

Meeting
Residents Ward 4
MINUTES

Library
Oxford Street School
Halifax, N. S.
January 19, 1978
7:45 p.m.

At a meeting of City Council held on December 1, 1977, it was approved that a meeting be arranged between staff, the developer and a representative of the community with a view to resolving some of the concerns expressed with respect to the application for a Rezoning of Lot M (civic No.6210) Chebucto Road, Lands of Twin Cities Co-operative Dairy Limited and the City of Halifax, from R-2, General Residential Zone to R-3, Multiple Dwelling Zone.

This meeting was held on the above date.

Present: Alderman Meagher, Chairman; Mr. Boyd Algee, Development Officer; Approximately 55 residents of the Area, Mr. John MacFarlane, Solicitor for Twin Cities Dairy; Mr. Loyd Peddle, Vice-President Twin Cities Dairy, and Mr. Sam Basill, Developer.

The Chairman called the meeting to order and indicated that the meeting was convened so that the Residents, Developer and staff could get together and see if some of the concerns of the residents could be resolved. He said that the minutes of the meeting will be circulated to the other members of City Council.

Mr. Boyd Algee outlined the Proposed Development which was submitted to City Council. He said that the proposal is for a 76-unit, 6 storey apartment building. He indicated that the difference between the second proposal and the first was basically the difference in the amount of parking spaces. He said that staff's recommendation to close Chebucto Lane was on the basis that it would keep most of the through traffic out of the Duncan Street and Allen Street area.

Mrs. Hubley a resident of 6248 Willow Street expressed concern about the width of the proposed walkway and expressed objection against the Closure of Chebucto Lane. She said that she is in favor of the proposed apartment building and indicated that it would bring in more tax money for the City. She said that something should be started on this site.

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Mr. Claude Burbridge a resident of 6292 Duncan Street, addressed the meeting in favor of the proposed development. He expressed concern that the Developer should not lose creditability because of the objection against the closure of Chebucto Lane when it was staff's proposal to close the street, not the Developer.

Mr. Pat Kearns a resident of 6236 Willow Street, addressed the meeting in opposition to the proposed development. He indicated that the entrance and exit to the development on Chebucto Road would cause a back up of traffic on Chebucto Road and therefore, traffic would be forced to use Duncan Street.

Mr. Algee indicated that according to the City Traffic Department there would be approximately 45 cars per day coming from and going to this development and they did not consider this to be a great problem.

Mr. C. Burbridge asked where the developer stands if this project is refused by City Council because of the objection to the street closure.

Mr. Sam Basill, Developer, indicated that he is prepared to go ahead with the project even if Chebucto Lane is not closed.

Mr. Kearns indicated that Chebucto Road is a great concern to the residents, but that the Rezoning of the property as well as the size of the proposal, is even a greater concern.

Mrs. Marion Kearns a resident of 6236 Willow Street, addressed the meeting in opposition to the proposed development. She expressed concern about the height of the apartment building in relation to the surrounding houses.

Sue Myers a resident of Duncan Street addressed the meeting in opposition to the proposed development. She asked how many units would be allowed under the R-2 Zoning.

Mr. Algee indicated that approximately 7 duplex buildings would be allow or if the lots were split up differently it would allow approximately 4 apartments consisting of 4 units each.

Johanna Osterveld, a resident of 6156 Duncan Street addressed the meeting in opposition to the proposed development. She expressed concern that the construction of apartment buildings throughout the City is causing many single family dwellings to be converted to Rooming Houses. She said that the Tenancy rate in the South End is 95% and the homeownership is 5%.

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Mr. F. Burbridge a resident of the area addressed the meeting in favor of the proposed development. He expressed concern about the cleaning up of the Twin Cities Dairy Land.

The Chairman indicated that he was talking with the Building Inspector today and he advised that a notice has been sent out to the owner today to have the property cleaned up.

Mr. C. Burbridge indicated that he represents many of the long time residents of Ward 4, who were not able to attend the meeting, but are in favor of the proposed development. He said that a committee met with Mr. Currie of Twin Cities Dairy Ltd. and it was agreed that if Mr. Currie would refrain from appealing the decision on the Rezoning, that the committee would support an acceptable proposal for this site.

Elizabeth Greenhavens addressed the meeting in opposition to the proposed development. She indicated that she was not aware of any such commitment being made, as indicated by Mr. Burbridge. She said that there is no record in the minutes of this commitment. She said that she had asked Mr. Currie to keep the Residents Association informed on the negotiations with the developer so the residents would have a chance to follow along while the Dairy was trying to find an acceptable proposal and also that he supply the Residents Association with a copy of a site plan for the Dairy, but neither of these were done.

Johanna Osterveld suggested that the reason for withdrawing the appeal was because of the request from the City, as the City would not deal with any proposal unless this was done.

Mr. David O'Leary addressed the meeting in opposition to the proposed development. He suggested that the item before the residents is whether or not the proposal is acceptable to the community. He said that this neighbourhood is low density and felt that if one apartment is allowed, it would encourage others.

Rosemary Allen a resident of Chebucto Road addressed the meeting in opposition to the proposed development. She expressed concern about the additional traffic that will be created on Chebucto Road.

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Mr. Frank Saven a resident of 6160 Duncan Street addressed the meeting in favour of the proposed development. He said that the proposal would create more tax money for the City. He said that Chebucto Lane should be closed because it is very narrow and hazardous.

Mr. Brian Gifford a resident of Duncan Street addressed the meeting in opposition to the proposed development. He said that the tax money on this development should not be a major factor because this type of construction creates extra cost to the City.

Leslie Griffin, a resident of Duncan Street addressed the meeting in opposition to the proposed development. She presented a letter dated January 12, 1978, signed by 32 residents of Duncan Street and Chebucto Road, who are located in the immediate notification area, who are opposed to the proposed rezoning to R-3.

Catherine Chandler a resident of Lawrence Street addressed the meeting in opposition to the proposed development. She presented a letter dated January 5, 1978 signed by 10 residents in the area. She said that the letter includes 3 motions which should be dealt with separately.

The Chairman suggested that the motions would be dealt with after all the discussion has taken place.

Loyd Fraser a resident of 6123 Lawrence Street addressed the meeting in opposition to the proposed development. He said that he is very much against a proposal of this size. He indicated that many people are buying houses in this area and spending a lot of time fixing them up.

Mr. O'Leary indicated that he is a member of the group that is proposing an alternative for the Dairy Land and suggested that if there is any member of the Community that would like to review the proposal, a meeting could be arranged for this purpose.

After a brief discussion it was MOVED by Catherine Chandler, seconded by Eileen Fearon that this meeting of residents respects the intent of 586 residents who in 1976 signed a petition to keep the neighbourhood, including the Dairylands, R-2 density.

Mr. Burbridge indicated that the petition which was signed in 1976 by 586 people was for the purpose of rezoning the Dairy land from Commercial to Residential. He said that this is a false motion and would not vote on it.

The Motion was approved with 39 residents in favor and 16 residents who would not vote on the motion.

MOVED by Catherine Chandler, seconded by Marion Kearns that this meeting request the present developer to investigate the possibility of building on the site at R-2 density.

Motion passed with 42 residents in favor and 13 residents who would not vote on the motion.

MOVED by Catherine Chandler, seconded by David O'Leary that this meeting request Council to refuse the Dairy's petition for R-3 zoning.

Motion passed with 38 residents in favor, 3 residents opposed, and 14 residents abstaining.

MOVED by Marion Kearns, seconded by Elizabeth Greenhavens that Alderman Meagher convey to City Staff and to City Council that this meeting here tonight request that steps be taken immediately to clean any hazardous conditions on the dairy land.

Motion passed unanimously.

The Chairman indicated that a copy of these minutes would be circulated to each member of City Council and the item will be placed on the Agenda for the Committee of the Whole scheduled for February 8, 1978.

Mr. Leo Peddle, Vice-President, Twin Cities Dairy Ltd., briefly addressed the meeting. He said that the dairy is attempting to do what is right for the Community. He said that he has to sympathize with the residents in the area because of the problems they have had to put up with over the years, but nothing much could be done about it because this is where the business was located. He said that Twin Cities Dairy Ltd. is doing everything they can to clean up the property.

Meeting adjourned - 10:30 p.m.

ALDERMAN N. MEAGHER
CHAIRMAN

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PUBLIC MEETING
PENINSULA CENTER - LIMITATION OF PARKING
MINUTES

St. Thomas Aquinas School
Gymnasium
6141 Watt Street
Halifax, N. S.
January 23, 1978
7:40 p.m.

A public meeting was held on the above date.

Present: Deputy Mayor Brenda Shannon, F. W. Bradbrook, Traffic Authority; B. N. Kennedy, Engineering & Works Dept., E. Kerr, Acting City Clerk and Committee Clerk.

Deputy Mayor Shannon stated that staff have completed a study to identify any parking problems in the area bounded by South Street, Robie Street, Jubilee Road and Oxford Street and the purpose of this meeting is to discuss ideas residents may have as well as measures Council might be prepared to take at this time to try to alleviate the problem.

Mr. B. N. Kennedy, Engineering and Works Dept., addressed the meeting and stated that staff are looking for points of view from the residents, Dalhousie and any other agency. He stated that the survey was not designed to hurt any group, but was designed to identify parking problems in the stated area.

Mr. Kennedy stated that the survey was completed during a two-week period in March and April 1977 and consisted of two checks per day of cars parking on the streets in question. He stated that the cars were categorized as being either (a) an on-street resident, (b) a resident who lived within one block of the parking space or (c) a non-resident. He advised that there were 327 available unrestricted parking spaces in the area, 86% were occupied, 56% were all-day parkers, 11% were street resident parkers, 7% were 1-block area residents and 82% were non-resident parkers.

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Mr. Kennedy stated that staff in Traffic Engineering are basically interested from a safety point of view. He pointed out that the study only identifies the problems.

A member of the audience stated that she lives on the west side of Coburg Road below the School of Social Work. She stated there is all-day parking on the street and during the winter months residents of the street have difficulty exiting from their driveways. She asked why the study did not include the end of Coburg Road. Mr. Kennedy replied that the terms of reference were only for the area indicated earlier. He stated that the City has temporary no-parking bans which are erected from time to time for safety purposes and indicated that he would note the complaint and investigate.

A member of the audience asked if City staff considered resident parking permits. Mr. Bradbrook, Traffic Authority, advised that resident parking passes are not presently permissible under the Nova Scotia Motor Vehicle Act. He added that it is his understanding that, as part of the NIP II Program, there is an intention to approach the Provincial Government whereby this would be changed.

Alderman Maley entered the meeting at 7:55 p.m.

A member of the audience suggested that the plowing of streets would provide for wider streets and a requirement by the City that such places as the Rebecca Cohn Auditorium provide underground parking for its patrons would relieve the parking problem in the area. She asked why Dalhousie is allowed to take up City land for educational purposes and why they are not required to build educational buildings with parkades for their parking.

A member of the audience asked if information is available whether or not adequate parking is available on the Dalhousie campus to meet the demand of faculty and students. Mr. Doug Day, student representative on the Dalhousie Parking Committee, advised that the volume of University parkers is cyclic and therefore is difficult to control. He stated that the Provincial Government has taken over almost four hundred parking spaces, the City has taken over some lots, and the University is presently

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negotiating with the City to acquire lots at the end of Robie Street. Mr. Day further stated that it is believed that hospital personnel are acquiring Dalhousie parking permits illegally and therefore parking figures are not necessarily accurate.

Mr. Sykes, representing Dalhousie University, advised that there were approximately 1800 parking spaces and perhaps 200 - 300 have been lost recently to the Provincial Government. He stated that the parking fee is \$60 - \$65 per year and at present facilities come close to meeting the demand of those persons willing to pay the fee.

A member of the audience asked if Dalhousie has ever conducted a survey as to where the parkers come from and, if there are areas of sufficient concentration, whether the City would supplement transit for these persons at certain hours during the day or whether Dalhousie University would provide two or three buses of its own providing transportation for these people.

Mr. Day replied that such a study has been conducted and the results indicate that 65% are from Halifax, 32% are from Dartmouth, and 4% are from other areas. He stated that he had contacted Halifax Transit this date and the Transit Corporation is looking into operating three or four buses for the convenience of these students.

A member of the audience asked if suburban parking with a shuttle bus service has been considered. Deputy Mayor Shannon stated that such a possibility has been considered but not very actively.

Alderman Maley stated that one of her major concerns is that Dalhousie University is planning to build a new dental school and it is her understanding that underground parking will not be provided. Mr. Sykes advised that the proposed dental building will take away 70 - 100 car parking spaces and there is no built parking planned with that building.

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Mr. Thompson stated that he would support restricted parking in the area for one-half hour morning and afternoon, which would only require law enforcement for that period each day. He suggested that the restricted hours could be staggered throughout the area thereby requiring the services of a limited number of law enforcement personnel.

A resident of the area between Jennings Street and Payzant Avenue stated he would support restricted parking for one hour morning and afternoon each day for five days a week.

Mr. John Dick, Vernon Street, pointed out that he has a shared driveway and stated that restricted parking for a period morning and afternoon would be an inconvenience.

A member of the audience stated that she also shares a driveway and if parking was restricted for a period in the morning and afternoon it could result in her having to take her car to work.

Mr. Whitley suggested that the answer to the problem of shared driveways would be the resident parking permit.

Deputy Mayor Shannon stated that the options are to pursue the issuance of resident parking permits, to reinstate the Dalhousie Parking Committee previously set up by City Council, and institute parking restrictions which the City is presently authorized to enact. She stated that she would like to have input from a larger number of residents on restricted parking and felt that maybe a questionnaire could be circulated in the area.

Mr. Doug Day stated that Dalhousie experiences a problem where people illegally park in University parking areas overnight, on weekends, etc. which in some instances causes a snow removal problem and results in the loss of some parking on the campus.

A poll of those present indicated that the majority supported a one-half hour parking ban in the morning and afternoon and the vigorous pursuit of resident parking stickers.

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Mr. Day suggested that if a petition or questionnaire were circulated in the area and the results submitted to Dr. Miller, Chairman of the Dalhousie University Parking Committee, or himself, they would be glad to consider it.

Mr. Whitley suggested that a solution to the parking problem in the area would be if there could be free parking on the Quinpool Road project lot.

Mr. Day stated that more parking might become available if residents with surplus parking would rent space to those seeking parking in the area.

A member of the audience suggested that Dalhousie University undertake a cost-benefit analysis of the real estate value for additional University buildings on the existing parking lots within the campus.

Deputy Mayor Shannon stated that the next step will be to circulate a questionnaire to all the residences in the area with a brief description of the options discussed at this meeting and to revive the City's Dalhousie Parking Committee.

Meeting adjourned - 8:50 p.m.

DEPUTY MAYOR SHANNON
CHAIRMAN

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PUBLIC MEETING - PROPOSED ACCESS
TO NORTHWEST ARM DRIVE (DUNBRACK
STREET) AND LACEWOOD DRIVE EXTENSION
M I N U T E S

Clayton Park Jr. High School
Gymnasium
45 Plateau Crescent
Halifax, N. S.
January 24, 1978
7:40 p.m.

A public meeting was held on the above date.

Present: His Worship the Mayor, Chairman;
Aldermen Clarke, Wooden, Hanson and Lawrence.

Also Present: Mr. C.L. Dodge, Assistant Director
of Development; Mr. Fred Bradbrook, Traffic Authority;
Acting City Clerk and other staff members.

The Chairman advised that the meeting was called
to discuss the proposed access to Dunbrack Street which
runs between Kearney Lake Road and Main Avenue. He indicated
that the position of City Council is that there will be no
Lacewood Connector. He said that the recommendation of staff
for the Lacewood Connector between Dunbrack Street and the
Bedford Highway was refused by City Council on November 25,
1976. He said that staff are now proposing an extension
of Lacewood Drive as outlined in a staff report dated
December 29, 1977, which would be explained by Mr. Dodge
in more detail.

Mr. C. L. Dodge, Assistant Director of Development,
with the aid of a map, reviewed the access points to
Dunbrack Street from the Kearney Lake Road Intersection south
to Main Avenue, as indicated in the staff report dated
November 7, 1977 titled "Access to Northwest Arm Drive
(Dunbrack Street)". He indicated that the Kearney Lake Road
Intersection will be an at-grade traffic controlled access
point. He said that further access points along Dunbrack
Street are proposed for Ross Street, Flamingo Drive,
Meadowlark Crescent, Lacewood Drive, Clayton Park Drive, Willett
Street, Birkdale Avenue, and Main Avenue.

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Mr. Brenden Langford, a resident of 30B Meadowlark Crescent addressed the meeting and made a presentation regarding the Bridgeview connectors. He indicated that the majority of residents of Meadowlark Crescent and Canary Crescent, the most affected streets from the Bridgeview South Connector, are petitioning City Council to preserve the quality of the neighbourhood by preventing access to Meadowlark Crescent from Bridgeview South Intersection. A copy of the presentation is in the official file of this meeting.

Mr. John MacDonald, 82 Flamingo Drive, indicated that the biggest concern for the residents in Bridgeview Subdivision is that an access be established whether it be located at Bridgeview South or Bridgeview North.

Mr. Ken Herman, 22 Canary Crescent, indicated that the access should be on Meadowlark Crescent because it would be less costly and could be developed now and it would be a more direct route. He said that the Flamingo Drive access could be developed later on.

A resident of 47 Flamingo Drive expressed concern about the amount of time involved before one of these access points, either Flamingo Drive or Meadowlark Cres., would be actually constructed. He said that he would have to agree with the access that would be built the fastest, regardless of the cost.

Mr. Bill Peters, Swan Crescent, indicated that he has been a resident of Bridgeview Subdivision for 8 years and during that time has managed to live without another exit. He said that the cost is not important but the best access is important.

John Chaisson, Canary Crescent, questioned the remarks made by a resident regarding the access being built regardless of the cost. He said that he would be very disappointed to see the access constructed on Meadowlark Cres.

Mr. Bill Stone, 45 Swan Crescent, indicated that the majority of residents are in favor of access from Bridgeview Subdivision but their basic concern is the time factor involved.

Mr. Dodge indicated that the Bridgeview Subdivision access is not included in the 5 year forecast of the Capital Budget. He indicated that the concern which has been expressed tonight will be looked into and possibly out of this one additional intersection will be proposed. He indicated that

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the overall development of the lands that are left around Dunbrack Street will also be a determining factor as to when the roadways will be built.

Mr. Don Maling, 29B Meadowlark Crescent, indicated that the Bridgeview Subdivision access might not be so important once the improvements are made to the Fairview Overpass.

Joan MacLean, Canary Crescent, asked which access would be constructed first, Flamingo Drive or Meadowlark Crescent.

The Chairman indicated that the construction of Bridgeview North or Flamingo Drive Connector would cost three times as much as Bridgeview South or Meadowlark Crescent Connector. He said that the Bridgeview North would also comprise a very valuable development of land. He said that the only funding visible which is available to the City, which would be subject to City Council approval, is the Municipal Incentive Grants Fund. He said there is no cost sharing from the Provincial or Federal Government on these connectors. He said that City Council will have to consider the total balance of money available, the urgency of need and the preferred location.

Alderman Wooden suggested that the North West Arm Drive roadway from Main Avenue to Old Sambro Road be displayed to show the residents how many access intersections are proposed and also require funding.

Mr. Allan Ray, Northcliffe Lane, expressed concern about the connections into Clayton Park. He said that Clayton Park Drive and Willett Street could adequately feed traffic onto Dunbrack Street from the Clayton Park area. He said that he would question the need for a Lacewood Drive Extension.

Mr. Dodge, with the aid of a plan, briefly outlined the Proposed Extension of Lacewood Drive to Dunbrack Street and referred to the staff report dated December 29, 1977. Mr. Dodge indicated that staff are proposing three alternatives as follows:

- (1) Extend Lacewood Drive to Dunbrack Street as proposed;
- (2) Reconsider and approve the Lacewood Connector as previously proposed by staff; or
- (3) Not approve the Lacewood Drive extension and not reconsider the Lacewood Connector but, let Lacewood Drive terminate in a cul-de-sac.

Alderman Lawrence indicated that he was surprised that the Lacewood Drive Connector is being proposed by staff again. He said that City Council has dealt with it and refused it last year. He said that as long as he is on City Council he would not be in favour of a Lacewood Connector.

Mr. Jack Gregory, 59 Briarwood Crescent, indicated that he would be in favour of alternative number 3 of the staff report in which Lacewood Drive would terminate in a cul-de-sac.

Mr. Larry Sanford expressed concern about the proposed Lacewood Connector to Dunbrack Street, if approved, becoming a truck route.

Alderman Lawrence indicated that he would have City Staff look at the situation of truck routes around the Dunbrack Street area.

Mr. Grandy, 149 Glenforest Drive, expressed concern about the number of children who use Glenforest Drive and suggested that some consideration be given to the amount of traffic on Glenforest Drive. He said that Dunbrack Street is there and it should be either used or closed, and if it is going to be used let everybody share it.

A resident of 22 Chelsea Lane addressed the meeting on behalf of the 90 homeowners of Sutton Gardens. He indicated that the feeling of the residents is that a second exit is required and they would be in favour of City Staff's proposal for the Extension of Lacewood Drive.

Mr. Ron Curbin, a resident of Briarwood Crescent, expressed concern about the change in the zoning from R-1 to R-4 of the property on Lacewood Drive owned by Clayton Park Developments Ltd. He said that the proposed extension of Lacewood Drive to hook up with Dunbrack Street was not mentioned at any of the previous meetings. He said that his understanding was that it would be a cul-de-sac.

Mr. Mike Willett, Clayton Park Developments Ltd., indicated that it has been proposed that Lacewood Drive be connected to Dunbrack Street since 1959. He indicated that the church area beside Briarwood Crescent is R-1 and the area above the church area is R-4.

Mr. Dave Black a resident of Glenforest Drive suggested that the whole area of Clayton Park should be considered and the people of the area should be encouraged to use Dunbrack Street.

A resident of Lacewood Drive suggested that the two main concern expressed tonight are the build up of traffic in certain restricted areas and everyone having a certain degree of convenience. He said that traffic

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problems and the inconvenience is caused by having a few restricted outlets. He said that Dunbrack Street is a convenient street and should have 3 or 4 access points in this particular area.

Further discussion ensued on the matter and the Chairman noted that a suggestion has been made that since the road system is there perhaps the impact upon it should be dispersed by maximizing the number of access points. He said that another suggestion is that the Lacewood Drive Extension be proceeded with provided that truck vehicles were prohibited and that the Clayton Park Drive access be opened at the earliest possible time. He indicated that staff are recommending three alternatives and briefly outlined these recommendations as listed in the staff report dated December 29, 1977.

Mr. Bruce Sterling, 129 Glenforest Drive, asked what alternative would City Council consider as an access into Clayton Park if the proposed extension of Lacewood Drive, as recommended by staff, was not approved.

The Chairman suggested that it would be very difficult to indicate what other roadway would be considered if the Cul-de-sac was installed on Lacewood Drive or if the Lacewood Drive Extension was not proceeded with. He said that, as a matter of speculation, he would have to suggest that Clayton Park Drive be considered as an access point.

The Chairman indicated that there would be an opportunity to discuss this matter again before a final decision is made by City Council. He said that the discussion which has taken place tonight has provided a very useful exchange of views.

Meeting adjourned - 9:55 p.m.

MAYOR EDMUND MORRIS
CHAIRMAN

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Council Chamber,
City Hall
Halifax, N. S.
January 26, 1978
8:00 p.m.

A meeting of City Council was held on the above date.

After the meeting was called to Order, the members of Council attending, led by the Acting City Clerk, joined in reciting the Lord's Prayer.

Present: His Worship the Mayor, Chairman; Deputy Mayor Shannon, Aldermen Maley, Downey, Meagher, Sullivan, Clarke, Wooden, Hanson, Moore and Lawrence.

Also Present: Acting City Manager, Acting City Clerk and other staff members.

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Deputy Mayor Shannon indicated that in the City Council minutes dated January 12, 1978 under the item "Demolition and Preservation - West Side of Granville Street - Duke to Buckingham" the motion found on page 13 should read Barrington Place instead of Granville Place.

MOVED by Alderman Lawrence, seconded by Alderman Clarke that the Minutes of City Council meeting held on January 12, 1978 be approved subject to the word "Granville Place" as contained on Page 13 of the January 12, 1978 minutes, being changed to read "Barrington Place".

APPROVAL OF THE ORDER OF BUSINESS, ADDITIONS AND DELETIONS

At the request of Alderman Lawrence, it was agreed to add:

- 20(a) - Approval - 1978 Capital Budget
- 20(b) - Dunbrack Connecting Streets
- 20(c) - Metro Centre

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At the request of Alderman Meagher, it was agreed to add:

- 20(d) - City Council Record an Opinion on an Application for Telephone Rate Increases

At the request of the Acting City Clerk, it was agreed to add:

- 20(e) - Police Car Tender 77-148

The Order of Business, as amended, was approved.

Outstanding and Meritorious Service - Civic Employees
John Donovan and Peter Dominix (Acting City Manager)

The Acting City Manager indicated that an incident came to his attention yesterday involving civic Employee John Donovan who is a truck driver at City Field. He said on January 19, 1978, while Mr. Donovan was salting a hill on Treemont Drive in Rockingham, his truck went out of control because of icy conditions and loss of brakes. He said that there were children on the street and cars parked on the side of the street. He said that Mr. Donovan stayed with the truck and took it to the side of the road and bumped it into a retaining wall 3 times in order to slow down and then drove into a driveway, across the lawn, and into a tree where the truck came to a stop.

He said that by this action, Mr. Donovan showed extreme consideration and suggested it was the type of action that deserves recognition by City Council.

He also indicated that Mr. Peter Dominix, another truck driver at City Field, while salting Cornwallis Street, lost control of his truck because of icy conditions. He said that Mr. Dominix stayed with the truck and was able to bring it to a stop by striking a telephone pole after going through an intersection.

He said that he would like City Council to pass a resolution recognizing the feats of these two men.

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MOVED by Alderman Lawrence, seconded by Alderman Moore that upon hearing the report of the Acting City Manager in respect to Mr. Donovan and Mr. Dominix, that the Acting City Manager be asked to convey to the two employees concerned, the congratulations and commendation of the City Council of the City of Halifax and that note of the commendation be recorded in each of the employees' Personnel files and further, that the Director of Engineering and Works be made formally aware of the commendation of the two employees within his Department.

Motion passed unanimously.

The Chairman indicated that the Acting City Manager should utilize the beginning of City Council meetings whenever, in his view, there is conduct or service rendered by any member of the staff responsible to him, that is of significant quality and unusually worthy of public commendation and public awareness.

DEFERRED ITEMS

Proposed Amendments to the Peninsula and Mainland Zoning By-laws Re: Day Nurseries

A Public Hearing re the above matter was held on January 18, 1978.

Deputy Mayor Shannon referred to the amendments under the R-3 Zone - Peninsula By-law, Section 2(1). She asked if these amendments are allowed, would buildings erected, altered, or used for R-1 or R-2 uses in an R-3 Zone constitute an R-1 or R-2 use in a R-3 Zone.

Mr. Matthews indicated that this would be in line with the practices of the by-law that if an R-1 use is erected in an R-2 Zone it complies as if it were in an R-1 use in an R-1 Zone. He said that a single family house with a day care centre in it would comply with the regulations as if it were in an R-1 zone rather than if it were in an R-3 Zone.

After a brief discussion on the matter it was MOVED by Deputy Mayor Shannon, seconded by Alderman Maley that the Amendments to the Peninsula and Mainland Zoning By-laws re: Day Nurseries as outlined in Appendix 1 attached to the staff report dated November 3, 1977 be approved by City Council subject to the word "dwellings" as it appears in the second line of Subsection 10, Section 2, page 1 of the appendix, being changed to read "buildings".

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Alderman Hanson asked if staff have considered the rear lot requirement as well as the side lot requirement.

Mr. Matthews indicated that staff have not considered the rear lot requirement but that the Provincial Regulations would control the amount of open space as well as the nature of the open space.

It was agreed by Council that the item be deferred until there is a firm answer to the matter of rear lot requirement.

REPORT - FINANCE AND EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Council considered the report of the Finance and Executive Committee from its meeting held on January 18, 1978, as follows:

Tender 77-158 - Disposal of Surplus Vehicle

MOVED by Alderman Lawrence, seconded by Alderman Sullivan that, as recommended by the Finance and Executive Committee, authority be granted to award tender #77-158 to Harold M. Lavers, R.R.#2, Windsor, N.S. for the tendered amount of \$1,155.00. Motion passed.

Municipal Social Assistance

MOVED by Alderman Downey, seconded by Alderman Sullivan that, as recommended by the Finance and Executive Committee, the changes to the Municipal Social Assistance as outlined in the staff report dated January 9, 1978 be approved effective February 1, 1978, and that the Social Assistance Special Diet Policy (1.3.13) be revised as indicated in the attachment to the staff report dated January 9, 1978. Motion passed.

Home for Special Care

MOVED by Alderman Clarke, seconded by Alderman Sullivan that, as recommended by the Finance and Executive Committee:

- (A) Maximum for comfort allowance be raised from the present \$30.00 to \$35.00 effective February 1, 1978;

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- (B) Maximum for comfort allowance be further increased to \$40.00 per month effective April 1, 1978.

Motion passed.

Human Resources Development Association

Mr. Crowell, Social Planner, advised that Mrs. Laura Carter was appointed to the Board of Directors of the Human Resources Development Association.

MOVED by Alderman Sullivan, seconded by Alderman Meagher that, as recommended by the Finance and Executive Committee, City Council endorse the proposal requesting National Health and Welfare to provide a Demonstration Grant to fund the Human Resources Development Association. Motion passed.

Tender 77-22 - Earth Retaining Structures

Following is the recommendation of the Finance and Executive Committee from its meeting held on January 18, 1978.

"It is recommended that;

1. Earth retaining structures be built at the various City locations as specified in the staff report of January 9, 1978.
2. Tender 77-22 be awarded on the following basis:
 - (a) Projects for Pineridge Avenue, Evans Avenue, #22 Herring Cove Road, and Forrest Avenue be awarded to Seaport Contractors Ltd. for the individual bid price quoted.
 - (b) Projects for #10 Coronet Avenue, Edgehill Road at Quarry Road, and Leiblin Drive be awarded to Seaport Contractors Ltd. for the individual bid price quoted.

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3. Funding transferal be authorized from Accounts CGA02 and CGA03 into CGA07 in accordance with Appendix "A" attached to the staff report of January 9, 1978.

4. Project funds be authorized from Capital Budget Accounts CGA07 and CGA23 as outlined in the staff report of January 9, 1978."

A supplementary staff report dated January 24, 1978 was submitted.

After a brief discussion on the matter, it was MOVED by Alderman Moore, seconded by Alderman Hanson that:

1. Tender 77-22 be awarded on the following basis:

(a) Projects for Pineridge Drive, Evans Avenue, #22 Herring Cove Road, and Forrest Avenue be awarded to Gerald W. Mills Limited, for the individual bid prices quoted.

2. Funding transferal be authorized from Accounts CGA02 and CGA05, into CGA07 in accordance with Appendix "A" attached to the staff report dated January 24, 1978;

3. Project funds be authorized from Capital Budget Account CGA07 as outlined in the report; and

4. Projects for #10 Coronet Avenue, Edgehill Road at Quarry Road, and Leiblin Drive, be deferred to the next regular meeting of the Committee of the Whole Council to be held on February 8, 1978, and a further staff report be submitted.

Motion passed.

Possible Acquisition - Portion of 156, 158, 160 Herring Cove Road

MOVED by Alderman Moore, seconded by Alderman Wooden that, as recommended by the Finance and Executive Committee, this matter be deferred to the next regular meeting of the Committee of the Whole Council along with Case No. 3534 - Application for Lot Consolidation of Lots 8, 9, and 10 (Civic Nos. 156 to 160A Herring Cove Road).
Motion passed.

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REPORT - SAFETY COMMITTEE

Council considered the report of the Safety Committee from its meeting held on January 18, 1978 as follows:

Ordinance Number 147 respecting "The Licensing of Dogs"

MOVED by Alderman Lawrence, seconded by Alderman Hanson that, as recommended by the Safety Committee:

1. Staff issue a call for proposals for a 24-hour dog control service based upon specifications as discussed in the staff report dated January 10, 1978; and
2. Staff be instructed to examine the revision of Ordinance No. 147 to allow for increased license fees for unspayed and unneutered dogs; to provide for prohibiting dog owners from allowing their dogs to defecate on any public and private property other than the property of its owner or other private property by permission, unless such defecation is removed immediately, and any other changes deemed appropriate to Council.

Motion passed.

It was agreed, as recommended by the City Planning Committee that:

- (1) a date be set for a public hearing to consider the rezoning of Civic Number 6025 Livingstone Street, lands of John M. Farrell, from R-2, General Residential Zone to C-2, General Business Zone, as shown on Plan No. P200/8220 of Case No. 3532; and
- (2) in accordance with Section 533, Section (2) of the City Charter, the City Planning Committee advertise the intentions of City Council to consider the application for the consolidation, and suitable provision for the inspection of the proposed changes by interested persons be taken.

The Acting City Clerk advised that the public hearing will be held on Wednesday, March 8, 1978, at 6:00 p.m. in the Council Chamber.

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REPORT - CITY PLANNING COMMITTEE

Council considered the report of the City Planning Committee from its meeting held on January 18, 1978 as follows:

Case No. 3534 - Application for Lot Consolidation of Lots 8, 9 and 10 (Civic Nos. 156 to 160A Herring Cove Road)

MOVED by Alderman Moore, seconded by Alderman Hanson that, as recommended by the City Planning Committee, the application for lot consolidation of lots 8, 9 and 10 (Civic Nos. 156 to 160A) Herring Cove Road as shown on Plan No. P200/8161 of Case No. 3534 be deferred to the next regular meeting of Committee of the Whole Council. Motion passed.

Case No. 3532 - Application for Lot Consolidation and Rezoning, Civic Number 6025 Livingstone Street, Lands of John M. Farrell, from R-2, General Residential Zone to C-2, General Business Zone
- DATE FOR HEARING

It was agreed, as recommended by the City Planning Committee that:

- (1) a date be set for a public hearing to consider the rezoning of Civic Number 6025 Livingstone Street, lands of John M. Farrell, from R-2, General Residential Zone to C-2, General Business Zone, as shown on Plan No. P200/8220 of Case No. 3532; and
- (2) in accordance with Section 533, Section (2) of the City Charter, the City Planning Committee advertise the intentions of City Council to consider the application for the consolidation, and suitable provision for the inspection of the proposed changes by interested persons be taken.

The Acting City Clerk advised that the public hearing will be held on Wednesday, March 8, 1978, at 8:00 p.m. in the Council Chamber.

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Wanderers Grounds (Removal of Street Lines for Jubilee
Road Extension from Summer Street to Bell Road)
- DATE FOR PUBLIC HEARING

It was agreed, as recommended by the City Planning Committee, that a date be set for a public hearing to consider the removal of the street lines for Jubilee Road Extension from Summer Street to Bell Road as were set down in 1970.

The Acting City Clerk advised that the public hearing will be held on Wednesday, March 8, 1978, at 8:00 p.m. in the Council Chamber.

The Acting City Manager advised that there are nine other matters related to the above which he felt should be included in the advertisement and asked that they be incorporated in the resolution.

It was agreed that the following matters also be considered at the public hearing to be held on March 8, 1978:

- (1) That Jubilee Road between Bell Road and Summer Street be closed;
- (2) That a section of Jubilee Road abutting the Abbie J. Lane Hospital be closed. The land in question is on the north side of Jubilee Road and approximately 167 feet west of Summer Street;
- (3) That a 40-foot section on the south side of Bell Road from Summer Street to Sackville Street be closed;
- (4) That a section of roadway amounting to 10,233 square feet at the intersection of Ahern Avenue and Bell Road be closed;
- (5) That the original street line on Bell Road from Summer Street to Sackville Street be laid down;

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- (6) That the original street lines at the northwest corner of Summer Street and Jubilee Road be laid down;
- (7) That the original street lines at the intersection of Ahern Avenue and Bell Road be laid down;
- (8) That the street line on the north side of Summer Street in the area of Jubilee Road to be closed be laid down;
- (9) That the street lines at the end of Sackville Street that are contained in the block from Summer Street to Sackville Street be lifted;

all as shown on Official Plan No. 15B and 16(B) (street lines) Plans Nos. TT-24-22865 (street closures) and 15H and 16E (official street lines).

The Acting City Manager further stated that Council may wish to get staff's view on the relationship of the above actions with other decisions of City Council as it is part of a large scheme and is related basically to the exiting of traffic from the downtown and has implications on the treatment of the Cogswell Street - North Park Street intersection. He advised that he would like an opportunity prior to the public hearing to make a presentation on the entire problem of traffic exiting from downtown so that the public hearing may be held in the context of that information.

His Worship stated that he would try to schedule the two matters as contiguously as possible.

MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS

Letter Acting Director, Halifax-Dartmouth Regional Authority
Re: Proposed By-law respecting the Establishment
Operation, and Maintenance of a Regional Public
Transit System, and a Regional Transit Planning
and Traffic Management Advisory Board

A letter dated January 19, 1978 and attached revised by-law was received from the Acting Director of the Halifax-Dartmouth Regional Authority, copies of which were circulated to members of City Council.

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A further letter dated January 26, 1978 with attached revised version of the by-law which supersedes all previous drafts was received from the Executive Secretary of the Metropolitan Area Planning Commission, copies of which were circulated to members of City Council.

His Worship advised that at a meeting of the Regional Authority on January 25, 1978 a change was made in the title of the document. He stated that a report is being prepared in response to a request from the City of Halifax that the Regional Authority describe to the three member municipalities how it would see itself structured and how it would operate, more particularly public transit, on the assumption that public transit is to be delegated to it. He stated that the report is not complete and suggested that the matter be deferred to Committee of the Whole Council.

MOVED by Deputy Mayor Shannon, seconded by Alderman Sullivan that the matter be deferred to the next regular meeting of Committee of the Whole Council. Motion passed.

Current Budget - 1978

Copies of the Proposed Current Estimates - 1978 were circulated to members of Council.

MOVED by Alderman Moore, seconded by Alderman Lawrence that City Council now receive and lay on the table the Proposed Current Estimates 1978 for the City of Halifax.

A staff report dated January 26, 1978 was submitted.

MOVED by Alderman Moore, seconded by Alderman Sullivan that City Council adopt the formal resolution attached to the staff report dated January 26, 1978 which permits an extension of the setting of the tax rate for the City to a date not later than the 31st day of March 1978. Motion passed.

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QUESTIONS

Question Alderman Lawrence Re: Flood Light at Bridgeview
Playground

Alderman Lawrence asked when the flood light at the Bridgeview Playground will be replaced. He stated that it has been out now for approximately six weeks. The Acting City Manager advised that a report will be issued.

Question Alderman Lawrence Re: 246-250 Bedford Highway

Alderman Lawrence stated that the property at 246-250 Bedford Highway has been for sale for several months and he has requested that the Building Inspection Department investigate the buildings on the site and bring back a recommendation that they be torn down as he felt they are an eyesore and a fire hazard in the area. He stated that he has been advised by the Building Inspection Department that they are going to give the owner a further thirty days to rectify the matter.

He asked that the Building Inspection Department submit a further report, with pictures, and the procedure on how City Council should have these buildings demolished if that is the wish of the Building Inspection Department. The Acting City Manager advised that a report will be submitted.

Question Alderman Lawrence Re: Overflowing of Catchbasins
on Bedford Highway

Alderman Lawrence stated that this afternoon the catchbasins at the south entrance to Mount St. Vincent on both sides of the Bedford Highway, at the corner of Bayview Road and the Bedford Highway, were overflowing. He stated that this is something new for those two locations. He asked what is happening there and if there is a fault, can it be corrected.

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Mr. Calda, Director of Engineering and Works, advised that there is a blockage in the Harbour Interceptor and both storm and sanitary sewer has backed up all the way to the Bedford Highway Interceptor and some of the manholes were overflowing. He stated staff are working on the problem and a report will be made to City Council on the causes and results.

Question Alderman Downey Re: Lay-offs at City Field

Alderman Downey asked for a staff report in regard to the proposed lay-off tomorrow of twenty men at City Field.

Mr. Calda stated that it is intended to lay-off twenty men at City Field tomorrow and this is a normal occurrence at this time of the year. He stated they cannot be kept on the payroll because of lack of programs.

Alderman Downey stated that the City of Dartmouth is removing snow and suggested that these men could be used to remove snow or some other kind of work.

Mr. Calda stated that approximately \$40,000. has been allocated in the 1978 snow removal budget for snow removal and practice has been, if a major snow storm occurs, snow removal takes place in the Central Business District. He stated that the monies allocated would only be sufficient for one snow storm, and the snow is removed by machines therefore many additional workers would not be employed.

Alderman Downey suggested that the monies allocated should be increased.

Question Alderman Downey Re: Plowing of Sidewalks

Alderman Downey stated that it is his understanding that the City of Dartmouth plows their sidewalks and suggested that the City of Halifax might consider doing the same.

His Worship stated that this matter has been recently reviewed and asked that Mr. Calda redistribute the most recent reports on the matter. Alderman Lawrence asked

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that the staff report include the aspect of property damage due to the sidewalk plowing.

Question Alderman Downey Re: Bus Stop at the Corner of
Gottingen and Cunard Streets on the West Side

Alderman Downey stated that the bus stop at the corner of Gottingen and Cunard Street has been moved back thirty feet and is now at the intersection of Prince William Street. He advised that he spoke to the General Manager about this and Mr. McKim seemed to be unaware that it had been moved.

Alderman Downey requested that he be advised when it is intended to relocate bus stops within his Ward.

His Worship stated that Halifax Transit will be asked to notify the City Clerk when relocation of bus stops is anticipated and the City Clerk will then notify all the members of City Council.

Question Alderman Sullivan Re: Status Report on Recommendations of the Taxi Committee

Alderman Sullivan asked when staff will be submitting to City Council a report on the recommendations which were made by the Taxi Committee and approved by City Council several months ago. The Acting City Manager advised that meetings are currently being conducted with regard to the parking stand problems and policies associated with Scotia Square and the Metro Centre. He further stated that the changes which will require changes in legislation are presently in draft form and will be forthcoming at an early meeting of City Council.

Alderman Sullivan asked that a staff report be submitted on the status of all the recommendations.

Question Alderman Sullivan Re: Bus Stop on the Corner of
Leeds Street and Gottingen Street

Alderman Sullivan stated that the bus stop at the corner of Leeds and Gottingen Streets is presenting a problem

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to a nearby resident and asked if the Transit Corporation would consider moving the bus stop a short distance to the west, thereby placing it in front of the St. Stephen's School property. His Worship stated that the Transit Corporation will be asked to consider the request.

Question Alderman Clarke Re: Amendment to Ordinance No. 155 - Connaught Avenue between Windsor Street and Bayers Road

Alderman Clarke stated that in November 1977 an amendment was passed re Ordinance No. 155, the Truck Routes Ordinance, whereby trucks would not be allowed to use Connaught Avenue between Windsor Street and Bayers Road during evening hours. He asked when signs will be erected to indicate that the change has taken place.

The Acting City Manager stated that a report will be submitted on the matter.

Question Alderman Clarke Re: Bump on Lady Hammond Road at the CN crossing

Alderman Clarke asked if Council could be brought up to date on the bump effect on motor vehicles on Lady Hammond Road at the CN crossing.

Mr. Calda, Director of Engineering and Works, advised that there is nothing further to report at this time, negotiations are underway with CN re the appropriate measures to be taken and it is expected that the work will be done this year.

Question Alderman Maley Re: Backing Up of Storm Sewers at Bridges Street and Tower Road at Atlantic Street

Alderman Maley asked that a written report be submitted re the storm sewers at Bridges Street and Tower Road at Atlantic Street. She stated that they appear to be backing up regularly over the past three weeks. The Acting City Manager stated that a report will be submitted.

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Question Alderman Maley Re: Homeless Men in the South
End

Alderman Maley stated that homeless men in the South End have been seen foraging in garbage from local stores and asked if Social Planning could give some indication of when a home will be available for them.

Mr. Crowell stated that his Department is aware of the problem and a proposal has gone forward from a group sponsored by the Catholic Social Services to the Provincial Government. He advised that the Provincial Government is considering it at the present time but it is not considered to be a high priority. He stated that it should be considered by Council in the light of the report sent to the Regional Authority on alcohol related crimes and people who are being confined.

His Worship reviewed the matter and stated that the Regional Authority about two months ago dealt with a report on Public Inebriation in which there is a recommendation that three hostels be established in the downtown core of Halifax for inebriates. He stated that the Regional Authority is now endeavouring to move forward with some response to that recommendation.

Question Alderman Maley Re: Forging of Local Improvement
Costs to Senior Citizens who are Owner-Occupiers

Alderman Maley asked that staff investigate the possibility of forgiving local improvement costs to senior citizens who are owner-occupiers. The Acting City Manager stated that such a change might be legislative and a report will be brought forward to Council on the matter for discussion.

Alderman Maley Re: Junior High School Students Clearing
Snow for Handicapped and Senior Citizens

Alderman Maley announced that in Ward 1 there are now sixty junior high school students available to clear snow for handicapped and elderly citizens. She asked that anyone who requires such a service contact her