

**CITY COUNCIL  
M I N U T E S**

Council Chamber  
City Hall  
Halifax, Nova Scotia  
29 November 1990  
8:00 P. M.

A regular meeting of Halifax City Council was held on this date.

The meeting opened with members of Council, led by Deputy Mayor Marie O'Malley, joining with those in attendance in the public gallery in the recitation of the Lord's Prayer.

**PRESENT:** His Worship Mayor Ron Wallace, Chairman; Deputy Mayor Marie O'Malley; and Aldermen Fitzgerald, Downey, Meagher, Pottie, Grant, Hanson, Jeffrey, Ducharme, Flynn, and Stone.

**ALSO PRESENT:** City Manager; City Solicitor; City Clerk; and other members of City staff.

**MINUTES**

Minutes of a special meeting of Halifax City Council, held on Wednesday, 7 November 1990, and of Council's last regular meeting, held on Thursday, 21 November 1990, were approved on a motion by Alderman Flynn, seconded by Deputy Mayor O'Malley.

**APPROVAL OF THE ORDER OF BUSINESS,  
ADDITIONS AND DELETIONS**

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

- 20.1 Award of Tender #90-29:  
Wanderers Ground Drainage
- 20.2 Pollution Control Charge - 1991  
(Supplementary)
- 20.3 Replacement of Communications Recording  
System (Halifax Police Department)

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The agenda, as amended, was approved on a motion by Alderman Downey, seconded by Alderman Meagher.

DEFERRED ITEMS

Case No. 6060: Rezoning from R-2 to R-2P,  
24-26 Melrose Avenue

This matter had last been discussed during the 11 October 1990 meeting of City Council at which time staff had been directed to contact the property owner in question in an attempt to reach a negotiated settlement.

A supplementary report, dated 16 November 1990, was submitted.

MOVED by Alderman Fitzgerald, seconded by Alderman Ducharme that no further decision regarding this application be made by City Council at this time, except that the matter be referred to the Legal Department for assessment.

The motion was put and passed.

MOTIONS OF RECONSIDERATION

Motion of Reconsideration of City Council Resolution  
of 15 November 1990 Re: Case No. 6223 - Appeal of  
Minor Variance Refusal, 6924 Armview Avenue

This matter was last discussed during a regular meeting of Halifax City Council, held on Thursday, 15 November 1990, at which time the following motion was approved:

THAT the appeal of a minor variance refusal of the side yard requirements of the Land Use Bylaw for the property located at 6924 Armview Avenue be granted, and the decision of the Development Officer to refuse the application be overturned.

At that same meeting, Alderman Moira Ducharme gave notice that at the 29 November meeting of Halifax City Council she would introduce a Motion of Reconsideration concerning Case No. 6223 and Council's decision on the matter (as noted above).

Two supplementary reports, dated 22 November and 27 November 1990 respectively, were submitted from the City Solicitor. Correspondence, dated 28 November 1990, was also received from nine residents of Armview Terrace and Armview Avenue.

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Alderman Ducharme made reference to the advice recently received from the City Solicitor concerning the 7 November public hearing on this matter, and MOVED, seconded by Alderman Fitzgerald that Council set the date for a second public hearing to consider the appeal of a minor variance refusal at 6924 Armview Avenue.

Responding to a question from Alderman Flynn, the City Solicitor indicated that it had been his understanding that no development or building permits have yet been issued with respect to the Armview Avenue property.

At Alderman Flynn's request, the City Solicitor elaborated on his report of 27 November, pointing out that, under Council's Rules of Order, permission for an Alderman to leave the Chamber must be sought from the Chairman. Mr. Anstey emphasized that, from a practical perspective, this kind of formal leave-taking, if followed, would be extremely helpful to the City Clerk, since it would provide more accurate information (to be recorded in the official Minutes) as to which members of Council were actually in attendance while presentations at public hearings were being made and who, therefore, would be eligible to vote on the matter at subsequent meetings.

The motion was put and passed.

The City Clerk advised that the requested public hearing would be scheduled for **WEDNESDAY, 9 JANUARY 1991** at 7:30 p.m. in the Council Chamber, City Hall.

Motion of Reconsideration of City Council Resolution  
of 15 November 1990 Re: Case No. 6033 - 12 and 14 Vimy  
Avenue (Plan Amendments and Rezoning)

This matter was last discussed during a regular meeting of Halifax City Council, held on Thursday, 15 November 1990, at which time the following motion was defeated:

THAT Council seek the necessary amendment to the Plan to permit the rezoning of 12 and 14 Vimy Avenue in accordance with the request by the applicant.

At that same meeting, Alderman Moira Ducharme gave notice that at the 29 November meeting of Halifax City Council she would introduce a Motion of Reconsideration concerning Case No. 6033 and Council's decision on the matter (as noted above).

A supplementary report, dated 22 November 1990, was submitted from the City Solicitor.

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Based on advice received from the City Solicitor with regard to Case No. 6223 (Armview Avenue) and the similarities between that public hearing and the hearing held on 7 November with regard to Case No. 6033 (Vimy Avenue), it was MOVED by Alderman Ducharme, seconded by Alderman Pottie that a second public hearing to consider an amendment to the Municipal Development Plan (to permit the rezoning of 12 and 14 Vimy Avenue) be scheduled.

The motion was put and passed.

The City Clerk advised that the requested public hearing would be scheduled for **WEDNESDAY, 9 JANUARY 1991** at 7:30 p.m. in the Council Chamber, Halifax City Hall.

**REPORT - FINANCE AND EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE**

Council considered the report from the Finance and Executive Committee, from its meeting held on Wednesday, 21 November 1990, as follows:

**Amendment to Ordinance No. 116, the Taxi and Limousine Ordinance (Membership Requirements - Taxi and Limousine Commission)**

This matter had been given First Reading during a regular meeting of Halifax City Council held on Thursday, 15 November, and was forwarded to Council without recommendation from the 21 November meeting of the Finance and Executive Committee, pending receipt of additional information.

An Information Report, dated 22 November 1990, was submitted from Alderman Tom Jeffrey, Chairman of the Halifax Taxi and Limousine Commission, together with a report, dated 26 November 1990, from His Worship Mayor Ron Wallace.

A memorandum, dated 6 July 1990 (pertaining to comments received from various Committee Chairmen concerning Council's existing appointment policies) was redistributed by the City Clerk.

Alderman Jeffrey reiterated comments made during the 21 November meeting of the Finance and Executive Committee, and emphasized that, because of its particular requirement for membership expertise and continuity, the Taxi Commission has found the current appointment procedures, previously adopted by City Council, inadequate to its needs. The Alderman went on to refer to some of the responses to the City Clerk's memorandum of 25 April 1990 received from other committee chairmen, and suggested that, based on those comments and on discussions he had recently had with various other Aldermen, the time was now opportune for a general review of these appointment procedures.

It was therefore moved by Alderman Jeffrey, seconded by Alderman Downey that:

- 1) the current appointment of Mr. Philip Herritt to the Halifax Taxi and Limousine Commission be extended for a further 60 days; and that
- 2) a review of Council's current appointment procedures with regard to its committees, boards and commissions be placed on the agenda of the next regular meeting of Committee of the Whole Council (scheduled for Wednesday, 5 December 1990).

The motion was put and passed.

Request for Additional Funding - Natal Day

An Information Report, dated 23 November 1990 and entitled "Over-Expenditures - Committee Budgets," was submitted. An Information Report, dated 4 June 1990 and pertaining to the City Float, was recirculated.

MOVED by Alderman Grant, seconded by Alderman Pottie that, as recommended by the Finance and Executive Committee:

- (1) Council authorize an over-expenditure of \$50,085.87 with respect to the Natal Day Budget, under Section 210(1) of the City Charter, to permit payment of outstanding supplier accounts, on the understanding that the Natal Day Committee will continue to make efforts to raise funds to meet the overspend; and, further that
- (2) the City Manager be requested to develop safeguards which will ensure that the City's committees, boards, and commission practice greater fiscal responsibility in terms of their approved operating budgets.

In addressing the motion currently on the floor, Alderman Fitzgerald reiterated remarks made during the 21 November meeting of the Finance and Executive Committee and expressed concern that Council was now being asked to authorize such a considerable over-expenditure as a result of events over which it had had very little control. The Alderman acknowledged receipt of the 23 November Information Report, prepared by the City's Director of Finance on this matter, and asked that the general matter of "overexpenditure of committee budgets" be placed on the agenda for the next regular meeting of Committee of the Whole Council for discussion purposes.

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Concurring with the concerns put forward by Alderman Fitzgerald, Alderman Flynn sought assurance that the Natal Day Committee will not proceed with any plans or commitments with regard to proposed 1991 activities unless and until it has discussed its intentions with Halifax City Council. He went on to emphasize that, in his opinion, members of Council should have a greater opportunity to direct the format of the City's Natal Day events, adding that the most appropriate time for such input was prior to the finalization of the City's operating budget.

The City Manager advised that a meeting has been arranged between himself and the Chairman of the Natal Day Committee, and suggested that, subsequent to that meeting, a presentation by Mr. Steele to City Council could be scheduled.

Speaking on the motion, Alderman Stone brought to Council's attention that efforts are already being made by the Natal Day Committee to raise additional monies in order to offset the additional financing required from the City.

On another but related matter, Alderman Jeffrey made reference to his earlier request for detailed information concerning the construction and use of the City's Float, and noted that the 4 June Information Report, which had been recirculated, did not contain the requested information.

His Worship concurred with Alderman Jeffrey's comments, and indicated that another, more detailed report on the matter would be distributed.

After some further discussion, the motion was put and passed with Aldermen Fitzgerald and Downey voting in opposition.

8:30 p.m. - Alderman Ducharme retires from the meeting.

Award of Tender #90-B-105 and 106:  
Two 1975 Scot Thibault 1050 IGPM Pumps

MOVED by Alderman Stone, seconded by Alderman Fitzgerald that, as recommended by the Finance and Executive Committee, authority be granted to sell the two 1975 Scot Thibault Pumps to the Milford Volunteer Fire Department for \$35,054.54 (Tender #90-B-105) and \$25,054.54 (Tender #90-B-106).

The motion was put and passed.

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Expropriation: Parcel D, Plan TT-20-21296,  
3694 Dutch Village Road

MOVED by Alderman Jeffrey, seconded by Alderman Hanson that, as recommended by the Finance and Executive Committee, Parcel D at 3694 Dutch Village Road (as shown on Plan TT-20-21296) be expropriated, and compensation of \$85,000 be offered to Fort Massey Realty Limited in accordance with the Zone Expropriation Act.

The motion was put and passed.

Social Planning Caseload - UPDATE

Correspondence, dated 29 November 1990, was submitted from the Halifax Metro Welfare Rights Association with regard to the G.S.T. rebate for social assistance recipients.

MOVED by Alderman Fitzgerald, seconded by Alderman Downey that, as recommended by the Finance and Executive Committee, the staff report of 19 November 1990 be tabled and that Council be advised of any major changes in the Social Assistance caseload.

The motion was put and passed.

On another but related matter, Alderman Downey noted that, during the 21 November meeting of the Finance and Executive Committee, he had asked for a report from the Director of Social Planning with regard to the impact of the proposed G.S.T. on social assistance payments. The Alderman indicated that he had been advised by the City Manager that this matter would be placed on the agenda of the Committee of the Whole Council.

Devonshire Rink

MOVED by Deputy Mayor O'Malley, seconded by Alderman Downey that, as recommended by the Finance and Executive Committee and in accordance with Section 201(1) of the City Charter, Council approve an over-expenditure of \$15,500.00 to undertake work as outlined in the staff report of 31 October 1990.

The motion was put and passed.

Downtown Business Improvement District Commission  
- Budget, Goals and Objectives

Following is the recommendation from the 21 November meeting of the Finance and Executive Committee:

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THAT the report on the budget for the Downtown Business District Commission from 1 January 1991 to 31 March 1992 be tabled, and referred to staff for a report.

At the request of the City Manager (who indicated that he wished to obtain further information on the proposed BIDC budget), it was agreed that this matter be deferred.

Vendor Sites - Lower Water Street

This matter was forwarded to Council without recommendation.

Deputy Mayor O'Malley referred to a request made to the Streets Committee by a street vendor concerning two alternate vending locations on Lower Water Street. In her remarks, the Deputy Mayor noted that this individual had understood that the matter would be discussed by the Committee at some point in the Fall, and that a decision on the matter would be forthcoming.

Responding to the Deputy Mayor's concerns, His Worship Mayor Wallace (a member of the Streets Committee) advised that information on this matter had been provided by staff and that the proposals had been discussed by the Committee. In this context, he indicated that he would undertake to obtain a complete recap of those deliberations both for the individual in question and for Deputy Mayor O'Malley.

REPORT - COMMITTEE ON WORKS

Council considered the report of the Committee on Works from its meeting held on 21 November 1990 as follows:

Award of Tender 90-135: New Greenhouse - Bell Road

MOVED by Alderman Downey, seconded by Alderman Meagher that, as recommended by the Committee on Works:

- a) the tender of Frank Jonkman Ltd. in the amount of \$161,157.60 to supply and install a new greenhouse (as detailed in Tender 90-135 in the staff report dated 2 November 1990) be accepted, utilizing \$140,000 in account number 20330 - CK095.
- b) the following transfers of funds to Account 20330 CK095 be authorized to fund this project:



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| FROM                | AMOUNT   |
|---------------------|----------|
| Account 20330 CK063 | \$14,000 |
| Account 20330 CK080 | \$ 5,000 |
| Account 20330 CK081 | \$ 3,000 |

- c) permission be granted to utilize the anticipated Provincial Hospital Tax rebate of up to \$9,490 to cover either a portion of the original funding shortfall before other funding transfers are made, and/or be utilized to offset any G.S.T. the project may attract.

Referring to the staff report of November 2nd, Alderman Flynn noted that the report mentions that additional funds will be required and that they are being transferred from other allocations. The Alderman asked that in the future Council be provided with the name of the project which the funds are being taken from.

After a short discussion, the motion was put and passed.

9:00 p.m. Alderman Holland entered the meeting.

Crosswalk - Frederick Avenue and Alex Street

This matter was forwarded to City Council without recommendation.

Alderman Jeffrey addressed the matter and referred to a letter he received from a resident in his Ward expressing concern on behalf of some of the neighbours in the area with regard to the crossing at Frederick Avenue and Alex Street. He noted that the letter mentions the fact that a young girl was hit by a vehicle at this location which is approximately two blocks from a school. The Alderman commented that there are approximately 60 to 70 children who cross the street at this location three to four times a day.

At approximately 9:05 p.m. His Worship Mayor Wallace retired from the meeting with Deputy Mayor O'Malley assuming the seat of the Chair.

Alderman Jeffrey went on to note that there is no stop sign on Frederick Avenue or any yield sign where these children are crossing. He requested that the City's Traffic Authority investigate the situation and consider the installation of a traffic signal or a four way or two way stop at this location. The Alderman asked for a report on the matter as soon as possible.

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1991 Overnight Winter Parking Ban

This item was forwarded to Council without recommendation.

MOVED by Alderman Downey, seconded by Alderman Fitzgerald that the overnight winter parking ban for 1990/91 commence December 15th at 1:00 a.m.

Alderman Fitzgerald referred to the "common sense rule" which was discussed last year which essentially means that vehicles which are parked on the street late at night on nights when there is no snow are not ticketed. The Alderman questioned whether or not this rule prevails.

Alderman Meagher suggested that the City should commence the parking ban after the first snow storm and asked for a written or verbal report on the feasibility of this at the next Committee of the Whole Council meeting scheduled for Wednesday, 5 December 1990.

Alderman Flynn suggested that consideration should be given to changing the winter parking ban from 1:00 p.m. to 2:00 p.m. during the two week festive season and asked that staff also comment on this matter at the next Committee of the Whole Council meeting.

After a short discussion, the motion was put and passed.

REPORT - COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE COUNCIL,  
BOARDS, AND COMMISSIONS

Motion Alderman Jeffrey Re: Amendment to Ordinance No. 116,  
the Taxi and Limousine Ordinance (Qualifications for  
Limousine Drivers) - SECOND READING

This matter was considered at the last Committee of the Whole Council meeting held on 21 November 1990.

MOVED by Alderman Jeffrey, seconded by Alderman Downey that the amendments proposed for City Ordinance 116, the Taxi and Limousine Ordinance (pertaining to qualifications for limousine drivers), attached as Appendix "A" to the report dated 17 October 1990 received from the Taxi and Limousine Commission, be given Second Reading.

Motion passed.

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Motion Alderman Grant Re: Increase in Various Fees  
- City of Halifax Ordinances - SECOND READING

This matter was considered at the last Committee of the Whole Council meeting held on 21 November 1990.

MOVED by Alderman Grant, seconded by Alderman Fitzgerald that the amendments proposed for various City Ordinances (to enable increases in license and permit fees), attached as Appendix "A" to the City Solicitor's report of 8 November 1990, be given Second Reading.

Motion passed.

REPORT - CITY PLANNING COMMITTEE

Council considered the report of the City Planning Committee from its meeting held on 21 November 1990 as follows:

2361 Quinn Street

This matter was forwarded to Council without recommendation.

Responding to a question from Alderman Flynn, the City Manager advised that a staff report from the Building Inspector on the matter would hopefully be provided next Wednesday. It was, therefore, MOVED by Alderman Flynn, seconded by Alderman Stone that this matter be deferred to the next Committee of the Whole Council meeting scheduled for Wednesday, 5 December 1990.

Motion passed.

Report - Planning Advisory Committee - Case No. 5766:  
Amendment to MPS 5481-5485 Victoria Road

MOVED by Alderman Holland, seconded by Alderman Fitzgerald that, as recommended by the City Planning Committee, the proposal to amend the MPS and redesignate 5481-5485 Victoria road from "Medium Density Residential" and rezone the property to RC-2 (Residential/Minor Commercial) be refused.

Motion passed.

MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS

Purcell's Cove Road - Resurfacing - Contract 190-42

A staff report dated 19 November 1990 was submitted.

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MOVED by Alderman Hanson, seconded by Alderman Flynn  
that Council authorize an additional expenditure of \$8,473.56  
for the Purcells Cove road resurfacing with funds being  
available from Account No. DB057.

Motion passed.

#### QUESTIONS

##### Question Alderman Flynn Re: Halifax Forum

Alderman Flynn referred to a recent newspaper report with regard to the renting of the Halifax Forum to the Hells Angels. He noted that there was an indication that there was a report coming forth and ask whether this report would be circulated to Council.

The City Manager advised that he was sure that this information could be made available to members of Council.

##### Question Alderman Flynn Re: Question Period

Alderman Flynn suggested that consideration should be given to having question period fall last on the Council agenda under the 20 items and that added items fall under agenda item 18. He asked that this matter be considered at the next Committee of the Whole Council meeting scheduled for **Wednesday, 5 December 1990**.

##### Question Alderman Downey Re: Interest on Overdue Taxes

Alderman Downey asked for a staff report on the possibility of reducing the amount of interest charged on overdue taxes because of difficult financial times. He requested that the report be submitted at the next Committee of the Whole Council meeting scheduled for **Wednesday, 5 December 1990**.

##### Question Alderman Downey Re: Crosswalks

Alderman Downey suggested that consideration should be given to including crosswalks, especially those near schools, in the School Board's budget rather than the Police Department's budget. He asked that this matter be forwarded to the Police Commission for consideration.

##### Question Alderman Downey Re: Air Canada Office

Alderman Downey noted that there have been a number of cutbacks by Air Canada and expressed the concern that their

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office would be closing out and that their ticket office would be handled by travel agencies. The Alderman asked that a response to this concern be sought from Air Canada suggesting that the ticket/reservation office should be kept in Halifax.

Question Alderman Downey Re: Transit Route 12

Alderman Downey advised that metro transit route number 12 which runs through the Gottingen Street area will no longer be going to the Halifax Shopping Centre or Sears. He noted that a number of seniors depended on this bus route for their shopping and asked that the members on the Metropolitan Authority reconsider their decision to reroute this bus from the Halifax Shopping Centre and Sears.

At approximately 10:25 p.m. His Worship Mayor Wallace returned to the meeting with Deputy Mayor O'Malley taking her usual seat in Council.

Question Alderman Fitzgerald Re: Overexpenditure -  
Committee Budgets

Alderman Fitzgerald asked that the item with regard to the overexpenditure of Committee budgets be added to the agenda for the next Committee of the Whole Council meeting scheduled for Wednesday, 5 December 1990.

Question Alderman Fitzgerald Re: Budget

Alderman Fitzgerald questioned when the budget would be submitted to Council for consideration.

The City Manager advised that the capital budget would be presented in December and that the current budget would not be submitted until January.

Question Alderman Fitzgerald Re: Tipping Fees for Condominiums

Alderman Fitzgerald questioned the status of the report with respect to tipping fees for condominiums.

The City Manager advised that he was waiting for information on garbage disposal costs and, therefore, suggested that the report would probably be submitted in the new year.

Question Alderman Fitzgerald Re: Greenbelt from  
Hemlock to Herring Cove

In response to a question from Alderman Fitzgerald, the City Manager advised that the report with regard to the greenbelt from Hemlock to Herring Cove is nearly complete and should be provided in January.

Question Alderman Fitzgerald Re: Report from Consultants  
on the Recreation Committee

Alderman Fitzgerald questioned when the report from the Consultants on the Recreation Committee might be submitted.

The City Manager advised that he has not received the report and that the process was for the Director of Recreation to review the report. He noted that the Recreation Director was presently reviewing the report.

Alderman Fitzgerald emphasized the importance of this item and indicated that the matter should be dealt with as soon as possible.

Question Alderman Stone Re: Christmas Store Hours

Responding to a question from Alderman Stone, the Chairman advised that the Christmas store hours would come into effect December 1st.

Question Alderman Stone Re: Boards and Commissions

Alderman Stone questioned when the advertisement with respect to Boards and Commissions would be placed in the paper and whether the suggestion of advertising for secretaries for these various committees was being considered.

His Worship Mayor Wallace advised that the advertisement would be in this Saturday's newspaper and would run until Tuesday.

Question Alderman Stone Re: Rules of Order

Alderman Stone asked that the Rules of Order be distributed to members of Council. He suggested that "Question Period" should be limited or restricted to straight forward questions only and expressed the view that there could be more order during Council meetings so that Council's business could be accomplished more efficiently.

Question Alderman Grant Re: Formalized Procedures -  
Personnel Matters

Alderman Grant questioned if the City had any formalized procedures with regard to dealing with personnel matters and asked that they be distributed.

Question Alderman Grant Re: Ardwell and Rockingham Stone Road

Noting that the Traffic Authority has indicated that a three way stop is not warranted at Ardwell Avenue and Rockingham Stone Road, Alderman Grant questioned who is responsible if a fatality occurs at this location when the potential dangers have been brought forth on numerous occasions by citizens and by the Alderman representing the area.

Question Alderman Grant Re: Speed Zone Leiblin Drive  
and Old Sambro Road

Alderman Grant asked that a letter be sent to the Department of Transportation requesting that the speed zone at the end of Leiblin Drive and at the Old Sambro Road at the Irving Station be reduced from 60 kilometres to 50. He also requested that the Province be requested to consider establishing a crosswalk across this highway.

Question Alderman Grant Re: Administrative Orders

Alderman Grant advised that he had reviewed various positions in the City and discovered that some were not established by an Administrative Order and that Council had never been directly informed of some of them. The Alderman questioned whether these positions had, in essence, become endorsed and accepted by Council if they had been identified in the budget.

Mr. Murphy, City Manager, advised that the City Manager does not have the authority to increase the establishment of the City. He advised that the responsibility for the number of employees is City Council's and that it is the City Manager's responsibility to fill the positions established by Council. The City Manager further noted that the City Manager does not have the authority to add a position during the year unless Council has approved it.

Question Alderman Grant Re: Traffic Authority

Alderman Grant referred to the report with regard to Lacewood Drive and Bayveiw Road noting that the conclusion was from a "traffic engineering analysis" point of view. The Alderman questioned whether this meant in essence that the refusal was from a traffic engineering perspective or from the Traffic Authority. He noted that they are two different entities.

The City Manager advised that the Traffic Authority is guided by traffic engineering principles and that his decisions are based on principles that have been established by recognized standards.

Question Alderman Hanson Re: Connector Road between Mountain and Cowie Hill Roads

Alderman Hanson noted that he had requested the City Clerk to place on the agenda for the next Committee of the Whole Council scheduled for **Wednesday, 5 December 1990**, meeting an item with respect to the location of the connector road between Mountain Road and Cowie Hill Road. He asked that staff investigate this particular location, keeping in mind that it is an expenditure of approximately \$230,000, and determine whether it could be part of the development at the top of the Mountain Road. Alderman Hanson suggested that it would appear that this would be the most feasible approach to take with regard to vehicular access. He asked that staff address the matter at the next Committee of the Whole Council meeting.

The City Manager advised that it should be recognized that, in order to transfer the road to another location, it would not be solely a City decision. He explained that there was a development contract with terms and conditions under which the development is to proceed.

Responding to a further comment from Alderman Hanson, the City Manager agreed that the possibility of having it part of the development agreement was being discussed.

Question Alderman Hanson Re: Withrod Drive

Alderman Hanson questioned whether the City could blend in a call for tender for Withrod Drive noting that the \$500,000 commitment was deferred because of the School Board request for additional funds. He suggested that money could be saved if the tender was called this year for this particular roadway improvement with \$200,000 budgeted for this year and \$300,000 for next year.



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The City Manager suggested that it was a possibility and that staff would review the matter.

Question Alderman Meagher Re: Crossing Guard at  
Cunard and Windsor Streets

Alderman Meagher noted that he had read in the newspaper recently that the Director of Education was concerned about crossing guards. He went on to request that, if the Director is reviewing crossing guards, the City Clerk send a letter to the Director Education asking him to consider a crossing guard at Cunard and Windsor Streets noting that this was a very dangerous location.

Question Alderman Meagher Re: Halifax Civic Hospital

Alderman Meagher questioned the status with regard to the contract for the Halifax Civic Hospital.

The City Manager advised that the contract for the former director was neither satisfactory to the director or to himself. He went on to advise that he had written to the Deputy Minister and voiced this concern and expressed the opinion that a number of the clauses needed to be approved upon. The City Manager noted that he had not received a response to date to this letter.

Responding to a further concern from Alderman Meagher, the Chairman advised that the building would be negotiated at the market rent.

Question Alderman Meagher Re: 50th Anniversary  
of Mr. & Mrs. Hedley Ivany

Alderman Meagher extended best wishes to a former Deputy Mayor, Mr. Hedley Ivany, and his wife on the celebration of their 50th anniversary on November 17th.

Question Deputy Mayor O'Malley Re: Mardi Gras

Deputy Mayor O'Malley asked for a report outlining the total costs for the Mardi Gras including costs associated with Engineering and Works and Recreation.

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Question Deputy Mayor O'Malley Re: Robie Street from  
Lady Hammond Road to Normandy Drive

Deputy Mayor O'Malley asked that the Engineering and Works Department carry out an assessment on the condition of Robie Street from Lady Hammond Road to Normandy Drive. She noted that this part of the street was in very poor condition with a numerous potholes and suggested that a temporary solution be considered before the weather turns very cold.

Question Deputy Mayor O'Malley Re: Proposed Drainage System -  
Merv Sullivan Park

Deputy Mayor O'Malley asked that the Engineering and Works Department provide her with a report on the progress with respect to the proposed drainage system to the Merv Sullivan Park.

Question Alderman Holland Re: Public Hearings

Alderman Holland asked for a staff report addressing the following questions: whether or not an alderman must be in the Council Chamber during a public hearing, whether it should be recorded when they leave and when they return, and whether there is any permission required for them to leave and to return.

Question Alderman Holland Re: Forum Commission

Alderman Holland advised that some recent newspaper reports had concerned him and questioned how the Forum and Forum Commission report to the City Manager and where the lines of authority and responsibility rest. He expressed the concern that it was very unfair that the members of the Commission and the Aldermen particularly are sometimes put in a bad light for things which they might not be responsible for.

NOTICES OF MOTION

Notice of Motion Alderman Fitzgerald Re: Ordinances 181 and 182  
respecting the Spring Garden Road and the Downtown  
Halifax Business Improvement Districts

Alderman Fitzgerald gave notice of motion that at the next regular meeting of Halifax City Council, to be held on 13 December 1998, he proposes to introduce a motion to amend Ordinances 181 and 182 respecting the Spring Garden Road and the Downtown Halifax Business Improvement Districts to adjust the dates therein related to their budget as made necessary by the change in fiscal year end.

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ADDED ITEMS

Award of Tender 90-29: Wanderers Grounds Drainage

This item was added at the request of the City Clerk during the setting of the agenda.

A staff report dated 23 November 1990 was submitted.

MOVED by Alderman Downey, seconded by Alderman Fitzgerald that tender #90-29 be awarded for the materials and services listed in the staff report of 23 November 1990 and for the Unit Prices quoted to Seaport Contractors Ltd. at a tender price of \$35,300 and a total combined project cost of \$42,500 (funding to be made available in account number CK021).

Motion passed.

Pollution Control Charge

This matter was discussed at the last Committee of the Whole Council meeting held on 21 November 1990.

A supplementary staff report dated 27 November 1990 was submitted.

MOVED by Alderman Flynn, seconded by Alderman Fitzgerald that the rate of Pollution Control charge for 1991, as called for under Section 4(2) of Ordinance 156, be set at \$0.1920 per cubic metre (\$0.87 per thousand gallons).

A discussion followed with Deputy Mayor O'Malley referring to page 2 of the supplementary report of November 21st where it states that the figure for the Northwest Arm Interceptor has been adjusted with inflated dollars. She explained that it was her recollection that Mr. P. Calda, President of the Halifax Harbour Clean Up Program, in his presentation last week to the Committee of the Whole Council, indicated that it would take about 7 or 8 years before the project will be completed and that the start up time was about two years away. Referring to the table attached to the staff report of November 5th with respect to the pollution control charges, Deputy Mayor O'Malley commented that funds are being committed for approximately \$7,000,000 in 1991 and \$10,000,000 in 1992. She questioned what the funds will be used for if the project was not going to start for another two years.

The City Manager advised that the fund was being built as an edge against inflation and suggested, if this was not done, that the final cost of the project and, particular

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the cost of operations, would require great increases at the end.

Deputy Mayor O'Malley suggested that perhaps the table should be updated to reflect the inflationary factor.

Mr. Smith, Director of Finance, advised that the tables could be redone to try and reflect the inflationary factor.

Alderman Fitzgerald noted that there were about 20 payments and that the revenues totalled approximately \$140,000,000. He explained that it was his understanding that this amount was to include the cost of the \$44,000,000 for the sewer for the North West Arm and, with respect to the City's contribution to the Harbour Interceptor, that the overall cost to the City was fixed. Therefore, he suggested if the City's share was fixed that only the maintenance costs might increase, that it would not be difficult to break down the costs of the sewer interceptor and the North West Arm Interceptor.

The City Manager advised that the City's costs are not fixed. He explained that only the percentage of the cost is fixed and that the Province will pick up 75 percent of the overruns and that the remaining 25 percent is to be divided between three municipalities.

Alderman Fitzgerald suggested that Council should be provided with a very clear breakdown on not only the costs of the North West Arm sewer but also the Harbour Interceptor and the maintenance costs of each one.

After a further short discussion, the motion was put and passed.

Replacement of Communication Recording System -  
Halifax Police Department

A confidential staff report dated 28 November 1990 was submitted.

Alderman Pottie, as a member of the Halifax Police Commission, MOVED, seconded by Alderman Jeffrey that this item be deferred and forwarded to the next meeting of the Commission.

Alderman Jeffrey questioned why this item was not being tendered and indicated that he would like to receive an answer to this question.

Motion of deferral passed.

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AND  
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**CITY COUNCIL  
M I N U T E S**

Council Chamber  
City Hall  
Halifax, Nova Scotia  
13 December 1990  
8:00 P. M.

A regular meeting of Halifax City Council was held on this date.

The meeting opened with His Worship Mayor Wallace and members of Council joining in the recitation of the Lord's Prayer, followed with a moment of silence for Henry Hicks and his wife Hummie and Margaret Kidney and her son Neil Patrick who were all killed in an automobile accident this past weekend.

**PRESENT:** His Worship Mayor Ron Wallace, Chairman; Deputy Mayor Marie O'Malley; and Aldermen Holland, Fitzgerald, Downey, Meagher, Pottie, Hanson, Jeffrey, Ducharme, Flynn, and Stone.

**ALSO PRESENT:** City Manager; Gerry Goneau, Representing the City Solicitor; City Clerk; and other members of City staff.

**Swearing In - Police Constable - Stephen Calder**

Corporatal Kelly introduced Cadet Stephen L. Calder who addressed City Council and took the Oath of Office for the Halifax Police Department at this time. His Worship Mayor Wallace congratulated Stephen Calder, on behalf of members of Council, as Police Constable with the Police Department.

Superintendent David MacKinnon presented Police Constable Stephen Calder, on behalf of the Police Department and the Chief of Police, with the Badge of Office.

**Presentation: Retirement Scrolls - Staff Sergeant Clyde O. Brown, Inspector Wilfred O'Leary, Assistant Fire Chief Douglas Daley**

On behalf of members of Halifax City Council, His Worship Mayor Wallace presented Staff Sergeant Clyde O. Brown (34 years service), and Inspector Wilfred O'Leary (34 years service) with the City's Long Service Award in recognition of their dedicated service with the Halifax Police Department.

His Worship Mayor Wallace also, on behalf of members of Halifax City Council, presented Assistant Fire Chief Douglas

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Daley with the City's Long Service Award in recognition of his dedicated service to the Halifax Fire Department.

Corsages were presented to Mrs. Brown, Mrs. O'Leary, and Mrs. Daley by Deputy Mayor O'Malley.

Superintendent David MacKinnon, on behalf of the Chief of Police, expressed appreciation to Staff Sergeant O. Brown and Inspector O'Leary for their years of service to the Department, and wished them many long years of health and happiness.

Fire Chief Thomas Power extended his personal appreciation to Assistant Fire Chief Daley for his contribution to the Department and wished him well on his retirement.

MINUTES

Minutes of the regular meeting of Halifax City Council, held on Wednesday, 29 November 1990, were approved on a motion by Alderman Ducharme, seconded by Alderman Stone.

APPROVAL OF THE ORDER OF BUSINESS,  
ADDITIONS AND DELETIONS

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

- 20.1 Tabling of Capital Budget
- 20.2 Task Force on Drug Awareness

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

- 20.3 Case No. 4680: Lot A-1, Langbrae Gardens

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

- 20.4 Consultants Report - Recreation Department

The agenda, as amended, was approved on a motion by Alderman Pottie, seconded by Alderman Fitzgerald.



DEFERRED ITEMS

Case No. 6143: Development Agreement - 1466 Carlton Street

A public hearing on this matter was held 5 December 1990.

MOVED by Alderman Fitzgerald, seconded by Alderman Holland that:

- 1) City Council enter into a development agreement with Vinland Holdings Limited to permit use of 1466 Carlton Street as a four dwelling unit building.
- 2) Council requires that the development agreement shall be signed within 120 days, or any extension thereof granted by Council on request of the applicant, from the date of final approval by Halifax City Council and any other bodies as necessary, whichever approval is later, including applicable appeal periods; otherwise, this approval will be void and obligations arising hereunder shall be at an end.

The City Clerk advised that Aldermen Meagher, Pottie, and Ducharme were not in attendance at the public hearing on this matter and therefore should refrain from the vote.

Motion passed with Aldermen Meagher, Pottie, and Ducharme abstaining from the vote.

Case No. 6168: Development Agreement - 1468 Carlton Street

A public hearing on this matter was held 5 December 1990.

MOVED by Alderman Fitzgerald, seconded by Alderman Holland that:

- 1) City Council enter into a development agreement with Vinland Holdings Limited to permit use of 1468 Carlton Street as a four dwelling unit building.
- 2) Council requires that the development agreement shall be signed within 120 days, or any extension thereof granted by Council on request of the applicant, from the date of final approval by Halifax City Council and any other bodies as necessary, whichever approval is later, including applicable appeal periods; otherwise, this approval will be void and obligations arising hereunder shall be at an end.

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Motion passed with Aldermen Meagher, Pottie, and Ducharme abstaining from the vote due to non-attendance at the public hearing.

Case No. 6197: Appeal of Minor Variance - 2242-46 Quinn St

A public hearing on this matter was held 5 December 1990.

In response to a question from Alderman Flynn, the City Clerk advised that no correspondence had been received in opposition to this appeal.

MOVED by Alderman Flynn, seconded by Alderman Fitzgerald that the appeal of a minor variance refusal with respect to 2242-46 Quinn Street be granted and the decision of the Development Officer to refuse the minor variance application be overturned.

Motion passed with Aldermen Meagher, Pottie, and Ducharme abstaining from the vote due to non-attendance at the public hearing.

Case No. 5944: Sobey's - Herring Cove Road at Spry Avenue -  
Amendment to the Municipal Planning Strategy and  
Land Use Bylaw

In the absence of Alderman Grant, this matter was deferred to later in the meeting pending Alderman Grant's presence.

PETITIONS AND DELEGATIONS

Petition Alderman Downey Re: Proposal for Crosswalks and  
Crossing Guards

Alderman Downey submitted a petition on behalf of the North End Parents for Safety dated 5 December 1990 with respect to a proposal for crosswalks and crossing guards.

Petition Alderman Jeffrey Re: Reinstatement of the 31 Fairview  
Express

Alderman Jeffrey submitted a petition signed by 25 residents of the Fairview area supporting the reinstatement of the 31 Fairview Express.

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Petition Alderman Fitzgerald Re: Condominium Tipping Fees

Alderman Fitzgerald submitted a petition from the Halifax County Condominium Corporation No. 22 requesting the City of Halifax to pay their Corporation on a monthly basis the cost of having their garbage removed to the landfill site.

REPORT - FINANCE AND EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Council considered the report from the Finance and Executive Committee, from its meeting held on Wednesday, 5 December 1990, and 11 December 1990, as follows:

Halifax/Dartmouth Port Corporation - Access Road -  
Fairview Cove to Richmond Terminal

A staff report dated 10 December 1990 was submitted.

MOVED by Deputy Mayor O'Malley, seconded by Alderman Meagher that this matter be referred to the next Committee of the Whole Council meeting scheduled for Wednesday, 9 January 1991.

Motion passed.

Halifax County Harness Horse Owners Association

MOVED by Alderman Jeffrey, seconded by Alderman Flynn that, as recommended by the Finance and Executive Committee, City Council support the concept of a first class harness racing facility in Halifax at the Ragged Lake Industrial Park and that support be sought from the local members of the Legislative Assembly.

His Worship Mayor Wallace noted that he had sent, previous to this motion, a letter to the Premier on this matter but indicated that he would forward correspondence to the MLA's in this regard.

Motion passed.

Gottingen Street Mainstreet Additional Funding

MOVED by Alderman Downey, seconded by Alderman Pottis that, as recommended by the Finance and Executive Committee, Council approve additional funding of \$6000 for the Gottingen Street Merchant's Association for the period to the end of March 1991 on the condition that half of the \$11,772 will be funded by the province, and authorize the transfer of this

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amount from Mainstreet Capital Account No. CK051 to a special item account in the operating budget, to permit expenditures on the programs as approved, but which are not of a capital nature.

Motion passed.

Healthy Community Project

MOVED by Alderman Ducharme, seconded by Alderman Flynn that staff be requested to consider the Healthy Communities Association and make recommendation to Council about joining this Association.

Motion passed.

City Club/Khyber Building

His Worship Mayor Wallace asked that Council add an amendment to the Committee recommendation.

MOVED by Alderman Fitzgerald, seconded by Alderman Flynn that:

- A) Council authorize the Mayor and City Clerk to execute, on behalf of the City, the agreement as attached to the staff report of 28 November 1990 between the Province of Nova Scotia and the City, setting out mutual conditions and obligations that will govern the conduct of the City Club/Khyber Building project, on the condition that
- (i) an additional sub-section is added to Section 4, immediately after sub-section (a) which states:- "the Team Chairman shall be appointed from City staff, and shall endeavour to ensure that all decisions are arrived at by consensus."
  - (ii) Section 6(a) of the Agreement is removed entirely, and the preceding paragraph is terminated after "...as may be agreed to by both parties,"
- B) Council advise the province that the joint project team be instructed to prepare terms of reference for a proposal call incorporating the following items:
- (i) restoration and rehabilitation of the City Club and Khyber Building as heritage properties, in particular those portions of the buildings visible from Barrington Street, for commercial use;

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- (ii) the development of the balance of the City Club/Khyber Building lands for commercial purposes, the building to be complementary to the retained heritage structures;
- (iii) the possible rehabilitation and improvement of the Neptune Theatre in its present location, should the Theatre Board so desire, with an option to expand the present building to the south, onto the City Club property, to provide for the enlargement of the stage area and other backstage accommodation.

Motion passed.

Current Borrowing Resolution

MOVED by Alderman Flynn, seconded by Alderman Holland that, as recommended by the Finance and Executive Committee, the Mayor and the City Clerk be authorized to sign the current borrowing resolution (as attached to the staff report of 20 November 1990), in the sum of \$7,000,000 for the period 1 January 1991, to 30 June 1991, in accordance with Section 213 of the Halifax City Charter.

Motion passed.

Write Off Accounts

MOVED by Alderman Pottier, seconded by Deputy Mayor O'Malley that:

- (1) under Section 184 of the City Charter 1963, City Council excuse the Treasurer for collection of monies due to the City as summarized in the staff report of 27 November 1990 and authorize the write off of \$366,363.99; and
- (2) the City Solicitor be instructed to initiate a judgement against the Halifax Blues Senior Hockey Club in the amount of \$22,600.00.

Alderman Fitzgerald suggested that Council should, at a future Committee of the Whole Council meeting, discuss ways of reducing the number of write off accounts.

Alderman Flynn commented that the writing off these accounts does not relieve the persons from the responsibility of repaying the City if their business continues or if they return to the City.

Motion passed.

Property Tax Exemption and Deferral of Taxes

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

1. Under Section 227 of the City Charter, \$430 will be set as the exemption sum for the 15 month period ended 31 March 1992, but that such exemption shall not reduce taxation to less than \$125.
2. Ordinance #137, Section 3(1) (Deferred Tax Ordinance) be amended to reflect an income figure of \$25,000 for the 15 month period ended 31 March 1992.
3. Ordinance #137, Section 2(c) be amended to change the maximum value of assets other than real property from \$25,000 to \$35,000.

Motion passed.

Review of Current Appointment Procedures -  
Council Committees, Boards, and Commissions

MOVED by Alderman Jeffrey, seconded by Alderman Hanson that, as recommended by the Finance and Executive Committee, the Chairmen of all Council-appointed boards, committees and commissions be requested by letter to submit their comments with regard to the present policy on the term of citizens appointments and whether they think the policy should be changed.

Alderman Ducharme requested that the letter to be circulated include information with respect to the appointment policy that allows citizens to re-apply for membership after their first two-year term has expired.

The Chairman indicated that Alderman Jeffrey would be consulted with respect to the proposed letter to be forwarded to the various Chairmen.

Motion passed.

Interest on Overdue Taxes

MOVED by Alderman Downey, seconded by Alderman Meagher that, as recommended by the Finance and Executive Committee, the interest rate on overdue taxes be reduced from 24 percent to 20 percent.

Motion passed.

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Recommendation - Tax Concessions and Grants Committee

MOVED by Alderman Meagher, seconded by Deputy Mayor Ducharme that, as recommended by the Finance and Executive Committee, the following grants be approved:

|   |           |
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| Eye Level Gallery   | \$ 500.00 |
| (assistance in funding contemporary dance series)                           |           |
| Halifax Tumblebugs (gymnastics)   | 500.00    |
| North British Society   | 500.00    |
| (assistance with costs of field rentals for Highland Games held in Halifax) |           |
| * Alexandra Children's Centre   | 10,000.00 |
| Children's Co-Operative Nursery   | 6,000.00  |
| Children's Development Centre   | 5,000.00  |
| St. Joseph's Children's Centre  | 2,000.00  |
| South End Community Day Care  | 8,500.00  |
| Symphony Nova Scotia  | 1,000.00  |
| (special supplementary assistance to help with Christmas production)        |           |

Motion passed.

Hiring of Chief of Police

A private and confidential staff report dated 13 December 1990 was submitted. A staff report dated 13 December 1990 was also submitted.

MOVED by Alderman Pottic, seconded by Alderman Flynn that Halifax City Council approve the appointment of Vincent J. MacDonald as Chief of the Halifax Police Department effective immediately.

Motion passed unanimously.

The City Manager suggested that Chief-Elect MacDonald address Council at this time.

His Worship Mayor Wallace, on behalf of members of Council and the City of Halifax, congratulated Superintendent MacDonald as the new Chief of Police for the City of Halifax.

Chief Vincent J. MacDonald thanked Mayor Wallace and members of Council for putting their trust and confidence in him to lead the City's Police Department into the 1990's which he noted will indeed be very challenging. Chief MacDonald thanked City Council for the opportunity to have that challenge.

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COMMITTEE ON WORKS

Council consider the report of the Committee on Works from its meeting held on 5 & 11 December as follows:

Recycling

MOVED by Alderman Fitzgerald, seconded by Alderman Stone that as recommended by the Committee on Works:

1. staff be authorized to include an addition to the contract with Enviro-Care Services for the period covering 1 April 1991 to 31 December 1992 for the provision of weekly curbside collection and processing and marketing of newspaper, glass, and aluminum at residential properties;
2. funding be committed in the amount of \$243,891.00 and \$276,920.00 in the 1991 and 1992 operating budget respectively for the multi-material recycling program.

Motion passed.

Alderman Ducharme advised that she had been speaking with Mr. Peter Kidd and Mrs. Mosher who have been working with the schools on recycling. She went on to refer to a letter they had submitted but which she had not received dated December 13, 1990 asking that they be consulted on the curb side collection of the aluminum and glass. Since the City is not introducing this program until April, Alderman Ducharme suggested that direction be sought from Mr. Kidd and the public.

His Worship Mayor Wallace noted that the letter from Mr. Kidd would be circulated to all members of Council and suggested that Mr. Kidd could be given the opportunity to provide his knowledge and advice with respect to recycling. Mayor Wallace referred to another letter which was received on this date from the Volunteer Recycling Group expressing disappointment that the City was not going to be involved in the Metropolitan Authority Regional Program. His Worship noted that the City was going to be involved in the regional program, but that their program was not scheduled to begin until June 1992.

Alderman Fitzgerald commended staff for their thorough report and recommendation on the City's recycling program.



Centennial Arena

This matter was forwarded to Council without recommendation.

An information report dated 30 November 1990 was submitted.

Alderman Jeffrey advised that the Centennial Arena is in dire need of the piece of equipment referred to in the information report. He noted that it is costing the Centennial Arena thousands of dollars to hire a private contractor and suggested that the used vehicle could save money. However, Alderman Jeffrey expressed the concern that the Centennial Arena was in no position to purchase this used vehicle.

MOVED by Alderman Jeffrey, seconded by Alderman Stone that staff meet with the Centennial Arena Commission to develop a suitable rental agreement for this piece of equipment which is satisfactory to both parties.

Motion passed.

Petition - Renewal of Sidewalk - Leaman Street E/S

This matter was forwarded to Council without recommendation.

Deputy Mayor O'Malley advised that she had tabled a petition from the residents of Leaman Street on September 27th and MOVED, seconded by Alderman Mcagher that City Council consider the renewal of Leaman Street during the 1991 capital budget deliberations and that staff be instructed to carry out two deficiency ratings: 1) Leaman Street on the east side to Normandy Drive; and 2) Leaman Street on the east side to Leeds Street.

The Deputy Mayor asked that this information be available for Council's capital budget deliberations.

Motion passed.

Award of Tender 90-81: Renovation and Restoration - St. Mary's Recreation Centre - Phase II

Alderman Fitzgerald indicated that he was prepared to move the recommendation of the Committee of the Whole Council, but suggested that the plans be open to review by the City Manager, Council, and also that a report be received from the

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Recreation Department to make sure that everything is suitable.

His Worship questioned whether the Alderman would agree to have the motion made subject to approval by the City Manager and Alderman Fitzgerald indicated that that was his intent saying that, when the City Manager is satisfied that the groups have reviewed it and that there are no problems, then the item should proceed.

MOVED by Alderman Fitzgerald, seconded by Alderman Holland that, as recommended by the Finance and Executive Committee:

- 1) Council approve the expenditure of \$24,000.00 for structural design work by George Brandys & Associates Ltd.
- 2) tender 90-81, Saint Mary's Recreation Centre, Building and Structure, be awarded to Sun Construction Co. Ltd. at a bid price of \$389,000.00 and a total project cost of \$447,000.00;
- 3) Council pre-approve the budgetary amount of \$250,000.00 in the 1991 Capital Budget; and
- 4) Final approval being subject to approval by the City Manager.

After a short discussion, the motion was put and passed.

Award of Tender 90-47, Traffic Improvements, Lacewood Drive from Dunbrack Street to Willett Street

This matter was forwarded to Council without recommendation.

MOVED by Alderman Stone, seconded by Alderman Flynn that:

- 1) City Council award Tender No. 90-47, Traffic Improvements Lacewood Drive from Dunbrack Street to Willett Street to Standard Paving Maritime Limited at the unit prices quoted and a total project cost of \$111,000.
- 2) Approve funds from the preapproved 1991 Capital Budget, Account No. CJ096, Lacewood Drive Traffic Improvements.

Motion passed.

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REPORT SAFETY COMMITTEE

Council considered the report of the Safety Committee from its meeting held on 5 December 1990.

Halifax Explosion - Disbursement of Relief Funds

This matter was forwarded to Council pending receipt of a report from His Worship Mayor Wallace.

Mayor Wallace addressed the matter and advised that he had contacted the Pension Committee and was informed that they had done an actuarial study and that the amount remaining was \$1,600,000 which was only sufficient to amortize the remaining pensioners pensions. He noted that the agreement is, if any funds remain, they are to be used for the betterment of the City and in particular the north end of the City which was affected most by the explosion. His Worship indicated that he would get in touch with the chief commissioner of the pension fund to get an update and find out exactly where the matter stands.

Alderman Holland expressed the opinion that Council should question the premise on which the Pension Committee is saying that there is only enough for a minimal disbursement. He expressed the concern that something is being taken from the people that is due to them.

9:30 p.m. Alderman R. Grant entered the meeting.

With the presence of Alderman Grant, Council agreed to deal with the deferred item with respect to the Sobey's application at this time.

Case No. 5944: Sobey's - Herring Cove Road at Spry Avenue -  
Amendment to the Municipal Planning Strategy & Land Use Bylaw

A public hearing on this matter was held 5 December 1990.

MOVED by Alderman Grant, seconded by Alderman Jeffrey  
that the resolution as attached in Appendix I and II of the Staff report dated 31 October 1990 be approved.

The City Clerk advised that Aldermen Pottle and Ducharme were not in attendance at the public hearing on this matter and therefore should refrain from the vote.

Motion passed with Alderman Hanson voting against and Aldermen Pottle and Ducharme abstaining.

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**Metro Transit Changes - Halifax**  
**Terminal (Cost Effectiveness)**

MOVED by Alderman Downey, seconded by Alderman Meagher that, as recommended by the Safety Committee, in view of the deadhead mileage involved, the Metropolitan Authority be requested to look into the cost effectiveness of establishing a second terminal in the Halifax area.

The motion was put and passed.

**REPORT - CITY PLANNING COMMITTEE**

Council considered the report of the City Planning Committee from its meeting held on Wednesday, 5 December and on 11 December 1990 as follows:

**Case No. 5621: Proposed Development Agreement -  
Spring Garden Road and Summer Street (Brenhold):  
- SET DATE FOR PUBLIC HEARING**

A supplementary staff report, dated 12 December 1990, was submitted.

Following is the resolution forwarded from the 5 December meeting of the City Planning Committee:

- 1) that a date be set for a public hearing to consider the application for a development agreement to permit construction of a mixed-use development adjacent to the northwest corner of the intersection of Spring Garden Road and Summer Street; and that
- 2) the Garden Crest apartments be restored rather than the retention of the front facade only, and that it be used for residential units only.

Alderman Fitzgerald opened the discussion by expressing concern that this matter is slated for public hearing at a time when, in his opinion, various questions concerning the proposal remain unanswered and when Council appears to be unclear as to what option should be the subject of that hearing.

Responding to Alderman Fitzgerald's concerns, Mr. Michael Hanusiak, Planner II with the City's Development and Planning Department, advised that the developer has responded to the recommendation from the Planning Advisory Committee (namely, that the Garden Crest Apartments be restored, instead of retaining only the front facade, and that the building be used for residential units only) with a six-point plan for restoration, premised on a reduction of the overall parking requirements. He went on to emphasize, however, that, based on

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reasons relating to the policies of the Municipal Development Plan, staff are not in favor of that six-point proposal, preferring instead the scheduling of a public hearing to consider the original proposal (as outlined in the staff report dated 27 August 1990). Mr. Hanusiak clarified that the 27 August recommendation called for the retention of the facade and reconstruction of the rest of the building.

With reference to a question from His Worship the Mayor, Mr. Hanusiak advised that the developer in question has stated quite strongly that he cannot entertain a proposal to restore the entire building, as has been recommended by the Planning Advisory Committee.

After some further discussion, it was moved by Alderman Fitzgerald, seconded by Alderman Meagher that the matter be deferred to the next regular meeting of Committee of the Whole Council, to provide members an opportunity to review the contents of the 12 December supplementary report.

The motion to defer was put and lost.

It was subsequently moved by Alderman Flynn, seconded by Alderman Jeffrey that a public hearing date be set to consider the following proposal (as contained in the 27 August 1990 staff report):

that City Council enter into a development agreement to permit construction of a mixed-use development adjacent to the northwest corner of the intersection of Spring Garden Road and Summer Street, providing same is in substantial compliance with Plans No. P200/17951-56, 17960-62, and 17995 of Case No. 5621.

In putting forward this motion, Alderman Flynn noted that the 27 August staff report also indicates that "the draft agreement requires that the restoration or reconstruction of the Garden Crest form part of Phase I of the development."

Elaborating on Alderman Flynn's comments, Mr. Hanusiak briefly overviewed the developer's original proposal (as recommended by staff and which forms the basis of the 27 August report), noting that Brenhold is prepared to retain the front main wall of the building as well as the balconies. The developer is also prepared to reconstruct the building, retaining the front facade and erecting buildings of period materials and style complete with a mansard roof.

After some further discussion and questioning of staff, the motion was put and passed.

The City Clerk advised that the requested public hearing would be scheduled for **WEDNESDAY, 6 FEBRUARY 1991** (with

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THURSDAY, 7 FEBRUARY 1991 also being reserved on an as-needed basis) at 7:30 p.m. in the Council Chamber, Halifax City Hall.

10:20 p.m. - His Worship Mayor Wallace retires from the meeting, with Deputy Mayor Marie O'Malley assuming the Chair.

**Case No. 6205: Proposed Development Agreement -  
Barrington, George and Granville Streets:  
- SET DATE FOR PUBLIC HEARING**

MOVED by Alderman Downey, seconded by Alderman Fitzgerald that, as recommended by the City Planning Committee, City Council set a date for a public hearing to consider an application for a development agreement to permit a retail and office complex adjacent to the south side of the intersections of Barrington, George and Granville Streets; and direct staff to serve notice of such to owners within 300 feet of the project and to prepare advertisements to appear in the newspaper in accordance with the Planning Act.

The motion was put and passed.

The City Clerk advised that the requested public hearing would be scheduled for **WEDNESDAY, 23 JANUARY 1991** at 7:30 p.m. in the Council Chamber, Halifax City Hall.

**Case No. 6011: Peninsula North  
Secondary Planning Strategy**

The following material with regard to the proposed Peninsula North Secondary Planning Strategy was submitted:

- Correspondence, dated 27 November 1990, from representatives of the Trinity Church, 5435 Cogswell Street, Halifax; and
- Correspondence, dated 12 December 1990, from Mr. Thomas N. B. Creighton, 2623 Fuller Terrace, Halifax.

Following is the recommendation forwarded from the 11 December meeting of the City Planning Committee:

That Council undertake the following actions to initiate the process:

- (1) reject the proposed Peninsula North Plan as recommended by the Planning Advisory Committee on 22 May 1990;

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- (2) authorize the use of both the proposed draft of the Peninsula North Plan and the submissions received throughout its preparation as background and reference information for future planning;
- (3) direct staff to prepare a report which details the Municipal Development Plan and land use bylaw amendments required to implement the revised process as described above (this would include removal of references to the Peninsula North Detailed Area Plan, and changes to Schedule "C");

**NOTE:** Such amendments would be referred to the Planning Advisory Committee for review and advice. It is obvious that this is an incongruous, but required step in the process as the PAC would be asked to make a recommendation on a process which involves the rejection of their previous recommendation. This requirement, included in Part III of the Municipal Development Plan, should be altered.

- (4) direct staff immediately to begin to examine areas of Peninsula North, to analyze the land use issues, and to determine which planning solutions are needed (the northwest and southwest quadrants, as generally identified by Council on 24 October 1998, will be considered as the priority areas in this process, since it appears that straightforward rezoning solutions in the context of the existing plan should be possible).

Alderman Meagher referred to the public hearing process relevant to the proposed plan, emphasizing that, in his view, Council had received what he termed a "definite message" from the business community that they wished the City to remove certain parts of the business and industrial areas from the Plan and to retain them as presently constituted.

It was therefore moved by Alderman Meagher, seconded by Alderman Fitzgerald that a staff report be requested concerning the removal of these industrial and commercial areas from the proposed Peninsula North Planning Strategy (and the retention of their present zoning designations) and the feasibility of proceeding with the balance of the document.

Speaking on the motion, Alderman Grant referred to his concerns pertaining to the Creighton-Gottingen Street area (specifically, the middle line of Creighton Street, east side and down towards Brunswick Street), and asked that staff also

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examine the possibility of separating this area for consideration in its own right, particularly in light of the current Gottingen Street revitalization project.

In this same context, Alderman Downey made reference to the 27 November letter from representatives of the Trinity Church, located at 5435 Cogswell Street, and asked that their request (i.e., to retain the property's present zoning designation as "C-2 General Business") also be considered by staff and the Chairman advised that staff would obtain a copy of the letter.

After some further discussion, the motion was put and passed.

Mainland Common Master Plan - Selection of  
Consultants for Stage 2 of Proposal Call

MOVED by Alderman Stone, seconded by Alderman  
Ducharme that, as recommended by the City Planning Committee:

- 1) Council approve the following five firms to go on to Stage 2:
  - Baker Salmona Associates Limited  
(Mississauga, Ontario)
  - Bruce Kelly/David Varnell (New York)
  - CBCL Limited (Halifax)
  - EDA Collaborative Inc. (Toronto) and  
O'Halloran Campbell Consultants Limited  
(Halifax)
  - Robert Parker Associates Ltd. (Halifax)
- 2) Council authorize the payment of \$5,000 to be paid to each of the above firms upon completion of the work required in Stage 2 of the proposal call process (funds to be made available from Account Number A0623-122502).

The motion was put and passed.

DATE FOR HEARING - Recommended Heritage Properties:  
1317 Dresden Row, 6199 Chebucto Road (Chebucto School),  
2933-37 Maynard Street; and 5254 Kent Street

MOVED by Alderman Downey, seconded by Alderman  
Holland that, as recommended by the City Planning Committee,  
City Council set a date for a public hearing to consider the  
inclusion of the buildings at 1317 Dresden Row, 6199 Chebucto



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Road (Chebucto School), 2033-37 Maynard Street, and 5254 Kent Street in the Halifax Registry of Heritage Property.

The motion was put and passed.

The City Clerk advised that the requested public hearing would be scheduled for WEDNESDAY, 23 JANUARY 1991 at 7:30 p.m. in the Council Chamber, Halifax City Hall.

Report - Art Allocation Committee Re: Request for Statue (Sackville Landing)

This matter had been forwarded to Council without recommendation.

A report, dated 28 November 1990, was submitted from Mr. John D. MacCulloch, Chairman of the Art Allocation Committee.

MOVED by Alderman Ducharme, seconded by Alderman Pottie that, as recommended by the Art Allocation Committee, Council approve and support the request of the Atlantic Chief and Petty Officers Association to erect a statue at the designated location at Sackville Landing on the Halifax Waterfront, subject to the changes outlined in the Committee's report of 28 November 1990 and agreed to by the Project coordinators.

The motion was put and passed.

Case No. 6130: Development Agreement - 1563 Granville Street - SET DATE FOR PUBLIC HEARING

MOVED by Alderman Holland, seconded by Alderman Fitzgerald that, as recommended by the City Planning Committee, a date be set for a public hearing to consider the application by Pelican Properties to build a six-storey building on a vacant lot opposite the intersection of Granville and Blowers Streets.

The motion was put and passed.

The City Clerk advised that the requested public hearing would be scheduled for WEDNESDAY, 23 JANUARY 1991 at 7:30 p.m. in the Council Chamber, Halifax City Hall.

Junk Dealer's License - Civic No. 28 Ash Lake Court

This matter had been forwarded to Council without recommendation.

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A staff report, dated 28 November 1990, was submitted.

MOVED by Alderman Jeffrey, seconded by Alderman Fitzgerald that a Junk Dealer's License be granted to John Ross & Sons Limited to carry on the business of a junk dealer at Civic Number 28 Ash Lake Court.

The motion was put and passed.

Case No. 4680: Lot D-1 Langbrae Gardens

This matter had been forwarded to Council without recommendation, having last been discussed during a regular meeting of the City Planning Committee, held on Wednesday, 7 November 1990. At that time, the matter had been deferred to provide an opportunity for Alderman Stone to pursue various concerns with the developer and members of City staff.

A supplementary staff report, dated 10 December 1990, was submitted.

MOVED by Alderman Stone, seconded by Alderman Jeffrey that City Council confirm that the time limit for commencement of construction of the apartment building proposed for Lot D-1 (Langbrae Gardens - Case No. 4680) be extended to two years from the date of approval of this resolution.

The motion was put and passed.

Presentation of Awards - Art Allocation Committee

This matter was forwarded to Council without recommendation.

Alderman Ducharme advised that the Art Allocation Committee had been formed several years ago to promote the use of art in development, and, in acknowledgement of that mandate, are now proposing that "certificates of recognition" be used to honor those who, in the Committee's opinion, have been outstanding in that regard.

It was therefore moved by Alderman Ducharme, seconded by Alderman Pottie that City Council endorse a recommendation from the Art Allocation Committee, namely that "Certificates of Recognition" be awarded to the following for their efforts in improving the exposure of art for the public in the City of Halifax:

Purdy's Wharf Developments Limited  
Nova Scotia Designer Crafts Council

The motion was put and passed.

**MOTIONS**

**Motion Alderman Fitzgerald Re: Proposed Amendments to Ordinance Numbers 181 and 182, Respecting the Spring Garden Road and Downtown Business Improvement District Commissions - FIRST READING**

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Notice of Motion with regard to the above-mentioned amendments, proposed for Ordinance Numbers 181 and 182, was given by Alderman Fitzgerald during a regular meeting of Halifax City Council, held on Thursday, 29 November 1990.

MOVED by Alderman Fitzgerald, seconded by Alderman Downey that City Council give FIRST READING to the amendments proposed for Ordinance Numbers 181 and 182, respecting the Spring Garden Road and Downtown Business Improvement District Commissions (all as contained in Appendices "A" and "B" of the City Solicitor's report dated 23 November 1990); and further, that the matter be forwarded to the next regular meeting of the Finance and Executive Committee, scheduled for WEDNESDAY, 9 January 1991.

The motion was put and passed.

**MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS**

**Appointments**

A report, dated 11 December 1990, was submitted from His Worship Mayor Ron Wallace.

MOVED by Alderman Pottie, seconded by Alderman Fitzgerald that the following appointments be approved by Halifax City Council:

**NEPTUNE THEATRE**

Alderman Lonny Holland  
(term to expire November 1991)

**METROPOLITAN AUTHORITY**

Alderman Art Flynn  
(term to expire November 1991)

The motion was put and passed.

10:45 a.m. - His Worship Mayor Wallace returns to the meeting, with Deputy Mayor O'Malley resuming her usual seat on Council.

QUESTIONS

**Question Alderman Downey Re:**  
Discussions Concerning 1991 Grand Prix

Responding to a question from Alderman Downey, the City Manager advised that discussions with area residents concerning the feasibility of future Grand Prix events will be held early in the New Year, most probably in January.

**Question Alderman Downey Re:**  
"Charlie Zone" Office - Halifax Police Department

Alderman Downey referred to information previously received from the Chief of Police, namely that Staff Sergeant Legge is being replaced at the Department's "Charlie Zone" office. The Alderman requested a full report on the Charlie Zone operation, particularly from the perspective of whether, in the Chief's opinion, its earlier successes in the community have continued.

**Question Alderman Downey Re:**  
Settlement (Brunswick Towers)

Responding to a question from Alderman Downey, the City Manager emphasized that the recent out-of-court settlement (pertaining to an incident between the Halifax Police Department and a resident of Brunswick Towers) was covered by the City's liability insurance, and could not therefore be regarded as being a direct cost to the City.

The Alderman asked that, if possible, the Chief of Police be requested to submit an Information Report concerning the details of this settlement.

**Question Alderman Jeffrey Re:**  
Expropriation of Property - Dutch Village Road

Referring to a recent resolution of Council pertaining to the expropriation of a property at the corner of Dutch Village Road and Alma Crescent, Alderman Jeffrey asked for a report from the Director of Development and Planning as to when the City can expect to take that building over and when, in fact, demolition will be scheduled.

**Question Alderman Jeffrey Re:**  
Street Improvements - Sunnybrae Avenue

Alderman Jeffrey made reference to the street improvements that have been underway on Sunnybrae Avenue for the last several months, noting that, owing to the winter season, work has now ceased. The Alderman advised that, in

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front of 15-30 homes on both sides of the street, there are large holes on that part of the sidewalk area reserved for sods.

Alderman Jeffrey expressed concern with regard to the safety hazards posed by these holes, and asked staff to ensure that all of them are adequately filled until the project can resume again in the Spring.

**Question Alderman Jeffrey Re:**  
**Comfort Allowance - Extend-A-Care Homes**

Alderman Jeffrey advised that he had only recently learned that the \$88.00 comfort allowance paid to residents of Extend-A-Care Homes cannot be used to purchase clothing, but is instead intended to buy gum, cigarettes, cosmetics, etc. The Alderman indicated that he personally disagreed with that policy, pointing out that the \$208 provided annually to each resident for clothing purposes appears to be inadequate, given the current costs of wearing apparel. Alderman Jeffrey emphasized that, in his view, residents (especially those who are non-smokers or who dislike candy) should be able to use their comfort allowances as they wish.

**Question Alderman Jeffrey Re:**  
**Cost of Care - Fairview Villa**

Alderman Jeffrey submitted a letter from Mrs. Vivian Ross of 65 Tangmere Crescent, raising various concerns with regard to the costs of maintaining her father as a patient in Fairview Villa. The Alderman asked that copies of this letter be distributed to members of Council, and that it also be sent to Mr. Harold D. Crowell, Director of Social Planning, for his comments.

**Question Alderman Ducharme Re: Hemco Securities**

Alderman Ducharme made reference to her previous request (submitted during the 27 September regular meeting of City Council) for a progress report on the proposal submitted to the City by Hemco Securities. The Alderman emphasized that, to date, she has received no information on the matter, and asked that this situation be rectified as quickly as possible.

Responding to Alderman Ducharme's concerns, His Worship Mayor Wallace advised that a report on this matter had recently been received from the Police Department, and that a copy would be forwarded to the Alderman.

Question Alderman Ducharme Re: Greenbelt Proposal

Alderman Ducharme noted that, in response to a previous question, Alderman Fitzgerald had been advised that a staff report on the greenbelt proposal would be completed sometime towards the end of the current fiscal year. The Alderman asked for a progress report, and, in particular, when Council might expect to receive this information.

Question Alderman Ducharme Re: Request for Committee Minutes

Alderman Ducharme advised that she had recently had occasion to request a copy of the Minutes from a certain committee meeting which took place in City Hall, but had been advised by a member of staff that those Minutes could not be released until their content had been approved by the committee in question at its next meeting.

In this context, Alderman Ducharme asked that the City Manager respond by way of a report as to whether, in fact, a policy to that effect is in operation.

Question Alderman Stone Re: Metro Transit Services - Halifax Shopping Centre

Alderman Stone made reference to a letter, dated 5 December 1990, which members of Council recently received from Mr. J. R. Dexter Kaulbach, Chairman of the City's Transit Advisory Committee.

The Alderman quoted from that letter in which it is asserted that "City officials are continuing to meet with area residents . . ." concerning various changes to Metro Transit services at the Halifax Shopping Centre. Alderman Stone expressed concern that some of the modifications currently under consideration might result in increased costs for the City, and asked that staff submit a report on the matter.

Question Alderman Stone Re: Encouragement of Park and Ride Facilities

Reiterating remarks made during the 5 December meeting of the City's Safety Committee, Alderman Stone asked that staff investigate the feasibility of encouraging park-and-ride facilities through the provision of space for Metro Transit vehicles in some of the community's shopping centres.

**Question Alderman Stone Re: Overhead  
Streetlights - Dunbrack Street**

Alderman Stone made reference to complaints received from several individuals concerning the need for additional overhead streetlights at the intersection of Dunbrack Street and Bridgeview South. The Alderman acknowledged, however, that several of the existing lights may not be operational, and asked staff to investigate the matter.

**Question Alderman Flynn Re: City of  
Halifax Investment Committee**

Responding to a question from Alderman Flynn, His Worship Mayor Wallace advised that an update would be provided with regard to the City's Investment Committee, including the names and terms of appointment of the Committee's membership; the frequency with which meetings are called; the Committee's mandate and operating policies; and, lastly, any recommendations (with regard to investments) that have come forward from the Committee over the last six months.

**Question Deputy Mayor O'Malley Re: Civic  
Hospital Component - Camp Hill Hospital**

Deputy Mayor O'Malley brought to Council's attention a complaint received from a senior citizen who had recently been a patient in the Civic Hospital component at Camp Hill. In her remarks, the Deputy Mayor noted that, because there are only semi-private and private rooms in this portion of the hospital, patients having medical coverage merely for ward accommodation are forced to pay the difference (approximately \$17.00 daily) out of their own expenses.

The Deputy Mayor expressed concern that many who find themselves in similar circumstances will be unable to afford these expenses, and asked for a report from staff on these additional costs.

**Question Deputy Mayor O'Malley Re:  
Legal Fees - City of Halifax Employees**

Deputy Mayor O'Malley asked for information as to whether the City of Halifax has paid the legal fees for any of its employees within the last three years.

**Question Alderman Pottie Re:  
Truck Traffic - Connaught Avenue**

Alderman Pottie reiterated concerns previously expressed during the 11 October regular meeting of City Council

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("Question Period") with regard to the illegal use, particularly between the hours of 10:00 p.m. and 6:00 a.m., of Connaught Avenue by truck traffic. The Alderman emphasized that, at that time, he had strongly urged that larger and more prominent signage pertaining to the use of the street by heavy trucks be erected so that truck operators would be clearly advised of the regulations pertaining to Connaught Avenue. He noted that, to his knowledge, no action had yet been taken in this regard, and asked for a report from the Traffic Authority.

In this same context, Alderman Pottie asked for information from the Halifax Police Department pertaining to their increased enforcement on Connaught Avenue, in particular the number of trucks that have been stopped on that street within the past 4-5 months and the number of tickets issued.

Question Alderman Fitzgerald Re: Cruise Ships

Alderman Fitzgerald noted that approximately 55 cruise ships are scheduled to visit the Port of Halifax in 1991, and, on behalf of Tourism Halifax, expressed the hope that efforts will be made to ensure that these 1000's of visitors will be properly greeted and encouraged to extend their stay in our City.

With reference to the Alderman's comments, His Worship Mayor Wallace advised that he has already been in touch with Mr. David Bellefontaine of the Halifax Port Corporation, who will be in contact with all cruise operators concerning the promotion of Halifax as a port of call.

Responding to a further question from Alderman Fitzgerald, His Worship indicated that he would write Mr. Bellefontaine and Mr. Lewis Rogers (Tourism Halifax) to ascertain the kinds of improvements which, in their view, would be necessary to the docking area.

Question Alderman Fitzgerald Re: Break and Enters

Alderman Fitzgerald expressed concern that he has received complaints about what he termed an "unusual number" of break and enters, and asked for the following information from the Halifax Police Department: (1) the total number of break and enters for the month of November; (2) a breakdown of those numbers in terms of occurrences in Ward 2; (3) the number of arrests over the last year pertaining to break and enters; and (4) the number of convictions in the same timeframe.

Question Alderman Fitzgerald Re: Herring Cove Road

Alderman Fitzgerald noted that he has observed a number of catchpits on the new portion of the Herring Cove Road



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which are causing problems. He therefore asked that the Director of Engineering and Works investigate and determine whether the situation can be rectified.

Question Alderman Fitzgerald Re: Sale of the Metro Centre

Responding to a question from Alderman Hanson, the City Manager advised that, from a legal perspective, the City does have the authority to sell such buildings as the Metro Centre back to the Province of Nova Scotia, or to lease it to another party, if Council should deem it appropriate.

Question Alderman Grant Re: Arnold Drive

Alderman Grant advised that several of the residents of Arnold Drive have had portions of their property washed away by water which appears to be emanating from the site of the seniors manor. The Alderman went on to note that, despite the fact that these individuals have discussed the problem with both the Water Commission and various members of City staff, they have not received what the Alderman termed a "viable" response. He therefore asked that the City Manager investigate the situation to ascertain whether the problem should be more properly addressed by the Halifax Housing Authority.

Question Alderman Grant Re: 100 Leiblin Drive

Alderman Grant asked for a update on the situation at 100 Leiblin Drive.

Question Alderman Grant Re: Herring Cove Road

Alderman Grant noted that certain members of City staff had previously visited various residents of Herring Cove Road in an attempt to conclude negotiations with regard to a retaining wall and other similar problems. The Alderman expressed concern on behalf of these individuals that staff have not followed up on those visits, and asked that the situation be investigated.

Question Alderman Grant Re: Friends of the Public Garden

Alderman Grant asked for a full report regarding the details of the rental arrangements between the Friends of the Public Garden and the City of Halifax (Tourism Halifax) pertaining to the building known as the "Superintendent's House."

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Question Alderman Meagher Re: Halifax Hall Receptions

Alderman Meagher observed that, during a recent reception held in Halifax Hall for the Halifax Homeowners Association, many of the guests had commented on the beauty of the room. He therefore strongly recommended that His Worship consider hosting a series of teas in Halifax Hall in honor of the cruise ship passengers which, it is anticipated, will be visiting the City in 1991.

Question Alderman Meagher Re: Task Force on City Traffic

Alderman Meagher made reference to a public consultation session held earlier in the Fall by the Task Force on City Traffic, with specific reference to the Peninsula area. He noted that, at that time, he and Alderman Fitzgerald had strongly recommended that the Task Force hold a further meeting to specifically address the traffic problems in Wards 2 and 4, and urged that the Task Force be requested to schedule this meeting early in the New Year.

Question Alderman Hanson Re: Bus Shelter Installations

Alderman Hanson emphasized the very positive public response to the City's efforts to establish additional bus shelters, and, in that context, asked that staff make every effort to expedite the shelter installation process so that the units can be put in place relatively quickly once their sites have received official approval.

Question Alderman Grant Re: Bus Shelter Request

Noting that the bus shelter in front of the South Centre Mall on Dentith Road has been repeatedly vandalized (and that a park-and-ride facility is currently being considered in this same vicinity), Alderman Grant put forward the suggestion that Metro Transit staff consider the relocation of that shelter to the corner of Sylvia Avenue and Herring Cove Road where it might be better utilized, particularly by high school students and residents of Greystone.

Question Alderman Flynn Re: Bus Shelter Request

Alderman Flynn asked that the Transit Advisory Committee consider the establishment of a bus shelter at the corner of Desmond and Scott Streets (the Alderman noted that he was bringing this request to the Committee's attention at the request of the Bayers Road Shopping Centre).

Question Alderman Jeffrey Re: Bus Shelter Request

Alderman Jeffrey noted that it had been his understanding some 4-6 months ago that arrangements would be made to have a bus stop (presently on Willett Street just north of Rosedale Avenue) moved back in the direction of the church. The Alderman emphasized that this relocation has not yet taken place, and asked that a letter be sent to Mr. C. H. Prentice of Metro Transit, requesting that this project be completed as quickly as possible.

Question Alderman Grant Re: Sidewalks (Feldspar Crescent)

Alderman Grant made reference to his concerns initially expressed during a regular meeting of City Council on 11 October with regard to the sidewalk repairs necessary on Feldspar Crescent. He reiterated his earlier remarks on the matter, and asked for another review of the situation to ensure that the homeowners on this street are not taken to court by the City of Halifax.

Responding to Alderman Grant's concerns, His Worship Mayor Wallace advised that it was his understanding from speaking with the City Manager that staff are presently in the process of discussing the matter with the developer in question.

NOTICES OF MOTION

Notice of Motion Alderman Jeffrey Re: Proposed  
Amendments to Ordinance 116, the Taxi and Limousine Bylaw

Alderman Jeffrey gave Notice of Motion that at the next regular meeting of Halifax City Council, scheduled for Thursday, 17 January 1991, he proposes to introduce a motion to amend City of Halifax Ordinance 116, the Taxi and Limousine Bylaw.

The purpose of these amendments is to adjust existing taxi and limousine rates to reflect the implementation of the Federal Goods and Services Tax.

ADDED ITEMS

Tabling of Capital Budget

A document entitled City of Halifax: 1991-1993  
Proposed Capital Budget was submitted.

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MOVED by Alderman Flynn, seconded by Alderman Stone that the document entitled City of Halifax: 1991-1993 Proposed Capital Budget be tabled.

Responding to a question from Alderman Flynn, His Worship Mayor Wallace advised that members of Council would be notified with regard to proposed dates for the forthcoming budget review meetings suggesting that prior consultation would take place before formal notification is processed.

The motion was put and passed.

Task Force on Drug Awareness

A staff report, dated 12 December 1990, was submitted.

MOVED by Alderman Fitzgerald, seconded by Alderman Flynn that Council authorize the advertising for a Drug Awareness Coordinator to serve on a contractual basis for a period of up to two years, to be subject to review at that time, as outlined in the staff report dated 12 December 1990.

The motion was put and passed.

Case No. 4680: Lot A-1, Langbrae Gardens  
(Alderman Stone)

This matter was added to the agenda at the request of Alderman Stone, and had last been discussed during a regular meeting of Committee of the Whole Council held on Wednesday, 7 November 1990.

An Information Report, dated 10 December 1990, was submitted.

Alderman Stone advised that the matter had earlier been deferred in order to provide an opportunity for the developer in question to address certain concerns regarding the proposed project with area residents. He went on to note that a mutually-acceptable arrangement now appears to have been reached, particularly with regard to the location of the building itself and the restoration of the 10' buffer. The Alderman emphasized, however, that the only major obstacle at this point in time would appear to be the removal of the parking space at the rear of Lot 16, Turnberry Lane, which cannot be effected with a formal resolution of City Council.

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It was therefore moved by Alderman Stone, seconded by Alderman Flynn that City Council authorize the deletion of the parking space to the rear of Lot 16, Turnberry Lane, from the development agreement pertaining to Stage II of Case No. 4680.

The motion was put and passed.

**Tender #90-27: Central Commons Resurfacing**

A staff report, dated 5 December 1990, was submitted.

MOVED by Alderman Fitzgerald, seconded by Alderman Downey that City Council approve an additional \$20,000.00 for Tender #90-27 (pertaining to the resurfacing of the Central Commons) with the funding to be made available from Account #FA104, bringing the total project costs to \$65,000.00.

The motion was put and passed.

**Consultant's Report - Recreation Department  
(Alderman Ducharme)**

This item had been added to the agenda at the request of Alderman Ducharme who brought to Council's attention the Minutes from a meeting of the Recreation Committee held on 26 November. The Alderman pointed out that, according to those Minutes, the Committee had received a memorandum clarifying various aspects of the consultant's report, and had subsequently established a subcommittee (consisting of four of their members) to report back to the full Committee on that matter.

Alderman Ducharme emphasized that, given the sensitivity of this issue, she had been extremely concerned to learn that the Recreation Committee had apparently received this information prior to its being submitted to members of Council and MOVED, seconded by Alderman Flynn that the consultant's report not be circulated any further until such time as Council has received it.

After some discussion and questioning of the City Manager, the motion was put and passed.

There being no further business to be discussed, the meeting was adjourned at approximately 11:35 p.m.

HIS WORSHIP MAYOR RON WALLACE  
AND  
DEPUTY MAYOR MARIE O'MALLEY  
CHAIRMEN

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