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**DARTMOUTH CITY COUNCIL
AGENDA**

**TUES., MAR. 02/93
7:30 PM
COUNCIL CHAMBER
IN CAMERA
10:00 PM**

INVOCATION

1. **APPROVE THE MINUTES FROM THE MEETINGS: Feb. 2, 9, 16, & 23, 1993.**
 2. **BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES**
 3. **CONCERNS OF COUNCIL MEMBERS OR QUESTIONS (15 MINUTE MAXIMUM)**
 4. **DELEGATIONS & HEARINGS OF PROTEST**
 5. **ORIGINAL COMMUNICATION**
 - i) Dartmouth Community Network - Frank Gibson (verbal)
 6. **PETITION**
 7. **REPORTS**
 - 7.1 **CITY ADMINISTRATOR**
 - 7.1.1 Street Names - Burnside Industrial Park
 - 7.1.2 Surplus City Property
 - 7.2 **SOLICITORS**
 - 7.2.1 Terms of Reference - Recreation Advisory Board
 - 7.2.2 Terms of Reference - Healthy Dartmouth Committee
 8. **MOTIONS**
 9. **NOTICES OF MOTION**
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IN CAMERA SESSION 10:00 P.M.

1. Land Matter
2. Land Acquisition
3. Lease
4. Financial Matters

UNAPPROVED

DARTMOUTH CITY COUNCIL

MARCH 2, 1993

LOCATION: CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS

TIME: 7:30 P.M.

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

MEMBER ABSENT: ALD. RODGERS

A/CITY ADMINISTRATOR: R. FOUGERE

CITY SOLICITOR: S. HOOD

CITY CLERK-TREASURER: B. SMITH

DEPARTMENT HEADS & ASSISTANTS

INVOCATION

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A motion was presented for acceptance of the agenda.

MOTION: To accept the agenda for this meeting, as presented.

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

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The vote was taken on the amendment.

In Favour: Ald. May, MacFarlane & MacDonald
Against: All other members
Amendment Defeated

The vote was taken on the motion, as presented.

In Favour: All
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1.0 APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MOTION: To approve the minutes of meetings held on Feb. 2, 9, 16, and 23rd, 1993.

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2.0 BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

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ALD. HETHERINGTON Ald. Hetherington asked about a March break for Council, and made a motion to provide for one.

MOTION: That a March break be approved for Council, during the week beginning March 15th.

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

Referring to the accident that occurred on Feb. 26th at Arthur and Pleasant Street, resulting in power being off for about ten hours in the section of south Dartmouth affected, Ald. Hetherington asked about responsibility for the broken water main repairs that had to be made when the line was broken, during the course of the work carried out by the Power Corp. He requested that these costs, for water main repairs, be recovered from Nova Scotia Power.

ALD. SARTO

Ald. Sarto asked that Mr. Purdy see what modifications can be made to the traffic light intervals at Portland and Spring Ave., to improve turning access at this point. Mr. Purdy noted that in order to do what is being requested, there would have to be green arrows from both directions, and this allowance takes time away from the forward traffic movements on Portland Street itself. He agreed to look at the request from Ald. Sarto further.

Ald. Sarto tabled a letter on this subject from a resident of 9 Medway Court, to be forwarded to Mr. Purdy.

ALD. MAY

With reference to news reports concerning a City police officer, Ald. May asked if it would not be possible to provide members of Council with brief confidential memos, before any such information is heard by members through the media.

Ald. MacFarlane was also concerned about a lack of communication with Council, and the members of the Police Commission, in these instances, and said he had difficulty with the processes that are followed.

Ald. Greenough requested clarification from the Solicitor on the procedures that have to be followed under the Police Act, including the release of information, to whom and under what circumstances.

- ALD. WALTON Ald. Walton requested a report from the Solicitor on the property, 6 Lilac Street. The Solicitor said she would have Mr. Moreash contact Ald. Walton.
- ALD. MACFARLANE Ald. MacFarlane requested a report by Friday, March 5th, on the property at 32 Murray Hill Drive, further to other inquiries he has made about this same property in the past.
- Further to the discussion of budget items in camera, Ald. MacFarlane said the public should start to be provided with briefings on the status of the City's financial situation, so they will be prepared to receive and understand decisions that Council will have to make during budget deliberations.
- ALD. CUNNINGHAM Ald. Cunningham asked if the Library Board has dealt with the issue of the Madonna book 'Sex' and its availability in the Dartmouth Regional Library. Ald. Hawley advised Council that two presentations were made in this connection, at the February meeting of the Board, and it will be discussed further at the next meeting, scheduled for March 10th.
- ALD. GREENOUGH Further to the point raised by Ald. Levandier about the meeting with the Dartmouth Chamber of Commerce (Page 2 of these minutes), Ald. Greenough pointed out that since this is a meeting organized by the Chamber, it is their prerogative to open the meeting to the press, or not, as they choose.
- ALD. PYE Ald. Pye asked that the Operations Engineer (Mark Bernard) look into the failure of apartment complexes on Pinecrest Drive, particularly at 130 Pinecrest, to comply with solid waste storage requirements.

4.0 DELEGATIONS & HEARINGS OF PROTEST

5.0 ORIGINAL COMMUNICATION

i) DARTMOUTH COMMUNITY NETWORK - FRANK GIBSON

DARTMOUTH
COMMUNITY
NETWORK

A presentation was made to Council at this point by Mr. Frank Gibson, on behalf of the Dartmouth Community Network, described as a network of community agencies and persons interested in the community needs of Dartmouth. Meeting with the Mayor and several Aldermen, there has been general agreement that the City's grants process is in need of improvement, and recommendations made by Mr. Gibson as a conclusion to his presentation, were as follows:

- 1) that the grants section of the budget receive an increase of \$60,000.
- 2) that the Grants Committee meet immediately with representatives of the Dartmouth Community Network, to review the grants process for this year.
- 3) that the Grants Committee, with the consultation of the Dartmouth Community Network, also review the process for future years as well.

Ald. Hawley, who has been Chairman of the Grants Committee for some time, was in agreement with recommendations 2 and 3, but could not make any kind of commitment on the first recommendation, taking into account the major budget cuts that have taken place in recent grant allocations, as an operating budget item. He felt that representation on the Grants Committee, by a representative of the Dartmouth Community Network, would be a good idea, if the Solicitor could prepare the necessary amendment to cover this change.

MOTION: That the item be referred to the Finance & Program Review Committee, to look at the possibility of putting up to \$64,000. additional into the Grants allocation, over and above what has been budgeted. Also, that the Solicitor provide for an amended composition for the Grants Committee, to include representation on the Committee, from the Dartmouth Community Network.

Moved: Ald. Hawley
Second: Ald. Walton

Ald. May said that if there is to be any increase in the grants allocation, it should be decided now by Council, instead of referring it to the Finance & Program Review Committee. Ald. Levandier felt that the groups represented by the Network have to become more self-sufficient and stop relying on the City for funding assistance. Most other members of Council were in favour of referral, although it was noted by Mr. Smith that Council took action at the February 23rd meeting, to refer such items to the Grants Committee directly and no longer to the Finance Committee.

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

6.0 PETITION7.0 REPORTS7.1 CITY ADMINISTRATOR7.1.1 STREET NAMES - BURNSIDE INDUSTRIAL PARKSTREET NAMES:
B.I.P.

Report from Mr. Fougere (T. Rath) on the subject of street names in the Burnside Industrial Park, setting out a further expansion of the street-naming policy by using criteria designated as categories A to F, for selecting street names.

Agreement was reached among the members to have separate motions for each of the categories being proposed, so that members of Council could vote for them individually, and motions were therefore presented as follows:

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| Category A | <u>Mayors</u> - Approved on motion of
Ald. Hawley and Hetherington |
| Category B | <u>Dartmouth's War Dead</u> - Approved on
motion of Ald. Hawley & Sarto. |
| Category C | <u>Dartmouth residents</u> who attain
international status or achievement
in arts, entertainment or sports
Approved on motion of Ald. MacFarlane
and Hawley. |
| Category D | <u>Business leaders & citizens</u> who
contribute in a significant way to
the growth & quality of life in the City
Approved on motion of Ald. May and
MacFarlane. |
| Category E | <u>Single purpose areas</u> or reflecting
natural features. - Approved on motion
of Ald. Hawley and Sarto. |
| Category F | <u>Special interest groups</u> - Moved by
Ald. May, but <u>not seconded</u> . |

Having approved categories A to E inclusive, Council then proceeded to adopt the main recommendation from the report, that is, for members to submit street names in the approved categories, to the Industrial Commission, by no later than March 31/93, the Commission to be directed to prepare a list of names for streets to be designated in the Burnside Park, for the foreseeable future.

MOTION: To adopt the recommendation
on street names and selection.

Moved: Ald. Hawley
Second: Ald. Cunningham
In Favour: All members except
Against: Ald. Greenough, Thompson, Hetherington
Motion Carried

7.1.2 SURPLUS CITY PROPERTY

SURPLUS CITY
PROPERTY

In the interest of time, a report from Mr. Fougere (T. Rath) on surplus City-owned property, was deferred until the next Council meeting.

MOTION: To defer the report on surplus City-owned property until next Council meeting.

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

7.2 SOLICITORS

7.2.1 TERMS OF REFERENCE - RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD

TERMS OF
REFERENCE:
REC. ADVISORY
BOARD

In keeping with the request of Council that the membership of the Recreation Advisory Board be amended to allow for the appointment of an additional citizen-at-large, the Solicitor has prepared revised terms of reference for the Board, recommended for Council's approval.

MOTION: To approve the revised terms of reference for the Recreation Advisory Board, as recommended by the Solicitor.

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

7.2.2 TERMS OF REFERENCE - HEALTHY DARTMOUTH COMMITTEE

TERMS OF
REFERENCE:
HEALTHY DART.
COMMITTEE

Revised terms of reference have been prepared by the Solicitor for the Healthy Dartmouth Committee, to meet the minimum fifteen-member requirement for the Committee, as explained in her report to Council, dated Feb. 17/93. The revised terms of reference are recommended for Council's approval.

MOTION: To approve the revised terms of reference for the Healthy Dartmouth Committee, as recommended.

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

8.0 MOTIONS.

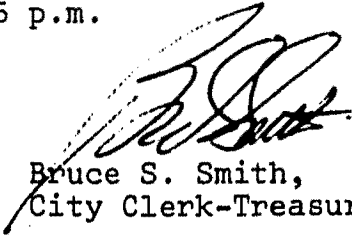
There were no motions to be presented at this meeting.

At 9:00 p.m., Council went in camera, on motion of Ald. Hetherington and Thompson. After reconvening in open meeting, the action taken in camera was later ratified.

MOTION: To ratify the action taken while meeting in camera on this date (land matter, land acquisition, lease, financial matters).

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

The meeting adjourned at 11:15 p.m.



Bruce S. Smith,
City Clerk-Treasurer.

ITEMS:

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CONTINUATION OF COUNCIL AGENDA OF MARCH 2/93

1. NOTICES OF MOTION.

COUNCIL AGENDA OF MARCH 9/93

2. REPORTS

2.1 CITY ADMINISTRATOR

- 2.1.1 Comprehensive Development Districts (set date for Public Hearing)
- 2.1.2 Application, Place of Amusement (Bingo Hall), Army, Navy & Air Force Veterans in Canada, 137 Main Street
- 2.1.3 Application for Development Agreement - 72 Hawthorne Street - set date for Public Hearing

2.2 SOLICITORS

- 2.2.1 Dartmouth Hospital Commission

2.3 HERITAGE ADVISORY COMMITTEE

- 2.3.1 Set date for hearing for Heritage Properties

3. CONCERNS OF COUNCIL MEMBERS OR QUESTIONS (15 MINUTE MAXIMUM)

IN CAMERA SESSION 10:00 P.M.

- 1. Personnel Matter.
- 2. Personnel Matter.

LOCATION: CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS

TIME: 7:30 P.M.

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

MEMBER ABSENT: ALD. PYE (REGRETS)

A/CITY ADMINISTRATOR: R. FOUGERE

CITY SOLICITOR: S. HOOD

CITY COMPTROLLER: D. MCBAIN

ACCEPTANCE OF AGENDA

MOTION: To accept the agenda for
the March 9th meeting, as
circulated, with addition of items:

2.1.4 (Budget Timetable)

2.1.5 (Review Panel, H.H.I.C.)

Moved: Ald. Thompson

Second: Ald. Hetherington

Ald. May proposed that the report from Mr. Muzzin, listed as a Personnel Item for the in camera meeting, be moved up for discussion in open meeting. He said this report belongs in a broader package that includes such considerations as the operating budget estimates and future labour negotiations; as such, it should not be dealt with in isolation and out of context with these broader issues. Other members were satisfied with the listing of a Personnel Item on the in camera agenda, where such items are usually found.

In Favour: All members except

Against: Ald. May

Motion Carried

Deputy Mayor Woods informed Council that he has received a call from a citizen who was present recently, in the gallery, for a Council meeting. This citizen had a complaint about the fact that no information package is provided for people attending meetings, and also, that members speaking sometimes cannot be heard over conversations of other members, taking place at the same time.

1.0 NOTICES OF MOTION

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

Ald. Walton

WHEREAS the Halifax Harbour Clean-Up Inc. (H.H.C.I.) has held numerous site selection meetings over the past two years;

AND WHEREAS, after much professional consultation and public input, McNab's Island (Ives Cove) was selected by H.H.C.I., to be the most appropriate location;

AND WHEREAS the Federal/Provincial Panel reviewing the proposed Halifax Harbour Clean-Up project will start holding public hearings, beginning March 22/93, again with three Dartmouth locations that were already reviewed and rejected;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the City of Dartmouth go on public record as supporting the McNab's Island site, and convey the same message in writing to the Federal/Provincial Panel, as soon as possible.

SEE MOTION:
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Notice of motion for this item was later waived by Council, at the request of Ald. Walton, in order to deal with his motion in conjunction with item 2.1.5 on the agenda, a report from Mr. Fougere, headed 'Halifax Harbour Cleanup Project - Environmental Assessment Review Panel', dated March 9/93.

Since the motion presented at that later point in the meeting, addressed the intent of Ald. Walton's motion, the above-noted Notice of Motion will therefore not be included in the next regular Council agenda.

Ald. Woods

- 1) WHEREAS Albro Lake Road serves as the boundary between Ward 4 and Ward 5;
AND WHEREAS it serves as the collector street for the adjacent communities;
AND WHEREAS during the winter months, it becomes much narrower because of snowbanks - sometimes affecting the safe passage of vehicles;

BE IT RESOLVED that the Traffic Management Group be asked to review the existing parking restrictions, with a view to increasing parking restrictions, and thus improving traffic flow.

2) WHEREAS the Highfield-Pinecrest Neighbourhood Plan was adopted by Council in 1991;

AND WHEREAS this ten-year plan includes a number of revitalization elements, one of which is the establishment of a new street which will link Albro Lake Road with Brule Street;

AND WHEREAS Mr. Robert Burns has been a life-long resident of Ward 5, who has worked tirelessly on behalf of the north end;

AND WHEREAS the Ward 5 Citizens Association, at its February/93 meeting, unanimously supported the thought that this new street be named after Robert Burns;

BE IT RESOLVED that the new inter-connecting neighbourhood street, be called Robert Burns Drive.

2.0 REPORTS

2.1 CITY ADMINISTRATOR

2.1.1 COMPREHENSIVE DEVELOPMENT DISTRICTS

DATE FOR
HEARING: C.D.D.

Report from Mr. Fougere (V. Spencer, P. Richards) on the proposed amendment to the M.P.S. and Land Use By-law, to provide for residential comprehensive development districts, and to designate lands in the Russell Lake areas as six CDD's, recommending that April 20th be set for public hearing, and that the lands known as Block X on the map attached to the report, be added as an addendum to the Comprehensive Development District report, and proposed to be designated Comprehensive Development District on the zoning map.

MOTION: To set April 20/93 as the date for public hearing, as recommended, and to add Block X to the map attached to the report of March 1, 1993.

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

2.1.2 APPLICATION, PLACE OF AMUSEMENT (BINGO HALL), ARMY, NAVY
& AIR FORCE VETERANS IN CANADA

APPLICATION:
137 MAIN ST.

Council was asked to indicate any objection to an

application for a Place of Amusement (Bingo Hall),
Army, Navy & Air Force Veterans in Canada, at
137 Main Street.

MOTION: To indicate no objection to this
Place of Amusement application
for 137 Main Street.

Moved: Ald. Thompson

Second: Ald. May

Ald. Hetherington asked whether there will be video
gambling machines at this location, suggesting that
this point should be clarified before Council makes
any final decision on the application.

MOTION: To defer a decision on the application
for information from Consumer Affairs
Dept. on the regulations applicable to
video gambling machines, and whether they
would be permitted at this location.

Moved: Ald. Hetherington

Second: Ald. Sarto

Another question raised was the eligibility of the
club to qualify for any tax exemption from the City,
with a Bingo operation in their building. Ald. Greenough
said this point needs to be clarified as well, before
Council decides what to do about the application.

Ald. Hetherington said he was concerned that applications
such as this, for a Bingo operation, may be just another
loop-hole that will permit the use of video gambling
machines, where they would otherwise have been restricted.
Ald. Hawley pointed out that the licensed area for members
is in the downstairs section of the building, separate and
apart from the Bingo operation that will be open to the
public. He was opposed to the motion to defer.

In Favour: All members except

Against: Ald. Hawley & Thompson

Motion Carried

2.1.3 APPLICATION FOR DEVELOPMENT AGREEMENT - 72 HAWTHORNE ST.

DATE FOR
HEARING:
72 HAWTHORNE ST.

Report from Mr. Fougere (V. Spencer, R. Wells) on the
application for Development Agreement, to create a
second residential dwelling unit, at 72 Hawthorne St.,
recommending that April 13th be set for the public hearing.

MOTION: To set April 13th as the date for public hearing of an application for Development Agreement for 72 Hawthorne Street, as recommended.

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

2.1.4 OPERATING BUDGET TIMETABLE

BUDGET
TIMETABLE

Adjustments have been made to the proposed 1993/94 budget timetable, in view of the delay in holding an initial discussion meeting with Council, now scheduled for Monday, March 15th.

MOTION: To adopt the amended timetable, as it has been revised.

Moved: Ald. Hetherington
Second: Ald. Thompson

Ald. Levandier objected to the condensed form of the timetable, as a result of delaying the Council meeting originally scheduled for March 8th, to the 15th. Ald. Hawley questioned why Council would cancel the regular March 16th meeting, and then decide to hold a meeting on March 15th, during the March break. He proposed that instead of March 15th, the meeting with staff take place on March 22nd instead. Some concerns were then expressed about the resulting scheduling delay and Mr. Corrigan was asked to comment. He explained some of the difficulties caused when budget cuts have to be made after a new fiscal year has begun; another factor that has to be considered is the Easter weekend, which begins on Good Friday, April 9th. The idea was to have the budget completed before then.

Ald. Hetherington proposed that Council go in camera for the budget discussion, after this meeting, and the other date suggested was Thurs., March 11th. When agreement could not be reached on a date, it was agreed that a vote would be taken on all three dates - March 11th, March 15th and March 22nd. The first vote was taken on March 11th, and produced a majority vote of eight members in favour. This date was therefore selected, and this action of Council precluded the vote on the revised timetable, which could now change again.

Ald. Rodgers advised that the meeting of the Finance

& Program Review Committee, that had been arranged for March 11th, will now be cancelled.

2.1.5 HALIFAX HARBOUR CLEANUP PROJECT - ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT
REVIEW PANEL

H.H.C.I.:
REVIEW PANEL

Report from Mr. Fougere on the subject of the Environmental Assessment Review Panel hearings for the Harbour Cleanup project, scheduled to begin on the evening of March 22/93. Mr. Fougere has recommended that the City, as one of the partners, direct any concerns it may have on the project, to H.H.C.I., and not to the Panel. In other words, just let the environment assessment review process flow, and not play the role of an intervenor with regard to any part of the same.

It was at this point in the meeting that Council agreed to allow Ald. Walton to waive notice of motion, with respect to the notice given by him earlier (page 2 of these minutes), so that a combined motion of acceptance for Mr. Fougere's recommendation, along with the request of Ald. Walton, for a letter from Council in support of the McNab's Island site, could be presented.

MOTION: That the City not seek intervenor status, but that a letter be forwarded on Council's behalf, indicating to the Review Panel that Council is in support of the McNab's Island site for the treatment plant.

Moved: Ald. Walton
Second: Ald. Hetherington

In presenting his report to Council, Mr. Fougere had reviewed with members/public hearing schedule attached. Objections were stated by Ald. Rodgers and Hetherington to the number of meetings scheduled for the Halifax Hilton, as compared with the meetings to be held in south-end Dartmouth, the area most concerned in the site selection process. A motion of objection was subsequently presented, after the vote had been taken on the main motion on the floor.

In Favour: All
Against: None
Motion Carried

Besides objecting to the majority of meetings being held in Halifax, as compared with Dartmouth, Ald. Hetherington questioned the choice of location, at St. James Church, where parking is inadequate. He said the meetings should be held at the South Woodside

Community Hall, where there is plenty of parking available, or at Prince Arthur School. Ald. Walton preferred to see the hearings held at evening times, when more people will be able to attend.

MOTION: That Council object to the number of hearings scheduled for the Halifax Hilton, as compared with hearings to be held in Dartmouth, and that a change in location and time be requested - from St. James Church to the South Woodside Community Hall or Prince Arthur School, and during evening hours when more people can attend.

Moved: Ald. Hetherington

Second: Ald. Walton

In Favour: All

Against: None

Motion Carried

2.2 SOLICITORS

2.2.1 DARTMOUTH HOSPITAL COMMISSION

DARTMOUTH HSP.
COMMISSION

A report from the Solicitor was considered on the change in aldermanic representation on the Dartmouth Hospital Commission, recommended some time ago by the Finance & Program Review Committee, a change that would have to be made by the Provincial Legislature, since a Provincial statute would have to be amended. The Solicitor has recommended that the Dartmouth Hospital Commission be asked for its comments on the recommendation that one Aldermen and three citizens be appointed by City Council, to sit on the Board. Further, that if the Commission agreed with this change to its Act, the Solicitor be instructed to prepare the necessary amendment to the Act, to be placed before the House of Assembly.

MOTION: To adopt the recommendations of the City Solicitor.

Moved: Ald. Walton

Second: Ald. Sarto

Ald. Rodgers felt the Province should be requested to do the legal work, since a Provincial statute is involved. The other main concern of Council was about the loss of aldermanic representation and whether this is desirable, especially at a time when municipal representation seems to be eroding generally on boards and commissions that deal with local issues, and including hospital boards.

Ald. Cunningham and others wanted to retain some flexibility in appointing Aldermen or citizens, depending on how many Aldermen may wish to serve, similar to provisions that were made for School Board representation. Ald. May suggested that rather than specific designation, it would be preferable to allow for Aldermen, citizens, or those eligible to vote in a civic election. The vote was taken on the motion.

In Favour: All members except
Against: Ald. Cunningham, Hawley
Hetherington, Levandier
Motion Carried

2.3 HERITAGE ADVISORY COMMITTEE

2.3.1 SET DATE FOR HEARING FOR HERITAGE PROPERTIES

DATE FOR
HEARING:
HERITAGE
PROPERTIES

The Heritage Advisory Committee has recommended to Council that four properties be registered as heritage properties on the Dartmouth Registry, and that April 27/93 be set as the date for the hearing before City Council.

MOTION: That April 27/93 be set as the date for public hearing of the recommended registration of the following four properties, for purposes of heritage registration:

17 Banook Ave. (Banook Canoe Club)
296 Portland Street
16 Victoria Road
74 Victoria Road

MOTION: To set April 27/93 as the date for public hearing of properties recommended for heritage registration, as listed above.

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

3.0 CONCERNS OF COUNCIL MEMBERS OR QUESTIONS

ALD. WALTON

Ald. Walton presented to Council, a request from the Auto Club, for permission to use the Woodside Ferry Terminal parking lot, at no cost, on Sunday, May 9th, for an auto show; proceeds to go for charitable purposes.

Council was willing to waive the \$500. fee for use of the parking lot on May 9th, as requested, provided this concession meets with staff requirements.

ALD. RODGERS

Ald. Rodgers referred to a news item in the most recent edition of The Patriot, stating that municipal reform will save the City of Dartmouth twenty million dollars, as a result of the Provincial take-over of Social Service costs. He questioned the actual saving to the City and the accuracy of statements being made to this effect, requesting that The Patriot do a more in-depth analysis, based on facts, as they can best be determined at this point in time. Also, that the Minister of Community Services be asked to provide Council with some of the preliminary estimates that bear out these substantial savings to the City. A letter of request, based on the concerns of Ald. Rodgers, will be forwarded to the Minister.

ALD. MAY

Ald. May said that any preliminary studies that now exist should also be made available and requested accordingly, when the letter to the Minister is being prepared.

Ald. May asked about the declaring of a state of emergency in situations such as the one faced by the City during the major storm on March 5th & 6th. He felt the Public Works & Safety Committee should be looking at this problem of traffic control and keeping vehicles off City streets, so that they can be kept open by Works crews during severe storms. The Deputy Mayor agreed that a report for the Committee to consider at their next meeting, would be in order.

Ald. May asked for a copy of the press release made by A/Police Chief Fraser, following last week's Police Commission meeting. Deputy Mayor Woods advised that statements to the press were made by him at that time. Ald. May later received further information, along with the rest of Council, during the in camera meeting.

ALD. MACDONALD

Ald. MacDonald had some questions about the amount of snow plowing after storms and whether it is more than normal. Other members felt the snow clearing was very adequate, after the March 5/6th storm.

Ald. Cunningham informed the Deputy Mayor and Council that he will be unable to attend the Council meeting scheduled for March 11th, due to a previous family commitment, made when he did not know about the meeting.

On motion of Ald. MacFarlane and Hawley, Council went in camera at 9:30 p.m. Having later reconvened in open meeting, the action taken in camera was ratified.

MOTION: To ratify the action taken while meeting in camera on this date (Personnel items).

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

Meeting adjourned at 10:30 p.m.



D. McBain,
City Comptroller.

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**DARTMOUTH CITY COUNCIL
AGENDA**

**TUES., MAR. 23/93
7:30 PM
COUNCIL CHAMBER
IN CAMERA
10:00 PM**

**PROCLAMATION - Elimination of Racial Discrimination - Representatives
of ethnic communities**

1. REPORTS

1.1 CITY ADMINISTRATOR

- 1.1.1 Ferry Insurance Tender
- 1.1.2 Municipal Insurance Tender

1.2 SOLICITORS

- 1.2.1 Burnside Industrial Park Pricing By-law I-206

2. CONCERNS OF COUNCIL MEMBERS OR QUESTIONS (15 MINUTE MAXIMUM)

IN CAMERA SESSION - 10:00 P.M.

- 1. Lease
- 2. Land Purchase
- 3. Land Purchase

LOCATION: CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS

TIME: 7:30 P.M.

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

MEMBERS ABSENT: **ALD. HATHERINGTON (REGRETS), SARTO (ILLNESS).**

A/CITY ADMINISTRATOR: R. FOUGERE
CITY SOLICITOR: M. MOREASH
ASST. CITY CLERK: V. CARMICHAEL

PROCLAMATION

The Mayor opened the meeting by reading a Proclamation which proclaims the week of March 21st to 27th as the International Week for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination, in the City of Dartmouth.

Representatives of several ethnic communities in Dartmouth, then addressed Council briefly. The representatives were:

Noel Edwards, Sri Lankan
Armando Regala, Philippino
Bhan Deonarine, Indo Caribbean
James Francois, Afro Caribbean
Muktar Tomar, Indo Canadian

All of the speakers commended the observation of this International Week and its proclamation in Dartmouth, but referred to areas where problems of discrimination still need to be addressed within the community. Mr. Francois questioned a budget decision that would eliminate the position of the Employment Equity Officer from City staff, and Mr. Regala said that over and above what is already being done, there is a need for better lines of communication, and for participation and involvement opportunities so that people from minorities can contribute more fully to the life of the City. Mr. Edwards felt that discrimination could be dealt with more effectively if legislation were in place, making discrimination illegal. Mr. Deonarine asked why the City has never provided any funding to promote the sport of cricket, which would be a worthwhile activity for the children and youth of the community.

Ald. Thompson, who represented the City at the St. Mary's conference on the weekend, commended the Philippine Association for the organization of this workshop. Mayor McCluskey thanked all the ethnic

representatives for their attendance at Council and for their remarks, pertinent to the Proclamation.

CONGRATULATIONS - L. CORRIGAN

On Council's behalf, Mayor McCluskey recognized the achievement of Larry Corrigan, in being awarded a diploma in Public Management, by Dalhousie University, with an A average. Mr. Corrigan received congratulations from the Mayor and Council. He thanked Council for the support and assistance he has received, while taking his course at Dal.

The Mayor also commended the recent sports achievements of both the Acadia Axemen (three Dartmouth members on this hockey team), and the St. F. X. Basketball team.

REQUEST - METRO COALITION FOR HARBOUR CLEANUP

Mr. Alan Ruffman, the Coordinator for the Metro Coalition for Harbour Cleanup, requested the opportunity to address Council and present a brief from his organization. Ald. Rodgers suggested that any such presentation should be in conjunction with an overall update on the entire project and its status; Ald. Pye was in favour of hearing from Mr. Ruffman at this meeting. By a vote of 7 to 5, Council decided not to hear the presentation at this meeting. Ald. May suggested that in future, such requests for hearings at Council, should initially be forwarded to the Mayor and members of Council, with copies to the office of the City Clerk-Treasurer.

1.0 REPORTS

1.1 CITY ADMINISTRATOR

1.1.1 FERRY INSURANCE TENDER

FERRY INSURANCE
TENDER

Two tenders have been received for Ferry insurance (hull & machinery insurance and general liability), the lowest bid having been received from Reed Stenhouse Ltd., in the amount of \$57,772. It has been recommended by Mr. Fougere (D. McBain, V. Carmichael) that the tender for overall Ferry insurance be awarded to Reed Stenhouse Ltd., in the amount of \$57,772.

MOTION: To award the tender for Ferry insurance, as recommended.

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

Ald. Hawley asked about this coverage and premium in the event of Metro Authority taking over the ferry service. Mr. Fougere said he would follow up on the question from Ald. Hawley.

1.1.2 MUNICIPAL INSURANCE TENDER

MUNICIPAL
INSURANCE
TENDER

Report from Mr. Fougere (D. McBain, V. Carmichael) on the two tenders received for municipal insurance, recommending that the tender for the City's overall insurance coverage be placed through Johnson & Higgins; the amount of the tender is \$363,994.

MOTION: That the tender for municipal insurance be awarded to Johnson & Higgins, in the amount of \$363,994., as recommended.

Moved: Ald. Thompson
Second: Ald. Greenough

During debate, it was suggested that the feasibility of a self-insurance plan should be looked into; also, the possible cost benefit in raising the \$250. deductible for auto insurance, to \$500. Ald. Hawley requested information on last year's claims for both comprehension and collision, at the \$250. deductible figure, with a costing out of the higher deductible rate.

Ald. Hawley was concerned about the cost increase for Comprehensive General Liability, and asked for an indication as to where Dartmouth stands in relation to the statement from Mr. Fougere's report, which reads: '. . . due to the combination of general market increases and a poor two-year loss ratio'. Ald. Cunningham asked if the UNSM has ever looked at the feasibility of overall insurance tenders for all provincial municipalities; the Mayor said she would inquire further as to whether they have or not.

Concerns about claims against the City, that have been denied on the recommendation of adjusters, were discussed with Mr. Fougere, and several questions from members were answered by Ms. Carmichael. She advised that claims information, inquired about during debate, will have been received by the middle of April.

The vote was taken on the motion.

In Favour: All
Against: None
Motion Carried

1.2 SOLICITORS

1.2.1 BURNSIDE INDUSTRIAL PARK PRICING BY-LAW I-206

BY-LAW I-206

The Solicitor has recommended that Council approve proposed By-law I-206, amending the pricing schedule to the Industrial Commission By-law, with respect to lands at the rear of Lots C-71AY & C-71B (\$1.00 per sq. ft.), Lots EE-22 & EE-1A on Royles Ave. (\$2.00 per sq. ft.), the remaining lots on Thorne Ave. and Brown Ave. (\$2.95 per sq. ft.), and Lot 903 on Akerley Blvd. (\$5.00 per sq. ft.). Council proceeded with the required three readings of By-law I-206, as recommended.

MOTION: That leave be given to introduce the said By-law I-206 and that it now be read a first time.

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

MOTION: That By-law I-206 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 I-206 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. Thompson
Second: Ald. Cunningham
In Favour: All
Against: None
Motion Carried

2.0 CONCERNS OF COUNCIL MEMBERS OR QUESTIONS

ALD. CUNNINGHAM Ald. Cunningham's first inquiry was about the report that members have received from the Ward Boundaries Committee. The Mayor noted that there are still some public hearings to be held before the Committee completes its work and a final report comes to Council.

Ald. Cunningham then asked about the decision of the Library Board on the Madonna book 'Sex', and the request to have it withdrawn from the Dartmouth Library collection. Ald. Hawley gave a report to Council on the Board's action on this item, advising that at their March 10th meeting, the materials selection policy of the library was upheld, but steps will be taken to promote and reinforce parental responsibility for children's library cards and selection of library materials. He said an information package will be coming to members of Council, pursuant to the Board's decision.

ALD. WALTON Ald. Walton asked that Commissionaires ticketing cars in the downtown area, not be quite so zealous as to create undue hardship for people using meters; he referred to a recent incident reported to him, which upset the citizens involved.

Ald. Walton noted that the Healthy Dartmouth Environment Sub-Committee is looking at the feasibility of expanding the Blue Bag Program for recyclables, to include the residents of apartment buildings.

Referring to the caseload expenditure analysis provided by Paul Greene for Social Services Dept., Ald. Walton asked if the \$59,000. payment figure, covering payments to other municipalities, would include any municipalities that already owe money to the City of Dartmouth. If so, deductions should be made accordingly, for the amounts they owe to us.

Ald. Walton's final concern was about the inadequacy of equipment sent for snow removal and plowing in South Woodside, after the last snowstorm. Mr. Fougere provided information for Ald. Walton on the reasons why these smaller pieces of equipment were used.

ALD. RODGERS Ald. Rodgers requested that senior staff put something in place before next year to deal with the increasing problems being created by residents who shovel snow from their own properties onto the City sidewalks, after they have been plowed. He said this is becoming a problem that is costing the City money.

- ALD. THOMPSON Ald. Thompson asked that the survey work for the former police station property, be expedited, in view of interest that has been indicated to him by a potential purchaser. The Mayor and Mr. Fougere agreed to have this work given some priority.
- ALD. MACDONALD Ald. MacDonald inquired about information he requested in January on the storm sewer and sanitary sewer that runs from Kingston Crescent to Woodland Ave. and Ryland. Mr. Fougere to follow up on the request.
- Ald. MacDonald requested a report on the status of the Pollution Control Fund, with an indication how far we still are from the required target.
- Ald. MacDonald was concerned that flooding claims against the City are usually denied, although it appears in some cases, that they are justified. Mr. Fougere pointed out that the adjusters who do the claims give an independent opinion, based on facts as they see them. He said the cost to the City, without this process, would otherwise be enormous.
- ALD. WOODS Noting that there has been another roof collapse, this time in Burnside, Ald. Woods said that these structural failures are becoming more and more frequent in Dartmouth, and as such, a **major concern**. In his opinion, the Chief Building Inspector did not respond in time to this latest collapse, and he felt a procedure should be put in place, whereby the Inspector is on the scene much sooner, and instructions are drawn up for securing the building involved. Also, he asked for a report from Mr. Fougere on what measures are being taken to prevent such failures of buildings in the future.
- ALD. MAY Ald. May requested a report from the Solicitor as to what can be done to address the problem caused by out-of-town vehicle parking at the end of Rose Street, blocking the road and causing problems for local residents.
- Ald. May asked that attention be given to car parking on the sidewalk on Hazlehurst Street (area of 50 to 54). Also, would the Police Dept. check on 69 Queen Street, reported to be a house of prostitution.
- Ald. May suggested to the Mayor that the new Police Chief be sworn into office in Council Chambers. He then inquired about the proposed change in the composition of the Police Commission, and was informed by Mr. Fougere that the amendment required will come to Council, as soon as Sue Edmonds has seen and commented on it.

Ald. May requested that the Police Commission consider seeking assistance from the Province (Police Security Section), in carrying out an assessment of the City Police Dept. The request was noted by Mayor McCluskey

ALD. WALTON

Ald. Walton brought to Council's attention, the letter received from the Village of Belcarra, B.C., seeking support for a resolution calling for a review of the current Young Offenders Act, for the purpose of identifying needed changes to improve the Act. He felt that Council should indicate support for the resolution at this time.

RESOLUTION:
VILLAGE OF BELCARRA

MOTION: To endorse the resolution forwarded by the Village of Belcarra, B.C., on the subject of the Young Offenders Act and changes required in it.

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

ALD. HAWLEY

Ald. Hawley indicated complaints he has received about plows being operated throughout the night and travelling on a particular street an excessive number of times, disturbing and upsetting the resident who contacted him. Mr. Fougere asked that when members have these concerns, they provide him with specifics, such as license plate numbers, so that appropriate action can be taken; otherwise it is not possible to address the complaints received in any meaningful way.

Ald. Hawley's second concern was about the ducks being attracted to a location in the Waverley Road area, as a result of a person there feeding them every day. He asked that the Solicitor prepare an amendment, including Lake Charles as a restricted lake for purposes of feeding water fowl. Ald. Greenough and the other members of Council concurred with this request to the Solicitor.

ALD. PYE

Ald. Pye again asked for the information he has previously requested, on the number of City jobs lost as a result of last year's budget cuts. He said it is important to have this information before this year's budget discussions.

APPOINTMENTS - SHUBENACADIE CANAL COMMISSION

Council has been asked by letter, read to Council by the Mayor, to make the two City appointments to the Shubenacadie Canal Commission, effective as of April 1/93. Mr. Bernie Hart and Ald. Hawley are willing to serve

again, and their re-appointment has been suggested in the letter received by Mayor McCluskey.

MOTION: To approve the re-appointment of Mr. Hart and Ald. Hawley to the Canal Commission, effective as of April 1, 1993.

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

At 9:00 p.m., Council went in camera, on motion of Ald Greenough and Hawley. After reconvening in open meeting, the action taken in camera was ratified.

MOTION: To ratify the action taken in camera on this date (lease, land purchases).

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

Meeting adjourned at 10:00 p.m.

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

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LOCATION: CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS

TIME: 6:30 P.M.

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

A/CITY ADMINISTRATOR: R. FOUGERE

ASST. CITY CLERK: V. CARMICHAEL

DIRECTOR, CORPORATE PLANNING: L. CORRIGAN
DEPARTMENT HEADS & ASSISTANTS

SWEARING-IN OF POLICE CHIEF

At the opening of the meeting, Mayor McCluskey swore into office, the new Chief of Police for the City of Dartmouth. Police Chief Donald K. MacRae took the oath of office, and after receiving congratulations from the Mayor, said he appreciated the trust and confidence placed in him and would do everything possible to uphold that trust.

OPERATING BUDGET, 1993/94

Prior to the Revenue presentation by Mr. Smith, members of Council gave their opinions on the budget process and time that should be given to it this year. Ald. Levandier felt that Council should only fine-tune the budget, as it has been presented, rather than hearing at length from City department heads, as in past years.

While other members generally agreed that detailed questioning and examination of estimates may not be required or produce worthwhile results, the majority of Council favoured a budget overview of each department so that the impact of cut-backs and adjustments can be assessed. Some members felt that there have to be further significant budget reductions, in order to relieve business owners and give them tax relief beyond the 0% tax projected for the commercial rate for 1993/94. Ald. Rodgers said it is necessary to start looking at ways of reducing the layers of management within City staff, and to start a restructuring process. Ald. Pye asked about the feasibility of a residential occupancy tax, and whether the City formerly had such a tax, or perhaps a poll tax. Mr. Smith agreed to research this question for Ald. Pye.

Ald. Cunningham felt it is possible for Council to expedite budget proceedings somewhat this year, since there was an opportunity for input by members before

the final budget document was prepared.

Members were asked by the Mayor to indicate whether the April 6th Council meeting is to be a regular first meeting of the month, or another budget session. Council requested that it be scheduled as a budget meeting (ie. provided budget proceedings are still continuing at that point, as expected).

REVENUE PRESENTATION

REVENUE PRESENTATION

Mr. Smith made his Revenue presentation to Council, copies of the overheads presented having been circulated. He reviewed the various sources of revenue the City receives, in the form of conditional transfers, grants-in-lieu, for Social Services, GST recovery, plus the sources of our own revenue, the main source being revenue from taxation, both residential and commercial. The projected total taxation revenue for 1993/94 (plus revenue from the Deed Transfer Tax), stands at \$77+ million dollars. Losses to the City, as a result of reassessment, were explained to Council, and the impact of the reassessment problems on the City's financial position, was noted. The Mayor pointed out that these problems are being felt all over the province, and the only way they could be corrected would be to start from scratch with the assessments, making sure that properties are visited by assessors individually, as they should be. The computerized system used this year was seen as being responsible for much of the inaccuracy.

Ald. MacDonald inquired about tax arrears at this point in the year, and was advised by Mr. Smith that the status of collection is looking better than three months ago. Ald. MacDonald said it is important for the business community to be protected, and that there should be a further 5% reduction in the commercial rate, to this end. Ald. May commended Mr. Smith and his department for what they are able to accomplish, comparing the size of his department with their Halifax counterpart. He said this point has been brought to his attention particularly by Mr. Bernie Smith in Halifax.

Further to the revenue the City receives from parking meters, Ald. May took exception to the aggressive attitude of one of the downtown commissionaires, suggesting that the negative results are detrimental to downtown businesses. Mr. Smith said that downtown parking was an item for discussion with the Downtown Development Corp., and over the years, the volume of ticketing has been decreasing.

Ald. Hetherington's concern was about the collection of money owed to Dartmouth by other municipalities for social services billings. He referred to a motion of Council, recently adopted, to proceed with action against other municipalities, under these circumstances. Mr. Smith agreed to provide information on what would be involved to proceed, in accordance with the motion.

Asked about a 5% reduction in the commercial rate, and what would be required to achieve this, Mr. Corrigan said it would require 2.3 million dollars. Transferred to the residential rate, the result would be a 14% increase in residential.

The Residential/Commercial tax dollar split overhead showed to Council the changing percentage being reflected in lower commercial tax revenues as businesses have failed during the recent recessionary period. Commercial accounts for 1993 stand at 3,608. Concerns about the health of businesses in the City generally, formed much of the discussion with Mr. Smith, during his presentation.

Following the Revenue presentation, Council took a brief recess before going on to the Social Services budget.

SOCIAL SERVICES

SOCIAL SERVICES

The Social Services budget overview was given by Mr. Paul Greene, Director of the department; other senior staff members from the department were also present to assist. The functions of Social Services were indicated under General Assistance, Community Care and Support Services. The bulk of the revenue the department receives, comes from Federal and Provincial cost-sharing, with 25% being paid by the City. The actual percentages received from the other government levels are: 56.6% Federal (should be 75%), and 33.8% Provincial (should be 25%).

Mr. Greene said the 4.9% increase over last year's budget (but 0% of what the department actually spent in 1992/93), does not make any allowance for caseload increase, any scale increases, administrative expense increases, or further down-loading from the other government levels. Particular reference was made to the present down-loading in two significant areas: CAP and apprehension costs, representing 14 million dollars in lost revenue in these two areas, from 1987 to 1994. Apprehension costs have continued to rise since the enactment of the Child Welfare Act in 1991, and while the City receives no cost-sharing for these costs, the Province collects for them. As Mr. Greene put it, 'the more we spend, the more the Province makes.'

Members were very upset about the fact that the City is not being reimbursed for apprehension costs, and again referred to action that has been taken at previous meetings to try and have funds transferred, that rightfully belong to the City. Ald. Rodgers said we should be looking elsewhere, to make sure that policies applicable to CAP are consistent.

Commenting on the outlook for his department, Mr. Greene said it is hoped that the caseload will stabilize now, and future considerations will likely involve an amalgamation of Social Services, a one-tier system, and a re-structuring of responsibilities.

Asked by Ald. Pye about the loss of a Nutritionist position, Mr. Greene said it was a choice between that position or two General Assistance workers; the priority had to be the workers, since they were needed more. Ald. Pye's other inquiry concerned the request from Dartmouth Community Network for a \$64,000. addition to the grants for community agencies that make up the Network. He moved that the item be put on a Wants List to be compiled throughout the budget discussions, seconded by Ald. May.

MOTION: To put a \$64,000. item on the Wants List, to be compiled during budget discussions, for addition to the Grants allocation.

Moved: Ald. Pye

Second: Ald. May

CONFLICT OF
INTEREST

Ald. Cunningham declared a conflict of interest, due to the fact that he is employed by the Red Cross, one of the agencies involved. He withdrew from his place on Council and sat in the gallery until after the vote was taken on the motion.

In favour: Ald. Pye, May, Rodgers

Against: All other members.

Motion Defeated.

MOTION: That nothing be added in the way of a list during budget deliberations, and that items for consideration only be brought up at the end of the budget.

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

At 9:25 p.m., Council went in camera, on motion of Ald. Hetherington and Thompson. 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 (personnel item, tender)

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

Meeting adjourned at 10:25 p.m.

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

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DARTMOUTH CITY COUNCIL

MARCH 31, 1993

LOCATION: CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS
TIME: 6:30 P.M.

MEMBERS PRESENT: MAYOR MCCLUSKEY
ALDERMEN: WOODS, RODGERS, MACDONALD,
HAWLEY, GREENOUGH, CUNNINGHAM,
MAY, WALTON, MACFARLANE, PYE,
SARTO, LEVANDIER, THOMPSON
A/CITY ADMINISTRATOR: R. FUGERE
DIRECTOR OF CORPORATE PLANNING: LARRY CORRIGAN
CITY CLERK-TREASURER: BRUCE S. SMITH

REGRETS: HETHERINGTON

1993-94 OPERATING BUDGET:

Before the budget deliberations began, Mayor McCluskey extended thanks to Roland Thornhill for his work in the past as Mayor of Dartmouth and as MLA. She asked Council if it was their wish that she write a letter to Mr. Thornhill, on behalf of Council, extending these thanks. This was in agreement with the members.

RESOLUTION 93-08:

MOTION: WHEREAS pursuant to Section 32 of the Municipal Affairs Act, the Minister of Municipal Affairs may by order upon the request of Dartmouth City Council extend the time within which the City of Dartmouth shall approve a detailed estimate of the probable expenditures:

AND WHEREAS Dartmouth City Council will not be able to complete its approval of its estimates of probable expenditures prior to March 31, 1993 as is required by Section 266 of the Dartmouth City Charter:

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Minister of Municipal Affairs be requested to extend the time within which the City of Dartmouth may approve its estimate of probable expenditures to the 8th day of April, 1993.

Done and passed in Council this 31st Day of March, 1993.

MOVED: Ald. May
SECOND: Ald. Walton
IN FAVOR: All
MOTION CARRIED

The budget deliberations began with the Dartmouth School Board. Before their presentation to Council, the School Board had three Dartmouth students perform a song for the members of Council as a demonstration of some of the things that are being done in the schools. Mayor McCluskey thanked the singers for their performance.

Ms. Linda Brennan, Chairman, Dartmouth District School Board, then gave an oral report to Council on the 1993/94 Operating Budget. This report was also distributed to members of Council. Ms. Brennan then invited any comments or questions from Council.

Ald. Walton inquired what was the reasoning behind the Province lowering the level of funding for special education. Mr. Harrison, Superintendent of Schools, responded that the ceiling was removed by the Province which impacted adversely on the funding.

Ald. MacFarlane acknowledged the efforts of School Board staff and City staff for their cooperation in working together with the 1993/94 Operating Budget.

Ald. Rodgers noted that the Level 1 funding reports no change. However, there is a 2.6 increase in staff and 16.9 non-teaching positions. He asked the representatives of the School Board where the adjustments were made to fund these positions. Mr. Harrison responded that the two additional teaching positions were due to the extension of the French Immersion program. Also, there was a change in the accounting practice which provided for additional teaching assistants in the area of special education. Mr. Harrison stated that they had inadequate support for these students and it was a priority to put some of those teaching assistant positions back in.

Ald. Rodgers asked with regards to the audit, has the 16.4 reduction in administration been maintained. Mr. Harrison responded that those positions have been eliminated. Ms. Brennan stated that they are also looking at doing some restructuring in administration and had hoped that the audit would have given them some more direction in this area. Ald. Rodgers asked if they reduced the administration any further this year. Mr. Gray, Chief Financial Officer, responded that they did no further restructuring this year.

Ald. Pye commended all members of the School Board for bringing forward the Level 1 budget though it was not what they or he wanted. Ald. Pye expressed concerns about the pupil/teacher ratio and the effect this has on the students.

Ms. Brennan noted that the student/teacher ratio in the elementary grades is the biggest concern. She stated that there are over fifty classes with in excess of thirty students. Mr. Harrison stated that the teaching staff have been extremely concerned over the sizes of the classes. He noted that the teachers are experiencing frustration with the class sizes especially when they contain special need children who may not be able to be provided with the attention they require because of the large number of students.

Ald. Pye stated that he would have liked to see the School Board have the Level 2 funding. He stated that the impact not seen today will be there in the future.

Ald. Hawley stated that 87 more teaching positions would be required next year to keep the same student/teacher ratio as the City had 2-3 years ago.

Ald. Greenough thanked the Board for coming with a realistic budget in terms of what the City can hope to find.

Ald. Cunningham congratulated the Board on their presentation. He noted that he shared the frustrations of the Board and hoped they don't get discouraged with the challenging and frustrating times. Ald. Cunningham stated that the City can be proud of the education system in Dartmouth and stated that he would be supporting the request before Council from the School Board.

Ald. May asked the Board where the savings would go if the four schools being considered for closure were closed. Mr. Harrison stated that they already examined this and found there would not be a significant cost saving.

Ald. May also expressed concern over the new teachers being hired only for the French Immersion. Mr. Harrison responded that the staff are very interwoven and that there had been far more changes in the system this year than they would want to have.

(Ald. Levandier arrived at 7:30 p.m.)

Ald. Thompson asked if substitutes were brought in for in-service programs. Mr. Harrison stated that they were not. Ald. Thompson also inquired about the service awards, and what their amounts would be. Mr. Harrison responded that they vary and are part of the agreement the Board has with NSTU.

Ald. Woods asked the Board how they would respond if Council cancels the crosswalk guard program. Ms. Brennan stated that it was not their area to respond to as the guards come under the Police Department. However she stated that they would hope Council did not cancel the program and that the Board would be supportive of the parents.

Ald. Woods asked the Board their opinion on the responsibility to provide computers to the students. He asked if they felt it was the responsibility of the parents or the taxpayers. Ms. Brennan responded that in today's society the students have to be computer literate and the schools have to provide computers to expose the students to them and to teach them how to use them. She stated that they are trying to raise money through business and industry to help support science programs and computers. Ald. Woods asked if they were receiving any computers from businesses who are upgrading their systems. Ms. Brennan responded that they were not. Mr. Harrison stated that they have been provided with 50,000 dollars from the Province this year for computer purchase. They also have the option to apply for additional funding which they plan to do.

Ald. Hawley stated that the situation is much worse than what was being explained tonight. He applauded the teachers for dealing with their frustrations and stated that the support from the administration was fantastic. Ald. Hawley stated that he was very pleased and thanked Council for their support in the School Board's budget.

Ald. MacDonald inquired about property maintenance costs. Mr. Harrison stated that they attempted to consolidate some of their rentals and they are no longer using the smaller schools unless the outside agency pays the total cost. Ald. MacDonald asked if contracting out of maintenance services has been fully explored. Mr. Harrison reported that this was on the back burner at this point but it will come forward for the Board's consideration at a later time. Ms. Brennan noted that they have been able to get the flexibility of the maintenance staff that was needed.

Ald. MacDonald inquired about the \$77,000 allocated for a fund raising position but no revenue mentioned. Mr. Gray stated that there would be a lot of public relations work that would not produce revenue. He noted that revenue from this position would be difficult to predict. He also noted that the \$77,000 also included a part-time secretary and \$10,000 for supplies and materials.

Ald. MacDonald asked if there was any audio visual equipment included in the equipment listing. Mr. Harrison stated that each school is given a per capita amount and they make the decision as what to spend it on.

Ald. May asked if the Board was eliminating the fee for French Immersion. Ms. Brennan responded that they were not at this time.

Ald. Thompson stated that he appreciated the work of the School Board and the staff of the Board. He also thanked the home and school associations and the Kiwanas Club for their efforts.

Ald. Sarto inquired about the growth in enrolments and if they were city wide. Mr. Harrison responded that there has been growth in the north end, Montebello and Bel Aire and some spread out through the City. With regards to the housing units being built in Portland Estates, Mr. Harrison noted that they will be able to get reasonable figures for the number of children coming from the units but they are not certain when these unit will be built. Ald. Sarto congratulated the Board and staff for providing the excellent education that he hears from the parents.

Ald. Walton asked how the Board made out last year for substitute teachers and what they were budgeting for this year. Mr. Gray stated that there was a \$200,000 reduction last year. He noted they allowed a 10% increase this year due to the 6% pay increase for teachers and the fact that they expect to have three teachers on LTD this year.

Mayor McCluskey thanked the Board for their presentation. She also extended thanks to the teachers in the schools of Dartmouth.

Sportsplex:

The next department to be discussed was the Dartmouth Sportsplex. The following people were present to represent the Sportsplex: Mr. John Guildford, Mr. Bob Quigley and Mr. Glen Bagnell.

A written report was distributed to members of Council and reviewed by Mr. Guildford.

Ald. Rodgers stated that he was extremely impressed with what has happened at the Sportsplex over the last year. He stated that he sees the Sportsplex as a model for the Parks and Recreation Department and would like to see some joint meetings to look at opportunities for further gains and efficiencies. He congratulated those representatives present for a well done job and passed on the congratulations to the staff of the Sportsplex.

Ald. Cunningham congratulated the Sportsplex on their presentation and asked if they see continued growth in the further. Mr. Guildford responded that they do. Ald. Cunningham asked about the proposed multi-purpose addition. Mr. Guildford responded that this addition would go a long way in making the Sportsplex self sufficient.

Ald. Pye expressed concern with the aquatic program and user fees as opposed to the Parks and Recreation programs.

Ald. May suggested that the Sportsplex may be able to benefit from the impending closure of the YMCA. He also stated that he did not feel that bingo should be in the Sportsplex.

Some discussion followed regarding the smoking by-law and the possibility of having a bingo if a multi-purpose addition was included in the Sportsplex.

Discussion also followed regarding the aquatic program of the Sportsplex and the aquatic program of the Parks and Recreation Department. Mr. Quigley stated that through central administration of the programs, dollars can be saved. He stated that this is the approach that would be looked at in the future.

Ald. Greenough stated that he was pleased to see the increase in self sufficiency of the Sportsplex but felt that it needed to be marketed more.

Ald. MacFarlane stated that the Sportsplex was an extremely well run facility and that they have proven themselves to be administrators. He stated that it was time for Council to make a decision and clear up duplication of programs.

(Ald. Rodgers left at 9:20 p.m.)

Ald. Hawley expressed concern that a lot of people will not be able to afford to take the opportunity of the Sportsplex. He suggested a committee should be set up to help them work something out with the Parks and Recreation Department. Ald. Hawley also suggested that the Sportsplex hold a spring and fall show to tell people what is available in the Burnside Industrial Park.

Ald. Hawley stated that the programs at the Sportsplex have to be kept affordable and that this was one of the major concerns when it was first built.

Ald. MacDonald congratulated the Sportsplex staff on working more hours than other City staff.

Mayor McCluskey thanked the Sportsplex for their work and dedication.

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MOTION: to move in camera.

MOVED: Ald. Thompson

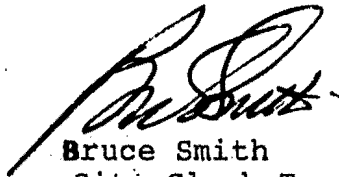
SECOND: Ald. Sarto

IN FAVOR: All

AGAINST: None

MOTION CARRIED.

Meeting adjourned at 10:00 p.m.



Bruce Smith
City Clerk-Treasurer

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