

PUBLIC MEETING
PROPOSED COMSERV DIRECTORATE
MINUTES

Council Chamber
City Hall
September 13, 1978
7:45 P.M.

Present: His Worship the Mayor, Chairman;
Deputy-Mayor Shannon, Aldermen Maley, Meagher, Sullivan,
Wooden

Also Present: Mr. D. F. Murphy, City
Solicitor; Mr. H. D. Crowell, Director of Social Planning

A public meeting (in response to a motion made at the August 23, 1978 meeting of the City Finance Committee) was held on this date to discuss the proposal for metropolitan coordination of planning and services for the mentally handicapped (COMSERV).

His Worship acknowledged receipt of a letter dated September 11, 1978 from Mr. Phil Raymond, President, Canadian Association for the Mentally Retarded (Halifax Branch) and also a letter dated September 12, 1978 from Mr. Donald H. Walker, Chairman of the Catholic Social Services Commission, copies of which had been distributed to Council members.

Mr. Harold Crowell, Director of the Social Planning Department (City of Halifax), summarized various aspects of the proposal to establish a COMSERV Directorate, emphasizing that services would be coordinated on a regional level.

His Worship voiced Council's concern that the agreement, as presently drafted, could not legally be entered into by representatives of the City of Halifax. Citing Section 6 of the proposed agreement as an example, His Worship noted that "planning, coordinating and monitoring of services and facilities for mentally retarded citizens" is a function of the municipal government as enabled by the Halifax City Charter and, as such, cannot be relinquished to an agency such as the proposed Directorate. By the same token, he stated

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that budgetary control of funds to provide services for mentally retarded citizens (as specified in Section 8 of the draft agreement) cannot legally be waived by the City.

Furthermore, His Worship suggested that the term "mentally handicapped" be substituted for "mentally retarded" throughout the text and that greater clarification be made as to whether the Directorate is to serve as an advisory body or will, in fact, have executory powers.

Referring to the material attached to his letter of September 11, Mr. Phil Raymond stated that the clauses of the agreement presently before Council were based on those established by the National COMSERV Committee of the Canadian Association for the Mentally Retarded. He stressed that the Directorate is intended to serve only in an advisory capacity and that the intent of the agreement is to ensure that the Directorate will have input into the decision-making processes (with reference to provision for the mentally handicapped) of the three local municipalities and the Provincial Department of Social Services.

Mr. Jack Brill, President of the Bedford-Sackville Branch of the CAMR, described a number of his experiences as the parent of a school-aged, mentally handicapped daughter, and stressed that the "shall" clauses in this agreement were inserted to "close the loopholes" in order that the Directorate could work as closely as possible with elected officials.

Alderman Sullivan voiced his support of the concerns previously outlined by the Mayor, but stated that, in signing this agreement, City Council would appear to be favouring one group of taxpayers over another.

Another representative of the CAMR, Mr. Michael Kendrick, indicated that the Directorate concept was prompted by the lack of coordination among various agencies involved in providing services for the mentally handicapped. He emphasized that the proposed Directorate was not intended to replace existing executive bodies, but rather to serve as an advisory sub-body working with these agencies toward a common objective. Furthermore, he noted that proposals forwarded from the Directorate could be accepted or rejected at the discretion of the executive agency.

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Alderman Sullivan noted that, by making the Directorate directly responsible to the Minister of Social Services (as stated in Section 5 of the agreement), the possibility is created that municipally-elected officials would not be consulted on policies promoted by the Directorate.

In response to a question from Alderman Maley, Mr. Michael Brownlow of the CAMR stated that his group would prefer to have this agreement certified so that operating funds for the Directorate would be released by the National Association at its meeting in St. John's, Newfoundland on September 20.

Responding to a question from Deputy-Mayor Shannon, Mr. Kendrick stated that the COMSERV Steering Committee had received a financial commitment of \$50,000 from the Minister of Social Services for the Directorate's first fiscal year of operation; it is intended that the Directorate will confine itself to operating within this \$50,000 framework without the necessity of approaching municipal governments for additional funds.

Mr. Kendrick added that the Minister has already signed the agreement presently before Council.

In answer to a question from Alderman Maley, Mr. Brownlow stated that the proposed COMSERV Directorate would work in an advisory capacity toward developing, among other things, additional training programs for the mentally handicapped in the metropolitan area. He noted further that the training programs presently offered by the CAMR are inadequate owing to a lack of funds and facilities; it is hoped that the Directorate will be able to suggest a more effective solution to this problem.

After some further discussion, His Worship suggested various changes in the text of the proposed agreement, noting that these amendments would specifically identify the Directorate as an advisory body.

At 9:20 p.m. it was agreed that the meeting be temporarily adjourned in order that members of the COMSERV Steering Committee could review the suggested amendments. The meeting was reconvened at 9:40 p.m.

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After considerable discussion, it was agreed that copies of the suggested amendments would be immediately circulated to Council and members of the COMSERV Steering Committee for their consideration. Mr. Crowell was requested to distribute these amendments to other interested community groups and the matter is to be placed on the Agenda of the Committee of the Whole meeting scheduled for Wednesday, September 20, 1978.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:05 P.M.

HEADLINES

Public Meeting - Proposed COMERSERV
Directorate 1-4

MAYOR EDMUND MORRIS
CHAIRMAN

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CITY COUNCIL
SPECIAL MEETING
MINUTES

Council Chamber
City Hall
Halifax, N. S.
September 20, 1978
7:45 P. M.

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

Present: His Worship the Mayor, Chairman; Aldermen Downey, Meagher, Sullivan, Clarke, Wooden, and Hanson.

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

The meeting was called as a public hearing with respect to the following items:

1. To consider the Rezoning of Pinewood Acres Subdivision from R-2 and C-3 to R-1.
2. To Consider an Application under Schedule "D", Section 66, Subsections (c) and (d) of the Mainland Zoning Bylaw, to Permit the Erection of an 18-unit Apartment Building at Civic No. 147 Old Sambro Road.
3. To Consider an Application for a Modification of the Zoning Bylaw at 7024-7026 Churchill Drive as shown on Plan Nos. P200/8416 and 8418 of Case #3596.

Public Hearing Re: To consider an application under Schedule "D", Section 66, Subsections (c) and (d) of the Mainland Zoning Bylaw to permit the Erection of an 18-unit Apartment Building at Civic No. 147 Old Sambro Road

A public hearing was held at this time into the above noted matter which was duly advertised.

Mr. B. Campbell, of the Development Department outlined the application as contained in the staff report and responded to questions put forth.

The Chairman then called for those persons wishing to speak in favour of the application and Mr. Bruce Outhouse addressed Council on behalf of Mr. & Mrs. Brown, the owners of the property which is the subject of the application.

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Mr. Outhouse advised that the owners sold the property under agreement of purchase and sale last February subject to a proper building permit being obtained for the property saying that at the time of the sale, the land was zoned R-4 and qualified to support the building for which the application is made. He advised that on the strength of that, the Browns purchased another home which they hope to move into upon completion of the sale but noted this has not materialized as a permit has not been granted.

Mr. Outhouse pointed out that if the permit is not granted and the property does not qualify for an apartment building, it will de-value the lot and in effect, the Brown's property right which they had at the time of entering into the agreement of purchase and sale, will be expropriated, at least in part. He urged that Council give favourable consideration to the application.

Mr. Outhouse noted that the properties on either side of the property in question are zoned R-4, there are two apartment buildings adjoining it, immediately to the south there are at least two properties zoned R-4, and said it was his understanding the three owners to the south do not oppose the application.

He said that across the street, there are four other properties none of the occupants or owners of which oppose the application. Mr. Outhouse made reference to information contained in the staff report and suggested that pushing development into Clayton Park which is a high cost area, will mean apartment dwellers will pay more for their apartments and lower rental apartment accommodation becomes scarcer in the City. Mr. Outhouse again urged favourable consideration be given to the application.

Mr. Outhouse briefly responded to questions put forth by members of Council following which the Chairman called for further persons wishing to speak in favour of the application but there was no response from the gallery.

The Chairman then called for those persons wishing to speak against the application and Mrs. Harold Dean of 159 Old Sambro Road addressed Council representing the residents living at 153-157 Old Sambro Road.

Mrs. Dean noted the residents in the area recently sought to have their homes rezoned from R-4 to R-2 which was granted and for which the residents are very grateful. She suggested careful consideration should be given to the residents of Old Sambro Road before further permits are granted saying it is no longer a quiet street but is more like the Trans-Canada.

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Mrs. Dean said that with the opening of Dunbrack Street, there are greater problems and went on to advise that within the past few years, there have been 153 apartments constructed between Nos. 108-145 Old Sambro Road suggesting such development was enough for the residents to contend with.

Mrs. Dean also referred to proposed apartment construction in the area saying if they are allowed to proceed, it will result in there being 187 apartments being located within a one mile radius. She advised that in one apartment, there are presently over thirty vacancies and went on to refer to traffic and parking problems associated with the apartments.

Mrs. Dean advised the residents feel there should be more planning in the Spryfield area in order to attempt to control the over-crowding of apartment buildings and requested that Council refuse further applications for apartment construction within the Old Sambro Road area.

There being no further persons wishing to speak against the application, His Worship declared the matter to be before Council.

MOVED by Alderman Wooden, seconded by Alderman Sullivan that the matter be forwarded to the next regular meeting of City Council without recommendation.

Motion passed.

Public Hearing Re: To Consider the Rezoning of Pinewood Acres Subdivision from R-2 and C-3 to R-1

A public hearing was held at this time into the above noted matter which was duly advertised.

Mr. B. Campbell of the Development Department, with the aid of maps, outlined the proposal as contained in the staff report. Mr. Campbell advised that one objection was received from MacCulloch Developments Limited requesting that their property be left with its existing zone.

The City Clerk advised that during a telephone conversation with the Company today, she was informed the Company no longer had any objection to the proposed rezoning. The City Clerk advised that she did not have anything in writing to that effect but indicated she would attempt to obtain a letter by the Council meeting.

There being no persons wishing to speak in favour of the proposal, the Chairman called for those persons wishing to speak against and Mr. W. Malloy of 2770 Melton Avenue addressed Council and spoke against very large trucks travelling through Lexington Avenue almost every 10 minutes of the day which, he advised, the residents have been putting up with for the past two years.

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Mr. Malloy, in referring to Lexington Avenue, advised that MacCullochs have a sign posted stating "entrance only" saying the drivers of large trucks do not pay any attention to the sign and get stuck at the end of the road as a result of driving up Morningside Drive with the result being that they have to back all the way down the roadway.

Mr. Malloy said the truck drivers do not pay any attention to signs and suggested something should be done about the matter.

In reply to a question from the Chairman, Mr. Malloy advised he was not opposed to the proposed rezoning but was speaking against the traffic matter.

A letter dated July 20, 1978, was received from Mr. Gerald Mulrooney of 2795 Dutch Village Road, Halifax, N. S., in support of the proposed rezoning.

There being no further persons wishing to speak in opposition, His Worship declared the matter to be before Council.

MOVED by Alderman Hanson, seconded by Alderman Clarke that the matter be forwarded to the next regular meeting of City Council without recommendation.

Motion passed.

Public Hearing Re: To Consider an Application for a Modification of the Zoning Bylaw at 7024-7026 Churchill Drive as shown on Plan Nos. P200/8416 and 8418 of Case No. 3596

A public hearing was held at this time into the above noted matter which was duly advertised.

Mr. B. Campbell of the Development Department, with the aid of maps, outlined the application as contained in the staff report and responded to questions put forth by members of Council.

The Chairman then called for those persons wishing to speak in favour and Mr. M. Ritchie, the son of the applicant, addressed Council in support of the application.

Mr. Ritchie advised that the structural changes required to accommodate the application have already been completed and have been done without altering the size of the building in relation to the lot saying the roof of the attic was raised and a one-bedroom apartment created on the second floor. He said the building presently exists and is not being changed in relation to the lot size and suggested by not allowing the application to proceed, would result in restricting the owners of the building from obtaining the maximum benefit from their property.

Mr. Ritchie also suggested there are many mimilar multi-unit buildings in the immediate area saying there is a three-unit building immediately adjacent on one side, another three adjacent to it, and another six unit adjacent to it and, on the opposite side, there is a single family dwelling and a three unit there.

Mr. Ritchie also advised the area has been canvassed and signatures have been obtained from every resident abutting the property in question approving and supporting the application.

Mr. Ritchie further spoke in favour of the application and urged favourable consideration be given to the matter following which, he responded to a brief questioning from members of Council.

There being no further persons wishing to speak in favour, the Chairman called for those persons wishing to speak against but there was no response from the gallery. His Worship then declared the matter to be before Council.

MOVED by Alderman Hanson, seconded by Alderman Clarke that the matter be forwarded to the next regular meeting of City Council without recommendation.

Motion passed.

8:40 P. M. - Meeting adjourned.

H E A D L I N E S

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MAYOR EDMUND L. MORRIS
CHAIRMAN

G. I. BLENNERHASSETT (Mrs.)
CITY CLERK

Date Approved by City Council: _____

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CITY COUNCIL
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Council Chamber
City Hall
Halifax, N. S.
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9:00 P. M.

DEFERRED ITEMS

3596 - Zoning Bylaw Modification
7024-7025 Churchill Drive

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Halifax, N. S.
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9:00 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 City Clerk, joined in reciting the Lord's Prayer.

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

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

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Minutes of City Council meetings held on September 14 & 20, 1978, were approved on Motion of Alderman Lawrence, seconded by Alderman Hanson.

APPROVAL OF ORDER OF BUSINESS, ADDITIONS AND DELETIONS

At the request of the City Clerk and following a questioning of the City Solicitor, Council agreed to add:

9(b) - Architectural & Structural Study of Brunswick Street, Proposal of A. J. Diamond Associates

20(a) - Fencing Along Designated C.N.R. Boundaries

At the request of Alderman Maley, Council agreed to add:

20(b) - Condition of C.N.R. Bridges in the City

20(c) - Enforcement of Regulations for Cyclists in the City

At the request of Alderman Sullivan, Council agreed to add:

20(d) - North End Rink (Devonshire Centre)

At the request of Alderman Downey, Council agreed to add:

20(e) - Cornwallis Street Water Mains.

The agenda, as amended, was approved.

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DEFERRED ITEMS

Case No. 3596 - Zoning Bylaw Modification at
7024-7026 Churchill Drive

A public hearing was held with respect to the above noted matter on September 20, 1978.

MOVED by Alderman Hanson, seconded by Alderman Meagher that the application for a modification of the Zoning Bylaw requirements to allow conversion to 3 units at 7024-26 Churchill Drive, be approved by City Council and, in accordance with Section 34(1) of the Planning Act, the registered owner enter into an agreement with the City with the agreement containing the following:

1. That such conversion be constructed in accordance with Plan P200/8416, on file in the Development Department; and
2. That the required three 9-foot by 20-foot parking spaces abut one another, in the rear yard, to leave as much amenity area intact as possible.

Motion passed with Deputy Mayor Shannon and Aldermen Maley and Lawrence abstaining.

Case No. 3536 - Rezoning - Pinewood Acres

A public hearing was held with respect to the above noted matter on September 20, 1978.

MOVED by Alderman Hanson, seconded by Alderman Meagher that City Council approve the following rezonings:

1. Pinewood Acres Subdivision from C-3 and R-2 to R-1, as shown on sketches 1 and 5 and Plan No. P200/8421 as attached to the staff report of June 12, 1978;
2. MacCulloch Commercial Centre (2745 Dutch Village Road), from C-3 and R-2 to C-2, as shown on sketches 1 and 6 attached to the staff report of June 12, 1978, and Plan No. P200/8421;
3. John Leckie Ltd. (7037 Mumford Road) from C-3 to C-2, as shown on sketches 1 and 2 attached to the staff report of June 12, 1978, and Plan No. P200/8421; and
4. Olivet Street apartment buildings (3001-3095 Olivet Street) from C-3 to R-3, as shown on sketches 1, 3, and 4 attached to the staff report of June 12, 1978, and Plan No. P200/8421.

Motion passed with Deputy Mayor Shannon and Aldermen Maley and Lawrence abstaining.

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Case No. 3579 - Proposed Apartment Building -
147 Old Sambro Road

A public hearing was held with respect to the above noted matter on September 20, 1978.

MOVED by Alderman Wooden, seconded by Alderman Downey that City Council refuse the application to construct an 18-unit apartment building at Civic No. 147 Old Sambro Road, as shown on Plan No. P200/8358 of Case No. 3579.

Alderman Wooden spoke to the Motion and a short questioning ensued following which the Motion was put and passed with Alderman Hanson against and Aldermen Maley and Lawrence, and Deputy Mayor Shannon abstaining.

PETITIONS AND DELEGATIONS

Petition in favour of Access from Bridgeview to Dunbrack Street

Alderman Lawrence submitted a petition dated September 25, 1978 from residents of Bridgeview with respect to the above noted matter.

Council agreed that the petition be referred to City staff for review and report.

Architectural & Structural Study of Brunswick Street,
Proposal of A. J. Diamond Associates

The above noted matter was added to the agenda at the request of the City Clerk. A letter dated September 27, 1978, and an attachment dated September 20, 1978, were submitted from Mr. Robert Murrant representing A. J. Diamond Associates.

Mr. Murrant addressed Council on behalf of A. J. Diamond Associates saying that on the Court matter, there was an injunctive proceeding which is in abeyance saying he and Mr. Moreash of the Legal Department indicated they would make every effort to resolve the question but advised the directive from Mr. Justice Grant was that the City not finalize the approval of any other proposal until the matter was resolved.

Mr. Murrant suggested that what has happened is unfortunate saying August 25th was the deadline for the acceptance of proposals for the Brunswick Street study and, because of the air strike, the deadline was extended to September 1st., at 3:00 p.m.

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Mr. Murrant proceeded to outline the reasons why the proposal did not reach the City until after the extended deadline and also outlined the qualifications and experience of Mr. Diamond.

Mr. Murrant suggested it would be in the interest of both parties that the proposal be considered and requested that Council grant a motion to permit the proposal to be considered on the same basis as the others saying that if the body making the final decision wishes to reject Mr. Diamond's proposal as they would any other, they certainly have that right.

A questioning of Mr. Murrant and staff as well as discussion of the matter ensued following which it was MOVED by Alderman Lawrence, seconded by Alderman Wooden that Halifax City Council instruct City staff not to receive or take into any account a proposal from A. J. Diamond Associates in respect of the Brunswick Street Restoration proposals for which the closing time was as advertised and subsequently extended by telex.

Motion passed.

REPORT - FINANCE & EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Council considered the report of the Finance and Executive Committee from its meeting held on September 20, 1978 as follows:

Appointment of External Auditors - 1978

MOVED by Alderman Lawrence, seconded by Alderman Meagher that, as recommended by the Finance & Executive Committee, the firm of H. R. Doane and Company be appointed to carry out an independent audit of the books and finances of the City of Halifax for the 1978 year.

Motion passed.

Lease, Stage IX Scotia Square

MOVED by Alderman Downey, seconded by Alderman Sullivan that, as recommended by the Finance and Executive Committee, His Worship the Mayor and the City Clerk be authorized to execute, on behalf of the City, the lease in respect of Stage IX, Scotia Square, as attached to the staff report of September 18, 1978.

Alderman Downey referred to work taking place in respect to the above noted matter saying the sidewalk in the area is being blocked and asked whether such action formed part of the permit. The City Manager indicated he would have an answer to the question by the time Council reached the "Question" section of the agenda.

Motion passed.

Employee Parking

MOVED by Alderman Sullivan, seconded by Alderman Clarke that, as recommended by the Finance and Executive Committee, Council authorize the implementation of an employee parking charge for all City employees and employees of City Boards and Commissions who are assigned parking spaces in a City, Board, or Commission parking lot and who are working and parking within the Central Business District as defined in the Traffic Management Board's report dated March, 1977; such parking to be interpreted as meaning primarily long-term, eight-hour parking centered around a daytime employment pattern.

MOVED in Amendment by Deputy Mayor Shannon, seconded by Alderman Meagher that members of City Council be included in the Motion.

It was MOVED in Amendment a second time by Alderman Hanson, seconded by Alderman Clarke that the matter of a parking charge for members of City Council be referred to the Stipends Committee.

The Motion on the second amendment was put and passed with Deputy Mayor Shannon and Alderman Meagher against.

The original motion was then put and passed with Deputy Mayor Shannon and Alderman Meagher against.

The Chairman advised that the effect of Council's action was that it approved the parking policy and forwarded the matter of a parking charge for members of Council to the Stipends Committee.

Vacation Leave - Supplementary Report

MOVED by Alderman Maley, seconded by Alderman Meagher that, as recommended by the Finance & Executive Committee, the vacation entitlement improvement for Non-Union staff, as attached to the staff report of September 13, 1978, be approved effective January 1, 1978.

Motion passed.

Brochure - Halifax Visitors & Convention Bureau

The above noted item was forwarded to City Council without recommendation with samples of the work of the two bidders in question to be supplied to members of Council.

Mr. R. W. Chisholm, Director of the Visitors and Convention Bureau, addressed Council and circulated a letter of September 28, 1978 from Clarridge House Advertising Limited containing a recommendation with respect to the printing of the proposed brochure.

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Mr. Chisholm also circulated samples of printing done by the two bidders in question and responded to questions put forth.

MOVED by Alderman Hanson, seconded by Alderman Sullivan that the printing tender be awarded to Earl Whynott Ltd., with an order of 50 thousand copies at \$162.10 per thousand (Total of \$8,105.).

The Motion was put and lost.

MOVED by Alderman Lawrence, seconded by Deputy Mayor Shannon that the printing tender be awarded to the lowest bidder, Lawson Graphics Ltd., with an order of 50 thousand copies at \$142.55 per thousand.

The Motion was put and passed with Aldermen Sullivan and Hanson against.

Appointments

The above noted item was deferred to Council at the Finance & Executive Committee meeting.

MOVED by Alderman Meagher, seconded by Alderman Hanson that the following appointments to the Halifax-Dartmouth Port Commission, be approved:

- Charles Baxter - Reappointed for a further term to expire October 31, 1980;
- George Briand - for a term to expire October 31, 1980;
- A. Vandenburg - as and while local manager, Maritime Employers' Association.

Motion passed.

Annual Statements - December 31, 1977 - TO BE TABLED

MOVED by Deputy Mayor Shannon, seconded by Alderman Meagher that, as recommended by the Finance and Executive Committee, the annual statements of the City of Halifax Superannuation Fund for the year ended December 31, 1977, be tabled by City Council.

Motion passed.

REPORT - COMMITTEE ON WORKS

Council considered the report of the Committee on Works from its meeting held on September 20, 1978, as follows:

Waterfront Development - Outfall Structures

MOVED by Alderman Hanson, seconded by Alderman Wooden that, as recommended by the Committee on Works, staff be authorized to enter into an agreement with Transport Canada which will commit the City to the dredging of the harbour bottom at the Sackville Street and Salter Street sewer outfalls at Transport Canada's request; dredging, if required, would be at the City's expense.

Following a questioning of staff, the Motion was put and passed.

REPORT - SAFETY COMMITTEE

Council considered the report of the Safety Committee from its meeting held on September 20, 1978, as follows:

Overhead Crosswalk Signs - Transfer of Funds

MOVED by Alderman Clarke, seconded by Alderman Hanson that, as recommended by the Safety Committee, the \$3,000 designated for an audio signal feature in the 1978 Special Items Current Account Number 017-036-8D036 be transferred to 1978 Current Account Number 017-036-8C036 to cover the cost of installing the overhead illuminated crosswalk signs at the 18 locations for this year.

Motion passed.

Alderman Lawrence left the meeting.

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REPORT - COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE COUNCIL, BOARDS AND
COMMISSIONS

Amendment to Ordinance Number 112, The Encroachment
Ordinance - SECOND READING

MOVED by Alderman Maley, seconded by Alderman
Sullivan that an amendment to Ordinance Number 112, The
Encroachment Ordinance, as submitted, be now read and
passed a Second Time. Motion passed.

Amendment to Ordinance Number 170, the Tax Concession
Ordinance - SECOND READING

MOVED by Alderman Maley, seconded by Deputy Mayor
Shannon that an amendment to Ordinance Number 170, the
Tax Concession Ordinance, as submitted, be now read and
passed a Second Time. Motion passed.

REPORT - CITY PLANNING COMMITTEE

Council considered the report of the City Planning
Committee from its meeting held on September 20, 1978 as
follows:

Massage Parlours - Supplementary Report

MOVED by Alderman Maley, seconded by Alderman
Meagher that, as recommended by the City Planning Committee,
City Council review Appendicies II and III of the staff
report dated September 12, 1978 and:

1. Staff be instructed to propose the suggested amendments to the Plan and Bylaw to the Municipal Development Plan Committee as required by the Municipal Development Plan, Part III, Sections I and II (Appendix IV of the staff report dated September 12, 1978);
2. Staff be instructed to prepare draft amendments to the Halifax City Charter to enable the licensing of massage parlours.

Motion passed.

Waterfront Development Corporation - DFE Building and
Farmers Market - TO BE TABLED

MOVED by Alderman Downey, seconded by Alderman
Meagher that, as recommended by the City Planning Committee,
the matter be laid on the table until the Waterfront
Development Corporation indicates its desire to reactivate
the matter. Motion passed.

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Case No. 3616 - Application for Consolidation of Lots
28 and 30A Cartaret Street

A supplementary staff report dated September 27, 1978 was submitted.

MOVED by Alderman Maley, seconded by Deputy Mayor Shannon that, as recommended by the City Planning Committee, the application for consolidation of Lots 28 and 30A, to create Lot R, as shown on Plan No. P200/8539 of Case No. 3616 be approved. Motion passed.

Case No. 3564 - Lot Consolidation at 1685 Argyle Street

MOVED by Alderman Downey, seconded by Alderman Clarke that, as recommended by the City Planning Committee, the application for consolidation of Lots W, Y Z and Portion X at Civic No. 1685 Argyle Street to create Block XA as shown on Plan No. P200/8506 of Case No. 3564 be approved by City Council. Motion passed.

NIP I Area - Permit Application Number 78126 - 2417
Maynard Street

MOVED by Alderman Downey, seconded by Alderman Meagher that, as recommended by the City Planning Committee, City Council authorize the Building Inspector to issue a building permit to complete the interior of 2417 Maynard Street, to serve as an office and warehouse for Apex Industries Ltd. Motion passed.

Heritage Co-ordinator

MOVED by Alderman Meagher, seconded by Alderman Wooden that Mr. A. W. Churchill, Supervisor of the Real Estate Division, be appointed the Heritage Co-ordinator and that the position be reviewed in six months' time. Motion passed.

NIP Project - Cunard Street School - Rezoning, Lot
Consolidation and Modification of Zoning Bylaw
under Schedule "C" - DATE FOR PUBLIC HEARING

It was agreed that a date be set for a public hearing into the matters of rezoning, modification of the Zoning Bylaw and lot consolidation, to permit the construction of the NIP Multi-Service Project concerning the Cunard Street School.

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The City Clerk advised that the public hearing is scheduled for Wednesday, October 4, 1978 at 5:00 p.m. in the Council Chamber.

Designation of RRAP Areas outside of NIP Areas

MOVED by Alderman Wooden, seconded by Alderman Hanson that, as recommended by the City Planning Committee, City Council authorize staff to apply to Central Mortgage and Housing Corporation for special designation for RRAP for the areas to be known as:

- (1) Halifax Northern
- (2) Central Spryfield
- (3) Kline Heights

Motion passed.

MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS

Bridgeview Storm Sewer

A staff report dated September 18, 1978 was submitted.

MOVED by Alderman Hanson, seconded by Alderman Wooden that:

1. staff be authorized to make application for grant and loan to the Central Mortgage and Housing Corporation on the Bridgeview Storm Sewer, and
2. His Worship the Mayor and the City Clerk be authorized to sign the necessary agreement with Central Mortgage and Housing Corporation.

Motion passed.

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QUESTIONS

Question Alderman Sullivan re: Signs at Duffus and
Gottingen Streets, Lady Hammond Rd. and
Robie Street

Alderman Sullivan stated that during budget considerations monies were approved for the installation of 'walk' - 'don't walk' signs at Duffus and Gottingen Streets and Lady Hammond Road and Robie Street. He stated that work has not commenced at those locations and asked what the status of the matter is and when the signs will be installed.

Question Alderman Sullivan re: Consultant's Report -
Odour Problem at Barrington and Duffus Streets

Alderman Sullivan asked what is the present status of the consultant's report re the odour problem at Barrington and Duffus Streets. He stated that the anticipated date for submission of the report is now long past due and requested that he be informed by staff when it can be expected that City Council will deal with the said report.

Question Alderman Sullivan re: Building at Fort Needham

Alderman Sullivan stated that in July he was advised that staff were ready to call tenders for construction of the building at Fort Needham. He stated that no work has taken place to date on the site and asked when construction of the building will commence.

Question Alderman Sullivan re: Signage on Kaye Street

Alderman Sullivan stated that Kaye Street is a one-way street which has an excessive number of vehicles proceeding on it in the wrong direction. He asked that staff consider the possibility of painting 'wrong way' on the street and, as well, look at the signage at the intersections of Albert and Kaye Street as well as Devonshire Avenue and Kaye Street.

Question Alderman Clarke re: Crosswalk at Intersection of
Liverpool Street and Connaught Avenue

Alderman Clarke asked that staff look at the crosswalk at Liverpool Street and Connaught Avenue to see if it should be repainted.

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Question Alderman Clarke re: Transportation for Handicapped
Provided by Recreation Department

Alderman Clarke stated that other than this past summer the Department of Recreation provided transportation for the handicapped in a program of summer recreation. He asked that the Recreation Department submit a report indicating the reasons why this service was discontinued and whether it might be feasible or possible to renew the program next summer.

Question Alderman Clarke re: Equipping of Transit Buses
with Snow Tires

Alderman Clarke requested an information report from staff as to whether it is advisable or not from a safety or cost factor that all or some buses should be equipped with snow tires.

Question Deputy Mayor Shannon re: Radio Towers in the City

Deputy Mayor Shannon asked that staff investigate to determine whether the use of radio towers is a problem or might become a problem insofar as their construction is concerned, nuisance to neighbours and the safety factor of their installation.

Question Deputy Mayor Shannon re: Bus Shelter on Barrington
Street

Deputy Mayor Shannon stated that this matter was raised by her previously. She explained that there are seven archways in the wall of the Grand Parade Square abutting Barrington Street going in the direction of the gateway. She suggested that perhaps the third archway along the street could be taken back so that there is provided the space of a normal bus shelter in the wall of the Grand Parade Square. She requested that staff advise the costs involved in such a project.

Question Alderman Maley re: South Street

Alderman Maley requested that staff place another load of asphalt in front of the garage on South Street in the area of the construction.

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Question Alderman Maley re: Cost of Cleaning Sewers
south of South Street

Alderman Maley stated that a staff report was received recently on the above matter but did not contain the costs involved. She asked that staff prepare a report containing such costs as she would like to have the information for budget discussions.

Question Alderman Maley re: Point Pleasant Park Frog Pond

Alderman Maley noted that the frog pond in Point Pleasant Park has, over the summer, gotten filled up with garbage. She asked that the appropriate staff be advised and requested to clean it.

Question Alderman Maley re: Date for Meeting with CMHC
Representatives

Alderman Maley asked if a date has been set for a meeting of City Council with CMHC regarding NIP II. His Worship advised that a date has not been set at this time. He stated that staff met on September 27, 1978 with appropriate staff of CMHC and the Nova Scotia Housing Commission and a further meeting among those three staffs is scheduled for October 2, 1978. He stated that he has expressed to CMHC the view that Council would like to meet with the Corporation at an appropriate point in the process and it was felt that should not be done until after the October 2, 1978 meeting of staffs.

Question Alderman Downey re: Light Poles on Charles St.

Alderman Downey asked when the Nova Scotia Power Corporation poles on Charles Street will be removed.

Question Alderman Downey re: Monies from Relief Fund

Alderman Downey asked when a report on the monies from the Relief Fund could be expected and whether it has been turned over to the Provincial Government.

His Worship explained the present status of the Fund and stated that at some point consideration will be given to the matter of distribution of the Relief Commission funds and the City's interest in the matter has been recorded at both Provincial Government and Federal Government levels. He suggested that the amount of monies available is partly judgemental.

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Alderman Clarke stated that he would like to see staff gather statistics dealing with the Halifax Relief Commission, that is, identifying names and numbers of actual survivors living today. He stated that although he would like to see some funds used for a park, he would also like to satisfy himself that those presently living were treated fairly in terms of pensions received and awards made. His Worship stated that at the present time it is not the responsibility of the City of Halifax to pay the pensions and he is not entirely sure if the City can claim entitlement to a list of names of beneficiaries and amounts paid them; he suggested that the City might be given summarized material.

Alderman Sullivan stated that over the years he has received a number of suggestions as to how the monies should be spent. He suggested that, at an appropriate time, City Council should lay down guidelines for the distribution of such funds.

ADDED ITEMS

Fencing Along Designated CNR Boundaries

A staff report dated September 26, 1978 was submitted.

MOVED by Alderman Hanson, seconded by Alderman Wooden that contracts be awarded to the lowest bidders meeting specifications as designated in the staff report dated September 26, 1978, subject to 50/50 cost sharing with the CNR and, further, that authority be granted to overspend account CGA41 by \$8,392.00, which will be recovered when 50% of the project cost is received from the CNR.

Alderman Maley referred to the fence at the cliff at the end of Francklyn Street and asked that it also be discussed with CN.

Motion passed.

Condition of CNR Bridges in the City - Alderman Maley

Alderman Maley stated that it has been brought to her attention that CN bridges on Tower Road, Young Avenue, Belmont on the Arm, Marlborough and another one in that area show great signs of wear.

The City Manager advised that staff have concluded a study of all such bridges in the City and has brought the condition of same to the attention of CN. He stated that

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staff are now awaiting CN's confirmation of budgetary allocations for repairs.

His Worship requested that staff circulate a copy of their study to the members of City Council.

Enforcement of Regulations for Cyclists in the City -
Alderman Maley

Alderman Maley stated that a report to her from the Legal Department assures that there is legislation that can be enforced regarding cyclists in the City. She suggested that it is becoming increasingly necessary that cyclists be given some public instruction as to their responsibilities and requested that staff issue a report on ways that the legislation could be made known and enforced.

His Worship stated that such education ought to be carried out by the Department of Highways for the Province of Nova Scotia which is the regulatory authority. He stated that representations would be made to the Department of Highways re the matter.

North End Rink - Devonshire Centre - Alderman Sullivan

Alderman Sullivan referred to a copy of a communication circulated to members of City Council dated September 25, 1978 from Mr. Chris Manning, Chairman, Devonshire Centre, and asked what procedure would be followed re the request.

His Worship advised that he replied to Mr. Manning and referred the matter to the City Manager with a request for review and report to City Council. The City Manager indicated that a report will be submitted to the next regular meeting of City Council if not available for the next regular meeting of Committee of the Whole Council.

Cornwallis Street Watermains - Alderman Downey

Alderman Downey stated that on September 14, 1978 he brought the matter of Cornwallis Street watermains to the attention of City Council. He stated that three residents came to his home this evening complaining of oil in the pipes of the temporary watermains to their homes and they were not going to drink the water. His Worship asked that staff contact staff at the Public Service Commission tomorrow morning and advise Alderman Downey as soon as possible.

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Meeting adjourned - 11:30 p.m.

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PUBLIC MEETING
EXTENSION OF LACEWOOD DRIVE
CLAYTON PARK JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL

Council,
September 28, 1978

Clayton Park Junior High
School,
45 Atlantic Crescent
Halifax, Nova Scotia
September 28, 1978
7:45 p.m.

MAYOR EDMUND MORRIS
CHAIRMAN

A resolution was passed to extend the
of Laceywood Drive from the intersection of
with the intersection of the street.

Present: Mr. Edmund Morris, Mayor,
Chairman, Mr. Robert Valley, Mr. John Morrison, Mr. G. I. Blennerhassett and
Mr. ...

Also Present: Mr. ... Director
of ...

G. I. BLENNERHASSETT (MRS.)
CITY CLERK

The Mayor advised that the public
meeting was held to hear representations from residents
with respect to the proposed extension of Laceywood Drive

Date Approved: _____

Mr. ... Assistant Director of
Development, with the aid of a sketch, explained the
proposed extension of Laceywood Drive as recommended by
staff. He explained that, after an agreement with
Clayton Development, the proposed extension would be
constructed to a width of 20 ft., would contain curb and
gutter, sidewalk and would be side only, all at the
expense of the developer.

In response to a question from a
member of the public, Mr. ... advised the location
of the shopping centre and the points of access as
proposed. Mr. ... of Clayton Development
Ltd. advised that his company is not the developer for
the shopping centre as the land was sold to a private
company. He advised that the present proposal is for
a first phase of 10,000 sq. ft. and an ultimate size
of 125,000 sq. ft. He compared its size to the Springfield
Mall.

In response to a question, Mr. Dodge
advised that the retention pond is purely for storm
water which he expected would remain for a period of
one to two days.

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PUBLIC MEETING
EXTENSION OF LACEWOOD DRIVE
MINUTES

Clayton Park Junior High
School,
45 Plateau Crescent
Halifax, Nova Scotia
September 25, 1978
7:30 p.m.

A public meeting re the extension of Lacewood Drive from Cedarbrae Lane to Dunbrack Street was held at this time.

Present: His Worship the Mayor, Chairman; Aldermen Maley, Wooden, Lawrence, Moore and Sullivan.

Also Present: City Manager, Director of Engineering and Works, Assistant Director of Development, Wm. Sullivan, City Engineer, and F. Bradbrook, Engineering and Works Department.

His Worship advised that the public meeting was called to hear representations from residents with respect to the proposed Lacewood Drive extension or alternatives.

Mr. Dodge, Assistant Director of Development, with the aid of a sketch, explained the proposed extension of Lacewood Drive as recommended by staff. He explained that, under an agreement with Clayton Developments, the proposed extension would be constructed to a width of 30 ft., would contain curb and gutter, sidewalk and sod on one side only, all at the expense of the developer.

In response to a question from a member of the audience, Mr. Dodge advised the location of the shopping centre and its points of access as proposed. Mr. Mike Willett of Clayton Developments Ltd. advised that his company is not the developer for the shopping centre as the land was sold to a Toronto company. He advised that the present proposal is for a first phase of 60,000 sq. ft. and an ultimate size of 125,000 sq. ft. He compared its size to the Spryfield Mall.

In response to a question, Mr. Dodge advised that the retention pond is purely for storm water which he suggested would remain for a period of one to two days.