Morrison, Mobile Home, Travel Trailer & Parks Association of Nova Scotia concerning a recent amendment to By-law #25.

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

"THAT THE LETTER BE RECEIVED"

MOTION CARRIED

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

"THAT THE LETTER BE REFERRED TO THE PLANNING ADVISORY COMMITTEE"

MOTION CARRIED

2. Mr. Reinhardt outlined a letter from BFI concerning their presentation to Halifax City Council concerning future waste management strategy for the metro area.

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

"THAT THE LETTER BE RECEIVED"

MOTION CARRIED

PLANNING ADVISORY COMMITTEE REPORT

Staff report and memo re: Rezoning Application by Michael Furlong and Amendments to Zoning By-law No. 24

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

"THAT THE REZONING APPLICATION AND THE PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO THE ZONING BY-LAW NO. 24 BE APPROVED AND THAT A PUBLIC HEARING BE SCHEDULED FOR FEBRUARY 7, 1994 AT 6:00 P.M."

MOTION CARRIED

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

"THAT THE \$600.00 ADVERTISING DEPOSIT AND PROCESSING FEE

BE WAIVED"

MOTION CARRIED

File No. DA-FEN-05-93-15 - Application by Lane MacDonald to enter into a development agreement with the Municipality to allow for a commercial recreational fishing facility at 324 Tucker Lake Road, Beaver Bank.

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

"THAT THE APPLICATION BE APPROVED AND THAT A PUBLIC HEARING BE SCHEDULED FOR FEBRUARY 7, 1994, AT 6:00 P.M."

MOTION CARRIED

File No.'s RA-F&S-04-93-17/ZA-F&S-16-93 - Rezoning Application by Laurie Baker; Amendments to the provisions and requirements of the Land Use By-law for Planning District 14 & 17

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

"THAT THIS ITEM BE REFERRED BACK TO THE MUNICIPAL PLANNING ADVISORY COMMITTEE FOR FURTHER DELIBERATION"

MOTION CARRIED

Memorandum and Report from the Heritage Advisory Committee re: Designating the St. John's Anglican Church in Peggy's Cove as a Municipal Heritage Property.

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

"THAT THE ST. JOHN'S ANGLICAN CHURCH IN PEGGY'S COVE BE DESIGNATED AS A MUNICIPAL HERITAGE PROPERTY AND THAT THE HEARING BE HELD ON FEBRUARY 1, 1994"

MOTION CARRIED

Memo - Waiving of Advertising Deposit and Processing Fee - Keith D. Williams

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

"THAT THE ADVERTISING DEPOSIT AND PROCESSING FEE FOR MR. KEITH D. WILLIAMS BE WAIVED"

MOTION CARRIED

Addendum Staff Report - File No.'s PA-PD5-15-92 and ZA-PD5-15-92 - Amendments to the Municipal Planning Strategy and Land Use By-law for Planning District 5 to implement Option 2 of the October 18th staff report.

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

"THAT A PUBLIC HEARING BE SCHEDULED FOR THE PLAN AMENDMENT ON FEBRUARY 28, 1994, AT 6:00 P.M."

MOTION CARRIED

File No. ZA-TLB-18-83 - Amendments to the Land Use By-law for Timberlea/Lakeside/Beechville to permit commercial entertainment uses in the I-1 zone, except on I-1 zoned properties located south of the St. Margarets Bay Road

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

"THAT A PUBLIC HEARING BE HELD ON THESE AMENDMENTS ON FEBRUARY 7, 1994, AT 6:00 P.M."

MOTION CARRIED

CDD Agreement - Heritage Hills

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

"THAT COUNCIL DEFER CONSIDERATION OF CONCEPT 5.2 UNTIL AFTER THE MUNICIPAL PLANNING ADVISORY COMMITTEE'S NEXT MEETING ON JANUARY 24, 1994"

MOTION CARRIED

Order from the Nova Scotia Utility and Review Board - Appeal by Armoyan Group Limited

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

"THAT THE ORDER BE RECEIVED"

MOTION CARRIED

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPORT

Charter Amendments

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

"THAT COUNCIL APPROVE AMENDMENTS AS OUTLINED IN THE STAFF REPORT WITH THE DELETION OF ITEM #7 - COUNCILLORS

PENSIONS AND ALSO ITEM #13 - REGULATION OF TOBACCO SMOKING PENDING CLARIFICATION OF THE LANGUAGE OF THIS ITEM"

MOTION CARRIED

**Note: Mayor Lichter did not vote on Charter Amendments

Appointment of Auditors 1994/95

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

"THAT COUNCIL APPOINT THE FIRM OF PEAT MARWICK AS AUDITORS FOR 1994/95"

MOTION CARRIED

Goff's Fire Department Loan Advance - \$152,100.00

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

"THAT COUNCIL APPROVE A TEN YEAR LOAN ADVANCE TO THE GOFF'S VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT, IN THE AMOUNT OF \$152,100, FOR THE PURPOSE OF ACQUIRING A PUMPER FIRE VEHICLE. THE LOAN TO BE REPAID WITH INTEREST AND COUNCIL RESERVES THE RIGHT TO LEVY AN AREA RATE IN DEFAULT OF PRINCIPAL AND/OR INTEREST REPAYMENT"

MOTION CARRIED

RECORDED RESOLUTION

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

"THAT COUNCIL APPROVE, BY RECORDED RESOLUTION, THE TRANSFERRING OF RESPONSIBILITY FOR WATER SERVICE - TECHNICAL STANDARDS FROM THE PLANNING ADVISORY COMMITTEE TO THE SERVICE STANDARDS COMMITTEE"

MOTION CARRIED

STATUS REPORT ON BOUNDARY REDISTRIBUTION

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

"THAT THE REPORT BE RECEIVED"

MOTION CARRIED

Councillor Bayers said the redistribution committee had no input on this report.

Mayor Lichter said this report was a result of a motion made in council at the November 29, 1993 Committee of the Whole that directed the Mayor, Councillor Rankin and Mr. Meech to go to the Minister. He said this report is on what has happened since that time. He said the Minister suggested that Halifax County go to the Municipal Boundaries Act Review Committee. After that he, Mr. Meech and Councillor Rankin sat down with the solicitor and asked him, if based on everything they conveyed to him and everything he knows in law, if there was any way a proposed motion could be drafted.

Councillor Rankin said he and the mayor looked at the legislation to see what is possible to accommodate the objective that is in the motion made by council. He said April was not sufficient time. He said he believes the resolution offers the Municipal Board an opportunity to hear the submission later than April. He said it is the belief of the solicitor they have an opportunity and control to hear the submission up to September of 1994. He said if they hear later than June then there is no opportunity to make it effective in 1994 but to make it effective in 1997. He said it has to be proclaimed to the public some months before.

Mayor Lichter said Mr. Crooks faxed the resolution to him late in the afternoon as it had to be drawn up in such a way as to be acceptable.

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

"THAT COUNCIL APPROVE THE RESOLUTION OF COUNCIL DATED JANUARY 18, 1994 REQUESTING THE NOVA SCOTIA UTILITY AND REVIEW BOARD DEFER CONSIDERATION OF THE MUNICIPALITY'S APPLICATION PENDING RECEIPT OF REVISIONS TO THE APPLICATION ON OR BEFORE SEPTEMBER 1, 1994 AND FURTHER THAT THE BOARD RECEIVE THE AMENDED APPLICATION ON THE BASIS THAT ITS ORDER MADE ON THE REVISED APPLICATION WILL TAKE EFFECT IN TIME FOR THE MUNICIPAL ELECTION TO BE HELD IN OCTOBER OF 1997"

Councillor Cooper said he has difficulty with this. He said the municipality and the committee has known of the review boards views long enough to have addressed it. He said council has not taken into consideration the voters of the municipality and the weight of their vote in this system. He said he does not feel that this municipality is giving the voters a fair deal on this subject. He said he does not feel that consideration has been given to the legal jurisdictions that have said there should be more equality. He said he thinks there is a need to try to have a fair and equitable vote. He said he feels it is up to council to reject the resolution and direct the committee to come up and carry out this process in time for the upcoming election so that the voters, whether it is based on actual numbers or on the urban/rural split, have fair and reasonable opportunities. He said he feels it is

inappropriate to not have had this in advance to give it fair and due consideration as to the ramifications of it. He said council should be making the effort to make sure this is addressed.

Councillor Rankin said he does not feel council was sidetracked. He said this was the subject of a public hearing on the status quo. He said council specifically asked to defer to the 1997 municipal election. He said given the implications in the motion, does Halifax County dismiss that process and discussion. He said that in 1988 when this was reviewed it was condoned excess beyond 33%.

Councillor Peters said she would like to see the redistribution committee meet as soon as possible to set in motion with the planners and get on with this as soon as possible.

Councillor McInroy asked if the process could be started.

Mayor Lichter said the groundwork could be started but could not get into public hearings until after a great deal of work was done in order to show the public the adjustments being contemplated.

Councillor McInroy said he would like to see the process started and if there is any potential for adjustments in the dates for the next election this could be revisited and have another look at the timing of it. He said if not then a decision has to be made whether to go with Councillor Cooper's suggestion and get the thing in place by October 1994.

Mayor Lichter said in order to get it in place by October 1994 the submission has to be made to the review board by early April at the latest. He said to do the work between now and early April and to hold the public hearings is an impossibility unless what is being suggested is make a few modifications. He said the stand that he and Councillor Rankin took is that if fair and reasonable is 25% +/- then there has to be seven districts adjusted. He said this means that seven adjacent districts have to be adjusted as well which is fourteen districts. He said this could have a ripple effect.

Councillor Giffin said that staff have pointed out that these changes have to be extremely accurate and there is a lot of map work involved as well as a lot of on the ground work they have to do. He said they have to go out into the areas. He said it is very detailed and not something that can be done in a hurry.

MOTION CARRIED

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE RECOMMENDATION

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

"THAT THE PROPOSED MUNICIPAL PLANNING STRATEGY AND LAND

USE BY LAW FOR SACKVILLE INCORPORATE THE RECOMMENDED AMENDMENTS AS OUTLINED IN THE STAFF REPORT, DEPARTMENT OF PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT, JANUARY 18, 1994 AND FURTHER THAT A PUBLIC HEARING BE APPROVED FOR MONDAY, FEBRUARY 14, 1994, AT 7:00 P.M., SACKVILLE FIRE HALL, METROPOLITAN AVENUE, SACKVILLE"

MOTION CARRIED

BOARD OF HEALTH REPORT

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

"THAT COUNCIL REQUEST THE ENGINEERING AND WORKS DEPARTMENT TO PROCEED IMMEDIATELY TO PREPARE A REPORT ON OPTIONS FOR RECTIFYING THIS HEALTH CONCERN AND FURTHER THAT THE INFORMATION BE AVAILABLE FOR THE MEETING ON THE CAPITAL BUDGETS"

Councillor Cooper said he would like to request that the required information is available for the capital budgets discussion. He said most of the work has been done.

Mr. Meech said his understanding is that there is sufficient data to respond to what the estimated cost would be.

MOTION CARRIED

SERVICE STANDARDS COMMITTEE REPORT

Request for Increase in 1993/94 Budget Allocation for the Co-ordinated Home Care Program (CHCP) to Reduce Approved Client "Wait List" and Proposed Introduction of Client User Fee in Fiscal Year 1994/95

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

"THAT COUNCIL APPROVE A REVISED OPERATING BUDGET OF \$905,323 FOR THE CO-ORDINATED HOME CARE PROGRAM BASED ON ANTICIPATED PROVINCIAL REVENUES OF \$683,492, AND AN ESTIMATED NET COST TO HALIFAX COUNTY MUNICIPALITY OF \$221,831 CONTINGENT UPON ASSURANCES FROM THE PROVINCE THAT THEY WILL COST SHARE TO THIS YEARS REVISED OPERATING BUDGET. FURTHER COUNCIL APPROVE A REQUEST FOR THE DEPARTMENT TO INTRODUCE A "USER FEE" OF \$3.50 PER HOUR FOR APPROVED CLIENTS RECEIVING HOMEMAKER SERVICE EFFECTIVE APRIL 1, 1994 IN ORDER TO REDUCE EXISTING "WAIT LISTS" WITHOUT INCREASING NET MUNICIPAL EXPENDITURES BEYOND THE 1993/94 LEVELS"

MOTION CARRIED

NOTICE OF INTENTION TO CONSIDER A BY-LAW RESPECTING THE OPERATION OF A FERRY SERVICE IN HALIFAX HARBOUR AND BEDFORD BASIN

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

"THAT NOTICE OF INTENTION BE GIVEN FOR FIRST READING AT THE FEBRUARY 1, 1994 COUNCIL SESSION"

MOTION CARRIED

DATE - SPECIAL COUNCIL SESSION

Mayor Lichter informed council that a special session of council was scheduled for Wednesday, January 26, 1994 at 3:30 p.m.

REQUEST FOR COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING RE: UPDATES - OCEANVIEW/REHAB

Councillor Giffin said this was a request for a committee of the whole meeting regarding Ocean View and Rehab Boards. He said it is felt there is a good possibility that these boards can be amalgamated into one board to look after both places. He said there hasn't been a chance to sit down with both boards and talk and they would like to have a committee of the whole because it is going to require discussion before anything can be done. He said that they would like to invite the Administrative Officer from Ocean View Manor and the Acting Executive Officer from the Rehab.

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

"THAT A COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE BE HELD TO DISCUSS THE POSSIBILITY OF AMALGAMATION OF THE BOARDS OF OCEAN VIEW MANOR AND HALIFAX COUNTY REHABILITATION CENTRE"

MOTION CARRIED

WESTERN REGION COMMITTEE RESOLUTIONS

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

"THAT APPLICATION BE MADE TO THE PROVINCIAL DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND TO THE HUMAN RESOURCES DEPARTMENT OF THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT FOR AN APPLICATION FOR AN ECONOMIC ANALYSIS OF THE WESTERN REGION"

Councillor Peters asked if the information being requested here be coordinated with Mr. Ray Roberts.

Councillor Rankin said this would be with the assistance of staff and planning in the effort of the strategic plan that would come about as a result of joint application which would be between the Federal Government and the Provincial Government without any