

Dartmouth, N.S.

April 1, 1987

Regularly called meeting of City Council held this date at 7:00 p.m.

Present - Mayor Savage

Ald. Sarto	Levandier
Billard	Connors
Pye	Woods
Thompson	Hawley
MacFarlane	Greenough
City Administrator, C.A. Moir	
City Clerk-Treasurer, Bruce S. Smith	

I 987 OPERATING
I ESTIMATES

Council met to continue with the 1987 Operating Estimates. At the point of adjournment on March 26th, a motion was on the floor that Section 9, Other Services, be approved.

As staff from the Planning Department, Fire Department and Recreation Department were in attendance this evening, it was suggested by the City Administrator that this item be concluded at a later date.

Ald. Levandier expressed displeasure with the procedures being followed to date re the budget. In the past he noted that Council had a resolution before them, a target rate. He did not feel it made sense to go through the items, department by department, unless it was an exercise in seeing how each department functioned. Until the revenue statements were made available, there was no basis for calculating the resultant tax rate.

Mr. Moir indicated that he hoped the revenue section would be available for tomorrow night's scheduled meeting. The delay was due to the fact that the Provincial figures on cost sharing have not been available to date.

Ald. Billard did not think it gave the members enough time to study the figures if they were presented just before a Council meeting dealing with them. He also referred to the fact that he was not notified of ^{the} departments which are scheduled to be discussed this evening.

Referring to some rough calculations based on last year's revenues and the estimates submitted, which range from 3% to 18% increases for the various departments, Ald. Connors foresaw a 9% increase, if some expenditures are not cut. He felt a 4% to 5% increase might be acceptable to

Council and the departments showing increases of over 10% are going to have to justify these increases.

Ald. Greenough expressed the opinion that although not much progress has been made, as the revenues are not yet known, the discussions are giving members a feel for the budget and they will be in a better position to decide where cuts need to be made. He felt staff should be forewarned that they will be asked to make cuts, so the tax rate will not increase by over 4% or 5%.

Ald. Sarto held the view that the review was a worthwhile exercise but he wondered if Mr. Moir could provide Council with information on how much must be cut from the budget in order to achieve an increase of 4% to 5% in the tax rate. Mr. Moir indicated that this information can be provided.

Ald. Levandier felt that it was not for Council to suggest to the department heads where to cut, but for the department heads to manage their own departments. Council can't understand how some cuts might affect the integrity of the unit, for example. He felt a motion indicating Council's desire to see a 4% to 5% increase, would give staff direction when attempting to reduce the budget.

Following these comments, the Planning Department staff consisting of Messrs. Bayer, Lukan and Connors, were instructed to review Section 7, Planning and Development, with Council. Mr. Bayer commenced with an overview of his department.

Items that received specific attention in the general review of Section 7 are as follows:-

- 1) Position of Communications Officer, for the M.P.S. Participation Process. This position was at Level 3 and would be required until the process is completed. The projected date of completion is June 1988. Mr. Lukan explained to the members the work that has been accomplished in the last three years by the volunteers involved in the process and the need for the recommendations to get out to the general public for their reactions at this stage.
- 2) Establishment of a Transportation Division, Level 3. Mr. Bayer noted that the present Traffic Management Group has a tremendous backlog of work, on a day-to-day basis and the Regional Transportation Study would benefit from the establishment of the proposed division.
- 3) He also noted that \$60,000 was overexpended in 1986 for signal maintenance due to simple equipment

SECTION 7
PLANNING &
DEVELOPMENT
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failure. No ongoing maintenance program exists.

Ald. Levandier wondered why the Housing Coordinator was not listed under the Planning Department. It was noted by the Mayor and the City Administrator that this isn't a permanent position and falls under the jurisdiction of the City Administrator's Department.

Ald. Levandier asked Mr. Bayer where the budget can be cut. Mr. Moir did not feel it was fair to ask one department, but suggested all the departments sit-down collectively to reach the goal Council has in mind.

Ald. Pye maintained there was merit in the way the process was proceeding, noting that discussion of the two level 3 items referred to this evening might not have materialized, if a different approach was taken. As a member of the M.P.S. Review Committee he moved a motion, seconded by Ald. Woods that the \$22,125 costs associated with the Communications Officer's position, be included in the estimates. He emphasized to Council the importance of filling this position, in order to gain participation in the process by the average citizen. Mayor Savage suggested that this addition be handled similarly to the list of priorities "wish list" developed for the Capital Budget. General agreement was expressed by the members to this suggestion.

Referring to the Department's overall increase of 13% or \$145,637 from last year, Ald. Billard noted that half of this increase related to salaries and benefits, without even including the two level III requests. It was suggested that cuts might be made to the Building Inspection Division, as the figures provided for 1986 versus the previous three years, indicate a decrease in demand for services. Mr. Bayer acknowledged the fact that the number of building permits might be down, but there has been a marked increase in building inspections required, due to a number of reasons which he cited.

Reference was similarly made to the number of reports, etc. for Administration, which appear to have been reduced

in 1986. Mr. Bayer noted that a conscious effort has been made in the department to reduce the volume of paper work, allowing for more time to interact with the public.

Remarking on the lack of headway being made, it was moved by Ald. Connors and seconded by Ald. Levandier that Council instruct staff to revise the budget to show an overall operating expense increase of no more than 4% and adjourn until such time as the document is prepared in concert with the statement of revenues.

During debate of the above, Ald. Thompson queried Mr. Bayer on the salary increases. It was noted that 4% is allowed in the Union Contract, plus 13% for benefits for the Administrative staff and 33 1/3% for the Works and Water employees. Mr. Smith noted that these individuals are paid on an hourly basis, which is different from those on a fixed salary. Some confusion was apparent re the differences in percentages stated, so Mr. Smith will be circulating to members a list of benefits included in the 33 1/3%.

Ald. MacFarlane could not support adjourning at this time. He felt it was Council's responsibility to work along with staff to determine where cuts could be made, to perhaps permit the inclusion of some Level III expenditures.

Ald. Greenough felt there should be a bit more flexibility in the directions to staff, than the motion on the floor suggested. He felt that the aim should be to arrive at a tax rate that increased by no more than 4% over 1986. He referred to the fact that revenues will be increasing due to an increase in assessments, etc. Ald. Connors and Levandier confirmed that the intent of their original motion was that the tax rate should not exceed a 4% increase and thus supported an amendment to their motion to reflect the above.

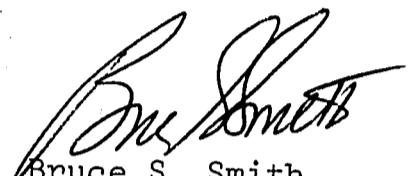
Ald. Sarto felt that staff should also submit to Council

scenarios which would result in a 5% or 6% increase as well.

When the vote was taken on the amended motion it carried, with Ald. MacFarlane voting against.

MOTION: Moved by Ald. Connors and Ald. Levandier that Council instruct staff to revise the budget to show an overall operating expense increase, which would result in no more than a 4% increase in the tax rate and adjourn until such time as the document is prepared in concert with statements of revenue.

Meeting adjourned.


Bruce S. Smith,
City Clerk-Treasurer

City Council, April 1, 1987

ITEMS:

- 1) 1987 Operating Estimates, pages 1 to 5 incl.
- 2) Section 7: Planning and Development Dept., pages 2 to 5.

Dartmouth, N. S.

April 7/87.

Regularly called meeting of City Council
held this date at 7:30 p.m.

Present - Mayor Savage

Ald. Sarto	Thompson
Billard	MacFarlane
Connors	Levandier
Withers	McCluskey
Pye	Woods
Bregante	Hetherington
Greenough	
City Solicitor, M. Moreash	
Acting City Administrator, R. Fougere	
Deputy City Clerk, G. D. Brady	

MINUTES

On motion of Ald. Hetherington and Pye, Council approved the minutes of meetings held on March 3, 9, 10, 23, 26 and 31st.

MOTION: LORNE
AVE. EXT.

Under the item Petitions, Ald. MacFarlane presented a petition from residents of Lorne Ave. and Beckfoot Drive, and requested permission to move forward a motion which relates to the petition, for which notice was previously given by him. Council agreed to allow the motion to be moved up on the agenda, as requested by Ald. MacFarlane.

The petition requests back-to-back cul-de-sacs at the end of Beckfoot Drive and Lorne Ave., rather than the extension of Lorne Ave. through to Manor Park, as proposed on a plan for the area. Council agreed to hear Dr. Joe Elias, who spoke for Lorne Ave. residents. He described Lorne Ave. as a quiet residential street at present, and expressed the concerns of residents that the street will become a heavily-travelled thoroughfare for vehicles wanting to go from Prince Albert Road to Portland Street, if a connection through into Manor Park is allowed to take place. He noted that there are no sidewalks on Lorne Ave. and additional traffic on the street would be dangerous to pedestrians, especially to children who use it. He noted that the back-to-back cul-de-sac proposal will permit the development of properties at the end of the street, without the associated traffic problems that opening of the street would bring to the Lorne Ave. neighborhood.

Ald. MacFarlane then introduced the following motion, which was seconded by Ald. Billard:

WHEREAS Lorne Ave. Extension will in time be developed for single-unit dwellings, in keeping with R-1 zoning;

AND WHEREAS this portion of the street will be opened when the area is developed;

AND WHEREAS a connection between the existing portion of the street known as Lorne Ave. and the street known as Beckfoot Drive, would create traffic complications through residential areas and Portland Street;

BE IT RESOLVED that Lorne Ave. remain a cul-de-sac, with the incomplete portion to become a cul-de-sac, under a new street name at the time of its development.

Mr. Bayer was asked to comment on behalf of the Planning Dept., and he pointed out that the T.M.G. has not had an opportunity to look at the cul-de-sac proposal before Council. Also, there may be some problems with under-sized lots on Joffre Street, which have not been able to be developed up to this point because of the fact that they do not front on a City street. The proposed street extension would have given the owners the necessary street frontage in order to proceed with development.

Ald. Thompson felt the rights of these property owners should be given further consideration before any decision is made not to proceed with the extension of Lorne Ave. He therefore moved referral to staff for a report back to Council on that aspect; the motion was seconded by Ald. Hetherington.

The Solicitor was asked to comment on any possible legal implications, involving the Joffre Street lands referred to, but he said that without looking into the details of subdivision and land holdings, he could not give Council any specific advice as to whether or not there would be problems with the Joffre Street property owners in the future, if cul-de-sacs are created and Lorne Ave. is not extended. Ald. MacFarlane noted that there will be access to the lands in question from Beckfoot Drive and the cul-de-sac that would be created on that street.

Ald. Pye felt that the concerns of residents should have been presented to the M.P.S. Transportation Sub-Committee for their consideration, and he favoured referral on the basis that Council does not have enough information on which to base a decision at this meeting.

When the vote was taken on the motion to refer, it was defeated. The main motion carried with Ald. Pye and Thompson voting against.

MOTION: Moved by Ald. MacFarlane & Billard:
text of motion on page 2 of these minutes.

PRESENTATION:
TEXACO CANADA

Representatives of Texaco Canada were present, as agreed to previously by Council, to make a presentation on the proposed exploratory drilling program they want to proceed with on Georges Bank. This item came to Council originally through a resolution from the Town of Lunenburg, seeking to prevent such an exploration program from taking place and requesting endorsement for the resolution from other municipalities.

CONFLICT OF
INTEREST

Ald. Billard said that since he represents people on both sides of this debate, with pecuniary interests involved, he wished to declare a conflict of interest. He withdrew from his place on Council to sit in the gallery.

Mr. Russ Waddell made the Texaco presentation. Mr. Laurie Taylor and Mr. Gordon Tidmarsh, a marine biologist, were also in attendance with him. He said Texaco Canada believes there could be significant reserves of oil and gas on the Georges Bank, and are prepared to go ahead with two exploratory wells in that area to determine the extent of the reserves. The main area of contention is with the fishing industry and their concerns about the possibility of an oil blow-out and associated damage to fish stocks.

He dealt with the environmental considerations that Texaco is addressing and provided information on the public consultation process that is taking place before the company can receive any regulatory approval to proceed with exploration drilling. Scientific

studies are also being carried out, and Mr. Waddell explained why he felt these processes should be allowed to continue so that people are fully informed about what the company proposes and what is being done to address environmental concerns.

Mr. Waddell commented on the benefits to the province from off-shore exploration, in terms of jobs and the impetus to the economy of Nova Scotia. He pointed out that the oil industry is able to co-exist with the fishing industry in the North Sea, and in the waters off Texas, Louisiana, the Grand Banks of Newfoundland, on the Scotia shelf, and on Browns Bank.

A series of slides were shown and a video followed, showing oil exploration in progress and the attention that is given to protection of the ocean floor and environs in conjunction with exploration drilling. Mr. Waddell then continued with further remarks about the consultation process Texaco is undertaking, noting that 22 municipalities in the province have asked to be included in the program prior to making any decision on the Lunenburg resolution. He asked Council to take a neutral position on the resolution at this time and to allow the information and consultation program to continue.

Ald. Woods asked about the restriction of fishing areas around oil rigs and Mr. Waddell advised that there is an exclusion zone within a half-mile radius around the rig. This exclusion zone is well-publicized so that fishermen are fully aware of it. Ald. Woods was also concerned that Texaco and other oil companies contacted, have not seen fit to send representatives to meet with the M.P.S. Sub-Committee dealing with Energy, and they have not been present for the public sessions. Mr. Waddell indicated the willingness of his company to participate if Ald. Woods contacts him.

Ald. Connors said it would be premature for Council to take a position on this issue one way or

the other at this time. It would be preferable to endorse the consultation process that is underway and participate in it by asking to be kept informed as it goes on. He therefore moved that Council endorses and wishes to join in the public consultation and research program, and that Council at this time, decline to take a position on the issue until that process of consultation and research is completed. The motion was seconded by Ald. MacFarlane and it carried.

Ald. Bregante requested that Council be provided with copies of a major paper delivered in connection with this subject. Mr. Waddell agreed that the paper referred to by Ald. Bregante would be worthwhile for Council to have.

MOTION: Moved by Ald. Connors & MacFarlane that Council endorses and wishes to join in the public consultation and research program, and that Council at this time, decline to take a position on the issue until that process of consultation and research is completed.

TAX CONCESSION
REQUEST: HDIL

Permission has been requested for a representative of Halifax-Dartmouth Industries Ltd. to appear before Council in connection with a request from the company for tax forgiveness from the City. Letters from the President, Mr. A. A. McArthur, dated Jan 20/87 and April 7/87, have been circulated.

CONFLICT OF
INTEREST

Ald. McCluskey, who is looking after assessment appeals for H.D.I.L., declared a conflict of interest and withdrew from her place on Council to sit in the gallery.

Council heard Mr. McArthur, who spoke on the company's behalf. He first provided Council with information on the financial picture with respect to the Dartmouth Marine slip and administration services, which are provided by the Halifax facility. He said this information was intended to address any misconception there may have been about the Dartmouth operation and its financial status.

He pointed out to Council that the ship-building

industry is going through difficult times and is facing hard years in 1987/88. Also, the company is facing a major cost for improvement to facilities in Dartmouth, for which arrangements have been made to borrow over one million dollars.

Mr. McArthur asked that if tax forgiveness for the company is not possible, consideration at least be given to a deferment of taxes for a number of years until the company is on its feet and able to meet such financial commitments. He expressed his faith in the viability of H.D.I.L., if the company is given an opportunity to succeed.

Ald. Connors was concerned about the precedent that Council would set if the request of H.D.I.L. were granted outright, without a thorough review of the company's financial position. He moved referral of their request to the Finance & Program Review Committee, to investigate and discuss the implications of the kind of policy they are seeking, for the City, and with respect to their particular application, for a report back to Council within 90 days, so that Council can then make a more informed decision. The motion to refer was seconded by Ald. MacFarlane.

Members who spoke on the motion were concerned about the precedent of assisting one particular company with their taxes when there are other marginal operations that would likely come forward with similar requests if Council grants this one. The suggestion was made that an industry such as H.D.I.L. is a responsibility for the senior levels of government to address and assist, not the municipalities. Other members pointed out that what H.D.I.L. does not pay in the way of taxes will have to be borne by residential taxpayers who are not any more able to take on the additional tax burden.

Mr. McArthur pointed out to Council that about forty percent of his time is already spent in approaching the other levels of government on behalf of H.D.I.L., and the points made by members in this connection are

recognized.

When the vote was taken on the motion to refer, it was defeated.

Ald. Withers and Hetherington then moved that Council agree to defer the taxes for H.D.I.L., as requested. This motion was defeated.

Ald. Levandier made the point that all members of Council are aware of the importance of the jobs involved for people who work at the Dartmouth Marine slip. He asked that a letter go forward from the City, endorsing the position of H.D.I.L., so that the other government levels are ^{aware} of Council's concern about the company and the jobs it provides. The Mayor agreed to have letters to this effect go out from his office.

LETTER: COLIN MAY
BY-LAW 247

A letter received from Mr. Colin May of 10 Dahlia Street has been circulated. He was present and read the contents of the letter, which deals with the transfer of assets from the City to the Water Utility by staff, allegedly without the knowledge and consent of City Council. He has requested that the necessary action be taken '... to strike down the transfer of assets as ultra vires; to take the necessary legal action to return the assets to the City and the care and control of City Council; and that the City and City Council take the necessary action to ensure that no other assets be transferred or donated without the knowledge and consent of City Council, such consent being given at a duly called and constituted meeting of City Council'.

The Mayor noted that it has not been possible to deal with those assets referred to in a letter delivered by Mr. May too late for staff to provide details on; information on the other assets (letters of January and May/86) has been provided, however.

The Solicitor was asked by the Mayor to advise Council on this matter, and he said that from the information provided by the City Clerk-Treasurer's

office, he has reached the opinion that staff did not act without the direction of Council, and acted properly in transferring the assets to the Water Utility, with the approval of the Public Utilities Board. Further, there was no outstanding debt incurred to fund the capital projects included in the first material referred to by the Mayor. He explained the two categories in which the assets fall, one category being those installed at the expense of developers and subdividers, then turned over to the City; secondly, water lines and other Water Utility equipment installed by the City as part of the development of Burnside Park. In the first case, the installations are turned over to the Water Utility to operate, subject to the necessary P.U.B. approval, and in the second case, the installations were carried out and paid for pursuant to 1982, when a Council decision was made to proceed with servicing of industrial land and pay for the cost through the sale of lots in the Burnside Park. He said it was a logical assumption that such assets would be turned over to the Water Utility to operate. The transfer of assets is not regarded as ultra vires, and consent was in fact given for staff to act as they did; the intent of Council was inherent according to the interpretation given by the Solicitor.

Mr. Moreash advised that he will be submitting a more complete report to Council and it will include the assets referred to in the Nov. 13/84 letter.

Ald. Greenough and Thompson moved that the concerns Mr. May has outlined in his submission, be referred to staff for a written report and explanation, as indicated by the Solicitor. Ald. Connors said the questions of the power of staff and of Council should be addressed in the report, and it should be indicated whether or not these powers were adhered to. Also, the funding aspect should be looked at, and whether the advantage to the taxpayers.

the advantage to the taxpayer can be achieved through water rates or through the tax rate.

Ald. Levandier questioned the motivation behind the request from Mr. May. He said he was tired of time being wasted on ridiculous reports, originating from insinuation that some sort of sinister wrong-doing is taking place that Council does not know about. He said it would be more advantageous if people came forward with positive ideas to help the City grow and develop, rather than always tearing down what Council is trying to accomplish.

When the vote was taken on the motion, it carried with Ald. Billard and Levandier voting against.

MOTION: Moved by Ald. Greenough & Thompson that the concerns of Mr. Colin May, as outlined in his submission, be referred to staff for a written report and explanation, as indicated by the Solicitor.

LAND PURCHASE:
285 WINDMILL RD.

A report from Mr. Moir was considered on the proposed purchase of land owned by the Nova Scotia Power Corp. at 285 Windmill Road, to be acquired for recreational use in Ward V. It has been recommended to Council that the property be purchased for the price of \$52,500, vacant possession; further, the City would accept transfer of the title to remaining lands (presently being used for park purposes), thereby creating one large recreational area. Purchase price for this property to be provided through the 1985 capital budget item: Purchase of Land.

The recommendation was adopted, on motion of Ald. Sarto and Pye.

MOTION: Moved by Ald. Sarto and Pye that Council approve Mr. Moir's recommendation on the purchase of land at 285 Windmill Road from Nova Scotia Power Corp., for \$52,500., plus transfer of title to remaining lands, as noted above.

USE OF CITY
WATERFRONT
PROPERTY

Mr. Moir has reported to Council on a letter received from Imperial Investments Ltd., inquiring about the possibility of using the Ferry parking lot for a waterfront market, along the lines of a flea

market, that would run from May to the end of October. He has requested instructions from Council as to whether or not to proceed further with negotiations with the company president, Mr. Mont.

Ald. Hetherington and Sarto moved that the letter be received and filed. Ald. McCluskey and Levandier were opposed to the motion and felt some effort should be made to encourage activities on the waterfront, especially if the proposal includes some aspects of a farmers' market and crafts for people to buy. Having been advised by the Solicitor, the Mayor pointed out to Council that the zoning of the land in question is institutional and therefore, commercial uses would not be permitted. Questions were raised by Ald. McCluskey about the present use of the land for parking purposes and whether or not the charging of parking fees does not constitute a commercial use. Mr. Bayer noted that the parking is really an accessory use associated with the ferry operation and as such, is considered to be in order.

The motion to receive and file carried with Ald. Levandier and McCluskey voting against.

MOTION: Moved by Ald. Hetherington & Sarto that the letter from Imperial Investments Ltd., with respect to the use of lands in the ferry parking lot for a summer market and flea market, be received and filed.

CITY PROPERTY:
611 PORTLAND ST.

Council has been advised of the decision of Woodlawn Medical Clinic interests, not to proceed with the purchase of City-owned property at 611 Portland Street. Mr. Moir has submitted a report on the various issues associated with this property, such as zoning, the land use to be designated for it, etc., and in conclusion, has recommended referral of the matter to staff to investigate all of the issues and make recommendations to Council.

CONFLICT OF
INTEREST

Ald. Connors declared a conflict of interest on this item, based on the fact that L & A Investments
of the group.

Ltd., one of the interested parties in the property, is a client of his law firm. He withdrew from his place on Council to sit in the gallery.

Council adopted Mr. Moir's recommendation, from his report of March 31/87, on motion of Ald. Withers and Sarto.

MOTION: Moved by Ald. Withers and Sarto that Council adopt Mr. Moir's recommendation on referral to staff of the item concerning 611 Portland Street, for recommendation back to Council after the issues outlined in his report have been investigated and discussed.

LETTER: ALBRO
LAKE LANDS

A letter of response from the Dept. of Housing has been circulated, further to discussions that followed the March 24th public hearing of an application to rezone the Albro Lake lands. The point of contention at that hearing was the termination of Albro Lake Road in a cul-de-sac, and City staff were asked to try to resolve this issue with the Housing Dept. representatives. The letter indicates that the Department wishes to proceed with the application in its present form and a resolution of the Albro Lake Road issue has not been reached.

Council was advised by the Mayor that a majority of the whole Council (eight members) is required for approval of the application, now in second reading.

CONFLICT OF
INTEREST

Ald. Withers declared a conflict of interest because of his position with the Provincial Government, and withdrew to the gallery while the item was before Council. Other members of Council who withdrew were the three members not present for the public hearing: Ald. Levandier, Pye and Hetherington; Ald. Hawley was also absent from this meeting due to illness. There were nine remaining members of Council eligible to vote and to take part in debate.

A re-copied plan, provided by the Planning Dept., was circulated, showing the senior citizen building that is proposed and the access roadway around it, which would also be the bus-only route through from Albro Lake Road.

Ald. McCluskey stated to Council that the majority of the residents she represents want to see Albro Lake Road extended, not terminated as proposed in the development plan, and she took exception to statements made in the Dept. of Housing letter of March 31/87, and the reference to the statement that residents 'strenuously' opposed a through connection of Albro Lake Road at a voluntary information meeting held in September of 1984. She read from a record kept of the comments and questions from that meeting, which she said did not bear out the statement about strenuous opposition on the part of area residents. She said it is City Council that is running the City and not the Province, and she cited this as another example of the Province trying to force something on the residents that they do not want. If the Dept. of Housing is really serious about a residential development, she said, why do they keep coming back with proposals that are directly against the wishes of the majority of the people who will be affected by a new development.

(Ald. Hetherington left the Council meeting at this point.)

Ald. MacFarlane said it is unfortunate that such an impasse has developed over the Albro Lake Road question, when the housing is needed and basically, a good development is proposed. Other members who spoke on second reading (motion from the March 24th meeting) agreed that the development is quite acceptable otherwise. Ald. Woods, however, supported the street pattern that is being proposed because of concerns he has for Ward 5 and additional traffic that will be placed on Leaman Drive eventually if Albro Lake Road is connected through to the new development, and then Leaman Drive is opened up to the Highfield Park development. Asked by Ald. McCluskey if it is preferable to have traffic directed onto Ward 4 streets instead,

Ald. Woods acknowledged that this is likely to happen (ie. if Albro Lake Road is terminated), but he said his concerns have to be for Ward 5 and the people he represents.

Ald. Thompson was also willing to support the motion for second reading, and while some members who spoke were in favour of the rezoning and the development plan generally, they could not go along with the termination of Albro Lake Road, particularly in view of the fact that most area residents do not want this street pattern and the Planning Dept. has not recommended in favour of it. Ald. Greenough asked if the reason for objection, indicated by members of Council, is sufficient grounds for refusing the rezoning application. Mr. Moreash advised that traffic is a consideration that Council can legitimately take into account in making a rezoning decision.

Ald. McCluskey said it appears that a change in the development plan has been made with respect to the location of the senior citizen building, which was formerly shown as being in the middle of Albro Lake Road, and now it is shown with a roadway around it for a bus route. Mr. Moreash said he could not give an opinion on this question without some time to look at the plans in detail. Ald. Bregante also considered that a substantive change in the plan has been made, where a cul-de-sac was originally shown.

When the vote was taken on second reading (By-law C-597), the motion was defeated by a vote of 5 to 4. A majority vote of eight members would have been required for the motion to pass.

Ald. Withers and Pye returned to their places on Council.

Mr. Moir has recommended the adoption of Resolution 87-10, which provides for the withdrawal of \$192,783.75 from the Special Reserve Fund for the installation of lighting at the Beazley sports-

LIGHTING:
BEAZLEY FIELD
RESOLUTION 87-10

field, as explained in Mr. Moir's accompanying report to Council, dated April 1/87.

Council approved this recommendation and the adoption of Resolution 87-10, on motion of Ald. Greenough and Sarto.

MOTION: Moved by Ald. Greenough and Sarto that Council approve Resolution 87-10, as recommended by Mr. Moir. This resolution authorizes the withdrawal of \$192,783.75 from the Special Reserve Fund for the installation of lighting at the Beazley sportsfield.

DRAINAGE:
BEL AYR
SCHOOL GROUNDS

In a report to Council, with Mr. Moir's concurrence, Mr. Purdy has recommended the installation of a storm sewer pipe from the end of Garnett Street, a distance of 115 feet, to resolve a drainage problem that has developed (Settle Park development), estimated to cost \$6,850. This expenditure to be approved with funds from the 1986 budget for Small Drainage Projects, which has a balance of \$101,000.

Council approved the recommendation, on motion of Ald. Thompson and Sarto.

MOTION: Moved by Ald. Thompson and Sarto that Council approve the recommendation of Mr. Purdy, with Mr. Moir's concurrence, for a storm sewer installation at the end of Garnett Street (as detailed above), estimated to cost \$6,850. This expenditure to be taken out of the 1986 budget for Small Drainage Projects.

TEMPORARY
BORROWING
RESOLUTIONS

The following Temporary Borrowing Resolutions have been recommended to Council for approval:

87-01 - Equipment	\$1,017,000
02 - Streets	6,482,900.
03 - Sewers & Drains	1,344,100.
04 - Buildings	359,000.
05 - Recreation	887,000.
06 - Land	167,500.
07 - Water	451,500.

Ald. Greenough and Thompson moved approval of the resolutions, as listed above, but Ald. Connors had questions about the Sportsplex and other items he wished to discuss with Mr. Corrigan. The item was therefore deferred, on motion of Ald. Sarto and Pye.

MOTION: Moved by Ald. Sarto and Pye that the item Temporary Borrowing Resolutions be deferred until Mr. Corrigan is present to respond to questions from Ald. Connors.

REPURCHASE OF
LOT 74: BURNSIDE
IND. PARK

RESOLUTION 87-16

A report from the Solicitor was considered on the subject of Council's decision to repurchase from the Province, Lot 71A and 74 in the Burnside Industrial Park. The square footage of Lot 74 is 244,600 sq. ft., not 224,600 sq. ft., as originally authorized, and, accordingly, it is necessary to authorize the withdrawal of \$330,210. from the Special Reserve Fund, instead of the \$303,210. amount previously approved.

Council was asked to approve Resolution 87-16, to accomplish this change, and the resolution received the approval of Council, on motion of Ald. Greenough and Sarto.

MOTION: Moved by Ald. Greenough and Sarto that Council approve Resolution 87-16, the details of which are explained above.

WINTER CONTROL:
DOMESTIC DUCK
POPULATION

In order to address problems with the ducks at Sullivan's Pond, where a large number of wild ducks are now located, in addition to the domestic ducks that are there, the Board of Health has recommended that prior to the hunting or migration season, the domestic ducks be confined by penning until spring, and that they be fed only by the Parks & Recreation Dept. Further, that the cost of penning be included in the 1987 operating budget.


Ald. Connors questioned this expenditure and felt there are other better things that City funds should be spent to do. (Ald. Levandier returned to the meeting at this time.). Ald. Connors said, "If the ducks are happy, why should we get involved?" Ald. Billard supported the recommendation of the Board of Health and moved adoption of it, seconded by Ald. Bregante. He noted that ducks are a serious cause of swimmer's itch and this is a matter that should be receiving attention.

(Council agreed to continue meeting beyond the hour of 11:00 p.m. to complete this item only.)

There was some further debate on the motion and when the vote was taken, it carried.

MOTION: Moved by Ald. Billard & Bregante that Council approve the recommendation of the Board of Health on the penning of domestic ducks at Sullivan's Pond, to deal with the duck problem at that location. The cost of penning to be included in the 1987 operating budget.

Meeting adjourned.



G. D. Brady,
Deputy City Clerk.

City Council, April 7/87

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- 1) Motion: Lorne Ave. Ext., page 1 to 3.
- 2) Presentation: Texaco Canada, page 3 to 5.
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- 4) Letter: Colin May, By-law 247, page 7 to 9.
- 5) Land purchase: 285 Windmill Rd., page 9.
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- 9) Lighting: Beazley Field, page 13.
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- 15) Temporary Borrowing Resolutions, page 14.
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GENERAL GOVERNMENT

Ald. Connors had questions about the increase in Purchasing Dept. salaries, and asked for some justification of this increase. Mr. Moir and Mr. Smith provided information. Council was advised that the Director of this department has been on leave due to illness and employees within the department had to be moved up to carry out his duties and received additional compensation. Also, there have been a number of job classification appeals within that department.

Ald. McCluskey's questions were about overtime in the Purchasing Dept. and why it would be required. Mr. Smith explained the requirements for overtime, some of which relate to the Stores operation as well.

Referring to the revenue side of the budget, Ald. Greenough requested that the water utility charges be looked at again. He noted that if enough revenue isn't being generated, the City is in effect subsidizing services to residents outside the City boundaries.

Ald. Connors referred to the apparent over funding of the pension fund by the City and the possibility that at least \$200,000 might be freed up for other purposes, with the City still meeting its contractual obligations. Ald. Greenough, Chairman of the Pension Fund /Committee noted that this matter was referred to the actuary for a report, but the Committtee has not received it yet. It is hoped that he will have sufficient calculations completed to be able to give a response to Ald. Connor's query by tomorrow night.

Ald. McCluskey referred to the \$36,600 budgeted for General Government Conferences and her belief that cost savings could be made in this area. Mayor Savage noted that most of these funds have already been expended, however.

Council then proceeded to discuss the Capital Out of Revenue Summary List, totaling \$804,200. \$78,000 of expenditures were cut from this list to arrive at this revised total. The following items had been cut:

CAPITAL OUT
OF REVENUE
SUMMARY LIST

City Administrator's - Word Processing	1,600
Police Dept. - Equipment Reduction	\$12,000
City Clerk-Treasurer - Word Processing	
Equipment	6,200
Central Garage	7,300
Finance Dept. - Terminal	3,500
Engineering Dept. - Equipment	1,800
Parks & Recreation - Rental of Trucks	5,000
- Truck	24,000
- Canoes and Trailer	3,000
- Mobile Radios &	7,700
Filing Cabinets	3,200
Industrial Promotion - Computer Terminal	1,600
Library-Information Services	2,000
-Adult Services	1,600

The above-noted cuts were made after two staff meetings.

Council then proceeded to review the remaining items. Mr. Moir noted that the first two items D-18-35 and D-18-51 were already approved by Council. It was noted that the co-ordinator has already been hired for the Research Project on Seniors. There was some question why D-18-51 was not included in the Housing Demonstration Project and Ms. Chisholm outlined to Council its approval in August of an additional \$25,000 for the Men's Shelter Project. However this amount was subsequently reduced to \$17,000 and although it was originally intended to amortize the expenditure, it was decided not to follow this route for the reduced amount.

Referring to D-18-5, Word Processing, \$1,600, Ald. Billard wondered if it would not be less expensive for the City to use stand alone units. Mr. Smith noted that a decision to follow this route was taken, as it is felt that the City would save money in the long-run. A stand alone unit would cost \$3,000. Following discussion of the item, it was suggested that this item be placed on a list of possible deletions.

It was suggested by Ald. Connors that \$3,500 could be reduced from item D-18-6 totaling \$14,500. By reducing this amount by one unit the revised total would be \$11,000.

Ald. MacFarlane and Ald. Billard depart for a Ward meeting.

After discussions, it was also recommended that D-18-8, \$1,600 be deleted from the summary list.

Referring to D-18-7, \$3,200 for computer terminals, Ald. Connors suggested that perhaps the Water Utility could absorb this cost. Mr. Corrigan explained the need for these three terminals and it was decided to leave the item in the summary list.

Similarly D-18-9, \$10,000 was left in.

Item D-18-10, \$12,000 for a new van to replace the 1981 model was added to the list of possible deletions.

Police Chief Trider noted that D-18-12, \$22,000 consisted of the following items:

- bomb suit - \$10,000
- water cannon - 3,000
- x-ray equip. - 9,000

Following discussion of this item it was decided that the third item, x-ray equipment could be deferred for a year, thereby reducing this expenditure by \$9,000, for a revised total \$13,000.

Considerable discussion followed re D-18-18, \$60,800 for microfilming of the Police Department's central records, an air conditioner and room dividers. It was stressed that the microfilming camera could be used by other City departments as well. It is hoped that a saving of space will result. Some concern was expressed that placing these records on computer would be more effective in the long-run. The requirements of the court system in this regard were explained to Council.

Mayor Savage noted that the Dartmouth General Hospital has discontinued the use of microfilming or microfiche of their records and he wondered if the Police Department has investigated the availability of this equipment. It was noted that microfiche would not be suitable for the Police Department's purposes.

It was suggested by Ald. Connors that perhaps the old files might be relocated to another City facility where a secure room could be constructed. Concern was expressed about the accessibility of the records in such

an instance. In conclusion, this amount remained in the budget when the Mayor called for a show of hands.

Chief Trider suggested that D-18-15, revolvers, \$3,000 could be deleted.

Item D-18-13, \$22,600 remained in the budget.

Item D-18-14, \$8,200 consisted of two items, radar guns for \$4,100 and carpeting for the Traffic Division for \$4,100. It was suggested by Council that the carpet replacement be postponed, however it was argued that it really required replacement. Ald. Connors noted that the Police Department is requesting \$250,000 from Capital out of revenue. Referring to Council's commitment of \$1 million for the police computer and their 10½% increase in the operating budget, Ald. Connors moved a motion, seconded by Ald. Levandier that Council allocate \$150,000 for capital out of revenue, rather than the \$250,000 requested by the Police Department. This motion was subsequently withdrawn when Ald. Greenough moved a motion, seconded by Ald. Thompson instructing staff that \$600,000 will be spent for Capital out of Revenue, rather than the \$804,200. Staff will meet with the City Administrator to discuss the expenditures and bring back another report. This report will not be available before the tax rate is set, however. Ald. Pye suggested that it would perhaps be better to postpone setting the tax rate, however Mr. Smith explained that it will be costing the City \$5,000 in lost interest for each day past April 15th. When the vote was taken on the motion on the floor, it carried with Ald. Pye, Hawley and McCluskey voting against.

MOTION: Moved by Ald. Greenough and Ald. Thompson that Council instruct staff that \$600,000 will be spent for Capital out of Revenue.

Council then proceeded to address the balance of Expenditure Reductions.

EXPENDITURE
REDUCTIONS:

FIRE DEPARTMENT

Concern was expressed by several aldermen about the elimination of volunteer fire fighters, effective July 1st for a saving of \$16,000. It was noted that there has not been a major fire since 1973 which required the volunteers to be called out and their presence doesn't affect the fire rating from an insurance standpoint for the City. In conclusion, it was the consensus of Council that the \$16,000 for Volunteers be included in the 1987 budget.

Council then reviewed the proposed reduction in overtime by \$20,000, item C-3-3. Ald. Connors suggested that this figure be increased to \$25,000.

Referring to item C-3-4 of the Operating Budget a motion was moved by Ald. Connors and seconded by Ald. Hawley that three civilian dispatchers be hired for a saving of \$25,000. Following lengthy debate of this motion, it carried. The vote was 6 to 5 with the Mayor having cast the tie breaking vote. Ald. Billard abstained from voting, as he was not present during the entire debate.

MOTION: Moved by Ald. Connors and Ald. Hawley that three civilian dispatchers be hired for a saving of \$25,000.

POLICE DEPT.

Referring to item C-4-17, School Crossing Guards, \$107,000, it was moved by Ald. Hawley and Ald. Thompson that this amount be retained in the budget.

Mr. Moir expressed his personal opinion that he was not sure that the taxpayers were obliged to provide this service. Ald. Billard noted that he had asked for a study of alternative methods of providing a similar service and requested a reply before January. Several members spoke of the good service these guards are providing to the community and when the vote was taken on the motion it passed.

MOTION: Moved by Ald. Hawley and Ald. Thompson that the School Crossing Guard item, C-4-18, \$107,000 be retained in the budget.

Items C-4-17, \$15,500 and item C-4-5, \$18,000 both related to the patrolling of Burnside Industrial Park.

Reference was made to the fact that Council had made a commitment to Burnside for better policing, however, Mr. Moir suggested that this was perhaps the time for Council to reassess this decision. He was of the opinion that the Park could be adequately serviced by the reallocation of manpower. Chief Trider remarked on how the various wards would be effected if their forces had to be reallocated.

Ald. Pye expressed annoyance that it would appear that Ward 5 will now not be getting the additional police protection. Ald. Greenough noted that at last Monday night's meeting the business community expressed concern about the adverse effect of a higher tax rate. He suggested that the educational component of the policing strategy for Burnside might have a similar effect in reducing crime in Burnside.

Reference was made to the fact that two additional police officers will be going on LTD this year which should result in a saving of \$18,000.

A motion was made by Ald. Levandier, but not seconded that the Police Department be instructed to reduce its manpower to 148 members in 1987.

Ald. Connors spoke in favour of the reduction, noting that when the item was originally addressed he was against the hiring of the additional officers, citing a study that the hiring of additional police officers doesn't reduce the crime rate.

When the vote was taken to retain the reduction of \$18,000, as recommended by the Chief of Police, five members voted in favour and six voted against, therefore the \$18,000 for an extra patrol for Burnside was kept in the budget. (Ald. Hawley, Greenough, Thompson, Connors and Billard voted in favour of the reduction).

Similarly, item C-4-17, \$15,500 (for a car) is to be included in the budget.

It was argued by Ald. Billard that the \$21,000 for promotional material, item C-4-8 stay in the budget. He felt the net result would be a future savings.

It was suggested by Deputy Police Chief Cole that \$15,000 of this amount should be eliminated. This amount was for a Burnside Industrial Park brochure, previously approved by Council. However, the remaining \$6,000 for Police Week and public relations remain. Council expressed its agreement with his recommendation.

Item C-4-10, Conferences, \$2,000 was retained as a reduction, when the Mayor called for a show of hands.

Ald. Connors suggested that the overtime for the department should be restricted to a 5% increase. In actual fact it was noted that the overtime for the department has been reduced by \$17,000 for 1987.

It was suggested that some sort of system should be worked out with prosecutors to reduce the amount of overtime involved due to court appearances. Ald. Connors was sure that arrangements have been made in other jurisdictions.

Budget reductions for Engineering & Public Works were considered by Council; Mr. Fougere and Mr. Purdy were present to respond to questions about the seven items proposed for reduction.

All of the items included for reduction were approved with the concurrence of Council, totalling \$485,300. Ald. Billard requested that a draft policy for snow removal and ice control, at a reduced level of service to what is normally provided in Dartmouth, be brought to Council sometime in August or September, for consideration at a point in the year when there are no pressures on Council for budget decisions or snow removal services. The Mayor asked Mr. Fougere to make note of this request, and agreed to have the item dealt with by Council, this being one of the suggested items for review in Mr. Moir's introduction

ENGINEERING &
PUBLIC WORKS

to the Revenue section of the budget.

Ald. Connors proposed a further reduction in the Engineering & Public Works section of the budget. He proposed that \$42,700. be deducted from the portion included within page C-5-41 to C-5-50 incl.: Activity: Waste Water, on the understanding that if emergency situations should arise after the budget for this activity is all expended, Council would consider funding for projects that may have to be done and subsequently authorized as over-expenditure items.

Council was willing to go along with this additional reduction, subject to the understanding noted, and the Engineering & Public Works budget was therefore reduced by the further amount proposed by Ald. Connors, that is, \$42,700.

PARKS & RECREATION

Senior staff from Parks and Recreation Dept. were present for the review of reductions proposed for their department. Items listed were approved, with the exception of the \$30,000. reduction shown for the canoe course (C-6-33), the suggestion being that the canoe clubs themselves provide this service.

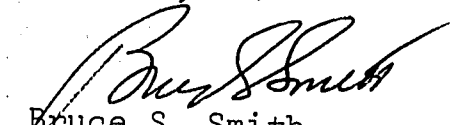
Ald. Billard advised Council of discussions he has had with members of the Canadian Canoe Association, Atlantic Division, with regard to a take-over of the service, provided the person with expertise in the installation of the course (and striking it at the end of the season) is made available to supervise and instruct.

(Council agreed to continue meeting beyond the hour of 11:00 p.m., on motion of Ald. McCluskey and Sarto, to complete this item.)

It was noted that there are supplies and material that have to be purchased annually, and members tended to feel that at least an amount to cover these expenditures should be retained. Ald. Billard noted that the boat clubs would not be in a position to assume these costs when they did not have an opportunity to make any provision for them.

The reduction approved was therefore a figure of \$18,500., instead of the \$30,000. originally proposed. This will leave an amount of \$12,300 for the equipment and materials referred to by Mr. Stevens.

The total reduction for Parks and Recreation with the above-noted revision, was \$30,700.


Bruce S. Smith,
City Clerk-Treasurer

City Council, April 13, 1987

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- 1) 1987 Budget Estimates, page 1.
- 2) General Government, page 2.
- 3) Capital Out of Revenue Summary List, pages 2 to 5.
- 4) Expenditure Reductions, page 5
Fire Department, page 6.
Police Department, pages 6 to 8.
Engineering & Public Works, pages 8 & 9.
Parks & Recreation, pages 9 & 10.

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April 14/87.

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Present - Mayor Savage

Ald. Sarto Thompson
Billard MacFarlane
Connors Levandier
Bregante McCluskey
Pye Woods
Hawley Greenough
City Administrator, C. A. Moir
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1987 BUDGET
ESTIMATES

Council met prior to the regular hour of
7:30 p.m. to continue dealing with the 1987 operating
budget and the list of suggested reductions prepared
by staff at Council's direction.

As agreed to at the adjournment of the
April 13th meeting, Council dealt first with the
School Board budget and reductions proposed for it,
amounting to \$632,200. School administration staff
were present; Supt. Harrison and Mr. Garth Sanford
were available to respond to questions from Council.

SCHOOL BOARD

Ald. Connors, Chairman of the School Board,
first presented financial details of this year's
estimates. He pointed out that the Board's budget
of \$44,220,000. represents only a 4.9% increase over
last year. Funding requested from the City is in the
amount of \$15,375,500., a 4.28% increase over last year.
He said this increase compares favourably with any
other City department, and he did not want to see
such a major budget reduction as the one being proposed.
He felt that \$450,000. to \$500,000. could be made up
from other sources, such as additional deed transfer
tax revenue, the Pension Plan, etc., and in this way,
the tax rate increase could be kept within a 5% range
and the full \$600,000. would not have to be taken out
of the School Board budget.

Ald. Connors explained to Council what has been
done with the Board's \$424,000. surplus for 1986,
\$100,000. of which has been allocated to this year's
operating revenue, \$90,000., to long-term service

awards, and the remainder has been allocated for maintenance projects, specifically, roof repairs that are needed. Ald. Connors said that in all, there are three million dollars worth of capital projects that need to be carried out on City school buildings and for equipment replacement. He provided further information on an energy-conservation project to be undertaken, involving school buildings, which will result in fuel cost savings for the Board in the future.

He then addressed the matter of staff changes that have been provided for in the budget and the addition of a number of teaching positions to address what he called an imbalance in the school system, created during recent years as a result of teacher cuts, due to budget constraints. It has been necessary to go to split classes at the elementary level in some schools and parents do not find this situation acceptable. Ald. Connors proceeded to review the list of staff changes being proposed and to explain the need for each of the positions included in the list, including a Drug Coordinator, which he considered to be a particularly important and necessary addition. He assured Council that efforts are being made to reduce costs wherever possible, and possible areas of saving are being studied even further. He proposed that the full reduction of \$632,200. be reinstated and that the Board's total request of \$15,375,500. be funded by the City.

Ald. Levandier said that while he recognized the importance of a good education system, he could not go along with the proposal, especially in view of the fact that the Board received additional funding from the Province this year and had a surplus that could be used to supplement their funding requirement. He pointed out that enrolments are continuing to decline and therefore, he could not see the justification for additional teachers under those circumstances. Ald.

Pye said he could not support the additional teaching positions either. He had questions about the cost of the Board's liability insurance and the coverage it provides, as compared with the City of Halifax. He noted that their premiums are \$24,000. and compared with an expenditure of \$46,500. in Dartmouth. Mr. Sanford responded to the questions about insurance and he noted that the coverage we are providing is in keeping with the recommendations of the Board's insurance consultant.

Other questions about specific budget items pertained to:

- 1) the staff changes and justification for the specific need in each case.
- 2) projected increases for items on page A-0-17 (Legislative). Council was advised of an increase in the honorarium paid to Board members, provision to recognize Board employees with more than 25 years service and provision for a reception in recognition of Grade 12 honor students.
- 3) the closure of Greenvale School and associated savings that can be expected. Supt. Harrison noted that the savings for Greenvale School are not reflected in the budget, since that decision was made after the budget had been prepared.

Ald. Bregante was concerned that the maintenance of school buildings has not been keeping pace with what is required as an acceptable standard. He said that more money should be spent on our school buildings.

Ald. MacFarlane inquired about the impact of budget reductions at the \$600,000. level and at the \$300,000. level. Supt. Harrison indicated that if reductions had to be made, they would come from staff numbers, from reduced maintenance work, from supply budgets. The Board would probably also have to look at bringing more of the surplus into revenue, instead of designating it for the other purposes now recommended.

Ald. MacFarlane asked how much the Board has already cut from their original budget. Ald. Connors advised that about \$100,000. was cut at the Board level.

Members of Council were reluctant to take the entire \$632,000. amount out of the School Board

budget, but generally felt that some reduction will be necessary, even up to half of that amount, taking into account that all the other City departments have been expected to make reductions and that Council has to reach a certain total figure before an acceptable tax rate can be achieved.

The Mayor noted at this point that budget discussions would have to be terminated because of a public hearing scheduled for 7:30 p.m. Ald. Hawley requested that while the hearing was in progress, members of the School Board present in the gallery and school administration staff, meet in the Aldermen's room to look at the ramifications of budget reductions at the \$300,000. and \$600,000. levels, in order to inform Council later of the impact such reductions would have on the school system.

A brief adjournment followed, and from this point in the meeting, the City Solicitor (Suzanne Hood) was present for the public hearing. Ald. Connors did not return to the Council Chamber, but continued to meet with School Board members outside the Chamber.

When Council had reconvened, Ald. Hawley rose to extend congratulations to the organizers of the recently-held SEDMA Hockey Tournament. He felt they should be recognized by the City for their efforts and that letters should go forward from the Mayor's office to this effect. Other members of Council concurred.

PUBLIC HEARING:
APPLICATION TO
AMEND LAND USE
BY-LAW
YORKSHIRE AVE. EXT.

This date was set by Council for public hearing of an application to rezone approx. 8 acres of land located on the uppermost portion of lands owned by the Hardman Group Ltd in the north end of Dartmouth. The application, submitted by Mount Royal Developments Ltd., is to rezone the site from C-3 Zone to R-3 Zone to permit low to middle-income, medium density development, comprised of a mixture of unit types and sizes.

Relevant reports and information on the applic-

ation were circulated with the agenda for this meeting of Council. The Planning Dept. has recommended that the rezoning request be denied.

Members of Council not present for this hearing were: Ald. Connors, Withers and Hetherington.

The Planning Dept. presentation was made by Mr. L'Esperance. He showed Council a plan of the site and its location in relation to existing land uses in the area, and explained why, in the opinion of the Planning Dept., the proposed residential use is not compatible with adjacent surrounding uses. Reference was also made to the Tufts Cove NIP plan, which stated that ". . . Tufts Cove does not have sufficient recreational, social, and commercial facilities for an appreciable increase in its population." It is estimated that the proposed development would produce a population of about 700 people, thereby adding considerably to pressures already existing in the area for adequate facilities. Only one acre of land would be deeded to the City for recreational purposes and it is the feeling of the Director of Recreation that at least 1½ acres of land are required as a minimum in order to achieve any kind of adequate recreational facility.

In summary, the Planning Dept. is of the opinion that the application does not comply with the provisions of the Municipal Planning Strategy, and that the proposed residential use is not compatible with adjacent land uses. They have therefore recommended that the application be denied.

Council was addressed by Mr. Bill Young, representing Mount Royal Developments Ltd. He presented the position of the developer, as set out in a written submission circulated to members of Council. He referred during the presentation to three possible development concepts that were available for viewing by Council, and to photographs of the site, mounted

on a display board in the Council Chamber.

Mr. Young presented opposing arguments to the opinion of the Planning Dept. on the compatibility of the proposal with adjacent land uses. He also addressed the points about adequate recreation facilities, and advised that the Nova Scotia Power Corp. would allow certain uses on their right-of-way through the area, thereby permitting a park development that does not exist in the area at present.

Mr. Young compared the development site to the lands at the A. Murray MacKay bridgehead in Halifax, where the Convoy Place development is located. He felt the Dartmouth bridgehead would be enhanced in a similar way with the residential development he proposes and the appearance of this entrance to the City would be considerably improved by development. He said the City needs development and this one would take place in a section where existing infrastructure could be utilized. Further, City schools in the area would be used to better advantage with additional students and existing businesses would benefit from a larger consumer market.

The Mayor called three more times for any speakers in favour of the application, and hearing none, he then called for speakers opposed.

Ms. Kaye Connolly spoke on behalf of the Ward 5 Community Social Action Committee; copies of her presentation to Council were circulated.

This citizen group opposed the application because of the high concentration of apartment units that already exists in Ward 5, and on the basis that the site in question is not conducive to nor compatible with 'any form of residential housing'. They took the position that the north end community already lacks adequate open space and play areas, to meet the needs of residents who already live there. There were also concerns expressed about additional traffic from another development, police protection, etc.

Council next heard Mr. Richard Russell of Courtney Road, whose concern was about properties affected by a 1964 zoning change which prohibited residential permits in conjunction with the industrial zoning established for the Burnside Park. He questioned whether this site is not included in that particular zoning restriction. Mr. L'Esperance responded to the questions from Mr. Russell, pointing out that the site concerned is not included in the restriction, but in its present zoning, does not permit the residential uses being proposed.

Mr. Peter Christian of Fernhill Drive was another area resident opposed to the rezoning, and also, Mr. John Keating, the former NIP chairman. He referred to R-3 and R-2 lands in the same area that are still undeveloped, suggesting that the impact of development on those lands has not even been studied yet, and the Tufts Cove area needs services for the existing population before other new development takes place.

The Mayor called for other speakers opposed to the rezoning application and when there was no response, he opened the hearing to members of Council with questions for any of the speakers. Questions from Council pertained to:

- 1) the adequacy of park space being allocated to the City in conjunction with the proposed development.
- 2) the impact of additional traffic from residential development as opposed to commercial development on the site.
- 3) ownership of the land and which company will develop it if it is rezoned.
- 4) use of the N.S.P.C. easement for passive recreational purposes.
- 5) rentals that would be charged for units, if the projection for the development is sixteen million dollars, which works out to approx. \$59,000. per unit as the cost figure.
- 6) suitability of the site for residential development, with existing land slopes.
- 7) the comparison made with the Convoy Pl. development in Halifax, where units are owner-occupied.

- 8) length of time required to process the application and have it reach the public hearing stage.

At the conclusion of the question period for Council, the public hearing was declared to be over, on motion of Ald. Greenough and Levandier.

BY-LAW C-613

Proposed By-law C-613, which would accomplish the requested rezoning, was before Council.

It was moved by Ald. Levandier and Greenough and carried that leave be given to introduce the said By-law C-613 and that it now be read a first time.

It was moved by Ald. Levandier and Sarto that By-law C-613 be read a second time.

The motion for second reading was opposed by Ald. Pye and Woods, both of whom supported the position of area residents who have spoken against the development and the rezoning application. They agreed there is already an existing need for amenities in Ward 5 to serve the present population, and they did not want to see this need further compounded by development on a site that is not considered suitable for residential purposes. Ald. Hawley said he was against the rezoning because the Planning Dept. has not supported it, and he felt that if the application went to an appeal, the Municipal Board would have to take into account the recommendation of the City's own Planning Dept.

Ald. MacFarlane said he was surprised by the degree of opposition to the rezoning, and would have thought the residents of the area would prefer R-3 zoning of the land to the present C-3 zoning. He felt the developer is quite willing to meet with residents to work out some development concessions they would like to see, and if this were done, additional housing units would be provided with a compromise agreement such as Council recently saw in the case of Highfield Park.

The Mayor advised Council that a majority of

the whole Council, eight members, is required for approval of the by-law in this case.

The vote was taken on second reading and it was defeated with Ald. MacFarlane and Billard voting in favour.

PRESENTATION:
COMMONWEALTH
GAMES SOCIETY

Representatives of the Commonwealth Games Society were present, including the two City representatives, Bill Young and Peter Hope. Mr. Peter Greene addressed Council on behalf of the Society, giving an update on the status of the bid for the Games by the City of Halifax and the metropolitan area. He noted that the Provincial Government has given approval for a nineteen-million-dollar grant toward capital costs associated with the Games. He asked Council to endorse ^{the bid for} the hosting of the Games, in conjunction with the City of Halifax, the Town of Bedford and the Municipality of Halifax, and to agree to the use of facilities in the City, such as the Sportsplex, Lake Banook, streets and roadways, for athletic events. He referred to his letter of April 3rd, which went to members of Council, providing further information on this request.

On motion of Ald. MacFarlane and Hawley, Council adopted a motion of endorsation, as per the request stated in Mr. Greene's letter of April 3/87. (Ald. Levandier and McCluskey voting against.)

MOTION: Moved by Ald. MacFarlane & Hawley that Council adopt a motion of endorsation in connection with the hosting of the Commonwealth Games, as per Mr. Greene's letter of Apr. 3/87.

AWARD CONTRACT 86-05
BREEZE DRIVE

Tenders have been received for the section of Breeze Drive from Waverley Road to Castleton Court, being widened to 36 feet, in accordance with the decision of Council, taken at the Oct. 7/86 meeting. Acceptance of the low bid, received from Ocean Contractors Ltd., in the amount of \$418,890., has been recommended by Mr. Purdy, with Mr. Moir's concurrence, and the tender for Contract 85-06 was awarded, as recommended, on motion of Ald. Sarto and

Greenough.

MOTION: Moved by Ald. Sarto & Greenough that Council accept the low bid received for Contract 86-05 (widening of Breeze Drive from Waverley Road to Castleton Court)., in the amount of \$418,890., as recommended. The low bidder is Ocean Contractors Ltd.

Council did not proceed any further with the regular agenda for this date, but instead went back to the budget discussions. School Administration staff were recalled at this point and Ald. Connors gave a report to Council on the discussions that took place outside the Council Chamber while the public hearing was taking place.

SCHOOL BOARD
ESTIMATES CONTINUED

Ald. Connors reported that a scenario has been considered, as Council requested, for the total \$632,000. reduction in the School Board budget, and it is felt that such a reduction would have serious negative effects on the school system. He went on to list a series of reductions that could be made, totalling \$250,000., that would permit present levels of service in the system to be maintained, and moved acceptance of that reduction (ie. instead of the \$632,000. being considered). The motion was seconded by Ald. Woods.

Ald. McCluskey questioned a number of budget items, over and above those Ald. Connors proposed for reduction, such as the replacement of a vehicle (A-0-6), a \$12,000. item for conferences (A-0-17), travel allowance (A-0-22), telephone projection of \$147,000. (A-0-5). Mr. Sanford and Supt. Harrison responded with information on each of the items questioned. Ald. McCluskey said she was not satisfied that further cuts could not be made in the areas she has noted.

Ald. Greenough suggested that the \$500,000. that will be received from the Province in capital funding should be re-directed toward operating requirements, and in this way, it would be possible to come closer to the \$632,000. objective set for Council to reduce the School Board budget. He proceeded to move

in amendment that the School Board budget be reduced by \$450,000. (ie. instead of \$250,000., as called for in the motion). The amendment was seconded by Ald. Levandier.

Debate continued up to a point where Ald. Hawley and Woods moved that the previous question be put (ie. the main motion). Ald. Levandier asked to have this motion of Ald. Hawley ruled out of order, since an amendment has been placed on the floor since the main motion was introduced. Ald. Hawley maintained that his new motion takes precedence, but in the absence of the City Solicitor for consultation on the point at issue, the Mayor ruled the motion of Ald. Hawley to be out of order. Ald. Hawley later requested a ruling from the Solicitor on whether or not the table of precedence, on which he based his motion, is applicable for Dartmouth City Council.

Generally, Council did not appear to support the amendment, and when the vote was taken, the amendment was defeated. The main motion was also defeated.

Ald. Levandier then moved that the funding level for the School Board remain at the 1986 level. This motion did not receive a seconder.

On the assumption that Council wished to find a position somewhere between the motion and the amendment that were defeated, Ald. Pye and Greenough moved a reduction in the amount of \$316,000., or half the \$632,000. being proposed to Council. This motion was also defeated.

Since an impasse had now been reached in the debate and none of the motions presented were able to receive a majority vote in favour, Ald. Levandier and Greenough moved adjournment of the School Board budget discussions, to be resumed on April 15th. This motion carried.

MOTION: Moved by Ald. Levandier & Greenough that Council adjourn the School Board discussions at this time, to be resumed on April 15th.

Members of Council were willing to go on with other departmental reductions, for which staff members were present.

PLANNING DEPT.

Mr. Bayer and Mr. Lukan were present for the Planning Dept. estimates, and all of the items included for reduction, totalling \$73,400., were approved with the concurrence of Council.

Council then agreed to hear Mr. Kent Robinson, Chairman of the M.P.S. Review Committee, with a request to have included in the budget, the salary for a Communication Officer (\$22,000.), a level 3 item not previously approved for inclusion in the Planning Dept. budget (C-7-7). Mr. Robinson explained to Council why this position is required if the M.P.S. review process is to meet the June/88 deadline that has been set. Information was circulated to Council on the prime function of the position requested and the specific areas of responsibility the Communication Officer would assume.

Members of Council recognized the need for this position, particularly in view of the fact that there is no one on the Planning Dept. staff with time to assume these duties, and the position was approved for funding, in the amount of \$22,000., on motion of Ald. Pye and Hawley. This would be a contract position, lasting from 15 to 18 months. The salary projection, however, is for the year 1987.

MOTION: Moved by Ald. Pye and Hawley that Council approve for funding, the position of Communication Officer (Planning Dept.), level 3, page C-7-7, and the additional amount of \$22,000. projected for this position in 1987.

SOCIAL SERVICES

Senior staff members from Social Services were present for the estimates for that department, and available to answer questions about the proposed reductions in their budget.

Ald. Hawley was concerned about the proposed reduction in the amount of \$54,000. for Grants, and other members of Council shared his opinion that this

cut should not be made. Members who serve on the Grants Committee recognized the needs of organizations which request assistance, and they did not want to see the funds provided for these groups, reduced for 1987.

The other reductions for Social Services were accepted, totalling \$121,000., but the \$54,000. for grants was reinstated with the concurrence of Council.

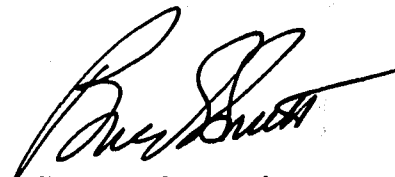
(Council agreed to continue meeting beyond the hour of 11:00 p.m., on motion of Ald. Pye and Sarto.)

LIBRARY BOARD

Prior to adjournment, Council agreed to the \$10,000. reduction proposed for the Library Board, without any further discussion or library staff consultation.

Council will meet again at 6:00 p.m., on April 15th, at which time the School Board reductions will be discussed further.

Meeting adjourned.



Bruce S. Smith,
City Clerk-Treasurer.

City Council, Apr. 14/87

ITEMS:

- 1) 1987 Budget Estimates, page 1.
- 2) School Board, page 1 to 4.
- 3) Public hearing: Application to amend Land Use By-law, Yorkshire Ave. Ext., pg. 4 to 9. By-law C-613, page 8.
- 4) Presentation: Commonwealth Games Society, pg. 9.
- 5) Award contract 85-06: Breeze Dr., page 9.
- 6) School Board estimates continued, pg. 10 to 12.
- 7) Planning Dept., page 12.
- 8) Social Services, page 12.
- 9) Library Board, page 13.

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Connors	Levandier
Withers	McCluskey
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1987 OPERATING BUDGET

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Ald. Levandier did not consider that the motion on the floor goes far enough; he was in favour of accepting the figure proposed in the staff reduction list. As the debate continued, it was apparent that members did not want to make a cut of \$400,000. in the School Board budget and were concerned about the impact on the school system. When the vote was taken, the motion was defeated by a vote of 9 to 4.

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April 15, 1987
Dartmouth, N. S.

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Ald. Connors and MacFarlane then moved that the reduction be approved in the amount of \$300,000.

This motion carried with Ald. Pye, Bregante and Levandier voting against.

MOTION: Moved by Ald. Connors & MacFarlane that a reduction in the amount of \$300,000. be approved for the School Board budget.

Council indicated concurrence with the following reductions proposed under the heading of

OTHER SERVICES

Other Services:

Advisory Assistance	\$5,000.
Public Liability	14,300.
Law Enforcement	1,000.
Special Events	5,000.
Street lighting	20,000.
Housing development	5,000.

Ald. Billard felt it should be possible to increase the reduction for housing development, and he suggested the elimination of part-time secretarial assistance that is provided to the Housing Coordinator. There was considerable discussion about this point, and the suggested use of other secretaries who may be available to do the work for the Housing Coordinator. Mr. Moir advised that the secretaries in the Clerk-Treasurer's office are assigned to other duties and do not have time for the additional work. In conclusion, Council accepted the \$5,000. reduction without amending it.

Natal Day	\$50,300.
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The proposal is to allocate \$25,000. to the Natal Day Committee for a weekend schedule of events only. The concensus of Council was in favour of the reduction, with Ald. Levandier voting against.

Deputy Mayor Hawley was asked to take the chair so that the Mayor could have the opportunity to address Council on the reduction proposed for Emergency Measures, in the amount of \$28,400. He pointed out to Council that approval of this reduction will result in the elimination of the coordination position and implementation of an EMO plan for Dartmouth accordingly, even though the operations equipment has been provided for in the capital budget. He requested that consideration be given

to including the position to start as of the first of September at least. After the Mayor had resumed the chair, several members of Council indicated support for retaining a larger portion of the EMO budget, and a consensus was reached in favour of a reduction in the amount of \$8,400. only.

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Mr. Moir advised that there is no provision in the budget for the operation of the St. Peter's building, from July to December. A projected estimate of \$54,400. has been submitted by Mr. Atkinson for this purpose. A rental figures has not yet been worked out with the daycare people, and Ald. Hawley suggested that negotiations with them should be started.

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to have staff meet with the Heritage Advisory Committee people to discuss the feasibility of a loan, as proposed by Ald. Connors.

MOTION: Moved by Ald. Connors and Hawley that the budget item C-9-19 be reduced by \$20,000., and that staff meet with the Heritage Advisory Comm. people to discuss the idea of a loan instead of a grant for the restoration of designated heritage buildings.

Further reductions approved:

Museum	\$22,600.
Sportsplex	100,000.
Correctional Centre	18,000.

Ald. Greenough felt the revenue figure for Deed Transfer Tax for 1987 has been under-estimated, and he moved an additional revenue projection from this source, in the amount of \$150,000., seconded by Ald. Hawley.

Ald. McCluskey asked about a point she raised at a previous meeting about occupancy permits, and Mr. Moir asked to have this matter left with staff for further study and report back to Council.

Ald. Connors agreed with the opinion of Ald. Greenough that the real estate market appears to be strong, given the current low interest rates and the fact that property values are up this year. Also, we will have the benefit of a full year of the deed transfer tax increase approved in 1986. Ald. Connors did express some slight reservations about being careful with this revenue projection, and Ald. Thompson and McCluskey also indicated concerns they had about the increase. Ald. Thompson pointed out that if the projected increase does not materialize, the City will then have a shortfall to make up next year.

When the vote was taken on the motion, it carried.

MOTION: Moved by Ald. Greenough and Hawley that the revenue figure for Deed Transfer Tax be increased by \$150,000.

Council agreed to a recess, to give staff time to work out tax rate calculations, based on the revisions made to the budget during the meetings that have taken place. After reconvening, Mr. Smith advised Council that

the tax rate produced would be \$3.028 per \$100. of assessment for non-residential, and \$1.382 per \$100. of assessment for residential.

RESOLUTION 87-17

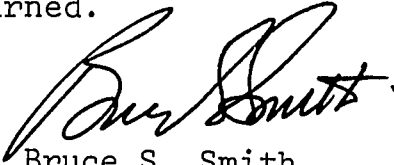
Ald. Connors and Withers proceeded to move the adoption of Resolution 87-17, which would establish the above rates for the year 1987.

Ald. Levandier and Billard were not willing to support the percentage increase represented by these rates, especially in the case of the non-residential rate. Ald. Billard felt that Council abdicated their responsibility in asking staff to recommend budget cuts. Ald. McCluskey and Hawley said that none of the members of Council are happy that the tax rates are being increased, but like other members who spoke on the motion, they would reluctantly support it. Ald. Connors felt that Council did a good job with the budget, and he pointed out that it is not possible to increase services and lower the tax rate at the same time. Ald. MacFarlane said there has to be a systematic way of dealing with finances on an on-going basis, and if Council ever hopes to put new ideas into effect, some ways will have to be found to reduce existing budgets. Ald. Thompson felt that further budget cuts could have been made this year to produce lower tax rates.

After all members of Council had an opportunity to express their views on the rates for 1987, and to give their assessment of them, the vote was taken on the motion and it carried, with Ald. Billard, Levandier and Thompson voting against.

MOTION: Moved by Ald. Connors and Withers that Council adopt Resolution 87-17, setting the tax rate for 1987 at \$1.382 for residential, and \$3.028 for non-residential.

The meeting then adjourned.


Bruce S. Smith,
City Clerk-Treasurer.

City Council, Apr. 15/87

ITEMS:

- 1) 1987 Operating Budget, page 1 to 5 incl.
 - 2) School Board (continued), page 1.
 - 3) Other Services, page 2 to 4.
 - 4) Resolution 87-17, page 5.
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Dartmouth, N. S.

April 21/87.

Regularly called meeting of City Council
held this date at 7:30 p.m.

Present - Mayor Savage

Ald. Bregante	Thompson
Billard	MacFarlane
Connors	Levandier
Withers	McCluskey
Pye	Woods
Hawley	Greenough
City Solicitor, M. Moreash	
Acting City Administrator, R. Fougere	
Deputy City Clerk, G. D. Brady	

TEMPORARY
BORROWING
RESOLUTIONS

On motion of Ald. Thompson and McCluskey,
Council approved the following Temporary Borrowing
Resolutions, as recommended by Mr. Corrigan:

1) Equipment	DMA 87-01	\$ 1,017,000.
2) Streets	87-02	6,482,900.
3) Sewers & drains	87-03	1,344,100.
4) Buildings	87-04	359,000.
5) Recreation	87-05	887,100.
6) Land	87-06	167,500.
7) Water	87-07	451,500.

MOTIONS:

ALD. LEVANDIER

Notice of motion having been duly given,
the following motions were presented for consideration
at this time:

1) Moved by Ald. Levandier, seconded by Ald.

Withers:

WHEREAS the Provincial year is different
than that of the City of Dartmouth;

AND WHEREAS the City and associated Boards
and Commissions rely on transfer payments
from the Province of Nova Scotia;

AND WHEREAS it is difficult for the City
and associated Boards and Commissions to
accurately evaluate their financial needs
without knowing the amount to be received
from the Province;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Finance &
Program Review Committee study this
important question, and report back to City
Council with their findings as to how this
situation can be resolved;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this report
come back to City Council in not more than
sixteen weeks.

In presenting his motion, Ald. Levandier
suggested that once a report comes back to Council, it
may be possible to generate further support for the idea
through the Union of Nova Scotia Municipalities.

The vote was taken on the motion and it carried.

MOTION: Moved by Ald. Levandier & Withers:
text as above.

2) Moved by Ald. Levandier, seconded by Ald.

Hawley:

That in an effort to encourage development in the Downtown Core,

BE IT RESOLVED that the City consider facilitating the building of a multi-level parking garage, and that the spaces be made available for sale to owners of small parcels of land in the downtown core, thus enabling them to reduce their on-site parking requirements, and enabling them to maximize their lots for building purposes, and to encourage in-fill development.

In the introduction to his motion, Ald.

Levandier commented on the need for a multi-parking garage in the downtown area, this need having been identified in studies of the downtown and brought to Council's attention when the issue of parking was the subject of a public meeting.

Ald. Pye did not feel the City should become involved in this kind of project, other than perhaps to agree to sell a City-owned property to a developer wishing to proceed with the facility. Ald. Connors noted that the Finance & Program Review Committee is in the process of dealing with the entire subject of parking in the downtown, and his suggestion was to have the motion referred to the Committee for inclusion in their discussions. He moved referral to the Finance & Program Review Committee for their consideration, seconded by Ald. Greenough.

Ald. Levandier preferred to have the motion go to staff for their comments, but he did not oppose the motion to refer when the vote was taken. The motion to refer carried.

MOTION: Moved by Ald. Connors and Greenough that the motion presented on the subject of a multi-level parking garage for the downtown, be referred to the Finance & Program Review Committee for consideration in conjunction with the total question of parking in the downtown area.

ALD. CONNORS

Ald. Connors wished to defer two of his motions until next month, and he proceeded to introduce motion #3 at this time.

3) Moved by Ald. Connors, seconded by Ald. Woods:

The Planning Dept., with respect to application for Development Agreements, adopt a policy whereby upon receipt of such an application, staff, in consultation with the area Aldermen, shall organize a meeting between area Aldermen, staff, and applicant, and interested members of the affected neighborhood, for the purpose of attempting to negotiate a Development Agreement which meets community concerns.

Ald. Connors explained why he felt that the participation of area residents would be a worthwhile exercise in the case of Development Agreement applications. In this way, the concerns of the community could be addressed at an early point and before areas of contention start to arise.

Ald. Hawley agreed with the concept, but wondered about a possible conflict of interest on the part of Aldermen, if they become involved in these early discussion stages. The Solicitor pointed out that rather than a conflict of interest, the problem is with a bias in pre-judging the issue, and he agreed that considerable care would have to be taken by Aldermen in their involvement. Ald. Hawley's other concern was about the possibility that undue power would be put in the hands of residents, but Ald. Connors pointed out that an applicant would still be able to come to Council and have recourse to the usual public hearing process. Also, the Solicitor noted that the applicant would have every right to expect his Development Agreement proposal to go forward for a decision, based on compliance with the M.P.S., regardless of what took place at the early meetings with area residents.

Mr. L'Esperance was asked for a response to the idea from the Planning Dept. point of view. He said the department has only taken a brief look at the concept so far, but staff believe it has some merit.

Ald. Levandier did not support the motion and said he would prefer to see a Planning Board or a permanent M.P.S. Review Committee in place to fulfill this type of function instead. At the conclusion of the debate, Ald. Hawley and Greenough moved referral to the Planning Dept. and the Solicitor, for a look at the concept in more depth

in terms of its viability and in terms of the legal ramifications associated with it. The motion to refer carried.

MOTION: Moved by Ald. Hawley & Greenough that the motion presented on the subject of preliminary meetings with area residents, in the case of Development Agreement applications, be referred to the Planning Dept. and the Solicitor for a look at the concept in more depth, in terms of its viability, and in terms of the legal ramifications associated with it.

Ald. Bregante withdrew a motion for which he had given notice (separation of garbage), and the motion that was proposed by Ald. MacFarlane has now been dealt with at a previous Council meeting.

ALD. MCCLUSKEY

4) Moved by Ald. McCluskey, seconded by Ald. MacFarlane:

WHEREAS the present policy of the City of Dartmouth is that a certain sum of money is designated to send Aldermen and the Mayor to the F.C.M. Conference;

AND WHEREAS it is recognized that certain knowledge and information emanates from the F.C.M.;

AND WHEREAS that information can be passed on to all Aldermen by attending Aldermen;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that a maximum of three Aldermen and the Mayor be permitted to attend the F.C.M. Conference, at the City's expense, each year.

Ald. McCluskey's motion would come into effect next year, since a number of Aldermen have already indicated their intention to attend this year's conference.

She did not see the need for more than three members of Council and the Mayor to attend the conference in a given year and did not feel the City benefits from the expenditure for more than three and the Mayor attending. She said that if Council is sincere about holding the line in City spending, this is one way to demonstrate it. Ald. MacFarlane agreed that if staff are expected to make budget concessions, an example should first be set by Council in this regard.

Members opposed to the motion considered the City's membership in the F.C.M. to be advantageous from many points of view. It was pointed out that as an

organization, the F.C.M. represents the strongest lobby group on behalf of Canadian municipalities, to the Federal Government. Several members commented on benefits they have personally received from attending past conferences, in terms of tours of facilities in other municipalities and in the exchange of information with their counterparts from other areas of Canada. Ald. Hawley provided information on several projects initiated by the F.C.M., in which he is participating on the City's behalf. Ald. Levandier said that if the City is going to belong to this kind of professional organization, it has to participate in it; otherwise, our membership is not worthwhile.

When the vote was taken on the motion, it was defeated by a vote of 7 to 5.

ALD. THOMPSON

5) Moved by Ald. Thompson, seconded by Ald.

MacFarlane:

WHEREAS pollution and environmental protection is the concern of great numbers of citizens;

AND WHEREAS there is untreated sewage going into Halifax harbour;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that staff look into the feasibility of an Environment & Pollution Control Fund, to assist with the clean-up of this great environment problem;

AND BE IT RESOLVED that consideration be given to funding the project from Water Dept. users.

Explaining the intent of his motion, Ald. Thompson suggested that perhaps consideration would be given to a Pollution Control charge, such as the City of Halifax imposes, based on the rate of 53¢ per 1,000 gallons of water used, or some other figure that would be acceptable for Dartmouth. Ald. Pye noted that there have been some problems with the system in Halifax, since the funds collected were not used for the original purpose, and he would want to have any such funds collected in Dartmouth, specifically earmarked for one purpose only.

Ald. Greenough asked if a report will come back to Council from staff; the Mayor advised that it will.

The motion carried by a vote of 6 to 4.

MOTION: Moved by Ald. Thompson & MacFarlane:
text above.

ALD. GREENOUGH

6) Moved by Ald. Greenough and MacFarlane:

That Council request a committee of Council to work with the Engineering Dept. to establish a program and set a priority list for the takeover of private streets and provide for paving over the next five years.

Several members of Council, Ald. Woods, Pye and Billard, did not agree with the proposed procedure for dealing with private streets in the City and their upgrading. Ald. Woods said that such streets, in his ward, will be priority items in the street construction program for next year, and he was concerned about a delay in completing work that is required, if the motion were to be adopted.

Ald. Hawley and Thompson supported the motion. They considered it to be an appropriate and cooperative way of dealing with private streets, on a City-wide basis, rather than according to the individual wards. Ald. Billard felt it is up to the individual members to make decisions on private streets within their own wards and to take the initiative in having them improved.

When the vote was taken on the motion, it carried, with Ald. Pye, Woods and Billard voting against.

MOTION: Moved by Ald. Greenough and MacFarlane:
text above.

NOTICES OF MOTION:

ALD. PYE

The following notices of motion were given for the next regular Council meeting:

Ald. Pye

WHEREAS the City of Dartmouth has no provisions with the Charter to recognize Honorary Citizenship and Keys to the City presentation;

AND WHEREAS on a number of occasions over the years, the City of Dartmouth has had the opportunity to bestow Honorary Citizenship or present the Keys to the City, to outstanding persons, both nationally and internationally, but was unable to do so because of no municipal legislation in place for the City of Dartmouth;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that City Council request the City Solicitor to draft the appropriate municipal legislation which will enable the City to make special presentations to outstanding persons;

AND FURTHER, BE IT RESOLVED that such municipal legislation be drafted as quickly as possible, thereby allowing the legislation to be in place before the arrival of Dartmouth's solo sailor, John Hughes, and he be the first person to receive the Keys to the City of Dartmouth.

ALD. LEVANDIER

Ald. Levandier

- (1) The 1987 Dartmouth District School Board budget contains the following note:

"In addition the Board will receive from the Province of Nova Scotia, the amount of \$503,475. for funding of capital equipment and minor repairs."

"The balance of the Board's 1986 surplus of \$424,080. will be utilized in the following manner:

- (a) \$90,000. to be placed in the long-term service award account which is currently underfunded;
- (b) \$235,580. to be utilized for major maintenance projects chosen from one or two new roof replacements (eg. Bi-Centennial School at an estimated cost of \$200,000.)."

The District School Board took \$98,500. of its previous year's surplus into operating revenue, thereby accounting for the \$424,080.

At the next regular meeting of City Council I will move that the Dartmouth District School Board be asked to report on an on-going basis to City Council how they are spending the \$503,475. for funding of capital equipment and minor repairs, and to account for the \$235,580., to be utilized for major maintenance projects.

In previous years, appeals have been made by the Dartmouth District School Board to City Council for funds for maintenance of buildings, yet the school buildings, which are owned by the City, have not received proper maintenance.

I therefore request that the District School Board advise City Council on at least a quarterly basis, as to how these funds committed in the 1987 budget are to be spent and the progress of the repairs.

- (2) WHEREAS there is a purchase and sale agreement in the works for the Lyle Street scrap yard property (Dominion Metals property);

AND WHEREAS this parcel of land has been of serious concern to the residents of the Harbourview community;

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED that no transaction take place with any group until the City has held a complete public hearing to let the residents have a say as to what they would like to see done with this property.

ALD. MCCLUSKEY

Ald. McCluskey

WHEREAS every spring, the City is littered with garbage;

AND WHEREAS the cleaning up of the City is a costly item;

AND WHEREAS most citizens take pride in having a clean City and would be willing to participate in helping to clean up the City;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the City set aside a certain day each year as a public clean-up day when citizens will be encouraged to assist.

ALD. MACFARLANE

Ald. MacFarlane

- (1) WHEREAS the City of Dartmouth has recently struck the tax rate for 1987;
AND WHEREAS residents want to know how their tax dollars are being spent;
BE IT RESOLVED that the City undertake to inform residents in a clear and open manner, with input from staff, as to ways this could be economically and effectively carried out during 1987.
- (2) WHEREAS the City has recently completed budgetary deliberations;
AND WHEREAS the City Administrator, Mayor and members of Council, acknowledge the need for program review and improvements in the budgetary planning process;
BE IT RESOLVED that Council, as a whole, or the Finance & Program Review Committee, on referral from Council, commence a thorough review of existing programs in all departments, to recommend priorities for funding in 1988, as well as savings to be achieved from eliminating low-priority items.
- (3) WHEREAS recent deliberations over the sale of land by the City to Burnside Marina, have been delayed for an inordinate length of time;
AND WHEREAS the reasons for this delay remain unclear;
BE IT RESOLVED that outstanding land transactions approved by a resolution of Council should be reviewed on a quarterly basis, so that Council will be appraised of their status and progress toward completion.

ALD. BILLARD

Ald. Billard

- (1) WHEREAS the large unattended area, known as the Hammerling property, continues to be used by groups of rowdy people using four-wheel-drive vehicles;
AND WHEREAS this disquieting activity could be curtailed, thereby easing the burden to surrounding neighbours;
BE IT RESOLVED that City staff install and maintain the necessary barricades at each of the three main vehicle entrance points, restricting entrance to those on foot only. The three locations would be: the west end of Summit Heights Road, the north end of MacRae Ave., and a point on Portland Street across from Penhorn Mall.
- (2) WHEREAS a policy for taking over 'so-called' private streets, has been debated and adopted by City Council;
AND WHEREAS Silver's Road and Sunny Brae Ave. are two such private streets which have been on the Category 1 list for take-over since early 1982;
BE IT RESOLVED that the City begin the necessary surveying and title-searching, so that Silver's Road and Sunny Brae Ave. can be formally accepted as streets and receive the necessary repairs, as soon as the priority list is established.

ALD. THOMPSON

Ald. Thompson

WHEREAS there is great interest in old time fiddling in the Dartmouth area and throughout Nova Scotia;

AND WHEREAS there is no museum or library to recognize these entertainers;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that Mayor Savage appoint a committee to explore with different levels of government, the feasibility of establishing a museum, library, or Canadian Hall of Fame, to preserve our heritage and acknowledge the contribution these fiddlers have made to our culture and society.

INQUIRIES:

Ald. Levandier asked about the summary of

ALD. LEVANDIER

revenue and expenditure statements that normally come to Council every month. Mr. Corrigan advised that these will be resumed, now that the budget has been completed, and the next statement will reflect year-to-date figures.

Ald. Levandier asked why the tax rate could not have been set later than the April 15th deadline, and Mr. Corrigan explained that any delay beyond that date for tax billings would have cost the City about \$6,000. a day in interest loss.

Ald. Levandier asked if there will be an opportunity for public input on the choice of Greenvale School as the site for the new library. The Mayor noted that the Library Site Committee, in conjunction with the Library Board, will be making recommendation to Council, and there will be an opportunity for discussion and public response.

ALD. MCCLUSKEY

Ald. McCluskey was concerned that the Dartmouth Fuel Kids hockey team will not have any further opportunity for home games at the Sportsplex in the hockey finals.

Ald. Billard advised that in the event they have to play a home game, it will be in the Forum.

ALD CONNORS

Ald. Connors requested an update on the zoning violations at 13 Pelzant Street and at 33 Maple Street. The Solicitor advised that the former case should be going to court within a matter of weeks, and he would check further on the inquiry about 33 Maple Street. Ald. Connors asked to be informed further in both cases.

Ald. Connors' second inquiry concerned the matter of responsibility for tree roots that get into sewer lines on private properties, and the question of repair costs being borne by the property owner. He requested a response from staff to the following: (1) the number of claims over the past five years, and the amount of money involved; (2) whether there is an adopted policy of Council as to denying liability and if so, when was it adopted and on what basis; and (3) what kind of policy should we have with respect to the incursion of tree roots onto private properties.

ALD. HAWLEY

Ald. Hawley requested that immediate attention be given to the serious blasting problem that is affecting homes in the Ward 6 section where he lives and in other areas of the ward within the proximity of the quarrying operation being carried out in connection with the Rotary improvements. He asked about the status of the by-law requested to try to address the problem. The Solicitor agreed to expedite the preparation of this by-law, and Mr. Fougere said he would contact the quarry operator and request that they cut down on the size of the blasts.

ALD. THOMPSON

Ald. Thompson asked about the delay in the traffic lights at Ridgecrest Dr. and the #7 Highway. Mr. Purdy advised that there has been a hold-up on the delivery of electrical equipment required for the lights. Ald. Thompson said it is important to get the lights in operation before a serious accident occurs there.

ALD. BREGANTE

Ald. Bregante's inquiry was directed to the Sportsplex Commission. He asked why the Dartmouth Fuel Kids have been charged such a high rental fee for use of the Sportsplex arena. He said it was indicated to him that a \$5,000. fee was initially quoted, but this was later reduced to around one or two thousand dollars, and he considered this amount to still be excessive.

Ald. Bregante requested information from the District School Board on the problem at Southdale School caused by a strong smell of oil. Mr. Fougere was asked to follow up on this inquiry with the Board.

ALD. BILLARD

Ald. Billard asked if a letter has gone forward about the suggested unfairness in assessment procedures, discussed some time ago at Council. The Mayor advised that a letter went out as requested. Ald. Billard requested a copy of the letter.

Ald. Billard referred to a letter he has circulated, seeking ^{the} temporary street closure of Canterbury Street, between Highwood and Berwick, to permit a fund-raising neighborhood party on a specific date, a request similar to one Council approved last year for the same purpose. The Mayor and Council indicated concurrence with the request.

ALD. MACFARLANE

Ald. MacFarlane asked when the overhead cross-walk lights are to be installed at Lakeview Point Road and Prince Albert Road. Mr. Fougere was asked to look into the inquiry and get back to Ald. MacFarlane on it.

MONTHLY REPORTS

The following regular monthly reports were approved by Council:

- 1) Social Services (March): approved on motion of Ald. Pye and Bregante.

Ald. Withers said he was pleased to see Mr. McNeil's comments on the effort being made to initiate a work project for Able Bodied Unemployed persons on our caseload.

- 2) Development Officer (March): approved on motion of Ald. McCluskey and Bregante.

Referring to File # C-69 (Civic #141/143 Albro Lake Road), Ald. Woods advised that the property owner there has created serious drainage problems for abutting residents. He requested attention to this situation and further information from Mr. L'Esperance.

- 3) Building Inspection (March): approved on motion of Ald. MacFarlane and Bregante.

Ald. McCluskey asked about the projected revenue figure for building permits and suggested it may be a little low (\$265,000.) in view of the indications reflected in this March report.

- 4) Minimum Standards (March): approved on motion of Ald. Levandier and Pye.

Ald. McCluskey asked to have a property on Bedford Street (next to General Bakeries property) added to the list of properties for inspection. Ald. Withers asked about this same property, and requested that staff look at the Building Code to see if there is any restriction that could prevent the business from continuing to operate there. He also requested an inspection of the property at 1 Stairs Street.

Ald. Woods asked what can be done about the Sign Bright property on Fernhill Road, which is littered with broken signs and glass; he described the property as being dangerous to children in its present condition. Mr. Turner said his department has been trying to contact the new owner to get him to clean it up. The Solicitor and Mr. Turner will discuss this property further, in relation to the question of whether or not the City can clean up the property and then charge the owner for the cost.

5) Fire Chief (March): approved on motion of Ald. Bregante and Hawley.

6) Dog Control (March): approved on motion of Ald. Hawley and Bregante.

Ald. Withers questioned the cumulative totals on page 2 of the report (ward breakdown), and the Mayor referred the inquiry to Mr. Rath to take it up with the pound operator.

MOTIONS: To approve the regular monthly reports, as noted above and on page 11 of these minutes.

METRO AUTHORITY:
GUARANTEE RESOLUTIONS

On motion of Ald. Bregante and Thompson, Council approved the following Metropolitan Authority temporary borrowing resolutions, as recommended by Mr. Corrigan, in his accompanying report to Council:

87-01	Solid Waste	\$	975,000.
87-02	Metro Transit		2,344,100.

MOTION: Moved by Ald. Bregante & Thompson that Council approve Metropolitan Authority temporary borrowing resolutions, 87-01 and 87-02, as detailed above.

TAX EXEMPTION:
METROPOLITAN

GROUP HOMES ASSN. for tax exemption status for the year 1987, and By-law C-620 has been prepared to provide for this exemption. The by-law was before Council for approval.

BY-LAW C-620

It was moved by Ald. Bregante and MacFarlane and carried that leave be given to introduce the said By-law C-620 and that it now be read a first time.

It was moved by Ald. MacFarlane and Thompson and carried that By-law C-620 be read a second time.

Unanimous consent was given by Council for third reading of the by-law.

It was moved by Ald. Withers and Pye and carried that By-law C-620 be read a third time and that the Mayor and the City Clerk be authorized to sign and seal the said by-law on behalf of the City.

MOTIONS: Three readings given to By-law C-620: tax exemption, Metropolitan Group Homes.

ANNUAL REPORT:
IND. COMMISSION

Council dealt next with the Industrial Commission's annual report for 1986. Mr. Rath presented the report, in the absence of the Chairman, Mr. Douglas and the Vice-Chairman, Mr. Gates.

Mr. Rath described 1986 as a dramatic year for industrial development in the City, in spite of the decline in offshore oil development potential. He commented on the major upswing in the small business sector and the corresponding interest in smaller lots for development. The two major companies attracted to the Burnside Park in 1986 were Swedwood and Maritime Medical Care, both significant developments. Another industrial feature of particular note was the establishment of the Small Business Technology Centre, in conjunction with the Nova Scotia Research Foundation.

A number of recommendations have been included with the annual report; Mr. Rath reviewed these with Council and responded to questions that arose concerning: (1) the present available land inventory in the Burnside Park and its adequacy; (2) the commitment of Special Reserve funds for further development of the Burnside Park and whether the Fund itself can meet all of these requirements and at the same time, provide the additional funding for a commitment to the new library building; (3) the return the City can expect to receive from the present development program, as costs continue to increase when we get into more costly sections of the Park; (4) the possible need for a market analysis to determine more exactly what volume of business can be expected so that accurate decisions can be made about the amount of money that should be spent to prepare for future development potential. Mr. Rath pointed out to Council that we have about a 24 to 30-month supply of land inventory at present, and there will come a point where decisions have to be made as to whether development will continue in Burnside, even if it becomes more costly, or whether it will stop altogether. Ald. Connors felt that a detailed marketing analysis will be needed to help determine this decision.

Further to the recommendations, the following action was taken by Council:

- 1) the pricing policy for land in the Burnside Park: Council agreed to defer this item for one week, to give Mr. Rath an opportunity to comment on the land prices in other local parks (ie. as compared with our own), in view of information Ald. McCluskey presented on the price being charged for land in the Aerotech Park.
- 2) payment of commissions on the lease of land in Burnside Park and in the Woodside Park: deferred for one week, to determine the legality of a commission being paid by the City for lease of a site in what is really a Provincial park and in fact, the land is owned by the Province.
- 3) on motion of Ald. Hawley and McCluskey, to approve the recommendation that the Minister of Municipal Affairs be requested to rescind approval of Resolution 86-76 and 86-78 (totalling \$5,815,500.), and adopting Resolution 87-08, which requests the Minister to reduce the amount of the former approval to \$2,664,500., to be withdrawn from the Special Reserve Fund.
- 4) on motion of Ald. Hawley and Thompson, to approve the recommendation that Resolution 87-09 be adopted, requesting the approval of the Minister of Municipal Affairs, to withdraw \$4,458,000. from the Special Reserve Fund to finance the program of capital projects in the Burnside Park and the City of Lakes Business Park in 1987, as set out in Attachment 1 (page 14) of the Annual Report.
- 5) On motion of Ald. Hawley and Pye, that staff be requested to look into the suggested establishment of a central registry system for the entire Dartmouth business community. This system would require all present and future business establishments in Dartmouth, to register their location in the City and any subsequent change in company name and location. A future recommendation would come back on this item.

The Mayor advised Council that in a further effort to give support to the IEL industrial development efforts in south Dartmouth, it is proposed that the May meeting of the Industrial Commission be held at the new Small Business Technology Centre, to which all members of Council would be invited as well, to have a tour of the facility.

Mr. Rath was thanked by the Mayor and by Council for the work he has been doing for the City in the area of industrial promotion and development.

MOTIONS: As per the recommendations adopted, from the annual report of the Industrial Commission, detailed on page 14 of these minutes.

BUILDING CODE ACT:
RESOLUTION 87-15

On motion of Ald. Thompson and Bregante, Council approved Resolution 87-15, further to the Building Code Act and the by-law recently given approval by Council in this connection. The resolution recommends to the Minister of Municipal Affairs that the provisions attached to the resolution be made regulations applicable to the City of Dartmouth. The Solicitor has provided further detail as to the provisions covered in her memo to Council, dated March 31/87, and she has recommended the adoption of Resolution 87-15.

MOTION: Moved by Ald. Thompson & Bregante that Council approve Resolution 87-15, applicable to the Building Code Act and the by-law in this connection recently enacted by Council.

Ald. Woods moved that the provisions of By-law C-616 (Building Code by-law) be referred to staff for consultation in conjunction with Ald. Woods and to discuss his points about the role of the Building Inspector. The motion was seconded by Ald. Connors and it carried.

MOTION: Moved by Ald. Woods and Connors that By-law C-616 (previously approved by Council, be referred to staff for consultation in conjunction with Ald. Woods, and to discuss his points about the role and responsibility of the Building Inspector.

BY-LAWS C-614
615
619

SWIMMING POOLS
MOVEMENT OF BLDGS.
PLUMBING INSPECTION

Three by-laws were before Council for approval, replacing by-laws that have been repealed as a result of the enactment of the Provincial Building Code Act & Regulations. These by-laws simply re-enact provisions that were previously in place, and the Solicitor has recommended that Council pass the three new by-laws.

C-614
MOVEMENT OF BLDGS.

It was moved by Ald. Hawley and Pye and carried that leave be given to introduce the said By-law C-614 and that it now be read a first time.

It was moved by Ald. Hawley and Connors and carried that By-law C-614 be read a second time.

Unanimous consent was given by Council for third reading of the by-law.

It was moved by Ald. Pye and Hawley and carried that By-law C-614 be read a third time and that the Mayor and the City Clerk be authorized to sign and seal the said by-law on behalf of the City of Dartmouth.

MOTIONS: Three readings given to By-law C-614.

C-615
SWIMMING POOLS

It was moved by Ald. Hawley and Pye and carried that leave be given to introduce the said By-law C-615 and that it now be read a first time.

It was moved by Ald. Hawley and Connors and carried that By-law C-615 be read a second time.

Unanimous consent was given by Council for third reading of the by-law.

It was moved by Ald. Pye and Hawley and carried that By-law C-615 be read a third time and that the Mayor and the City Clerk be authorized to sign and seal the said by-law on behalf of the City of Dartmouth.

MOTIONS: Three readings given to By-law C-615.

C-619
PLUMBING
INSPECTION

It was moved by Ald. Hawley and Pye and carried that leave be given to introduce the said By-law C-619 and that it now be read a first time.

It was moved by Ald. Hawley and Connors and carried that By-law C-619 be read a second time.

Unanimous consent was given by Council for third reading of the by-law.

It was moved by Ald. Pye and Hawley and carried that By-law C-619 be read a third time and that the Mayor and the City Clerk be authorized to sign and seal the said by-law on behalf of the City of Dartmouth.

MOTIONS: Three readings given to By-law C-619.

VIDEO APPLICATIONS:
GREEN GABLES OUTLETS

On motion of Ald. Thompson and Withers, Council indicated no objection to retail video applications for Green Gables outlets at the following locations:

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| 1) 8 Astral Drive | 10) 303 Pr. Albert Rd. |
| 2) 25 Crystal Drive | 11) 742 Waverley Rd. |
| 3) 132 Main St. | 12) 182 Victoria Rd. |
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| 6) 181 Pleasant St. | 15) 99 Woodlawn Rd. |
| 7) 553 Pleasant St. | 16) 114 Woodlawn Rd. |
| 8) 100 Portland St. | 17) 250 Wyse Rd. |
| 9) 365 Portland St. | |

It was moved by Ald. Pye and Hawley and carried that By-law C-614 be read a third time and that the Mayor and the City Clerk be authorized to sign and seal the said by-law on behalf of the City of Dartmouth.

MOTIONS: Three readings given to By-law C-614.

C-615
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C-619
PLUMBING
INSPECTION

MOTIONS: Three readings given to By-law C-615.
It was moved by Ald. Hawley and Pye and

carried that leave be given to introduce the said By-law C-619 and that it now be read a first time.

It was moved by Ald. Hawley and Connors and carried that By-law C-619 be read a second time.

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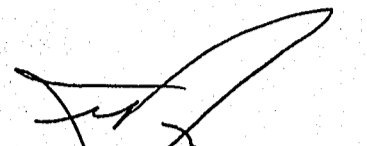
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Council went in camera, on motion of Ald. Hawley and Thompson, and reconvened for the purpose of adjournment.

Meeting adjourned.



G. D. Brady,
Deputy City Clerk.

City Council, Apr. 21/87

ITEMS:

- 1) Temporary Borrowing Resolutions, page 1.
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- 3) Ald. Connors, page 2 to 4.
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- 5) Thompson, page 5.
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- 10) Metro Authority: Guarantee Resolutions, pg. 12.
- 11) Tax exemption: Metropolitan Group Homes Assn., pg. 12
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- 12) Annual report: Industrial Commission, page 13 & 14.
- 13) Building Code Act: Resolution 87-15, page 15.
- 14) By-laws C-614 (Movement of buildings), page 15
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- 15) Video applications: Green Gables outlets, page 16.

Dartmouth, N. S.

April 28/87.

Regularly called meeting of City Council
held this date at 7:30 p.m.

Present - Mayor Savage

Ald. Billard	MacFarlane
Connors	Levandier
Withers	McCluskey
Pye	Woods
Hawley	Greenough
Bregante	Hetherington
Sarto	

City Solicitor, S. Hood
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At the opening of the meeting, the Mayor advised Council of a public hearing scheduled for this date, namely, a street closure associated with the sale of Parcel G on Windmill Road to Burnside Inn and Marina Ltd. The public hearing was moved up to become the first item on the agenda.

Two reports from Mr. Moir were also added to the agenda, dealing with: (a) repairs to the roof, Maitland Street bus garage, and (b) the canteen concession at the Woodside Ferry Terminal.

Ald. Levandier rose on a point of privilege to indicate his dissatisfaction about the Rowinski settlement, and the manner in which it has been concluded. The Mayor advised that the Solicitor for the City would be present at 9:30 p.m., at which time Council will have the opportunity to discuss this matter further in camera. Ald. Levandier said he was not willing to go in camera for the item, and Ald. Hetherington said he would only agree to meet in camera on the understanding that Council would receive information, as required, from the Solicitor, and then come back into open meeting for discussion. He was also dissatisfied with the settlement procedures followed and the fact that a consensus of opinion was sought from Council members by phone.

Ald. Hetherington moved, seconded by Ald. Withers, that Council meet in camera at 9:30 p.m. for half an hour only to find out the facts, and then come back into open Council. The Mayor said he would have no

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Two reports from Mr. Moir were also added to the agenda, dealing with: (a) repairs to the roof, Maitland Street bus garage, and (b) the canteen concession at the Woodside Ferry Terminal.

Ald. Levandier rose on a point of privilege to indicate his dissatisfaction about the Rowinski settlement, and the manner in which it has been concluded. The Mayor advised that the Solicitor for the City would be present at 9:30 p.m., at which time Council will have the opportunity to discuss this matter further in camera. Ald. Levandier said he was not willing to go in camera for the item, and Ald. Hetherington said he would only agree to meet in camera on the understanding that Council would receive information, as required, from the Solicitor, and then come back into open meeting for discussion. He was also dissatisfied with the settlement procedures followed and the fact that a consensus of opinion was sought from Council members by phone.

Ald. Hetherington moved, seconded by Ald. Withers, that Council meet in camera at 9:30 p.m. for half an hour only to find out the facts, and then come back into open Council. The Mayor said he would have no

objection to doing this, and he explained that his advice about meeting in camera was based on the recommendation of the Solicitors; he therefore considered it to be in order. When the vote was taken on the motion, it was defeated.

Ald. McCluskey requested that a letter of congratulations go to the coach and players of the Dartmouth Fuel Kids team, successful winners of the Atlantic Jr. A. hockey cup, also, wishing the team luck as they advance to the Centennial Cup play-offs.

CLEANER & GREENER
PROPOSAL

Members of Council have received copies of a proposal from the Parks & Recreation Dept. for a Clean-Up Campaign for the City, to be sponsored jointly with the McDonald's Restaurant company.

Ald. MacFarlane presented the proposal for Council's approval, and explained the objectives of it. The date planned for the Clean-Up program is Sat., June 5th, and it is proposed that the schools and community groups and organizations be asked to participate. Ald. MacFarlane and Sarto moved that Council endorse the proposal and the necessary support staff required in connection with it.

Ald. Hawley was concerned that the schools are again being called upon for another community activity. He felt that other community groups should be asked to respond, and was assured that service clubs and citizen organizations will be contacted as well. The emphasis of this campaign is on the total community and not just the schools. Ald. McCluskey said she would like to have been contacted about the proposal, in view of the notice of motion she gave recently on the same subject.

The vote was taken on the motion and it carried.

MOTION: Moved by Ald. MacFarlane and Sarto that Council endorse the Cleaner & Greener proposal, and the necessary support staff required in connection with it.

The Mayor commended the Parks & Recreation Dept. and Works Dept. staff for the proposal.

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He commented on the decision of Council to reinstate the position of Communication Officer in the budget, advising that applications for the position will close by May 6th. He said that Council's commitment in this respect could not have come at a better time, with the heavy workload now facing the Review Committee.

Mr. Robinson went on to give an update on the review process and he made reference to growth scenario panels on display in the Council Chamber. These panels will be on display at various public locations throughout the City as part of the community-awareness and participation program the Review Committee is undertaking. A tabloid publication has been distributed to homeowners and members received copies of the tabloid with the other material in their packages. Also included was a list of upcoming M.P.S. public meetings that are scheduled for Community School locations.

Ald. Woods asked about the participation of Council members in the public meetings, and the Solicitor advised that members can observe and ask questions at the meetings, but should reserve any decision-making until the time of the public hearing. Mr. Robinson has provided Council with a time-frame chart for the M.P.S. review process. He gave specific dates at this time, when Council can expect to begin reviewing the M.P.S. and dealing with it at the public hearing, the date for public hearing being in June of 1988.

Ald. Hetherington commended members of staff and the citizens who have been associated with the M.P.S. review, and the Mayor extended thanks from Council as well.

Members of Council have received copies of the "Downtown Dartmouth Planning & Development Study", carried out by U.M.A. Engineering. Mr. Chris Lowe of U.M.A. and Mr. George Rogers of MacFawn & Rogers, Architects, were in attendance to present their report to Council.

UMA STUDY:
DOWNTOWN PLANNING
& DEVELOPMENT

Mr. Lowe began the presentation with the study background and objectives, and the remainder of the presentation was divided into the following sections:

- 1) a recommended management plan.
- 2) a recommended development plan.
- 3) recommended control mechanics.
- 4) a recommended implementation plan.

Each of these sections contain specific details that Mr. Lowe and Mr. Rogers gave an overview of, with the assistance of overhead slides throughout the presentation. At the conclusion, members of Council had the opportunity to comment and to ask questions. Ald. Levandier asked how this study is different from a number of other studies of the downtown, and he indicated some reservations about the effectiveness of another study. He had certain specific questions about the Alderney Drive Corridor, the location of the library in relation to downtown revitalization, and so on. Other members also referred to specific items in the report, but it was noted by the Mayor that at this time it is not expected that Council would get into decisions on individual items. The recommendation to Council is to refer the report to several groups for review, and at a later date, after input from those groups, Council will begin to deal with the specifics of the report.

Ald. Hetherington and Woods moved that the report be referred to the following organizations, for report back before July 1/87:

- 1) the M.P.S. Review Committee
- 2) the Downtown Revitalization Committee
- 3) the Downtown Dartmouth Corp.
- 4) the Downtown Residential Assn.
- 5) the Business Improvement District Committee.

At the request of Ald. Sarto, the Tourist Commission was also added to this list.

Ald. Connors defended the report, pointing out that improvements to the downtown have continued to take place since the revitalization process began. He felt there will be good results from the study and that it will serve to facilitate development from the

point where we are now. Several members expressed a particular interest in the tax increment concept suggested in the report, and they felt this idea should receive careful attention for the possibilities it has. The recognition given to the Development Dartmouth structure, which includes a Downtown Commission, was also noted.

Several of the questions raised by members had to do with the role of the City as a facilitator in providing a parking facility in the downtown, given a high priority rating in the report. The role of Council as the coordinating body and with final say on decisions affecting the downtown, was another point brought out in the report and discussed in the question period.

When the vote was taken on the motion on the floor, it carried.

MOTION: Moved by Ald. Hetherington & Woods that the U.M.A. report on Downtown Dartmouth be referred to the groups listed on page 5 of these minutes (and to include the Tourist Commission), for report back before July 1/87.

AWARD TENDER:
CONTRACT 86-07

The following tenders have been received for Contract 86-07, curb & sidewalk reconstruction:

Ocean Contractors Ltd.	\$443,722.00
Municipal Contractors Ltd.	449,655.00
Steed and Evans Ltd	527,075.00
Gael Contracting & Developments Ltd.	559,818.00

Acceptance of the low bid, received from Ocean Contractors Ltd., has been recommended by Mr. Purdy, with Mr. Moir's concurrence. The tender was awarded, as recommended, on motion of Ald. Levandier and Hetherington.

MOTION: Moved by Ald. Levandier & Hetherington that the tender for Contract 86-07 be awarded to the low bidder, Ocean Contractors Ltd., as recommended.

CONTRACT:
CHIEF OF POLICE

A contract has been negotiated with Police Chief Trider for a five-year period, and it was before Council for consideration. Mr. Moir has recommended that Council authorize the Mayor and the City Clerk to execute the agreement on behalf of the City. The contract, in its present form, will then be signed by Chief Trider.

Ald. Levandier and Connors moved the adoption of Mr. Moir's recommendation, but Ald. Withers had some concerns about the cost of the total contract and the percentage increase it represents, being compounded annually. Mr. Moir responded to questions from Ald. Withers about the cost of the total wage and benefit package, after which the vote was taken on the motion. The motion carried.

MOTION: Moved by Ald. Levandier and Connors that Council adopt Mr. Moir's recommendation on the acceptance of the contract negotiated with Police Chief Trider for a five-year period of employment.

REPAIRS TO ROOF:
MAITLAND STREET
BUS GARAGE

Mr. Moir has submitted a further report to Council on the repairs to the Maitland Street bus garage, this item having been deferred for additional information, including information on the possibility of making repairs to the roof instead of replacing it, thereby saving a major cost to the City.

A further report from the Architect, Ledaire, Morris & Associates Ltd., has also been circulated with Mr. Moir's report, and it includes three viable solutions for the project. Mr. Moir has recommended #3 which provides for the patching of the damaged and wet areas with built-up roofing, at an estimated cost of \$29,000., giving a life expectancy of two years to the roof.

Ald. Hetherington and Sarto moved the adoption of Mr. Moir's recommendation. Members who spoke on the motion would like to have received further clarification of the school bus operation question and whether or not it is to be taken over by the Dartmouth District School Board. Ald. Greenough was concerned about the expenditure of \$29,000. if we can only expect to get two more years use of the building before additional work has to be done on the roof. Ald. Woods felt the City would get longer than two years without further work being required.

Ald. Hawley and Hetherington moved deferral,

pending further information from the School Board.
The motion to defer carried with Ald. Billard voting against.

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Council adopted Mr. Moir's recommendation, on motion of Ald. Hetherington and McCluskey.

MOTION: Moved by Ald. Hetherington & McCluskey that Council adopt Mr. Moir's recommendation on the lease of the Woodside Ferry Terminal canteen concession to Mayflower Supplies Ltd., in the amount of \$750. per month, to expire on March 31/89.

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- 4) that in the event of cancellation due to rain, then the fees will be refunded in full.

Ald. Hetherington and Sarto moved the adoption of the recommended policy. Ald. Hawley said it should be understood that this policy applies only in those cases where a prize or a money prize is involved.

The motion carried.

MOTION: Moved by Ald. Hetherington and Sarto that Council adopt the policy recommended by Mr. Atkinson for City playing fields, with respect to sport tournaments, as detailed above and on page 8 of these minutes.

MEMBERSHIP
REPLACEMENT:
REC. ADVISORY
BOARD

On motion of Ald. Hawley and Hetherington, Council accepted the resignation of Mrs. Patricia Myatt from the Recreation Advisory Board, and the appointment of Ms. Jean Beeler as the replacement member, as requested by the Board.

MOTION: Moved by Ald. Hawley & Hetherington that Council accept the resignation of Mrs. Patricia Myatt from the Recreation Advisory Board, and her replacement by Ms. Jean Beeler on the Board.

On motion of Ald. Hetherington and Withers, Council adjourned to meet in camera.

After reconvening later in open Council, the action taken in camera was ratified, on motion of Ald. Greenough and Pye (Ald. Hetherington, Withers, Levandier, Bregante and Hawley voting against).

Meeting adjourned.



G. D. Brady,
Deputy City Clerk.

City Council, Apr. 28/87

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- 1) Cleaner & Greener Proposal, page 2.
- 2) Public hearing: Street closure, portion of Windmill Road, page 3.
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- 3) Membership: M.P.S. Sub-Committees, page 3.
- 4) M.P.S. Presentation, page 3 & 4.
- 5) UMA Study: Downtown Planning & Development, pg. 4 to 6.
- 6) Award tender: Contract 86-07, page 6.
- 7) Contract: Chief of Police, page 6.
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- 10) Adult Tournaments: Baseball, softball, soccer, pg.8.
- 11) Membership replacement: Rec. Advisory Board, page 9.
- 12) 1987/88 Business Industry Directory, page 10 (which follows).

The following item should have been included on page 8 of the minutes:

1987/88 BUSINESS
INDUSTRY DIRECTORY

Mr. Rath has reported to Council on the subject of the 1987/88 Business Industry Directory, for which a proposal has been received from Strath Lane Associates. The recommendation is that Council approve a contract in the amount of \$12,165. with Strath Lane Associates, to complete a survey of the Dartmouth business and industrial community, for the purpose of preparing the database for the 1987/88 Business Industry Directory and other related projects.

Council adopted this recommendation, on motion of Ald. Greenough and Sarto.

MOTION: Moved by Ald. Greenough and Sarto that Council approve the recommendation from Mr. Rath on the engaging of Strath Lane Associates to complete the survey required to prepare the 1987/88 Business Industry Director, for the amount of \$12,165.
