

SPECIAL COUNCIL
PUBLIC HEARINGS
M I N U T E S

Council Chamber
Halifax City Hall
8 May 1991
7:40 p.m.

A special meeting of Halifax City Council, Public Hearings was held on the above date.

After the meeting was called to order, the members of Council attending joined in reciting the Lord's Prayer.

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

ALSO PRESENT: Mr. Gerry Goneau, representing the City Solicitor (City Clerk), and other members of City staff.

The following items were added to the agenda at the request of the City Clerk:

Case No. 6258: Amendment to Development Agreement Melville Ridge

The City Clerk proposed that this item be added to the agenda being deferred from a meeting of City Council on 25 April 1991. The Clerk noted that due to a lack of a quorum, Council may wish to forward this item to the next regular meeting of City Council, scheduled for Thursday, 16 May 1991.

Motion by Alderman Hanson, seconded by Alderman Stone
that this item be forwarded to the next regular meeting of
City Council to be held on Thursday, 16 May 1991.

Carried.

At 7:45 Alderman Ducharme entered the meeting.

Metro Route Chebucto Road - Oxford to Windsor Streets

This matter had been deferred to this meeting from a meeting of the Finance and Executive Committee held earlier on this date.

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MOVED by Alderman Hanson, seconded by Alderman Stone that, as recommended by the Finance and Executive Committee, a letter be forwarded to the Metropolitan Authority recommending that, due to health reasons, the bus stop located directly in front of the house at 6248 Chebucto Road be moved to Chebucto Lane in front of Chebucto Village or to another location.

Motion carried.

Borrowing Resolution - Nova Scotia Municipal Finance Corporation

This matter had been deferred to this meeting from a meeting of the Finance and Executive Committee held earlier on this date.

MOVED by Alderman Fitzgerald, seconded by Alderman Downey that, as recommended by the Finance and Executive Committee, _

1. the Mayor and City Clerk be empowered to sign debenture 91-A-1, the issuing resolution (Schedule 2) and the borrowing agreement (Schedule B), as contained in the 29 April 1991 staff report.
2. Further, that approval be granted to the signing officers of the City of Halifax to execute the preauthorized payment plan agreement (Schedule B), as contained in the 29 April 1991 staff report.

Motion carried.

File #911090RR - Refuse Removal Roache's Pond

This matter had been forwarded to this meeting from a regular meeting of the Works Committee held earlier on this date.

MOVED by Alderman Grant, seconded by Alderman Hanson that, as recommended by the Works Committee, File # 911090RR, Refuse Removal Roache's Pond, be awarded to Don Saccary at a price of \$20,800.00 for year one and \$20,800.00 for year two, the lowest bidder meeting specifications on a weekly basis for a period of two (2) years; funds to be made available in account number 22902.849 titled, Roache's Pond Pumping Station.

Motion carried.

Award of Tender #91-05 - Sidewalk Renewals

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This matter had been forwarded to this meeting from a regular meeting of the Works Committee held earlier on this date.

MOVED by Alderman Ducharme, seconded by Alderman Fitzgerald that as recommended by the Works Committee, Tender #91-05 (Sidewalk Renewals) for projects, materials and services listed and for the unit prices quoted at a total bid price of \$160,516.25 and a total project cost of \$193,000.00 be awarded to Armdale Construction Ltd., the lowest responsible tender meeting all tender criteria. Funding authorized from account numbers 92641, 92643, 92645, 92646, 92650, 92660, 92663.

Motion carried.

Award of Tender #91-11 - Dunbrack Street - New Sidewalk

This matter had been forwarded to this meeting from a regular meeting of the Works Committee held earlier on this date.

MOVED by Alderman Stone, seconded by Alderman Ducharme that as recommended by the Works Committee, Tender #91-11 (Dunbrack Street - New Sidewalk) for the materials and services listed and for the unit prices quoted at a total bid price of \$55,800.00 and a total project cost of \$67,000.00 be awarded to Sun Construction Co. Ltd., the lowest responsible tender meeting all tender criteria. Funding authorized from account numbers 91220 and 91221.

Motion carried.

Award of Tender #91-12 - Cogswell Street - New Sidewalk

This matter had been forwarded to this meeting from a regular meeting of the Works Committee held earlier on this date.

MOVED by Alderman Downey, seconded by Alderman Fitzgerald that as recommended by the Works Committee, Tender #91-12 (Cogswell Street - New Sidewalk) for the project, materials and services listed and for the unit prices quoted at a total bid price of \$50,775 and a total project cost of \$61,000 be awarded to Armdale Construction Ltd., the lowest responsible tender meeting all tender criteria. Funding authorized from account number 91219.

Motion carried.

Award of Tender #91-28 - Withrod Drive - New Paving Phase I (Sunset Avenue to Mayo Street)

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This matter had been forwarded to this meeting from a regular meeting of the Works Committee held earlier on this date.

MOVED by Alderman Hanson, seconded by Alderman Grant that as recommended by the Works Committee, Tender #91-28 (Withrod Drive - New Paving Phase I) for the project, materials and services listed for the unit prices quoted at a total bid price of \$328,923.00 and a total project cost of \$395,000.00 be awarded to Dexter Construction Company Limited. Funding authorized from account number 91350.

In moving the motion, Alderman Hanson noted that the current design has the sidewalk attached to the curb without a grass buffer in between. He requested that, if possible, a grass buffer be placed between the sidewalk and the curb, and if this was not workable, then the project proceed as originally designed.

Alderman Grant indicated that he was pleased to see this matter being acted on so quickly but noted that work to Clovis Street was placed on the list before this. Alderman Grant added that he has not heard when this work would be tendered and he pointed out that it would be more economical to tender both items together. He questioned when he would have the information concerning work to Clovis Street.

The Chairman indicated that staff would respond.

Motion carried.

Award of Tender #91-54 - Paving Renewals - Hollis Street (Duke Street to Sackville Street)

This matter had been forwarded to this meeting from a regular meeting of the Works Committee held earlier on this date.

MOVED by Alderman Downey, seconded by Alderman Fitzgerald that as recommended by the Works Committee, Tender #91-54 (Paving Renewals - Hollis Street) for project, materials and services listed for unit prices quoted for Alt. II at a tender price of \$335,180.00 and a total project cost of \$400,000.00 be awarded to Standard Paving Maritime Limited. Funding authorized from account number PR91401.

Motion carried.

Award of Tender #91-48 Upgrading of Streets (Resurfacing)

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

1. City Council approve the streets program proposed by the Engineering and Works Department shown in Appendix "A" and "B" of the 2 May 1991 staff report and funded in the 1991 Approved Operating Budget;
2. Authority be granted to award Tender #91-48 to Dexter Construction Co. Ltd. for the unit prices quoted;
3. Authority be granted to proceed with the upgrading (resurfacing) of the indicated streets until the allocated funds of \$288,000.00 in Account No. 669 have been expended; and,
4. Authority be granted under Section 201 (1) of the City Charter to make additional expenditures for the Halifax Water Commission work, such as the lifting of valves, which will be recovered from the Commission.

Motion carried.

Quotation 911264 - Close Circuit Television Inspection of Sewer Lines

This matter had been forwarded to this meeting from a regular meeting of the Works Committee held earlier on this date.

MOVED by Alderman Fitzgerald, seconded by Alderman Downey that as recommended by the Works Committee, that Floyd Nicholson's Services Ltd. be awarded the Closed Circuit Television Inspection at a cost of \$46,000.00 of sewer lines for a period of one (1) year. This agreement will expire on 30 April 1992.

Motion carried.

Council then continued with its regular agenda items as follows:

Public Hearing Re Case No. 6198: Lounges in Minor and Mixed Residential-Commercial Areas. Proposals for Plan and/or Land Use Bylaw Amendments - Spring Garden Road.

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

Mr. Marcus Garnet, Planner, addressed Council and outlined the proposal to adopt the plan and bylaw amendments for the Spring Garden Road area as set out in Appendix I of the 21 March 1991 staff report.

At 8:00 p.m. Alderman Meagher entered the meeting.

Mr. Garnet responded to questions from Council.

Mr. Philip Levangie addressed Council and advised that he and his wife were the operators of Sanford's Dining Room and were the original applicants of this proposal.

Mr. Levangie noted that his restaurant was in an RC-2 zone and advised that the purpose of his application was to permit the operation of a small lounge as an additional service to his patrons. Further to this, he added that his original plans included a lounge in addition to the dining room, but due to his misunderstanding of City bylaws, what he thought could operate as a lounge, could only operate as a holding lounge. Mr. Levangie noted the close proximity of his dining room to Spring Garden Road and advised that approval of this application would give him the ability to compete with the establishments on Spring Garden Road which can operate as lounges.

Mr. Levangie noted that because the Liquor License Board requires 12 square feet per patron, this would ensure that in the future there would be no more than 50 patrons per lounge in this area, thus, making it quite manageable. In concluding his remarks, Mr. Levangie indicated that he was not requesting something unique and he noted that although a lounge must exist in conjunction with a dining room, there were freehold liquor establishments in places like the hospitals and universities which were in the surrounding area of his dining room.

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

In response to a question by Alderman Downey, the City Clerk advised that no correspondence was submitted concerning this application.

MOVED by Alderman Downey, seconded by Alderman Pottie that this matter be forwarded to Council without recommendation.

Motion carried.

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Public Hearing Re Case No. 6023: Rezoning of 6-8 Flamingo Drive
and 3 Queen Avenue.

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

Mr. Gary Porter, Planner, addressed Council and outlined the application by Rockingham Professional Center Ltd. to rezone a portion of 6-8 Flamingo Drive and 3 Queen Avenue, land of Rockingham Professional Centre Ltd., from R-1 to R-4 as illustrated in the 22 March 1991 staff report.

In his remarks, Mr. Porter advised that a petition with 57 signatures opposing the application was submitted, 40 of which were property owners and represented 30 properties in the area.

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Mr. Porter responded to questions from Council.

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In addressing Council, Mr. Dockrill advised that after his presentation, he would appreciate the opportunity of addressing any questions or concerns which arise from his presentation.

Mr. Dockrill advised that the applicant bought the site in May 1989 with the intention of constructing a building with a bank on the bottom floor and the second floor being utilized for professional uses. He noted that a public meeting was held with the residents of the area on this proposal. Mr. Dockrill advised that an application was made to the City to change the zoning line to follow the property line and this was not acceptable by City staff because it would mean a change in the MPS and, therefore, it was suggested that the application for rezoning be withdrawn.

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residential component of the lot. Mr. Dockrill added that the building would be 32 units--10 one-bedroom and 22 bachelor units-- and would be occupied by about 60 percent permanent residents and 40 percent students. He added that the students would be mainly single parent students, exchange students and married students, and an arrangement of a 10 month lease would be worked out with them.

To further illustrate his proposal, Mr. Dockrill then presented slides demonstrating how the applicant intends to address the concerns of the residents with respect to the view plane and traffic and parking difficulties.

Mr. Dockrill then advised of the number of merchants and residents in the area who he spoke with and he indicated that once they fully understood what the proposal was about, they were not opposed to it. He noted that the residents who initiated the petition against this proposal were concerned that the application would affect their property values. Mr. Dockrill pointed out that there would be approximately 100 ft. between the two properties with trees acting as a buffer between them, and he suggested that his proposal would clean up the site and would not devalue the properties.

On other points of concern, Mr. Dockrill added that the applicant intended to demolish the Frenchy's building, and in regards to vacancy of apartment units, he cited current statistics from the Canada Mortgage and Housing Corporation supporting his contention of a need for the type of apartment building he was proposing.

In summary, Mr. Dockrill advised that the applicant was satisfied that there was a need for the proposed building and believes that it would work well in the area. Further, Mr. Dockrill added that it would not negatively affect anyone's property and would result in the area being cleaned up.

Mr. Dockrill responded to questions from Council.

Mrs. Anne MacMillan, a resident of 4 Marlwood Drive, addressed Council and read and submitted a presentation in opposition to the proposed application (a copy of this presentation may be found in the official file of this meeting).

Also submitted with her presentation was a petition containing 53 signatures against the proposed rezoning.

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In her presentation, Mrs. MacMillan advised that she was representing the Ward 12 Community Association and the residents of the proposed area of zoning change.

Mrs. MacMillan advised that staff has indicated that the application was not a development agreement but the staff report describes the proposal in great detail. She questioned the appropriateness of a proposal like this for the neighbourhood, and advised that the neighbourhood in question has been situated on this land for over 150 years and has been an extremely stable neighbourhood and consists of generations of the same families. She also elaborated on the character and historical importance of this community and suggested that City Council consider the tourist potential of this community when considering proposed changes.

Mrs. MacMillan referred to various policies of the Bedford Highway Area Secondary Planning Strategy, suggesting they would be compromised with this proposal. In this regard she alluded to matters such as the retention and rehabilitation of existing structurally sound housing units; compatibility of new construction with the neighbourhood; parking; an apartment building for primarily university students; increased traffic on Skylark St.; new recreation areas in appropriate locations; the effects on the environment and the residents loss of view; and access to the Bedford Highway.

With respect to density, Mrs. MacMillan indicated that this area currently has a density of 27 people per acre and the proposal would allow for a density of 42 to 75 people which was entirely unsuitable. She added that density and recreational space were ignored in this application.

In conclusion, Mrs. MacMillan advised that the community does not support the proposed development because it believes that the proposal does not comply with the Municipal Development Plan and that the amenity, character, and value of all neighbouring properties would be severely affected. She requested Council's refusal of the application.

Mr. Harvey Fredericks, a resident of 11 Flamingo Drive addressed Council and read and submitted his presentation opposing the proposed application (a copy of this presentation may be found in the official file of this meeting).

In his remarks, Mr. Fredericks requested that Council reject this application and consider, only at the worst, a development rezoning that would be more fitting a single family neighbourhood. He pointed out that a portion of this property

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was rezoned a number of years ago to accommodate an insurance office with a flat above it, and the actual driveway or access to this lot was not onto Flamingo Drive and for years has violated the street with illegal entry to the property. Mr. Fredericks noted that the sketch in the staff report shows that access is off Fern Hill Drive and the Bedford Highway.

Mr. Fredericks expressed concern about the increase in density if the rezoning is approved, noting that 75 people per acre would be permitted. He pointed out that 42 people on this lot and the driveway on Flamingo Drive would greatly increase the risk of traffic accidents as well as general traffic in the area of single family homes.

Mr. Fredericks suggested that although the lot abuts a C-2A lot and an R-1 property, an R-4 rezoning does not allow adequate transition between the two zones. In reference to the "need" for an apartment building in this area, Mr. Fredericks advised that the present apartment buildings located on the Bedford Highway always seemed to have vacancy signs posted.

In conclusion, Mr. Fredericks expressed concern about the affect the proposal would have on his view and he advised that although he would like to see the property developed, it should be developed into something which would provide stability in the area. Further to this, he suggested that the applicant consider developing buildings like the R-2 dwellings recently constructed on Armada Drive. On a final point, Mr. Fredericks added that Mr. Dockrill did not approach him to discuss the proposal.

Ms. Diane Tilley, a resident of 12 Armada Drive address Council and spoke in opposition to the proposal. She advised that she was a resident of the area for 47 years and that if the application was approved then the view from her living room window would be the applicant's apartment building. Ms. Tilley added that it is unfair for the long time residents of the area who have invested time and money in their properties to have to put up with a development which is not in keeping with the residential area.

Mr. John Wells, a resident of 17 Bobolink Street, addressed Council and indicated that he was representing the Bridgeview Residents Association on this matter.

In his remarks, Mr. Wells indicated that it was improper for the developer to try and change the zoning because when he purchased the property, he was aware of what the zoning was. In reference to the applicant's comments that some of the

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residents who signed the petition changed their views after being further informed about the proposal, Mr. Wells advised that this was not true. He added that he spoke with Mr. Griffin, the resident who submitted a letter in support of the application, and Mr. Griffin expressed the view to him that he was not supporting this proposal, it is just that he is not against it.

Mr. Wells added that he spoke with merchants of the area and they were opposed to it as well. He suggested that there was not a need for another apartment building in the area and pointed out that he spoke with apartment owners of three apartments in the area and they all indicated that they were not completely occupied.

On other points of concern, Mr. Wells indicated that there wasn't a need to demolish the Frenchy's building and he suggested that the proposal would result in hazardous traffic situations in the area in question.

At 9:15 Alderman Downey retired from the meeting.

Mr. Wells responded to questions from Council.

Mr. John Salah, a resident of 3 Flamingo Drive, addressed Council briefly and indicated his opposition to the proposed rezoning.

Mr. Keith Fancy, a resident of Queensland, addressed Council and advised that he operated Frenchy's at this location for the last five years and was the property owner for 20 years.

With respect to traffic, he advised that an average of 40-45 cars per day went in this parking lot during the five years he operated Frenchy's and there were no accidents. He pointed out that the vacant land situated next to the Church was being used as a dump. With respect to comments that the building on the property was a heritage home, Mr. Fancy noted that when he owned it, he completed gutted the building and dramatic changes were made to the interior. He also pointed out that the building has substantial leaking problems.

Ms. Barbara Wright, a resident of 6 Skylark Street, addressed Council and advised that the back of her property abuts the property in question and she advise that she opposed the proposal.

Mr. Bob Wright, a resident of 6 Skylark Street addressed Council and advised that he had been a resident of the

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area for 59 years. Mr. Wright indicated that he was opposed to the proposed rezoning.

Mr. Wright referred to earlier comments regarding the condition of the property in question and pointed out that the previous owner excavated the property and since that time it has never been properly maintained. He pointed out that the slides shown by the applicant did not show the view from his back yard or from the corner of Armada and Skylark.

In conclusion, Mr. Wright also noted that the only time the applicant consulted him was a couple of years ago when Mr. Dockrill asked if he wanted to sell his property. Mr. Wright then advised that the proposal would not be beneficial for the neighbourhood.

Mr. Sandy Munro addressed Council and advised that he was a Trustee of the Rockingham United Church.

Mr. Munro advised that he and the other trustees met with Mr. Dockrill approximately a week ago and, at that time, Mr. Dockrill had indicated that accommodations for university students was not his top priority with this proposal for the reason that the student population is a transient one.

Mr. Munro spoke briefly on the various expenses the Church has incurred due to its poor construction, and he suggested that the best feature it has is its view. He added that the Church would lose some of its view with the proposed building, and in his opinion the Church members would be quite upset with this. In conclusion, Mr. Munro advised that he was in support of some construction on this property because it would alleviate the problem of erosion, but anything that would interfere with the view of the Church would probably be looked upon unfavourably by the Church members.

Mr. Ray Fisk addressed Council and advised that he was a Trustee of the Rockingham United Church.

Commenting on the empty lot below the Church, Mr. Fisk advised it was a spot where young people gathered and this has resulted in damage to the Church costing \$10,000 in repairs. He indicated that for this reason he would like to see the lot developed but he would want the "neighbour" to be suitable with the community.

Mr. Mark Fancy addressed Council and advised that he has been living above the Frenchy's building for the last year. Mr. Fancy expressed concern about the embankment on the property

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in question, noting that he has witnessed young children playing on the hill by the Church and have fallen off the bank. He advised that the situation was very dangerous and suggested that something should be done which would prevent a child having a serious accident.

Mr. Dockrill addressed Council once again and responded to a number of concerns and points which were made by the speakers.

Mr. Dockrill advised that some of the concerns raised in relation to the property were serious concerns that he and his architect had. He pointed out that in his proposal, there was 100 ft. from the back of building to the property line and this would be landscaped and fenced in, and would be used as a recreational area.

Mr. Dockrill addressed concerns of the driveway to the lot as well as access. He pointed out that the previous owner, Mr. Fancy, excavated the property because, in trying to sell it, he was informed by the residents that the area was all rock. With respect to comments made by Mr. Wright, Mr. Dockrill illustrated that a slide had been taken on the corner of Skylark and Armada, and he emphasized that he never asked Mr. Wright if he could buy his property.

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

Alderman Ducharme addressed the matter and requested a copy of the newspaper advertisement of this public hearing.

MOVED by Alderman Stone, seconded by Alderman Fitzgerald that this matter be forwarded to Council without recommendation.

Motion carried.

At 9:45 p.m. the meeting adjourned.

DEPUTY MAYOR MARIE E. O'MALLEY
CHAIRMAN

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His Worship Mayor Wallace noted that Alderman Stone was suffering from a back ailment, which had prevented him from attending this evening's meeting, and, on behalf of all members of Council, wished the Alderman a speedy recovery.

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Ryan Murphy
(Cornwallis Junior High)

Kari Duggan
(Cunard Jr. High)

Joey Farrar
(St. Patrick's/Alexander)

Kim Garnier
(Elizabeth Sutherland School)

Tara Schiebel
(Oxford School)

Tanya Carter
(Rockingstone Heights School)

Paula Williams
(St. Joseph's/A. MacKay)

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Shelley Bonang
(St. Stephen's/Highland Park)

Gillian Lynch
(Major Stevens Jr. High)

Lisa Dauphinee
Fairview Junior High

Sarah Jean Wilbur
Clayton Park Jr. High

In a brief address, Mr. Young thanked Halifax City Council for inviting him to take part in this year's Municipal Awareness Week award activities, and commended the award recipients on their commitment and enthusiasm.

City Manager's Awards

Mr. D. F. Murphy, Q.C., City Manager for the City of Halifax, introduced the following winners of the 1991 City Manager's Awards, which were presented earlier this month:

Ms. Debbie Chambers
Development and Planning Department

Ms. Lynn McGuinness
Tourism Halifax

Constable John Gardiner
(representing the Municipal Association of Police Personnel)

Ms. Freda Stevenson
Finance Department

Ms. Catherine MacNeil
Office of the Mayor

MINUTES

Minutes of the Special Meeting of City Council, held on Wednesday, 17 April, and of a regular meeting of Council, held on Thursday, 25 April 1991, were approved as circulated on a motion by Alderman Ducharme, seconded by Alderman Flynn.

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

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

- 20.1 Removal of Parking Spaces - Barrington Street (Deputy Mayor O'Malley)

- 20.2 Metropolitan Authority - Materials Recovery Facility
- 20.3 Area B - Sackville Street
(Deputy Mayor O'Malley)

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

- 20.4 Tendering Process

DEFERRED ITEMS

Mainland Common Master Plan

Mr. Robert Parker, President of Robert Parker Associates Limited (Architects and Planners), provided members of Council with a brief overview of the public consultation process about to commence with regard to the Mainland Common Master Plan.

Mr. Parker began his remarks by advising that a series of public consultation lectures and workshops will be held at St. James Church Hall, beginning on Thursday, 23 May at 7:30 p.m. In this context, he noted that invitations had been forwarded to over 340 organizations and groups from the Halifax area, and strongly urged that all members of Council also make every effort to attend.

8:40 p.m. - Alderman Meagher enters the meeting.

Mr. Parker further advised that following this public consultation process, his staff will analyze that input and, based on their findings, develop a preliminary program of activities and facilities which the public have recommended for the Mainland Common. Once these suggestions have been submitted to the Steering Committee and to City Council for review, preparation will begin on a draft concept plan for the whole of the Common area (approximately 160 acres), as well as for a "first phase" of development. Once these drafts have been completed, a public meeting will be held, followed by the preparation of a final plan to be submitted to Council for approval. Mr. Parker indicated that the target date for completion of this planning process is December 1991.

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

This matter had been deferred from a special meeting of Halifax City Council held on Wednesday, 8 May 1991,

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subsequent to a public hearing which had been held on Wednesday, 17 April.

Alderman Hanson made reference to a number of concerns raised during the 17 April public hearing on this matter, noting that, as a result of the cooperation between area residents, the developer and City staff, a "reasonable compromise" has now been effected.

It was subsequently moved by Alderman Hanson, seconded by Alderman Fitzgerald that City Council:

- 1) amend the development agreement dated 6 August 1986 for Phase IV between Melville Ridge Holdings Ltd. and the City of Halifax to extend the completion date to 31 December 1993;
- 2) amend the development agreement dated 22 December 1988 for Phase III between Melville Ridge Holdings Ltd. and the City of Halifax to:
 - (a) extend the completion date to 31 December 1993;
 - (b) increase the number of units in the senior citizens and special care apartment buildings to 105;
 - (c) increase the height of the senior citizens and special care apartment buildings by approximately 10 ft. as shown on Plan No. P200/18244 and 18245 of Case No. 6258;
 - (d) ensure that the quality and quantity of potable water be maintained at a minimum standard that presently exists on the private system for those residents along Melville Avenue; and
 - (e) ensure that access to and from the Melville Ridge project prior to, during, and post-construction be prohibited in terms of all vehicular traffic, including trucks and service vehicles.

In putting forward this motion, Alderman Hanson asked that staff designate a contact person to whom any future concerns regarding the Melville Ridge project and its development agreement might be referred, and that when this individual is so identified, this information be made available to him (Alderman Hanson) to be passed along to residents of Melville Avenue.

The Acting City Clerk advised that the following individuals had been absent from the 17 April public hearing: His Worship Mayor Wallace; Deputy Mayor O'Malley; and Aldermen Meagher, Ducharme and Flynn.

The motion was put and passed with Deputy Mayor O'Malley, and Aldermen Meagher, Ducharme and Flynn abstaining.

Case No. 6198: Lounges in Minor and Mixed Residential/Commercial Areas (Proposal for Plan and Land Use Bylaw Amendments)

A public hearing concerning this matter had been held on Wednesday, 8 May 1991.

The Chairman advised that, because this matter pertains to a proposed amendment of the Municipal Planning Strategy, a majority vote of Council (i.e., seven) was required. It was noted that both Aldermen Grant and Stone, who had been in attendance during the 8 May public hearing, were unavailable to participate in this evening's vote.

It was therefore moved by Alderman Downey, seconded by Alderman Fitzgerald that the matter be deferred to the Special Meeting of Halifax City Council scheduled for 5:00 p.m., WEDNESDAY, 22 MAY 1991.

Case No. 6023: Rezoning of 6-8 Flamingo Drive and 3 Queen Avenue

A public hearing pertaining to this matter had been held on Wednesday, 8 May 1991.

Deputy Mayor O'Malley, speaking on behalf of Alderman Stone, noted that it would appear that several of the points raised by area residents during the public hearing were inconsistent with information contained in the City staff report. It was therefore requested that a further staff report be prepared in order that these differences might be clarified.

It was therefore moved by Deputy Mayor O'Malley, seconded by Alderman Fitzgerald that the matter be deferred to the next regular meeting of Halifax City Council (scheduled for Thursday, 30 May 1991), pending receipt of a supplementary staff report.

The motion to defer was put and passed.

Mainland Common Master Plan

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

REPORT - FINANCE AND EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Council considered the report of the Finance and Executive Committee from its meeting held on Wednesday, 8 May 1991 as follows:

Ordinance No. 165, the Blasting Ordinance

MOVED by Alderman Flynn, seconded by Alderman Meagher that, as recommended by the Finance and Executive Committee, the points raised during the Finance and Executive Committee meeting on 8 May 1991 with respect to Ordinance No. 165, the Blasting Ordinance, be referred to staff for review and comment.

The motion was put and passed.

Proposed Amendment to Ordinance No. 180,
the Streets Ordinance

A supplementary report, dated 10 May 1991, was submitted.

Deputy Mayor O'Malley addressed this matter, emphasizing that the applicant in question is well aware that, should this amendment to Ordinance 180 be approved (thereby creating a site for mobile street vending on the west side of Lower Water Street), it will still be necessary to proceed with the tendering process for this location. The Deputy Mayor further noted that the applicant acknowledges that, if he should be the successful bidder, all serving must be done from the sidewalk (i.e., left-hand) side of the vehicle.

Deputy Mayor O'Malley went on to make reference to various concerns raised during the 8 May Finance and Executive Committee, particularly with regard to fumes and litter which might be generated by a street vendor at this location. She emphasized that, in her opinion, the installation of a charcoal filter will adequately address the former concern, while Ordinance 180 already obliges every street vendor to keep his site litter-free or risk having his license revoked. The Deputy Mayor made reference to the supplementary staff report of 10 May, bringing to Council's attention that the applicant feels only one parking meter would have to be removed (although the City would continue to monitor the situation to determine whether additional space was, in fact, required).

On a final note, Deputy Mayor O'Malley pointed out that mobile street vendors pay a rental fee to the City which is equivalent to the amount of taxes a permanent business owner might pay at the same location for the same amount of time.

It was therefore moved by Deputy Mayor O'Malley, seconded by Alderman Pottie that Schedule "C" of Ordinance 180 be 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);

and further, that a reserve bid be placed on the tender in the amount of \$5,000 per year.

Alderman Downey spoke in opposition to the motion, noting the congestion that is caused to both pedestrian and vehicular traffic in this section of Lower Water Street by the proximity of the Ferry Terminal.

Concurring with Alderman Downey's remarks, Alderman Flynn pointed out that the Streets Committee had consistently endeavored to identify sites for mobile vendors which would not impinge on traffic flows in the downtown area, adding that, in his opinion, the Lower Water Street proposal would prove to be problematical in this respect.

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

Election Procedures Committee

Correspondence between Alderman Richard Grant, Chairman of the Election Procedures Committee and His Worship Mayor Ron Wallace (dated 11 December 1990 and 4 January 1991 respectively) was submitted.

MOVED by Alderman Flynn, seconded by Alderman Fitzgerald that, as recommended by the Finance and Executive Committee, the Election Procedures Committee be dissolved until after the next Civic Election and that, in the meantime, staff review the recommendations with respect to ward boundaries.

The motion was put and passed.

Acquisition of Civic No. 6451 Chebuoto Road

MOVED by Alderman Flynn, seconded by Alderman Ducharme that, as recommended by the Finance and Executive Committee, Civic Number 6451 Chebuoto Road be acquired from Irving Oil Limited for \$78,000 as settlement in full.

Alderman Meagher spoke in opposition to the motion, emphasizing that, in his opinion, Council should not be allocating funds for such purposes, particularly in these times of fiscal restraint. He went on to strongly recommend that, should the motion ultimately be approved, the City take immediate steps to remove the debris from these properties in order to make them more compatible with the surrounding neighborhood.

After some discussion, the motion was put and passed with Aldermen Meagher and Pottie voting in opposition.

9:20 p.m. - His Worship Mayor Wallace retires from the meeting with Deputy Mayor O'Malley assuming the Chair.

Resolution for the UNSM Annual Conference

MOVED by Alderman Ducharme, seconded by Alderman Hanson that, as recommended by the Finance and Executive Committee, the following resolution be forwarded to the UNSM Annual Conference:

Whereas there are two oil refineries in the metro area with considerable product movement, both by sea and land;

and whereas there does not appear to be a plan with respect to disposal of contaminated waste from an oil spill;

and whereas the possibility of an oil spill around the coastline of Nova Scotia does exist;

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Union of Nova Scotia Municipalities call upon the Province of Nova Scotia to draw up guidelines for disposal of oil contaminated debris.

The motion was put and passed.

Alderman Ducharme requested that a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the UNSM as quickly as possible so that it might be considered during the regional meeting scheduled for Wednesday, 22 May 1991.

Ordinance No. 137, Respecting the
Deferred Payment of Taxes

MOVED by Alderman Fitzgerald, seconded by Alderman Ducharme that, as recommended by the Finance and Executive Committee, Section 3, sub-section 2 of Ordinance Number 137 be

amended to permit the filing of a sworn written affidavit on or before the 30th day of September in the year from which the postponement of the payment of taxes is requested.

Responding to a question from Alderman Downey, the City Solicitor advised that the proposed amendment pertains solely to a change in the filing date, rather than to any payment of funds, adding that, under the circumstances, the freeze on municipal grants recently proposed by the Provincial Legislation should have no impact on this aspect of Ordinance No. 137.

The motion was put and passed.

1991 Legislation

MOVED by Alderman Holland, seconded by Alderman Fitzgerald that, as recommended by the Finance and Executive Committee, City Council give approval in principle to the amendments to the Halifax City Charter set forth in Appendix "A" (as attached to the staff report of 24 April 1991), and direct staff to arrange for their introduction before the Legislature of the Province of Nova Scotia at the earliest opportunity.

The motion was put and passed.

Saint Mary's University Huskies Stadium - Contract

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

1. City Council authorize the Mayor and City Clerk to sign the contract with Saint Mary's University for up to seven hundred and seven hours (707) of facility time at a cost of seventy dollars per hour plus GST (\$70.00/hour + GST).
2. Payment of twenty-six thousand four hundred ninety-two dollars and fifty cents (\$26,492.50) be paid July 1, 1991 and the remaining balance, up to an amount of twenty-six thousand four hundred and ninety-two dollars and fifty cents (\$26,492.50) be paid on December 1, 1991 with funds being available in account number 01-22606-4032 - 43927 (Recreation - Sport and Subsidies).

The motion was put and passed.

REPORT - COMMITTEE ON WORKS

Council considered the report of the Committee on Works from its meeting held on Wednesday, 8 May 1991 as follows:

Lacewood Drive Improvements

This matter had been forwarded to Council without recommendation.

Speaking on behalf of Alderman Stone, Alderman Flynn advised that it was his understanding that, following the concerns expressed by representatives of the Clayton Park Shopping Centre during the 17 April meeting of Committee of the Whole, a compromise solution to the problem of the Lacewood Drive median has been developed. The Alderman asked that Mr. Peter S. Connell, Director of Engineering and Works, elaborate on this matter for Council's benefit.

Using a diagram of the area in question, Mr. Connell advised that the original plans for improvements to Lacewood Drive had called for a full median extending to the first turn-off on the left just beyond the existing McDonald's Restaurant. He added, however, that as a result of concerns raised by the FirstCity Shopping Centre Group and by various tenants of the Clayton Park Shopping Centre, a temporary compromise is being proposed. Mr. Connell clarified this proposal by advising that provision will now be made for westbound traffic to turn left into the first driveway of the Clayton Park Shopping Centre. He emphasized, however, that while staff do not feel that this approach will result in undue traffic congestion or in the creation of a safety hazard at the present time, the situation will require careful monitoring.

Mr. Connell subsequently responded to questions from various members of Council.

With reference to a question from Alderman Ducharme, Mr. Connell emphasized that staff had not recommended a cut of this nature in the Lacewood Drive median; he added, however, that they are prepared to accept it on an interim basis in order to accommodate the concerns of neighboring business owners.

It was subsequently moved by Alderman Flynn, seconded by Alderman Meagher that City Council endorse a modification to the median previously approved for Lacewood Drive; namely, that the median to be installed on Lacewood Drive westbound from Dunbrack Street be modified to permit left turns at the first driveway entrance to the Clayton Park Shopping Centre.

The motion was put and passed.

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9:35 p.m. - His Worship Mayor Wallace returns to the meeting, with Deputy Mayor O'Malley assuming her usual seat on Council.

REPORT - COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE COUNCIL,
BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS

Report - Task Force on City Traffic: TO BE TABLED

A document entitled City of Halifax Task Force on City Traffic Report (16 May 1991) was submitted including a letter of transmittal signed by Mr. J. R. Dexter Kaulbach, Chairman, Mr. Rodger Middleton, Vice Chairman, and Mr. Edward Sutherland, Vice Chairman.

It was moved by Alderman Fitzgerald, seconded by Alderman Ducharme that the document entitled City of Halifax Task Force on City Traffic be tabled, and that the matter be referred to the next regular meeting of Committee of the Whole Council (scheduled for Wednesday, 22 May 1991) at which time a full presentation of the matter will be made.

Responding to concerns raised by Aldermen Flynn, Fitzgerald and Ducharme, His Worship Mayor Wallace suggested that Council proceed with the proposed presentation by the Task Force on 22 May, and at that time a decision be made as to whether a special meeting on the matter should be held.

Alderman Flynn emphasized that, in his opinion, the Task Force report warranted an opportunity for extensive Council debate and additional public input, and strongly urged that steps be taken to schedule a special meeting in this regard before the onset of the summer vacation period.

The motion was put and passed.

Annual Report - City Auditor General

A document entitled City of Halifax - City Auditor General: Annual Report 1990 was submitted.

MOVED by Alderman Meagher, seconded by Alderman Fitzgerald that the document entitled City of Halifax - City Auditor General: Annual Report 1990 be tabled.

The motion 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, 8 May 1991 as follows:

Case No. 6285 - Request for Plan Amendment
(Mainland South): Stanley Park

This matter was forwarded to Council without recommendation.

Alderman Hanson expressed the view that it would be appropriate to allow public input into this particular application (i.e. whether there should be a commercial aspect to the overall agreement) and, therefore, MOVED, seconded by Alderman Ducharme that the matter be referred to the Planning Advisory Committee for consideration and public meeting and report back to City Council.

Motion passed.

Case No. 5419 - Stanley Park Street Names

MOVED by Alderman Hanson, seconded by Alderman Ducharme that, as recommended by the City Planning Committee, City Council approve the names Walter Havill Drive, Hail Pond Drive, Bald Eagle Crescent, Lone Pine Drive, Osborne Street, Tamarack Drive, White Dove Court, Medina Court, Savanna Place, and Mesa Court as the street names within the Stanley Park residential development.

Motion passed.

Case 6290 - Amendment to Development Agreement -
2650 Dublin Street (6333-37 Seaforth Street)

This matter was forwarded to Council without recommendation.

MOVED by Alderman Meagher, seconded by Deputy Mayor O'Malley that a date be set for a public hearing to consider the application to amend the existing development agreement respecting 2650 Dublin Street to allow a second storey addition to the rear of a four unit building.

Motion passed.

The Acting City Clerk advised that the public hearing date would be set for Wednesday, 3 July 1991, at 7:30 p.m. in the Council Chamber.

Case 5742 - Land Use Bylaw Consolidation

MOVED by Alderman Meagher, seconded by Deputy Mayor O'Malley that, as recommended by the City Planning Committee, the matter of the proposed bylaw consolidation be referred back to the Planning Advisory Committee to consider the zone identification system and to report back to Council as quickly as possible.

Motion passed.

Policy - Northwest Arm Property Subdivisions

Alderman Holland addressed the matter and referred to the case where, from his point of view, an opportunity was lost to acquire land at the bottom of South Street adjacent to land that the City already has in its possession. He expressed the view that staff did not acquire this land because they had misunderstood the intention of Council. Alderman Holland went on to suggest that it was in the interests of the citizens of the City that waterfront land should be acquired by the City whenever the opportunity exists.

MOVED by Alderman Holland, seconded by Alderman Fitzgerald that staff be requested to prepare a clearer and firmer policy with respect to the acquisition of waterfront land and report back to Council.

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

MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS

Appointments

A report dated 15 May 1991 was submitted from His Worship Mayor Ron Wallace.

MOVED by Deputy Mayor O'Malley, seconded by Alderman Downey that the following appointments be approved:

HALIFAX-DARTMOUTH PORT DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION

T. L. (Tom) Trainor
(Term to expire 1 June 1993)

BOARD OF HARBOUR CITY HOMES

Reverend Jack Hayes
Carolyn McGregor
(Terms to expire 31 January 1993)

Motion passed.

Sewer and Water Installations - Wenlock Grove

A confidential staff report dated 6 May 1991 was submitted.

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

1. The City reimburse the property owner of 23 Wenlock Grove for works completed and consultant fees to a maximum of \$40,000.00, and,
2. City Council direct staff to prepare Terms of Reference and negotiate with CBCL Ltd. to undertake a surface and groundwater study in the area of Wenlock Grove.

Motion passed.

QUESTIONS

Question Alderman Ducharme Re: Petitions

Alderman Ducharme noted that, at a previous meeting of City Council, she had suggested that lengthy petitions not be circulated to members of Council. She added that a staff report in this regard was received. However, Alderman Ducharme advised that she continues to receive lengthy petitions and requested that, because of the tremendous amount of paper waste, a copy of the original petition be posted in the Aldermen's Office rather than circulated to all members of Council. It was noted that only the first page of a lengthy petition, with an indication of the number of signatures, needed to be circulated.

Question Alderman Fitzgerald Re: City Club

Alderman Fitzgerald requested a progress report with respect to the City Club.

Question Alderman Fitzgerald Re: Freeze on Salaries

Alderman Fitzgerald asked for a staff report addressing the savings and hardships with respect to the freeze on salaries as a result of the provincial budget which was recently tabled.

Question Alderman Fitzgerald Re: Parking
Sackville Street Area

Alderman Fitzgerald expressed concern that persons who have been parking at the corner opposite the CBC building have now been asked to park somewhere else for three months during the tourist season. He noted that some of these people have been parking at this location for 10 to 15 years. The Alderman asked for a report on the matter.

Question Alderman Fitzgerald Re: Stocking of Fish in City Lakes

Commenting on the number of lakes in the City of Halifax, Alderman Fitzgerald asked that staff pursue having these lakes stocked with fish. He noted that the Department of Fisheries stock the lakes in the City of Dartmouth.

Question Alderman Fitzgerald Re: Installation of Stop Signs

Expressing concern about the safety of children in the City, Alderman Fitzgerald indicated that there was a need to have stop signs installed on some of the City's through streets. He asked that this matter be placed on the agenda for the next Committee of the Whole Council meeting to be held on Wednesday, 22 May 1991.

Question Alderman Fitzgerald Re: Amnesty International

Alderman Fitzgerald referred to a letter that had been circulated to all members of Council with respect to Amnesty International and suggested that this was something Council should support.

Question Deputy Mayor O'Malley Re: Stipend Increase for
Crossing Guards

Deputy Mayor O'Malley referred to a staff report she had received regarding a stipend increase for crossing guards. The Deputy Mayor questioned whether or not this retroactive increase would be affected due to the freeze on salaries as a result of the provincial budget and asked for a staff report in this regard.

Question Deputy Mayor O'Malley Re: Enumeration

Deputy Mayor O'Malley advised that she had received a number of telephone calls from seniors and persons concerning the fact that the enumerators for the civic election are not carrying and/or wearing City identification. She suggested, if it was too late for this year, that this was a matter which should be addressed for future enumerations. The Deputy Mayor asked for a report on the matter.

Question Alderman Hanson Re: Clean-Up of Ditches along North West Arm Drive

Alderman Hanson expressed concern about the amount of litter and debris in the ditches along the North West Arm Drive from Main Avenue going south. He noted that it was his understanding that this was a provincial responsibility and asked that staff pursue the matter in an effort to have the Province clean up this area.

Question Alderman Hanson Re: School Crossing in the Cowie Hill Road Area

Alderman Hanson noted that there is a school crossing in the Cowie Hill Road area that has been identified by an overhead crosswalk sign. He added that there are two signs giving warning to drivers that there is a crosswalk in the area. However, Alderman Hanson advised that it has been brought to his attention that the area remains dangerous for children crossing adding that there was an accident in the area involving a child. The Alderman requested that consideration be given to installing signs further up this road in order to give plenty of warning to motorists of this crossing.

Alderman Hanson also asked that the Halifax Police Department consider doing periodic radar checks in this particular area.

Question Alderman Meagher Re: Transfer Station Fees

Alderman Meagher referred to a situation where one of his residents brought garbage to the City's transfer station in his van and was charged \$4.56. He referred to another situation where a gentleman was charged approximately \$14.00. Alderman Meagher suggested that the Metropolitan Authority must be collecting a great amount of money at the Transfer Station. He asked for a report showing the amount of money which is collected during a one month period at the Transfer Station.

Question Alderman Meagher Re: Central Commons

Alderman Meagher asked for a progress report with respect to the clean up and preparation of the Central Commons for the summer months.

Question Alderman Meagher Re: Waste Basket - 2100 Oxford Street

Alderman Meagher noted that he has been trying for at least three years now to have a waste basket placed in front of Cleveland Industries Ltd. at 2100 Oxford Street. He commented that the neighbours in the area are getting tired of cleaning up the area.

Question Alderman Downey Re: Crossing Guard at North and Maynard Streets

Alderman Downey noted that a crossing guard was approved in this year's budget for North and Maynard Streets and asked for a status report in this regard.

Question Alderman Downey Re: Underground Wiring (Grafton Street)

Alderman Downey asked for an update report on the underground wiring project for Grafton Street.

Question Alderman Holland Re: CNR Property Clean Up

Noting that the City has made a great effort to clean up the City with flower beds, bushes, etc., Alderman Holland asked that the CNR be encouraged to keep their property clean and tidy.

NOTICES OF MOTION:

Notice of Motion Alderman Ducharme Re: Amendments to Ordinance 105, Respecting the Establishment of Standing Committees of Council - Tourism Halifax

Alderman Ducharme gave notice of motion that at the next meeting of Halifax City Council to be held on Thursday, 30 May 1991, she proposes to introduce for first reading the amendments to Ordinance Number 105, Respecting the Establishing of Standing Committees of Council. The purpose of the said amendments will be to clarify the duties and responsibilities of the Tourism Halifax Committee and to make it an advisory committee of Council.

ADDED ITEMS

Removal of Parking Spaces - Barrington Street
(Deputy Mayor O'Malley)

This item was added to the agenda at the request of Deputy Mayor O'Malley.

Deputy Mayor O'Malley addressed the matter and referred to a memorandum she had received from the Traffic Authority indicating that the parking of vehicles along the entire east side of Barrington Street, from North Street to Richmond Street, is to be eliminated. The Deputy Mayor noted that she realizes that this is required in order to improve vehicular traffic along Barrington Street.

Deputy Mayor O'Malley advised that she had taken a quick count of the number of vehicles parked on this side of Barrington Street, between North and Richmond Streets, today which totalled approximately 60. Deputy Mayor O'Malley indicated that she was concerned about where these 60 vehicles would find alternative parking. She added that the owners of these vehicles work nearby at the dockyard and shipyards and that letters have been sent to both of those establishments informing of the elimination of all of these parking spaces. Deputy Mayor O'Malley questioned whether any steps have been taken to address this pending problem and whether the Halifax Police Department will be taking the appropriate steps to involve selective enforcement in the area. She asked for a written report to Council in this regard.

Metropolitan Authority - Materials Recovery Facility

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

A staff report dated 16 May 1991 was submitted.

MOVED by Alderman Ducharme, seconded by Alderman Holland that City Council approve the sale of Lot 53, Bayers Lake Industrial Park, to the Metropolitan Authority for \$1.00 for the purpose of a materials recovery facility.

Motion passed.

Area B - Sackville Street (Deputy Mayor O'Malley)

This matter was added during the setting of the agenda at the request of Deputy Mayor O'Malley.

Deputy Mayor O'Malley addressed the matter and noted that Alderman Fitzgerald referred to this item earlier during "Question Period". She noted that she had received a number of telephone calls from people who are concerned about the elimination of parking spots in the Sackville Street area parking lot. Deputy Mayor O'Malley advised that some of these people have parked at this location for over 15 years and have been paying \$26.75 monthly for this parking. She went on to advise that the letter they had received in regard to the matter, indicated that there would be an alternative site for parking which they could use. However, the Deputy Mayor advised that they are now being told that there is no alternative parking available.

Deputy Mayor O'Malley expressed the concern that this was unfair and questioned whether staff had given consideration to provide parking for tourists in back of the bureau - where City staff used to park who were involved with the Parks and Recreation building. She also suggested that perhaps another alternative would be to make the parking meters on the other side of Sackville Street available for the tourists.

The Chairman suggested that staff would look into the matter and report back to Council.

Tendering Process (Alderman Flynn)

This item was added at the request of Alderman Flynn during the setting of the agenda.

Alderman Flynn addressed the matter and advised that there have been situations recently where tenders have been awarded to American firms. He went on to comment on the Federal Government's policy with regard to tenders, which states that, only if the Atlantic Region is looking for material, they tender within the Atlantic Provinces. When the Province of Nova Scotia is tendering, Alderman Flynn advised that their primary purpose is to try and get the business from Nova Scotians or at least from within the Atlantic Region.

Alderman Flynn expressed the concern that because there is an extra effort being made to expand inquiries in order to get the best possible price, business is being taken away from our local people. He asked that the Tendering Committee look at the amount of money which is actually saved by tendering outside of the Atlantic Region.

Alderman Flynn also noted that when a tender is awarded and one of the proponents who lost the tender questions who it was awarded to, only the price is given and not the name of the successful bidder. He went on to refer to the City of Dartmouth's policy which states that after 10 days following the award of tender, a letter can be provided giving the name

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of the successful tenderer and price. Alderman Flynn suggested that the City of Halifax should have a similar policy.

There being no further business to be discussed, the meeting was adjourned at approximately 10:30 p.m.

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

**KAREN F. SWIM
ACTING CITY CLERK**

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