

LOCATION: CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS

TIME: 7:30 P.M.

MEMBERS PRESENT: MAYOR SAVAGE  
ALDERMEN SARTO, THOMPSON  
BILLARD, MACFARLANE  
CONNORS, LEVANDIER  
RODGERS, MCCLUSKEY  
PYE, WOODS, HAWLEY  
GREENOUGH, WALTON  
HETHERINGTON

ACTING CITY ADMINISTRATOR: P. GREENE  
CITY SOLICITOR: S. HOOD  
DEPUTY CITY CLERK: G. D. BRADY  
DEPARTMENT HEADS & ASSISTANTS

WELCOME: VENTURERS

The Mayor welcomed to the meeting, the First Imperoyal Venturers, with their leader, Mr. Ken Evans.

POINTS OF PRIVILEGE

Points of privilege raised by members were:

- 1) Ald. McCluskey advised that Thumbodys should not have been included in the list of uncollectible accounts before Council at the Nov. 29th meeting. The business does not owe the account listed in their name. The Mayor agreed to have a letter of regret forwarded to the company, acknowledging the mistake.
- 2) Ald. Pye requested that the judging of best-decorated properties be continued this year, for the 1988 Christmas season, and that a committee be appointed to decide the awards for best-decorated properties.

MOTION: That the committee be appointed to judge best-decorated properties, so that plaques can be presented as they have been in recent years.

Moved: Ald. Pye  
Second: Ald. Greenough  
In Favour: All  
Against: None  
Motion Carried

1.0 APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MOTION: To approve the minutes of meetings held on Nov. 3, 8, 15, 22, and 29,

Moved: Ald. Sarto  
Second: Ald. Thompson  
In Favour: All  
Against: None  
Motion Carried

Ald. Hetherington noted a correction required in the November 3rd minutes: Ald. Hawley and Greenough should have been recorded as being present for that meeting. The correction was duly noted.

2.0 BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

Ald. Sarto asked if any word has been received from the Transportation Dept. on the requested reduction of the speed limit on Portland Street, outbound from Spring Ave. The Mayor said there has been no response from the Department to date.

3.0 DELEGATIONS & HEARINGS OF PROTEST

4.0 ORIGINAL COMMUNICATIONS

5.0 PUBLIC HEARINGS

6.0 PETITIONS

i) BROOK - REAR OF CHRISTOPHER AVE.

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CHRISTOPHER AVE.

A petition has been received from residents living in the area of Christopher Ave. and Wanda Lane, requesting that the brook running through the area be piped.

A presentation was made by Mr. Bruce MacDonald of 3 Tobin Drive, on behalf of area residents making this request to the City. He described the brook as a danger to children, especially when it is in flood conditions after a heavy

rainfall. Further, the brook constitutes a health hazard and rats have been reported in the area of the brook on some occasions.

At the conclusion of his presentation, Mr. MacDonald asked that the name of Mrs. Mary McLennan, 40 Wanda Lane, be withdrawn from the petition.

Ald. McCluskey referred to similar problems with a brook in Ward 4, and she presented a motion of referral to the Engineering Dept.

MOTION: To refer the petition to the Engineering Dept. for an estimate of cost to pipe the brook.

Moved: Ald. McCluskey  
Second: Ald. Hetherington

Ald. Hetherington suggested that any problems with rodents should be dealt with immediately; the suggestion was noted for action.

A number of questions were raised about the piping of this particular brook, which runs all the way to Russell Lake and carries runoff from the Lake Lamont and Kuhn Road swamp areas. Mr. Purdy pointed out that there would be a considerable cost involved to pipe the brook all the way from its source to the lake. There were also questions about the implications of piping only one section while the rest of the brook is left open. Ald. Sarto felt that the section referred to in the petition is unique in that it cuts through the back yards of properties and therefore impacts directly on the property owners affected.

Ald. Hetherington said the report from Engineering should address the matter of piping certain sections of the brook, without doing the entire project, and there should be provision for protection at both ends of a piped section.

Ald. Pye proposed an amendment calling for a review and report on all open brooks in the City, but the Mayor did not consider the amendment to be in keeping with the motion. The amendment was therefore not presented.

The vote was taken on the motion.

In Favour: All  
Against: None  
Motion Carried

PETITION: CARVER ST. A petition was tabled by Ald. Thompson, from residents of Carver Street, with regard to traffic problems on their street.

PETITION: CRANBERRY CRES. Ald. Sarto tabled a petition from residents of Cranberry Crescent and adjacent streets, requesting the installation of three-way Stop signs on Cranberry Crescent. Ald. Sarto asked that the petition be referred to the T.M.G.

PETITION: MAIN ST. A second petition tabled by Ald. Sarto was from Main Street property owners, requesting that sidewalk assessments for their properties be rescinded.

At this point in the meeting, the Mayor acknowledged the attendance of Bill and Karen Sinclair, who travelled to the meeting on the Access-a-Bus.

7.0

SECOND APPROVAL - OVER-EXPENDITURE - \$600. (SCHOOL  
CROSSWALK GUARD, PORTLAND & MAYNARD STS.

SECOND APPROVAL: CROSSWALK GUARD PORTLAND & MAYNARD An over-expenditure in the amount of \$600. was before Council for second approval. The \$600. cost covers a crosswalk guard expenditure for the remainder of 1988, at the location of Portland Street and Maynard Street.

MOTION: To give second approval for an over-expenditure in the amount of \$600., covering the cost of a crosswalk guard for the remainder of 1988, at Portland & Maynard Streets.

Moved: Ald. MacFarlane  
Second: Ald. Greenough  
In Favour: All  
Against: None  
Motion Carried

8.0 PRESENTATIONi) FIRE STATION LOCATION STUDYFIRE STATION  
LOCATION STUDY

Members of Council have received copies of the M.M. Dillon Ltd. "Fire Station Location Study" report for the City. Mr. Bob Lewis and Mr. Don Baird made the Dillon presentation to Council.

Mr. Lewis first reviewed the objectives of the study, then explained the methodology used in carrying out the study. An evaluation of present levels of fire service followed, described as being respectable, but with some deficiencies. The deficiencies will become more significant, however, as time goes on, and the conclusions and recommendations indicate the need for a fire station relocation program over the next ten-year period, in order to maintain an acceptable first and second response time to fire calls throughout the City. The areas identified as being most crucial, in terms of priority, are the eastern part of the City, and north Dartmouth, including the Burnside Park area. Accordingly, priority is given in the recommendations to the relocation of Fire Station 3 (Walker St. at Second St.), and Fire Station 2 (Pleasant St. at Mount Hope Ave.), followed by the relocation of Fire Station 1 (86 King St.), and thereafter, Fire Station 4 (560 Windmill Rd.). Identified as Priority 5 is the establishment of a new Fire Station in the vicinity of the Montebello Road/ Caledonia Road intersection.

(Ald. Connors was present from a point onward in the meeting, following the presentation.)

Members had an opportunity to question the consultants about any aspect of the study and the recommendations, they wished to have answers or information on, including:

- 1) the present level of fire service in Dartmouth, in comparison with other cities.
- 2) the response of Fire Chief Greene to the study and recommendations.

- 3) whether in the final analysis, the relocation costs can be justified, if response times are adversely affected in an area such as south Dartmouth, by relocating the fire station to a further point (ie. to the vicinity of Gaston Road).
- 4) other possible less-costly alternatives, such as a protection master plan for a specific area, such as Burnside, where businesses would be required to provide sprinkler systems for their buildings, if they are located beyond the four-minute response range.
- 5) the feasibility of locating a fire station in conjunction with a police station. Mr. Baird said it is quite feasible to have this kind of joint facility and there would be no problem with it.
- 6) the effect of fire service levels on insurance premiums within a municipality. Ald. Hawley raised this question and the Mayor suggested that he take it up further with the Solicitor.
- 7) equipment and manpower needs to service relocated fire stations and an additional new station, as recommended in priority #5.
- 8) population density implications, where there is a concentration of apartment buildings, such as sections of north Dartmouth. Mr. Lewis pointed out that aerial equipment location is a consideration in that kind of situation.

Some members expressed reservations about the study results, and the effectiveness of a relocation program when there may be other, less-costly alternatives open to the City. It was felt that Council should have information on the cost of implementing recommendations from the report, before attempting to make any decision on whether or not to proceed with them.

MOTION: To refer the report to staff for estimates of cost to implement the recommendations.

Moved: Ald. MacFarlane

Second: Ald. Pye

Ald. Greenough requested that the report also go to the City Administrator for an 'action report', in conjunction with the cost estimates, that would then go directly to the Finance & Program Review Committee for consideration, in order to expedite decisions required. Ald. Hetherington said he hoped that Aldermen for the various wards will be consulted by staff, for their input, while the staff report is being prepared.

Opposition was not expressed to the request of Ald. Greenough, although the motion was not amended to reflect his request.

The vote was taken on the motion.

In Favour: All  
Against; None  
Motion Carried

Council agreed to deal next with item 9.3.1 (Local Improvement Charges), for which a large number of citizens were present in the Council Chamber.

9.3 FINANCE & PROGRAM REVIEW COMMITTEE

9.3.1 LOCAL IMPROVEMENT CHARGES (SUPPLEMENTARY REPORT)

LOCAL IMPROVE-  
MENT CHARGES

Members of Council have received copies of a staff report that went to the Finance & Program Review Committee, on the subject of Local Improvement Charges. The report contains eight recommendations, adopted by the Committee and recommended to Council. An amendment has been added to recommendation #1, which would have the effect of writing off all sidewalk assessments for the construction years 1985, 1986, 1987 and 1988.

Ald. Connors, Chairman of the Committee, presented the report to Council, reviewing details of it. He presented a motion to approve all eight recommendations, including #1 as amended, but it was subsequently decided that separate motions should be presented for each recommendation, so that members could vote on them individually.

CONFLICT OF INTEREST

Mayor Savage declared a conflict of interest on this item, since his property could be one of those affected by a decision of Council on betterment charges, and he withdrew from the chair to sit in the gallery. While the item was being dealt with, the meeting was chaired by Deputy Mayor Levandier.

The proposed amendment to recommendation #1 (to write off all sidewalk assessments for 1985, 1986, 1987, and 1988) was debated at considerable length. Members in favour of the amendment felt that it is necessary to address inequities in betterment charges, that have resulted in some residents being treated unfairly by having to assume financial responsibility for sidewalk installations that benefit large numbers of people who do not live on a particular street, but continue to enjoy the benefit of sidewalks, while a few property owners bear the brunt of the cost.

Members opposed, such as Ald. Hetherington, questioned the arbitrary choice of 1985 as the cut-off year for this financial consideration; suggested that such a choice discriminates unfairly against those residents who paid their charges in full prior to 1985.

The other concern expressed was that recommendation #1 and its amendment apply to sidewalk only and not to curb charges, which tend to impact more on streets in areas such as Ward 5. The comparison was drawn several times between new and older sections of the city, the inference being that there is inequitable treatment between the two where betterment charges are concerned.

Ald. Hawley had a specific question about the curb and gutter charges imposed on Breeze Drive, after those residents were supposed to have paid curb and gutter charges when they purchased their homes. This question was referred to the Solicitor for an opinion.

(During the debate, a motion was approved, to continue meeting beyond the hour of 11:00 p.m., moved by Ald. Hetherington and McCluskey.)



With the exception of a few members, Council was generally willing to discontinue betterment charges for both sidewalk and curb installations, and to cancel retroactively, payments made for the previous years 1985, up to and including the current year, 1988. Mr. Corrigan responded to questions about the cost implications in terms of revenue the City will not receive for these charges and in terms of projected revenue in 1989 and beyond.

It was agreed that each of the recommendations before Council would be voted on separately, with a motion for each and no debate. The Deputy Mayor divided recommendation #1 into an (a) and (b) part to further clarify their intent.

MOTION: To adopt recommendation 1 (a),  
as follows:

That City Council exempt from assessment, all future sidewalks installed at the direction of City Council, where no petition has been received.

Moved: Ald. Thompson  
Second: Ald. Rodgers  
In Favour: All  
Against: None  
Motion Carried

MOTION: To adopt recommendation 1 (b)  
as follows:

That all sidewalk assessments for construction years 1985, 1986, 1987 and 1988, be written off.

Moved: Ald. Greenough  
Second: Ald. Hawley  
In Favour: Ald. Sarto, Thompson  
McCluskey, Walton  
Connors, Pye, Woods  
Hawley, Greenough  
Billard, MacFarlane  
Against: Ald. Hetherington, Rodgers  
Motion Carried

MOTION: To adopt recommendation 2  
as follows:

Where sidewalk is installed as a result of a petition received from two-thirds of the property owners abutting the new sidewalk, the abutters pay the full cost of the construction. The cost of adjusting driveways and lawns to be charged to the owner of the property where such adjustment is required.

Moved; Ald. Connors  
Second: Ald. Woods  
In Favour: Ald. Connors, Woods, Pye  
Thompson, Rodgers, Sarto  
MacFarlane, Walton, Greenough  
Against: Ald. Hawley, Billard  
McCluskey, Hetherington  
Motion Carried

MOTION: That curb and gutter assessments for construction years 1985, 1986, 1987 and 1988, be written off, and that City Council exempt from assessment, all future curb and gutters installed at the direction of City Council, where no petition has been received. (This represents a change from the recommendation made to Council.)

Moved: Ald. Pye  
Second: Ald. Woods  
In Favour: All  
Against: None  
Motion Carried

MOTION: To adopt recommendation 4  
as follows:

That assessment of curb on collector and arterial streets, and classified as such in the current city-wide classification, be exempted from assessment of betterment charges.

Moved: Ald. Woods  
Second: Ald. MacFarlane  
In Favour: All  
Against: None  
Motion Carried

MOTION: To adopt recommendation 5  
as follows:

That City Council establish a policy of providing notice to property owners prior to construction, stating the estimated amount of the local improvement charge to be levied.

Moved: Ald. MacFarlane  
Second: Ald. Sarto  
In Favour: All  
Against: None  
Motion Carried

MOTION: To adopt recommendation 6  
as follows:

That the City Charter be amended to implement the procedures recommended herein.

Moved: Ald. Greenough  
Second: Ald. Woods  
In Favour: All  
Against: None  
Motion Carried

MOTION: To adopt recommendation 7  
as follows:

That the sections of the City Charter dealing with Local Improvements be thoroughly reviewed by the City Solicitors, with appropriate amendments to be prepared to clarify the procedures.

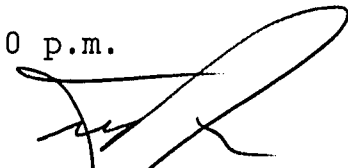
Moved: Ald. Sarto  
Second; Ald. Greenough  
In Favour: All  
Against: None  
Motion Carried

MOTION: To adopt recommendation 8  
as follows:

That the matter of construction of sidewalks by developers be addressed as a separate issue at a later date, but early in 1989.

Moved: Ald. MacFarlane  
Second: Ald. Woods  
In Favour: All  
Against: None  
Motion Carried

Meeting adjourned at 11:20 p.m.



G. D. Brady,  
Deputy City Clerk.

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LOCATION: CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS  
TIME: 7:45 P.M.

MEMBERS PRESENT: MAYOR SAVAGE  
ALDERMEN THOMPSON, BILLARD  
MACFARLANE, LEVANDIER  
CONNORS, MCCLUSKEY  
RODGERS, PYE, WOODS  
HAWLEY, GREENOUGH  
WALTON, HETHERINGTON

MEMBER ABSENT: ALD. SARTO

CITY ADMINISTRATOR: J. BURKE  
CITY SOLICITOR: S. HOOD  
CITY CLERK-TREASURER: BRUCE S. SMITH  
DEPARTMENT HEADS & ASSISTANTS

POINT OF PRIVILEGE

Rising on a point of privilege, Ald. Hetherington presented a motion, to authorize a \$1,000. donation toward relief assistance, through the Red Cross, for victims of the Armenian earthquake disaster. He also appealed to other Canadian municipalities to match the donation with their own contributions.

MOTION: That the City of Dartmouth donate \$1,000. to the people of Armenia in the Soviet Union, and that a plea be issued to all municipalities in Canada to match our donation. These funds to be coordinated through the F.C.M. to the proper Red Cross authorities.

Moved: Ald. Hetherington  
Second: Ald. McCluskey  
In Favour: All  
Against: None  
Motion Carried

RATIFY ACTION TAKEN IN CAMERA

A motion was presented to ratify the action taken in camera on this date.

MOTION: To ratify the action taken in camera on this date, just prior to the regular Council meeting.

Moved: Ald. Hetherington  
Second: Ald. McCluskey  
In Favour: All  
Against: None  
Motion Carried

- 1.0 REPORTS
- 1.1 CITY ADMINISTRATOR
- 1.1.1 SOCIAL SERVICES REPORT - SCALES, EMPLOYMENT PROGRAMS,  
AFFORDABLE HOUSING (SUPPLEMENTARY)

SOCIAL  
SERVICES  
REPORT

Before Council was a supplementary report from Mr. Burke, prepared by Paul Greene, on Social Assistance Scales, Employment Programs, Affordable Housing specifics, relating to the original Social Services Report submitted in May of this year. The report makes a number of recommendations to Council.

The supplementary report was presented at this time by Mr. Greene. As a further update, he advised Council of the indication he has just received from the Province that they are willing to cost-share up to 75% in the proposed increased allowances for social assistance up to March of 1989. Mr. Greene suggested that if the Province does not continue with that level of cost-sharing thereafter, it would be advisable to look at the new scales further.

MOTION: To approve the first six of the seven recommendations contained in Mr. Greene's report, as follows:

- 1) That Council adopt the new scales as proposed in Appendix C and Appendix D of the report, effective Jan. 1/89, provided the Province removes the capping on General Assistance expenditures.
- 2) That incentives be increased from a maximum of \$80. per month to a minimum of 20% of net income, to reflect our increased emphasis on employment; and that the incentive apply to all training programs.
- 3) That we endorse and vigorously pursue all employment programs under the SARS Agreement.
- 4) That we endorse and vigorously pursue the Nova Scotia Training & Employment Program.

- 5) That Council lobby the Provincial Government for 200 more subsidized Day Care spaces in Dartmouth, with particular emphasis on the need in the north end and downtown areas of the City.
- 6) That the City approve 47 Wentworth St. for a Single Parent's Resource Centre.

(Recommendation #7, pertaining to the Land Use By-law, was not included at this time, because of the fact that the M.P.S. Review is still in progress.)

Moved: Ald. Hetherington  
Second: Ald. Thompson

Mr. Greene responded to questions from the members during debate on the motion. Points raised in debate were as follows:

- 1) Ald. McCluskey asked what is being done to lobby for additional day care spaces. The Mayor provided information on meetings that have already taken place with the Province, and suggested that Ald. McCluskey might want to attend the meeting of the committee working to achieve more day care spaces, when it is held in January.
- 2) Ald. Pye was concerned about adequate provision for medical and health care expenses, when these are incurred by people receiving social assistance. Mr. Greene said that provision is made for additional assistance in such cases of special need.

Reference was made to the report of the Task Force on Municipal Cost-Sharing, Mr. Burke having been a member of that Task Force. The Mayor asked that copies of the report be circulated to members of Council, and perhaps there will be a meeting at which it can be discussed during January or February.

- 3) Ald. Connors and Woods questioned the selection of 47 Wentworth St. as the location for a Resouce Centre for Single Parents. They felt the Centre could be located to better advantage in the north end of the City, possibly in one of the schools with empty classroom space available.



The Mayor suggested that consideration be given by Social Services Dept. to the suggestion of a north-end location, as a second resource centre and not in place of the one proposed for Wentworth St.

- 4) Ald. Connors said he was not prepared to endorse the employment programs being recommended, on the basis that they do not address the real unemployment problems of the country. Ald. MacFarlane had related concerns about the income levels of the working poor, which tend to fall below what people are receiving through social assistance. This means there is not much incentive for people to seek jobs, especially when they are being paid only at the minimum wage level.

The vote was taken on the motion.

In Favour: All  
Against: None  
Motion Carried

(Ald. Hawley was present from this point in the meeting and was therefore recorded as being present for the public hearing which followed.)

2.0 PUBLIC HEARING

i) DEVELOPMENT AGREEMENT - DAY CARE FACILITY - 7-7A MOUNTAIN AVE.

DEVELOPMENT  
 AGREEMENT:  
 7-7A MOUNTAIN  
 AVE.

Council set this date for public hearing of an application for a Development Agreement that would permit the expansion of an existing day care facility at 7-7A Mountain Ave. The Planning Dept. has recommended in favour of the application, and Resolution 88-66 has been prepared to provide for the Development Agreement.

All members of Council were present for the public hearing, with the exception of Ald. Sarto.

The Planning Dept. presentation was made by Mr. L'Esperance. He advised Council of the plans that Mr. & Mrs. Oakes have to expand their day care operation throughout the entire <sup>building</sup> at 7/7A Mountain Ave. The day care centre presently occupies only the lower unit. No exterior changes will be made to the structure and as it is, it is compatible with other buildings in the neighborhood.

The Mayor called for any speakers in favour of the application. Mr. & Mrs. Oakes appeared before Council and were willing to answer any questions pertaining to their application. Mrs. Oakes addressed Council briefly on the need for day care facilities in the City and the fact that there is nearly always a waiting list of people needing them. There were no questions from members of Council to Mr. & Mrs. Oakes.

The Mayor then called twice more for any speakers in favour, and hearing none, he called three times for speakers opposed to the application. There were no speakers or representations objecting.

The public hearing was declared to be closed and a motion was presented to this effect.

MOTION: To close the public hearing  
for a Development Agreement,  
7/7A Mountain Ave.

Moved: Ald. Hetherington  
Second: Ald. Thompson  
In Favour: All  
Against: None  
Motion Carried

RESOLUTION  
88-66

Resolution 88-66 was before Council for approval.

MOTION: To approve Resolution 88-66,  
authorizing the Development  
Agreement requested for 7/7A  
Mountain Ave. by Mr. & Mrs. Oakes.

Moved: Ald. Hawley  
Second: Ald. McCluskey  
In Favour: All  
Against: None  
Motion Carried

- 3.0 REPORTS
- 3.1 MAYOR
- 3.1.1 CHRISTMAS BREAK & NEW YEAR'S AT HOME

CHRISTMAS  
BREAK

It has been proposed to Council by Mayor Savage that Council not meet on Dec. 20th or Dec. 27th, and that the City's traditional 'at home' be held on Jan. 8th at Metropolitan Place, from 2:00 to 4:00 p.m.

MOTION: To approve the Christmas recess for Dec. 20th and Dec. 27th, and the date of Jan. 8th for the City's 'at home', as proposed by Mayor Savage.

Moved: Ald. Greenough  
Second: Ald. Hetherington  
In Favour: All  
Against: None  
Motion Carried

FERRY TERMINAL RESTAURANT LEASE - ASSIGNMENT

FERRY TERMINAL  
REST. LEASE

An item added to the agenda was dealt with at this point in the agenda.

A report from the Solicitor was presented on a request from Edwards Fine Food Ltd. to assign the lease for MacAskill's Restaurant to a new firm, JGL Ltd. Partnership.

The Solicitor has recommended that Council consent to the assignment of the lease to JGL Ltd. Partnership, provided that Edwards Fine Food Ltd. shall guarantee payment of the rent and performance of other obligations of the tenant for the balance of the term.

MOTION: To adopt the recommendation of the City Solicitor that Council consent to the assignment of the lease for MacAskill's Restaurant to JGL Ltd. Partnership, provided that Edwards Fine Food Ltd. shall guarantee payment of the rent and performance of other obligations of the tenant for the balance of the term.

Moved: Ald. MacFarlane  
Second: Ald. Pye  
In Favour: All  
Against: None  
Motion Carried

- 1.0 REPORTS
- 1.1 SOLICITORS
- 1.1.1 CHARTER AMENDMENTS

CHARTER  
AMENDMENTS

Charter amendments for 1989 have been prepared by the Solicitor, and were presented with an accompanying report, recommending that Council pass Resolution 88-67, which authorizes the introduction of the amendments to the Provincial Legislature.

RESOLUTION 88-67

MOTION: To approve Resolution 88-67, authorizing the introduction of Charter amendments to the Provincial Legislature, as recommended by the Solicitor.

Moved: Ald. Hetherington  
Second: Ald. Greenough

Ald. Connors proposed several amendments to the legislation and he proceeded to present them, as follows:

AMENDMENT: That Section 7 (2) (2A) be amended by deleting the word 'clear' from the present wording.

Moved: Ald. Connors  
Second: Ald. McCluskey  
In Favour: All  
Against: None  
Amendment Carried

AMENDMENT: Section 8, page 4: that subsection (4) (a) be amended with the wording 'up to a maximum of four Aldermen', replacing the present wording, which reads 'one Alderman'.

Moved: Ald. Connors  
Second: Ald. McCluskey  
In Favour: All  
Against: None  
Amendment Carried

Ald. Connors also wished to have recorded, his opposition to Section 5 of the legislation, which he felt creates too broad a power, as presently worded. Ald. McCluskey felt the section should be retained as it has been presented.

The vote was taken on the motion, as amended.

In Favour: All  
Against: None  
Motion Carried, as amended

CHARTER AMENDMENTS: A second report from the Solicitor was circulated, covering the Charter amendments required in order to put into effect Council's recent decision on local betterment charges and the proposed rebate to residents who have paid these for the years 1985 to 1988 incl. The Solicitor has recommended approval of Resolution 88-68, authorizing the submission of these additional proposed amendments to the Provincial Legislature.

RESOLUTION 88-68

MOTION: To approve Resolution 88-68, authorizing the submission of additional proposed Charter amendments, applicable to the rebate of local improvement charges, in accordance with a recent Council decision.

Moved: Ald. Greenough  
Second: Ald. Pye  
In Favour: All  
Against: None  
Motion Carried

1.1.2

TAX DEFERRAL BY-LAW C-670

TAX DEFERRAL  
BY-LAW: C-670

Proposed By-law C-670, which provides for the granting of tax deferral to persons fifty-five years of age and over, and to disabled persons, has been prepared by the Solicitor, as requested, and it has been recommended for Council's approval.

MOTION: That leave be given to introduce the said By-law C-670 and that it now be read a first time.

Moved: Ald. Pye  
Second: Ald. Hetherington  
In Favour: All  
Against: None  
Motion Carried.

MOTION: That By-law C-670 be read a second time.

Moved: Ald. Greenough  
Second: Ald. Pye

The Solicitor advised Council of a change required in Section 3. (1) (a) (iv); an amendment was presented to cover that change.

AMENDMENT: To amend Section 3. (1) (a) (iv) of By-law C-670 by adding the words '. . . together with that of his or her spouse' between the words 'income' and 'is'.

Moved: Ald. Hetherington  
Second: Ald. Greenough  
In Favour: All  
Against: None  
Amendment Carried

Ald. McCluskey did not feel that the tax deferral by-law meets the needs of those people it should be helping, and said it is ineffective in providing tax relief in the situations required.

The vote was taken on second reading, as amended.

In Favour: Ald. Thompson, Rodgers  
Billard, MacFarlane  
Connors, Levandier  
Pye, Woods, Hawley  
Greenough, Walton  
Hetherington  
Against: Ald. McCluskey  
Motion Carried, as amended

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

MOTION: That By-law C-670 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.

Moved: Ald. Greenough  
Second: Ald. Thompson  
In Favour: All  
Against: None  
Motion Carried

2.0 CONTINUATION OF CAPITAL BUDGET2.1 DARTMOUTH GRAND PRIX HYDROPLANE SOCIETY2.1.1 REPORT FROM THE COMMITTEEREPORT: GRAND  
PRIX SOCIETY

A report was before Council from the Dartmouth Grand Prix Hydroplane Society Chairmen, concerning the deficit position of the Society following the 1988 Races, and requesting that the City acquire assets of the Society, in the amount of \$16,000., as part of the 1989 capital budget.

Ald. Connors proposed that the \$16,000. expenditure for Society assets be included in the capital budget for further discussion by Council.

MOTION: To include the \$16,000. expenditure for assets of the Hydroplane Society in the 1989 capital budget, for further discussion by Council.

Moved: Ald. Connors  
Second: Ald. MacFarlane

Ald. Levandier felt that the hydroplane event itself should be evaluated, in terms of its benefit to the City, and other members wished to have additional information before approving an expenditure to acquire Society assets. Requested were:

- 1) information on expenses and revenue for the 1988 event, including what was spent for travel.
- 2) an opinion from Parks & Recreation Dept. as to the value of the equipment that would be acquired, for other uses by the City.
- 3) an indication of the plans for the 1989 event.
- 4) some information as to whether or not \$16,000. was a reasonable amount to have spent on the equipment purchased by the Society.

Assurance was given that information, including a financial report, will be available to Council when this item is considered in the capital budget.

The vote was taken on the motion.

In Favour: All  
Against: None  
Motion Carried

A number of new pages, amending the capital budget as originally presented, were inserted in the binders of all members of Council. Mr. Burke explained that the revisions reflect the recent decision of Council on the Police Station, thereby reducing that projection from three million dollars to \$700,000. for 1989 and making possible a reallocation of the available funds, for other purposes.

Ald. Hetherington felt that members should have time to review the allocations that have been proposed, and he therefore moved deferral of the capital budget until January

MOTION: To defer the capital budget discussions until January of 1989.

Moved: Ald. Hetherington  
Second: Ald. Connors  
In Favour: Ald. Thompson, Connors  
Billard, MacFarlane  
McCluskey, Rodgers  
Pye, Woods, Hawley  
Greenough, Walton  
Hetherington  
Against: Ald. Levandier  
Motion Carried

Ald. Greenough had earlier indicated his intent to present a motion to add a further one million dollars to the capital budget for 1989. He was permitted to introduce the motion prior to adjournment.

MOTION: That Council instruct staff to add an extra one million dollars to the capital budget.

Moved: Ald. Greenough  
Second: Ald. Levandier

The majority of members were opposed to the motion, some, because they did not favour any further addition to the City's debt load, and others, wanting to wait until capital spending priorities are determined by individual members, before deciding whether or not any additional allocation is required.



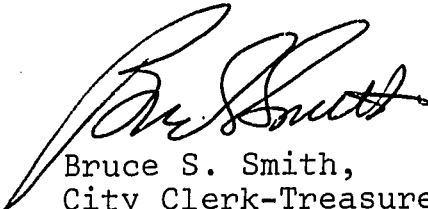
The vote was taken on the motion.

In Favour: Ald. Levandier, Hawley  
Greenough, Billard  
Thompson

Against: Ald. McCluskey, Woods  
Rodgers, Pye, Connors  
Hetherington, MacFarlane  
Walton

Motion Defeated

Meeting adjourned at 10:30 p.m.



Bruce S. Smith,  
City Clerk-Treasurer.

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LOCATION: CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS  
TIME: 12:00 NOON

MEMBERS PRESENT: MAYOR SAVAGE  
ALDERMEN LEVANDIER  
PYE, HAWLEY,  
THOMPSON, RODGERS  
SARTO, WALTON  
MCCLUSKEY

CITY ADMINISTRATOR: T. RATH, ACTING CITY ADMINISTRATOR  
CITY SOLICITOR: M. MOREASH  
CITY CLERK-TREASURER: BRUCE S. SMITH

**TENDER FOR INSURANCE**

**MOTION:** Tenders for insurance be awarded to Pat King Insurance Limited for 1989 for the tender price of \$258,304.

Moved: Ald. Hawley  
Second: Ald. Sarto

Several questions were asked by Aldermen pertaining to the tender process, insurance coverages and the staff report.

Mr. Smith responded to questions and agreed to advise Council of the direction to be taken in 1989 for 1990 insurance, including proceeding to tender during 1989 in September or October.

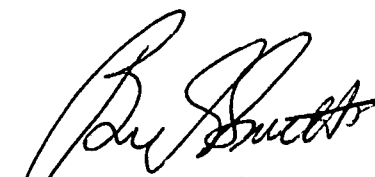
Alderman Sarto asked that staff go back to the low-bidder and obtain a quote for a \$2,500 deductible for the Liability coverage. Alderman Walton asked why "replacement cost coverage" for claims under the liability policy was not available, and whether such coverage could be obtained. Mr. Smith agreed to discuss both questions with the City insurers and advise Council of their response.

**KINSMEN ARENA**

His Worship referred to an "Information Report" circulated by the Recreation Department re the compressor problem encountered at the Kinsmen Rink.

Several Aldermen asked questions of Mr. Stevens on alternate arrangements for groups such as minor hockey.

MOTION TO ADJOURN: Ald. Hawley

  
Bruce S. Smith  
City Clerk-Treasurer