

DARTMOUTH CITY COUNCIL

NOVEMBER 6, 1990

LOCATION: CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS
TIME: 7:30 P.M.

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

MEMBER ABSENT: ALD. CONNORS.

CITY ADMINISTRATOR: J. BURKE
CITY SOLICITOR: S. HOOD
DEPUTY CITY CLERK: G. BRADY
DEPARTMENT HEADS & ASSISTANTS

INVOCATION

The meeting was opened with the Invocation. Deputy Mayor Thompson then advised Council that Mayor Savage will be in hospital recovering for some time from his back injury. Ald. Sarto asked that a fruit basket or some other gift be sent to the Mayor from Council.

Ald. Hetherington suggested that Council pass a resolution to the effect that Mayor Savage be allowed as much time as required, to be absent from Council meetings, until he is fully recovered.

MOTION: That Council, by resolution, approve the absence of Mayor Savage from Council meetings, for as long as he requires to complete his recovery.

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

Ald. Levandier proposed that a letter be sent to Archbishop James Hayes, on the occasion of his retirement, wishing him well on behalf of the City and congratulating him on his retirement.

MOTION: That a letter of congratulation and good wishes be sent to Archbishop James Hayes, on the occasion of his retirement.

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

STREET TAKEOVER - PARK LANE & BOUTILIER'S LANE

STREET TAKEOVER: Council agreed to add an item to the agenda, being a RES. 90-41 & 90-42 report from the Solicitor on the takeover of Park Lane and Boutilier's Lane as City streets. The approval of Resolutions 90-41 and 90-42 has been recommended to accomplish this street takeover.

MOTION: To approve Resolutions 90-41 & 90-42, authorizing the takeover of Park Lane and Boutilier's Lane, as City streets.

Moved: Ald. Levandier
Second: Ald. Hetherington
In Favour: All members except
Against: Ald. Pye
Motion Carried

1.0 APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MOTION: To approve the minutes of Council meetings held on October 2, 9, 23, and 30th.

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

2.0 BUSINESS ARISING
FROM THE MINUTES

Ald. Rodgers asked if the Chairman of the School Board has been contacted about a budget strategy for this year, as requested by Ald. Rodgers at the Oct. 23rd meeting. Mr. Burke will check to make sure a letter has been forwarded.

Ald. McCluskey asked about the truck signage for Woodland Ave. Mr. Connors, the Traffic Coordinator, said it will probably be mid-November before the signage is in place.

3.0 DELEGATIONS & HEARINGS OF PROTEST

4.0 ORIGINAL COMMUNICATIONS

5.0 PUBLIC HEARINGS

i) REZONING - ALBRO LAKE LANDSREZONING: ALBRO
LAKE LANDS

This meeting of Council constituted the public hearing for an application from the Provincial Housing Dept. to rezone lands known as the D.N.D. Radio Station Site (or the Albro Lake lands) from H Zone to R-1 Zone, R-2 Zone, R-3 Zone, TH Zone, and P Zone. Zone R-1 consists of 18.7 acres and would accommodate 114 residential units; R-2 Zone (8.3 acres) would accommodate 94 units; R-3 (0.7 acres), 15 units of senior citizen housing; TH Zone (4.9 acres), 67 units; and Park Zone would consist of 63.0 acres, making up the total acreage of 95.6, and a total number of 290 dwelling units. The projected population in all would be approx. 850 persons. School population projections are: 81 elementary students, 36 junior high students, and 36 senior high students.

All members of Council were present for the public hearing, with the exception of Ald. Connors and Mayor Savage.

Presentation of the Planning Dept. report was made by Mr. Lukan. In his presentation, he stated that services are adequate in this section of the City for the development proposed, the T.M.G. support the traffic analysis carried out by the Housing Dept., and the Lakes Advisory Board has indicated that criteria can be developed, in conjunction with the Housing Dept., to protect the lakes within the development area. The projected school population can be accommodated in existing City schools, and the proposed development complies with the policies of the M.P.S. Staff are therefore in favour of the rezoning application and recommend approval of it.

Questions to staff from Ald. Rodgers and McCluskey pertained to the accuracy of traffic analysis figures and the implications of additional traffic volumes on streets that are already heavily-travelled, such as Woodlawn Ave., Albro Lake Road, and Pinehill Road. Ald. Rodgers asked again for information he previously requested on the original purchase price of the Albro Lake lands, the book value with interest added, and current appraisal value of the site. Mr. Lukan advised that the original purchase price paid by the Dept. was \$403,000. Ald. Rodgers expressed concern that this and other information he requested from the Housing Dept., has not been made available prior to this public hearing.

The Deputy Mayor opened the public hearing and called for speakers in favour of the rezoning application. Mr. Ernie Clarke addressed Council on behalf of the Housing Dept., describing the development proposal for the Albro Lake lands, in terms of changes that have been made since the department last presented a development plan in 1987. The street connection through from Lancaster Drive to the extension of Albro Lake Road has been provided for in the new plan; the senior citizen housing units have been moved into the interior of the development; an additional six acres of park land, closer to Albro Lake, has been agreed to, and in total, 63 acres of land will now be reserved for park purposes, thirteen times the normal 5% requirement for a development of this size. The protection of both Albro Lake and Martin's Lake will be insured through this major parkland allocation around them. (Mr. Lukan had earlier noted that Parks & Recreation Dept. are pleased with the parkland dedication. Further, the tot lot requested by the Department, in the area of the townhouse development, has been agreed to by the Housing Dept. as well.)

Mr. Clarke pointed out that no new trunk services will be required for the development, the impact on schools in the area will be positive, and the proposal will have a beneficial impact on the local housing market. He said that a low density development such as this will generate a minimum of traffic, and the proposal is in compliance with M.P.S. policies for the area. Basically, his assessment of the proposal before Council was a positive one, and he requested Council's approval of the rezoning request so the project can proceed. During his presentation, Mr. Clarke indicated the willingness of the Housing Dept. to assist with certain recreational features that may be decided upon by the Parks & Recreation Dept. (ie. footpaths, bicycle paths, etc.), once a plan has been evolved for these in the future.

Questions to Mr. Clarke from members of Council, dealt with: the price of lots in this development; the cost of houses; the willingness of the Housing Dept. to upgrade the existing section of Albro Lake Road, where it will connect with the extension; a commitment on financial assistance with recreational features; the degree of control over development standards and the question of covenant requirements; access to the parklands; traffic access and egress; possible interest in selling the land to the City; responsibility for the parkland maintenance once development is completed; the accuracy of traffic projections and analysis; the possible need for an environmental impact study; sidewalk provisions within the development. Ald. Hetherington requested a copy of the covenant requirements referred to by Mr. Clarke during the question period.

Following Mr. Clarke, Mr. Shalom Mandaville of 4 Lakefront Road, addressed Council; he did not support or oppose the rezoning. Mr. Mandaville, who is coordinator for the Soil & Water Conservation Society of Metro Halifax, presented information on the status of lakes in the metropolitan area and Dartmouth in particular. He commended the work of the Lakes Advisory Board in their protection of Dartmouth lakes, and he made available, copies of various studies and reports on water quality and fish habitat; these copies to be placed on file for information. His presentation also alluded to alternate means of storm water disposal.

The next presentation to Council was given by Mr. Cyril Smith. This was a visual presentation, described by him as a photo essay and description of the lands around Martin's Lake and Albro Lake, proposed by him for preservation as the Albro Lake Golden Acres Park. He said he was not disturbed about a certain amount of development, provided if it kept to a limit and as far as possible from the natural park setting he has depicted in his slides.

When there were no further speakers in favour of the application, the Deputy Mayor called for speakers opposed. The following citizens were heard:

- 1) Mr. Fred Donaldson of Pinehill Road: he said he was shocked that a development of this size would even be considered. His concerns were about the impact on Albro Lake beach, the traffic situation, additional children in the school system, and the condition of lakes within the development area.
- 2) Mr. Paul Barkhouse of Albro Lake Road: he felt that there should be a greater concentration on the use of existing housing instead of creating new units. The whole area should be retained for park purposes and citizens are entitled to this; basically, the land should be left as it is, without any development on it.
- 3) Mr. Alan Collings, President of the Ward 5 Citizens' Assn.: his concerns were about traffic and policing. He felt that both will increase with additional development. If the development does go ahead, underground wiring should be a requirement. Any development should be postponed for at least three to five years.

At this point, a five-minute adjournment was called in the public hearing, on motion of Ald. Greenough and Pye, at the end of which the hearing was again reconvened and speakers continued to address Council.

- 4) Mr. Ray Isenor of 223 Albro Lake Rd.: requested information on the actual cost to have a house put on a lot and services installed. Traffic is bad in this part of the City now and it will become worse with this additional development.
- 5) Mr. Lyle Brooks of 24 Cannon Cres.: this is a one-time opportunity for Council to create a major park, before any development is allowed to occur on the Albro Lake lands.
- 6) Mr. Taylor of 16 Cannon Cres.: he said the prime areas are being taken for development, while the rocky and less desirable terrain is being designated for park purposes. Concerned about possible deterioration of Martin's Lake, due to drainage run-off.
- 7) Mr. Doug Trider: made a heritage presentation on the historical significance of the lands in question, from the time of their original use in the watering of naval ships, to their designation as mast yards for naval timber. He felt the land should be protected in perpetuity, as part of the historical corridor through from Halifax harbour to Spider Lake. (This is the Reader's Digest version referred to by Deputy Mayor Thompson.)

When there were no further speakers to be heard in objection to the rezoning application, Deputy Mayor Thompson declared the hearing to be closed, on motion of Ald. Greenough and Woods.

BY-LAW C-689

Proposed By-law C-689 was before Council for approval in connection with the rezoning request for the Albro Lake lands.

MOTION: That leave be given to introduce the said By-law C-689 and that it now be read a first time.

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

MOTION: That By-law C-689 be read a second time.

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

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

MOTION: That By-law C-689 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. Walton

Debate took place in third reading; members opposed were Ald. Levandier, Pye, Rodgers, McCluskey. Ald. Levandier did not feel that the Province should be placing these additional housing units on the market, and further, that the M.P.S. should be debated by Council before any decision is made on the Albro Lake lands. Ald. Rodgers and McCluskey did not consider that their traffic concerns have been properly or adequately addressed. Ald. Rodgers wanted to see the possibility of acquiring the total site from the Dept. of Housing, pursued further. Ald. Pye also favoured this approach or maybe a land swap between the City and the Housing Dept., so the total land holding can be retained for park purposes in the north end.

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

Members speaking in favour of the motion, considered this latest plan for development to be an acceptable compromise that gives the City a major parkland component, greatly over and above what the Dept. of Housing is required to provide in the way of park and open space. Ald. Greenough said he could not remember a similar occasion when two-thirds of the total land holding was allocated for park purposes, with only one-third being designated for development. Ald. Woods reported to Council on the negotiations that have been on-going for some time, between a committee and Housing Dept. representatives, in order to come up with the kind of concessions that are reflected in the revised plan now before Council. He said the plan is reasonable and the Dept. would not be prepared to make further concessions.

The vote was taken on third reading.

In Favour: All members except
Against: Ald. Pye, Rodgers, McCluskey,
Levandier, Billard
Motion Carried

8.0

APPOINTMENT OF DEPUTY MAYORAPPOINTMENT:
DEPUTY MAYOR

Council proceeded with one other item on the agenda, the appointment of the Deputy Mayor. Nominations were called for this position. The names placed in nomination were: Ald. MacFarlane (nominated by Ald. Hetherington); Ald. Billard (Nominated by Ald. Pye); and Ald. McCluskey (nominated by Ald. Rodgers).

Following a vote by secret ballot, Ald. MacFarlane was declared to be appointed as Deputy Mayor for 1990/91.

Retiring Deputy Mayor Thompson thanked Council for the opportunity he has had to serve in this capacity, and members responded with applause in recognition of his term of office. Congratulations were extended to the new Deputy Mayor.

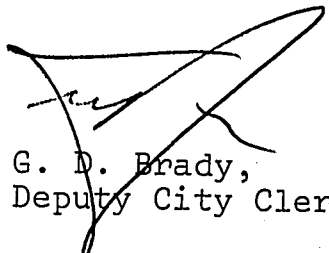
Ald. Billard brought to the attention of Council, the shower savers he has given out to members, to be installed in shower heads as a means of saving water. He asked Mr. Burke to look at the feasibility of making these available to citizens who come to the front desks at City Hall.

Council went in camera at 11:20 p.m., on motion of Ald. Hawley and Greenough. After reconvening in open meeting, the action taken in camera was ratified.

MOTION: To ratify the action taken while meeting in camera on this date.

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

Meeting adjourned at 11:40 p.m.



G. D. Brady,
Deputy City Clerk.

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GREENOUGH, WALTON, HETHERINGTON

CITY ADMINISTRATOR: J. BURKE
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At the opening of the meeting, the new Deputy Mayor acknowledged the service given by Deputy Mayor Thompson, during his term of office, which has just ended. Ald. Thompson expressed his appreciation for the opportunity to have served the City as Deputy Mayor.

Deputy Mayor MacFarlane also commended the assistance he has received from Ald. McCluskey and Billard, on several occasions since his appointment, in representing the City on his behalf. He reported to Council on the condition of Mayor Savage, who will undergo surgery on November 14th. Members of Council joined with the Deputy Mayor in wishing Mayor Savage well, for an early recovery.

1.0 CONCERNS OF COUNCIL MEMBERS OR QUESTIONS

The fifteen-minute time period set aside for concerns and questions from members of Council, followed.

ALD. BILLARD

Ald. Billard first extended congratulations to Deputy Mayor MacFarlane, on his appointment.

Ald. Billard asked if Mr. Shalom Mandaville could receive copies of Lakes Advisory Board minutes and agendas. The Deputy Mayor said Mr. Mandaville has been advised about receiving this kind of information through City Hall or the Regional Library.

Referring to a letter from Forgeron Engineering Ltd., regarding traffic congestion in Burnside Park, Ald. Billard suggested that this concern really represents a mark of the success the Park has achieved. He noted also that traffic problems there are being addressed.

ALD. SARTO

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ALD. HETHERINGTON Ald. Hetherington commended the Engineering Dept. and the construction company for the Akerley Blvd. project that has alleviated the traffic build-up and problem where the three lanes of traffic exit Akerley.

Ald. Hetherington asked the T.M.G. to look at the safety of the crosswalk located at Crawford and Portland Street, to determine if it should be located further from Highway 111; he and Ald. Walton requested a report on this item.

With reference to a letter from the Provincial Minister, Hon. Brian Young, Ald. Hetherington took exception to statements in the letter about the impact on downtown Dartmouth, of the City's decision to increase office buildings in the Burnside Business Park, to five storeys. He felt the comments in the letter were unnecessary.

ALD. HAWLEY

Ald. Hawley requested that the T.M.G., with the Police Chief, give consideration to the dangerous traffic situation on the MicMac Parclo, at the Braemar Drive exit, where three lanes of traffic converge. He said that additional signage is required at this traffic point to warn drivers of converging vehicles.

ALD. THOMPSON

Ald. Thompson asked to have the overhead pedestrian light at Regal Road and Portland Street, reactivated; he said this light has been out for a while now.

2.0

PETITION

i)

ODOR - 62 SYMONDS STREET - NUISANCE BY-LAW

HEARING:

NUISANCE COMPLAINT

Council was asked to set a date for hearing under the Nuisance By-law (N-300), in connection with complaints against the owner of property at 62 Symonds St., where cars are being repaired.

MOTION: That November 27th be set as the date for hearing of the complaint against the owner of property at 62 Symonds St., under the Nuisance By-law.

Moved: Ald. Thompson
Second: Ald. Pye

There was some question about the implications of a hearing under a City by-law, in a situation where a prosecution is coming before the courts shortly. The Solicitor did not feel there would be any legal problem, since the prosecution relates to a zoning violation and the City hearing to a nuisance complaint, two separate matters.

Ald. Hetherington requested that when this matter comes up for hearing on the 27th, information be available at that time from the Environment Dept. on the ponding of oil on the property at 62 Symonds Street, and any environmental impact resulting.

Ald. Sarto suggested that it would have been advisable to resolve this matter, through the office of the Mayor, in order to avoid a hearing if at all possible.

The vote was taken on the motion.

In Favour: All
Against: None
Motion Carried

3.0 REPORTS

3.1 CITY ADMINISTRATOR

3.1.1 FUNDING TRANSFER SPECIAL RESERVE - RES. 90-39

FUNDING TRANSFER: Council was asked to approve Resolution 90-39, RES. 90-39 requesting the withdrawal from Special Reserve - Capital Reserve Section, in the amount of \$28,786.09, to cover the unfunded portion of capital projects.

MOTION: To approve Resolution 90-39, withdrawal from Special Reserve (Capital Reserve Section), as recommended in the report to Council, dated Oct. 26/90.

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

3.1.2 REPORT ON FLYER REGARDING M.P.S. REVIEW OPEN HOUSE

REPORT ON FLYER: As requested at the October 30th Council meeting, a M.P.S. OPEN HOUSE report has come back to Council on the cost of sending a flyer to every household, informing residents of the M.P.S. Open House scheduled for two dates, Nov. 29/90 and Dec. 1/90.

MOTION: To approve the flyer distribution to residents, at the estimated cost of \$2,120.00.

Moved: Ald. Sarto
Second: Ald. Levandier

Some members of Council felt this additional cost is unwarranted, considering the amount of publicity and opportunity for participation that is already being afforded to citizens, in connection with the M.P.S. process. Members speaking in favour were of the opinion that the expenditure is justified, in view of the importance of every possible avenue of communication with the public up to and including the public hearing process. The vote was taken on the motion.

In Favour: All members except
Against: Ald. Thompson, Billard,
Walton, Greenough
Motion Carried

3.1.3

SPECIAL EVENTS

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Members of Council have received copies of the Special Events Task Force report, which concludes with three main recommendations. Mr. Burke presented the report at this time, noting specifically, in relation to it, that: (a) budget projections for special events often do not give true cost figures for them; and (b) there has been a large growth in the number of special events, to the point where they have now exceeded \$300,000. in cost to the City, involving several City departments and expenditures on the part of each department involved. He reviewed with Council the three recommendations contained in the report.

MOTION: To adopt the three recommendations from the Task Force report, as follows:

- 1) that all requests for funding for special events, either by means of a grant or services, be submitted to the City Administrator.
- 2) that the City Council special events budget be expanded to cover the full costs of grants and city services required to support the existing level of special events.
- 3) that a committee of staff be established to:
 - (a) receive applications forwarded by the City Administrator.
 - (b) make recommendations to Council on the criteria for special event support.

- (c) develop a comprehensive application form that will provide Council and staff with information on the grant level of supports that the event organizers will require, the economic impact the event will have, and the length of commitment the event will require.
- (d) develop a booklet outlining the organizers' responsibility to the City of Dartmouth, the type of service various departments can provide, the cost to the organizers for these services, and the appropriate contact person for each service.
- (e) upon request, review applications and forward a recommendation to the City Administrator, for Council's approval, and
- (f) carry out a further, more detailed analysis of special events and services presently being supported by the City.

Ald. McCluskey said that while a considerable emphasis has been placed on the aspect of economic impact, where special events are concerned, she felt the importance of events in providing entertainment to Dartmouth citizens, should not be overlooked. There were some other members who shared this opinion.

A motion was presented to adopt the recommendations of the Task Force.

Moved: Ald. Sarto
Second: Ald. McCluskey

The general consensus of the debate was that members had not previously been fully aware of the additional costs for special events, involving a number of City departments, in terms of staff time and facilities. Specific questions were asked about specific events and costs associated with them. Ald. Thompson made an inquiry about the Grand Prix Hydroplane Races, and requested a report from the organizing committee, since one has not been received to date. A similar report was requested at a later point by Ald. Billard, in connection with the expenditure of \$15,000. in 1990, when in fact, no Grand Prix event was held.

In response to a number of procedural questions, Mr. Burke explained the policy framework represented by the recommendations to Council, from which a process similar to that of the Grants Committee, will evolve, for purposes of administration. Once all the details of the policy have been established, the complete context will come back to Council for ratification. Ald. Hawley asked to have included in that policy, a provision for Council to receive a complete internal reconciliation for each and every event for which City funds are provided, both directly and indirectly in terms of dollars spent; also, if there is any need for an over-expenditure from the original budget projection, a request for those additional monies come back to Council for consideration. He proposed these two conditions as an amendment, but was willing to have them included as part of the policy statement, and therefore withdrew the amendment proposed.

Ald. Connors said Council should not lose sight of the fact that some of the special events held, are cultural in nature and of benefit to the community from that point of view; in other words, they make a cultural contribution that may not be readily noticeable, even though they benefit large numbers of people indirectly.

Also discussed was the provision for small expenditures under \$300. for contributions to events that could be authorized without having to wait for Council approval, and secondly, the allocation of funds from the Mayor's discretionary fund; it was felt that this source of funding should also be handled in an organized way, in line with the policy provisions for other budget items applicable to special events.

At the conclusion of a lengthy debate, the vote was taken.

In Favour: All
Against: None
Motion Carried

3.1.4

BOSTON WHALER SEA DERBY

BOSTON WHALER
SEA DERBY

Relating to the previous item was a request still outstanding from the organizers of the proposed Boston Whaler Dartmouth Sea Derby, for special event funding assistance from the City, in the amount of \$15,000. Mr. Gordon Fraser, one of the organizers of this proposed event for summer of 1991, was present and available to give additional information in response to questions from members of Council.

He advised Council that from 80% to 85% of the funding for this event will come from the private sector, and some indication of City involvement is required at this time in order to guarantee a private commitment. Ald. Connors encouraged Council to make a decision on the Sea Derby at this meeting, in view of the time constraints for corporate funding provision.

MOTION: To approve the \$15,000. requested in special event funding assistance to the 1991 Boston Whaler Dartmouth Sea Derby.

Moved: Ald. Connors

Second: Ald. Rodgers

Ald. Rodgers made several provisional recommendations for City approval, as follows:

- 1) the City funds will be conveyed to the organizing committee next spring.
- 2) these funds represent the only funds or services provided by the City; any additional request for services would be dealt with by Council.
- 3) the City will ensure that the association being dealt with is a legal entity, capable of handling its own debts, and any debts incurred will not be the responsibility of the citizens of Dartmouth.

Ald. Greenough proposed one additional condition - that is, before final approval of this item in the operating budget, Council will receive from the organizing association a firm indication of specific corporate commitments. Mr. Fraser was willing to submit an interim report to Council, in this connection by the end of the year, and having received this assurance, Council was willing to vote on the motion, as presented.

In Favour: All

Against: None

Motion Carried

3.1.5

1991 NATAL DAY BUDGET

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Also previously deferred, pending receipt of the Task Force report on Special Events, was a recommendation from the Natal Day Committee, that Council provide a grant of \$40,000. in 1991, to the Natal Day Committee, excluding expenses incurred by the Works, Recreation & Police Departments; each of these departments to be requested to include in their budgets, sufficient funds to cover Natal Day expenses.

Council proceeded to deal with this deferred item, and a motion was presented for approval of the recommended grant, plus a condition suggested by Mr. Burke.

MOTION: To approve the \$40,000. grant recommended by the Natal Day Committee for 1991 and to instruct staff to work with the Committee to determine what extraneous costs will be, so that these are reflected for budgetary purposes.

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

4.0

MOTIONS

4.1

ALD. WOODS

4.1.1

TURNING RESTRICTIONS - INTERSECTION - FARRELL RD/VICTORIA RD.

MOTION: WHEREAS Victoria Road Extension serves as a very busy arterial roadway during weekday rush-hour traffic;

AND WHEREAS this street essentially serves as a barrier, dividing residential Ward 5 into two parts, and restricting normal intra-community traffic flow;

AND WHEREAS a limited Left Turn from Farrell Road onto Victoria Road, is a reasonable and safe vehicular route during non-rush-hour periods.

BE IT RESOLVED that the Traffic Management Group be asked to re-evaluate the present turning restrictions at this intersection, with a view to allowing left turns under certain conditions.

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

4.2 ALD. RODGERS

4.2.1 HOTEL ROOM TAX

The motion for which notice was previously given by Ald. Rodgers (proposed Hotel Room Tax), was deferred for one week, on motion of Ald. Rodgers and Thompson.

5.0 NOTICES OF MOTION

Notices of motion were given for the next regular Council meeting, as follows:

Ald. Rodgers

WHEREAS the City of Dartmouth has adopted a resolution, which permits a surcharge to be added to water bills, to raise the necessary funds for a harbour cleanup;

AND WHEREAS this surcharge has met with considerable public opposition, and in many cases, financial hardship;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Council of the City of Dartmouth revisit the method and the dollar values associated with this method of fund raising;

AND FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED that staff make every effort to compile the necessary cost estimates to permit a full examination of our current funding method prior to Dec. 11, 1990.

Ald. McCluskey

WHEREAS elected officials have occasion from time to time, to travel outside the Province;

AND WHEREAS the City Charter states that expenses will be paid for them upon instructions of Council;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that any time an elected official plans to travel outside the Province at the expense of the City, that Council be asked to approve the expense.

6.0 REPORTS

6.1 CITY ADMINISTRATOR

6.1.1 APPLICATION TO AMEND DEVELOPMENT AGREEMENT - 3 BRUCE ST.

SET DATE FOR
HEARING: 3 BRUCE
STREET

Council was asked to set the date for public hearing of a request to amend the current Development Agreement for 3 Bruce Street. The date favoured by Council was Dec. 11/90.

MOTION: To set Dec. 11/90 as the date for public hearing of an application to amend the Development Agreement for 3 Bruce Street.

Moved: Ald. Hetherington

Second: Ald. Thompson

In Favour: All

Against: None

Motion Carried

6.1.2 APPLICATION FOR DEVELOPMENT AGREEMENT - 34 BELLEVISTA DR.

SET DATE FOR
HEARING: 34
BELLEVISTA DR.

Council was also asked to set the date for public hearing of an application for a Development Agreement to permit the expansion of an existing day care facility at 34 Bellevista Drive. The date favoured by Council for this hearing was January 22, 1991.

MOTION: To set Jan. 22/91 as the date for public hearing of an application for a Development Agreement to permit the expansion of an existing day care facility at 34 Bellevista Drive.

Moved: Ald. Sarto

Second: Ald. Thompson

In Favour: All

Against: None

Motion Carried

(The date selected for this second application was an amendment to a motion originally presented, which set the same date, December 11th, for both applications.)

6.1.4 CONTRACT - LIGHT & MEDIUM VEHICLE INSPECTION

CONTRACT: LIGHT & MEDIUM VEHICLES Report from Mr. Burke (R. Fougere, R. MacDonald) on tender requests for a contract for light and medium vehicle inspections and maintenance of Engineering & Parks vehicles, recommending that the contract be awarded for a two-year period, to the lowest evaluated bidder, Forbes Chev-Olds.

MOTION: To approve the recommended contract for two years, with Forbes Chev-Olds for light and medium vehicle inspections and maintenance of Engineering & Parks vehicles.

Moved: Ald. Greenough

Second: Ald. Woods

Several members had reservations about the recommendation and about the economies of contracting out the work on City vehicles, in relation to the City's own garage operation and savings being realized in this area. Ald. Rodgers requested information on the results of the staff survey and evaluation of the cost of parts, referred to by Mr. MacDonald, the Fleet Manager, in response to cost comparison questions.

(Ald. McCluskey left the meeting during debate on this item.)

Ald. Hetherington suggested that a careful watch should be kept on the kind of priority given City vehicles by the recommended company, Forbes Chev-Olds., and the amount of down time experienced with vehicles if they are not given adequate priority in the Forbes' shop.

Questions from Ald. Connors about the City's garage operation and the possibility of closing it out, were discussed with Mr. Burke.


When there were no further questions from members, the vote was taken on the motion. In Favour: All Against: None

Council went in camera at 10:50 p.m., on motion of Ald. Hawley and Hetherington. Council reconvened at 11:00 p.m., when the action taken in camera was ratified.

MOTION: To ratify the action taken by Council while meeting in camera on this date.

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

Meeting adjourned at 11:00 p.m.



G. D. Brady,
Deputy City Clerk.

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LOCATION: CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS
TIME: 7:30 P.M.

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

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

Deputy Mayor MacFarlane first reported to Council on the progress Mayor Savage is making in recovering from his operation. He advised that the Mayor is doing quite well, having returned home from hospital; he has been his office briefly as well.

1.0 CONCERNS OF COUNCIL MEMBERS OR QUESTIONS

The fifteen-minute time period set aside for concerns and questions from members of Council, followed.

ALD. HETHERINGTON Ald. Hetherington asked to have rocks removed by the Works Dept., from the pathway that runs between Rodney Road up to McNeil Street. He also asked that the Principal of Southdale School be contacted, so the matter of throwing rocks in this area can be brought to the attention of the children who attend that school.

Ald. Hetherington requested that further attention be given to the traffic lights at Portland Street and Eisener Drive. There is still a problem with them and they have malfunctioned again as recently as November 19th.

ALD. MCCLUSKEY Ald. McCluskey said there are still no truck signs on Woodland Ave., as Council was advised there would be. Mr. Burke has talked to Paul Connors about this item, and the word from the Dept. of Transportation is that the signs will be in place by the end of the month.

Ald. McCluskey asked that the owners of the King's Arms apartment complex on Glen Manor Drive, be requested to clean up the area where land has broken away and rocks are falling down onto the sidewalk.

Ald. McCluskey made an inquiry, on behalf of a citizen, about the Access-a-Bus tender awarded by the Metropolitan Authority to the Zinck bus operators. Ald. Levandier responded with further information on the awarding of

this tender, noting that the difference in price between Zinck and the next bidder, was \$41,000. It is felt that the Zinck company will do a good job, as Yellow Cab did in the past, and the significant difference in cost could not be overlooked by the Authority in awarding the tender.

ALD. CONNORS

Ald. Connors asked if any information is available on the year-end financial projection for the School Board. Mr. Burke and the Deputy Mayor advised that their deficit is expected to be in the area of from \$75,000. to \$100,000. (this was the projection as of the end of October).

Ald. Connors asked what measures have been implemented to reduce the City's projected deficit. Mr. Burke advised that in addition to measures taken previously, and reported to Council, there is a freeze on the hiring or changing of staff positions, and all requisitions for materials, supplies and equipment are frozen.

ALD. THOMPSON

Ald. Thompson requested that the T.M.G. look at the request from he and Ald. Sarto, that right-hand turns on Spikenard Street, be prohibited between the hours of 7:00 and 9:00 a.m. This measure would help to alleviate traffic short-cutting through another residential area. Ald. Sarto supported the request.

ALD. SARTO

Ald. Sarto's first concern was about the timing of the traffic signal interval at Woodlawn Road and Portland Street, involving the left-turning traffic pattern from Baker Drive onto Portland Street. The problem is with the sign that eliminates the Yield requirement for drivers when they have a red light at this point; also, a flashing amber signal is required.

Ald. Sarto's other point of concern was the new traffic restriction that prevents left turns off Maple Street during peak periods of traffic, resulting in a back-up of traffic on Maple, back to Thistle Street. This situation is further compounded by the problem at the Maple/Ochterloney Street intersection, and also, on Ochterloney Street at Prince Albert Road. Ald. Sarto felt that this entire traffic situation needs to be addressed seriously. Deputy Mayor MacFarlane said that perhaps a report from the Police Chief is needed, on the impact of the recent traffic-pattern changes. He agreed that traffic problems in this particular area are not being resolved.

ALD. LEVANDIER Ald. Levandier objected to a letter that members have received from the Executive Director for the Dartmouth Chamber of Commerce. He asked that a letter of response go out from the Mayor's office, to clear up some of the misconceptions indicated in the Chamber letter.

2.0 MOTIONS

2.1 ALD. RODGERS

2.1.1 HOTEL ROOM TAX

MOTION:

WHEREAS the City of Dartmouth has a growing need for increased funds.

AND WHEREAS some municipalities have been successful in raising funds by imposing a Hotel Room Tax;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that Dartmouth City Council consider enacting a by-law to charge a Hotel Room Tax;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Dartmouth City Charter also be amended to permit such a by-law.

Moved: Ald. Rodgers

Second: Ald. Walton

Ald. Rodgers pointed out that hoteliers who are members of the Hotel Association of Metropolitan Halifax, support such a tax for purposes of business promotion within their industry, but members opposed to the motion felt the imposition of such a tax by municipal government would not accomplish the kind of objective indicated by that Association. They felt the tax will have an opposite effect on an industry already bearing considerable taxation, including commercial rates, and that with the present down-turn in the economy and the GST coming in as of the new year, people in the industry and tourism generally will be coping with enough. The general concensus of the debate was therefore opposed to any additional tax, such as the room tax proposal. Ald. Connors noted that the proposed tax does not have the support of the City's Tourist Commission. The vote was taken on the motion.

In Favour: Ald. Rodgers

Against: All other members

Motion Defeated

3.0 REPORTS3.1 CITY ADMINISTRATOR3.1.1 MAIN STREET AT BRIGADOON AVE. - LEFT-TURN RESTRICTIONSMAIN ST. AT
BRIGADOON

Report from Mr. Burke (R. Fougere, Paul Connors) on the request for left-turn restriction at Main Street and Brigadoon Ave., the T.M.G. recommendation being that no action be taken to implement this traffic change.

MOTION: That a decision be deferred for a two-month period, to give Ald. Sarto additional time to monitor the traffic situation on Brigadoon.

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

3.2 SOLICITOR3.2.1 PENSION AMENDMENT - BY-LAW P-402

PENSION AMENDMENT: BY-LAW P-402 In connection with a Pension Committee recommendation, which will allow for transfer in and out of pension funds from other pension plans, the Solicitor has prepared By-law P-402, which was before Council for approval.

MOTION: That leave be given to introduce the said By-law P-402 and that it now be read a first time.

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

MOTION: That By-law P-402 be read a second time.

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

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

MOTION: That By-law P-402 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. Sarto
Second: Ald. Hetherington
In Favour: All
Against: None
Motion Carried

Council was further requested to adopt a recommendation on a reciprocal pension agreement with the Municipality of the County of Halifax.

MOTION: That the Mayor and the City Clerk be authorized to enter the reciprocal pension agreement with the Municipality of the County of Halifax, as attached to the Solicitor's report of Nov. 8/90.

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

3.3 FINANCE & PROGRAM REVIEW COMMITTEE

3.3.1 LAND TRANSACTIONS

LAND TRANSACTIONS The Finance & Program Review Committee has dealt with a report from the City Administrator, on the subject of land transactions and public disclosure of information on these, once they have been approved in camera. A recommendation has been made to Council in this connection.

MOTION: That Council continue to deal with land transactions in camera, but that the guidelines proposed by Mr. Burke for public disclosure, be subsequently followed.

Moved: Ald. Connors
Second: Ald. Hetherington

During debate on the motion, Ald. McCluskey questioned how the disclosure of information will be carried out, once the guidelines being proposed have been observed. She presented an amendment for this purpose.

AMENDMENT: After the guidelines have been followed, and the land transactions settled in camera, information be made public as to the price of the land, the reason for purchasing it, the participants, and what the plans are for the property. (Guideline #4, applicable to property acquisitions for social housing, would be exempt from this provision for public disclosure.)

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

The vote was taken on the motion, as amended.

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

Beginning with these minutes, information on land transactions will be included as part of the ratification of in camera meetings, at the end of the minutes.

- 4.0 REPORTS
- 4.1 CITY ADMINISTRATOR
- 4.1.1 PROJECT & CONSTRUCTION MANAGEMENT POLICE HEADQUARTERS

PROJECT & CONSTRUCTION MANAGEMENT- Mr. Burke has submitted a report to Council on project & construction management services for the proposed Dartmouth Police Headquarters building, recommending that Pryor Construction Ltd. be awarded the contract to provide project & construction management services for renovation of the Onex building, according to the terms of reference of the proposal call, excluding the penalty and guaranteed upset price provisions, for a fee not to exceed \$388,355., if the City is able to successfully conclude an agreement with a private sector developer to lease the building; or a fee not to exceed \$773,756., if the City, in the first instance, is not able to attract a private sector developer, and then proceeds to complete the project itself.

MOTION: To adopt the above-noted recommendation.

Moved: Ald. Hetherington
Second: Ald. McCluskey

CONFLICT OF INTEREST Ald. Woods declared a conflict of interest and withdrew from his place on Council. (His firm participated in one of the submissions under consideration.)

Mr. Burke made a presentation to Council in connection with his report, circulating conceptual plans for the headquarters building, for both the Urban and Pryor proposals. He outlined the basic conceptual differences in design between the two, noting that both proponents have analyzed and addressed the space allocation concerns of the police department, and both have presented workable solutions that are equally acceptable. Basically, there is only a modest cost differential between the two proposals to be taken into account, since the City could be expected to receive similar value from each of them, as indicated in the comparison information that has been prepared and presented in the report to Council.

In debating the motion, two points of view were stated: members in favour felt the headquarters facility is long overdue and must proceed; those against, were particularly concerned about the cost implications for the City, in a period of recession and with other financial problems that will be facing the City this year at budget time and in the near future. Ald. Hawley felt that Council should have some indication of the implications for the 1990 tax rate and beyond, taking the headquarters expenditure and other budget estimates into account altogether. Ald. Connors indicated similar reservations about the ultimate cost of another major capital expenditure, and whether the City can afford it now. Ald. Hawley proposed deferral for further information from Mr. Burke on the tax rate implications.

MOTION: That a decision be deferred for one week, to receive from Mr. Burke, information on the projected tax rate, that will reflect not only the cost of the police facility, but the other budget projections for the City also.

Moved: Ald. Hawley
Second: Ald. Connors

Points of comparison raised by Ald. Billard, between the Urban and Pryor submissions, were discussed with Mr. Burke. With reference to the points at issue, Mr. Burke was satisfied with the competence of the Pryor company, and indicated his confidence in their ability to meet the City's requirements on the police project. Ald. Connors did not feel it is realistic to expect private/commercial interest in the project; he felt that such an expectation is overly optimistic.

Aside from the members who made the motion, Council was mainly opposed to the deferral, preferring to go ahead with the project, on the basis of its priority status after completion of the library.

In Favour: Ald. Hawley & Connors
Against: All other members
Motion Defeated

Ald. Rodgers requested that Mr. Burke look at a scenario with respect to the sale of City-owned lands (ie. such as the present police building and site), that would help to generate revenue for the City, and report back to Council within the next two weeks time.

The vote was taken on the main motion.

In Favour: All members except
Against: Ald. Hawley & Connors
Motion Carried

4.1.4

JOINT PROMOTION, FERRY SERVICE

JOINT PROMOTION:
FERRY SERVICE

Report from Mr. Burke (B. Smith) on a proposal from Pizza Delight Corp., for a joint promotion of the ferry service, in conjunction with their newest restaurant, located on Ferry Terminal Lane in Halifax. This proposal, reviewed by the Public Transportation Advisory Committee, has been recommended for the approval of Council. Involved, is the sale of ferry tokens at a reduced price, as well as the granting of permission to locate promotional banners in each of the three ferry terminals.

MOTION: That Council authorize staff to finalize the arrangements for a promotional program, with Pizza Delight, as outlined in the report to Council, dated Nov. 13/90.

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

4.1.6

PROVINCIAL CAP ON GENERAL ASSISTANCE, ADMINISTRATION & HOME CARE

PROVINCIAL CAP

Report from Mr. Burke (P. Greene) on the Provincial CAP on General Assistance, administration & home care, with two recommendations for approaching the Province in this connection.

MOTION: To adopt the two recommendations, which are:

- 1) that Council make representation to the Province for the removal of the CAP on Municipal General Assistance, Administration and Home Care.
- 2) that Council pressure the Province to implement the Report of the Task Force on the Level of Cost-sharing of Municipal Assistance.

Moved: Ald. Greenough
Second: Ald. Hetherington

Ald. Pye and McCluskey were not willing to deal with the item before Council without also considering in conjunction with it, an increase in assistance rates, on which a report has not yet been made to Council. They wished to defer the two recommendations on representation to the Province, pending further discussion, and a motion to defer was presented.

MOTION: To defer the recommendations on representations to the Province until next week's Council meeting, for discussion in conjunction with the City's general assistance rates and their possible increase.

Moved: Ald. Thompson
Second: Ald. Hawley
In Favour: Eight members
Against: All other members
Motion Carried

At 10:15 p.m., Council went in camera, on motion of Ald. Hawley and Hetherington. Having reconvened in open meeting, Council later ratified the action taken while meeting in camera.


MOTION: To ratify the action taken while meeting in camera on this date.

Land transaction approved: Purchase of 5 Brule St.
Price of land: \$142,000.

Purchased from: Ballentine Property Managements
Purchased at request of Ward 5 Aldermen; possible interim uses for the building being investigated. Ultimately, the property is proposed as an open and green space, without the building.

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

Meeting adjourned at 11:00 p.m.



Bruce S. Smith,
City Clerk-Treasurer.

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DARTMOUTH CITY COUNCIL

NOVEMBER 27/90

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

CITY ADMINISTRATOR: J. BURKE
CITY SOLICITOR: M. MOREASH
DEPUTY CITY CLERK: G. BRADY
DEPARTMENT HEADS & ASSISTANTS

Mayor Savage was welcomed back by members of Council, this being his first meeting since recovering from his operation.

1.0 CONCERNS OF COUNCIL MEMBERS OR QUESTIONS

The fifteen-minute time period set aside for concerns and questions from members of Council, followed.

ALD. MCCLUSKEY

Ald. McCluskey asked about the required attendance of members of Council at all public hearings connected with the M.P.S. Review process. The Solicitor advised that members of Council will have to be present for all of the hearings, in order to enact the new M.P.S. and Land Use By-laws. The suggestion was made that the M.P.S. be broken down into parts for hearing purposes. The Solicitor was requested to give a written review of procedures required and possible means, for proceeding with a breakdown of the M.P.S. document, for hearing purposes.

Ald. McCluskey advised that the hearing set for this present Council meeting, involving the property at 62 Symonds Street, has been withdrawn, due to the fact that work being carried out at this location has ceased.

ALD. HETHERINGTON

Ald. Hetherington proposed the name of Mrs. Noreen Murphy for appointment to the Board of Health; Council proceeded to confirm the appointment at this time.

MOTION: To approve the appointment of
Mrs. Noreen Murphy to the Board
of Health.

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

Ald. Hetherington suggested that the December 18th Council meeting be cancelled, since a number of members have another commitment on that evening. There was general agreement with the suggested cancellation.

Ald. Hetherington advised that the handicapped parking requested at the meter in front of the Bank of Montreal on Portland Street, has not yet been designated.

ALD. BILLARD

Ald. Billard requested the T.M.G. take a look at the traffic signals at Five Corners, where there appears to be some confusion among drivers, due to the angle of the traffic lights (cars on Pleasant Street, coming from the direction of Starr Manufacturing, and cars coming up Portland Street to the lights).

Ald. Billard asked if the traffic situation in the Maple Street corridor will be reviewed at a later date, to determine the impact of prohibiting left turns on the residential streets off Maple and the resulting additional traffic load being placed on Maple Street itself. Mr. Burke advised that a report based on the monitoring of this traffic situation will come to Council in due course. Ald. Rodgers requested that traffic counts also be kept on Crichton Ave. as part of the monitoring process.

ALD. WALTON

Ald. Walton requested police surveillance in the area of the traffic signals at Portland Estates, where speeding is taking place on Portland Street.

ALD. RODGERS

Ald. Rodgers asked how rapidly we should see a reduction in the highway construction at MicMac Blvd., Woodland Ave., and Highway 111; information requested in response.

ALD. GREENOUGH

Ald. Greenough inquired about the installation of traffic signals at Montebello Drive and Waverley Road. Mr. Fougere advised that these signals are being designed, but they are not expected to be operational until next summer.

ALD. HAWLEY

Ald. Hawley asked about the status of Michael Lane; Mr. Fougere advised that a report will be going to the next Council meeting on the take-over of the street, and then the project can proceed.

ALD. SARTO

Ald. Sarto requested that attention be given to the large open excavated area on the lot in back of 87 Lucien Drive; there is presently no protection around this excavation and it is dangerous to children.

ALD. THOMPSON

Ald. Thompson requested crushed rock in the area of the steps at the Penhorn School property, to improve their condition.

3.0 REPORTS3.1 CITY ADMINISTRATOR3.1.1 1991 CHANGE IN PARKING RATES1991 CHANGE IN
PARKING RATES

Report from Mr. Burke (B. Smith) on a proposed change in parking rates from the present rate of 50¢ per hour, implemented in 1986. The report makes two recommendations to Council in this connection.

MOTION: To adopt the two recommendations on the 1991 change in parking rates, as follows:

- 1) approving parking meter rates effective for January, 1991 at the rate of 75¢ per hour.
- 2) approving the purchase of new timing mechanisms for 348 units, convert all meters to 25¢ and \$1.00 coins only receptacles, and the purchase of 81 new coin security system units, at a total price not to exceed \$85,000., in favour of J. J. MacKay Canada Ltd.

Moved: Ald. Sarto

Second: Ald. Thompson

Ald. Connors favoured a two-week deferral on this item to give interested groups (Chamber of Commerce, the Downtown Corp., Downtown Residents Assn.) time for input

MOTION: To defer any decision on the parking rate increase for two weeks, to give interested groups time for input.

Moved: Ald. Connors

Second: Ald. McCluskey

Members opposed to deferral did not feel the parking rate increase is excessive or out of line for the downtown area; they were in favour of proceeding with it. Members supporting deferral preferred to hear from the people directly affected first. Ald. Woods requested additional information from staff, including a list of locations where meters are in operation; and secondly, how busy are they (ie. what is the vacancy rate at the meters).

The vote was taken on the motion to defer.

In Favour: All members except
Against: Ald. Levandier, Hetherington
Hawley, Walton & Rodgers
Motion Carried

3.1.2 CHANGE OF YEAR^{END} TAX DUE DATES

CHANGE OF YEAR
END: TEX DUE DATE

Report from Mr. Burke (B. Smith) on the transition arrangements being proposed for tax due dates during the change-over in the fiscal year for municipalities, to coincide with the provincial fiscal year. A schedule of installment billings for the 1991/92 transition year, and for the new fiscal year 1992/93, has been recommended to Council. The report recommends that Council approve the establishment for interim and final tax billings, as listed in the report.

MOTION: To adopt the recommendations from the report of Nov. 13/90 on tax billings.

Moved: Ald. MacFarlane
Second: Ald. Greenough

Ald. Connors proposed an amendment, to move the date for the third installment in the transition year (1991/92) from Dec. 6/91, to Feb. 1/92.

AMENDMENT: To change the third installment date in the transition year, from Dec. 6/91, to Feb. 1/92.

Moved: Ald. Connors
Second: Ald. MacFarlane

There was considerable date as to the best formula for an installment schedule with the least impact on taxpayers, who will have to cope with the payment of 15 months of taxes in a twelve-month period of time. Concerns were also stated about the communication of information on the new payment schedule, so the public is fully aware of it prior to implementation. Ald. McCluskey suggested there should be some leniency for people during the transition to the next fiscal year, in the charging of interest on overdue accounts.

Mr. Burke suggested that Council should be fully informed of the impact of moving any of the dates that have been recommended. Members agreed that a one-week deferral would be in order to receive this kind of additional information.

MOTION: To defer for one week a decision on the tax due date schedule, for information on the dollar impact of changing any of the dates being recommended.

Moved: Ald. Connors
Second: Ald. Greenough

Ald. Connors also requested that staff provide a comparison between the present calendar year collection, as compared with what is being proposed. Ald. Rodgers asked for a straight-line graph showing the gaps between payment periods. The vote was taken on the motion to defer.

In Favour: All
Against: None
Motion Carried

3.1.3 RESPONSE TO PETITION - JOHN BRENTON DR/DUBONNET DR/ETHEL COURT

RESPONSE TO
PETITION

Report from Mr. Burke (R. Fougere, P. Connors) on the T.M.G. response to a petition from residents living in the area of John Brenton Drive/Dubonnet Dr/Ethel Court, containing three recommendations. In addition to the adoption of these recommendations, Ald. Greenough proposed that authorization be given for a four-way Stop, which the residents are requesting.

MOTION: To adopt the following recommendations and in addition, to authorize a four-way Stop at the location of the streets concerned.

- 1) that Stop signs be placed on Ethel Court and Dubonnet Drive, where these streets enter John Brenton Drive.
- 2) that Playground signs be placed along John Brenton Drive.
- 3) that existing signage (Slow signs, etc.) be reviewed, and the placement of same be adjusted where required, to provide maximum visibility and pre-warning to motorists.

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

3.1.4 PROVINCIAL CAP ON GENERAL ASSISTANCE, ADMINISTRATION & HOME CARE

PROVINCIAL CAP

A report from Mr. Burke (Paul Greene) was before Council on the subject of the Provincial CAP on General Assistance, Administration & Home Care, with respect to the adverse impact on the finances of the City, now assuming an ever-increasing percentage of the cost-sharing, as the cost-sharing of the Province decreases. The report, presented at this time by Mr. Greene, makes two recommendations on proposed representation to the Province, in connection with the CAP and implementation of the the 'Report of the Task Force on the level of Cost-sharing of Municipal Assistance'.

Supplementary information was provided by Mr. Burke, in conjunction with a presentation made by him, in order to make Council aware of three areas in which there has been a dramatic impact of Provincial decisions in relation to the tax burden being placed on Dartmouth taxpayers. The three areas involved as: (1) social service funding; (2) education funding; and (3) assessment.

In the case of the first two funding areas, the burden of financial responsibility has been continually shifted more and more onto the municipalities by the Province, as reflected in the figures and percentages outlined to Council during Mr. Burke's presentation. For example, in the case of general assistance, the net incremental cost to the City from 1983 to 1990, in terms of the shift in cost-sharing, is represented by the figure of \$4,301,689. In education, this figure for the period 1982 to 1990, stands at \$17,975,300. The total of these two figures alone, in relation to their impact on the City tax rate, is significant. Added to this is the third element of tax revenue losses experienced by the City as a result of assessment appeals, the total for which is \$5,296,000. for the years 1987 to 1990. Mr. Burke drew to Council's attention, the seriousness of the financial implications for the City of the present and any further moves by the Province to pass on social service and education costs, that have to be funded from property taxes at the municipal level.

Ald. McCluskey also wanted to have Council consider a 6% increase in social assistance food scales, effective as of January 1st, 1991. This proposed increase was incorporated by her in a motion to adopt the two recommendations from the report of Mr. Burke and Mr. Greene.

MOTION: To approve a 6% food scale increase as of January 1/91, and further, to adopt the two recommendations from the report to Council of Nov. 8/90; these are:

- 1) that Council make representation to the Province for the removal of the CAP on Municipal General Assistance, Administration & Home Care.
- 2) that Council pressure the Province to implement the 'Report of the Task Force on the level of Cost-sharing of Municipal Assistance'.

Moved: Ald. McCluskey
Second: Ald. Hetherington

Members were in favour of the motion generally, including the recommendations and the 6% increase in the food scale. Ald. Connors felt, however, that the focus should be on long-term solutions and cooperation with other levels of government, in recognition that we are all responsible as citizens for the general welfare of our community. Avenues suggested by him for dealing with assistance needs were through: maintenance enforcement in the Family Courts; encouragement of single mothers to support themselves and daycare facilities to help them in returning to the workplace; an increase in the minimum wage; long-term job creation incentives for companies; an attack on slum housing problems. Ald. Billard felt there should be a greater emphasis on re-training and literacy programs, to assist unemployed people. Ald. Hawley said it is important to get the support of people in the community, and he was concerned that in some instances of mismanagement and abuse of assistance that is received, citizens tend to lose their interest in helping. Ald. Levandier's opinion was that municipalities should get out of social assistance altogether, leaving responsibility in this area to the Province.

At the end of the debate, the vote was taken on the motion

In Favour: All
Against: None
Motion Carried

3.2 FINANCE & PROGRAM REVIEW (AUDIT COMMITTEE)

3.2.1 EDP ENVIRONMENT AUDIT

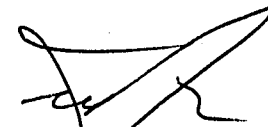
EDP ENVIRON-
MENT AUDIT

The Finance & Program Review Committee has considered the question of an EDP audit and the merits of the City proceeding with such an audit, at a cost of between \$15,000. and \$20,000. In conclusion, the Committee has recommended that the City Administrator be instructed to proceed with the EDP Environment Audit for the City, as it has been proposed in a presentation to the Committee.

MOTION: To adopt the recommendation of the Finance & Program Review (Audit) Committee on the carrying out of an EDP Environment Audit for the City.

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

Council went in camera at 10:30 p.m., on motion of Ald. Hetherington and Walton. Adjournment was from the in camera meeting.



G. D. Brady,
Deputy City Clerk.

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