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Public Hearing Re: To consider an application under
Schedule "C", Section 83 of the Zoning Bylaw (Peninsula
Area) to permit a Sisters' Residence at 5820 Spring
Garden Road (Convent of the Sacred Heart)

Mr. W. D. Campbell, with the aid of maps and diagrams, reviewed the application, noting that the intended coverage area of the proposed structure is 5,780 square feet. He advised that, although the policies of the Municipal Development Plan call for the retention and/or rehabilitation of existing park and institutional uses, the applicant had determined that upgrading of the former building would be impractical and had ordered its demolition.

Mr. Campbell noted that the applicant is proposing to resubdivide the lot on which the proposed building is to be located, thereby effecting violations of the angle and setback controls contained in the Zoning Bylaw. He added, however, that, as these violations are internal to the property in question and would not impact on neighbouring properties, staff are recommending approval of the application.

Responding to a question from His Worship the Mayor, Mr. Campbell indicated that the applicant had provided staff with drawings regarding the elevations of the proposed structure.

7:55 P.M. - Alderman Meagher entered the meeting.

His Worship then called for those persons present wishing to address Council in support of this proposal.

Mr. Peter McDonough, appearing on behalf of the applicant, stated that a resubdivision of this property is being sought in order to enable the administration of the proposed structure by a corporate body separate from that governing the existing Convent.

Mr. Donald Mitchell of Fowler, Bauld and Mitchell submitted a scale model of the proposed building, emphasizing that it is primarily intended as a residential accommodation oriented toward the west side of Summer Street with every effort being made to ensure that its design and construction will be compatible with existing residences in this neighbourhood. He added that the proposed building will

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be set back-to-back with respect to the existing Convent so that the two structures should be viewed as separate entities, one a residential use, the other institutional.

Responding to a question from His Worship the Mayor, Mr. Mitchell advised that the residents of the proposed building will employ one vehicle which will be accommodated in a parking area located under the building with a driveway access from College Street. Mr. Mitchell indicated that arrangements are being made with the administration of the existing Convent to ensure a right-of-way to the proposed structure between the two properties.

His Worship then called for those present wishing to address Council in opposition to the application.

Mr. Blair Beed, a resident of 6770 Jubilee Road, noted the complexity of design which will result should the application be granted approval, stating that, in his opinion, the character of Spring Garden Road will not be enhanced by the addition of another architectural design on the Convent's property. He also noted what he described as the excessive size of the proposed building, expressing concern that, should this space be found to be under-utilized, future consideration may be given to relocating the functions presently contained by the main Convent structure in this building.

No further persons wished to address Council regarding this matter.

With reference to a question from His Worship the Mayor, Mr. Mitchell stated that no passageway, other than an open pathway, is anticipated between the existing and proposed structures.

MOVED by Alderman Moore, seconded by Alderman Hamshaw that the matter be referred to City Council without recommendation.

Motion passed.

Written submissions regarding this matter were received from the following:

1. Ecology Action Centre, Urban Development and Transportation Committee (July 17/79); and
2. Commodore A. C. McMillin, Chairman, Halifax Landmarks Commission (July 18/79).

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Mr. W. D. Campbell described various aspects of the application, noting that the property is presently occupied by a single-family dwelling. He advised that the applicant is proposing to demolish this dwelling and construct a 2½ storey brick apartment building containing 14 one-bedroom units and two bachelor units for an anticipated maximum of 30 persons.

Reviewing the staff recommendations with respect to this proposal, Mr. Campbell noted that particular concern has been expressed regarding the absence of what staff deems to be sufficient active open space adjacent to the proposed building, noting that this problem is accentuated by an overall lack of recreational open space in the surrounding neighbourhood. He also advised that approval of this application may tend to aggravate problems already encountered with regard to traffic and the provision of essential services in the Old Sambro Road area. Mr. Campbell referred to Plan policies which advocate the restriction of development in Mainland South pending the completion of a detailed area plan and advised that, because of these complications, staff are recommending that the application be refused.

With reference to a question from Alderman Wooden, Mr. Campbell stated that the site of the proposed building is located on the inside of a curve on the Old Sambro Road. Responding to a further question from Alderman Wooden, he advised that only ten of the proposed sixteen apartment units will have access to a balcony area.

His Worship then called for those persons present wishing to address Council in support of this application.

Mr. Peter MacKeigan, appearing on behalf of Dananir Enterprises, advised that his client had originally received a building permit for this proposal in August of 1977, but that, owing to financial difficulties, the permit was allowed to lapse and could not be renewed owing to Council's announcement of its intention to adopt a new Zoning Bylaw in March of 1978.

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Referring to the concerns expressed in the May 25 staff report, Mr. MacKeigan stated that, in his opinion, the transportation policies contained in the Municipal Development Plan had not sufficiently considered the completion of Dunbrack Street, adding that this street, together with the various access routes for which funds have been allocated in the City's Capital Budget, alleviate many of the traffic problems identified by staff.

He also noted that, because the proposed building will contain only bachelor and one-bedroom units, it is not anticipated that families with children will be attracted. He emphasized that the open space adjacent to the building is intended by the applicant for recreational activity of a primarily passive nature and noted that, because of its location on the outskirts of the City, it is anticipated that tenants will instead travel outside the City limits, should they wish to engage in active recreational pursuits.

Alderman Wooden requested that staff submit (prior to the July 26 meeting of City Council) a report describing the width of the roadway adjacent to this site, the number and condition of existing sidewalks, the location of the nearest school facility, the number of apartment units within a half-mile radius of the site, and the number of Ordinance 157 violations pertaining to the property located at 138 Old Sambro Road.

Responding to a question from His Worship the Mayor, Mr. R. J. Matthews, Director of Planning, confirmed that Council cannot grant approval for any application for contract development where the terms of that proposal are clearly inconsistent with the policies of the Municipal Development Plan.

Speaking in support of the application, Mr. Graham Hicks, a resident of 5335 Young Street, emphasized that the policies of the Municipal Development Plan advocate that development in Mainland South be discouraged rather than stopped.

His Worship then called for those persons present wishing to address Council in opposition to the application.

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Mrs. Eileen Dean, 159 Sambro Road, presented a submission on behalf of residents of the Old Sambro Road area in opposition to the construction of the proposed apartment building, emphasizing the lack of recreational space (particularly for children) and the problems it would create with regard to traffic flow.

There were no further persons present wishing to address Council regarding this matter.

MOVED by Alderman Wooden, seconded by Alderman Hanson that the matter be referred to City Council without recommendation. Motion passed.

Written submissions regarding this application were received from the following:

1. Mrs. Sharon D. Jeffrey, 136 Old Sambro Road (Jan. 30/79);
2. Beverly MacAulay, Chairperson, Community Services Office, 337 Herring Cove Road (Jan. 30/79);
3. Mr. Eldon H. Drysdale, 164 Old Sambro Road (June 27/79);
4. A petition containing approximately 28 signatures presented on behalf of the residents of Old Sambro Road (July 12/79);
5. Submission from residents of Old Sambro Road (July 18/79).

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As no staff report was available at this time, it was agreed that the public hearing on this matter be adjourned until Wednesday, September 19, 1979 at 7:30 p.m., and that a full staff report be submitted prior to that time for the consideration of Council members.

Alderman Maley further requested that she be notified of any demolition permit issued with respect to the area in question between today's date and September 19.

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Public Hearing Re: To consider an application under
Schedule "J", Section 86 of the Halifax Zoning Bylaw
(Peninsula Area) for the development of a bus bay shelter
and fish market at Chebucto Landing

A staff report dated July 18, 1979 was
submitted.

In his comments regarding the Waterfront
Development Corporation's proposal presently before Council,
Mr. C. L. Dodge of the Development Department made reference
to Council's resolution of January 25, 1979 which stated that:
" . . . the City will make available land on George Street, in
order to permit construction of retail facilities including a
fish market, the manner and terms of conveyance of the land to
be negotiated, it being understood that the design and location
of the facilities are subject to the approval processes con-
tained in Schedule "J" of the City of Halifax Zoning Bylaw".
He further noted that, in the staff report dated June 12, 1979,
recommendation was made that Council consider granting Stage II
approval for this application; however, he emphasized that,
following discussions with the Corporation, it was decided
that Council should again review the specifications pertaining
to Stage I approval.

Using maps and diagrams Mr. Dodge gave a brief
overview of the Corporation's proposal to date, noting various
matters which staff feel should be modified prior to appli-
cation for Stage II approval pertaining particularly to
permanent kiosks presently proposed for the area adjacent to
a transformer vault, obstructions to the Sheriff's entrance
to the Law Courts Building, access to Chebucto Landing by
emergency vehicles, variations to the proposed landscaping,
and enlargement of the bus bay area.

In response to a question from Alderman Maley,
Mr. Dodge indicated that a staff report would be submitted
prior to the July 26 meeting of City Council with reference
to the existing and proposed parking areas at Chebucto
Landing and its environs.

His Worship requested that the report also
distinguish between public and private parking areas in this
area, particularly addressing the question of the parking
facilities which will be made available to the Fish Market
should it be relocated.

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After some further discussion, His Worship called for those persons present wishing to address Council in support of the Stage I approval application.

9:40 P. M. - Alderman Meagher retired from the meeting.

Mr. James Cowan, on behalf of the Waterfront Development Corporation, expressed appreciation to City staff for their cooperation and assistance in the preparation of the Corporation's application for Stage I approval. He advised that the Corporation will make every effort to revise their proposal in order to address the recommendations made by Mr. Dodge in his presentation and as are contained in the staff report of July 18, 1979.

Responding to a question from Alderman Maley, Mr. Cowan confirmed that the development of Chebucto Landing is indeed predicated on the relocation of the existing Fisherman's Market. He emphasized that a fisherman's market is viewed by the WDC as one of the Landing's major attractions and that, under these circumstances, every effort has been made to design a building and location which would be advantageous to the operation of such an enterprise.

Mr. Dodge noted that, although the heights of both the proposed bus bay shelter and fish market exceed the requirements of Schedule "J", staff are recommending that the Stage I application be approved.

Mr. Ray Afleck, planning consultant to the Waterfront Development Corporation, stated that, in his opinion, a mixture of animation (to include pedestrian movement as well as access by service and emergency vehicles) is extremely appropriate to the development of Chebucto Landing as a major City centre. He added that the Corporation is proposing, together with the fish market operation, various minor commercial activities for the Landing to be housed in kiosks and to be oriented toward the tourist and entertainment industries. He also suggested that Council may wish to consider extending regular transit services to the Landing in addition to the bus bays presently allocated primarily for the use of tourist buses.

Responding to a question from His Worship the Mayor, Mr. Afleck advised that the Landing's surface is proposed as a mixture of brick and aggregate concrete, adding that cobblestone has proven to be somewhat hazardous to pedestrian movement.

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With reference to a question from Alderman Maley, Mr. Afleck indicated that the design of Chebucto Landing has been developed in accordance with the codes provided for the accommodation of handicapped persons, particularly with reference to the provision of ramps and special washroom facilities.

His Worship expressed concern that consideration be given to the Landing as a significant historical site and recommended that the establishment of a heritage marker or some other acknowledgement of the landing's historical importance be considered as part of the Corporation's Stage II proposal.

Responding to a question from Alderman Clarke, Mr. Afleck advised that in the initial stages of the Landing's operation, it is proposed that customers use the open parking facilities to the north of Historic Properties; he added that future provision of structured parking areas will be considered at the northern and southern boundaries of Chebucto Landing. With reference to a further question from Alderman Clarke, Mr. Afleck indicated that the provision of a small parking area adjacent to the Fisherman's Market for the use of its customers is not considered a practical alternative and that the WDC would prefer that all parking be restricted to the previously mentioned areas.

His Worship questioned the feasibility of providing Fisherman's Market with a restricted parking area, noting that such an action might place an onus on City Council to provide at public expense similar arrangements for other businesses in the downtown area who likewise have no access to parking facilities adjacent to their premises.

After some further discussion His Worship called for those persons present wishing to address Council in opposition to the application.

Mr. Fred Green, a resident of 2909 George Dauphinee Avenue and proprietor of the existing Fisherman's Market, advised members of Council that negotiations between himself and the Waterfront Development Corporation are ongoing although a final decision has not yet been reached.

Responding to a question from His Worship the Mayor, Mr. Green indicated that he did not wish to comment on the application for Stage I approval at this time as he had not been personally advised that a public hearing on the matter had been scheduled for today's date.

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A lady from the public gallery questioned the historical significance of the existing Fisherman's Market and noted that public response to the petition in opposition to its demolition had been considerable.

There were no further persons present wishing to address Council regarding this application.

MOVED by Alderman Maley, seconded by Deputy Mayor Downey that the matter be referred to City Council without recommendation. Motion passed.

Possible Acquisition - 3151 Micmac Street

The above item was referred to this Special Meeting of City Council from a meeting of the Finance and Executive Committee held on July 18, 1979.

MOVED by Alderman Clarke, seconded by Alderman Hanson that, as recommended by the Finance and Executive Committee, the property of James R. and Helen T. Driscoll, known as Civic No. 3151 Micmac Street, be purchased for \$52,000 as settlement in full (funds to be made available from Account No. 226111 Z0500 CJ008, Traffic Improvements, Bayers Road).

The Motion was put and passed with Alderman Maley voting in opposition.

Halifax Natal Day

The above item was referred to this Special Meeting of City Council from a meeting of the Finance and Executive Committee held on July 18, 1979.

MOVED by Alderman Hanson, seconded by Alderman Hamshaw that, as recommended by the Finance and Executive Committee:

1. City Council declare Monday, July 30, 1979 a Civic Holiday;
2. All civic offices of the City of Halifax, excepting those providing emergency services, be closed at 12:00 noon on Monday, August 6, 1979, and all civic employees of the City of Halifax be granted a half-holiday in honour of Dartmouth Natal Day.

Motion passed.

10:40 P. M. - Meeting adjourned.

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MAYOR EDMUND MORRIS
CHAIRMAN

G. I. BLENNERHASSETT (MRS.)
CITY CLERK

Date Approved by City Council: _____

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RECORD

CITY COUNCIL
MINUTES

Council Chamber
City Hall
Halifax, N. S.
July 26, 1979
8:25 P. M.

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

The meeting was called to order and members of Council, led by the City Clerk, joined in reciting the Lord's Prayer.

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

ALSO PRESENT: City Manager; W. Anstey, Acting City Solicitor; City Clerk, and other members of staff.

MINUTES

Minutes of City Council meetings held on July 11, 12 and 18, 1979 were approved on the Motion of Alderman Moore, seconded by Alderman Hamshaw.

APPROVAL OF THE ORDER OF BUSINESS, ADDITIONS AND DELETIONS

At the request of Alderman Wooden, Council agreed to add:
20.9 - Recreation Sites
20.10 - Street Closures
20.11 - Firebreak (Carson Street)

At the request of Alderman Shannon, Council agreed to add:
20.12 - Truck Traffic

At the request of Alderman Maley, Council agreed to add:
20.13 - DAPC I

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

20.14 - Request for Grant (Mr. Gerald
Johnson, 5872 West Street)

At the request of the City Clerk, Council
agreed to add:

20.1 - Halifax Police Department Annual
Report (1978) - TO BE TABLED

20.2 - Appeal from Decision of Halifax
Municipal Board of Police Commissioners

20.3 - Application for Bill Poster's
License (Canadian National Sportsmen's Shows)

20.4 - Appointments to Metropolitan
Transit Commission and Metropolitan Authority

20.5 - Advancement of Sidewalk Renewal
Projects

20.6 - Case No. 3678 - Fairmount Connector

20.7 - Soft Area 13, Public Hearing,
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20.8 - Sidewalk Renewals: Grafton, Blowers
and Market Streets

At the request of the City Clerk, Council
agreed to delete:

5.7 - Case No. 3665: Contract Zoning,
138 (Lot B) Old Sambro Road

The agenda, as amended, was approved.

DEFERRED ITEMS

Zoning Review - Soft Area 4

This item was last considered at the July 12
meeting of City Council.

Alderman Hanon noted that there are several
apartment buildings presently located on Crown Drive east
of Palmer Hill Road, as well as a commercial property at
Civic No. 31 St. Margaret's Bay Road, which he would prefer
to have retained as R-4 and C-1 uses respectively.

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His Worship questioned the designation of that portion of the area proposed for rezoning to "W", noting that, while the property is under the ownership of the Public Service Commission, it is not used for the "gathering and retention of water for the public water supply" as is stipulated by the provisions of the Zoning Bylaw.

It was agreed that this matter be deferred until the August 16 meeting of City Council with a request that staff submit a supplementary report relating to the concerns expressed at tonight's meeting.

Zoning Review - Soft Area 5

This item was last considered at the July 12 meeting of City Council.

After some discussion, it was moved by Alderman Maley, seconded by Alderman Shannon that no action be taken pertaining to the rezoning of Soft Area 5 at this time, but that the matter be referred to staff for discussion with the DAPC I group in conjunction with the preparation of their Detailed Area Plan. Motion passed.

Zoning Review - Soft Area 11

A public hearing regarding this matter was held on July 11, 1979.

MOVED by Alderman Clarke, seconded by Alderman Shannon that City Council approve:

- 1) the rezoning of Civic No. 6385 Liverpool Street from C-2 to R-2;
- 2) the rezoning of those lots fronting on the east side of Oxford Street, between Liverpool Street and Cork Street from C-2 to C-1;
- 3) the rezoning of those lots fronting on the western side of Oxford Street between Liverpool Street and Bayers Road (with the exception of Civic No. 3090 Oxford Street) from C-2 to C-1;

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- 4) the rezoning of Civic No. 3089 Oxford Street and 6380, 6420, and 6426 Bayers Road from C-2 to C-1;
- 5) the rezoning of Civic Nos. 6500 to 6544 Bayers Road inclusive, along with the Edgewood United Church parking lot from C-2 to R-2; and further that staff be requested to submit a supplementary report on the feasibility of rezoning Civic Nos. 6430 to 6494 Bayers Road inclusive to either C-1 or R-2.

Motion passed with Aldermen Maley, Wooden, Hanson and Moore abstaining.

Zoning Review - Soft Area 6

A public hearing concerning this matter was held on July 11, 1979 with a supplementary staff report submitted on July 20, 1979.

MOVED by Alderman Shannon, seconded by Alderman Meagher that City Council rezone the area shown as Soft Area 6 on the MDP Map 4 from R-3 (Multiple Residential) to R-2 (General Residential), excluding the property for which a development application is under appeal (Case No. 3477), all as shown on Map 2 and Plan No. P200/8961.

Motion passed with Aldermen Maley, Wooden, Hanson and Moore abstaining.

Zoning Review - Soft Area 9

A public hearing regarding this matter was held on July 11, 1979.

MOVED by Alderman Meagher, seconded by Alderman Clarke that City Council approve the staff recommendations 1 to 5 as recommended in the staff report dated May 15, 1979, with the following exception:

- 6) "the existing zoning designations of Civic Numbers 6430, 6467, 6470, 6482, 6495, 6543 and 6548 Chebucto Road, 2590 Oxford Street, and 2585 and 2586 Beech Street be retained."

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It was agreed that the matter be referred to the August 16 meeting of City Council with a request that staff submit a report concerning the impact of Recommendation No. 6 above and to include a map illustrating the location of the properties in question.

Case No. 3683 - Contract Zoning: 5820 Spring Garden Road

A public hearing regarding this matter was held on July 18, 1979.

MOVED by Deputy Mayor Downey, seconded by Alderman Moore that City Council, in accordance with Section 83, Subsections (c) and (d) of the Peninsula portion of the Zoning Bylaw, grant approval to the proposed development, as shown on Plans P200/8781-96 and P200/8918, and enter into the agreement (attached as Appendix "B" to the staff report dated May 22, 1979) with the registered land owner.

The Motion was put and passed with Alderman Maley voting in opposition and Alderman Shannon abstaining.

Case No. 3665 - Contract Zoning: 138 (Lot B) Old Sambro Road

This item was deleted from the agenda at the request of the City Clerk.

Stage I Approval - Bus Bay Shelter and Fish Market
(Waterfront Development Corporation)

It was agreed that this item be deferred to the August 16 meeting of City Council pending receipt of additional information pertaining to the fish market from the Waterfront Development Corporation.

REPORT - FINANCE AND EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Pollution Control Fund

MOVED by Alderman Shannon, seconded by Alderman Maley that, as recommended by the Finance and Executive Committee, City Council approve:

1. the cost of operation of Pollution Control facilities once built, in addition to the debt service costs associated with these facilities, should be charged to the Pollution Control Account as provided for in the Ordinance;
2. amendment of the City Charter to provide for the operating costs associated with completed Pollution Control projects to be paid from the Pollution Control Accounts;
3. that projects falling under this account be specifically identified to ensure consistent administration of the funds (staff is to prepare a report on the matter); and
4. that staff be instructed to bring forward amendments to Ordinance 156 to provide for the inclusion of a list of Pollution Control projects in the Ordinance.

Motion passed.

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Lease - 337 Herring Cove Road

A supplementary report, dated July 26, 1979, was submitted.

MOVED by Alderman Wooden, seconded by Alderman Clarke that, as recommended by the Finance and Executive Committee, City Council authorize the Mayor and City Clerk to sign the lease attached to the staff report of June 21, 1979 for 337 Herring Cove Road with R. and A. Daniels for the period May 1, 1979 to April 30, 1980.

Motion passed.

Possible Changes in the Pension Plan Contributions and Benefits

An Information Report dated July 25, 1979 was submitted.

His Worship indicated that, subsequent to previous discussions regarding this matter, staff have advised that there are certain extenuating circumstances in which a charge upon an unfunded liability could occur.

After some discussion, it was agreed to defer this matter until the August 16 meeting of City Council.

Award of Tender No. 79-23 - Traffic Improvements

MOVED by Alderman Meagher, seconded by Alderman Maley that, as recommended by the Finance and Executive Committee:

1. City Council award Tender No. 79-23 for the project listed in Appendix "A" of the June 27 staff report to Municipal Spraying and Contracting Limited for the unit prices quoted; and
2. Project funds be authorized from Capital Account CN040.

Motion passed.

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1979 Animal Control Contract and Dog Pound Agreement

A supplementary report dated July 23, 1979 was submitted.

MOVED by Alderman Shannon, seconded by Alderman Maley that the Mayor and City Clerk be authorized to sign agreements for a 1979 Animal Control Contract and a 1979 Dog Pound Agreement at the agreed fee for service increase of 6% over the 1978 levels. Motion passed.

After some discussion, it was agreed that staff be requested to review the performance of previous contracts with the SPC and to submit a report regarding concerns which should be addressed in future contracts of this nature.

Alderman Maley suggested that a meeting be arranged between members of Council and the SPC to discuss the terms of the 1979 agreement.

Bishop Street - Sidewalk Renewal

MOVED by Alderman Maley, seconded by Deputy Mayor Downey that, as recommended by the Finance and Executive Committee, the sidewalk renewal projected approved in the Capital Budget for 1979 be deferred in order that sidewalk renewal be carried out in conjunction with the paving renewal. Motion passed.

Heating - Public Housing - Alderman Meagher

A letter dated July 24, 1979 from Mr. John G. West, General Manager, Halifax Housing Authority, was submitted.

It was agreed that the City Clerk be requested to express Council's appreciation to Mr. West for his assistance in this matter and asking that information pertaining to the decision reached by the Residential Tenancies Board be forwarded to City Council as it becomes available.

Site Planning - Uniacke Square

MOVED by Alderman Maley, seconded by Deputy Mayor Downey that, as recommended by the Finance and Executive Committee, City Council authorize His Worship the Mayor and the City Clerk to initial the letter from CMHC, signed by Mr. John Stacey and dated June 15, 1979, and that the letter then be attached as an addendum to the Letter of Agreement dated February 12, 1979.

Motion passed.

REPORT - BOARD OF HEALTH

Nelson Avenue - Water and Sewage

A report dated July 17, 1979 from the Board of Health was submitted.

MOVED by Alderman Wooden, seconded by Alderman Moore that the resolution, approved by the Board of Health at its meeting of May 11, 1979, be referred to staff for review and report. Motion passed.

REPORT - CITY PLANNING COMMITTEE

Soft Area Zoning Review Program - Soft Area 18 (SET DATE FOR PUBLIC HEARING)

It was agreed that, as recommended by the City Planning Committee, a date be set for a public hearing to consider Recommendations (1) and (2)(a), as contained in the staff report of July 12, 1979.

The City Clerk advised that a public hearing would be scheduled for Wednesday, October 3, 1979 at 7:30 p.m. in the Council Chamber.

Modification of Lot Frontage, Lot Area and Side Yard Requirements - 2650 Dublin Street

An Information Report date July 20, 1979 was submitted.

MOVED by Alderman Meagher, seconded by Alderman Hamshaw that the application for modification of the lot frontage, lot area and side yard requirements pertaining to Civic No. 2650 Dublin Street be denied and that the building be used as a three-unit dwelling; and further that the owner of the property in question be required to bring his premises up to acceptable standards.

The Motion was put and passed with Aldermen Clarke, Wooden and Hanson voting in opposition.

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Case No. 3726 - Rezoning - Civic No. 106 Dutch Village
Road - SET DATE FOR PUBLIC HEARING

A supplementary staff report dated July 25, 1979 was submitted.

The City Manager explained that the P zone, as it now exists, would not permit the addition to Civic No. 106 Dutch Village Road. He stated that in order to permit the addition, the P zone would have to be amended as indicated in the supplementary staff report.

The Acting City Solicitor suggested that a solution may be in further considering the definition of a "P" zone to cover the type of use requested in the application, and not extend it too far so as to permit problems to creep into the zone.

After further discussion, it was agreed that staff again review the matter and pursue the possibility of permitting the non-comforming use to be expanded.

NIP II Implementation - Cornwallis Park

A supplementary staff report dated July 24, 1979, was submitted.

MOVED by Alderman Maley, seconded by Alderman Shannon that City Council allocate an additional \$28,700.00 for the implementation of the Cornwallis Park NIP improvement project. Motion passed.

Case No. 3659 - Lot Consolidation - Civic Nos. 741-49
Bedford Highway

MOVED by Alderman Hamshaw, seconded by Alderman Hanson that, as recommended by the City Planning Committee, the application to consolidate the properties known as Civic Nos. 741-49 Bedford Highway with Lot L1 to create Lot "A", as shown on Plan No. P200/8747 of Case No. 3659, be approved by City Council. Motion passed.

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MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS

Tax Concessions and Grants Committee Recommendations

Reports dated July 13, and July 17, 1979, as well as confidential reports dated July 13 and July 17, 1979, were submitted by the Committee.

MOVED by Alderman Meagher, seconded by Alderman Maley that the following grants be approved by City Council:

Atlantic Symphony Orchestra	\$ 9,500.00
Downtown Business Association (Noon Hour Concerts)	1,000.00
Gilbert and Sullivan Society	250.00
International Atlantic Summer School and Festival of Music	300.00
Joweph Howe Festival	10,000.00
Neptune Theatre	15,000.00
N. S. Kiwanis Music Festival	1,000.00
N. S. Youth Orchestra	500.00
Theatre Arts Guild	200.00
Wilde Thyme Pipes and Drums	200.00
Community YMCA (Brunswick Street)	4,000.00
Inner City Youth Club	750.00
Maskwa Aquatic Club	750.00
Pioneer Village Project	500.00
Atlantic Child Guidance Centre	2,950.00
Callow Veterans Association	1,500.00
Canadian Association for the Mentally Retarded	5,000.00
Canadian Mental Health Association	2,500.00
Canadian National Institute for the Blind	2,500.00
Canadian Paraplegic Association (subject to appropriate documentation being received)	2,500.00
Canadian Red Cross Society	20,000.00
Grace Maternity Hospital	12,000.00
Halifax Welfare Rights	475.00
Halifax Junior Bengal Lancers	5,000.00
Spryfield Lions Club	9,000.00
Home of the Guardian Angel	3,200.00
Mic Mac Friendship Society (subject to the receipt of satisfactory documentation)	2,500.00
Move & Grow	750.00
North End Community Health Association	2,500.00
Salvation Army Men's Social Service Centre	8,000.00

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Salvation Army Men's Hostel	\$ 7,000.00
St. John Ambulance	2,700.00
Victorian Order of Nurses	2,850.00
Boy Scouts of Canada	4,000.00
Brunswick-Cornwallis Pre-School (Cornwallis Street Church)	850.00
Center for Exceptional Children	2,900.00
Dalhousie Legal Aid	1,500.00
Ecology Action Center	1,000.00
Saint Patrick's High School Open House Program	100.00
Halifax Police Boys Club	18,500.00
Cornwallis St. Baptist Church - Age and Opportunity	4,500.00
Eye Level Gallery	Nil
National Youth Orchestra	Nil
Cyril Henderson Foundation	Nil

Motion passed.

Annual Report, Public Service Commission - TO BE TABLED

Copies of the Thirty-Fourth Annual Report, dated December 31, 1978, from the Public Service Commission of Halifax, were circulated to members of City Council.

MOVED by Alderman Moore, seconded by Alderman Hanson that the Annual Report of the Public Service Commission of Halifax be laid on the table. Motion passed.

QUESTIONS

Question Alderman Meagher re: Regulations re Discotheques

Alderman Meagher stated that the matter of regulations regarding discotheques in the City was raised previously and asked if staff are considering the matter. His Worship stated that an information report will be submitted regarding the number of discotheques in the City, the hours of operation, zoning regulations, limitations on numbers in occupancy permit, fire regulations, etc.

Question Alderman Hamshaw re: Mobile Home Fire in Fairview

Alderman Hamshaw expressed his appreciation to members of the Fire Department for their efforts during a recent mobile home fire in the Fairview area. He requested

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that staff determine why there is not a fire hydrant located in close proximity to the mobile home site.

Question Alderman Hamshaw re: Grass Cutting - Dunbrack Street

Alderman Hamshaw asked what the present status is regarding the proposed amendments to grass cutting regulations as they relate to the Dunbrack Street area.

Mr. Connell, Director of Engineering and Works, advised that a staff report is being circulated to the various departments for comments.

Question Alderman Hamshaw re: Kearney Lake Beach

Alderman Hamshaw requested that a holding tank be installed at the Kearney Lake beach as well as change houses. He requested that staff report back on the cost of a holding tank and a backhoe to pump out the tank every two weeks.

Question Alderman Wooden re: Information Report on Dog Regulations in Point Pleasant Park

Alderman Wooden referred to an information report dated July 25, 1979 re dog regulations in Point Pleasant Park and asked if the regulations are being enforced year round. She further requested that better signage be installed at intersections in the park so that citizens will know in what direction they are going and will not end up on the Shore Road where dogs are prohibited.

His Worship advised that the matters raised will be relayed to the Point Pleasant Park Commissioners for a report.

Question Alderman Maley re: Purse Snatching

Alderman Maley requested a report from the Halifax Housing Authority and the Halifax Police Department on alleged incidents of purse snatching in senior citizens housing locations on days pension cheques are received. She requested that the report include the dimensions of the problem, what they are doing about it, and what further measures might be taken to deal with the problem.

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Question Alderman Shannon re: Sods on Sackville Street

Alderman Shannon asked when the sods along Sackville Street will be replaced.

Mr. Connell advised that the sods will be replaced within approximately two weeks.

Question Alderman Shannon re: Sods on Boulevard between Henry and Edward Streets on University Avenue

Alderman Shannon requested that the Director of Engineering and Works look at the sods being used on the boulevard between Henry and Edward Streets on University Avenue to determine whether they are satisfactory.

Alderman Meagher asked when will sodding take place on Moran Street. Mr. Connell advised that he will check and report to the Alderman.

Alderman Shannon referred to a staff report re University Avenue, particularly area 'C' of same, and stated that there has been a big dip by the boulevard in that area for a long time and requested that staff look at it. She stated that she thought it might be done as part of the dental school.

His Worship also referred to area 'C' of the same report and advised that he has commented to staff on the factors which brought about the deterioration of the curb.

Question His Worship the Mayor re: Planting of Trees on South Side of Leiblin Drive

His Worship asked that staff look at the possibility of planting trees on the south side of Leiblin Drive between the sidewalk and the curb.

Question Alderman Moore re: Improvements at Scot Street and Desmond Avenue

Alderman Moore referred to improvements at Scot Street and Desmond Avenue and asked why both streets were torn up at once causing a major inconvenience in the area as well as a dust problem.

Mr. Connell, Director of Engineering and Works, stated that the contract has been reviewed and the contractor had the right to proceed as he did. He advised that he will

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report on why the contractor proceeded in such manner.

Alderman Moore strongly suggested that future contracts explicitly prohibit such an occurrence. Mr. Connell advised that staff have already taken such steps.

Question His Worship the Mayor re: Dust Problem - North
Gottingen Street

His Worship referred to a dust problem which existed on North Gottingen Street yesterday and requested that Public Service Commission staff be encouraged to put oil on the area if it does not rain.

Question Alderman Hamshaw re: Safety Measures on Glenforest
Drive in area of Brook

Alderman Hamshaw asked what safety measures are being taken on Glenforest Drive where a brook is being dug out. He stated a big hole containing water exists in the area and there does not appear to be a fence around it.

Mr. Connell advised that he will check and advise the Alderman tomorrow.

Question Deputy Mayor Downey re: Wading Pool - Central
Commons

Deputy Mayor Downey stated that the wading pool at the Central Commons is not in operation and asked that the pool be filled over the weekend.

The City Manager stated that a transfer of funds has been accelerated for the repairs but he was uncertain that the repairs had been completed.

The City Manager advised that he would inform the Alderman tomorrow of the status of the repairs.

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ADDED ITEMS

Halifax Police Department Annual Report 1978 - TO BE
TABLED

Copies of the Halifax Police Department Annual Report - 1978 were circulated to members of City Council.

MOVED by Alderman Meagher, seconded by Alderman Maley that the Halifax Police Department Annual Report - 1978 be tabled and referred to the Committee on Safety. Motion passed.

Appeal from Decision of Halifax Municipal Board of Police Commissioners

Copies of a letter dated July 12, 1979 from Bruce W. Evans, Barrister & Solicitor, on behalf of Constable Chris Doucette re appeal from decision of Halifax Municipal Board of Police Commissioners, and His Worship's reply dated July 24, 1979, were circulated to members of City Council.

MOVED by Alderman Shannon, seconded by Alderman Moore that the appeal of Constable Chris Doucette be dismissed without a hearing by Halifax City Council. Motion passed.

Application - Bill Poster - Canadian National Sportsmen's Shows

Copies of a letter dated July 24, 1979, from John Houghton, Operations Manager, Canadian National Sportsmen's Shows, were circulated to members of City Council.

MOVED by Alderman Moore, seconded by Alderman Hanson that the application for a bill poster's licence by the Canadian National Sportsmen's Shows be approved. Motion passed.

Appointments to Metropolitan Transit Commission and Metropolitan Authority

MOVED by Alderman Shannon, seconded by Alderman Meagher that City Council hereby confirm its appointments of His Worship Mayor Edmund Morris to the Metropolitan Transit Commission and Alderman Doris Maley to the Metropolitan

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Authority for the unexpired portion of the terms of Alderman Brenda Shannon who recently resigned her appointments, effective July 24, 1979. Motion passed.

Advancement of Sidewalk Renewal Projects

A staff report dated July 20, 1979 was submitted.

MOVED by Deputy Mayor Downey, seconded by Alderman Hanson that the projects listed in Appendix "A" of the staff report dated July 20, 1979, be brought forward in the order of priority, for implementation in 1979, subject to availability of funds.

Alderman Meagher requested that the list also include Davidson Street on the east side from Charles to West Streets. It was so agreed.

Alderman Wooden suggested that staff review the list to determine the possibility of NIP action on those streets which are located in NIP areas.

Motion passed.

Case No. 3678 - Fairmount Connector

A supplementary staff report dated July 24, 1979, and staff information report dated July 25, 1979 were submitted.

MOVED by Alderman Moore, seconded by Alderman Hanson that the matter be referred to Committee of the Whole meeting of August 8, 1979, for discussion of additional information received. Motion passed.

Zoning Review - Soft Area 13

His Worship advised that Alderman Sullivan had requested that the matter be deferred to a meeting of City Council of August 16, 1979.

MOVED by Alderman Clarke, seconded by Alderman Maley that the matter be deferred to a meeting of City Council of August 16, 1979. Motion passed.

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Sidewalk Renewals - Grafton, Blowers and Market Streets

A staff report dated July 26, 1979 was submitted.

MOVED by Deputy Mayor Downey, seconded by Alderman Hamshaw that City Council:

1. Award the project to Fred Smithers Concrete Contracting Ltd. for the City's share of the sidewalk renewal along Grafton St., Blower St., and Market St., for the unit prices quoted;
2. Authorize the payment to the Royal Bank for the City's share of the sidewalk renewal from Capital Budget Account Nos. CC016, CC017 and CC018.

His Worship suggested that staff consider the desirability of awarding the City's portion to Fred Smithers Concrete Contracting Ltd. and paying the contractor, if that seems to be a more appropriate measure.

Motion passed.

Recreation Sites - Alderman Wooden

Alderman Wooden asked that staff consider the possible purchase of certain recreation sites on Williams Lake Road, Old Sambro Road, and South Spryfield. She stated she would advise staff of the specifics in writing.

His Worship advised that staff will report on the request.

Street Closures - Alderman Wooden

Alderman Wooden requested that staff submit a report on the possible closures of Circle Drive extension, known as Old St. Margaret's Bay Road, as well as a portion of Drysdale Road between the Herring Cove Road and River Road. She stated there is a section of Drysdale Road, ten or fifteen feet, which is not being used now, and asked if it has been officially closed and, if so, could it be landscaped.

Fire Break - Carson Street Area - Alderman Wooden

Alderman Wooden stated that during discussions with members of the Halifax Housing Authority, it has been

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noted that the trees on the south side of the buildings on Carson Street are up against the buildings. She stated she does not know who owns the land or how far the Housing Authority lands extend on the south side. She asked that staff investigate the possibility of constructing a fire break in that area.

His Worship advised that a report will be submitted indicating land holdings.

Truck Traffic - Alderman Shannon

Alderman Shannon stated that she has been very disconcerted lately at the amount of truck traffic using residential streets. She stated that she has had a student make note for three hours this week of the trucks passing through the intersection of Vernon Street and Jubilee Road, which list she would pass on to the Police Department. She requested more enforcement of the regulations.

Alderman Wooden suggested that City staff be encouraged to use only streets that are truck routes.

Detailed Area Planning Committee I -- Alderman Maley

Alderman Maley advised that the Detailed Area Planning Committee I is fairly close to presenting its plans to City Council, the public, and the Planning Advisory Committee. She stated that it would appear that many people are re-investing themselves and their money in the area as a residential area. She stated that a problem exists in that the Zoning Bylaw has not been changed, and there is a certain amount of land uses being permitted as of right and there is no requirement that they be submitted to the NIP Core Committee or DAPC I.

MOVED by Alderman Maley, seconded by Alderman Shannon that all permit applications requiring the payment of a fee within the boundaries of DAPC I be referred to City Council.

In reply to a question from Alderman Hanson, His Worship indicated that the motion means that the applications would be submitted to City Council for approval and Council may hold up such applications for a period of six months.

A staff report dated July 25, 1979 was circulated to members of City Council.

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His Worship stated he supports Alderman Maley's efforts in this regard noting that a large part of the area is considered a soft area. He added that there is the harsh reality that there is evidence a few people are rushing to do things in Halifax South that are utterly contrary to what is trying to be achieved in the area, including purposes which are fundamentally anti-social and anti-civic.

MOVED by Alderman Moore, seconded by Alderman Clarke that the matter be deferred to the next regular meeting of Committee of the Whole Council scheduled for August 8, 1979, in order that members of Council may review the staff reports submitted and make an informed decision. Motion passed with Aldermen Maley, Shannon, Meagher and Deputy Mayor Downey voting against.

Letter from Gerald Johnston - Halifax Super Tiger Cats Floor Hockey Team -- Alderman Meagher

Alderman Meagher submitted a letter from Gerald Johnston, Coach, Halifax Super Tiger Cats Floor Hockey Team, dated July 24, 1979, requesting financial assistance.

MOVED by Alderman Meagher, seconded by Deputy Mayor Downey that the request be referred to the Tax Concessions and Grants Committee. Motion passed.

Planning Advisory Committee - His Worship the Mayor

His Worship requested that members of City Council kindly bring forward nominees for membership on the Planning Advisory Committee.

Meeting adjourned - 11:15 p.m.

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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
MINUTES

Council Chamber,
City Hall,
Halifax, N. S.
August 16, 1979
8:30 p.m.

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

The meeting was called to order and members of Council, led by the City Clerk, joined in reciting the Lord's Prayer.

PRESENT: His Worship the Mayor, Chairman; Deputy Mayor Downey, Aldermen Maley, Shannon, Meagher, Sullivan, Clarke, Wooden and Hamshaw.

ALSO PRESENT: D. F. Murphy, Q.C., Acting City Manager, City Clerk, and other staff members.

PRESENTATION OF REGIMENTAL CREST - 33rd HALIFAX SERVICE
BATTALION

Colonel John West introduced Lieutenant Colonel G. G. Pyle, Commanding Officer of the 33rd Halifax Service Battalion, who presented the Regimental Crest of the 33rd Halifax Service Battalion to Alderman Alfred Hamshaw, accepting on behalf of City Council of the City of Halifax.

MINUTES

Minutes of the City Council meeting held on July 26, 1979 were approved on Motion of Alderman Sullivan, seconded by Deputy Mayor Downey.

APPROVAL OF THE ORDER OF BUSINESS, ADDITIONS AND DELETIONS

At the request of the City Clerk, Council agreed to add:

- 9.4. Petition - Residents of Russell and Barrington Streets (Alderman Sullivan)

At the request of Aldermen Shannon and Sullivan, Council agreed to add:

- 20.2. School Crossing Guards

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At the request of Deputy Mayor Downey, Council agreed to add:

20.3. Social Service Benefits

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

9.5. Petition - Walkway - Scarlet and Bayview Roads

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

9.6. Petition - Residents of Colindale Area

The Order of Business, as amended, was approved.

DEFERRED ITEMS

Zoning Review - Soft Area 13 and Rezoning Civic Nos.
2872, 2878-80-82 and 2894 Barrington Street

A public hearing re the above matter was held on July 11, 1979.

MOVED by Alderman Sullivan, seconded by Alderman Shannon that City Council approve:

1. the rezoning of that area on the west side of Veith Street between Richmond Street and Hanover Street from C-2 (General Business) to R-2 (General Residential), as shown on Plan No. P200/8962; and
2. the rezoning of those properties located at the south-westerly corner of Russell and Barrington Streets, specifically Civic Numbers 2872, 2878-80-82 and 2894 Barrington Street from C-2 (General Business) to R-2 (General Residential).

The City Clerk advised that Mayor Morris, Aldermen Maley, Wooden, Hanson and Moore were not present at the public hearing.

Motion passed with Aldermen Wooden and Maley abstaining.

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Zoning Review - Soft Area 9

A public hearing re the above matter was held on July 11, 1979. The matter was further considered at a regular meeting of City Council held on July 26, 1979 at which time it was referred to staff for a further report.

A supplementary staff report dated August 10, 1979, was submitted.

MOVED by Alderman Meagher, seconded by Alderman Hamshaw that the following properties remain zoned C-2:

6430 Chebucto Road	Ceramics Studios
6406 Chebucto Road	Sayde's Market
6466-70 Chebucto Road	Pat King Realty
6482 Chebucto Road	Texaco Canada Ltd. Service Station
6516-18 Chebucto Road	(Pizza/Grocery/ Laundromat)
6507-13 Chebucto Road	Green Gables Ltd.
6495 Chebucto Road	Fries and Company Ltd.
6467-69 Chebucto Road	Backman Vid. Comm. Ltd.
2586 Beech Street	Mary Charlton

and that the property at 2585 Beech Street, known as Pat King's Insurance Limited, be zoned as C-1.

The City Clerk advised that Mayor Morris, Aldermen Maley, Hanson and Moore were not present at the public hearing.

The motion was put and passed with Alderman Maley abstaining.

Zoning Review - Soft Area 4

A public hearing re the above matter was held on July 4, 1979. The matter was further considered at a regular meeting of City Council held on July 26, 1979, at which time it was referred to staff for a supplementary report.

A supplementary staff report dated August 13, 1979 was submitted.

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MOVED by Alderman Shannon, seconded by Deputy
Mayor Downey that City Council:

- 1) Amend Implementation Policy 3.3 of the Municipal Development Plan to delete the phrase "but excepting Area 4 on Map 4";
- 2) Amend the Zoning Bylaw (Mainland Area) as follows:
 - i) rezone all that area to the north by the railway right-of-way, currently zoned I-1 (general industrial) to Schedule "K" excluding the pending application, shown on Map 2 and Plan No. P200/8875;
 - ii) rezone all that area from St. Margaret's Bay Road to the railway right-of-way from I-1 (general industrial), R-4 (multiple dwelling) and C-1 (local business) to R-2 (two family) except for the property of the Public Service Commission and except for those properties fronting on St. Margaret's Bay Road identified as Civic Numbers 31, 53, 55, 57 and 59 which will remain C-1 (local business); and, 41 and 63-63½ St. Margaret's Bay Road which will remain R-4 (multiple dwelling);
 - iii) rezone the properties identified as Civic Numbers 23, 25 St. Margaret's Bay Road and 2 Keating Road from C-1 (local business) to R-4 (multiple dwelling);
- 3) Instruct staff to report back to City Council on alternative future land use options including rezoning and Plan amendments as necessary for the property of the Public Service Commission.

The City Clerk advised that all members of City Council were present at the public hearing.

The motion was put and passed.

Stage I Approval - Bus Bay Shelter and Fish Market (Waterfront
Development Corporation)

His Worship advised that a further submission was received this afternoon from Mr. Green and indicated he would like to have an opportunity for written comment from the Waterfront Development Corporation on some of the statements in the submission.

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MOVED by Alderman Meagher, seconded by Alderman Wooden that the matter be referred to the next special meeting of City Council to be held on August 22, 1979 at 7:30 p.m.

Alderman Clarke requested that the Waterfront Development Corporation give explicit reasons why the Fishermen's Market cannot be accommodated in its present location.

His Worship stated the Waterfront Development Corporation will be asked to comment on what purport to be factual statements in Mr. Green's submission and to give us appropriate evidence of their facts.

Motion passed.

Zoning Review - Soft Area 16

A public hearing re the above matter was held on May 16, 1979. At a regular meeting of City Council on May 31, 1979, decision on the matter was deferred pending the submission of a supplementary staff report.

A staff information report dated August 7, 1979 was submitted.

MOVED by Alderman Clarke, seconded by Alderman Sullivan that City Council adopt an amendment to the Generalized Future Land Use Map (Map 9) of Part II, Section II of the Municipal Development Plan, specifically to change the future land use designation of the area bounded by Hood Street on the east, Windsor Street on the south, the easternmost property line of the property identified as Lot No. 4 Strawberry Hill Street on the west and the rear property lines of the properties fronting on Windsor Street on the north, from "Commercial" to "Residential Environments".

The City Clerk advised that Aldermen Maley, Meagher, Hanson and Moore were not present at the public hearing.

Motion passed with Aldermen Maley and Meagher abstaining.

Case No. 3665 - Contract Zoning - 138 (Lot B) Old Sambro Road

A public hearing re the above matter was held on July 18, 1979.

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Alderman Sullivan retired from the Council Chamber - 9:10 p.m.

MOVED by Alderman Wooden, seconded by Alderman Meagher that the application for contract zoning, pursuant to Section 66(c) of the Zoning Bylaw, to allow construction of a 16-unit apartment building at 138 Old Sambro Road, be refused by City Council.

The City Clerk advised that Alderman Shannon was not present at the public hearing.

The motion was put and passed with Aldermen Clarke and Hamshaw voting against, and Alderman Shannon abstaining.

Alderman Sullivan re-entered the Council Chamber - 9:15 p.m.

Case No. 3726 - Rezoning - Civic No. 106 Dutch Village Road

A supplementary staff report dated August 10, 1979 was submitted.

Aldermen Meagher and Sullivan retired from the Council Chamber.

MOVED by Alderman Maley, seconded by Deputy Mayor Downey that a date be set for a public hearing to consider an amendment to Section 51(1) of the Zoning Bylaw, Mainland area, adding a new subsection 51(1)(e) and re-numbering the present (e) to (f). Motion passed.

The City Clerk advised that the public hearing is scheduled for Wednesday, October 3, 1979, at 7:30 p.m. in the Council Chamber.

Aldermen Meagher and Sullivan re-entered the Council Chamber.

Possible Changes in the Pension Plan Contributions and Benefits

His Worship referred to item 9.2 of the Order of Business - 'Delegation - Halifax Retired Police Association - Dalhousie Legal Aid' and asked how Council wished to proceed with both items.

Alderman Meagher suggested that other retirees of the City of Halifax might also wish to make presentations and proposed that all groups be heard on one occasion.

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After some discussion, it was agreed that items 'Possible Changes in the Pension Plan Contributions and Benefits' and 'Delegation - Halifax Retired Police Association - Dalhousie Legal Aid', be referred to the next regular meeting of Committee of the Whole Council for discussion.

PUBLIC HEARING, HEARINGS, ETC.

Appeal of the Decision of the City Clerk in refusing to Grant a Lord's Day Permit - Clearwater Lobster Limited

City Council considered a letter of appeal dated August 8, 1979, from H. M. Snow, P.Eng., Manager.

A private and confidential report dated August 15, 1979, from the City Solicitor was considered.

MOVED by Alderman Maley, seconded by Alderman Shannon that the appeal of Clearwater Lobster Limited be denied. Motion passed.

PETITIONS AND DELEGATIONS

Petition - Residents of Meadowlark Crescent re: Re-numbering of Properties on Meadowlark Crescent - Alderman Hamshaw

Alderman Hamshaw presented a petition containing approximately fifteen signatures in favour of changing the present street numbering system of houses on Meadowlark Crescent.

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

Alderman Wooden requested that the report discuss the possibility of a four-digit numbering system on the Mainland.

Delegation - Halifax Retired Police Association - Dalhousie Legal Aid

This matter was dealt with when City Council considered item 5.8. - Possible Changes in the Pension Plan Contributions and Benefits.

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Petition - Area Residents - Larry O'Connell Field

Alderman Meagher presented a petition containing approximately 167 signatures regarding the City of Halifax project in progress on Larry O'Connell field, requesting immediate suspension of construction until the area residents can be informed of and participate in decisions regarding further alterations to the recreational facility.

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

Petition - Residents of Russell and Barrington Streets

Alderman Sullivan presented a petition containing approximately 181 signatures of residents of the area urging Council to alter the zoning of properties located at the southwesterly corner of Russell and Barrington Streets, specifically Civic Numbers 2872, 2878-80-82 and 2894 Barrington Street from C-2 (General Business) to R-1 (Residential).

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

Petition - Walkway - Scarlet and Bayview Roads

Alderman Hamshaw presented a petition containing approximately 100 signatures of residents of Parmbelle Lane, Scarlet Road, Foxglove Lane and Lacewood Drive, requesting protection of the pedestrian right-of-way through the yet to be developed lots situated between the northern boundary of the Eden Arms Apartment building on Lacewood Drive and the termination of both Scarlet Road and Parmbelle Lane.

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

Petition - Residents of Colindale Area

Alderman Meagher presented a petition containing approximately twelve signatures of persons objecting to the City of Halifax plan to install basketball, etc. facilities on Colindale Avenue.

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

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REPORT - FINANCE & EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Council considered the report of the Finance and Executive Committee from its meeting held on August 8, 1979, as follows:

Wanderer's Lawn Bowling Club

MOVED by Alderman Meagher, seconded by Alderman Wooden that, as recommended by the Finance & Executive Committee, the Wanderer's Lawn Bowling Club be informed that the present permission to use the City owned "Bowls House" on the Wanderer's Grounds for storage is extended for a term of not less than five years from September 1, 1979, provided, however, that other organized sport bodies shall be permitted to use the facility during games held at the Wanderer's Grounds.

Motion passed.

Larry O'Connell Field

MOVED by Deputy Mayor Downey, seconded by Alderman Hamshaw that, as recommended by the Finance & Executive Committee, the City proceed with the work at Larry O'Connell Field but confirm that there will be no backstops and no markings for basketball on the court and any use of it for basketball, will be discussed with the residents.

His Worship advised that he gave undertaking to the residents that the Alderman for the Ward would surely wish to attend, but should any other public business make it impossible, the Mayor will personally attend a meeting at an early date in the area to discuss the design and intentions for recreational facilities for children on the Larry O'Connell field in order to attempt to make clear the wishes of the residents of the area are not attempted to be contemned.

Alderman Maley referred to problems encountered such as those associated with the Larry O'Connell field, and asked that when the Planning Advisory Committee is established, one of the first items on the agenda deal with the matter of advertisements by the City.

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

Possible Acquisition - 2233-35 Barrington Street

A supplementary confidential staff report dated August 8, 1979, was submitted.

MOVED by Deputy Mayor Downey, seconded by Alderman Maley that the property known as Civic No. 2233-35 Barrington Street, be purchased for the amount shown in the staff report of August 8, 1979, as settlement in full; funds available from Account No. 226111-Z0500-EH014 (Land for Municipal Purposes).

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

Proposed Renewal of Lease - City of Halifax and Halifax
Developments Limited - Scotia Square Offices

MOVED by Alderman Shannon, seconded by Alderman Maley that, as recommended by the Finance & Executive Committee, Council accept the renewal offer of Halifax Developments Limited for leasing of City offices based on the terms and conditions of the existing lease amended by the three (3) changes outlined in the staff report of July 9, 1979, and that His Worship the Mayor and the City Clerk be authorized to execute the amended lease on behalf of the City.

Alderman Sullivan noted that a number of years ago, there was a considerably amount of debate on Council with respect to the desirability of building a new City Hall as opposed to leasing a large amount of space in Scotia Square, and asked if staff have done, or are doing an evaluation of the suitability of the Scotia Square space for the City's operation.

His Worship advised that such an evaluation gets done from time to time but not at the request of Council, but noted it will now be carried out. His Worship suggested the members would agree that when funds can be made available, Council should be looking at orderly renovations of the City Hall building over a period of years.

Alderman Sullivan referred to the brochure which is given to tourists and visitors to City Hall and asked if information could be included in it relating to the grounds, the Grand Parade, and history of the City Hall building.

His Worship referred to the section of the staff report relating to the carpeting of the Scotia Square space and following a short discussion on the matter, it was agreed that an item be included in the Current Budget and the matter be dealt with at that time.

The Motion was put and passed.

Alderman Hamshaw noted that improvements have been made to the bottom floor area of City Hall but noted there are some floor tiles which should be replaced, and His Worship advised that the matter would be reviewed.

Partial Closure - Rezoning and Disposal - Kaye Street

The above item was forwarded to City Council without recommendation.

A supplementary staff report dated August 16, 1979, was submitted.