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**DARTMOUTH CITY COUNCIL
AGENDA**

**TUES., APR. 5/94
7:30 PM
COUNCIL CHAMBER**

PROCLAMATION - NATIONAL WILDLIFE WEEK

CONTINUATION OF COUNCIL AGENDA MARCH 29, 1994
(REPORT PREVIOUSLY CIRCULATED)

1. **REPORT**

1.1 Dartmouth Board of Police Commissioners

COUNCIL AGENDA OF APRIL 5, 1994

2. Letter - Christopher Jones (attached)

3. **REPORT**

3.1 **CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER**

Table Operating Budget
Presentation of Operating Budget

NOTE: Staff is attempting to complete sufficient copies of the budget to be delivered to the aldermen on Saturday. If not delivered on Saturday, the budget will be delivered on Monday.

*** REVISED AGENDA ***

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

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

C/A OFFICER: L. CORRIGAN
CITY SOLICITOR: S. HOOD
CITY CLERK-TREAS.: B. SMITH
DEPARTMENT HEADS & ASSISTANTS

PROCLAMATION - NATIONAL WILDLIFE WEEK

Mayor McCluskey opened the meeting and read a Proclamation, which proclaimed the week of April 10 - 16, 1994, as National Wildlife Week in the City of Dartmouth.

1.0 REPORT

1.1 DARTMOUTH BOARD OF POLICE COMMISSIONERS

APPOINTMENT:
POLICE
COMMISSIONERS

Further to the appointment of Police Commissioners, the second item on the agenda, Mr. Corrigan advised that he has consulted with the Police Chief and there is nothing of an urgent nature that would require an immediate meeting of the Commission; it was therefore recommended by Mr. Corrigan that this item be deferred for one week.

MOTION: To defer the Police Commission item for one week.

Moved: Ald. Greenough
Second: Ald. Sarto

Members opposed to the motion felt it is important to have the Board of Police Commissioners in place as quickly as possible. Those in favour considered the additional week of deferral to be in order, and to give further time to receive applications from interested citizens.

Ald. Pye asked that a separate vote be taken on item 1.1 (Commission appointments), and item 2.0 (a letter from Christopher Jones, requesting an opportunity to address Council). On the advice of the Solicitor that this would be in order, the Mayor agreed to take the vote separately, based on her interpretation of the items.

The vote was first taken on item 1.1.

In Favour: Nine members
Against: Four members
Motion Carried

The separate vote was then taken on item 2.0

In Favour: Minority of members
Against: Majority of members
Motion Defeated

(Ald. MacFarlane arrived for the meeting.)

On motion of Ald. Levandier and Pye, Council agreed to hear Mr. Christopher Jones for five minutes.

2.0 LETTER - CHRISTOPHER JONES

With the agenda for this meeting, Council received copies of a letter from Christopher Jones of 12 Elmwood Ave., asking to be heard by Council before Police Commissioners are selected to replace members who resigned.

In his presentation, Mr. Jones objected to a leak of confidential information to the media, after Council had agreed to go in camera (dealing with the recommendations of the Police Commission), and said he would like to see Council act on this matter by implementing a security procedure for the future. He asked Council to call for the resignation of the remaining Commission members, and maintained that Ald. Woods should resign, since he disclosed information publicly; also, that Ald. Rodgers violated the oath taken by him as a Commissioner, by releasing information to the press.

Ald. Woods noted that his 46-page performance appraisal report, like the others, was collected by Mr. Corrigan, and could be identified by his notes on it. He said the people he represents want him to remain on the Commission, due to the importance of policing matters in his ward.

Ald. Rodgers denied that he has broken the oath of office, as a Police Commissioner. He said he had been very careful in what he said - ". . . anything I have said was qualified to all members of the media, and I have not broken any oath of office".

Following these responses by Ald. Woods and Rodgers, Council moved on to the next item on the agenda, the Operating Budget presentation.

3.0 REPORT3.1 CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICERTABLE OPERATING BUDGET

A motion was first adopted, to table the 1994/95 Operating Budget.

MOTION: To table the 1994/95 Operating Budget.

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

PRESENTATION OF OPERATING BUDGET

PRESENTATION:
OPERATING BUDGET

In beginning his presentation, Mr. Corrigan thanked staff and all those who have participated in this year's budget process, for their input and assistance. Three budget documents have been provided - the main budget document itself, with report and recommendations; the working papers; and the public consultation suggestions, with related staff response, as set out in the third document, numbered from 1 to 89 suggestions in all.

Mr. Corrigan's presentation concentrated on the first and third of the documents referred to, quite often being cross-referenced, as appropriate to the suggestion being explained to Council. Following the initial overall budget summary, from the main budget document, a review was begun of the 32 Chamber of Commerce suggestions, with information as to the staff response, in each instance. Suggestions following in order, were presented in the same way; they came from:

- 1) the Union of N.S. Municipalities
- 2) Ken Robb & Associates Land Surveyors
- 3) Dartmouth Community Network
- 4) Recreation Advisory Board
- 5) Dartmouth District Soccer Assn.
- 6) Dartmouth Natal Day Committee
- 7) Rose Featherstone, North End Citizens
- 8) Integration Action Group
- 9) Province of Nova Scotia
- 10) Dartmouth Youth Committee
- 11) Louise Moores
- 12) Nova Scotia Union of Public Employees

Under the heading of Other Suggestions, which include those of staff members, including Mr. Smith, noted in particular was the proposed allocation of \$370,000. from the Water Utility surplus of \$1.1 million, to General Fund, and the recommended budget adjustment of \$700,000. added to the budget to reflect a more realistic Metro Authority budget item. Also recommended is the elimination of MAPC, from which Dartmouth could expect to receive \$30,000., as our share of the assets upon dissolution. An addition of \$100,000. is proposed as well, to cover increased benefit costs, as required.

Other significant points from the presentation:

- 1) a proposed recovery of garbage collection costs, through a curbside collection fee.
- 2) a staff increase of 9.5 staff for the Police Service, instead of 11.5 requested.
- 3) ward reorganization and aldermanic reduction, to ten, from the present number of 14.
- 4) amended crosswalk guard program, retaining only 6 permanent guards and establishing 34 student patrols.
- 5) a proposal to decrease the Pollution Control charge by 25% (from \$1.20 to 90¢); this reduction will also help to offset a small tax increase being recommended, 1.70% residential and 0.56% commercial.

While generally commending the budget presentation, and its format this year, members of Council had certain concerns and questions they wanted to have addressed and given further consideration. Ald. Hetherington had circulated, copies of the County tender for sidewalk, snow removal & ice control. He drew Council's attention to specific sections of this document, suggesting that some of the innovative approaches reflected, should be looked at by our own staff, for possible application in the City (ie. the idea of dividing the City into blocks and taking out separate tenders accordingly). He asked that members of Council also review the tender, and give attention to the sections of it that he has highlighted.

Ald. Rodgers had questions about the Water Utility surplus and its disposition; can it be used by the City, or does it have to be returned to water users?? He asked to have this point further clarified, although the Solicitor did advise at this time that it belongs to the City.

Ald. Woods requested a report from Parks & Rec. Dept. on just where we stand with City rinks, on their viability

and financial status, past and present. Also, he asked for a more comprehensive report on the in-house landscaping of Burnside, with detailed information he did not already have, through the report provided.

Ald. Woods said Council should have a discussion on the privatization of the plowing and salting of sidewalks; he was not pleased with this year's program, which he considered to be inadequate. Information on this subject requested by Ald. Woods from Engineering Dept.

Items of concern, common to several members, were:

- 1) the possibility that a number of projections and assumptions made, in the budget, are unrealistic and unattainable, therefore resulting in a deficit position for the City by the end of the 1994/95 fiscal year.
- 2) the inadequacy of the Grants allocation, at a time when organizations and agencies are having a more difficult time to continue operating. Ald. Hawley said he would be resigning as Chairman of the Grants Committee if the grants allocation is not adjusted further, at least to last year's level.
- 3) the damage that can be expected to our education system from proposed funding cuts, with all of the implications for the City, as a desirable community to live and locate to for business purposes.
- 4) the introduction of a garbage collection fee, likely to be seen by taxpayers as another form of increased taxation; questions about how this fee could be administered equitably per household.
- 5) opposition to a change in the crosswalk guard program. Ald. Hawley raised a number of points about the problems that could be expected with a program of student patrols, such as the Youth Advisory Committee is proposing.
- 6) an unwillingness on the part of several members, to accept any tax increase, no matter how modest.

Additionally, Ald. Pye felt that a second look should be taken at a reinstatement of our UNSM membership, considering that Dartmouth was scheduled to host the UNSM conference in 1995. Ald. MacDonald was opposed to the depletion of the Burnside Sale of Land account, and noted that Council has not heard from the Industrial Commission on this matter yet. Ald. May noted that there is no recommendation on social assistance scales, which he felt Mr. Corrigan and Mr. Greene should be addressing. He also favoured a projection of a date for amalgamation of metro police forces.

Ald. MacDonald wanted to see a re-visit of the Alderney Gate lease, in an effort to save some money for the City through re-negotiation. Secondly, to see more City assets projected for disposal than presently projected.

Several members were not happy with any reduction in snow clearing/removal projections for residential areas, and there was some adverse reaction to a reduction in the size of Council, as a cost-saving measure.

A timetable for dealing with the budget was discussed, and there appeared to be a consensus that the original schedule circulated is too demanding. Council preferred to spread the budget meetings out over a longer period of time, with less meetings in any given week.

MOTION: That Council meet again on
the evening of April 7th,
from 7:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m.
for the first budget session.

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

With the agreement of Council, Ald. Thompson was permitted to present a motion, for which he had previously given notice in March.

MOTION: BILL TO
AMEND COMMON ACT

MOTION: WHEREAS the Dartmouth Common Act appears to include all lands used by the Dartmouth Sportsplex and Dartmouth Museum;
AND WHEREAS these lands should be exempted from the restriction on building thereon contained in the Act;
BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED that Dartmouth City Council seek introduction to the Legislature, at its next sitting, of a Bill to amend the Dartmouth Common Act, by exempting lands used by the Dartmouth Sportsplex and the Dartmouth Heritage Museum, from the prohibition on building thereon.

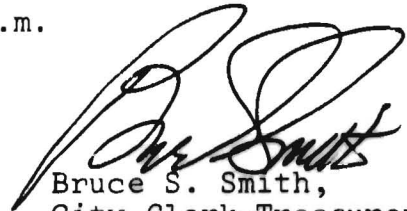
Moved: Ald. Thompson
Second: Ald. Hetherington

(On motion of Ald. Hetherington and Greenough, Council agreed to continue meeting after 11:00 p.m., to complete this item.)

Ald. Cunningham advised Council that the Common Committee is opposed to the motion and, if it passes, will continue with their opposition at the Law Amendments Committee. Ald. Cunningham stated, however, that he would be supporting the motion; Ald. May made a statement as Chair of the Committee, but said he would also support the motion.

In Favour: All members
Against: None
Motion Carried

Meeting adjourned at 11:05 p.m.



Bruce S. Smith,
City Clerk-Treasurer.

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**DARTMOUTH CITY COUNCIL
AGENDA**

**THURS., APR. 7/94
7:00 - 10:00 P.M.
COUNCIL CHAMBER**

1. OPERATING BUDGET

LOCATION: CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS
TIME: 7:00 P.M.

MEMBERS PRESENT: MAYOR MCCLUSKEY/D. MAYOR PYE
ALDERMEN SARTO, CUNNINGHAM
WALTON, HAWLEY, WOODS
LEVANDIER, MAY, RODGERS
MACDONALD

MEMBERS ABSENT: ALD. GREENOUGH, THOMPSON
MACFARLANE, HETHERINGTON

C/A OFFICER: L. CORRIGAN
CITY SOLICITOR: S. HOOD
CITY CLERK-TREAS: B. SMITH
DEPARTMENT HEADS & ASSISTANTS

1994/95 OPERATING BUDGET

1994/95
OPERATING
BUDGET

The meeting opened with Deputy Mayor Pye in the Chair. There were discussions as to how to proceed with the budget review, during which, Ald. May suggested that at some point, Council should meet in camera with the Solicitor and Mr. Muzzin present, to discuss contract and labour negotiation questions that impact directly on budget decisions Council will have to make. He made this same suggestion a number of times subsequently, during the meeting, and at the end of the evening, Council did go in camera for this purpose.

Ald. Levandier said that budget cuts have not been deep enough so far, and that there should be a further tax rate roll-back to 0% or beyond. He proposed a directive to Mr. Corrigan, along these lines.

MOTION: To refer the budget back to the C/A Officer, to bring recommendations to Council, showing what the effects would be to achieve a 0% tax increase; further, how we might be able to achieve a roll-back in the tax rate.

Moved: Ald. Levandier
Second: Ald. Cunningham

Ald. Rodgers re-stated concerns he has about uncertain budget items, that are not likely to meet projections, in his opinion. He referred to a provision in the present police contract, whereby police officers are being paid for lunch time (45 minutes), included as part of the 2190 hours being worked. He said Council should be going through collective agreements, and looking at areas such as this, where savings can be realized for the City.

Ald. May said it is not possible to offer the same

level of services as last year, at less cost. "You either raid the services or raid part of them and get some money out of the employees." This is why labour relations have to be discussed first and in camera.

Responding to questions from Ald. Sarto, Mr. Corrigan said he felt that he had complied with the direction of Council, in providing a budget that did not exceed the expected rate of inflation. He said that at this point, he was not certain how to proceed without some further direction from Council on the major points of concern that members have. Ald. Sarto said he was not unhappy with the projected tax rate increase, and had not received complaints about it so far.

Members opposed to the motion, preferred to have changes in the budget, if there are to be some, made by Council. Ald. Walton said it is up to Council and not staff, to decide where cuts are to be made. The vote was taken on the motion, after considerable debate on it.

In Favour: Four members

Against: Five members (Ald. Walton, MacDonald, Hawley
Rodgers & Woods.)

Motion Defeated

Members then began to raise individual budget items with which they did not agree, many having been indicated already at the April 5th meeting.

N.S. POWER
GRANT

Ald. MacDonald asked about any kind of assurance we may have about the Power company grant being reinstated, and Mr. Corrigan advised that while he has nothing in writing, reinstatement is being looked at by the Municipal Affairs Dept., Nova Scotia Power itself, and the UNSM. The City of Halifax has included a grant figure, based on the reinstatement assumption. Ald. MacDonald said he could not go along with the Dartmouth projection.

GARBAGE
COLLECTION FEE

Ald. MacDonald also objected to the garbage collection fee. Questions from him about collection procedures, were explained by Mr. Smith (inclusion with tax billings as a separate \$52.00 item), but he remained opposed to the idea. Other members similarly opposed were: Ald. Levandier, Pye, Rodgers.

GRANTS
ALLOCATION

Ald. Hawley requested an increase in the City grants budget item, by a figure of \$60,000. Also wanting to see this projection increased, were: Ald. Rodgers, MacDonald, May, and Pye; Ald. Pye proposed a \$100,000. increase.

After the Mayor arrived for the meeting, Ald. Pye resumed his seat on Council.

- ROSSWALK GUARDS Ald. Hawley was opposed to cutting the number of crosswalk guards called for in the new proposal for these services. The Mayor suggested having Mr. MacPhee of the Youth Advisory Committee, make a presentation to Council, and Ald. Hawley agreed with this suggestion. Ald. Pye said it would be advisable to hear from the T.M.G. on the proposal and safety aspects of it.
- Ald. Hawley also opposed any reduction in the School Board allocation, on the basis that it will be detrimental to the children in our school system. Ald. Levandier took the position that education is the responsibility of the Province and not the City. Ald. Levandier said that with the good possibility of an amalgamated metro police force, he questioned the hiring of additional officers for Dartmouth. Ald. Pye, on the other hand, considered that the City needs more police that we presently have.
- POLICE REVENUES Ald. Sarto wanted to have Police Service revenues reviewed by the Police Chief and the Police Commission, to find out if fines for Motor Vehicle Act violations reflect accurately the kind of surveillance and enforcement the Service should be undertaking. Ald. Levandier did not agree with any revenue-producing initiatives along these lines.
- POLLUTION CONTROL CHARGE The proposed decrease in the Pollution Control Charge, by 25%, was mentioned by most members who spoke during the evening. Some were in favour of increasing the percentage to 50%; one or two, to 100%. Ald. May proposed taking all the harbour clean-up funds we have accumulated to date, and diverting them to the Pockwock water project, so we can have cleaner and improved water on this side of the harbour. Mr. Corrigan gave an update to Council on the terms of reference approved by H.H.C.I. for possible privatization of the harbour-clean-up project.
- WASTE WATER MAINTENANCE Ald. Pye had questions about the waste water maintenance allocation, and was referred for answers, to page 23500 of the budget working copy. Asked by Ald. Pye about early retirement incentives for this year, Mr. Muzzin replied that we have now reached the point where there is no gain from such incentives; we would have to begin hiring replacement employees.
- Even though Mr. Corrigan gave Council further information on the basis for projections shown as items #1, 4, and 12 of the staff response document, members took the position that the budget is in fact, one million dollars short of what it should be, especially if the garbage collection fee is rejected, as they appeared to assume it would be.

COLLECTIVE
AGREEMENTS:
EMPLOYEE
CONCESSIONS

Based on this assumption and the position taken by most members that an additional one million dollars will have to be found (Ald. MacDonald's estimate was three million), the discussion tended to focus on attempting to find this money through means centering around salary and benefit adjustments, a four-day work week, longer working hours for employees, salary roll-backs, possible staff reductions altogether - generally associated with collective agreement negotiations and employee concessions. The possibility of initiatives, such as the Burnside Park landscaping, done in-house, were discussed, and contracting out of services, to save the City money, was another suggestion put forward. It was felt that staff will have to consider such compromises to avoid layoffs and retain present staff complement. Ald. Rodgers said he was concerned that none of these concessions will have been tied down and confirmed, before budget deliberations will have been concluded, including agreement on the 6% roll-back for police salaries.

As discussion moved more and more toward the implications of union contracts and employee concessions, it seemed that questions from the members would have to be dealt with in camera, so that Mr. Muzzin and the Solicitor could be consulted further.

Specific individual items, not previously referred to in these minutes, were:

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| ALD. GATE LEASE | 1) the need for re-negotiation of the Alderney Gate lease (Ald. MacDonald). |
| BURNSIDE ACCOUNT | 2) opposition to the depletion of the Burnside account (Ald. MacDonald). |
| TRANSFER: SCHOOL
BUS SERVICE | 3) suggested transfer of school bus operation to the School Board; several members in favour. |
| REDUCTION IN
WARDS & ALDERMEN | 4) objection to any reduction in the number of wards and/or aldermen, until Council has talked about this in detail and reached a decision. (Ald. MacDonald). Ald. Pye said Council should hold off on this until re-structuring decisions by the Province are in place. |
| DELETION: UNSM
MEMBERSHIP | 5) opposition to the deletion of UNSM membership fee (Ald. Pye). |
| CITY ASSETS. | 6) sale of more City assets than projected (Ald. MacDonald). |

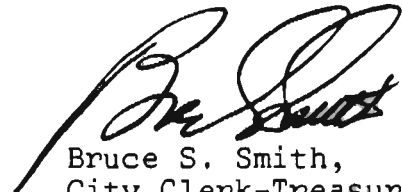
Ald. Levandier proposed a motion, that Council reconvene as Committee-of-the-Whole, on Monday, Wednesday and Thursday of next week, to meet with City department heads; the motion was not seconded.

MOTION: To go in camera at 9:45 p.m.
for advice pertaining to union
contract negotiations.

Moved: Ald. May
Second: Ald. Rodgers
In Favour: Five members
Against: Four members
Motion Carried

(Ald. Woods had left the meeting some time before the vote was taken on this motion, and therefore the number of members voting was nine.)

Council went in camera at 9:50 p.m., and adjournment was from the in camera meeting.



Bruce S. Smith,
City Clerk-Treasurer.

ITEMS:

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**DARTMOUTH CITY COUNCIL
AGENDA**

**MON. APRIL 11/94
7:00 PM
COUNCIL CHAMBER**

1. 1994/95 OPERATING BUDGET DELIBERATIONS

DARTMOUTH CITY COUNCIL

APRIL 11, 1994

LOCATION: CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS
TIME: 7:00 P.M.

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

MR. LARRY CORRIGAN, CAO
MR. BRUCE SMITH, CITY CLERK TREASURER
MS. SUZANNE HOOD, CITY SOLICITOR

CITY DEPARTMENT HEADS AND ASSISTANTS

REGRETS: ALD. LEVANDIER

Mayor McCluskey called the meeting to order.

1994-95 OPERATING BUDGET:

Mr. Corrigan stated that at the last meeting Council talked about some key issues and assumptions that were raised in the 1994-95 operating budget. He suggested that they debate these issues at this meeting in order to give staff a better direction to take regarding the 1994-95 operating budget. However, Mr. Corrigan noted that he is still recommending the budget that has been tabled.

Mr. Corrigan distributed two handouts to Council members which were "Summary of Key Issues for Discussion" and "CAO's Perspective on Fixed Costs Included in Budget Proposal" which he verbally reviewed for Council. Mr. Corrigan also reviewed the summary of service changes from 1993-94 and changes affecting staff wages and benefits. He noted that this information is in the original budget and pointed out that there were about fifty measures in this budget that directly affect services offered and wages and benefits.

With regards to the "CAO's Perspective on Fixed Costs Included in Budget Proposal," Mr. Corrigan noted that from an accounting point of view it is not quite correct to call them fixed but as far as this operating budget is concerned most of the items cannot be changed and others very little. He then reviewed the list item by item and explained why they could or could not be changed. In summary, Mr. Corrigan stated that when he looked at the budget he saw fixed costs of \$108,304,000 which drastically reduces the area left to \$2,303,000. He noted that after looking at all the suggestions made by the public and the adjustments that he talked about earlier they are looking at \$750,000 to find. Mr. Corrigan stated that he would like Council to discuss each item of the summary of key issues and he would keep track of the effect of the

decisions on the assumptions interactively on the overhead projector. He stated that by completing this exercise they will know how much to take out and will have direction on 26 key issues.

Ald. Hawley questioned why the City has to pay the Water Utility. Mr. Corrigan replied that this is an order of the Public Utilities Board and the amount is determined by a specific formula. Ald. Hawley asked if the County also pays and Mr. Corrigan replied that they do.

With regards to the Environmental Health Services, Ald. Hawley asked if these costs are just related to things such as chemical spills. Mr. Corrigan replied that the costs are broken down in the budget document. He noted that they initially came in looking for an increase and he cut it back to zero.

Ald. Hawley asked if an increase was projected in deed transfer tax. Mr. Corrigan replied that the budget included deed transfer tax and building permits.

Reinstate funding dues for UNSM membership:

MOTION: that the \$21,000 for funding dues for UNSM membership be reinstated in the budget.

Moved: Ald. Pye

Second: Ald. Greenough

Ald. Pye justified putting this amount back in the budget by the benefits of having Dartmouth chosen to be the host city in 1995 for the UNSM conference. He stated that the chances are slim that UNSM will come to them to host this if they do not renew their membership. Ald. Pye stated that there would be many financial benefits to having Dartmouth chosen to be the host City.

Ald. Cunningham asked how many municipalities in Nova Scotia were members of UNSM. Mayor McCluskey replied that she did not know but this information could be obtained before the next meeting.

Ald. Sarto asked how long a period was the intent not to renew Dartmouth's UNSM membership. Mr. Corrigan replied that the intent was permanent. However, he noted that this is a one-year budget and it is certainly possible to reconsider this next year. Mr. Corrigan noted that the decision was based on not getting value for money spent.

Ald. Walton asked if \$21,000 was the second highest dues fee for UNSM. Mr. Corrigan replied that it was the third highest. Halifax County was the highest followed by the City of Halifax and then Dartmouth.

Ald. Rodgers stated that the City is now in crisis management and therefore they have to look at things from a different perspective and be more innovative. He asked why the Fire Service cannot be looked at for

reductions. Ald. Rodgers noted that Halifax is cutting positions from their fire service as their work is now more proactive than reactive. He stated that Dartmouth now has to look at positions and services.

Ald. May asked if there was going to be a proposal this year for a water rate increase. Mr. Fougere replied that they have an application which could be forwarded to the Review Board. Ald. May asked what the anticipated increase would be, and Mr. Fougere replied that it was a considerable increase, 50% or more. Ald. May asked if this application would be forwarded before the end of this fiscal year. Mr. Fougere replied that it could but noted that it would have to go to Council before it goes any further.

Ald. May noted that Mr. Corrigan had stated at an earlier meeting that he was in a hurry to get the budget passed as there were things that he would have to start on right away to determine where the funds would come from. Ald. May stated that he feels this work can start before the tax rate is set.

Ald. May inquired about some information he requested at an earlier meeting regarding rate savings for seniors. He asked that this information be provided by tomorrow night or Thursday night.

Ald. May questioned the amount determined for savings by reducing the number of aldermen. Mr. Corrigan explained his calculation.

Ald. Pye stated that he understands that the City is in crisis management but noted that he also wanted to make sure there is money coming in so the City will not always be in this position.

Ald. Greenough stated that he concurred with Ald. Pye that \$21,000 is a small amount of money compared to the possible benefits and felt that it was probably the most critical time for Dartmouth to be involved with UNSM.

Ald. Hawley stated that they have to be careful in deciding on this as the amount could be much more than \$20,000 as that only covers dues. He suggested that they may want to check to see what costs would be involved in being the host city. Ald. Hetherington also expressed concern with possible additional costs such as hospitality suites. As a point of information, Ald. Pye stated that Dartmouth did not have a hospitality suite at the last UNSM conference.

Ald. Thompson stated that UNSM was the only body they have to voice any objections to the government of the day. However, he noted that it is only a matter of time before they are eliminated anyway.

Ald. Rodgers stated that it was important for Council to remember that, particularly over the last year with respect to debates of amalgamation, UNSM did not adhere to what Halifax and Dartmouth had requested.

Ald. Sarto stated that \$20,000 would keep at least six additional crosswalk guards in place and his priority is safety.

Ald. MacFarlane stated that he agreed with Ald. Rodgers. Also, he expressed concern with the method of reviewing the key issues. He stated that Council's greatest responsibility was to find \$750,000 and not increase the tax rate.

IN FAVOR: 2 (Pye, Greenough)
AGAINST: 11
Motion Defeated.

Grants Committee funding:

MOTION: that the \$60,000 requested by the Chairman of the Grants Committee be put back in the budget.

MOVED: Ald. MacDonald
SECOND: Ald. Hawley

Ald. Cunningham declared a conflict of interest on this item as he is involved with an organization requesting a grant and did not vote.

IN FAVOR: 10
AGAINST: Hetherington, Greenough
Motion Carried

Joint task force to study selective out-sourcing:

MOTION: that this item be left as is.

MOVED: Ald. Greenough
SECOND: Ald. Rodgers
IN FAVOR: All
AGAINST: None
Motion Carried.

Sale and leaseback arrangement:

MOTION: that this item be left as is.

MOVED: Ald. Sarto
SECOND: Ald. MacFarlane

Ald. May expressed concerns regarding the sale and leaseback arrangement. Mr. Corrigan stated that they did not know at this time how they will achieve all of these and that is the purpose of setting up a task force. He noted that this is the target that they have set and if Council felt it was an unrealistic target then it should be taken out of

the estimates. Ald. May stated that he felt this should be taken out.

Ald. Rodgers also expressed concern regarding the targets. He stated that he assumed that if these targets are not met then staff will take other corrective measures to meet or come close to the projections. He asked if this was a reasonable assumption. Mr. Corrigan replied that he met with senior managers today and they discussed this. He noted that the quarterly report will address how they are doing with their targets which will tie into what Ald. Rodgers is saying.

Ald. Pye stated that if Shubie Park was included in this item they should look at what the consequences were in the past with the selling of public parks.

Ald. May stated that if they sold and leased back certain assets, they would probably have to sell substantial assets and lease them back at a significant difference. He noted that this would probably require an answer from the City Auditor. Mr. Smith replied that the proceeds from the sale of assets are set in a special reserve fund. This does not mean that the City cannot take the money and apply it towards such things as debt reduction. Mr. Smith noted that they already have 11 million dollars annually that they could sell assets to apply towards debt reduction.

IN FAVOR: 11
AGAINST: 2 (May, MacDonald)
Motion Carried

Combine services with other municipalities:

MOTION: that this item be left as is.
MOVED: Ald. MacDonald
SECOND: Ald. Sarto
IN FAVOR: All
AGAINST: None
Motion Carried.

Trade development for zoning rights:

MOTION: that this item be left as is.
MOVED: Ald. Rodgers
SECOND: Ald. MacDonald
IN FAVOR: All
AGAINST: None
Motion Carried

Use BIP land sales for BIP infrastructure:

MOTION: that this item not be dealt with until the end of the budget.

MOVED: Ald. MacDonald

SECOND: Ald. May

Ald. MacDonald stated that he had a great deal of concern with this item and did not feel that it was appropriate.

Ald. May requested that a status report of the reserve fund and an anticipation of where it will be in the 1995-96 budget could be obtained for tomorrow night's meeting. Ald. Pye stated that if the referral was only for one night until this information is received then he will support the motion.

Ald. Rodgers requested that staff be asked to take the initial investments 25-30 years ago and do a present value calculation and tell him what the tax payers investment would have been if this had just been set aside to collect interest.

Ald. Greenough stated that he felt there was no advantage to deferring this item. He stated that he would vote against deferral and would agree to leaving the item as is.

IN FAVOR: 2 (May, MacDonald)

AGAINST: 11

Motion defeated

Renegotiation of property taxes:

MOTION: that this item remain as is.

MOVED: Ald. Sarto

SECOND: Ald. Hetherington

Ald. MacDonald stated that he would like to have this item deferred as well as he has some information that he would like to share with Council at a later date.

MOTION: that this item be deferred.

MOVED: Ald. MacDonald

SECOND: NO SECONDER

A vote was taken on the original motion.

IN FAVOR: 12

AGAINST: 1 (MacDonald)

Motion Carried

Vacancy rate of 1/3 of 1% of payroll established:

MOTION: that this item remain as is.

MOVED: Ald. Sarto

SECOND: Ald. Walton

IN FAVOR: All

AGAINST: None

Motion Carried

Salary and benefits relationship to private sector:

MOTION: that this item remain as is.

MOVED: Ald. Hetherington

SECOND: Ald. Sarto

IN FAVOR: All

AGAINST: None

Motion Carried

January 1, 1995 police salary rollback of 6%:

MOTION: that this item remain as is but add "or another equivalent dollar savings."

MOVED: Ald. MacParlane

SECOND: Ald. Hetherington

Ald. Pye stated that this will be extremely difficult to obtain.

IN FAVOR: 12

AGAINST: 1 (Pye)

Motion Carried

Recovery of garbage disposal costs:

MOTION: that this item be deleted from the budget.

MOVED: Ald. Hetherington

SECOND: Ald. Sarto

Ald. Sarto reported that he received a call from a resident suggesting that a sticker program be implemented to assist in the promotion and effectiveness of the recycling program. Mr. Fougere reported that they have looked at such a program which is being used in Seattle. He noted that after reviewing the pros and cons it was determined that this would not be viable.

Ald. Cunningham expressed concern that the residents of Dartmouth are already paying for garbage collection through their taxes. Several other aldermen concurred with Ald. Cunningham and some reported having

numerous calls from concerned residents.

Ald. Rodgers raised concern with the merit increases being given to Metropolitan Authority staff in the higher wage brackets.

Ald. Walton stated that he only had two calls from residents, one for and one against. He stated that the City needs money and he would support leaving this item in.

Ald. Greenough expressed concern with the potential for the \$1.00 a week fee to escalate in the future.

Ald. May stated that the problem is the fact that the cost of the garbage disposal is too high.

Ald. Thompson stated that the Province has to get involved in garbage disposal.

Ald. Walton expressed concern that the commercial tax rate will go up if this is deleted. He asked why they should have to pay for this service if it is only for residential areas. Mr. Corrigan stated that the residential tax rate would increase but the commercial rate would stay the same. However, the program he was using to show the changes interactively has not been set up to change only one rate. Ald. Walton requested that this be modified for tomorrow night so that it can show the actual effect this would have on the residential tax rate.

IN FAVOR: 10
AGAINST: 3 (Hawley, Walton, Thompson)
Motion Carried

(Council took a five minute break, 9:10 p.m. - 9:15 p.m.)

Police Service increase in staffing:

MOTION: that this item be left as is.
MOVED: Ald. Thompson
SECOND: Ald. Pye

Ald. Rodgers expressed concern with this item. He stated that the previous Police Commission had requested several options be explored that could help reduce the need for an increase in staffing that were not done.

Ald. Pye stated that he supported this item and stated that the audit report suggested that there should be an increase in staff of twelve.

Ald. Greenough questioned if the City could afford this now or could the Police Service manage this year without these additional personnel.

Chief MacRae explained that the 3.5 positions consisted of two telecommunications positions to replace officers currently in these positions, .5 was janitorial and 1 was the police officer assigned to the Burnside Watch program.

Ald. Greenough asked if there has been a decrease in overtime. Chief MacRae replied that there will be an equivalent reduction in overtime for the cost of the new people. He also noted that he was not optimistic about Item #14 but would give it a try.

Mr. Corrigan pointed out that if this \$120,000 is not given for extra staff the cost will still be incurred with overtime.

Ald. Thompson noted that the Police Commission received a report a year or so ago showing the benefits of increasing officers. He requested that this report be circulated to Council.

Ald. May suggested that the budget be sent back to the Police Commission for review of Items 11, 13 & 14.

MOTION: that this item be referred back to the Police Commission.

MOVED: Ald. MacDonald

SECOND: Ald. May

Mayor McCluskey noted a problem with sending it back to the Police Commission is the fact that a lot of the members are new and it will take them a while to review the material and make a decision.

Ald. MacFarlane stated that there are opportunities for the reassignment of personnel in the Police Service but with the current collective agreement it is very difficult.

Ald. Hetherington stated that no where in the audit does it state that twelve additional officers are required. He noted that the covering letter states that twelve additional officers are required on the road. Ald. Hetherington requested that the audit report be circulated to Council before a decision is made on this.

MOTION: that this item and Item #14, Police Service to reduce non-staff costs, be deferred until the end of the budget to allow all Council members the opportunity to read the audit.

MOVED: Ald. Hetherington

SECOND: Ald. May

Ald. Hawley expressed concern with the logic and priorities of cutting education and increasing policing.

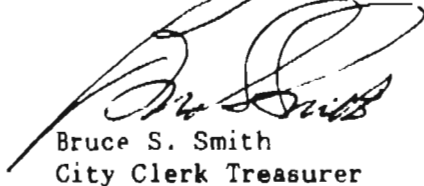
Ald. Sarto requested, if possible, a supplement report to the audit outlining the number and severity of cases that go uninvestigated due to lack of staff, the length of time it is taking to investigate cases and response times. Ald. Rodgers noted that the City hired an outside agency to perform the audit and would hope that if supplementary reports are presented that they do not contradict the audit. Mayor McCluskey stated that the residents have to know what kind of service to expect.

IN FAVOR: All
AGAINST: None
Motion Carried

MOTION: that the meeting adjourn.

MOVED: Ald. May
SECOND: Ald. Hetherington
Motion Carried.

Meeting adjourned at 10:00 p.m.



Bruce S. Smith
City Clerk Treasurer

Dartmouth City Council, April 11, 1994

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**DARTMOUTH CITY COUNCIL
AGENDA**

**TUES., APR. 12/94
7:30 PM
COUNCIL CHAMBER
IN-CAMERA
10:00 PM**

RECOGNITION VOLUNTEER OF THE YEAR AND HONOURABLE MENTION

INVOCATION

CONTINUATION OF COUNCIL AGENDA OF APRIL 5, 1994
(REPORT PREVIOUSLY CIRCULATED)

1. **REPORT**

1.1 Dartmouth Board of Police Commissioners

COUNCIL AGENDA OF APRIL 12, 1994

2. **APPROVE THE MINUTES FROM THE MEETINGS:** March 1, 8, 21, 22, 24 & 29

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9.2 **FINANCE AND PROGRAM REVIEW COMMITTEE**

- 9.2.1 Write-off Tax Arrears - Clubs and Organizations -
(deferred from March 29)

10. MOTION10.1 **ALD. RODGERS**

WHEREAS the City is now preparing for a new round of collective agreement negotiations;

AND WHEREAS Council is not aware of many of the key cost drives and how existing collective agreements compare with those in other metro municipalities;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that our Human Resources Dept. and senior staff, prepare a spread-sheet type of analysis, similar to that which has been prepared for our Fire Dept., which will compare the key cost drives (ie. wages, overtime, vacation, etc.) for all collective agreements which will be negotiated during the next 12 - 18 months;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this analysis become part of Council's overall strategy, both short and long-term, when attempting to balance the services provided with their costs.

11. NOTICES OF MOTION

IN-CAMERA SESSION 10:00 P.M.

- 1. Legal Matter (previously circulated)
- 2. Personnel Matter (previously circulated)

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

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

MEMBER ABSENT: ALD. MAY

C/A OFFICER: L. CORRIGAN
CITY SOLICITOR: S. HOOD
ASST.CITY CLERK: V. CARMICHAEL

INVOCATION

Mayor McCluskey opened the meeting with the Invocation.

She then made presentations, honoring the Volunteer of the Year, Calvin Beckwith, and two Honourable Mentions, Elizabeth O'Hearn, and David Moir. Mr. Beckwith was recognized for his work with the Cancer Society and as a member of Woodlawn Kiwanis Golden K; he is representing City of Dartmouth volunteers for 1994.

Mrs. O'Hearn was honoured as a long-standing member of the Fairfield chapter of the IODE, and for her many other community services during 40 years as a volunteer. Mr. Moir received recognition as representing Scouts Canada, Dartmouth North, for his contributions to Scouting and Beaver projects. The Mayor was assisted in making the presentations, by Leo Poirier and Andrew Cox.

1.0 REPORTS

1.1 DARTMOUTH BOARD OF POLICE COMMISSIONERS

APPOINTMENTS: Previously nominated to serve as Council representatives
POLICE COMMISSION on the Police Commission, were: Ald. May, Pye, Thompson and MacDonald. At this time, Ald. MacDonald and Pye withdrew their names from nomination, leaving Ald. May and Thompson as the two Council appointments. They were declared by the Mayor, to be duly appointed.

The names of the following citizens were then placed in nomination by members of Council for the one citizen vacancy on the Commission: Doug Coolen, Gwen Haliburton, Beverley Johnson, Gloria Kelly, Terry Johnson, Wayne Sitland, Gary D. Johnson, and Raymond Lefresne. Following a vote by secret ballot, the Mayor advised Council that the citizen appointment to the Police Commission, would be Beverley Johnson.

2.0 APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MOTION: To approve the minutes of meetings held on March 1, 8, 22, 24 & 29/94.

Moved: Ald. MacFarlane

Second: Ald. Hetherington

Ald. MacDonald requested a correction to the March 29th minutes, page 9: the motion recorded should have been to continue meeting past 11:00 p.m., and not to adjourn. With this correction, the vote was taken on the motion for approval of the minutes.

In Favour: All

Against: None

Motion Carried

3.0 BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

Reference the March 22nd minutes, page 2, Ald. Rodgers questioned whether information requested by him has been provided to the Police Commission. The Mayor said the information has not been received to date, and Ald. Rodgers again made the same request a second time.

Reference the March 1st minutes, page 3, Ald. MacDonald again asked for information he requested at that time on Affirmative Action numbers and the number of people hired by the City in recent years.

Further to applications for appointment to the Dartmouth Cultural & Heritage Advisory Board, page 8 of the March 1st minutes, Mr. Corrigan explained to Ald. MacDonald the reason why there has been a delay in placing the advertisement for applicants. It was originally planned to advertise for the Seniors Committee at the same time, but Mr. Corrigan said it may be advisable to go ahead without waiting for Committee details to be resolved.

Members agreed to leave the Concerns of Council item to the end of the agenda.

5.0 DELEGATIONS & HEARINGS OF PROTEST6.0 ORIGINAL COMMUNICATION7.0 PRESENTATIONS7.1 DARTMOUTH YOUTH COMMITTEEi) TERMS OF REFERENCE

Terms of reference for the Dartmouth Youth Committee

were circulated with the agenda for this meeting, and presented to Council at this time by the Chair of the Committee, Greg Nepean. He noted two minor changes that have been made, and Ald. Pye requested a further change in the Composition section, with respect to appointments and members resigning thirty days within turning nineteen. He requested a change to read: '. . . at the end of the appointment year'. Members of Council concurred with this change.

Ald. Sarto had questions about representation by ward on the Committee, and Mr. Nepean advised that while this requirement has been discontinued, representation is fairly well balanced throughout the City. There are three representatives from the black community, and representation as well from another ethnic group.

MOTION: To refer the Terms of Reference for the Dartmouth Youth Committee to the Solicitor for final drafting.

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

Council was advised by Mr. Nepean that item 7.1 ii) Appointment, is withdrawn.

7.2 THE DARTMOUTH POLICE VETERANS' ASSOCIATION

A presentation was made to Council by Mr. Kenneth Estabrooks, on behalf of the Dartmouth Police Veterans' Association, requesting a memorial to the late Cpl Eric Spicer, a member of the Dartmouth Police Force, who was shot to death on duty, on December 23, 1975. The Association is proposing that the new police station be known as the Eric Spicer Building, in his honour.

MOTION: To approve the request of the Dartmouth Police Veterans' Assn., by naming the new police station, the Eric Spicer Building, as a memorial to this police officer, killed on duty in 1975.

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

7.3 DARTMOUTH TITANS - RENTAL OF BUILDING

The next presentation to Council was made by Mr. Ralph Orton, Treasurer for the Dartmouth Titans Gymnastics Club, requesting a forgiveness on their rent at 10 Ragus Road, during summer months of July and August, in the amount of \$5,000.

MOTION: To refer the request from the Dartmouth Titans to the Finance & Program Review Committee, for consideration at their May meeting.

Moved: Ald. Hetherington
Second: Ald. Pye

Ald. Levandier referred to assistance already given to this club, and took the position that taxpayers cannot go on subsidizing private clubs when they already have trouble paying their tax bills. Other members tended to feel that the Titans' request deserves review by the Finance Committee, especially in light of the training and activities they offer to young people in the community, not otherwise available.

Mr. Orton responded to a number of questions from Ald. Sarto, with information on the number of Dartmouth children in their programs (70%), etc. Mr. Orton will be invited to attend the May meeting of the Committee, to be held on the second Thursday of the month.

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

7.4 MR. WAYNE SITLAND - PROSTITUTION BY-LAW

The final presentation for this meeting of Council, was made by Mr. Wayne Sitland on behalf of the Dartmouth North End Residents Association, who are requesting:

- 1) a by-law to deal effectively with the prostitution problem.
- 2) creation of a joint committee of citizens and elected municipal Aldermen to investigate the creation of a municipal by-law dealing with prostitution in residential areas.

Ald. Pye asked about the drafting of a by-law that would do what the residents are seeking. The Solicitor said she would have to research the matter in further detail, and went on to explain some of the legal difficulties

associated with prostitution, which is not a crime in itself; breaking of the law relates to associated activities, such as obstructing of traffic, the contacting of persons in a public place for purposes of prostitution, etc. She noted some of the legal possibilities and their difficulties, in terms of practicality.

Ald. Greenough and other members were not in favour of either alternative mentioned, licensing or legalization. There was general support for a dialogue between the residents, Council and the Police Commission, with staff, and the formation of the kind of joint committee referred to in Mr. Sitland's presentation. Ald. Rodgers suggested that it be a sub-committee formed by the Police Commission, in order to work closely with the Commission and the Police Service. Ald. Thompson noted that it is also necessary in this instance, to work closely with Provincial and Federal jurisdictions.

MOTION: To refer the brief presented to staff (the CAO, Solicitor and Police Service), and to the Police Commission, for the establishment of a joint committee, as called for in the citizen brief, to include citizen representation from the North End Association.

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

8.0 PETITION

9.0 REPORTS

9.1 CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER

9.1.1 NATAL DAY COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS

NATAL DAY COMM.
 APPOINTMENTS

Report from Mr. Corrigan (B. Smith, V. Carmichael) recommending Council's approval of appointments to the Natal Day Committee, representing various participating organizations.

MOTION: To approve the following Natal Day Committee appointments, as recommended:

Gary Dumas
 Jacques Pintal
 Kevin Ross
 Robert Lelievre

Fast Company Running
 Club of Dartmouth
 Kinsmen Club of Dartmouth

Sheila Sperry Beatrice MacGregor	Dartmouth Downtown Development Corp.
Harris Dunn Arthur Merrick	Austenville Owl's Club
W. Roy Bissett Douglas Bauld	Royal Canadian Legion
Burpee Meisner Bob Douglas	Dartmouth Lions Club
Shirley Horne	Cdn. Canoe Assn. Atlantic Division
Phyllis Balcom	Senobe Aquatic Club
Sheila Cashin Ken Farmer	MicMac A.A.C.
Leon Fitzgerald	Knights of Columbus

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

9.1.2 DARTMOUTH SPORTSPLEX COMMISSION APPOINTMENT

APPOINTMENT:
SPORTSPLEX
COMMISSION

Report from Mr. Corrigan (B. Smith, V. Carmichael) on appointments to the Sportsplex Commission, recommending Council's confirmation of the appointment of two recent Provincial appointments, and the appointment by Council of a citizen-at-large to replace Joanne Byrne, who has resigned from the Commission in mid-term.

MOTION: To confirm the two Provincial appointments to the Sportsplex Commission, Brenda Hogan and Don Valardo.

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

Names placed in nomination for the citizen appointment were: Harry Poole, Christopher M. Hartt, and Neil Black. Following a vote by secret ballot, the Mayor advised Council that the citizen appointment to the Sportsplex Commission, to fill the one existing vacancy, would be Harry Poole.

9.1.3 AWARD CONTRACT FOR ANIMAL CONTROL SERVICESAWARD CONTRACT:
ANIMAL CONTROL
SERVICES

A joint memorandum from Mr. Corrigan, and Mr. Coopersmith, City Manager for the City of Halifax, was before Council, on the subject of a proposal call for animal control services for both the cities of Dartmouth and Halifax. With this joint proposal, both cities have been able to save money - in Dartmouth's case, over \$12,000.

It is recommended to both Councils that the contract for animal control services be awarded to the lowest evaluated bidder, Harbour City Veterinary Hospital, for a five-year contract, totalling \$449,000., based on the annual unit costs detailed in accompanying Schedule B - Call-Out Service.

MOTION: That the contract for Animal Control Services be awarded to the lowest evaluated bidder, Harbour City Veterinary Hospital, for a five-year contract, totalling \$449,000., based on the annual costs detailed in accompanying Schedule B - Call-Out Service, as recommended.

Moved: Ald. MacFarlane
Second: Ald. Hetherington

There were quite a few questions about the services the contract will provide and how they are to be administered. Council was advised that this will be a year-round, 24-hour call-out service, with calls going through a separate Police Services number, and being processed by police dispatch. Several requests were made by members to have the phone number well publicized, and Ald. Pye asked for a monitoring of the service, once it is underway, for an indication of response times; a two-hour maximum was the time given to Council by way of information on this question.

Ald. MacFarlane was concerned that we have not had a better record of prosecutions where animal control violations are concerned. He felt that the fines are not adequate and should be reviewed. The Solicitor noted that we are limited in the Charter as to the fines that can be imposed. She said it costs between \$300. and \$400. to prosecute offenders. Ald. MacDonald suggested streamlining and standardizing our fines with Halifax. Both he and Ald. Hawley requested the inclusion of cats in the service, where required. It was suggested by Ald. Hawley that cats should be licensed, as well as dogs.

The vote was taken on the motion.

In Favour: All
Against: None
Motion Carried

9.1.4 REMEDIATION OF ENCHANTED LAKE & FEEDER BROOK

REMEDIATION:
ENCHANTED LAKE

Report from Mr. Corrigan (R. Fougere, Don Rix), with accompanying CBCL document, on the proposed remediation of Enchanted Lake & feeder brook, a 1993 Capital Budget item, for which funding was approved in the amount of \$235,000. Estimated cost of the project, from the CBCL Predesign report, is \$190,000., including engineering. Mr. Corrigan's report makes three recommendations to Council for proceeding with the work.

CONFLICT OF
INTEREST

Ald. Woods declared a conflict of interest on this item, being employed with CBCL, and withdrew from his place on Council.

- MOTION: To adopt Mr. Corrigan's recommendations:
- 1) that Council approve the Predesign Report.
 - 2) that the design be submitted to the N.S. Dept. of Environment for approval of the project.
 - 3) that on receipt of N.S. Dept. of Environment approval, tenders be called for the construction of the wetland.

Moved: Ald. Sarto
Second: Ald. Hetherington

Ald. MacDonald had questions about the next phase of this total project and the overall cost. He suggested that a large part of the Burnside Sale of Land account would be taken up with this item in its entirety.

Ald. MacFarlane said it would be helpful to have minutes of Lakes Advisory Board as they pertain to specific items coming to Council, like this one. Mr. Rix noted the Alderman's comments. Ald. Walton, along with Ald. MacDonald, asked where funds are to come from for the second phase of this project.

In Favour: All
Against: None
Motion Carried

9.2 FINANCE & PROGRAM REVIEW COMMITTEE9.2.1 WRITE OFF TAX ARREARS - CLUBS & ORGANIZATIONS

TAX WRITE
OFF: CLUBS &
ORGANIZATIONS

A report prepared by Mr. Smith has been submitted to Council by the Chairman of the Finance & Program Review Committee, Ald. Rodgers, recommending the write-off of all tax arrears for: Banook Canoe Club, Senobe Aquatic Club, Dartmouth Titans Gymnastic Club, and the MicMac A.A.C., in the total amount of \$107,292., as listed in the accompanying Schedule A. All of the background information, relative to this recommendation, is contained in the report to Council.

MOTION: To defer this item for one week.

Moved: Ald. Levandier
Second: Ald. Pye
In Favour: Minority of Council
Against: Majority of Council
Motion Defeated

Ald. Rodgers explained in further detail, the reasons for the Committee recommendation and the pros and cons debated in Committee in reaching their decision.

MOTION: To adopt the recommendation of the Finance & Program Review Committee:

The write-off of all tax arrears for:
Banook Canoe Club, Senobe Aquatic Club,
Dartmouth Titans Gymnastic Club, and the
MicMac A.A.C., in the total amount of
\$107,292.

Moved: Ald. Rodgers
Second: Ald. Hawley

Ald. Levandier opposed the motion, and several other members were reluctant to write off such a major amount for what are basically private clubs; the contribution they make to the community was acknowledged, however. Ald. Greenough pointed out that there are not a lot of other alternatives, and it was noted that the valuation allowance provision in the budget could be reduced by \$90,000., if these outstanding taxes could be deleted.

Most of the Council discussion centered around the MicMac A.A.C., and on-going efforts for some time to collect municipal taxes from this club, in spite of their financial difficulties. Ald. Rodgers read to Council, excerpts from letters that have been received in connection with the club's insolvency and conditions of bankruptcy that are applicable in their case. It was felt that only taxes applicable to 60% of their property

should be written off, leaving the remaining 40% still open to possible collection until their solvency position will have been determined; otherwise, the door is closed for the City on the entire amount owed by the club.

AMENDMENT: That **the taxable portion of MicMac A.A.C. property not be written off**, changing the recommended write-off figure to **\$57,172.00.**

Moved: Ald. Hawley
Second: Ald. Sarto
In Favour: Eight members
Against: Seven members
Amendment Carried

The vote was taken on the amended motion.

In Favour: All members except
Against: Ald. Levandier, MacFarlane & Thompson
Motion Carried, as amended

4.0

CONCERNS OF COUNCIL MEMBERS OR QUESTIONS

Ald. Levandier objected to proceeding with Concerns of Council, on the basis that concerns raised by members should be significant and not just minor items that could be submitted on the written forms provided. He said a lot of Council's time is being taken up with items that should be directed to staff for attention.

ALD. HETHERINGTON Ald. Hetherington said his concern is justified since it pertains to a transit issue he would like to have addressed by the Public Transit Advisory Committee, involving lack of transit service going into Portland Estates and the discontinuation of route #58, into Woodlawn. He asked to have this matter come back to Council from the P.T.A.C.

ALD. PYE Ald. Pye had a question about the application of the Noise By-law to the gypsum loading and transportation problem for residents in the Greenbank Court/Cove Lane area. The Solicitor advised that this is an Industrial/Harbour Oriented Zone, whereas the Noise By-law applies to residential zones. She agreed to double-check on Ald. Pye's point of concern.

Ald. Pye asked about the date for a plebiscite on the incinerator issue; the Mayor said it was agreed that the results of the Environmental Assessment would first have to be released. Ald. Pye did not agree and maintained that Council should be setting a date without waiting.

- ALD. CUNNINGHAM Ald. Cunningham thanked all those who contributed to the VON Bowl-A-Thon, in the total amount of \$204.00. He advised that he will be unable to attend Council on April 14th, due to a business commitment.
- ALD. MACFARLANE Ald. MacFarlane referred to correspondence from the Lakes Advisory Board, directed to the Mayor, in connection with a problem originating with a member of the community; he asked if a reply has been drafted to the Board. The Mayor said she has discussed this matter with the Chairman, and if problems persist, it may be necessary to draft a legal letter

Ald. MacFarlane said it should be made quite clear that the Board has the full support of Council, and that a resolution to this long-standing matter is to be pursued. The Mayor agreed to follow up further.

- ALD. RODGERS Ald. Rodgers said he had questions for the Chief of Police, but unfortunately, he had left the meeting before this point. He was concerned about headlines from local newspapers ("McCluskey Under Investigation, Chief Confirms" and "Dartmouth Police probe Mayor's role in Dropped Charges"), considering the statements of the Police Chief to be inappropriate. What the Chief should have said was: "I am aware of the situation and have no further comment at this time." He was concerned about any such response being given out by the Police Chief, involving/citizen generally, and took exception to the Chief's statements to the press in this instance. During the course of Ald. Rodgers' statements and points of concern, the Mayor withdrew from the chair and Deputy Mayor Pye took her place until Ald. Rodgers was finished with his comments.

- ALD. GREENOUGH Ald. Greenough's concern was about the club on Main Street, featuring strippers as entertainment, and the objection to this by the local community, especially in an area travelled by young people and families.

With the permission of Council, Ald. Greenough presented the following motion:

MOTION: That staff be directed to assess and prepare appropriate legislation to be brought before Council, which prohibits this form of entertainment in the City, especially in areas that are in close proximity to residential areas.

Moved: Ald. Greenough
Second: Ald. Hawley

Ald. Sarto advised that a petition is being forwarded by Ward 1 residents, in this connection, and Ald. Thompson tabled a letter of objection from Norman & Sharon Wiens, at this time.

In Favour: All
Against: None
Motion Carried

*** See page 13 for Concern of Ald. Woods

10.0 MOTION

10.1 ALD. RODGERS

MOTION: WHEREAS the City is now preparing for a new round of collective agreement negotiations;

AND WHEREAS Council is not aware of many of the key cost drives and how existing collective agreements compare with those in other metro municipalities;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that our Human Resources Dept. and senior staff prepare a spread-sheet type of analysis, similar to that which has been prepared for our Fire Dept., which will compare the key cost drives (ie. wages, overtime, vacation, etc.) for all collective agreements which will be negotiated during the next 12 - 18 months;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this analysis become part of Council's overall strategy, both short and long-term, when attempting to balance the services provided with their costs.

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

11.0 NOTICES OF MOTION

The following notice of motion was given for the next regular Council meeting:

ALD. MACFARLANE

WHEREAS legislation, in the city of Dartmouth, provides a system of fines for violations of municipal by-laws;

BE IT RESOLVED that these amounts be reviewed, with a view to increasing the penalties for infractions, improving deterrance, and the City's revenue position.

Council went in camera at 10:50 p.m., on motion of Ald. Hetherington and Greenough (Ald. Levandier voting against).

After reconvening in open meeting, the action taken in camera was ratified.

MOTION: To ratify the action taken in camera on this date (legal matter and personnel matter).

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

Meeting adjourned at 11:00 p.m.



V. Carmichael,
Asst. City Clerk.

*** Concern of Ald. Woods

Ald. Woods asked that the Dept. of Fisheries and Natural Resources be contacted and asked to deposit fish stocks in Albro Lake, somewhere in the middle of the lake and not next to the shoreline, where they are caught immediately.

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Bill King Dept

**DARTMOUTH CITY COUNCIL
AGENDA**

**THURS. APRIL 14/94
7:00 PM
COUNCIL CHAMBER**

- 1. 1994/95 OPERATING BUDGET DELIBERATIONS**

DARTMOUTH CITY COUNCIL

APRIL 14, 1994

LOCATION: CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS
TIME: 7:00 P.M.

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

MR. LARRY CORRIGAN, CAO
MR. BRUCE SMITH, CITY CLERK TREASURER
MS. SUZANNE HOOD, CITY SOLICITOR

CITY DEPARTMENT HEADS AND ASSISTANTS

MEMBERS ABSENT: ALD. CUNNINGHAM

Mayor McCluskey called the meeting to order.

1994-95 OPERATING BUDGET:

Mayor McCluskey asked Mr. Corrigan to bring Council up to date on the 1994-95 operating budget. Mr. Corrigan recapped what Council decided at the last meeting. He noted that the next item on the list of key issues was #15, Reduction in Fire Service.

Reduction in Fire Service:

Ald. Sarto asked Deputy Chief Lawlor if it was necessary that all nine vacancies in the Fire Service be filled. He also asked if there was a specific number of members needed for the platoons, and if not, what would be an acceptable level. He asked if the Department could provide almost the same or a similar level of fire service with a reduced number in the platoons given the advances in technology, fire prevention, etc. Deputy Chief Lawlor responded that they could not. Ald. Sarto asked if the platoons are the same in terms of numbers in other municipalities similar to Dartmouth. Deputy Chief Lawlor responded that Dartmouth has the least amount of members per capita than any other municipality around here.

Ald. Pye asked if these nine vacancies are replacements or are they additional members. Deputy Chief Lawlor replied that they have been understaffed for four months. Ald. Pye asked if this caused them to encounter any difficulties. Deputy Chief Lawlor replied that it has as their overtime budget went up 50%. Ald. Pye asked if the Fire Service was comfortable that only nine were being proposed to be replaced. Deputy Chief Lawlor responded that they were not. He noted that they can get by with nine but would like to see ten replaced. Ald. Pye asked if Dartmouth had a larger land mass surface compared to Halifax and Deputy Chief Lawlor replied that Halifax was larger. Ald. Pye asked what the replacement of

these members would do in terms of overtime. Deputy Chief Lawlor replied that it would reduce it to some extent.

Ald. Levandier asked Deputy Chief Lawlor how long the service has been without the ten members. He replied all of 1994 and part of 1993. Ald. Levandier asked if there was any requirement in the collective agreement stating how many members need to be on duty during a shift. Deputy Chief Lawlor responded that there was not. Ald. Levandier stated that they have to look at new ways of doing things, and he asked Deputy Chief Lawlor how many personnel are on duty from 8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. He replied that there were between six and eight including the Chief and Deputy Chief and people in training. Ald. Levandier stated that it was his opinion that this people should be utilized during the day. He also suggested that if people need to be hired for the night shift they should look at part-time positions and noted there are a lot of people out there who would accept part-time employment.

Ald. Walton asked Mr. Corrigan if there was any discussion of reinstatement of the volunteer fire department. Mr. Corrigan replied that there had been some discussion of this and asked Mr. Lawlor to respond. Deputy Chief Lawlor replied that they have looked at this and it is a possibility. However, he noted that there would not be any savings for this budget. He also noted that the volunteers would have to be trained. Ald. Walton stated that the previous volunteer members should only require upgrading training to bring them up to par. However, Deputy Chief Lawlor stated that most previous members were older and probably would not be interested in rejoining.

Ald. Rodgers stated that he would like clarification as to the workload and daily activities of a firefighter. He asked what percentage of the 108 firefighters would be on the twenty-four hour shift. Deputy Chief Lawlor replied that all 108 firefighters work this shift. Ald. Rodgers asked of what their daily activities consist. Deputy Chief Lawlor replied in the morning they have maintenance duties and inspections, and in the afternoon there is a training schedule. After that they are on their own and are on stand-by. Ald. Rodgers asked if they had time off for lunch when they are allowed to leave the building. Deputy Chief Lawlor replied that they must remain at the building for their entire shift. Ald. Rodgers inquired about the firefighters' evening activities. Deputy Chief Lawlor replied that besides answering calls they encourage exercise which most of them choose to do. He noted that they are allowed to sleep between the hours of 11:00 p.m. and 7:00 a.m.

Ald. Rodgers stated that the time has come when they can no longer afford to do things in the same way. He noted that he is not suggesting that they do not need an emergency response team but asked if they can afford to have people on stand-by. He asked if they can cross train individuals to do other tasks. How can they make the fire service more functional to provide a service to the taxpayers. He noted that the collective agreement expired on December 31, 1993 and senior management has to have direction from Council to look at some of the alternatives available. He noted that one problem they may have is the twenty-four

hour shift schedule and they may have to go to the 12 or 8 hour shift. He suggested they look at opportunities within the City and rather than have someone sleeping they would be doing work (ie. computer work). Ald. Rodgers stated that he would like to see staff take this into advisement in the next day or two and look to see what other work they can do.

Ald. MacDonald asked about overtime. Deputy Chief Lawlor replied that most of the overtime is from firefighting members. Last year the budget was \$40,000 and this year they used \$109,000. He stated that 90 percent of the overtime was due to the decrease of nine members.

Ald. Sarto asked if the 108 figure includes the nine replacements. Deputy Chief Lawlor replied that it did. Ald. Sarto asked if the administration was top heavy. Deputy Chief Lawlor replied that they are losing one member at the end of this month which will leave them with only four.

With respect to the location of the fire stations, Ald. Thompson suggested that if there were three locations more strategically placed, instead of the current four, it would be a cost saving over a short period of time and stated that he felt this needed to be looked at seriously. Mr. Corrigan replied that he agreed with Ald. Thompson and noted that they have taken some steps to do this done but have not heard yet if their proposal has been accepted. However, he noted that it would still take the rest of this fiscal year to get it done if it was approved tomorrow. Ald. Thompson stated that he was not sure if they should be looking at hiring additional members at this time.

Ald. May asked if the request for the nine replacements is turned down, what will the Fire Service do. Deputy Chief Lawlor replied that they will encounter overtime almost every shift. Ald. May asked what the profile of the service was in terms of age. Deputy Chief Lawlor replied that the average age was 43. Ald. May noted that the mean age would probably be in the late 40's. Ald. May asked how an early retirement package would be received. Deputy Chief Lawlor replied that it would be received very well and noted that the people close to age 55 would take advantage of it. Ald. May asked if they reduced the nine members and went to three stations would they be able to provide a better service. Deputy Chief Lawlor replied that there was no question that they could provide a better service with three stations more strategically located.

Ald. Greenough asked what kind of numbers are they talking about in terms of manpower savings if they reduced to three stations. Deputy Chief Lawlor replied that the manpower numbers would stay the same but their response to calls would be quicker. Ald. Greenough stated that he did not understand why the manpower needs would not decrease and suggested that this needs to be examined again. He also suggested that the 24 hour shift needs to be examined and stated that he felt a 12 hour shift needs to be examined in the next contract negotiations. Ald. Greenough stated that he felt they need to work towards some cooperation for this year and defer hiring. He stated that they cannot hire in some departments while asking

others to cut. He stated that he could not make a decision on this tonight.

MOTION: that Item #15, Reduction in Fire Service, be deferred until the end of the budget so it can be determined if there is a way to work this so that the nine additional personnel do not need to be hired.

MOVED: Ald. Greenough

SECOND: Ald. Rodgers

Ald. Pye asked if the fire insurance underwriters have a way of measurement to determine how many personnel per department. Deputy Chief Lawlor replied that they do and they are recommending an additional 18 members. With regards to a twelve hour shift, Ald. Pye asked if they went to this shift schedule could they put firefighters on alert for three alarm calls. Deputy Chief Lawlor replied that he would not recommend this and noted that this would have to be negotiated in the collective agreement. He also noted that they never had a twelve hour shift in the past and it has never been looked at. Ald. Pye stated that the 12 hour shift would certainly be a negotiable item.

Ald. Levandier asked about the idea of sharing a dispatch with the Police Service which was discussed previously. He stated that it did not make any sense operating two dispatch centers. He agreed with Ald. Rodgers that they have to look at new ways of doing things and stated that he wanted this issue looked at seriously as some of these ideas have to be undertaken.

Ald. MacDonald stated that it appeared to him if they continued with the overtime it would be more cost effective than hiring additional people. Deputy Chief Lawlor replied that he did not agree as this would not deal with issues such as burnout and stress. He also noted that things such as sickness can not be foreseen and therefore overtime can not be predicted.

Ald. Rodgers asked if alternatives have been considered since this budget was prepared. Mr. Corrigan replied that after the last Council budget meeting it became clear to the management group that additional alternatives would have to be looked at besides what is in the budget now. He stated that after this exercise is finished they will have to look at things.

Ald. Rodgers stated that, by his rough calculations, based on 6-8 hours of unproductive time, they are looking at 546 hours per member which totals approximately 60,000 manpower hours that may be able to be utilized more effectively. He requested that staff look at this and any other suggestions to make human resources more effective.

Ald. Hetherington asked how many of the 99 firefighters currently employed are out on long term disability. Deputy Chief Lawlor replied that there were two. Ald. Hetherington asked Mr. Muzzin if the 12 hour

shift was something that could be discussed in contract negotiations. Mr. Muzzin replied that anything they wish can be brought up in negotiations.

Ald. Hetherington stated that it would probably take at least two years to get three stations running and stated that the Fire Service needs some younger blood. He suggested that this item be kept in the budget.

Ald. Woods asked on what regulations were the insurance underwriters basing their recommendation. Deputy Chief Lawlor replied that he would have to look this up. Ald. Woods asked who sets the regulations to which Deputy Chief Lawlor replied that Underwriters Bureau. When asked if they were binding, Deputy Chief Lawlor replied that they were not. Ald. Woods asked how old the regulations were and if there were like to change with the upgrades in technology, fire prevention, etc., and Deputy Chief Lawlor replied that he did not know but could find out.

Ald. Woods asked if the Fire Service had a problem with sick leave. Deputy Chief Lawlor replied that they have a problem but they are trying to address it and are having some results. Ald. Woods asked if there were some problem people and Deputy Chief Lawlor replied that there were about 3 percent. Ald. Woods asked Mr. Muzzin if there was sick leave abuse in the Fire Service. Mr. Muzzin replied that there may not be abuse but there could be overuse. He stated that abuse needs to be proven.

Ald. Woods asked how the members were stressed. Deputy Chief Lawlor replied that they are down manpower and they are busy. Ald. Woods stated that he would like to know the source of the stress and how it is being dealt with.

Ald. May asked Mr. Corrigan if he could tell them what sort of discussions have taken place regarding the Fire Service budget. Mayor McCluskey noted that it would take a long time to do that at this point.

Ald. MacFarlane asked what the savings of hiring the nine replacements would be for next year. Deputy Chief Lawlor replied that he did not know but could get this information.

IN FAVOR: 11
AGAINST: 3 (Pye, Hetherington, May)
Motion Carried.

Reduce snow/ice standards on non-major streets:

Ald. Levandier asked Mr. Fougere what the standard service was and what would be reduced to accomplish this. Mr. Fougere replied that most of the savings would have to come from sidewalk plowing. He stated that they would only plow one side of the street. Ald. Levandier noted that they did this last year and asked Mr. Fougere if he received any feedback. Mr. Fougere replied that he did not receive much feedback. He noted that the majority of the time only side was plowed but they eventually did get both sides plowed.

MOTION: that Item #16, Reduce snow/ice standards on non-major streets remain as is.

MOVED: Ald. Walton

SECOND: Ald. Sarto

IN FAVOR: All

AGAINST: None

Motion Carried.

Ward reorganization/reduce number of aldermen:

MOTION: that Item #17, Ward reorganization/reduce number of aldermen remain as is.

MOVED: Ald. Thompson

SECOND: Ald. MacFarlane

Ald. Rodgers reported that Finance and Program Review Committee met earlier this evening and had a short discussion on this issue. He noted that only three people voted on the issue with two in favor and one against.

Ald. Pye stated that he did not believe that reducing the number of aldermen and wards will be going about things proactively. He noted that the provincial government is going to recommend ward and boundary restrictions during amalgamation and they should leave this to the Minister of Municipal Affairs.

Mr. Smith noted that any change would have to be reviewed by the Utilities Review Board and that he was informed that there is time for this to be in effect for the municipal election later this year. He stated that it would be up to Council to decide if they wanted the public involved in this decision.

Ald. Pye stated that he received calls from people with concerns with Dartmouth losing their competitive edge. He did not believe that by reducing the number of aldermen that they will be saving money but instead there will be additional costs. He stated that additional costs would include research assistants needed due to the increased number of people they will have to represent. He also noted that only members who can afford it will be able to run for alderman. Ald. Pye noted that he was speaking to the Mayor of Halifax, England, where they have 54 representatives for 195,000 residents. Ald. Pye stated that this issue needs to be examined seriously before they consider any reductions in order to provide the best possible service to the residents of Dartmouth.

Ald. Levandier stated that he did not feel the \$40,000 benefit stated in the document was accurate as there were some capital acquisitions included. Mr. Corrigan noted that the savings is only for the five and one-half months after the election. He stated that a full year's savings would be about \$75,000.

Ald. Levandier stated that regional amalgamation is going ahead and Dartmouth has to preserve as much of their integrity as possible. He stated that people in his ward have told him that they appreciate having two people to represent them. He thinks that he and Ald. May are a good team and they are there to support and represent the people who elected them and to try to fight and protect all City staff. Therefore, Ald. Levandier stated that he could not go along with this.

Ald. MacDonald stated that he would like to see the breakdown of the \$40,000 benefit before he votes on this issue. Mr. Corrigan replied that an alderman's salary is \$16,436. Assuming there was a reduction of four aldermen at the next election, take 5/12 of the salary amount and multiply it by four which would be about \$30,000. Benefits paid are about 3.5% which would be about \$1,000. The cost of the computer purchase plan is \$2000 each giving a total of about \$40,000. If looking at a full year, the savings would be about \$66,000 for salaries and changing the other figures accordingly it amounts to a total of about \$75,000 per year. Ald. MacDonald noted that the computers are part of the capital budget.

Ald. MacDonald stated that he had a problem with this issue. He noted that in December they asked for a report from the Finance and Program Review Committee and have not yet received it. He stated that he could go along with the numbers if he was comfortable with the boundaries.

MOTION: that Item #17, Ward reorganization/reduce number of aldermen, be deferred until the end of the budget.

MOVED: Ald. MacDonald

SECOND: Ald. Pye

Ald. MacFarlane stated that he was against the deferral. He asked how they can expect other employees to take cuts when they do not make cuts themselves. He stated that he would advise against waiting for the provincial government and to do this now.

Ald. Walton stated that he was not in favor of deferral. He noted that this Council is paid less than Halifax and half of what the County is paid. He stated that he does not think the public wants the cut as he has had only three calls in the last five and one-half years from people stating that there were too many aldermen.

Ald. Woods stated that Council is too large and that ten would be more efficient and more effective. He stated that they are asking staff to take some pain and hopes that Council does the right thing.

Ald. Hawley stated that they have to have a proactive look. He stated that teamwork and efficiency come from the people and not the numbers. He stated that the current Council has expertise from various members. He stated that if they reduce the number of aldermen it will increase the workload for the other ten. He also noted that people of quality will not want to give up their time for the salary that is paid and, therefore, he cannot support the reduction.

Ald. May stated that the \$40,000 benefit is incorrect. He noted that in a rare mistake by Mr. Corrigan, a capital expenditure was mixed with operating expenditures which would bring the benefit down to \$32,000. Ald. May noted that the Brownlow report did talk about support for aldermen to make them more effective. He stated that he would say they should have a public hearing with the proposed boundaries to give the public a last chance to state their views before it goes to the Utilities Review Board. Ald. May stated that he would support seven wards and seven aldermen.

Ald. Greenough stated that he did not have any phone calls on this issue. He suggested that if they eliminate the computers there would be a savings of \$48,000. Ald. Greenough stated that he felt they have been functioning reasonably well without computers and he did not see the need for them and voted against them during the capital budget debate. He stated that he felt it might be wise to defer this at least long enough to let Council members think more about it.

Ald. Thompson asked why the Brownlow report was completed if it was not going to be taken seriously. He stated that it has already been alluded to that other staff take cuts and, therefore, feels that aldermen should be cut as well. He stated that he felt the City would be well served with ten aldermen.

Ald. Levandier stated that cutting aldermen will reduce the people's voice. He stated that the City has to be prepared for regional amalgamation and it needs a strong voice.

Ald. Rodgers stated that he has been a supporter of a reduction in aldermen for some time but not without mixed emotions. He stated to include computers at this stage is wrong. He noted that there would be additional costs such as software, training, etc. He stated that he agreed with the reduction in principle but there are pros and cons on both sides. Ald. Rodgers read some of the pros and cons from the Brownlow report. He stated that he supports the reduction but the citizens will have a reduced service.

Mr. Corrigan stated that during an overall presentation he mentioned that he relied very heavily on the vote of Council who voted 9-5 in favor of this. He noted that it really is a political decision.

Ald. Hetherington stated that the proposed reduction may be something to take to the residents during the election but he suggested not making a decision on this before the election. He also noted that the perception out there is that aldermen get pensions and are paid for committee meetings which is not true.

Ald. Sarto stated that he could go along with the deferral as he would also like time to re-read the Brownlow report.

IN FAVOR: 5 (MacDonald, Pye, Greenough, Sarto, Rodgers)

AGAINST: 7

Motion Defeated.

The vote was then taken on the original motion to leave this item in the budget.

IN FAVOR: 4 (Woods, May, Thompson, MacDonald)
AGAINST: 8
Motion Defeated

MOTION: that Item #17, Ward reorganization/reduce number of aldermen be removed from the budget.

MOVED: Ald. Levandier
SECOND: Ald. Pye
IN FAVOR: 8
AGAINST: 4
Motion Carried.

(Ald. MacFarlane was out of the room for the last three motions and therefore did not vote.)

(A five minute break was taken, 9:20 - 9:25)

School Board Allocation:

MOTION: that Item #18, School Board Allocation, remain as is.

MOVED: Ald. Hetherington
SECOND: Ald. Thompson

Ald. Rodgers stated that if there was a move in the provincial budget to roll back wages further it may be an opportunity to gain additional savings and the City may not have to take as drastic action with their staff.

Ald. Hawley stated that he knows the Province is looking at reducing salaries of teachers. This will not be known until negotiations are completed with the union which could be August. He stated that this will not account for all the lost of staff by other cuts in the budget but it would affect the loss of six teachers. He stated that children are our greatest asset.

Ald. Sarto stated that the teacher/student ratio already far exceeds what it should be and therefore he cannot support this at this time.

MOTION: that Item #18, School Board Allocation, be deferred until the provincial budget has been determined.

MOVED: Ald. May
SECOND: Ald. Sarto

Ald. Hawley stated that the Province is looking to introduce an early retirement plan. If the seventy-four eligible teachers take advantage of the plan it will leave the City in a major crisis.

Ald. MacFarlane stated that no matter what the Province decides the City has to make decisions. Ald. Thompson stated that he could not

support the deferral either. He stated that this issue was discussed at previous meetings and noted that if they do not follow through on the decisions made at these meetings they why do they bother to have them.

IN FAVOR: 10
AGAINST: 3 (MacFarlane, Thompson, Greenough)
Motion Defeated

The vote was then taken on the original motion of Ald. Hetherington and Ald. Thompson to leave this item as is.

IN FAVOR: 11
AGAINST: 2 (Sarto, Hawley)
Motion Carried

Wage reductions and unpaid furlough for staff:

MOTION: that Item #19, Wage reductions and unpaid furlough for staff be deferred until the outcome of the Provincial budget is determined.

MOVED: Ald. Levandier
SECOND: Ald. Thompson

IN FAVOR: 11
AGAINST: 2 (Pye, MacFarlane)
Motion Carried

Ald. Hetherington stated that he agreed to the deferral on the basis that if anyone is forced to take unpaid leave then Council will take the leave as well. This was the general agreement of Council.

Sale of Surplus Assets:

MOTION: that Item #20, Sale of Surplus Assets, be left as is.

MOVED: Ald. Sarto
SECOND: Ald. May

Ald. MacDonald stated that he felt if this was worked on the amount could be increased to 1.5 million dollars and would like to see this amount changed. Ms. Spencer stated that 1.5 million dollars would be very challenging. However, she felt it would be more realistic to go to 250,000 or \$300,000.

Mr. Corrigan stated that he agreed with Ald. MacDonald that there will be significantly more land sales than this year. He noted that the money could be put in a special reserve fund and bring \$125,000 forward each year. He stated that he would be comfortable with changing the figure to between \$300,000 - \$400,000 but noted that this would a one time shot.

AMENDMENT TO MOTION: that the target amount in Item #20 be raised to \$400,000.

MOVED: Ald. Walton
SECOND: Ald. Sarto

Ald. May stated that Mr. Corrigan must have made some estimate for dollar value of property sold and spread it out. He suggested that if some numbers were attached to it it might put it in a better perspective.

Ald. Thompson stated he was against the motion because we cannot predict what will happen.

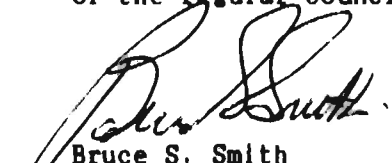
IN FAVOR: 11
AGAINST: 2 (May, Thompson)
Motion Carried.

MOTION: that the meeting adjourn.

MOVED: Ald. Sarto
SECOND: Ald. Hetherington
IN FAVOR: All
AGAINST: None
Motion Carried

Meeting adjourned at 10:00 p.m.

The next budget meeting will be Tuesday night after the completion of the regular Council agenda.



Bruce S. Smith
City Clerk Treasurer

Dartmouth City Council, April 14, 1994

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**DARTMOUTH CITY COUNCIL
AGENDA**

**TUES., APR. 19/94
7:30 P.M.
COUNCIL CHAMBER**

1. **REPORTS**

1.1 **CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER**

- 1.1.1 Shubenacadie Canal Commission Appointments
- 1.1.2 Borrowing Resolution 94-09
- 1.1.3 Contract 94-01 - Park Avenue Water Main Replacement and Street Reconstruction
- 1.1.4 Application to Amend the Municipal Planning Strategy - Development Boundary
- 1.1.5 Amendment to Land Use Bylaw - Tacoma Drive (Set date for Neighbourhood Meeting)

1.2 **SOLICITOR**

- 1.2.1 Dartmouth City Charter Amendments

2. **CONCERNS OF COUNCIL MEMBERS AND QUESTIONS**

3. **1994/95 OPERATING BUDGET DELIBERATIONS**

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

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

C/A OFFICER: L. CORRIGAN
CITY SOLICITOR: S. HOOD
CITY CLERK-TREAS: B. SMITH
DEPARTMENT HEADS & ASSISTANTS

1.0 REPORTS

1.1 CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER

1.1.1 SHUBENACADIE CANAL COMMISSION APPOINTMENTS

CANAL COMMISSION
APPOINTMENTS

Report from Mr. Corrigan on the City's citizen appointment to the Shubenacadie Canal Commission, recommending the appointment of Mr. Bernard Hart, whose letter of request, for reappointment, has been attached with the report to Council.

MOTION: To approve the appointment of Mr. Bernard Hart, as the City's citizen representative on the Shubenacadie Canal Commission, as recommended.

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

Council was also requested to appoint the Aldermanic representative at this time, and a motion for the appointment of Ald. Rodgers was presented.

MOTION: To appoint Ald. Rodgers as Council's representative on the Shubenacadie Canal Commission.

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

1.1.2 BORROWING RESOLUTION 94-09

BORROWING
RESOLUTION
94-09

Report from Mr. Corrigan (B. Smith, D. McBain),
recommending Council's approval of Borrowing
Resolution 94-09, prepared in accordance with
Section 265 (1) of the City Charter, as amended.

MOTION: To approve Borrowing Resolution
94-09, as recommended.

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

1.1.3 CONTRACT 94-01 - PARK AVE. WATER MAIN REPLACEMENT & STREET
RECONSTRUCTION

AWARD TENDER:
CONTRACT 94-01

Report from Mr. Corrigan (R. Fougere, G.M. Boyd) on
tenders received for Contract 94-01, Park Ave.
watermain replacement & street reconstruction,
recommending that the tender be awarded to the low
bidder, Ocean Contractors Ltd., with a bid price of
\$151,303.35; completion time, 35 workdays. Further,
that \$67,403.31 be allocated from the Water Utility
Reserve Fund for the replacement of the existing
150 mm diameter watermain.

MOTION: To award the tender for Contract
94-01 to the low bidder, Ocean
Contractors Ltd., in the amount
of \$151,303.35, as recommended.
Further, to allocate \$67,403.31
from the Water Utility Reserve
Fund for the replacement of the
existing 150 mm diameter watermain.

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

1.1.4 APPLICATION TO AMEND THE M.P.S. - DEVELOPMENT BOUNDARY

AMEND M.P.S.:
DEVELOPMENT
BOUNDARY

Report from Mr. Corrigan (V. Spencer, S. Smith) on a
proposed M.P.S. amendment, which would remove the
development boundary encompassing the vacant lands
bounded by Craighburn Drive, Waverley Road, and
Lake Charles Drive, recommending that Council direct
staff to hold a neighbourhood information meeting on
Wed., April 27/94.

CONFLICT OF
INTEREST

Ald. Greenough declared a conflict of interest on this item, as a resident living in the area, and Ald. Woods, who has a colleague working on this project, also declared a conflict of interest. Both members withdrew from their places on Council while the item was before Council.

MOTION: To direct staff to hold a neighbourhood information meeting on Wed., April 27th, 1994, as recommended.

Moved: Ald. Sarto
Second: Ald. Pye

At the request of Ald. Thompson and with a two-thirds majority vote of Council, in agreement, Mr. Miller was allowed to address Council briefly, representing the W. Eric Whebby interests. He stated that the company, as a landowner in the same area, has made a similar development request, and is now seeking to access the sewer system, which has a limited capacity and could not accommodate both developments. He asked about the neighborhood information meeting, as part of the approval process.

The Solicitor said it is only the first step in consideration of the proposal; it gets the process underway, without any prediction as to the outcome. Council cannot make any commitment until after both the neighbourhood information meeting and the public hearing have been held.

In Favour: All
Against: None
Motion Carried

1.1.5 AMENDMENT TO LAND USE BY-LAW - TACOMA DR.AMENDMENT:
LAND USE BY-LAW
TACOMA DR.

Report from Mr. Corrigan (V. Spencer, John Lukan) on an application from Peter Foy Enterprises Inc. to rezone 4 York Lane and 111 Tacoma Drive, from R-2 to C-3 Zone. Council is requested to instruct staff to proceed with the neighbourhood information meeting.

MOTION: To set May 17th as the date for public hearing of this application, and to have staff schedule the neighbourhood information meeting between now and that date.

Moved: Ald. Thompson
Second: Ald. May

Ald. Thompson was in favour of expediting this application, which he said has been delayed unduly, but Ald. Sarto felt there should be some control on the commercial use of the properties concerned, through a development agreement. The Solicitor explained the legal process involved, which requires this application to proceed. The whole process would have to be started again for a development agreement application.

In Favour: All
Against: None
Motion Carried

1.2 SOLICITOR

1.2.1 DARTMOUTH CITY CHARTER AMENDMENTS

CHARTER
AMENDMENTS

The Solicitor has prepared City Charter amendments for introduction to the House of Assembly, recommending that Council approve Resolution 94-10 for this purpose. She asked that Council amend Section 1. of Schedule "A", by including provisions for sidewalk reserves; members were in agreement.

RESOLUTION
94-10

MOTION: To approve Resolution 94-10, as recommended, with the addition of the words '. . . on the sidewalk reserve or', in Section 1, just before the present wording '. . . between the sidewalk that such real property abuts upon'.

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

2.0 CONCERNS OF COUNCIL MEMBERS AND QUESTIONS

ALD. HETHERINGTON Ald. Hetherington requested a Minimum Standards inspection of a property on Irving Street, with vehicles on it and in an unsightly condition. There was a fire at this location a couple of months ago.

ALD. PYE

Ald. Pye was concerned about the proposed location of a chemical disposal and treatment plant in Burnside, in the area of the transfer station. The company's application has been sent to the Dept. of the Environment, and Ald. Pye asked what he can do at this point to alert the local residential community. Ms. Spencer agreed to provide a report for members of Council on the proposal, and to advise on the questions raised by Ald. Pye about community concerns.

Ald. Pye noted that there are budget items that will impact on Police Services, and he asked when the Police Commission will be meeting again. The Mayor advised that their next meeting is on April 28th.

ALD. SARTO

Ald. Sarto noted that one of the superstore chains is now issuing blue bags to its customers, and he felt this is a good move toward recycling promotion. He asked that the Mayor send a letter to other chains, asking them to participate with the same program.

Ald. Sarto referred to a documentary on the local PBS channel, sometime during last week, showing the operation of a plant that composts and recycles wet garbage. He suggested asking Metro Authority to get in touch with PBS about this documentary, and requesting information on it.

ALD. LEVANDIER

With reference to the possible independent operation and merging of despatch centres, discussed as a budget saving, Ald. Levandier asked about the saving associated with this change. Mr. Corrigan said it is definitely an item worth looking into, but he could not project the actual amount of saving that would be realized.

The other possible budget saving inquired about by Ald. Levandier was the hiring on part-time basis for Fire Services. The Deputy Chief advised that he is still studying this item and not ready to report on it yet.

ALD. MAY

Ald. May asked if the UNSM will be making a presentation to the Commons Committee in Halifax tomorrow for GST hearings. The Mayor said she did not know.

Ald. May raised a point of concern about the harassment of the Lakes Advisory Board Chairman and aspersions being cast on the Board by an individual. The Mayor advised that this matter is already in hand.

Ald. May advised that equipment in the Pine Street park is in need of care, attention and repair.

ALD. MACDONALD

Referring to the announced grant for the World Canoe Championships, Ald. MacDonald asked about the City's contribution, and the Mayor said the \$10,000. had come out of her budget again this year (Legislative).

Ald. MacDonald asked for a briefing on the status of the waste-to-energy plant, and whether it is on hold. The Mayor said the contract was up for signing, but it was deferred for review.

ALD. THOMPSON Ald. Thompson referred to a letter from the Chamber of Commerce on the UNSM conference, scheduled to be held in Dartmouth in 1995, and possible jeopardy this potential source of revenue may be put in, if the UNSM membership item is deleted from the budget. He asked for a report from Economic Development on the projected revenue from this source, for the City, in the event that Council may wish to reconsider the budget item.

ALD. CUNNINGHAM Ald. Cunningham asked if it would be possible to assist the School Board with their budget by dropping the \$30,000. amount projected for waste water management and pollution control charges. The Solicitor said she would have to look into this inquiry, to see if there is provision to levy these charges other than uniformly. She will get back to Ald. Cunningham with the information.

Ald. Cunningham also requested information from the Solicitor on the date for the Mountain Ash Court appeal.

3.0 1994/95 OPERATING BUDGET DELIBERATIONS

1994/95 OPERATING BUDGET The operating budget discussions resumed with item #21, from the Summary list of key issues identified for Council to review. Item #21 pertains to the proposed student crossing guard program, reflecting the \$170,000. benefit projected in the budget.

Ald. Levandier said there may be some locations where the student program could be implemented, but at others, the services of an adult crossing guard are definitely required. He wanted to have locations identified for Council, where adult guards should be retained, and felt that Mr. Purdy (Traffic Authority) and the Police Chief should be able to provide a report, with these locations.

MOTION: To refer this item to Mr. Purdy and the Police Chief for a report, involving consultation with members of Council in the process.

Moved: Ald. Levandier

Second: Ald. Sarto

Members against referral said Council should either decide on the cuts to be made or keep the present program. Those in favour felt that an assessment of specific locations, in order to establish their priority, has to be based on statistics and on some criteria as to safety levels, volume of traffic, street configuration, etc. Ald. Rodgers also suggested the need for consultation with the School Board and Home & School Associations.

Ald. Cunningham asked about questions of liability

and insurance coverage, with a student program in place; he also asked about the age of the children in the program.

Generally, Council took the position that a certain number of adult crossing guards have to be retained for locations identified for special need, but it is possible to eliminate some others, where service is not justified, due to small numbers, change in traffic patterns, etc. The question of criteria came up several times, since this presents a problem for staff members in trying to determine just what the criteria of individual members might be. Ald. Hetherington said it is up to individual members of Council to visit the crosswalk locations in their own individual wards and justify the locations they want to have retained, with specific reasons. After the motion carried, he asked that lists of crosswalk locations, for each ward, be distributed to the Aldermen, as of tomorrow's date, for their action.

In Favour: Nine members
Against: Five members
Motion Carried

Item #22: Pollution Control Charge:

MOTION: That the Pollution Control Charge be rolled back to 60¢, instead of 90¢, as proposed.

Moved: Ald. Hetherington
Second: Ald. Thompson

Mostly, there was support for the motion, and some members, such as Ald. May, were in favour of a roll-back to zero, considering the uncertainty about the harbour clean-up project and the present status of the reserve, which stands at \$13 million dollars. Mr. Corrigan was asked for information on the present situation, and he reported the information he has given to Council previously, as to the virtual shut-down of H.H.C.I. operations and the overtures toward private sector involvement in the project.

The consensus was that the City should not give up on the project, but with the uncertainties around it and the present accumulation of funds, a reduction in the charge would be in order; even with the reduction, the reserve fund will still increase over the next fiscal year. Ald. Woods opposed any reduction at all. Ald. Rodgers was concerned about our fund, in the event of amalgamation, and felt we should look at a contingency for protecting it in that eventuality.

Ald. Rodgers asked about the H.H.C.I. assets if the project becomes a private one, suggesting that some of these should be coming to Dartmouth if the private sector takes over.

Several members were in favour of making use of the \$800,000. in interest from the Pollution Control fund, to help with this year's budget; other members considered this to be morally wrong and unacceptable.

The vote was taken on the motion.

In Favour: All members except
Against: Ald. Woods, Hawley, MacDonald
Motion Carried

Ald. May then proposed the following motion, which did not receive a seconder:

That for the fiscal year 1994/95, the School Board, the Sportsplex, the City of Dartmouth, Dartmouth General Hospital, Oakwood, and the N.S. Hospital, be exempt from application of the Pollution Control charge.

MOTION: That interest from the Pollution Control fund remain with the principle.

Moved: Ald. Hetherington
Second: Ald. Pye

MOTION: That any decision on the interest from the Pollution Control fund be deferred until the end of the budget deliberations.

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

Item #23: Water Utility Dividend

MOTION: That the Water Utility Dividend, for purposes of the budget, be increased to \$750,000., from the \$370,000. proposed.

Moved: Ald. Rodgers
Second: Ald. May

AMENDMENT: That one-twelfth of the amount be withdrawn on the 15th of each month (rather than taking the total amount all at one time).

Moved: Ald. May
Second: Ald. Levandier
In Favour: Minority of members
Against: Majority of members
Amendment Defeated

The vote was taken on the motion.

In Favour: All members except
Against: Ald. Pye & Woods
Motion Carried

Additional information requested on H.H.C.I. and its status, was provided by Mr. Corrigan from his files. Ald. Rodgers asked about the contracts of employees, and Mr. Corrigan said he would answer any of these questions in camera for Council.

Item #24: Nova Scotia Power Grant

MOTION: To approve the \$994,000. figure projected for the Nova Scotia Power grant.

Moved: Ald. Sarto
Second: Ald. Hawley

While the City has no written guarantee of this amount, it is felt that projecting a lower amount will result in receiving a lower amount. This way, expectations continue to be placed on the company (and Provincial representatives) as to the grant owed to the City. The actual amount owed is \$1.7 million dollars, and this figure of \$994,000. still represents a reduction. Members opposed felt it is unrealistic, even in its reduced amount.

In Favour: All members except
Against: Ald. Pye, May & MacDonald
Motion Carried

Item #25: Ferry Deficit

MOTION: To approve the Ferry Deficit item, based on the assumed take-over by Metro Transit.

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

Ald. Rodgers asked about the Metro Authority budget and whether the City might expect any savings in this area (from our contribution for 1994/95). Mr. Corrigan said it looks as if there could be savings in this area. He will be preparing a briefing paper for the City's Metro Authority representatives, in this connection.

Ald. Greenough requested an update for the next budget meeting, as to just where we stand at this point in the process. Council later decided to hold the next budget meeting, in conjunction with a reduced regular agenda, on Tuesday, April 26th.

Council went in camera at 10:40 p.m., on motion of Ald. Thompson and Sarto. Adjournment was from the in camera meeting, at 10:55 p.m.



Bruce S. Smith,
City Clerk-Treasurer.

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**DARTMOUTH CITY COUNCIL
AGENDA**

**TUES., APR. 26/94
7:30 P.M.
COUNCIL CHAMBERS
IN CAMERA
10:00 P.M.**

PROCLAMATIONS - KIDS SENSE WEEK
- CANADIAN LABOUR CONGRESS - DAY OF MOURNING

1. REPORTS

1.1 CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER

- 1.1.1 Proposed 80-Unit Apartment Project - Russell Lake Drive
- Portland Estates
- 1.1.2 Tender - Retaining Wall - Lot 33H, 45 Akerley Boulevard,
Burnside Industrial Park

1.2 SOLICITOR

- 1.2.1 Realignment of Eisener Boulevard

2. 1994/95 OPERATING BUDGET DELIBERATIONS

IN-CAMERA SESSION: 10:00 P.M.

- 1. Legal Matter

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

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

MEMBER ABSENT: ALD. THOMPSON

C/A OFFICER: L. CORRIGAN
CITY SOLICITOR: S. HOOD
CITY CLERK-TREAS: B. SMITH
DEPARTMENT HEADS & ASSISTANTS

PROCLAMATIONS

Proclamations read by the Mayor at the opening of the meeting, were for: (1) April 28th as an annual Day of Mourning, in recognition of workers killed, injured or disabled on the job; and (2) April 27th to May 1st, 1994, as "Kids Sense" Week (Safety Awareness and Prevention Program).

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

The agenda for this meeting of April 26/94 was adopted, on motion of Ald. Hetherington and May.

Rising on a point of privilege, Ald. Sarto requested permission to add an item dealing with the reallocation of capital funds for Ward 1 (tree-planting), and by a two-thirds majority vote, Council agreed to permit the motion.

MOTION: To approve the reallocation of \$6,000. in capital funds, for the planting of trees in Ward 1.

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

It was noted by Mr. Corrigan that any substantive capital changes have to be approved by Council, and normally, would be presented in the form of a report from him. Ald. Sarto was concerned about possible delay, in this instance, now that prices have been received by Parks & Rec. for planting trees.

Ald. MacFarlane rose on a point of privilege, in response to a memo circulated from Ald. Rodgers.

He said he was disturbed by 'obtuse references to bias and partiality in the disposition of complaints within the Police Service' and 'inferences that various people are being investigated'. He felt that any person has a right to confidentiality, if charges are being laid, and 'if the Alderman is in possession of information that can be substantiated, he has the right to act on it'.

Ald. Rodgers responded by referring to requests he has made at Council, on March 22nd and on April 5th, for information; he said it was the response of the Police Chief that brought the matter to Council. He said: "I have simply repeated what the Chief told the Mayor. There is no innuendo. The Chief made those statements verbally and in writing".

1.0 REPORTS

1.1 CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER

1.1.1 PROPOSED 80-UNIT APARTMENT PROJECT - RUSSELL LAKE DR.
PORTLAND ESTATES

APARTMENT PROJECT: A report from Mr. Corrigan (V. Spencer, G. L'Esperance) RUSSELL LAKE DR. has been circulated with the agenda on the proposal for an 80-unit apartment project on Russell Lake Drive, in Portland Estates. It has been recommended that Council approve Resolution 94-11, with respect to the allowable number of driveways on Site 1, Portland West, and Resolution 94-12, which ratifies the apartment complex. All of the related documentation from Planning staff has been attached, with Mr. Corrigan's report.

MOTION: To approve Resolution 94-11, which amends a clause in the development agreement respecting the allowable number of driveways on apartment site 1, Portland West, as recommended

RESOLUTION 94-11

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

RESOLUTION 94-12 MOTION: To approve Resolution 94-12, which ratifies the project, permitting the construction of an 80-unit apartment complex on site 1, Portland West.

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

1.1.2 TENDER - RETAINING WALL - LOT 33H, 45 AKERLEY BLVD., B.I.P.

AWARD TENDER:
RETAINING WALL

Report from Mr. Corrigan (R. Fougere, D. Rix) on tenders received for the construction of a retaining wall along the east side of Lot 33H, 45 Akerley Blvd., in the Burnside Park, recommending that the tender be awarded to the low bidder, Doug Richards Backhoe & Trucking Ltd., for the bid price of \$39,839.58; completion date: May 20/94.

MOTION: To award the tender for the retaining wall, along the east side of Lot 33H, 45 Akerley Blve., to the low bidder, Doug Richards Backhoe & Trucking Ltd., as recommended. Tender amount: \$39,839.58.

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

1.2 SOLICITOR

1.2.1 REALIGNMENT OF EISENER BLVD.

REALIGNMENT:
EISENER BLVD.

A report from the Solicitor was before Council on a proposal received from IPCF Properties Inc. to realign Eisener Blvd., involving a street closure of a portion of the existing street right-of-way. She has recommended that May 24th be set by Council as the date for public hearing of the street closure required, described as per Schedule "B" plan, circulated with the report.

MOTION: To set May 24th as the date for public hearing of a street closure associated with a request from IPCF Properties Inc. to realign Eisener Blvd.; the portion of street concerned is shown on Schedule "B", attached to the Solicitor's report.

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

2.0 1994/95 OPERATING BUDGET DELIBERATIONS1994/95
OPERATING
BUDGET

Mr. Corrigan gave Council a brief overview of the budget to date, advising that the deficit, at this point in the deliberations, stands at \$1,288,000.

He then informed Council of some recent figures that change the budget picture somewhat, the first being an additional \$200,000. deficit for Police Services, bringing that department's total deficit to \$862,000. Mr. Walsh provided information on the contributing items - \$30,000. for our share in the Rapid computer system; \$30,000. for a grievance settled with PANS this year; and \$140,000., for a pro-rating of salaries, overtime, and benefits, covering the extra five days that fell at the end of the fiscal year.

There are other adjustments that have to be made as well, in the amount of \$200,000., explained by Mr. Smith, in areas where equipment and manpower have been allocated on a work-order system; more dollars were spent than costed or allocated. The net impact of \$300,000. is broken down into \$200,000. for Engineering & Works, \$100,000., for Water Dept.

Offsetting some of the figures referred to above, was the information given by Mr. Corrigan, that the City will be receiving about \$200,000. from the Province, \$117,000. of which is an operating grant already confirmed.

It was suggested that Council move to the List B: Alternative Budget Deficit Considerations, involving significant reduction in services, if items from the list are approved. Following, is the item-by-item review that Council gave the list of items, with the results:

B1 Eliminate payments to former fire volunteers
\$9,000.

Ald. Hetherington and Cunningham moved a reduction of \$6,000., leaving \$3,000. to cover the cost of a yearly banquet. This motion was defeated.

MOTION: Agreement with the proposed \$9,000. reduction by eliminating this item.

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

B2 Alarm service fees \$25,000.

Ald. Levandier and MacFarlane moved agreement with the \$25,000 projection for false alarm and licensing fees, as additional income.

Ald. Rodgers felt the amount could be higher, maybe up by another \$25,000., if figures were checked out with the City of Halifax and the Town of Bedford, to determine their experience with the fees. Mr. Walsh provided information that has been obtained from Halifax, upon which our own projection has been based.

MOTION: To refer to staff, to look at fines already in place in Halifax and Bedford, so that the accuracy of our own projection can be verified.

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

B3 Reduce street lighting in the City \$50,000.

MOTION: To delete this item from the list.

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

General opposition to any reduction in standards of street lighting in the City, but it was suggested that an approach should be made to the Power Corp. to try and negotiate better service and improvements the City deserves, especially with the major cut-back this year in the grants-in-lieu payment to the City.

B4 Consolidate the Works/Water/Parks operations \$25,000.

MOTION: Agreement with the proposed \$25,000. reduction.

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

Ald. Hetherington requested a list of everyone working in those three departments, their positions - supervisory and otherwise, the number of vehicles, who has them, and so on. Also, the ratio of supervisory staff to workers.

B5 Contract out police station bldg. maintenance \$20,000.

B6 Use commissionaires in License/Gun Control \$10,000.

B7 Civilian replacement for Youth Court Co-ord. \$5,000.

MOTION: Agreement with the proposed total reduction, in the amount of \$35,000.

Moved: Ald. Levandier
Second: Ald. Hetherington

Ald. May took the position that Council has no authority to decide what is to be done with individual Police Services budget items; these are decisions for the Police Commission. The Solicitor was asked for a response and said that even though Council has a by-law, they have continued to deal with that department's budget, and did so last year. Mr. Corrigan said that as CAO, there is a role for him in the process as well.

Ald. Pye wanted information back for Council on item B6 in particular, and a motion for referral of items B5, B6 and B7 to the Police Commission was made by Ald. MacDonald, seconded by Ald. May. Ald. Rodgers asked that if the Commission decides other budget alternatives (ie. other than these), they advise Council accordingly. The motion to refer was defeated.

The vote was taken on the motion.

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

B8 Reassign CID officers to Platoon
Reassign CID officers to Ident. Section \$100,000.

Not recommended and no action taken by Council. Agreed to on motion of Ald. Hetherington and Hawley.

B9 Do not proceed with the Sportsplex comprehensive audit \$20,000.

MOTION: Agreement with the proposed \$20,000. reduction.

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

B10 Increase the staff vacancy rate to \$100,000. \$20,000.

MOTION: Agreement with the proposed
\$20,000. reduction.

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

B11 Full "naturalization" of the Dart. Common \$30,000.

MOTION: Agreement with the proposed
\$30,000. reduction.

Moved: Ald. Wood
Second: Ald. MacFarlane
In Favour: All members except
Against: Ald. Cunningham, Levandier
Motion Carried

Asked about the impact of this reduction, Mr. Stevens advised that areas of the Park will have to be unmaintained as a result. Maintenance of the ballfield would not be affected.

B12 Eliminate cemetery maintenance program \$10,000.

MOTION: Agreement with the proposed
\$10,000. reduction.

Moved: Ald. Levandier
Second: Ald. Hawley
In Favour: All members except
Against: Ald. MacFarlane
Motion Carried

Ald. May said he favoured a uniform burial fee for all seasons of the year, and several other members indicated they would be in support of one fee as well. There was no motion at this time to adopt the one-fee policy.

B13 Reduction in Special Needs Payments \$190,000.

MOTION: Agreement with the proposed
\$190,000. reduction.

Moved: Ald. Hawley
Second: Ald. Hetherington

While there was general agreement with the statement that these costs properly belong to the Provincial Government, the majority of members could not support the motion, due to concerns they had about the negative effects on people on social assistance and in difficulty already. In answer to questions from members, Mr. Greene advised that the effect would be on our own municipal clients as well. Municipalities are expected to assume these costs, and there is an appeal process if special needs payments are refused by the municipality.

In Favour: Minority of Council
Against: Majority of Council
Motion Defeated

B15 Administrative support charged to pension plan
\$50,000

MOTION: Agreement with the proposed
\$50,000. reduction.

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

B16 Reduction of Metro Authority costs \$100,000.

Ald. Levandier felt the proposed \$100,000. reduction could safely be increased to \$200,000., and substituted that figure in his motion.

MOTION: Agreement with a figure of
\$200,000. as the reduction
in Metro Authority costs.

Moved: Ald. Levandier
Second: Ald. MacFarlane

Some members, such as Ald. Woods, were more comfortable with the \$100,000. amount proposed, and therefore, not able to support the motion.

In Favour: Seven members
Against: Six members
Motion Carried

B17 Selective retirement incentives \$50,000.

MOTION: Agreement with the proposed
\$50,000. reduction.

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

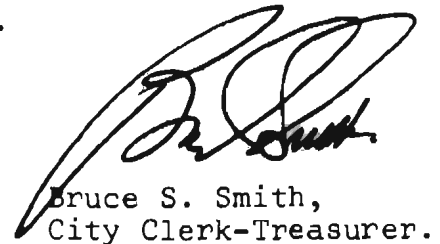
Council went in camera at 10:20 p.m., on motion of
Ald. Hetherington and MacFarlane. After reconvening
in open meeting, the action taken in camera was ratified.

Ald. Levandier left the meeting before Council went in
camera.

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

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

Meeting adjourned at 11:00 p.m.



Bruce S. Smith,
City Clerk-Treasurer.

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**DARTMOUTH CITY COUNCIL
AGENDA**

<p>SAT., APR. 30/94</p> <p>8:00 A.M.</p> <p>COUNCIL CHAMBER</p>
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1. a) 1994/95 OPERATING BUDGET DELIBERATIONS
- b) SET TAX RATE

LOCATION: CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS
 TIME: 8:00 A.M.

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

C/A OFFICER: L. CORRIGAN
 CITY SOLICITOR: S. HOOD
 CITY CLERK-TREAS: B. SMITH
 DEPARTMENT HEADS & ASSISTANTS

1.0 a) 1994/95 OPERATING BUDGET DELIBERATIONS

1994/95
 OPERATING
 BUDGET

Circulated to members of Council, was a report from Mr. Corrigan, accompanied by a list of budget adjustments, producing a 0% increase for both residential and commercial tax rates. Mr. Corrigan recommended: (1) approval of the budget adjustments, as listed; (2) approval of Resolution 94-07, setting the tax rates for residential and commercial without change from last year; and (3) approval of By-law P-1102, covering the 50% reduction in the Pollution Control Charge, which would now be set at 60¢ per 1,000 gals of water consumption.

In presenting his report to Council, Mr. Corrigan noted in particular, the 3% payroll roll-backs for municipal employees, which will benefit the City's budget by Nov. 1/94, after the unpaid furlough program ends, representing a favourable adjustment for Dartmouth, in the amount of \$375,000. Next year's budget reduction for this item will be approx. \$900,000. This roll-back affects not just the salaries of employees, but their benefits as well.

Ald. Greenough commended Mr. Corrigan's work in bringing in a tax rate with no increase, and moved the adoption of Resolution 94-07, as recommended.

RES. 94-07:
 SET TAX RATE

b) MOTION: To approve the adoption of Resolution 94-07, setting the Residential Tax Rate at \$1.632, and the Commercial & Business Occupancy Tax Rate at \$3.570.; both these rates are unchanged from last year.

Moved: Ald. Greenough
Second: Ald. Hawley

Ald. Rodgers objected to the inclusion of Item #2

in the list of proposed budget adjustments, namely, the allocation of interest, in the amount of \$800,000., from the Pollution Control Fund. He objected to the use of reserve funds, and asked what will happen next year if they are used to balance this year's budget.

Mr. Corrigan commented on the City's financial prospects for next year and the ways in which they are likely to be improved, one area in particular being through the service exchange program. Ald. Rodgers did not believe there will be the kind of improvement explained by Mr. Corrigan, and some other members tended to be doubtful as well. Ald. May said there will be opposition in the House when the required Charter amendment is being dealt with there; he preferred to accomplish the same thing by eliminating the pollution control charge altogether, without requiring a Charter change.

Since there was no disagreement with Item #1 from the list presented to Council (user fee recovery for garbage disposal, previously deleted), discussion continued on Item #2 (allocation of interest from the Pollution Control Fund), with members in favour taking the position that the interest represents money being returned to the taxpayers, as a means of holding the tax rate and thereby benefiting them financially. Members opposed felt that a promise made to citizens will be broken, if the interest is used, and that it is wrong to take money from this and other funds. It was noted several times, during debate, that the thirteen million dollars in the fund remains intact, and will still be increased for the next fiscal year, even with a reduced pollution control charge.

A motion of deferral to the end of the budget discussions, moved by Ald. Hawley and Rodgers, was defeated.

Specific points that came out of the debate on Item #2, were as follows:

- 1) Ald. Woods requested that some time be spent at a future meeting, on the question he raised about the philosophic difference between taxes and user fees. Mr. Corrigan offered his interpretation of this question, which Ald. Woods wishes to debate further.
- 2) Information provided by Ald. Rodgers on the use of surpluses, from the year 1991 through to 1993/94, and the fact that deficits occurred during this period, when surplus funds had to be used for budget-balancing purposes. His estimate was \$16½ million dollars in total for the period.

There were no motions on individual items from the budget adjustment list, but a general concensus was indicated by Council for each item, as the review proceeded. Ald. Thompson asked if the indication given by Council is to retain the \$800,000.; the Mayor advised that it is.

In considering Item #3 (the Water Utility dividend, increased to \$750,000. in total), Ald. Cunningham indicated concerns he has about the quality of City drinking water, costs that may be associated with a purification system in the future, and plans for regionalization of the water system. He asked to have for Council, a report from the Dept. of Health on the quality of our water, and also, a report on where we stand with regionalization of the system.

Ald. Rodgers said he wished to retract his support for the motion he presented at the April 19th Council meeting, to approve an additional \$370,000. from the Water Utility Dividend, in view of his opinion that reserve funds should be retained intact for future emergency situations.

Item #4, the Provincial salary rollback, which applies to municipal employees as well, has been included as an adjustment item, in the amount of \$375,000. for this year. Ald. MacFarlane said this is a major blow to the public sector and will have its impact on local economies where these employees reside. The Mayor said there is no joy in being able to reduce the tax rate on the backs of our employees. Ald. Pye felt a letter of opposition should be sent to the Province, and Ald. May's opinion was that the rollback should have been graduated and not 3% across-the-board. He asked to have this point, plus a second suggestion (limit change from \$25,000. to \$30,000.), discussed further, as part of a Council agenda, at a future date.

General agreement with each of the items continued up to Item #11, at which point, Ald. Woods requested copies, for members of Council, of the letter received by the Mayor, from the Minister of Municipal Affairs, on the confirmed amount of the N.S. Power grant for 1994/95. It was agreed that efforts should be continued to have the total amount of the grant reinstated, and members requested copies of the brief that will be presented to the Law Amendments Committee, on the City's behalf.

The next item to receive particular attention was Item #19, which proposed a reinstatement of \$70,000. for the crossing guard program, bringing the estimate to \$183,000. in total (a reduction of \$100,000. overall).

Ald. MacFarlane proposed, in the interest of time, that details as to the number of guards and locations, be left for further discussion later, on the understanding that if additional funding is required, it will be found somewhere else. Members were willing to proceed on this basis, but Ald. Hawley asked that the specifics be dealt with before the school year ends; Ald. MacDonald requested no later than June 14th.

Ald. Sarto volunteered to take on the study of counts at crosswalk locations in the other wards, to assist members of Council in completing their reports, and to have this information completed prior to the June 14th date noted; if the item can be ready for Council prior to June 14th, it will be before Council sooner.

Ald. Rodgers also requested that the contract with Eagle Securities be reviewed in the meantime, before its termination date.

Items were agreed to up to Item #23 (\$50,000. reduction for Special Needs Payments, down from \$190,000. formerly under consideration). A motion of Ald. Pye and May, to eliminate even the \$50,000. reduction, was defeated, and the figure listed was agreed to by Council.

Item #28 proposed a conditional reinstatement of the \$21,000. amount for UNSM membership dues, provided specific steps are agreed to with them, for the City to receive better value for this expenditure than we have received in the past. Ald. MacDonald said members should be reading the memos and communications that are being received already. Council agreed with the conditional reinstatement.

Item #39 (use of BIP Land Sale Reserve) was opposed by Ald. MacDonald. He moved that this figure be reduced substantially; there was no seconder to the motion.

Further to Item #42, Ald. Woods suggested duties that could be looked at for fire fighters, and Ald. Sarto asked if citizens could take on fire inspection duties.

Ald. Hawley said he hoped that if it is determined that the school system is going to suffer substantially, as a result of funding cut-backs, Council will reconsider a reinstatement of \$200,000. taken out of the City's cost-sharing allocation, even if an over-expenditure is necessary (reference Item #44).

Ald. MacDonald presented at this time, a petition from Ward 4 residents, who have requested a 0% tax increase, and a budget reflecting a true set of objectives, so that the City does not end up with a deficit at the end of the year.

Ald. Thompson asked about plans for combining the Police and Fire Service communications systems. In his response, Mr. Corrigan noted that the budget is a starting point, from which the various targets will now try to be met. Reports will be coming back to Council as the measures to be taken, begin to be implemented.

(Ald. Levandier was present for the remainder of the meeting, from this point.)

Ald. May proposed a motion for a 5% increase in the Social Services food scales, and for an increase from \$2,500. to \$3,000. in the allowable assets for seniors, the funding required to be taken out of the equipment reserve. Council was not willing to deal with the motion and Ald. Greenough suggested it be presented by Ald. May, as a notice of motion. Ald. May requested an opportunity to present the motion at the May 3rd Council meeting. The Mayor said it would have to be with the agreement of Council, since the agenda for the May 3rd meeting has already been set and sent out to members.

Other members speaking after the review of adjustments had been completed, were: Ald. Cunningham, Ald. Rodgers, Ald. Hawley and Ald. Pye. Each of these members indicated concern and objection to certain specific aspects of the budget discussions, such as the use of reserves, and in particular, the \$800,000. interest from the Pollution Control fund. Ald. Hawley asked for acknowledgement for Mr. Corrigan and his staff, for all their hard work on the budget; Council responded with applause.

The vote was taken on the motion to adopt Resolution 94-07.

In Favour: All
Against: None
Motion Carried

Mayor McCluskey extended thanks to staff for their hard work during the budget process, and Council, for the responsible way in which the budget has been dealt with by members. She acknowledged the interest and contribution of the Chamber, the public and press attendance for the budget meetings. She commended the open budget process that has provided a better opportunity for general public input. Ald. MacFarlane described the Mayor as a 'saint' for putting up with it all (Saint Gloria)!

BY-LAW P-1102 Proposed By-law P-1102, to provide for a reduction in the Pollution Control charge, to 60¢, required the approval of Council.

MOTION: That leave be given to introduce the said By-law P-1102 and that it now be read a first time.

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

MOTION: That By-law P-1102 be read a second time.

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


Unanimous consent was not given by Council for third reading of the by-law.

MOTION:
CHARTER AMENDMENT

MOTION: That the City Charter be amended to allow for the interest from the Pollution Control account to be charged to operating.

Moved: Ald. Hetherington
Second: Ald. Thompson
In Favour: All members except
Against: Ald. May, Pye, Rodgers
Motion Carried

Meeting adjourned at 12:00 noon.



Bruce S. Smith,
City Clerk-Treasurer.

ITEMS:

- 1.0 a) 1994/95 Operating Budget deliberations, page 1 to 5 incl.
b) Resolution 94-07, set tax rate, page 1.
By-law P-1102, page 6. (Pollution Control interest).
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