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DARTMOUTH CITY COUNCIL
AGENDA

* TUES., JAN. 7/92 *
* 7:30 PM *
* COUNCIL CHAMBER *
* IN CAMERA SESSION *
* 10:00 PM *

1. INVOCATION
2. APPROVE THE MINUTES FROM THE MEETINGS: December 3, 10, 17, 1991.
3. BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES
4. CONCERNS OF COUNCIL MEMBERS OR QUESTIONS (15 MINUTE MAXIMUM)
5. DELEGATIONS & HEARINGS OF PROTEST
6. ORIGINAL COMMUNICATIONS
 - 6.1 Shalom M. Mandaville re Lakes within the City
7. PUBLIC HEARING
8. PRESENTATION
9. PETITION
10. THIRD READING - SIGN BY-LAW S-802
11. REPORTS
 - 11.1 MAYOR
 - 11.1.1 Sackville Landfill Site - Redress - continuation of discussion from Dec. 17/91 meeting
 - 11.2 PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE
 - 11.3.1 Dartmouth Ferry System
12. MOTIONS
13. NOTICES OF MOTION

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

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

CITY ADMINISTRATOR: J. BURKE
CITY SOLICITOR: M. MOREASH
ASST. CITY CLERK: V. CARMICHAEL
DEPARTMENT HEADS & ASSISTANTS

1.0 INVOCATION

Mayor Savage opened the Council meeting with the Invocation.

2.0 APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MOTION: To approve the minutes of Council meetings held on Dec. 3, 10 & 17, 1991.

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

3.0 BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

4.0 CONCERNS OF COUNCIL MEMBERS OR QUESTIONS

ALD. PYE

Ald. Pye asked about a report he requested previously on a former bus operator, Bill Richards. Mr. Burke said he is waiting for further information on this employee, and when he has received it, Council will be informed at an in camera session.

Ald. Pye also inquired about the recent restructuring of the City Engineering Dept., asking if members of Council will have an opportunity to discuss this matter. Mr. Burke said it can be raised in camera, if the Alderman wishes to do so.

Ald. Pye noted that By-law M-500, which sets out the composition of the Museum Board, needs to be corrected to reflect the present Council representation on the Board, following last year's committee restructuring.

ALD. HETHERINGTON Ald. Hetherington stated his concerns about the major

cost increase being projected for the harbour clean-up, and in response, Mayor Savage provided information to Council on his meeting with the Mayor of Halifax and the Provincial Minister responsible for the project, to discuss the four-hundred-million dollar figure reported. While agreeing that it is a point of concern, the Mayor also pointed out that it will be about four weeks before any actual figure can be confirmed. At that point the Harbour Clean-up Corporation will make whatever recommendations are considered to be in order to the Minister.

Two other members speaking on the harbour clean-up cost, were Ald. Greenough and May. Ald. May said the provincial and federal governments should be reminded of their financial responsibility for this project, even if the cost has escalated.

Ald. Hetherington referred to information he has received on parking tickets issued by commissionaires in 1990 and 1991, as compared with the number issued by police officers. In 1990, 18,277 tickets were issued by commissionaires, compared with 2,900 issued by the police. He said these figures substantiate his contention that parking tickets are not being issued throughout the wards of the City, as they should be, where parking violations are occurring. He asked that the matter be taken up further with the Police Dept., in the light of the information provided by Sgt. Manning.

ALD. MCCLUSKEY

Ald. McCluskey asked if Council's position on the sale of wine and beer in grocery outlets has been communicated to the U.N.S.M. The Mayor advised that this item will be on an upcoming agenda for discussion by the U.N.S.M.

Ald. McCluskey reported a recent instance where paper from roofing material was left on the street at a construction site on Ochterloney St. She asked what can be done to force the company responsible to clean up the area.

She also requested that action be taken to have the sidewalk cleaned up on Crichton Ave., where it has been blocked for months. Ald. Levandier noted that the section of sidewalk referred to has just been cleared.

Ald. McCluskey was concerned about the School Board decision to charge a \$75. fee for the use of schools after hours, in this case for the Horizon Estates information meeting. Mr. Burke said he intends to take this matter up with the Supt. of Schools, and Ald. Hawley advised Council of the opportunity for public input at a meeting scheduled for January 28th.

- ALD. GREENOUGH Ald. Greenough indicated his concern as well, about the decision to charge fees for school use and the effect of such a decision on events such as the Old Time Fiddling Contest. He said he was pleased to know that the decision will receive further consideration, and that there will be a chance for submissions by the public.
- ALD. WALTON Ald. Walton referred to an information report he has received on parking enforcement in shopping centres (in fire lanes and handicapped parking spaces), and asked about the status of the recent enforcement program involving the use of commissionaires at malls.
- ALD. RODGERS Ald. Rodgers stated his reservations about the Chamber of Commerce questionnaire, in connection with their meeting on Jan. 8th, to discuss the proposed incinerator site in Burnside. He felt the other side of the picture (ie. the alternatives to incineration) should be made known to the Chamber, so that a more objective approach can be taken publicly to the whole issue, and he asked that the Mayor write a letter to the Chamber, apprising them of this additional information.
- A. D. LEVANDIER Ald. Levandier had concerns similar to those of Ald. Rodgers, about a slanted point of view that is likely to be given on incineration, and asked that consideration be given to bringing in some people from other areas, who can speak knowledgeably on actual experience with incineration in their own communities; this way, the public will be better informed on both sides of the issue.
- Ald. Levandier asked that the relocation of the crosswalk in front of Alderney Manor, be carried out as soon as possible, and that Mr. Fougere inform the Residents Assn. of the status of this relocation, as outlined to Council.
- ALD. HAWLEY Ald. Hawley requested that the Mayor make inquiries about both the Texaco and the Esso refineries, to determine if there are any plans for closing either of these operations.
- ALD. MACFARLANE Ald. MacFarlane requested an update on the City's submission to the P.U.B., in connection with the proposed bridge fare increase. The Mayor advised that a letter was forwarded, stating the objection of the City, as directed by Council.
- Ald. Greenough felt that the City should have gone further with an actual presentation at the hearing, in order to enforce our position. The Mayor said he would circulate copies of the letter sent on the City's behalf.

ALD. THOMPSON Ald. Thompson asked that a start be made on filling in the land designated for park and recreational use, at the end of Langdon Drive and Mount Edward Road. After the street closure at the end of Cranberry Lake, this land was earmarked for park and recreational development, but has not been upgraded for that purpose to date.

5.0 DELEGATIONS & HEARINGS OF PROTEST

6.0 ORIGINAL COMMUNICATIONS

6.1 SHALOM MANDAVILLE RELAKES WITHIN THE CITY

LETTER RE CITY LAKES A letter was before Council from Shalom Mandaville, asking for special Council sessions to deal with the subject of City lakes, and the letter was referred to the Dartmouth Lakes Advisory Board for consideration.

MOTION: To refer to the Lakes Advisory Board, a letter dated Dec. 27/91 on the subject of City lakes and special sessions of Council to deal with the subject.

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

7.0 PUBLIC HEARING

8.0 PRESENTATION

9.0 PETITIONS

10.0 THIRD READING - SIGN BY-LAW S-802

BY-LAW S-802: THIRD READING Proposed By-law S-802 (sign By-law) was before Council for third reading, having received first and second readings at the Dec. 17th meeting.

MOTION: That By-law S-802 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. Hetherington
 Second: Ald. Hawley
In Favour: All
Against: None
Motion Carried

11.0 REPORTS11.1 MAYOR11.1.1 SACKVILLE LANDFILL SITE - REDRESSSACKVILLE
LANDFILL SITE

Council resumed discussion of the item on redress for citizens of the Sackville community, associated with the close-out of the Sackville landfill site. Present for this item was Mr. R. MacEachern of the Metro. Authority staff, and Mr. Allan Smith, Chairman of the Landfill Closeout Committee. Councillor for the area, Coun. Bill MacDonald was also in attendance, and available, along with the other noted representatives, to answer questions from members of Council, and join in the discussion, when requested.

Ald. Levandier felt that Council should support the efforts to compensate the Sackville community for all the years their citizens have had to put up with the landfill site and all the unpleasant aspects of it. He presented a motion of support.

MOTION: That Dartmouth City Council go on record as being in favour, in principle, of redress for the Sackville community, for being the host location for the landfill site over a period of years.

Moved: Ald. Levandier

Second: Ald. Rodgers

There were questions from Council about methods and determination of compensation, both on an individual and community basis; about the impact of the landfill site on property values; about the total redress projection, for which figures of five-to-seven-million dollars have been given; and about financial responsibility for redress costs. Some members of Council took the position that redress is equally deserved by citizens in other parts of the metropolitan area, whose quality of life has been adversely affected by other disruptive services, such as main arterial highways, the Power Corp. plant, oil refineries, etc. There was considerable sympathy, however, for the Sackville residents and the fact that garbage from the whole metro area ends up in a landfill site in their community.

The position on Sackville's behalf was put forward to Council by both Councillor MacDonald and Mr. Smith, in their responses to the questions and comments directed to them during debate on the motion. There was concern on the part of several Aldermen that the motion will be seen as agreement to cost-share on the part of Dartmouth, without first knowing exactly what the total cost is, and without any acknowledgement by the Province that they also

have a responsibility to participate financially, since the choice of the Sackville site was made by them. Mr. MacEachern and Mayor Savage both indicated to Council that the Province is unwilling to share in the redress costs, but they could not state for sure that this confirmation has been received in writing. Mr. Smith advised, in response to questions from Ald. May, that a promise of compensation was made to Sackville in 1977, when the landfill site was selected, but there is no commitment in writing to back up this promise in any legal form.

Ald. Greenough and other members were not willing to go along with the motion, without first pressing the Province to assume their share of responsibility in this matter, and finding out exactly what the Provincial position is on redress costs. Two motions were therefore presented, to defer the item for a two-week period, and secondly, to request Provincial cost-sharing, rather than leaving all the financial responsibility to the metro municipalities.

MOTION: To defer the Sackville redress item for a two-week period.

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

MOTION: That the Province be requested to acknowledge and live up to its responsibility as an original partner at the time of establishing the Sackville landfill, and therefore, cost-share in whatever compensation package may be worked out for the Sackville community.

Moved: Ald. Greenough
Second: Ald. MacFarlane
In Favour: All members except
Against: Ald. May
Motion Carried

DECISION ON INCINERATOR SITE

With the exception of Ald. Pye, members of Council were willing to defer the item on the incinerator site and the proposed location in Burnside, until the Council meeting of Jan. 28th, giving the Chamber of Commerce some additional time to deal with the issue.

11.2 PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE11.2.1 DARTMOUTH FERRY SYSTEM

FERRY SYSTEM

The Public Transportation Advisory Committee has adopted a motion on the Dartmouth Ferry system, and has recommended it to Council for approval; the motion reads as follows:

WHEREAS ferry ridership continues to decrease;

AND WHEREAS the Dartmouth Ferry system is an integral part of the overall regional transit system;

AND WHEREAS it is operated independently by the City of Dartmouth currently;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that Dartmouth City Council initiate discussions with the Authority, with the view of the ferry system being taken over entirely, and merged with Metro Transit.

Ald. Sarto introduced his report, as Chairman of the Committee, noting that the financial picture for the ferry operation is not as bad at this point in the fifteen-month fiscal year, as originally anticipated. He proposed that the motion from the Transportation Advisory Committee be referred to the Finance & Program Review Committee, for a complete financial assessment of the ferry operation and its future, based on updated information that Mr. Burke and senior staff would provide. The Finance Committee would then come back to the Feb. 4th Council meeting with a report and recommendations.

MOTION: To refer the above-noted motion to the Finance & Program Review Committee for consideration and financial assessment, based on information to be prepared by Mr. Burke and senior staff, for report and recommendation back to the Feb. 4th meeting of Council.

Moved: Ald. Sarto

Second: Ald. Thompson

Several members, such as Ald. McCluskey, were concerned about consultation with and input from employees of the ferry service; Mr. Burke explained the process that will be followed in providing for their involvement and suggestions, so that they are included in Committee discussions.

Ald. May said he would like to have information from staff on what has transpired since the Price Waterhouse report was presented, in terms of the successful and unsuccessful initiatives for the ferry operation. Also, some comments on the parking issue and parking potential,

thereby addressing, at the same time, ferry-related parking problems in downtown residential areas.

Ald. Rodgers asked that the Mayor write to the Province, requesting consultation on the financial situation facing the ferry service. Ald. Hetherington said there should be more emphasis on the operation of the service as a business, with greater emphasis on the integration of ferry and transit schedules, 'Go Time' information on the ferry schedule, and other business-like efforts to encourage ferry ridership. Ald. Pye was opposed to the motion of referral.

MEETING: COUNCIL
CHAMBER, EVENING

It was agreed that the meeting of the Finance & Program Review Committee, to deal with this one item, will take place in the Council Chamber, in the evening, on a date to be selected, to which all members of Council will be invited to attend.

The vote was taken on the motion.

In Favour: All members except

Against: Ald. Pye

Motion Carried

12.0 MOTIONS

13.0 NOTICES OF MOTION

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

Ald. Woods

WHEREAS the existing billing practices of the Dartmouth Water Utility contain components for direct water consumption, pollution control charges, and waste water maintenance costs;

AND WHEREAS there are water users in Dartmouth who purchase water in bulk and re-distribute it to their customers, such as operators of mobile home parks;

AND WHEREAS leaks sometimes occur in underground piping systems, at which time the water is returned to the earth by natural means, and is not processed at any sewage treatment plant;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the necessary by-law(s) be amended, which would allow relief for Utility customers who, through no fault of their own, experience significant water loss through undetected underground leaks.

Ald. McCluskey

WHEREAS it has been the practice of the City of Dartmouth to pay a boot and clothing allowance to members of the Dartmouth Police Force in January of each year;

AND WHEREAS the officers expected to receive the allowance in January of this year, as they were not advised that the allowance would be late;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the allowance be paid at this time, and that notification be given that the 1993 allowance will be paid in April, 1993.

Ald. May

WHEREAS the City of Dartmouth is a healthy community;

AND WHEREAS residents continually seek to improve their quality of life;

AND WHEREAS residents have expressed concerns about the air quality within this City;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that pursuant to the powers of the City Charter, the City establish emission standards and compliance deadlines, in consultation with governmental, medical, scientific, and community organizations.

Having completed the agenda for this meeting, Council adjourned at 10:25 p.m.

V. Carmichael
V. Carmichael,
Asst. City Clerk.

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* TUES., JAN. 14/92 *
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1. PRESENTATIONS

- i) Presentation by Mayor Savage to Mr. John Plummer.
- ii) Presentation of Plaques - Best Decorated Properties during the festive season 1991-1992.

2. REPORTS

2.1 MAYOR

- 2.1.1 Community Leaders Exchange Program - FCM
- 2.1.2 Completion of Waterfront Development Task Force

2.2 CITY ADMINISTRATOR

- 2.2.1 Request for Tax Exemption - Wellington Sports and Fitness Centre
- 2.2.2 Strategic Planning Facilitation
- 2.2.3 Tender for Police Vehicles

2.3 SOLICITORS

- 2.3.1 Dartmouth Common Committee - Terms of Reference

3. Review of the 1992/1993 Capital Budget.

** PLEASE BRING YOUR COPY OF THE BUDGET WITH YOU TO THE MEETING
AS THERE ARE NO EXTRA COPIES **

LOCATION: CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS

TIME: 7:30 P.M.

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

CITY ADMINISTRATOR: J. BURKE
CITY SOLICITOR: M. MOREASH
ASST. CITY CLERK: V. CARMICHAEL
DEPARTMENT HEADS & ASSISTANTS

1.0 PRESENTATION

i) PRESENTATION TO MR. JOHN PLUMMER

Mayor Savage presented a painting of one of the Dartmouth ferries to Mr. John Plummer, who has recently retired from the position of Corporate Public Affairs Manager, Atlantic, for Imperial Oil. The Mayor commended the cooperation that has existed between Imperial Oil and the City over the years, and Mr. Plummer, in accepting his gift, also acknowledged the good relationship between his company and Dartmouth, as both have grown in the community.

ii) PRESENTATION OF PLAQUES - BEST DECORATED PROPERTIES

Mayor Savage next presented the plaques for best decorated properties during the 1991/92 Christmas season. Ald. May was in charge of judging this year's Christmas lighting. Plaques were awarded as follows:

Ward 1	Pauline & James Tupper, 1 Grandview Dr.
2	Mary & George McDonald, 31 Cranston Ave.
3	Hazel & Brenton Hubley, 55 Fairbanks St.
4	Linda & Demetrios Tsalta, 3 Russell St.
5	Residents of 110 Pinecrest Dr., Ross Thornhill accepting.
6	Benita & Eric Reinhard, 19 MicMac Dr.
7	Noella & Roland Gaudet, 4 & 4A Amelia Place & Lorraine & Robert Farrant, 6 & 6A Amelia Pl.

PROCLAMATION - MINOR HOCKEY WEEK

Ald. Woods presented a proclamation for Minor Hockey Week, from January 18th to 25th. The proclamation was passed to Mayor Savage for his signature, and he made the official proclamation of Minor Hockey Week at this time.

LETTER - DIRECT INSTRUCTION METHOD

Ald. Hetherington brought to the attention of Council, copies of a letter circulated for information, from Mrs. Kay Horner, a resident of Ward 7, on the subject of the Direct Instruction Method of teaching children. The letter went to Ms. Sandra Everett, Chair of the Dartmouth School Board, for consideration.

2.0 REPORTS

2.1 MAYOR

2.1.1 COMMUNITY LEADERS EXCHANGE PROGRAM - FCM

EXCHANGE
PROGRAM: FCM

In a memo to Council, Mayor Savage has proposed the City's participation in the FCM Community Leaders Exchange Program, with particular emphasis at this time in an exchange with a Quebec community. Two-thirds of the air fare required would be covered by the program, and there would be no cost involved in the host community. Ald. McCluskey questioned the actual cost to the City, if a decision is made to take part in the program, and members were willing to have the Mayor pursue the cost factor so that Council can follow up further on the item.

2.1.2 COMPLETION OF WATERFRONT DEVELOPMENT TASK FORCE

WATERFRONT
TASK FORCE

A second report from Mayor Savage was before Council, on the composition of the Waterfront Development Task Force and resident involvement in it. He has recommended that a resident to be nominated by the Harbourview Residents' Assn., be added to the Task Force.

MOTION: To adopt the recommendation of Mayor Savage on the addition of a representative from the Harbourview Residents' Assn., to the Waterfront Development Task Force.

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

2.2 CITY ADMINISTRATOR

2.2.1 REQUEST FOR TAX EXEMPTION - WELLINGTON SPORTS & FITNESS CENTRE

REQUEST: TAX
EXEMPTION

A request for tax exempt status has been received from the Wellington Sports & Fitness Centre, 30 Akerley Blvd. Council referred this request to the Finance & Program Review Committee, for consideration, this procedure having been followed in the past with other similar requests.

MOTION: To refer the request of the Wellington Sports & Fitness Centre, for tax exempt status, to the Finance & Program Review Committee, for consideration.

Moved: Ald. Thompson
Second: Ald. Sarto
In Favour: All members except
Against: Ald. May & Levandier
Motion Carried

2.2.2 STRATEGIC PLANNING FACILITATION

STRATEGIC
PLANNING

Report from Mr. Burke on the call for proposals to provide facilitation services required in connection with the Strategic Planning proposed for the City, recommending that the services of ProActive Consultants Ltd. be engaged, for a total fee of \$68,000.

MOTION: To adopt Mr. Burke's recommendation on the acceptance of the proposal from ProActive Consultants Ltd., for facilitation services, at their quoted fee of \$68,000.

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

2.2.3 TENDER FOR POLICE VEHICLES

TENDER: POLICE
VEHICLES

Tender recommendations for Police vehicles, as provided for in the 1992/93 budget, in the total amount of \$468,997., (including GST), were before Council in a report from Mr. Burke (H. George, Ins. Fraser & R. MacDonald).

MOTION: To approve the tender recommendations, as follows:

1) 7 unmarked Police cars	\$115,675.56
(36-month lease) Forbes Chev Olds Ltd.	
2) 13 marked Police cars	253,481.93
Forbes Chev Olds	
3) 2 marked vans	40,406.00
Forbes Chev Olds Ltd.	
4) 1 surveillance van	18,316.26
Forbes Chev Olds Ltd.	
5) 3 motorcycles	41,119.65
Harley Davidson Dartmouth	

Moved: Ald. Sarto
Second: Ald. McCluskey

The main concerns, in debate on the motion, were that the purchase of Police vehicles is being approved out-of-context with the main operating budget, and without any opportunity to cut back on this item of expenditure later, if necessary. The reason for the recommendations at this time of year and before budget discussions, was explained to Council; the last date for placing orders is January 15th, in order to have the vehicles for 1992.

There were also questions as to the need for all of these vehicles, and the need to replace vehicles presently in use. Mr. Burke said it is essential to have these vehicles if the City is to have a police force operating at the level desired. Information was provided by Ins. Fraser on the replacement criteria that has been followed for police vehicles, both in Dartmouth and by other forces, including the RCMP. Members in favour of the motion felt the Police Dept. must have vehicles that are safe and in good working order - otherwise, the police force cannot function effectively. Also, the force must have adequate vehicles for duties they are performing, and officers cannot travel in vehicles that are likely to break down in emergency situations. The high level of wear and tear on police vehicles, as compared with vehicles in regular use, was noted.

Ald. May said that in future, members of Council should be provided with analysis information, that would address some of the concerns members have and answer questions about vehicle use and requirement. He felt the Police Commission should deal with the item before it comes to Council.

At the conclusion of debate, the vote was taken.

In Favour: All members except
Against: Ald. Levandier & MacFarlane
Motion Carried

2.3 SOLICITORS

2.3.1 DARTMOUTH COMMONS COMMITTEE - TERMS OF REFERENCE

COMMONS
COMMITTEE

Amended Terms of Reference for the Dartmouth Commons Committee, to provide for the appointment of seven residents of Dartmouth (previously six), have been recommended by the Solicitor, for Council's approval.

MOTION: To approve the amended Terms of Reference, as recommended, with the following additional wording

in section 9: ' . . . provided that such expenses are approved by Council in advance'.

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

3.0 1992/93 CAPITAL BUDGET

At this point in the meeting, the 1992/93 Capital Budget was tabled by Council, on motion of Ald. Greenough and Hetherington. A brief recess followed, and when Council reconvened, Mr. Burke proceeded with his budget presentation.

A redrafted section of the budget has been prepared for insertion in the budget document, following the January 11th Council session, and Mr. Burke highlighted the graphs and summary information sheets from this revised section. While he was originally recommending accumulation of capital debt for the next three-year period, Mr. Burke noted the concensus opinion of Council and willingness to accept three years of capital borrowing at the figure of 2.5 million dollars. A Provincial capital grant in the amount of 1.8 million dollars would increase the City's capital spending ability to 4.3 million dollars. Information on the Provincial grant is not likely to be available, however, until March, so this remains an unknown factor at this point in time.

(ie. not to exceed - -

This three-year hiatus from the City's former capital budget practice, would make way for major capital requirements anticipated in the future (the City's share in the solid waste project), and make it possible to keep the debt-servicing ratio under 15%, when regular capital budget practices are resumed, after the three-year reduction plan.

With regard to the three-million-dollar projection for Burnside, Mr. Burke advised that about two-thirds of that will be required for the Akerley Blvd. extension and connection with the new Provincial highway just announced; the remaining one-third amount is for various projects in Burnside. The projection for the Ferry Service (\$342,000.) covers dock repairs and projects required for the ferries.

Reference was also made to the 50% allocation of capital funds for ward projects, and 50%, for City-wide projects. The sum of \$500,000. is proposed for the Pinecrest/Highfield Park Plan, in addition to the Ward 5 allocation. Revised figures for ward projects

have been prepared and included in the redraft circulated (page C), and formed the basis for considerable discussion, after a motion had been placed on the floor to accept the general principle of reduced capital spending for the next three-year period.

MOTION: That Council accept the general principle of capital borrowing figures, not to exceed 2.5 million dollars, for the next three-year period, beginning in 1992/93, as outlined in Mr. Burke's presentation.

Moved: Ald. McCluskey
Second: Ald. Hetherington

Ald. Rodgers and McCluskey took the position that the adjusted figures for ward projects for 1992/93 have adversely affected their ward and eliminated one particular project, in the amount of \$18,000., that needs to be reinstated. They felt the ward proposal should be adjusted by 60% to achieve a more equitable distribution of funds, and presented an amendment to this effect.

AMENDMENT: That the original ward allocation proposal be adjusted by 60% (from 50%), thereby changing the figures on page C to:

Ward 1	\$240,000.
2	279,000.
3	340,000.
4	361,000.
5	300,000.
6	324,000.
7	374,000.

Moved: Ald. Rodgers
Second: Ald. McCluskey

Several other members objected to this percentage change and to the revised figures for their wards. They felt the 50% allocation previously agreed to should be maintained, and were not willing to support the amendment. After considerable debate, the vote was taken on the amendment.

In Favour: Ald. Rodgers & McCluskey
Against: All other members
Amendment Defeated

The vote followed on the main motion.

In Favour: All
Against: None
Motion Carried

Further capital budget deliberations will continue at upcoming Council meetings.

Meeting adjourned at 11:00 p.m.

V. Carmichael

V. Carmichael,
Asst. City Clerk.

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DARTMOUTH CITY COUNCIL
AGENDA

* TUES., JAN. 21/92 *
* 7:30 PM *
* COUNCIL CHAMBER *
* IN CAMERA SESSION *
* 10:00 PM *

1. PRESENTATION

i) Airport - Janet Shrieves - verbal

2. REPORTS

2.1 MAYOR

2.1.1 Municipal Election Campaign Expenses

2.2 CITY ADMINISTRATOR

2.2.1 Application, Place of Amusement, Auditorium
Carrefour Du Grand-Haure

2.3 SOLICITORS

2.3.1 Lake Major Watershed Regulations
2.3.2 Watershed Expropriation
2.3.3 Tax Deferral By-law

2.4 INDUSTRIAL COMMISSION

2.4.1 Burnside Site for Dartmouth District
Soccer Association

3. Continuation of Capital Budget Deliberations

- a) Water
- b) Burnside Park
- c) Ferry
- d) School Bus

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

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

CITY ADMINISTRATOR: J. BURKE
CITY SOLICITOR: S. HOOD
ASST. CITY CLERK: V. CARMICHAEL
DEPARTMENT HEADS & ASSISTANTS

1.0 PRESENTATION

i) AIRPORT - JANET SHRIEVES

AIRPORT
PRESENTATION

A presentation was made to Council by Janet Shrieves, the Manager of the Halifax International Airport, on the general operation of the airport, on its financial impact and earning potential in the metro community, and its importance as a major transportation hub in Atlantic Canada. A series of slides were shown during the presentation, and Ms. Shrieves noted that Halifax International is now the sixth busiest airport in Canada, employing 3,000 people directly and 7,484 jobs indirectly. As a major employer and with the financial spin-off from its operation, the airport makes a significant contribution to the metro and provincial economy. She informed Council of expansion plans that are in progress, and of retail and land development possibilities that would help to generate further revenue for the operation. Also, of consideration being given by the Federal Government to the transfer of airport management to a local airport authority, through a long-term leasing arrangement. In concluding her presentation, Ms. Shrieves commended the opportunities for the airport and its potential, and asked that it be supported and not just taken for granted by the community. She was thanked by the Deputy Mayor for her presentation to Council.

Deputy Mayor McCluskey then welcomed to the meeting, Grade Nine students from Ellenvale School, and also, Walter Borden, who was present in the gallery.

CONCERNS OF COUNCIL MEMBERS AND QUESTIONS

ALD HETHERINGTON

Ald. Hetherington asked if a letter could be forwarded to Imperial Oil, seeking information on the status of the Dartmouth refinery, in order to alleviate the concerns of employees and residents about possible closure of this plant. With the permission of Council, he presented a motion to that effect.

MOTION: That a letter be sent to Imperial Oil, seeking information on the status of the Dartmouth refinery and whether or not there are any plans for the possible closure of this plant.

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

The Deputy Mayor advised that the Mayor has met with the Manager and Public Relations Officer for the local refinery, and she had circulated to members of Council, a press release statement issued by the company, to explain the plant evaluation presently being carried out by Imperial Oil, from which further information will be forthcoming. A commitment is made by the company to keep Council informed on this matter.

ALD. RODGERS

Ald. Rodgers advised members of Council that one of the proponents for the waste-to-energy plant will be in the area during this week, and they are willing to meet with any local Council members available. They could meet with Dartmouth members any time between 4:00 and 8:00 p.m. on January 23rd, and he requested that interested members contact him or the Deputy Mayor, to arrange for a meeting.

ALD. PYE

Ald. Pye asked that an ambiguity in section 3 of the Parking By-law, P-201, be looked at by the Solicitor and corrected. Under the present provision, only 80 minutes of parking time is provided with four quarters, as opposed to one hour of parking with a looney. The point raised by Ald. Pye was noted by the Solicitor.

Ald. Pye requested that a letter be sent on Council's behalf, stating the City's opposition to the power rate increase being sought by the N. S. Power Corp., given the present difficult economic times and the fact that many employees are not receiving wage increases to meet additional utility costs.

ALD. THOMPSON

Ald. Thompson asked that attention be given to hazardous road conditions being created on Ridgecrest Drive and Regal Road, where water is coming out through the asphalt on the street and freezing in the present cold temperatures.

ALD. MACFARLANE

Referring to the recent action of Council in awarding tenders for new Police vehicles, Ald. MacFarlane requested additional information, as follows:

- 1) a list of the marked and unmarked vehicles being traded.

- 2) vehicle maintenance schedules.
- 3) repair records: dates, costs & downtime.
- 4) mileage of vehicles at the present time.
- 5) unmarked vehicles: to whom assigned and the rationale for assignment.
- 6) a list of all Police personnel assigned cellular telephones.

ALD. MAY

Ald. May commended the opening of the new Francophone School in Dartmouth, attended by him and the Deputy Mayor on this date. He said the City should be proud of this new school and centre in the community, and asked that a letter of congratulation be sent on Council's behalf to acknowledge the opening and the place of this facility in Dartmouth.

2.0 REPORTS -2.1 MAYOR2.1.1 MUNICIPAL ELECTION CAMPAIGN EXPENSESCAMPAIGN
EXPENSES

Members of Council have received copies of the report on Municipal Election Campaign Expenses, prepared by the Dept. of Municipal Affairs, at the request of Dartmouth and Halifax. In an accompanying memo to Council, the Mayor has asked that the report be referred to the Finance & Program Review Committee for study and report back to Council.

MOTION: To refer the report on Municipal Election Campaign Expenses to the Finance & Program Review Committee, for study and report back to Council.

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

2.2 CITY ADMINISTRATOR2.2.1 APPLICATION, PLACE OF AMUSEMENT, AUDITORIUM CARREFOUR DU GRAND-HAVREAPPLICATION:
PLACE OF
AMUSEMENT

Council was asked to indicate any objection or no objection to a Place of Amusement application (theatre: live, film) for the auditorium Carrefour du Grand-Havre, and the issuance of a license as requested.

MOTION: To indicate no objection to the issuing of a Place of Amusement license for the auditorium Carrefour du Grand-Havre (Francophone School), located at 20 Ave. du Portage, for theatre: live and film.

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

2.3 SOLICITORS

2.3.1 LAKE MAJOR WATERSHED REGULATIONS

WATERSHED
REGULATIONS

A report from the Solicitor was considered, recommending approval of redrafted Lake Major Watershed Regulations (draft #13), and request that the Minister of Environment enact these regulations pursuant to the Water Act.

MOTION: To approve draft 13 of the Lake Major Watershed Regulations, as recommended, and to request that the Minister of Environment enact these regulations pursuant to the Water Act.

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

2.3.2 WATERSHED EXPROPRIATION

WATERSHED
EXPROPRIATION:
RES. 92-02

A second report from the Solicitor has recommended that Council approve Resolution 92-02, authorizing the expropriation of lots 113, 114 & 115, from owner unknown, in the New Road Settlement, Lake Major, for watershed protection purposes.

MOTION: To adopt Resolution 92-02, as recommended by the City Solicitor.

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

2.3.3 TAX DEFERRAL BY-LAWBY-LAW T-302:
TAX DEFERRAL

Proposed By-law T-302, amending section 3 (2) (d) of the Tax Deferral By-law, with respect to the income level (changed from \$14,000. to \$20,000.), has been prepared by the Solicitor and was presented at this time for Council's approval. Three readings were given to the by-law.

MOTION: That leave be given to introduce the said By-law T-302 and that it now be read a first time.

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

MOTION: That By-law T-302 be read a second time.

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

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

MOTION: That By-law T-302 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. Hetherington
Second: Ald. Hawley
In Favour: All
Against: None
Motion Carried

2.4 INDUSTRIAL COMMISSION2.4.1 BURNSIDE SITE FOR DARTMOUTH DISTRICT SOCCER ASSOCIATIONBURNSIDE SITE:
SOCCER ASSN.

A report from Mr. Rath was before Council on a possible site in Burnside Park for the Dartmouth District Soccer Assn., for construction of an international standard soccer field. After several option sites were considered, the Industrial Commission has advised Council that they are not able to recommend a site that would meet the minimum requirements of the Association, without jeopardizing the capability of the Burnside Sale of Land account to continue to meet its ongoing financial requirements and obligations.

MOTION: To adopt Mr. Rath's report, conveying the advice of the Industrial Commission that they are not able to recommend a site that would meet the minimum requirements of the Soccer Assn., without jeopardizing the capability of the Burnside Sale of Land account.

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

3.0

CONTINUATION: CAPITAL BUDGET DELIBERATIONS

CAPITAL BUDGET

At the beginning of the budget discussions, Ald. Levandier and May stated their objections to the agenda for continuing with the capital budget, until a more detailed review of capital items other than Water, Burnside Park, the Ferry, and School Bus, has been carried out by Council.. The Deputy Mayor stated that that portion of the capital budget was approved last week, and in order for Council to deal with the capital budget again tonight, a notice of reconsideration would have had to be given last week. Mr. Burke advised Council that they dealt with the general section of the capital budget last week, and all that remained to be discussed were those items which are on the agenda for this meeting.

Ald. Hetherington noted that all of the capital budget items referred to by Ald. May and Levandier will have to come back to Council individually, for approval and awarding of tenders, and at that time, can receive a full discussion, and be rejected if Council so wishes. Ald. Pye proposed that Council go ahead with the capital budget agenda set out for this meeting, and if there are other specific items that members want to have considered, these can be raised afterwards. Members were willing to proceed as Ald. Pye has suggested. With respect to the uncertainty as to Provincial grants and the effect of any amount less than the 1.8 million-dollar figure projected, Mr. Burke noted that Purchasing Dept. have been advised to hold off on any processing until after confirmation of the Provincial grant, not expected until the latter part of March.

WATER UTILITY

Following brief remarks by Mr. Burke on the Water Utility section of the capital budget, a motion was presented for acceptance, at the figure of \$1,836,000.

MOTION: To accept the capital budget estimates for the Water Utility, in the amount of \$1,836,000.

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

Members then had the opportunity to ask questions about and discuss specific budget items. Projections associated with the future water treatment plant received considerable attention, and Mr. Burke indicated to Council that with these beginning expenditures, the City is now making a commitment to eventual water treatment for the Dartmouth system. He noted that Provincial health authorities have been recommending and requesting these initiatives toward water purification for some time. The taking on of this major capital project and its funding in future years, involving water rate increases, was discussed at some length by Council. Mr. Burke answered questions about the alternate possibility of Dartmouth receiving water from the Pockwock system, and about the designation, some years ago, of the Dartmouth system as the main water supply for the eastern side of the harbour. It was noted that the cost of piping Pockwock water to the Dartmouth side of the harbour would be prohibitive.

Ald. May said he would like to know just what the impact on our water rates will be and what we will have to charge for water, five years down the road; he said the City should be starting with the necessary water rate increases as of now.

Another point raised by Ald. May had to do with the proposed water main installation on Dawson Street. He felt it should coincide with the street construction project for that street, in the same year, so the street does not have to be torn up twice. Mr. Burke explained that insofar as possible, this policy of coordinating projects is followed.

BURNSIDE PARK

Mr. Rath presented the Burnside Park capital budget, and was available to explain any further details on which members requested information.

(Ald. Rodgers left the meeting at this point, and Ald. Woods had left as well.)

MOTION: To accept the capital budget estimates for Burnside Park, in the amount of \$3,010,000.

Moved: Ald. Hetherington
Second: Ald. Sarto

Ald. May questioned the \$77,000. study proposed for Spectacle and Frenchman Lakes, and was opposed to it. Mr. Rath explained the need for the study, as development pressures increase around the lakes, and considering the important attraction they are, as part of the Business Park.

Several members of Council spoke in support of the points made by Mr. Rath, as reflected in the recommendation of the Industrial Commission on this budget item. The vote was taken on the motion.

In Favour: All members except
Against: Ald. May
Motion Carried

FERRY SERVICE

There were no questions from members with respect to the capital estimates for the Ferry service, and a motion for approval was presented.

MOTION: To accept the capital budget estimates for the Ferry service, in the amount of \$342,000.

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

SCHOOL BUS

The School Bus section of the capital budget, showing only a zero figure, was accepted, on motion of Ald. Thompson and Hetherington.

There being no further question from members about other budget items, as per Ald. Pye's suggested procedure, the capital budget deliberations were concluded at this point, and Council went in camera, on motion of Ald. Thompson and Hetherington. (9:45 p.m.)

Adjournment followed the in camera meeting, at 10:00 p.m.

V. Carmichael
V. Carmichael,
Asst. City Clerk.

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Lib. Ref. Dept.

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* TUES., JAN. 28/92 *
* 7:30 PM *
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* 10:00 PM *

1. CONCERNS OF COUNCIL MEMBERS OR QUESTIONS (15 MINUTE MAXIMUM)
2. REPORTS
 - 2.1 CITY ADMINISTRATOR
 - 2.1.1 Proposed Burnside Site for Waste to Energy (WTE) Plant
 - 2.1.2 Fire Inspectors
 - 2.2 SOLICITORS
 - 2.2.1 Dartmouth City Charter Amendments - 1992

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

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

CITY ADMINISTRATOR: J. BURKE
CITY SOLICITOR: M. MOREASH
ASST. CITY CLERK: V. CARMICHAEL
DEPARTMENT HEADS & ASSISTANTS

At the opening of the meeting, Mayor Savage welcomed fifteen junior highschool students from Ellenvale Jr. High, who were present in the gallery.

1.0 CONCERNS OF COUNCIL MEMBERS OR QUESTIONS

ALD. WALTON Ald. Walton requested that the incorrect spelling of the word 'south' on the Provincial highway sign, at the end of Highway 111, be brought to the attention of the Dept. of Transportation; the present spelling is 'souht'.

ALD. HETHERINGTON Ald. Hetherington asked if a letter has been sent to Esso head office, as requested, concerning the status of the Dartmouth refinery. The Mayor advised that the letter has gone out, and agreed to provide copies.

A point of concern raised by Ald. Hetherington about the build-up of ice in front of the Prince Arthur gym doors, was addressed by Mr. Fougere. He advised that a leak in a valve has been detected, and the water, causing this problem, has been stopped.

ALD. WOODS With the permission of Council, Ald. Woods presented the following motion, seconded by Ald. Thompson:

MOTION: WHEREAS the National Building Code, the Nova Scotia Building Code Regulations, and the Dartmouth Building By-laws, govern the minimum construction standards within the City of Dartmouth;

AND WHEREAS in Highfield Park, on Friday, Jan. 24/92, a multi-storey, wood-frame apartment building, in the construction phase, collapsed in high winds, trapping and injuring three workers;

AND WHEREAS this is the second building collapse in Highfield Park with last two years;

BE IT RESOLVED that Dartmouth City Council ask the Departments of Labour and Municipal Affairs, to investigate both incidents and report back to this Council as to their causes and ways to avoid similar occurrences;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Provincial departments seek the assistance of the Nova Scotia Association of Architects and the Association of Professional Engineers of Nova Scotia, and the National Research Council, in the review of adequacy of building standards.

Moved: Ald. Woods

Second: Ald. Thompson

Ald. Woods asked about a possible inspection of other units in Highfield Park, and Mr. Burke said he would make sure that some random checking is carried out there.

Ald. Hetherington felt that it would be advisable to have recommendations periodically, from the Planning Dept. and Building Inspection, as to any changes that should be made in building regulations, taking into account the fact that the Building Code calls for only minimum standard requirements. Ald. Rodgers requested a report on the inspection procedures for the particular building involved in this instance, and the drawing approvals. Also, was it a stacked building, designed with all the structural support required. Ald. May said he would like Mr. Burke to speak to the Building Inspectors about their response to questions from the press, in emergency situations such as this one, in view of any legal ramifications for the City, arising from information or opinions given.

Ald. May and Pye stated further concerns about construction safety at the Highfield Park site, and the Solicitor noted that responsibility for safety on construction sites rests with the Dept. of Labour. In view of this accident, it is likely the Department will be quite vigilant about the Highfield site.

The vote was taken on the motion.

In Favour: All

Against: None

Motion Carried

ALD. MCCLUSKEY

Ald. McCluskey asked why it would not be possible to use either mace or a cage to apprehend a large dog running at large in the area of Dawson Street; response requested.

Ald. McCluskey's other point of concern was the rental increase for use of space at Shannon Park School by a group of Air Cadets. She said the rent has gone from \$300. to \$1,800. The Mayor noted that the matter of school rentals is under discussion at a public hearing this evening.

ALD. SARTO

Ald. Sarto requested a meeting of the T.M.G. with the Ward 1 Aldermen, within the next two weeks, to review the Carver Street situation.

ALD. MACFARLANE

Ald. MacFarlane requested that some kind of corrective action be taken, as quickly as possible, to deal with the flooding and ice problem on the south side of Prince Albert Road, opposite the MicMac A.A.C. He said the drainage improvements required at this location cannot wait for the main Prince Albert Road project, and should be addressed by Engineering Dept. now.

ALD. PYE

Ald. Pye asked about a case before the Human Rights Commission, involving a City police officer. The Mayor suggested that Ald. Pye attend the Jan. 30th meeting of the Public Works & Safety Committee (Police Commission), when this item will be discussed. Ald. Pye said he would attend.

2.0

REPORTS

2.1

CITY ADMINISTRATOR

2.1.1

PROPOSED BURNSIDE SITE FOR WASTE-TO-ENERGY PLANT

PROPOSED SITE:
WTE PLANT

Before Council, was a report from Mr. Burke, with accompanying related material, on the proposed Burnside Park location for the Waste-to-Energy plant. The report recommends terms and conditions for approval of Site "A", in Phase 11 of the Park, to be designated for purposes of the WTE plant. The site so designated is located on the northerly side of the proposed second phase of Highway 107 By-pass extension to Bedford and Sackville. This highway will eventually separate the plant from the balance of Burnside Park, by a major 100 series highway.

Mr. Burke reviewed the conditions and terms with Council verbally, in the presentation of his report, after which a motion was presented for adoption of the report and approval of the Burnside site proposed for the WTE plant. The report submitted by Mr. Burke has been prepared by Mr. Rath, the Director of Economic Development, and the conditions being recommended have the concurrence of the Industrial Commission.

MOTION: To adopt the report submitted by Mr. Burke (T. Rath), dated Jan. 23/92, with recommended terms and conditions for the approval of Site "A" in the Burnside Park as the location for the WTE Plant.

Moved: Ald. Hetherington

Second: Ald. Rodgers

The only section of the report deferred by Council was 2.8.1, the composition of the proposed Community Advisory Committee. This section was first deferred until the end of debate on the motion, and subsequently, deferred until a later time altogether and not dealt with at this meeting. Ald. Hawley felt there should be Ward 6 representation on the Committee, and Ald. Pye indicated that he did not wish to serve on the Committee as a Ward 5 representative, in view of his opposition to the proposed location of the plant in the City's north end.

Members willing to support the motion took the position that incineration is preferable to other solid waste alternatives, such as a wet landfill operation, and were generally satisfied that concerns raised about the WTE plant have now been adequately addressed through the various sources of information and discussion opportunities that have been provided. It was felt that the Environmental Assessment Study, still to be carried out, will be an added assurance as to any negative environmental impact, likely to result from locating the plant on the site recommended. In other words, the study represents one more safety check that Council can rely on before the Burnside site is finally confirmed. Ald. May asked that the Metropolitan Authority be requested to press for a Federal/Provincial Assessment Panel, suggesting that this request should form part of the agreement under consideration. He also noted that the City already has the authority required to control emissions (such as those from the Tufts Cove plant, etc.) under Section 152 of the City Charter.

Points brought up by Ald. Hawley had to do with the imposition of restrictions on the garbage haulers, and further in this connection, Ald. May asked that consideration be given to licensing control through the P.U.B. and not just through a by-law, as recommended in section 2.2.2 of Mr. Burke's report. Ald. Hawley also made the point that if the plant is not safe for operation in Burnside (Dartmouth), it is not safe for operation anywhere else in the metropolitan area; Ald. McCluskey said she shared this opinion also.

Mr. Mort Jackson and Ms. Ann Meucke were present, and when requested, provided information and responded to questions during debate. Other Metro. Authority staff were also in attendance and available for the same purpose.

Members speaking against the motion were Ald. Greenough, Woods and Pye. Ald. Greenough did not feel that Burnside is a remote enough location for the WTE plant, and he was concerned about wind drift from the plant in the direction of the Waverley Road residential community. Ald. Woods objected to the designation of industrial parks for the plant location, and to the application of the siting criteria in such a way that Burnside scored points over the Lakeside industrial park. Ms. Meucke responded to his questions about the determination of the siting criteria, in relation to the matrix points for Burnside (36), as opposed to Lakeside (33). Ald. Woods said that some 'subjective collusion has been going on because of that matrix evaluation'.

Ald. Pye gave a chronological review of various occasions (meetings and public hearings) over the past year, when the incineration issue was dealt with, , resulting in the Burnside site being recommended. He objected to the WTE plant being situated in Ward 5, which already has the Tufts Cove generating plant and a major sewer outfall location. He presented a petition, bearing 426 names of people opposed to the Burnside site for the WTE plant, and a letter, sent to Halifax Aldermen Walter Fitzgerald, with documentation attached, which he asked to have circulated in substantiation of his position against the Burnside site. He asked why there has not been a recommendation from the Healthy Dartmouth Committee, and the Mayor later informed Council that the Committee has attempted to reach a decision on the matter, but lacking a quorum, the Committee was unable to make a recommendation to Council. With respect to the statement from the Medical Society and his response to it, Mayor Savage said their opinion was arrived at hastily and without due consideration; his comments were based on that hasty assessment and opinion from the Society. Ald. Rodgers commended the position taken by the Mayor with reference to the position of the Medical Society. Ald. Pye remained opposed to the choice of the Burnside site, speaking on behalf of area residents, and citizens from elsewhere who have signed the petition he presented. He went on to question the survey conducted by the Chamber of Commerce, noting that opinions were solicited from people who may have businesses located in Dartmouth, but who do not reside here.

Ald. Walton read to Council the text of an information advertisement inserted in the Daily News by the Metropolitan Authority, which he felt has addressed the main risk factors about which people have concerns. He commended this information, and said he was satisfied that his own concerns have been adequately answered through this and other information sources.

In addition to a request for clarification of section 2.4.1 of Mr. Burke's report (surcharge requirement), Ald. May proposed several amendments, placed before Council for consideration at this time, prior to the vote being taken on the main motion. These were as follows:

Section 2.1.5: AMENDMENT: That the Site Development proposal be approved by both the Industrial Commission and City Council.

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

Section 2.8.1: AMENDMENT: That section 2.8.1 be deferred at this time, for future consideration. (composition of the Community Advisory Committee.)

Moved: Ald. May
Second: Ald. Levandier
In Favour: All
Against: None
Amendment Carried

Environmental Assessment: AMENDMENT: That a Federal/Provincial Environmental Assessment Panel be requested, through Metro. Authority.

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

Tonnage Restriction: Amendment: That the maximum tonnage figure of 500 metric tonnes per day, not be exceeded at the WTE plant, and there be no future expansion beyond that maximum.

Moved: Ald. May
Second: Ald. Woods

Some members considered the amendment to be too restrictive, at a point when tendering is proposed for both the 500 tonne maximum, and for expansion provision, if required in future to 750 tonnes. They were not in favour of limiting the future potential of the plant in this way, pointing out that future Councils would not be bound by a decision of this present Council.

The vote was taken on the amendment.

In Favour: Three members
Against: All other members
Amendment Defeated

The Mayor then took the vote on the amended motion.

In Favour: All members except
Against: Ald. May, Greenough, Pye & Woods
Motion Carried, as amended

2.1.2 FIRE INSPECTORS

FIRE INSPECTORS Report from Mr. Burke (Fire Chief Greene), recommending Fire Dept. appointments, pursuant to Section 16 (1) of the Fire Prevention Act.

MOTION: To approve the recommendations from Mr. Burke's memo of Jan. 15/92, as follows:

That powers set out in Section 16 (1) of the Fire Prevention Act, be given to -

Divisional Chief Lloyd Caines
Lieutenant Robert Bowser
Inspector Robert Walsh
" Donald Conrod
" Carman Crowell
" Edward Clarke

Further, that powers pursuant to Section 16 (2) be given, with the following appointments:

Divisional Chief Lloyd Caines
Lieutenant Robert Bowser

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

Meeting adjourned at 10:40 p.m.

V. Carmichael
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Asst. City Clerk.

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