

**SPECIAL COUNCIL
PUBLIC HEARINGS
MINUTES**

Council Chamber
Halifax City Hall
17 April 1991
7:30 P. M.

A Special Meeting of Halifax City Council (Public Hearings) was held at this time.

The meeting was called to order with those present in the public gallery joining members of Council in the recitation of the Lord's Prayer.

PRESENT: Deputy Mayor Marie O'Malley, Chairman; and Aldermen Holland, Fitzgerald, Downey, Pottie, Hanson, Ducharme, and Stone.

ALSO PRESENT: Ms. Mary Ellen Donovan, representing the City Solicitor; Ms. Margaret MacDonell, Acting City Clerk; and other members of City staff.

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

Nova Scotia Special Olympics

This matter had been forwarded from a regular meeting of the Finance and Executive Committee held earlier in the day.

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

- (1) the Mayor provide a letter of support for the 1994 National Special Olympics Summer Games Bid Committee proposal to host the games in Halifax, Nova Scotia, from July 11-17, 1994; and
- (2) if the Bid Committee is successful in attaining the bid to host the games, the City will contribute the use of St. Francis Gorsebrook soccer field and a baseball field for three days from July 13-15, 1994, inclusive.

The motion was put and passed.

Mr. Peter Collins of 25 Belleville Avenue addressed Council, identifying himself as one of 11 area residents who signed on wells for potable water. Giving ICS a presentation that was later submitted to the Acting City Clerk for recording.

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PUBLIC HEARING RE: Case No. 6258 -
Amendment to Development Agreement - Melville Ridge

A public hearing into the above matter was held at this time.

Mr. Gary Porter of the City's Development Control Division provided Council with a brief overview of the application as outlined in the staff report dated 21 February 1991. With the aid of maps and diagrams, Mr. Porter advised that the application presently under consideration proposes that: (1) the expiry date on the original development agreement be extended to 31 December 1993 from 21 September 1991; (2) that the number of units be increased from 85 to 105; and (3) that the height of the proposed building be increased by 10 feet to a total of approximately 56 feet.

In his remarks, Mr. Porter pointed out that the developer has requested an increase in units owing to the rising demand for one-bedroom units in seniors facilities such as Melville Ridge. In this context, however, he went on to note that the proposed increase in the number of units will not negatively impact on the overall density requirements pertinent to the site, nor will it have any adverse effects on the area's sewer capacity.

Mr. Porter further advised that the proposed increase in building height was intended to accommodate the facility's sprinkler system and does not exceed the angle controls relevant to the R-4 Zone.

Council was therefore advised that, all planning and zoning requirements being met, staff are recommending in favor of the proposed amendment to the development agreement.

Mr. B. K. Raju, one of the principals in Melville Ridge Holdings Limited, briefly addressed Council with regard to the amendments proposed to the existing development agreement.

At Mr. Raju's request, Mr. George Cotaras, the architect for the project, described the rationale underlying the request for an increase in building height. Pointing out that this increase was intended merely to accommodate the building's ventilation and sprinkler systems, Mr. Cotaras went on to emphasize that the project would incorporate a pitched roof to ensure a technically sound structure and an improved appearance.

Mr. Peter Corkum of 28 Melville Avenue addressed Council, identifying himself as one of 11 area residents who depend on wells for potable water. Quoting from a presentation that was later submitted to the Acting City Clerk for recording

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purposes, Mr. Corkum emphasized that in the last 18 months the developers of the Melville Ridge project have on numerous occasions jeopardized the quantity and quality of this water supply through various actions, most notably the stockpiling of pyritic slate on their site. Under the circumstances, Mr. Corkum urged that, before Council agrees to the proposed contract amendments, various clauses be written into that agreement; namely, that the residents on Melville Avenue be guaranteed the supply of potable water on a permanent basis, should their well water be altered in any way; and that before any further construction takes place the developer be required to test wells on Melville Avenue to determine the rate at which water is produced.

Mr. Curtis McIntye, a resident of 26 Melville Avenue, suggested that, based on the sketches submitted, the proposed building appears to be "sterile and institutional" in design whereas the previously-approved facility was, in his view, much more architecturally pleasing and complementary to the surrounding environment. Mr. McIntyre went on to make reference to both the developer's and the City's failure to address residents' concerns pertaining to the storm drainage problems resulting from construction at Melville Ridge to date and to the damage done to driveways on Melville Avenue (a matter which, in his opinion, was not satisfactorily addressed for a period of some three years). While noting that he was not overly opposed to the Melville Ridge development in principle, Mr. McIntyre concluded his remarks by urging that any future discrepancies resulting from this project be rectified by the developer and/or the City in a much more expedient manner than has been the practice in the past. In this context, he asked for information as to the most appropriate staff person (Provincial or municipal) who could be contacted by area residents should problems pertaining to the Melville Ridge development emerge in the future.

Mr. James Wilcox, a resident of Melville Avenue, provided a number of slides showing the impact on the surrounding area (particularly on Melville Avenue) of the Melville Ridge project.

Responding to questions raised by Mr. Wilcox, Mr. Porter advised that the roadway leading to the site from the Purcell's Cove Road is considered to be a private street and, as such, will not be cost-shared by the City of Halifax. He went on to note, however, that the roadway will be built to City specifications with materials presently used in the street's construction being replaced. On another but related matter, Mr. Porter emphasized that the matter of access to the project from Melville Avenue has been brought to the attention of the developer, as was the incident involving a spillage of fuel oil upgrade from various wells serving Melville Avenue. He concluded his remarks by advising that it was his

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understanding that the Provincial Department of the Environment has been working with Mr. Raju with regard to the pyritic slate now being stored on the Melville Ridge site.

8:05 p.m. - Alderman Meagher enters the meeting.

Mr. Raju addressed Council to respond to the concerns raised by the previous speakers and advising that the developers are now taking steps to address the recommendations put forward by the Department of the Environment.

Concurring with the concerns raised by the residents of Melville Avenue, Alderman Hanson asked for information prior to the next regular meeting of Halifax City Council as to the steps that will be taken to protect area wells from any negative effects resulting from the Melville Ridge project and, in particular, the presence of pyritic slate. In putting forward this request, the Alderman indicated that, in his opinion, Council should be assured that maximum protection will be offered to Melville Avenue residents in this regard before any decision on the development agreement is made.

Mr. Bill Sutherland, representing Jacques Whitford and Associates, addressed Council concerning the steps that the developer is prepared to take with regard to any further construction. Mr. Sutherland pointed out that, as a result of a geotechnical investigation of the site, it has been recommended that there be a clean-up and advancement of the slope, and that any future materials deposited on the site be non-acid producing. He further advised that a relatively deep well has been installed for the purposes of long-term ground water monitoring, both on the site proper as well as with regard to the water that will be flowing downstream. In this context, Mr. Sutherland added that the site for a second well (downstream and closer to Melville Avenue) has been chosen, adding that the well should be installed within the next several days.

Mr. Sutherland concluded his remarks by indicating that correspondence between Jacques Whitford and the Provincial Department of the Environment could be made available to Council for their reference, if deemed appropriate.

The Deputy Mayor indicated that, in her opinion, that information would prove extremely helpful to members of Council, and asked that it be provided prior to the 25 April meeting.

Referring to comments made earlier, Alderman Fitzgerald asked for assurances from staff that the existing (private) roadway is intended to be brought up to City standards as soon as the project is completed.

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Mr. Kirk Arsenault, a resident of 36 Melville Avenue, addressed Council, noting that the well servicing his home is approximately 50 feet away from the temporary roadway which is constructed of pyritic slate. In his remarks, Mr. Arsenault emphasized that, in his opinion and that of other Melville Avenue residents, the issue is not really the amended design of the Melville Ridge project, but rather the safeguards that will be afforded residents with regard to the quality and quantity of their water supply and the protection of the character of their neighborhood.

Mr. Arsenault read from various reports citing the injurious effects of pyritic slate and, in this context, strongly recommended that the developer be required to undertake water testing every three months to ensure that present water quality is preserved.

In conclusion, Mr. Arsenault asked that Council consider the negative impacts of the Melville Ridge project on the adjoining neighborhood and take steps to ensure that the developer acts in a more responsible fashion in the future.

8:35 p.m. - Deputy Mayor O'Malley retires from the meeting with Alderman Meagher assuming the Chair.

Ms. Donna Hogan, a resident of Melville Avenue for 41 years, described the hardships endured by residents when their water supply was temporarily interrupted as a result of the Melville Ridge project. She urged that Council give every consideration to the health and safety of Melville Avenue homeowners before approving any further construction at Melville Ridge.

Mr. W. J. Phillips, a resident of 9 Crestview Drive, noted that while he supported the Melville Ridge project in principle as a much-needed facility for seniors, he was somewhat disappointed in the process that has been followed to date. Mr. Phillips went on to express concern that an increase in the development's density would have negative effects on area traffic volumes, particularly as it would relate to the Herring Cove Road. He drew particular reference to the fact that the amended dimensions of the proposed building are completely different in scale than that of the existing facility, adding that, in addition, the rather stark design of the newer building is not in harmony with other structures in the area. Mr. Phillips suggested that, given the facility's prominent position at the top of a hill that can be seen from a considerable distance, it would seem imperative that greater attention be paid to the "architectural arrangement" of the structure.

8:55 p.m. - Alderman Ducharme retires from the meeting.

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The architect, Mr. George Cotaras, addressed Council once more to emphasize that the drawings previously circulated do not convey the actual appearance of the proposed building, adding that, in designing this facility, he has tried to be as sensitive as possible to the site and its environs.

Alderman Hanson asked that staff respond to the concerns raised during tonight's hearing in advance of the 25 April meeting of City Council. In addition, he urged all those in attendance to contact their Alderman should any further problems arise.

It was moved by Alderman Hanson, seconded by Alderman Fitzgerald that the matter be forwarded to Council without recommendation, pending receipt of further information from staff regarding the concerns raised during the 17 April public hearing.

The motion was put and passed.

**PUBLIC HEARING RE: Case No. 6266 -
Development Agreement - 2502-18 Gottingen
Street and 2535 Creighton Street**

A public hearing into the above matter was held at this time.

Mr. Michael Hanusiak, Planner Ii, using maps and diagrams, provided Council with a brief overview of the application for a development agreement at 2502-18 Gottingen Street. In his remarks, Mr. Hanusiak advised that in 1988 Council had approved a development agreement for this same site which called for the construction of a seven storey, 59-unit building; it was noted, however, that the project was never commenced, the developer citing poor economic conditions as the main deterrent.

Mr. Hanusiak went on to note that the developer is now requesting approval of his proposal to erect a 35-unit apartment building consisting of 22 one-bedroom and 13 two-bedroom units. The project will also include a two-storey parking garage between the existing apartment building and the new structure.

It was noted that because the proposal is in basic conformance with the provisions of the Municipal Development Plan, staff are recommending that the application be approved.

Responding to a question from Alderman Downey, the Acting City Clerk advised that no correspondence, either in opposition to or in support of the application, had been received to date.

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Alderman Downey noted that there had been considerable opposition to the original proposal for this site when it was considered in 1988. He emphasized, however, that on this occasion, the developer has made a concerted effort to come to an agreement with the owners of the neighboring properties.

Mr. Michael Argand, the developer in question, elaborated briefly on certain of Mr. Hanusiak's remarks and responded to questions from members of Council. In his comments, Mr. Argand noted that, in his opinion, a smaller development such as that now being proposed would lend itself to lower rental rates, which in turn would prove more beneficial to the Charles/Gottingen Street area. He concluded his remarks by noting that, if the application is approved, he is prepared to start construction in May or early June.

Mr. Peter Greer, a resident of 2054 Creighton Street, expressed concern that an additional apartment building of this size and design would prove detrimental to the preservation of the existing character of the Gottingen Street neighborhood.

Responding to Mr. Greer's concerns, Mr. Hanusiak observed that most of the area in question is presently zoned R-3 (high-density residential), a zoning designation which has been in place since 1950 and which allows apartment buildings as of right to a maximum of 25 units. He went on to note that, under the provisions of Schedule "C," which also applies to this area, a development agreement (and consideration by City Council) is required before a larger project can be approved. Mr. Hanusiak concluded his remarks by emphasizing that the R-3 designation for this area had been confirmed in the proposed Peninsula North Secondary Planning Strategy presently under review.

Ms. Nancy Chapman, a resident of 2384 Moran Street, addressed Council in opposition to the development proposal, expressing concern, in particular, that existing buildings were planned for demolition to make way for a project which, in her opinion, was not in keeping with the character of the Charles Street neighborhood. Suggesting that the neighborhood had not been adequately consulted as to their views on this proposal, Ms. Chapman also suggested that the design of the new building is "mediocre" and lacks sufficient green space.

Mr. Blair Beed, a resident of 5510 Spring Garden Road, spoke in opposition to the proposal, noting, in particular, that of the four buildings on Gottingen Street slated for demolition, two are of an architectural design which are unique to the Halifax area. Emphasizing that the heritage of the City's North End deserves to be preserved and enhanced, Mr. Beed strongly urged that, should demolition be approved, the developer allow a permanent record to be taken (in the form

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of photographs, etc.) by staff of the Public Archives before the buildings are torn down.

Concurring with the previous speaker, Mr. Beed indicated that, in his view, the proposed building did not sufficiently reflect the uniqueness of the surrounding neighborhood and suggested that steps be taken to improve its design.

Mr. W. M. Fares, the engineer for the project, responded to a point raised by Mr. Beed by noting that all units in the proposed building will be accessible by seniors and the handicapped.

Following a brief discussion, it was moved by Alderman Downey, seconded by Alderman Fitzgerald that the matter be forwarded without recommendation to the next regular meeting of Halifax City Council.

The motion was put and passed.

DEPUTY MAYOR MARIE O'MALLEY
AND
ALDERMAN NICHOLAS MEAGHER
CHAIRMEN

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Council Chamber
Halifax City Hall
Halifax, Nova Scotia
22 April 1991
5:15 P. M.

A special meeting of Halifax City Council was held on this date for the purpose of setting the 1991/91 tax rate and budget.

The meeting was called to order with members of Council, led by His Worship Mayor Wallace, joining in the recitation of the Lord's Prayer.

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

ALSO PRESENT: City Manager; M. MacDonell, Acting City Clerk; and other members of City staff.

Setting of the 1991/92 Tax Rate & Budget

This matter was discussed at the Special Committee of the Whole Council meeting held earlier this date.

MOVED by Alderman Holland, seconded by Alderman Flynn that City Council ratify the decisions of the Committee of the Whole Council (held prior on this date) with respect to the 1991/92 15 Month Operating Budget, as per the submitted summary of Revenue and Expenditures for 1991/92.

Motion passed.

MOVED by Alderman Fitzgerald, seconded by Alderman Stone that the Operating budget for the 15 month period from January 1, 1991 to March 31, 1992 be fixed at \$303,177,219.

Motion passed.

MOVED by Alderman Downey, seconded by Alderman Ducharme that the gross expenditures for the Halifax District School Board for the 15 month period January 1, 1991 to March 31, 1992 be set at \$99,185,400. Further, that the reserve for teachers' pre-retirement payments be held by the City of Halifax on behalf of the Halifax District School Board. Funds

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budgeted for the Teachers pre-retirement payments in the 15 month period 1991/92 in the amount of \$1,140,000 be placed in the reserve and only be used in accordance with negotiated retirement allowances.

Motion passed.

MOVED by Alderman Grant, seconded by Alderman Holland that the Halifax District School Board submit to Halifax City Council an approved Operating Budget, reflecting the approved level of funding by the City, including a list of capital equipment and minor repairs. Further, that the Halifax District School Board submit a monthly revenue and expenditure report to Halifax City Council detailing projected surplus or deficit of the 15 month period. Further, that they not overspend the Capital Equipment and minor repairs budget unless previously approved by Council.

Motion passed with Deputy Mayor O'Malley, and Aldermen Meagher, Jeffrey, and Pottie against.

MOVED by Alderman Meagher, seconded by Alderman Jeffrey that the interest rate on all reserves be fixed at 5% for the 15 month period beginning January 1, 1991.

Motion passed.

MOVED by Deputy Mayor O'Malley, seconded by Alderman Hanson that City Council ratify the motion of the Committee of the Whole Council (held earlier on this date) with respect to the content and amount of the 1991/92 Capital Budget as per the submitted summary with a gross of \$12,243,000 and a net of \$6,890,000.

Motion passed.

MOVED by Alderman Pottie, seconded by Alderman Stone that City Council approve an increase in interest charged on past due taxes to 24 percent on all taxes outstanding effective September 1, 1991 and that the increase be publicized in the local press by advertisement.

Motion passed with Deputy Mayor O'Malley, and Aldermen Pottie, Meagher, and Jeffrey against.

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MOVED by Alderman Grant, seconded by Alderman Flynn
that \$1,159,000.00 be appropriated for the Cumulative Net
Operating Deficit from the 1990 Operating Budget.

Motion passed.

MOVED by Alderman Hanson, seconded by Alderman Stone
that Halifax City Council appropriate \$298,000 from Sinking
Fund Surplus to be applied to the 1991/92 15 month Operating
Budget.

Motion passed.

MOVED by Alderman Jeffrey, seconded by Alderman
Fitzgerald that the provisions of Section 41(2) to (9)
inclusive, of the Assessment Act, shall not apply to the City
of Halifax, with the result that there shall be no residential
occupancy tax in the City of Halifax for the 15 month taxation
year beginning January 1, 1991.

Motion passed.

MOVED by Alderman Ducharme, seconded by Alderman
Flynn that the tax rate for the 15 month period beginning
January 1, 1991 be set at \$4.4769 per hundred dollars of
assessment. This rate shall be applied to:

- (a) The full assessed value of property of a business
character and nature; and

37.946%

of a residential character and nature; and

- (b) Occupancy taxes as follows:

- 1) The tax rate applied to 50% of the assessed value
of the property of a business character or nature
as determined by the Assessor under Section 7(1)
of the Assessment Act.
- 2) 25% of the assessed value of the properties as
set out in Section 7(2)(a) of the Assessment Act,
as determined by the Assessor.
- 3) 75% of the assessed value of the properties as
set out in Section 7(2)(b) of the Assessment Act,
as determined by the Assessor.

Motion passed with Deputy Mayor O'Malley, and
Aldermen Meagher and Pottie against.

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MOVED by Alderman Flynn, seconded by Alderman Stone
that the Fire Protection Rate be set at \$0.057 per hundred
dollars of assessment for the 15 month period beginning January
1, 1991.

<u>ADOPTED RATES:</u>	12 Month Tax Rate 1990	15 Month Tax Rate 1991/92	(12 Months plus 1/4) % Increase	12 Month EFFECTIVE % INCREASE (DECREASE)
Residential	\$1.3390	\$1.7558	31.1%	4.90%
Business Occupancy	\$3.4116	\$4.4769	31.2%	4.98%
Commercial Property	\$3.4576	\$4.5339	31.1%	4.90%
Fire Protection	\$0.0460	\$0.0570	0.0%	-0.87%
Split	\$0.3790	\$0.37946	0.0%	-19.90%
Ratio Comm/Res	\$2.5822	\$2.5822	0.0%	-20.00%

Motion passed.

Alderman Jeffrey questioned what the difference was
between the residential rate and the commercial rates in
comparison to the City of Dartmouth and requested a written
report in this regard by Thursday.

5:25 p.m. the meeting adjourned.

HIS WORSHIP MAYOR WALLACE
CHAIRMAN

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Council Chamber
Halifax City Hall
Halifax, Nova Scotia
25 April 1991
8:00 P. M.

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

His Worship Mayor Wallace called the meeting to order with members of Council, led by Alderman Pottie, joining in the recitation of the Lord's Prayer.

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

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

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Referring to page 248 of the April 11th City Council minutes, Deputy Mayor Ducharme noted that, with respect to the item "Billboards", the line "Deputy Mayor Ducharme declared a conflict of interest..." should be changed to "Deputy Mayor O'Malley declared a conflict of interest..."

Alderman Hanson also noted that on page 253 of the April 11th Council minutes with respect to his question "Clean-up along St. Margaret's Bay Road", the words "Crescent Street" should be changed to read "Crescent Avenue".

The minutes of the Special meeting of City Council held on 3 April 1991, and of the last regular meeting of Halifax City Council, held on Thursday, 11 April 1991, as amended, were approved on a motion by Alderman Holland, seconded by Alderman Downey.

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

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

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- 20.1 Meeting with Minister Re: Race Track -
Industrial Park (Alderman Jeffrey)
- 20.2 Acquisition of Civic #6451 Chebucto Road
- 20.3 Non-Union Salary Increases for 1991/92

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

- 20.4 Air Canada

Alderman Jeffrey asked that item 20.1 be dealt with
following item 5.2, to which Council agreed.

The agenda, as amended, was approved on a motion by
Alderman Flynn, seconded by Alderman Ducharme.

DEFERRED ITEMS

Case No. 6258: Amendment to Development Agreement -
Melville Ridge

A public hearing on this matter was held on 17 April
1991.

Alderman Hanson addressed the matter and advised that
during the public hearing there were many questions raised
which are presently being addressed by staff. He added that
discussions are on-going in relation to the matter and that
information was still forthcoming. It was, therefore, MOVED by
Alderman Hanson, seconded by Alderman Fitzgerald that this
matter be deferred to the next meeting of City Council to be
held on 16 May 1991 or, if all discussions have been completed,
that the matter be dealt with at the Special Council meeting to
be held on 8 May 1991.

Alderman Ducharme questioned whether or not she could
vote on the matter owing to the fact that the architect had
spoken for the second time after she had retired from the
meeting, although she was otherwise present for most of the
hearing on this matter.

The City Solicitor advised that Alderman Ducharme
could vote on the deferral, but that she would not be able to
vote on the ultimate issue when it comes up for decision.

The motion of deferral was put and passed.

Case 6266: Development Agreement - 2502-18 Gottingen Street
and 2535 Creighton Street

A public hearing on this matter was held on 17 April 1991.

Alderman Downey tabled a letter dated 25 April 1991 from Mr. Blair Beed, 5510 Spring Garden Road, and asked, as requested in the letter, that staff look into the possibility of taking photographs of the building in question before it is demolished.

8:15 p.m. Alderman Grant entered the meeting.

MOVED by Alderman Downey, seconded by Alderman Fitzgerald that pursuant to Section 83(c) of the peninsula portion of the land use bylaw, City Council approve the entering into of a development agreement to permit construction of a 35 unit apartment building at 2502-18 Gottingen Street together with the existing structure at 2535 Creighton Street, provided that the development be substantially in keeping with Plan No. 18201-05 inclusive of Case No. 6266.

The City Clerk advised that Deputy Mayor O'Malley and Aldermen Grant, Jeffrey, Ducharme, and His Worship were not in attendance at the public hearing on this item and therefore should refrain from the vote.

Motion passed with Deputy Mayor O'Malley and Aldermen Grant, Jeffrey, and Ducharme abstaining.

Meeting with Minister Re: Race Track -
Industrial Park (Alderman Jeffrey)

This item was added during the setting of the agenda.

Alderman Jeffrey addressed the matter and commented that a motion was passed on 6 May 1991 that a meeting be arranged with the Honourable Tom McInnis pertaining to the proposed race track in the City of Halifax. The Alderman added that it was his understanding that this meeting has been arranged and questioned who would be attending.

The Chairman advised that a meeting has been scheduled for Tuesday, May 7th, at 2:30 p.m. and that the following persons would be in attendance: Doug Corkum, Executive Director of the Halifax Industrial Commission; David Hyndman, Chairman of the Halifax Industrial Commission (or his representative), a representative from City Council, and Peter Cattonie.

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Alderman Jeffrey commented that he will be out of town at this time and suggested that Alderman Grant, or another member of Council who sits on the Industrial Commission, might attend.

Alderman Grant expressed an interest in attending this meeting and advised that he would confirm with the Mayor's Office whether or not he is able to attend.

Alderman Jeffrey emphasized the importance of this racetrack to the City of Halifax commenting that it will create approximately 250 to 300 new jobs, will be an excellent anchor tenant for the Industrial Park, will increase the City's tax base, and will increase tourism in the City.

MOVED by Alderman Jeffrey, seconded by Alderman Grant that City Council unanimously support this venture for a racetrack in the City of Halifax.

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

PETITIONS AND DELEGATIONS

Petition Alderman Hanson Re: Proposed Treatment Plant at the Purcell's Cove Backlands

Alderman Hanson tabled a petition on behalf of the Purcell's Cove Concerned Citizens containing over 1500 names in objection to the proposed treatment plant at the Purcell's Cove Backlands.

Petition Alderman Fitzgerald Re: Incinerating Garbage

Alderman Fitzgerald tabled a petition containing approximately 117 signatures of children and adults against incineration and in support of a well run, efficient recycling program, and composting scheme.

REPORT - FINANCE AND EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Council considered the report of the Finance and Executive Committee from its meeting held on Wednesday, 25 April 1991, as follows:

Alternate Sources of Revenue

MOVED by Alderman Grant, seconded by Alderman Hanson that, as recommended by the Finance and Executive Committee, the report of the Alternate Sources of Revenue Committee, dated 1 March 1991, be forwarded to staff for comment and report, with the deletion of the item "User Fees (Adult Leagues) - Use of Recreation Playing fields."

Motion passed.

Voting Delegates - Regional Meeting: Union
of Nova Scotia Municipalities

An invitation from Mayor John Savage, City of Dartmouth, with respect to the UNSM Regional Meeting to be held on May 22nd in Dartmouth was submitted.

MOVED by Alderman Ducharme, seconded by Alderman Stone that, as recommended by the Finance and Executive Committee, the following members of Council act as voting delegates at the Regional Meeting of the UNSM to be held in June:

Delegates: Alderman Bill Stone
Alderman Ron Hanson
Deputy Mayor Marie O'Malley
Alderman Graham Downey
Alderman Walter Fitzgerald

Alternates: Alderman Pat Pottie
Alderman Moira Ducharme

Alderman Ducharme asked that the City Clerk place on the agenda for the **May 8th Committee of the Whole Council meeting "Resolutions for the UNSM Conference."**

Motion passed.

File #911293 - Stationery Systems Contracting:
City of Halifax and Halifax School Board (Two Year Period)

MOVED by Alderman Grant, seconded by Alderman Stone that, as recommended by the Finance and Executive Committee, authority be granted to award the stationery requirements for the City of Halifax and the Halifax District School Board to the lowest bidder, N.S. Stationers, for a yearly cost combined of \$42,078.51.

Motion passed.

Point Pleasant Park Commission

Deputy Mayor O'Malley noted that she had raised this item at the last Committee of the Whole Council meeting because of the fact that there has been a considerable amount of negative criticism in the press concerning the Point Pleasant Park Commission.

The Deputy Mayor commented that the Point Pleasant Park Commission has a very definite role in the management of the Park which involves its day to day operations. She added that the Advisory Committee to the Park Commission also has a role which is one of structure rather than management. Deputy Mayor O'Malley expressed the view that both the Advisory Committee and the Commission ought to be able to fulfil their individual roles.

MOVED by Deputy Mayor O'Malley, seconded by Alderman Flynn that City Council put forward a vote of confidence to the Point Pleasant Park Commission.

A short discussion ensued and Deputy Mayor O'Malley requested that, if this motion is approved, it be forwarded to the Chairperson of the Point Pleasant Park Commission.

Motion passed unanimously.

Upgrade of License Agreements for Networking Software

A staff report dated 23 April 1991 was submitted.

MOVED by Alderman Holland, seconded by Alderman Fitzgerald that City Council approve the acquisition of the necessary licenses for network software (the cost of this upgrade at approximately \$66,889 or \$15.92 per month per user) with funds to be made available in the Equipment Reserve Account.

Motion passed.

REPORT - COMMITTEE ON WORKS

City Council considered the report of the Committee on Works from its meeting held on 17 April 1991 as follows:

Seasonal Workers, Local 108

This matter was forwarded to Council without recommendation pending receipt of a staff report.

An information report dated 24 April 1991 was submitted.

Alderman Downey addressed the matter and expressed his appreciation to staff for receipt of the information report. The Alderman asked that this report be provided to Mr. Joe Rose, representing the Halifax Civic Workers Union, Local 108, and if there were still concerns, a request could be made to have the matter addressed at the next Committee of the Whole Council meeting. Alderman Downey indicated that it was his hope that these seasonal workers could be employed as long as possible and indicated that the submitted report could be tabled.

Lacewood Drive Improvements

This matter was forwarded to Council without recommendation pending receipt of information from staff.

Alderman Stone addressed the matter and commented that a previous report indicated that part of the improvements on Lacewood Drive between Dunbrack and Willett Streets required a median. He added that representatives from Bolands, McDonald's, and other store owners that are connected with the Clayton Park Shopping Centre have a serious problem with this median because it would limit the left hand turn in the shopping centre off Dunbrack Street. He added that this would cause a very detrimental effect on their businesses at this time. Alderman Stone suggested that the traffic conditions do not warrant the installation of this median.

MOVED by Alderman Stone, seconded by Alderman Pottie that the median from Dunbrack Street to the left hand turn into the Clayton Park Shopping Centre be removed from the traffic improvements at this time.

Alderman Stone indicated that the remaining part of this median could be built if staff are of the opinion that it is necessary.

The City Manager advised that the Works Committee had instructed that a staff report come back to Council. He noted that a report has been completed, but involves a video display and suggested it would, therefore, be more appropriate to present it at the next Committee of the Whole Council meeting to be held on **Wednesday, 8 May 1991.**

A discussion followed with Alderman Fitzgerald indicating that he found it very difficult to proceed before hearing staff's presentation and recommendation. It was, therefore, MOVED by Alderman Fitzgerald, seconded by Alderman Ducharme that this matter be deferred to the next Committee of

the Whole Council meeting to be held on **Wednesday, 8 May 1991**, pending a presentation from staff.

Alderman Ducharme indicated that the item could possibly be dealt with at the Special Council meeting on the evening of May 8th and Alderman Stone expressed agreement with the deferral motion.

The motion of deferral was put and passed.

Award of Tender #91-03: Sidewalk Renewals

MOVED by Alderman Downey, seconded by Alderman Ducharme that, as recommended by the Committee on Works, Tender #91-03 (Sidewalk Renewals: Gottingen, Barrington, Prince, Robie, South, and Spring Garden Road) be awarded to Armdale Construction Limited for a total bid price of \$220,114.80 and a total project cost of \$265,000.00 (funding to be authorized from Account Numbers 92640, 92648, 92653, 92654, 92655, 92656, and 92657).

Motion passed.

Award of Tender #91-04: Sidewalk Renewals

MOVED by Deputy Mayor O'Malley, seconded by Alderman Meagher that, as recommended by the Committee on Works, Tender #91-04 (Sidewalk Renewals: Davison Street, Gottingen Street, Merkel Place and Windsor Street) be awarded to Duron Atlantic for a total bid price of \$81,235.85 and a total project cost of \$98,000.00 (funds to be authorized from Account Numbers 92644, 92647, 92651 and 92661).

Motion passed.

Quotation #52267: Lawn and Garden Equipment

MOVED by Alderman Fitzgerald, seconded by Alderman Pottie that, as recommended by the Committee on Works, authority be granted to award Quotation #52267 to Eastern Turf Products Ltd. (Halifax Seed Company Inc.) at a cost of \$32,667.00 (funds to be made available from Account Number 26104.1804, titled "Central Replacement of Motor Equipment").

Motion passed.

REPORT - COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE,
BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS

Amendment to Ordinance 105, the Establishment of
Committees of Council (Recreation Committee) - SECOND READING

This matter had been given FIRST READING during a regular meeting of Halifax City Council held on Thursday, 31 January 1991, and had subsequently been considered at a regular meeting of the Finance and Executive Committee held on Wednesday, 17 April.

Following a brief discussion and questioning of the City Manager, it was moved by Alderman Stone, seconded by Alderman Jeffrey that, as recommended by the Finance and Executive Committee, the following amendments to Ordinance 105 (as contained in Appendix "A" of the 25 March report from the City Solicitor) be given SECOND READING by Halifax City Council:

- (1) Clause (a) of subsection (1) of Section 16 of said Ordinance 105 is amended by adding immediately following the word "policies" in the second line thereof a comma and the words and punctuation "subject to the approval of Council";
- (2) Subsection (11) of said Section 16 is repealed;
- (3) Subclause (ii) of clause (a) of subsection (14) of said Section 16 is repealed;
- (4) Clause (d) of subsection (14) of said Section 16 is repealed.

In putting forward this motion, Alderman Stone emphasized that the proposed amendments are those which the City Manager had previously discussed with the Recreation Committee and which had been subsequently agreed upon, but which do not include any reference to the matter of aldermanic representation on that Committee.

Alderman Fitzgerald spoke in opposition to the motion, emphasizing that, in his opinion, the ambiguity which presently exists and which will continue to exist concerning the relationship between the City Manager and the Director of Recreation will only serve to create an automatic rift between the Manager and any new individual who is employed in the Director's capacity.

Concurring with Alderman Fitzgerald's remarks, Alderman Flynn pointed out that, in his view, "clear operational control" must be established so that the Recreation Department and its

Director can be placed on an equal footing with other City departments. The Alderman noted that while this would necessitate reconstituting the Recreation Committee as an advisory body, the change was not meant as a "slap in the face" to Committee members, but merely as an attempt to establish what he termed a "proper management structure."

Alderman Downey spoke in support of Alderman Stone's motion, suggesting that, in his opinion, the status quo with regard to the City Manager, the Director of Recreation and the Recreation Committee should be maintained until a new Director is appointed. In this context, the Alderman pointed out that an individual with the kinds of skills and experience described in the City's advertisement should be capable of helping to effect a solution to the problems presently under consideration by Council.

Alderman Ducharme advised that she would not be supporting the motion currently on the floor, having spoken with many of the present and former citizen members of the Recreation Committee who had voiced no opposition to the concept of restructuring the Committee on an "advisory" level. Concurring with remarks made earlier by Aldermen Fitzgerald and Flynn, Alderman Ducharme went on to refer to the conflicts which are created when a Director finds himself taking direction from both his City Manager and from a Committee. In this context, she made reference to the Tourism Halifax Committee, whose current mandate, in some respects, is similar to that of the Recreation Committee. Alderman Ducharme indicated that, in view of the difficulties presently being experienced by the Recreation Committee, the Tourism group had resolved to take immediate steps to restructure itself as an advisory body.

Deputy Mayor O'Malley made reference to the advertisement for a new Director of Recreation, and expressed concern that the salary range included therein was somewhat lower than that of other City Directors. The Deputy Mayor therefore requested that the City Manager submit a report outlining the present salaries of all Directors.

Alluding to the remarks made previously concerning the relationship between the Recreation Committee and the Director of Recreation, Deputy Mayor O'Malley made reference to a similar relationship which apparently exists between the Chief of Police and the Halifax Board of Police Commissioners. In this context, the Deputy Mayor asked for further information concerning the composition of the Police Commission and its authority vis a vis the Chief of Police as compared to the relationship between the City Manager and the Chief.

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It was therefore moved by Alderman Jeffrey, seconded by Alderman Grant that SECOND READING of the proposed amendments to Ordinance 105 be deferred to the regular meeting of Halifax City Council scheduled for Thursday, 30 May 1991, and that arrangements be made to have the Recreation Committee appear before Council to explain the "advisory" role of committees.

Alderman Jeffrey emphasized that the purpose of his motion was to provide an opportunity for the City Manager and members of the Recreation Committee to further discuss the implications of "advisory" committee status.

The motion to defer was put and passed.

REPORT - CITY PLANNING COMMITTEE

Council considered the report of the City Planning Committee from its last regular meeting held on Wednesday, 17 April as follows:

**Case No. 6286: Discharge of Agreement -
2594 Agricola Street**

MOVED by Alderman Meagher, seconded by Alderman Downey that, as recommended by the City Planning Committee, City Council discharge the development agreement dated 12 October 1982 between William Trifos and the City of Halifax, and the amending agreement dated 10 September 1985 between William Trifos and Katherine Trifos and the City of Halifax, filed at the Registry of Deeds in Books 3620 and 4057 and Pages 177 and 717 respectively.

The motion was put and passed.

10:35 p.m. - Alderman Jeffrey retires from the meeting.

MOTIONS

**Motion Deputy Mayor O'Malley Re: Amendment to Ordinance 180,
the Streets Ordinance - FIRST READING**

Notice of Motion with regard to the above-noted amendment had been given by Deputy Mayor O'Malley during a regular meeting of Halifax City Council held on Thursday, 11 April 1991.

MOVED by Deputy Mayor O'Malley, seconded by Alderman Grant that Council give FIRST READING to the following amendment

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proposed for Ordinance 180, the Streets Ordinance, and further, that the matter be forwarded to the next regular meeting of Committee of the Whole Council (scheduled for Wednesday, 8 May 1991) for consideration and report:

Schedule "C" of the said Ordinance 180 is amended by adding to the end thereof the following:

7. Lower Water Street - West side - 55 feet north of the intersection of George Street (this site is conditional on the counter for the service of the public being located on the left hand side of the mobile canteen).

The motion was put and passed.

QUESTIONS

Question Alderman Grant Re: Recycling Collection
Depots - Shopping Malls

Alderman Grant made reference to an Information Report, dated 23 April 1991, which had been submitted in response to a question raised during the 22 April special meeting of City Council.

In his remarks, the Alderman suggested that, because shopping centers represent a very convenient dropping-off point for recyclable materials, staff be asked to look at developing special provisions to allow malls to establish depots for this purpose (providing, of course, that they meet all City building and environmental requirements).

Question Alderman Grant Re: Advisory Committee -
Rockingstone, Kidston Lake, McIntosh and Fleming Parks

Alderman Grant pointed out that the area covered by the Rockingstone, Kidston Lake, McIntosh and Fleming parks includes a geological phenomena in the form of the Rockingstone, noting that, to date, there have been no specific plans for development of a recreational nature.

On that basis, the Alderman suggested that staff submit a report concerning the feasibility of establishing an advisory committee consisting of members of the community and technical experts who might assist Council/staff in the overall development of this parkland.

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Question Alderman Fitzgerald Re: Proposed
Changes to Pension Act

Alderman Fitzgerald noted that proposed changes to the Pension Act had previously been submitted to Council and that a decision had been deferred, pending a report from the City Manager. Speaking on behalf of the City's Retirement Committee, the Alderman asked for information as to when this report might be anticipated.

Question Alderman Fitzgerald Re:
Impact of the G.S.T.

Alderman Fitzgerald asked for a cost estimate pertaining to the impact of the Goods and Services Tax on the City of Halifax.

Question Alderman Fitzgerald Re: World Culture Day

Alderman Fitzgerald noted that 31 May has been designated "World Culture Day" and asked for information as to whether the City has plans to commemorate the event in any way.

Question Alderman Fitzgerald Re: St. Mary's Boat Club

Alderman Fitzgerald made reference to the renovations presently underway at the St. Mary's Boat Club and asked for information as to plans for the site's official reopening.

Question Alderman Fitzgerald Re: Announcement
by the Department of Municipal Affairs

Alderman Fitzgerald asked for information as to the impact, if any, on the City of Halifax as a result of the Department of Municipal Affairs' recent announcement that a freeze will be imposed on all grants in lieu, unconditional operating grants and capital grants.

Question Alderman Fitzgerald Re: Hours
of Operation - Camp Hill Cemetery

Alderman Fitzgerald noted that he is receiving complaints about the rather limited hours (8:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.) during which the Camp Hill Cemetery is open to the public, and asked for information as to whether anything could be done to extend these hours.

Question Alderman Fitzgerald Re:
Commercial Assessment Team

Alderman Fitzgerald made reference to a Commercial Assessment Team recently established by the Province, and asked to be kept apprised of the progress being made or of any problems which might arise.

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Question Alderman Fitzgerald Re:
Blue Bag Recycling Program

Responding to a question from Alderman Fitzgerald, His Worship Mayor Wallace advised that the City's current Blue Bag Recycling Program will be extended (on a phased-in basis) to include the larger apartment buildings and condominiums during 1991. His Worship emphasized, however, that these groups must indicate that they are prepared to participate in the program by registering, by providing appropriate collection receptacles, and by cooperating with the company responsible for the pick-up of materials.

Mayor Wallace went on to note that it is hoped that the present recycling program can be extended to include tin and plastic in 1992 as soon as a continuing market for these materials has been identified.

Question Alderman Fitzgerald Re:
Public Gardens for Mainland Halifax

Alderman Fitzgerald noted that some years ago a former Chairman of the Point Pleasant Park Commission had suggested that a second "Public Gardens" (similar to that on the Peninsula) be created in Mainland Halifax, and asked for information as to whether this possibility had ever been considered by staff.

Question Alderman Ducharme Re:
Task Force on City Traffic

Alderman Ducharme asked for information as to when the report from the City's Task Force on Traffic is expected to be submitted to Council.

Question Alderman Ducharme Re:
Minutes - Recreation Committee

Alderman Ducharme noted that in October of last year she had requested that copies of Minutes from Recreation Committee meetings be forwarded to her on a continuous basis. The Alderman advised that these Minutes had been regularly received until two meetings ago, and therefore asked that her request for these Minutes be extended.

Question Alderman Ducharme Re:
Tourism Halifax Board

Alderman Ducharme made reference to her earlier remarks vis a vis the Tourism Halifax Committee's request that it be reconstituted as an advisory committee to Council, and

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asked that the City Solicitor provide her with the wording for the necessary amendment to City Ordinance 105.

Question Alderman Ducharme Re: Participation in
Recycling Program - Apartment Buildings/Condominiums

Alderman Ducharme noted that it was her understanding that Dartmouth City Council had recently discussed the feasibility of including apartment buildings and condominiums in ongoing recycling programs with the suggestion being made that the two cities (i.e., Dartmouth and Halifax) should work together on this matter. She therefore recommended that the City Manager contact his Dartmouth counterpart in this regard.

Question Alderman Flynn Re: Curbside
Pickup of Telephone Directories

Alderman Flynn requested information as to who is responsible for curbside pickup in residential areas of used Maritime Tel and Tel directories. The Alderman commented that having two separate trucks picking up the City's blue bags and MT&T material at the same time is causing some confusion as well as complaints that money is being wasted in this apparent duplication of effort.

Council was advised, however, that MT&T's project is being carried out at no cost to the City of Halifax.

Question Alderman Flynn Re: Committee to
Review the Budget of the Halifax District School Board

Responding to a question from Alderman Flynn, the City Manager advised that he will be responsible for initiating the establishment of the committee charged with reviewing the School Board as well as for the coordination of its efforts.

Question Alderman Stone Re: Grosvenor Park Playground

Alderman Stone advised that he has received a number of complaints from the residents of the Cambria Park apartments (located directly behind the Grosvenor Park Playground) concerning the noise that is generated by the park's tennis and basketball courts. He therefore asked that signs be posted clearly indicating the hours during which these facilities may be used so that these hours could be more easily enforced by the Halifax Police Department.

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**Question Alderman Stone Re: Illegal
Apartment - 8 Skylark Avenue**

Alderman Stone made reference to his previous request regarding an illegal apartment located at 8 Skylark Avenue, noting that he had subsequently been advised that legal action would be taken if that unit were not vacated by 8 April. Observing that that deadline has now since passed and the apartment is still being used, the Alderman asked for information as to what action is being contemplated by the City.

**Question Deputy Mayor O'Malley Re:
Container - Former Dump Site**

Deputy Mayor O'Malley made reference to a recent grass fire on the site of the former dump between the Ceres Container Terminal and Seaview Park, and advised that there is a container in this area, roped off from the others, which is purported to be filled with combustible materials or PCB's. The Deputy Mayor noted that area residents are extremely concerned about this possibility and asked that staff investigate the matter as quickly as possible.

**Question Deputy Mayor O'Malley Re:
Stipend - Crossing Guards**

Deputy Mayor O'Malley asked to be provided with information from the Halifax Police Department as to whether the City's crossing guards will be receiving an increase in their stipends and, if so, when that increase may be anticipated.

**Question Deputy Mayor O'Malley Re:
Blue Bag Recycling Program**

Deputy Mayor O'Malley observed that there are a number of blue garbage bags throughout the City the contents of which have been rejected as being unsuitable and which had originally been left lying at curbside. She pointed out, however, that with the passage of time, these bags have been blown about so that they are no longer in front of the original residences. The Deputy Mayor expressed concern that these bags are being left to lie about in the gutters, and suggested that the Engineering and Works Department be asked to investigate the matter.

**Question Alderman Pottie Re:
Blue Bag Recycling Program**

Referring to comments made earlier by Deputy Mayor O'Malley, Alderman Pottie indicated that it had been his understanding when the recycling program was first proposed

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that the City would be using a very distinctive bag for the disposal of recyclable materials. Pointing out that this idea appears to have been discarded, the Alderman emphasized that householders are now using blue garbage bags for both ordinary waste and that intended for recycling, and that, as a result, there has been considerable confusion relating to garbage pickups.

Responding to Alderman Pottie's comments, the City Manager suggested that the problem would persist even if a decision had been made to use highly distinctive bags for recyclable garbage, emphasizing that, in his opinion, the onus is on the householder to clearly indicate the bag in which recyclable wastes have been placed.

Question Alderman Pottie Re:
Westmount School Yard

Alderman Pottie made reference to the large number of young children who frequently play in the Westmount School yard, adding that there had recently been quite a large fire set in one of the garbage cans on that site.

The Alderman noted that Alderman Meagher had experienced a similar problem pertaining to the Oxford Street School yard, and asked that staff investigate the feasibility of posting appropriate signs, etc.

Question Alderman Pottie Re:
Coins Removed from City Hall Cornerstone

On behalf of Alderman Jeffrey, Alderman Pottie made reference to a report recently received from Chief Vincent MacDonald which indicated that the coins removed some time ago from the cornerstone of Halifax City Hall were now in safekeeping at the Police Department. The Alderman indicated that it had been his understanding that the coins had been intended for public display and asked for information as to when a display would be mounted.

His Worship Mayor Wallace advised that plans had been made to display the coins in the Exhibit Room at Halifax City Hall, adding that, now that the Conference 1999 organizers had vacated the premises, staff would be making arrangements to have the coins secured in this location.

Question Alderman Hanson Re:
Blue Bag Recycling Program

Concurring with remarks made earlier by Deputy Mayor O'Malley and by Alderman Pottie, Alderman Hanson advised that

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he had observed a considerable number of blue bags lying on the ground on a recent Saturday morning. He therefore strongly recommended that the City attempt to better educate the public as to what is required from them in the recycling program and suggested that this might be done with the cooperation of the local media.

Question Alderman Hanson Re: Subdivision
Approval and Installation of Sidewalks

Alderman Hanson observed that, as part of most subdivision approvals, the developer agrees to pay for and install sidewalks, curb and gutters, etc. The Alderman went on to note, however, that because these sidewalks are installed before houses are constructed, changes subsequently must be effected (and paid for) by the homeowner, should he find the curb cut is in the wrong location or of an inappropriate size.

Alderman Hanson therefore recommended that staff of the City's Planning and Engineering Departments investigate this problem, suggesting that a process might be devised whereby the developer could turn over monies to be kept in a reserve account by the City until such time as the houses had been constructed and the sidewalks and cuts required. The City could then undertake to do the work and, in the Alderman's opinion, at considerable savings in terms of maintenance costs.

Question Alderman Hanson Re: 1991 Tender Calls

Alderman Hanson, noting that Council has now completed its budget review process, urged that tender calls pertaining to City contracts be issued as quickly as possible.

Question Alderman Meagher Re:
Blue Bag Recycling Program

Alderman Meagher expressed concern regarding the large number of "blue bags" that had been left lying about the City and urged that staff be directed to have them picked up while the public is being further educated in their proper use.

While indicating that the matter would be brought to the attention of Mr. Jim Bauld of the City's Engineering and Works Department, His Worship noted that the blue bags in question would be marked with a sticker indicating to the householder that the garbage contained therein was not recyclable.

The City Manager added that, if it is found that homeowners are continuing to use these bags inappropriately, they will be ticketed and fined. Responding to Mr. Murphy's

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comments, Alderman Meagher strongly urged that the City enhance its public education program and advertising campaign in this respect.

Question Alderman Meagher Re:
Basketball Court - Oxford Street School

Alderman Meagher brought to staff's attention the fact that the hoops on the basketball court at the Oxford Street School need to be replaced.

Question Alderman Meagher Re:
Improvements - Central Commons

Alderman Meagher noted that requests for various improvements at the Central Commons had been made to the Recreation Department during the recent budget review process, and asked for information as to when this work is expected to commence.

Question Alderman Downey Re:
Construction - Spring Garden Road

Alderman Downey made reference to the work presently underway by Maritime Tel & Tel on Spring Garden Road between Brunswick and Barrington Streets, emphasizing that he had received a number of complaints from area business owners. In this context, the Alderman asked for information as to whether, in instances such as these, MT&T must seek permission from the City to proceed with such projects, or whether, in fact, the work can be commenced as of right.

Question Alderman Downey Re: Former Esso Station
- Corner of Spring Garden Road and Dresden Row

Alderman Downey made reference to a previous question he had raised on 11 April regarding the former Esso station, and thanked Fire Chief Thomas M. Power for his prompt response.

Question Alderman Flynn Re:
Funding - Recycling Depot

Alderman Flynn noted that at a recent meeting the Metropolitan Authority had approved a grant to the Town of Bedford with regard to its recycling depot. Emphasizing that a precedent has now been established, the Alderman strongly recommended that the City of Halifax make application to the Authority for financial assistance for its own recycling depot,

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and asked that the City Manager be requested to look into the matter.

ADDED ITEMS

Meeting with Minister Re: Race Track -
Industrial Park (Alderman Jeffrey)

This matter had been dealt with earlier in the meeting's agenda.

Acquisition of Civic No. 6451 Chebucto Road

This matter had last been discussed at a regular meeting of the Finance and Executive Committee held on 20 March 1991, at which time staff were directed to determine the status of the conditional Agreement of Purchase and Sale and the wishes of the owner with respect to the property.

A staff report, dated 22 April 1991, was submitted.

Alderman Meagher indicated that he would appreciate receiving information from staff as to the present condition of the house in question. In addition, the Alderman expressed concern regarding the condition of the two other residences immediately adjacent to 6451 Chebucto Road (particularly in terms of their yards facing Seaforth Street), and suggested that staff should contact their owner(s) to have the properties cleared of debris.

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The motion to defer was put and passed.

Non-Union Salary Increases - 1991/92

A report, dated 11 April 1991, was submitted from Mr. D. F. Murphy, Q.C., City Manager.

MOVED by Alderman Ducharme, seconded by Alderman Flynn that non-union employees whose salaries are under \$40,000 receive an increase of 3 1/2 percent from 1 January 1991 to June 30 1991 and 2 percent from 1 July 1991 to 31 March 1992; and, for employees over \$40,000, a 3 1/2 percent increase from 1 January 1991 to 30 June 1991 and 1 1/2 percent from 1 July 1991 to 31 March 1992.

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Air Canada (Alderman Holland)

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