

**SPECIAL COUNCIL
PUBLIC HEARING
M I N U T E S**

Council Chamber
Halifax City Hall
6 November 1991
7:30 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: Her Worship Mayor Ducharme, Chairman; Deputy Mayor Stone; and Aldermen Downey, O'Malley, Adams, Hanson, Macdonald, and Crowley.

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

ADDED ITEMS

At the request of the City Clerk, the following items were added to the agenda:

Wage Restraint Legislation

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

MOVED by Deputy Mayor Stone, seconded by Alderman Hanson that, as recommended by the Finance and Executive Committee, the collective bargaining agreements for the inside workers, CUPE, Local 143 and the police constables, MAPP and the 1991 salary increases granted to the non-union employees of the City be amended to backdate the scheduled 1 July 1991 phased-in increases in each case to the 13th of May, 1991, such backdating to include a mathematical adjustment to insure that the percentage increases granted to each employee group have no greater budgetary cost than the scheduled increases would have had, and that the total increase granted to each group for the 1991 year not exceed the 5% guideline of the Public Service Compensation Restraint Act and that a similar adjustment be

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made in respect of the collective agreement of the police officers and NCO's, if they so elect.

Motion carried.

At 7:35 p.m. Alderman Fitzgerald entered the meeting.

Award of Tender #91-150: Nine 1992 Model Four Door Sedans - Halifax Police Department

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

MOVED by Alderman Downey, seconded by Alderman Adams that, as recommended by the Finance and Executive Committee, authorization be granted to award Tender #91-150 (for nine 1992 model four-door sedans) to Bob McDonald Chev Olds, the lowest bidder meeting specifications (funds to be made available from Account Number 26104.8300.80001, titled "Equipment Reserves - Police").

Motion carried.

Case No. 6352: Lot Modification - 3661-67 Windsor Street

This item had been forwarded to this meeting from a meeting of the City Planning Committee held earlier on this date.

MOVED by Alderman O'Malley, seconded by Alderman Stone that, as recommended by the City Planning Committee, a public hearing be scheduled to consider the application for a development agreement with Mr. Samir Metledge to permit modification of the R-3 lot frontage requirements at 3661-67 Windsor Street.

Motion carried.

The City Clerk advised that the date for the public hearing would be on Wednesday, December 4, 1991 at 5:30 p.m. in the Council Chamber, Halifax City Hall.

Council then continued with its regular agenda as follows:

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from City Council on 26 September 1991

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Mr. Kennedy pointed out that the closure may create some difficulties in providing local City service to the Ahern Manor located on Maitland Street. He explained that for snow clearing, garbage removal, and street cleaning it would create some difficulties for the vehicles to turn around.

Mr. Kennedy responded to questions from staff.

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approximately 300 of them have to cross Gerrish Street, coming from Uniacke Square. He noted that the children mainly cross the street where Maitland Street meets Gerrish Street.

Mr. Doucette then advised of the work the school has done in conjunction with the Police Department with respect to crosswalk safety. Mr. Doucet added that he believed that it was because of the recent attention given to crosswalk safety that no other accidents have occurred in this area since the unfortunate one last winter.

In reference to the necessity of the street closure, Mr. Doucet pointed out that St. Patrick's Alexandra School was surrounded by streets and he also noted that the playground located on the School grounds was used by the children after school hours.

In conclusion, Mr. Doucet advised that he was not suggesting that the whole corridor be closed. He added that if it was partially closed, then this would stop through traffic from Brunswick Street. Mr. Doucet pointed out that the Police Department and Fire Department were not opposed to this and he then requested Council's support on this matter.

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

Alderman Downey addressed the matter and indicated that he was prepared to move it to Council. He advised that he supported the closure at the lower end of Gerrish Street. With respect to staff's comments that they would be prepared to make Prince William Street a two-way street, Alderman Downey indicated that he would prefer that it remain one way.

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

Motion carried.

Public Hearing: Case No. 5715: Appeal of Minor Variance Refusal - Lot D-3A Douglas Avenue

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

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A staff report dated 11 October 1991 was submitted.

Mr. E. B. Algee, Development Officer, addressed Council and, using diagrams, outlined the reasons for refusing a minor variance of the side yard requirement of the land use bylaw to permit construction of a single family dwelling on Lot D-3A, Douglas Avenue (as contained in the 11 October 1991 staff report).

Mr. Jim Naugler, the appellant, addressed Council and provided a brief history of his appeal. Mr. Naugler advised that he purchased the property in 1987 with the intention of building a home to meet his needs, while at the same time he was trying to sell his home in Bedford. He added that in 1988 he submitted a request for a minor variance in order to carry out his house plans, and when he found out he was refused the minor variance, he submitted a letter of appeal. Mr. Naugler added that, because he still did not have his Bedford home sold at that time, he requested staff to withdraw his appeal. Mr. Naugler indicated that he was now in a position to pursue the appeal.

Mr. Naugler pointed out that no structural work has been carried out on the lot, and, to date, the only work which has taken place has been landfill in cooperation with the adjacent neighbour.

Mr. Naugler added that his appeal was based on the fact that it was a minor request, and that it does not affect the immediate adjacent landowner who is 50 ft. from the south property line. He added that other variances have been approved in the neighbourhood, noting that the property at 15 Douglas Street has received approval on all four sides after it was built. Mr. Naugler noted that he has contacted surrounding residents and others who may have received a City notice on this matter. Mr. Naugler then submitted a petition with approximately 11 signatures in support of his request.

In conclusion, Mr. Naugler noted that if his appeal is not granted then he would incur additional costs to revise his plans and he requested Council's favourable support of his request.

Mr. Naugler responded to questions.

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

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

Motion carried.

Public Hearing: Case No. 6351: Appeal of Minor Variance Refusal - 9 Meadowlark Crescent

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

A staff report dated 30 September 1991 was submitted.

Mr. Boyd Algee, Development Officer, addressed Council and, using diagrams, outlined the reasons why the minor variance of the side yard requirements of the land use bylaw for the property located at 9 Meadowlark Crescent was refused (as outlined in the 20 September 1991 staff report).

In his remarks, Mr. Algee advised that the purpose of the variance was to reduce the side yard to allow a shed to remain in its present location, 5' from the main dwelling and 1.5' from the side lot line.

Mr. M. T. Campbell, the appellant, addressed Council and advised that he did not intentionally disregard the land use bylaw with respect to this matter. He added that he did not think a building permit was required because he was simply replacing a shed which had already been in the same spot. To further explain, Mr. Campbell noted that the shed which had been there was deteriorating to such an extent that he decided to tear it down and replace it with a pre-packaged shed.

Mr. Campbell advised that when the City inspector made him aware that a permit was necessary, he immediately applied for one and, assuming that it would be approved based on the fact that a shed had been there prior to his, he proceeded with the building. He noted that when he found out the permit was refused, the shed had already been completed; therefore, he applied for the minor variance as a way of preventing him from tearing the shed down.

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Mr. Campbell then submitted a petition containing three signatures of neighbours in support of his request.

Mr. Campbell responded to questions from members of City Council.

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

MOVED by Deputy Mayor Stone, seconded by Alderman Macdonald that the decision of the Development Officer be overturned and the appeal of the minor variance refusal of the side yard requirements of the land use bylaw for the property located at 9 Meadowlark Crescent, be granted.

Motion carried.

Public Hearing: Case No. 6614: Appeal of Minor Variance Refusal - 3227 Robie Street

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

A staff report dated 15 October 1991 was submitted.

Mr. Boyd Algee, Development Officer, addressed Council and, using diagrams, outlined the reasons why the minor variance of the yard and lot coverage requirements of the land use bylaw to allow a rear addition (porch) to remain in its present location at 3227 Robie Street was refused (as contained in the 15 October 1991 staff report).

Mr. Larry Williams, a resident of 3223 Robie Street, addressed Council and indicated that he was the appellant.

Mr. Williams advised that the porch doors of the building in question had become nonfunctional and, after reviewing the situation, he felt that to fix it would require replacing the back wall. He added that, as he proceeded to do this, it was determined that water damage to the porch was more extensive and he found himself having to replace the entire porch.

Mr. Williams noted that when the City's inspector viewed the situation, approximately 60 percent of the work had been completed. He advised that he immediately stopped

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work and, in applying for the necessary permits, was told that he would have to apply for a minor variance.

Mr. Williams responded to questions from members of City Council.

In response to a question by Alderman O'Malley, Mr. Williams advised that, as soon as he realized he required a minor variance, he submitted a sworn affidavit with regard to the fact that he was not trying to contravene any existing bylaws. He added that this was submitted to City staff along with his application.

Mr. Williams then submitted two letters in support of his application as follows:

A letter from Jeff Callahan, 1883 Stairs Street, Halifax, NS, B3K 2E2.

A letter from Susan D. Coen, 5881 Livingstone Street, Halifax, NS, B3K 2C4.

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

Alderman O'Malley addressed the matter and advised that, since there were no objections raised by neighbours and, due to the fact that the only deficiency was that the owner attempted to replace a dilapidated porch with a new one, she was prepared to move a motion granting the appeal at this time.

MOVED by Alderman O'Malley, seconded by Alderman Hanson that the decision of the development officer be overturned and the appeal of the minor variance refusal of the yard and lot coverage requirements of the land use bylaw to allow a rear addition (porch) to remain in its present location at 3227 Lebie Street, be granted.

Motion carried.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

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**CITY COUNCIL
MINUTES**

Council Chamber
Halifax City Hall
14 November 1991
8:00 P. M.

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

The meeting was called to order with members of Council, led by Monsignor Kheirallah Aoukar, joining in the recitation of the Lord's Prayer.

PRESENT: Her Worship Mayor Ducharme, Chairman; Deputy Mayor Stone; and Aldermen Holland, Fitzgerald, Downey, Meagher, O'Malley, Pottier, Adams, Hanson, Macdonald, and Crowley.

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

**Swearing In Ceremony - Constable Sandra Spencer,
Halifax Police Department**

Constable Sandra Spencer addressed Council and took the Oath of Office for the Halifax Police Department administered by Her Worship Mayor Ducharme. On behalf of members of Council, Her Worship welcomed Constable Spencer, to the City's Police Department.

Police Chief V. MacDonald then presented Constable Spencer with the Badge of Office.

Deputy Mayor

Alderman O'Malley expressed her thanks to Council for the confidence and trust that was placed in her a year ago when she was elected to serve as Deputy Mayor of the City of Halifax. Alderman O'Malley noted that she considered her year as Deputy Mayor to be one of great privilege and a very distinct honour.

At this time, Alderman O'Malley expressed her warmest best wishes and congratulations to Deputy Mayor Stone.

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Presentation - Retirement Scrolls Halifax Fire Department

On behalf of members of Council, Her Worship Mayor Ducharme presented the following five members of the Halifax Fire Department with the City's Long Service Award in recognition of their dedicated service with the Fire Department:

Mr. Alfred O'Grady Mr. Thomas Lane
Mr. John Hennigan Mr. William Slaunwhite
Mr. David Cameron

Corsages were presented to their spouses by Deputy Mayor Stone.

Fire Chief Thomas Power extended his personal appreciation to the retiring members for their contribution to the Department and wished them well on their retirement.

MINUTES

The Minutes of the regular meeting of City Council held on Thursday, 14 November 1991, were approved as circulated on a motion by Alderman Fitzgerald, seconded by Alderman Meagher.

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

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

- 20.1 Encroachment License - Civic #1819 Granville Street
- 20.2 Appointments

At the request of Alderman O'Malley, Council agreed to add:

- 20.3 Devonshire Arena

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

DEFERRED ITEMS

Public Hearing: Street Closure - Gerrish Street

A public hearing on this matter was held on 6 November 1991.

MOVED by Alderman Downey, seconded by Alderman O'Malley that Gerrish Street be closed at/and on the west side of Brunswick Street.

In moving the motion, Alderman Downey advised that the street closure will not hamper fire protection or police protection.

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

The motion was put and passed with Aldermen Holland, Meagher, and Pottie abstaining.

Public Hearing: Case No. 5715: Appeal of Minor Variance Refusal - Lot D-3A Douglas Avenue

A public hearing on this matter was held on 6 November 1991.

In response to a question from Deputy Mayor Stone, the City Clerk advised that no correspondence had been received on this matter since the public hearing.

MOVED by Deputy Mayor Stone, seconded by Alderman Hanson that the appeal of a minor variance of the side yard requirement of the land use bylaw to permit construction of a single family dwelling on Lot D-3A, Douglas Avenue, be approved and the decision of the development officer to refuse the application be overturned.

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

The motion was put and passed with Aldermen Holland and Pottie abstaining.

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NOTIONS OF RECONSIDERATION

Motion - Alderman Fitzgerald - Reconsideration of
City Council Resolution of 30 October 1991
Re: Historic Properties Rejuvenation

The following information was submitted:

- A letter dated 14 November 1991 from Elizabeth Pacey, Research Director, and Donald J. Patton, President, of the Heritage Trust of Nova Scotia;

- A letter dated 12 November 1991 from John D. MacCulloch, Chairman, Art Allocation Committee.

Alderman Fitzgerald addressed the matter and presented reasons why he believed Council should reconsider its motion of 30 October 1991 regarding "Historic Properties Rejuvenation". Alderman Fitzgerald began his remarks by emphasising that Historic Properties is a very valuable asset and attracts thousands of visitors to the City of Halifax.

Alderman Fitzgerald went on to refer to the letter of November 12th from the Heritage Trust of Nova Scotia. Alderman Fitzgerald made reference to the section of the letter which states that, in the Halifax Waterfront Development Area (HWDA) or Section IV of the Plan, the objective with regard to Views states: "The preservation of existing views of the Halifax Waterfront Development Area (HWDA) from both land and water, through the HWDA to the Harbour, and from the HWDA in all directions and, where possible, the creation of new views". He added that the letter also refers to Policy 5.4 which states, in part: "No part of any proposed new building should block these views".

Alderman Fitzgerald continued his remarks by making reference to various letters. The Alderman referred to documentation dated 1969 that indicated that the Historic Sites and Monuments Board of Canada had resolved that Historic Properties was of national historic significance. Alderman Fitzgerald also referred to a letter dated 3 September 1991, from Mr. W.C. Turnbull, Director General Canada Parks Service. The Alderman noted that Mr. Turnbull, in his letter of September 3rd, states that "at a conceptual level, we approve of your proposals with the exception of the pedway...that we feel will have a negative impact on the historic appearance of the cost-shared buildings...essentially the pedway will interrupt site lines along the historic facades, diminish the visual relationship of the heritage buildings, and cut the

courtyard in two...it will impede views towards the harbour..."

Alderman Fitzgerald further referred to minutes of Halifax City Council dated June, 1969, stating that "the Historic Sites and Monument Boards of Canada has designated the Halifax water complex consisting of eight buildings and the site". The Alderman advised that those minutes also record that "additionally any proposal to use fill on the Harbour side of the complex to develop additional land area would negate their value in both the eyes of the Board and Minister".

Alderman Fitzgerald suggested that, while staff and Mr. McCrea, President, the Armour Group Ltd, have indicated that they have the approval of Parks Canada with respect to the proposed pedway, he did not agree this was true.

Alderman Fitzgerald expressed the belief that Council's motion of October 30th should be reconsidered in light of the new information. The Alderman went on to refer to a letter from Parks Canada that suggests that they do not give approval of this pedway noting that Parks Canada had voted unanimously against it. Alderman Fitzgerald expressed the opinion that, in light of the documentation received, most of the information Council had based its decisions on, at the time of approving the motion on October 30th, was inaccurate.

MOVED by Alderman Fitzgerald, seconded by Alderman Holland that Council reconsider its motion of 30 October 1991 as follows:

"That, as recommended by the City Planning Committee, Council approve a connecting structure and authorize staff to negotiate an acceptable one with the principals involved; that Council may set any requirements or guidelines it wishes, but some connection appears needed; and further, that the Plans, including design and the location of the proposed linkage, be returned to Council and that final approval rest with Council and not with staff."

The motion of reconsideration was put and defeated with four (4) members of Council voting for it and seven (7) voting against it as follows:

FOR: Aldermen Holland, Fitzgerald, Meagher,
and Macdonald.....(4)

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AGAINST: Deputy Mayor Stone, and Aldermen Downey, O'Malley, Pottie, Adams, Hanson, and Crowley..(7)

Alderman Fitzgerald indicated that it was his intent to present the documentation, he referred to earlier, to the City Clerk at the end of the meeting with the request that the information be forwarded to the City Solicitor to determine whether Council had violated the spirit of the lease. The Alderman asked that a report on the matter be provided to all members of Council.

Alderman Fitzgerald left the Council Chamber for a brief period at this point in the meeting.

Motion - Alderman Pottie - Reconsideration of City Council Resolution of 30 October 1991 Re: Award of Tender 91-26: Sewer and Water Services - St. Margaret's Bay Road

Alderman Macdonald declared a possible conflict of interest on this item and, therefore, retired from the Council Chamber.

Alderman Pottie addressed the matter and indicated that he was requesting reconsideration of Council's motion of October 30th regarding tender 91-26 in light of new information he had received. Alderman Pottie indicated that it is clear from information he had that tender 91-26 is identical to the situation with respect to the tender between Keltic Construction Ltd. and the City of Halifax in 1977. However, Alderman Pottie noted that this was not consistent with the information that was presented to Council on October 30th.

Referring to the October 30th minutes, Alderman Pottie noted that the City Manager had advised that, with respect to the 1977 situation, staff felt the low bidder did not really have the capacity or the experience to undertake the job. Referring to the minutes of 9 March 1977 of the Committee of the Whole Council, Alderman Pottie noted that the staff report indicates that staff had reviewed and determined that Keltic Construction had the technical skill and financial capabilities as compared with the other bidders to perform the work. He added that the bid deposit was returned to Keltic Construction in 1977.

Alderman Pottie went on to refer to the Canadian Construction Documents Committee (CCDC) brochure. He noted that the Council minutes of October 30th include the comments made by the City Manager "that the document was a document of the CCDC and that it was his understanding that the CCDC is a Committee of the Canadian Construction Association and, therefore, suggested that the document was

a self interest document". Alderman Pottie pointed out that a section of the document indicates that "the CCDC was formed over 25 years ago, the Committee today is made up of members of five national organizations..." Alderman Pottie went on to state that the content of the CCDC standard form has evolved through a process of joint consultation and negotiation. He added that the document was being used by public contracting authorities, including provincial and municipal governments, as well as the private sector.

Alderman Pottie referred to additional information from the Federal Government's Treasury Board Manual which states, under 10.8.14, "however, if an offer is made in error and contains a significant and demonstrable error and it is made known to the contracting authority, the bid may be withdrawn before acceptance".

In conclusion, Alderman Pottie suggested that if the contractor does not receive favourable consideration by Council, that the City, in his opinion, will end up in court and expressed the concern that the project will be delayed.

MOVED by Alderman Pottie, seconded by Alderman O'Malley that Council reconsider its motion of 30 October 1991 with respect to Tender 91-26 as follows:

- 1) Council award Tender No. 91-26 (Alternative No. 3) to L.J. Casavechia Contracting Ltd. for the project, materials and services listed and the unit prices quoted in the amount of \$756,519.00 and a total project cost of \$910,000.00;
- 2) Council increase the gross funding of Capital Account #94013 from \$525,000.00 to \$595,000.00 and authorize funds in the amount of \$910,000.00 from Capital Accounts #94013 and #94041;
- 3) Council pre-approve the new concrete sidewalk and curb and gutter project for 1992/93 Capital Budget at an estimated cost of \$350,000;
- 4) Council approve the installation of concrete sidewalk and curb & gutter on the St. Margaret's Bay Road between Quarry Road and North West Arm Drive subject to Local Improvement Charges and without the right of petition; and
- 5) Council direct staff to request cost-sharing for street drainage, curb and gutter, sidewalk and paving renewal on this cost-shared street from the Nova Scotia Department of Transportation and Communications.

The motion of reconsideration was put and defeated with four (4) members of Council voting for it and seven (5) voting against it as follows:

- FOR: Aldermen Meagher, O'Malley, Pottie, and Crowley..... (4)
- AGAINST: Deputy Mayor Stone, and Aldermen Holland, Downey, Adams, and Hanson..... (5)

Aldermen Macdonald and Fitzgerald returned to the meeting at the conclusion of this item.

PETITIONS AND DELEGATIONS

Petition Aldermen Fitzgerald and Meagher Re: Deregulation of the Gasoline License Act

With reference to concerns brought forward during previous meetings of City Council in this regard, Aldermen Fitzgerald and Meagher submitted a petition containing the signatures of approximately 55 residents of the Quinpool/Chebucto Road area regarding the operation of a 24-hour service station at 6515 Quinpool road and the impact of that facility on the surrounding neighborhood.

The Aldermen asked that this petition be distributed to appropriate members of staff for their reference.

REPORT - FINANCE AND EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Council considered the report of the Finance and Executive Committee from its meeting held on Wednesday, 6 November 1991, as follows:

Grace Maternity Hospital Campaign

The City Manager advised that he had met with Mr. Hustins, Jr., Campaign Chairman for the Grace Maternity Hospital, since the last Committee of the Whole Council meeting. He informed Council that the administration is satisfied with the schedule of payment as suggested at the last Finance and Executive Committee.

MOVED by Alderman Pottie, seconded by Alderman Holland that Council pre-approve an expenditure of \$200,000 in the 1992/93 Operating Budget for the new Grace Hospital facility and, further, approve an additional amount of \$600,000 over the next three years.

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Responding to a concern from Deputy Mayor Stone, the City Manager advised that it was his intention to provide a report to Council with respect to a policy to deal with requests of this nature in the future.

The motion was put and passed.

Resolution - Municipality of Hamilton-Wentworth (Ontario)
Re: 1992 - The Year for Canada

MOVED by Alderman Holland, seconded by Deputy Mayor Stone that, as recommended by the Finance and Executive Committee, Council endorse the motion of the Regional Municipality of Hamilton-Wentworth as follows:

"Whereas Canada is a nation made up of many difference cultures, and;

Whereas Canada is enriched by the diversity of its Regions, and;

Whereas no symbol encompasses our diversity more than our Nation's flag, and;

Whereas 1992 is the year that we celebrate the 125th Anniversary of the Birth of our Nation;

Therefore be it resolved that to celebrate our rich tradition and our future together, let it be proclaimed, 1992 - The Year for Canada, and further;

That all Canadians throughout our Nation be encouraged to "Show the Flag for Canada" throughout 1992, and further;

That every household, school, business, and community organization be encouraged to adopt this resolution and participate in organizing activities to promote confidence and pride among all Canadians."

Motion passed.

Halifax Superannuation Act Amendments

MOVED by Alderman Downey, seconded by Deputy Mayor Stone that, as recommended by the Finance and Executive Committee, the proposed amendments to the City of Halifax Superannuation Act, as attached to the report from

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the Retirement Committee dated 21 October 1991, be approved.

Motion passed.

Tap Building - Gottingen Street

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

1. Council approve the purchase of 2225 Gottingen Street at an amount of \$265,000, on or before 30 November 1991, subject to formal confirmation from HRDA that funding and program approvals are in place. These funds are to be taken from Capital Account #96001, Rehabilitated Facilities.
2. Council enter into a lease agreement whereby the building would be leased to HRDA in its present condition for a period of five years with an option to renew for further five yearly terms subject to Council's approval at an annual rent of \$1.00 per year until such time as the building generates a positive cash flow and has repaid any cash investments by HRDA, at which time the City would receive a rent of 50% of the positive cash flow amount.

Motion passed.

Annual Review of Licenses, Permits and Fees

A letter dated 7 November 1991 was submitted from Joann Perrott, Atlantic Provinces Circulation Manager for The Globe and Mail.

Her Worship advised that the meeting which was to take place between staff and the newspaper people had not yet been held.

MOVED by Alderman Downey, seconded by Alderman Meagher that this matter be deferred to the next Committee of the Whole Council meeting to be held on 20 November 1991.

Motion passed.

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Application for Heritage Property
Deregistration - 1669-85 Argyle Street

MOVED by Alderman Downey, seconded by Alderman Holland that, as recommended by the Finance and Executive Committee, City Council refer the application regarding 1669-85 Argyle Street to the Heritage Advisory Committee to review the original evaluation of the Carleton Hotel and to assess its registration.

Motion passed.

Mardi Gras

MOVED by Alderman Fitzgerald, seconded by Alderman Meagher that this matter be deferred pending receipt of a recommendation from staff concerning the formation of a small committee to review the options available and to develop a more appropriate program for Mardi Gras night.

The City Manager advised that this matter has been forwarded to the City's Special Events Committee to develop a report.

Motion passed.

Transit Service - Mount Saint Vincent University

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CITY COUNCIL
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Application for Heritage Property
Deregistration - 1669-85 Argyle Street

MOVED by Alderman Downey, seconded by Alderman Holland that, as recommended by the Finance and Executive Committee, City Council refer the application regarding 1669-85 Argyle Street to the Heritage Advisory Committee to review the original evaluation of the Carleton Hotel and to assess its registration.

Motion passed.

Mardi Gras

MOVED by Alderman Fitzgerald, seconded by Alderman Meagher that this matter be deferred pending receipt of a recommendation from staff concerning the formation of a small committee to review the options available and to develop a more appropriate program for Mardi Gras night.

The City Manager advised that this matter has been forwarded to the City's Special Events Committee to develop a report.

Motion passed.

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Deputy Mayor Stone advised that the matter was brought to the attention of Metro Transit with the request that they consider designing a new route in order to accommodate the Mount students. He added that it was also suggested that Metro Transit consider refining the existing route and address the problem of the over-crowding of route 80. Deputy Mayor Stone also noted that consideration is being given to having the route end at the Mumford Terminal so that it could be a connecting route for students in other parts of the City. Deputy Mayor Stone noted that all of the concerns are being considered by Transit following the October 9th meeting.

MOVED by Deputy Mayor Stone, seconded by Alderman Adams that Council endorse the concept of improving the transit service to Mount Saint Vincent University, taking into consideration the concerns expressed by the students and others at the University as expressed in their letters and at the public forum held on 7 October 1991 at the Mount; and further, that this request be referred to the Metropolitan Authority for an early response.

Motion passed.

REPORT - SAFETY COMMITTEE

Council considered the report of the Safety Committee from its meeting held on Wednesday, 6 November 1991, as follows:

Selection of Aldermanic Members to Meet With Safety Cities Committee

A memorandum, dated 14 November 1991, was submitted from Her Worship Mayor Moira Ducharme.

MOVED by Alderman Fitzgerald, seconded by Alderman Downey that, as recommended by the Safety Committee, the following members of Council be appointed to meet with the Safe Cities Committee regarding a crime prevention plan for the City of Halifax:

Alderman Walter Fitzgerald
Alderman Stephen Adams
Alderman Marie O'Malley
Alderman Mary Ann Crowley

The motion was put and passed.

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

**Motion Re: Proposed Amendment to Ordinance 121,
the Retail Shop Closing Ordinance (SECOND READING)**

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It was suggested that a more expedient approach in this regard might be to alter the proposed amendment (attached as Appendix "A" to the City Solicitor's report of 1 February 1991) to enable local retailers to extend their opening hours on a specific Friday in December on an annual basis.

MOVED by Alderman Pottie, seconded by Alderman Fitzgerald that Halifax City Council give SECOND READING to the following amendment proposed for Ordinance 121, the Retail Shop Closing Ordinance:

Section 3 of said Ordinance 121 is amended by adding immediately following subsection (2) thereof the following subsection:

- (2) Notwithstanding subsection (1) of this Section, all shops and all classes of shops within the City of Halifax shall not be required to close until 11:59 in the afternoon of the second Friday in December of each year.

The motion was put and passed.

REPORT - CITY PLANNING COMMITTEE

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Metropolitan Authority (Discussion Paper No. 6 - Waste to Energy Incineration - Siting Criteria)

Following is the recommendation from the 6 November meeting of the City Planning Committee:

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- 1) Halifax City Council seek amendments to the legislation currently governing the Metropolitan

- Authority with regard to its decision-making process; namely, that a consensus from all participating municipalities must be obtained before action can be taken; and
- 2) Council reaffirm its earlier decision opposing the proposed incinerator facility, and that the request be made to immediately place these plans on hold until a comprehensive report on cost, environmental and health implications can be prepared.

Elaborating on concerns raised during the 6 November City Planning Committee, it was moved by Alderman Fitzgerald, seconded by Alderman Adams that:

- (1) Halifax City Council seek amendments to the legislation currently governing the Metropolitan Authority; namely, that a consensus from all participating municipalities be required before action on any major project can be undertaken;
- (2) the proposed incinerator project be halted until such a consensus is reached;
- (3) Council reaffirm its earlier decision opposing the proposed incinerator facility and resolve to withhold funding in this regard; and
- (4) that a comprehensive report on cost, environmental and health implications be immediately prepared.

Her Worship Mayor Ducharme advised that this matter has been placed on the agenda for a forthcoming meeting of the Metropolitan Authority scheduled for 26 November, and strongly recommended that all members of Council be in attendance.

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

Case No. 5947: Amendment to Development Agreement - 6163 Lawrence Street

MOVED by Alderman Meagher, seconded by Alderman O'Malley that, as recommended by the City Planning Committee, Council approve the request for an extension of the time limit for completing the dwelling at 6163 Lawrence

Street (as per the revised agreement attached to the staff report of 24 October 1991).

The motion was put and passed.

Report from the Planning Advisory Committee Re:
Case No. 6285 - Plan Amendment Request (Stanley
Park) - SET DATE FOR PUBLIC HEARING

An Information Report, dated 13 November 1991,
was submitted.

MOVED by Alderman Hanson, seconded by Alderman
Adams that, as recommended by the City Planning Committee,
a public hearing date be set for Case No. 6285 as set out
in the recommendations of the Planning Advisory Committee
Report dated 28 October 1991 with the exception that the
following policy be substituted in Recommendation #1:

In addition, for a site at the southeast corner
of Osborne Drive and North West Arm Drive
within the Stanley Park Development,
consideration may be given for a commercial
convenience centre. The amount of gross
leasable space and maximum lot area may be
limited to ensure that the development
primarily serves the adjacent neighborhoods.
The intent is to provide for a range of uses
such as retail, rental and personal service,
household repair shops, service stations,
restaurants and office uses. The additional
matters to be considered are found in the
guidelines of Policy 3.7 of Section II.

The motion was put and passed.

The City Clerk advised that the requested public
hearing would be scheduled for WEDNESDAY, 9 JANUARY 1992 at
7:30 p.m. in the Council Chamber, Halifax City Hall.

QUESTIONS

Question Deputy Mayor Stone Re:
Maintenance Schedule for Rain Gutters and Culverts

Deputy Mayor Stone made reference to the flooding
which occurred subsequent to a recent heavy rainfall, and
noted that conditions had been exacerbated by the fact that
many of the culverts and rain gutters had been blocked by
leaves, grass and other debris. In this context, the

Deputy Mayor asked for a report pertaining to the maintenance schedule, if any, which is used by the City to clean those culverts located on public property.

Question Deputy Mayor Stone Re:
Street Sweeping - Ward 12

Deputy Mayor Stone noted that, in response to an earlier request, staff had undertaken a street sweeping exercise throughout Ward 12. Expressing his appreciation for their efforts in this regard, the Deputy Mayor asked for a report as to the status of this operation (i.e., the streets that have already been addressed, the number of times the machines visit the various streets, etc.).

9:40 p.m. - Her Worship retires from the meeting with Deputy Mayor Stone assuming the Chair.

Question Alderman O'Malley Re:
Fire - Wee Care Developmental Centre

Alderman O'Malley made reference to a recent fire which severely damaged the Wee Care Developmental Centre on Barrington Street. The Alderman went on to note that the day care facility has been temporarily relocated to the Bloomfield Centre, and expressed her appreciation to the staff of the City's Recreation Department for their assistance and cooperation in this regard.

Question Alderman O'Malley Re:
City's Leaf Collection Program

Alderman O'Malley noted that, during a recent meeting of the City's Advisory Committee on the Concerns of Ageing, she had been asked for information regarding the specifics of the City's leaf collection program. To that end, the Alderman requested that a report on the matter be prepared and forwarded to Mrs. Ida Zifkin, Chairman of that Committee (c/o the City Clerk's Office), for distribution to her members.

Question Alderman O'Malley Re:
Site - Former Seaview Baptist Church

Alderman O'Malley noted that there had been reports in the news media that the Provincial Government is intending to construct a church on the site of the former Seaview Baptist Church, and asked for information from the City Manager as to whether staff had been advised of this project.

Mr. Murphy indicated that, to his knowledge, City staff had not been approached with regard to this matter, adding that, in his opinion, it would be highly unlikely that the Province would proceed independently with this project, considering that the site in question is owned by the City of Halifax.

**Question Alderman O'Malley Re: Long Service
Awards - Former Employees of the Halifax Civic Hospital**

Alderman O'Malley made reference to concerns raised at a previous meeting of Halifax City Council, indicating that it had been her understanding that an award ceremony and reception would be held to recognize these long-term employees as soon as various other matters pertaining to the Civic Hospital had been addressed.

The Alderman went on to point out that the City's involvement in this facility is now coming to a close, and emphasized that she would like to see these employees appropriately recognized for their years of service as quickly as possible.

Concurring with the Alderman's concerns, the City Manager indicated that he would see what could be done to initiate the awards ceremony before the winding up the Hospital's affairs is completed.

**Question Alderman Holland Re: Halifax
Metro Centre - Message Entertainment Centre**

Alderman Holland reported that he had received an Information Report in response to his question raised during a previous meeting of Halifax City Council.

The Alderman emphasized, however, that the report was insufficient as it did not comment on the rate of return if cash had been used to purchase the new signage board at the Metro Centre, nor does it elaborate on what the purchase price would have been if this approach had been taken.

Alderman Holland therefore indicated that he would appreciate a further report on this matter.

**Question Alderman Crowley Re: Intersection
- Connaught Avenue/Quinpool Road**

Referring to concerns raised during a meeting of the Safety Committee, held on Wednesday, 6 November 1991, Alderman Crowley expressed her appreciation to the Chief of

Police for the provision of two crossing guards at the intersection of Connaught Avenue and Quinpool Road.

The Alderman emphasized, however, that these crossing guards are intended as an interim measure only, adding that a long-term solution involves the installation of computerized light signals at this intersection. Noting that on 6 November she had requested a report on this aspect of the situation, the Alderman requested that this information be made available if at all possible in time for the next regular meeting of Committee of the Whole Council scheduled for WEDNESDAY, 20 NOVEMBER.

Question Alderman Crowley Re:
Mumford Road - Brook

Alderman Crowley made reference to the heavy rainfall recently experienced by the City, noting, in particular, the damage caused to the Fort George apartments (on Olivet Street) by a brook which apparently originates in the graveyard located off Mumford Road.

The Alderman went on to note that she has been given to understand that this problem is one of some long standing, and asked for information from staff as to the improvements that could be made to this brook in order to resolve the situation.

Question Alderman Macdonald Re: Traffic
Problems - Lacewood Drive

Alderman Macdonald noted that he has received a number of calls from residents of the Lacewood Drive area who are concerned that two small houses have recently been demolished and are being replaced with a apartment building of some considerable size. Given the high density of the neighborhood in question, the Alderman voiced concerns that the building under construction will have negative implications for the traffic problems already being experienced along Lacewood Drive.

Under the circumstances, Alderman Macdonald asked for information as to whether it might be possible to place a moratorium relevant to all future construction projects of this magnitude in the Mainland North area until Council has had an opportunity to address these long-standing traffic issues. In this same context, the Alderman asked to be advised as to the degree of coordination between the City's Development and Planning Department and its Traffic Authority in development projects of this nature.

Question Alderman Macdonald Re:
Safety Crosswalks - Bayview Road

Alderman Macdonald advised that, during his recent election campaign, he had been approached by many residents of the Bayview Road area concerning the absence of a safety crosswalk connecting Bayview Road at the foot of the hill to the intersection of Clayton Park Drive (where there is also a sidewalk leading in the direction of two school facilities).

The Alderman asked for information as to the feasibility of placing either a full-fledged crosswalk or a zebra-type crosswalk at this location, particularly in view of the fact that a considerable number of school children use this route on a daily basis.

Question Alderman Macdonald Re:
Traffic Lights - Main/Lacewood/Titus Street

Alderman Macdonald made reference to the traffic lights currently installed at the intersection of Main Avenue, Lacewood Drive and Titus Street, indicating that these signals would appear to be out of sync with the traffic flow, most of which is proceeding in a north-south direction.

The Alderman pointed out that if a motorist is travelling north on Titus Street, he encounters a flashing green light followed by a stationery green. In this context, he observed that between the hours of 7:00-10:00 a.m. most motorists are proceeding in the opposite direction (i.e., south) and are therefore somewhat "shortchanged" owing to the absence of a similar flashing green light.

Alderman Macdonald therefore requested that the Traffic Authority immediately investigate to ascertain whether this situation could be improved and, in the same context, whether a "No Right Turn" on a red light could be implemented on Main Avenue heading east.

Question Alderman Adams Re:
Metro Transit Service - Halifax Dockyards

Alderman Adams reported that at the present time Metro Transit operates a bus service from the Herring Cove area (through Wards 7 and 8) to the Halifax Dockyards, emphasizing that all three daily trips are heavily used.

On behalf of these transit customers, the Alderman expressed concern that a proposal has been brought

forward to terminate this route at Scotia Square, rather than at the Dockyards, and asked if this recommendation and its implications might be reviewed by the City's Transit Advisory Committee.

Question Alderman Adams Re:
News Report - Halifax Industrial Park

Alderman Adams made reference to a recent news report which appeared to promote the perception that the City of Halifax is somehow at fault for the problems which have occurred in one of its industrial parks, namely the pyritic slate and the sulphuric acid that has drained into Long Lake.

The Alderman asked that a report be prepared outlining the precautionary measures originally taken by the City in this regard, and pointing out that an independent consultant had also been retained to ensure that these guidelines were adhered to.

Question Alderman Adams Re:
Boarded-Up Building: 436 Herring Cove Road

Alderman Adams referred to a building located at 436 Herring Cove Road which, at the present time, is boarded up and deserted. The Alderman expressed concern that the building is being used as a "hang out" for local teenagers, and asked for information from staff as to the status of this property as well as the City's plans, if any for the site.

Question Alderman Hanson Re: Petition
from Residents of Purcell's Cove Road

Alderman Hanson made reference to a petition submitted at a previous meeting of Halifax City Council from residents of the Purcell's Cove Road area with regard to the Melville Ridge development project.

The Alderman asked that staff make every effort to ensure that all City regulations are observed by the developer in question so that the "comfort level" of the residents in the adjacent neighborhood is preserved.

Question Alderman Meagher Re:
Former Halifax Civic Hospital Facility

Alderman Meagher requested information from staff as to the amount of rent (if any) paid to date with regard

to the former Halifax Civic Hospital Facility as well as the amount received by the City from the sale of hospital assets, namely, the equipment and other related items sold at auction.

On another but related matter, Alderman Meagher emphasized that the chairman and members of the Halifax Civic Hospital Board are extremely anxious to be relieved of their duties and obligations vis a vis this facility, and urged that this matter be addressed as quickly as possible.

Question Alderman Fitzgerald Re:
Availability of Pumps

Alderman Fitzgerald made reference to the recent heavy rainfall during which time there were many calls for pumps to assist with the flooding problems. The Alderman went on to note that in a conversation with the Works Department he had been led to believe that the City "had no pumps," and asked for confirmation in this regard.

Question Alderman Fitzgerald Re:
Homeless People

Alderman Fitzgerald asked for a report from the City's Director of Social Planning concerning the status of the City's "homeless people" (i.e., estimated numbers, steps being taken to address this problem, etc.).

Question Alderman Fitzgerald Re:
Proposed One-Tier Welfare System

Alderman Fitzgerald made reference to the proposal for a "one-tier" welfare system, and asked for a status report from the City's Director of Social Planning in this regard.

Question Alderman Fitzgerald Re:
"Vision 20-20"

Alderman Fitzgerald made reference to the "Vision 20-20" program developed by students from the St. Francis/Gorsebrook School, and indicated that he would undertake to distribute information on this project to his fellow members of Council. In this context, the Alderman suggested (and it was so agreed) that a letter of commendation on behalf of Halifax City Council be forwarded to those responsible for their initiative in this regard.

Question Alderman Fitzgerald Re:
False Alarms

Alderman Fitzgerald made reference to a recent news report regarding the excessive number of false alarms experienced by both Halifax and Dartmouth. Emphasizing that a proposal in this regard had been brought forward several years ago by a young Haligonian, the Alderman asked for a full report as to why no steps have been taken to date to address this problem.

10:00 p.m. - Her Worship Mayor Ducharme returns to the meeting, with Deputy Mayor Stone assuming his usual seat on Council.

NOTICES OF MOTION

Notice of Motion Alderman Adams Re: Proposed Amendment to Ordinance Number 170, the Tax Concession Ordinance

Alderman Adams gave Notice of Motion that, at the next regular meeting of Halifax City Council, scheduled for Thursday, 28 November 1991, he intends to introduce for First Reading an amendment to Ordinance Number 170, the Tax Concession Ordinance.

The Alderman advised that the purpose of this amendment is to limit the taxes payable on the former Riverview School property (to be occupied by the Spryfield Day Care Centre).

ADDED ITEMS

Encroachment License -
Civic Number 1819 Granville Street

This matter had been added to the agenda at the request of the City Clerk.

A staff report, dated 7 November 1991, was submitted.

MOVED by Alderman Downey, seconded by Alderman Fitzgerald that an encroachment license be approved for the construction of eight (8) encroaching canopies on the building known as Civic Number 1819 Granville Street.

The motion was put and passed.

Appointments

This matter had been added to the agenda at the request of the City Clerk.

A memorandum, dated 14 November 1991, was submitted from Her Worship Mayor Moira Ducharme.

MOVED by Alderman Meagher, seconded by Alderman Pottie that the following appointments be approved:

AUDIT COMMITTEE

Alderman Ron Hanson
(term to expire 5 November 1992)

TASK FORCE - CONFERENCE 1999 REPORT

Alderman Walter Fitzgerald
Alderman Ron Hanson
(terms to expire upon completion of mandate)

E.M.O. COMMITTEE

Alderman Graham Downey
(term to expire 5 November 1992)

Devonshire Arena (Alderman O'Malley)

This matter had been added to the agenda at the request of Alderman O'Malley, who advised that she had received a number of calls concerning alleged staff cut-backs at the Devonshire Arena.

The Alderman went on to note that it was her understanding that only one staff person has been left not only to operate the ice-making equipment and the Zamboni, but also to look after building security and the safety of those using the Arena facility. Under the circumstances, she asked to be provided with a full report on this matter.

Condolences - Mrs. Beverly Turpin (Personnel Department)

Condolences, on behalf of the Mayor and members of City Council, are to be conveyed to Mrs. Beverly Turpin, a long-time member of the City's Personnel Department, on the recent loss of her husband.

Remarks - Deputy Mayor Stone

Alderman Stone expressed appreciation to his fellow Council members for their recent decision to appoint him "Deputy Mayor" for the coming year, adding that he intends to do his best to serve both the residents of Halifax and members of Council in that capacity.

There being no further business to be discussed, the meeting was adjourned at approximately 10:15 p.m.

HER WORSHIP MAYOR MOIRA DUCHARME
AND
DEPUTY MAYOR WILLIAM STONE
CHAIRMEN

Submitted By:
Edward A. Kerr, CMC
City Clerk

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**SPECIAL COUNCIL
PUBLIC HEARINGS
MINUTES**

Council Chamber
Halifax City Hall
20 November 1991
7:30 p.m.

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

Deputy Mayor Stone called the meeting to order with members of Council joining in the recitation of the Lord's Prayer.

PRESENT: Deputy Mayor Bill Stone, Chairman; and Aldermen Fitzgerald, Downey, Meagher, O'Malley, Pottie, Adams, Hanson, Jeffrey, MacDonald, and Crowley.

ALSO PRESENT: Mr. Barry Allen, representing the City Solicitor; Mr. Edward A. Kerr, City Clerk, and other members of City staff.

ADDED ITEM

At the request of the City Clerk, the following item was added to the agenda being referred from a meeting of the Committee of the Whole Council held earlier on this date:

Case No. 6407: Development Agreement - 2672-2712 Belle Aire Terrace, 5669 and 5670 Ontario Street

This item was forwarded to this meeting, being referred from a meeting of the City Planning Committee held earlier on this date.

MOVED by Alderman Downey, seconded by Alderman O'Malley that a public hearing date be scheduled to consider the application for a development agreement to permit 26 dwelling units in six buildings on Ontario Street and Belle Aire Terrace, as shown on Plans P200/18560-66 inclusive and P200/18585-87 inclusive of Case Number 6407.

Motion carried.

Public Hearings
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The City Clerk advised that the date for the public hearing was scheduled for Wednesday, 8 January 1992, at 7:30 p.m. in the Council Chamber, Halifax City Hall.

Council then continued with the regular agenda as follows:

Public Hearing: Closure of a Portion of Monastery Lane

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

An information report dated 18 November 1991 was submitted.

Mr. B. N. Kennedy, Supervisor, Traffic Services, Engineering and Works Department, addressed Council and, using diagrams and a video, reviewed the application of the proposed closure of Monastery Lane at the entrance to Quinpool Centre (as contained in the 18 November 1991 information report).

Mr. Kennedy responded to questions from Council.

Mr. Peter Coutts, a resident of 6220 Allan Street, addressed Council and indicated that he lived in this area for the past ten years and purchased his home approximately two and one half years ago.

In his presentation, Mr. Coutts expressed concern about the volume and speed of traffic on Allan Street, advising that it was five times that of the traffic on Duncan and Lawrence Streets and this was due to the fact that Allan Street was being used as a route to Quinpool Centre. Mr. Coutts noted that all the traffic was not local and pointed out that there were taxis and buses using this route as well as fire trucks using Allan Street when responding to alarms at Quinpool Centre.

Mr. Coutts referred to the matter of traffic counts and suggested that the traffic count completed in the area this past summer was insufficient in providing accurate data which could be used to properly estimate the overall amount of traffic in this area. Noting that there was no study completed with respect to when most of the traffic occurs, where it is coming from, and where it is going, he indicated that a destination study should be carried out.

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In concluding his remarks, Mr. Coutts advised that the traffic study which was completed illustrated that Allan Street has five times the amount of traffic of other surrounding streets. Noting that a child was hit by a car last week, he suggested that if the situation was not resolved, then the area would become even more dangerous.

Mr. Coutts then submitted a letter dated 16 September 1991 with an attached petition containing 122 signatures requesting that the City of Halifax take action to restrict the flow of traffic in the area in question.

Mr. Coutts responded to questions from Council.

Mr. Peter Coll, a resident of 6253 Allan Street, addressed Council and spoke in favour of a partial closure of Monastery Lane.

Mr. Coll began his presentation by thanking the residents committee which worked on this matter to make it possible to present this case to Council.

Mr. Coll suggested that there were two problems concerning this matter, that being, commuter traffic and shopping traffic. He added that, as a resident of the area since 1977, he has seen a dramatic increase in traffic with the construction of the Quinpool Centre and, in particular, with the closure of Yukon and Yale Streets. Mr. Coll advised that the traffic, which was once primarily residential, now includes commercial traffic, taxis, small delivery vehicles, mass transit vehicles, as well as large trucks.

Mr. Coll referred to a "No Turn" sign at the entrance of Quinpool Centre and advised that this was not enforced and he suggested that, if it was, then it would discourage some of the traffic from using Monastery Lane. Mr. Coll also suggested that a more serious traffic count should be carried out in the area, and he indicated that much of the traffic was due to motorists wanting to avoid Quinpool Road, especially during rush hour traffic.

In concluding his remarks, Mr. Coll put forth a number of suggestions for alleviating the traffic problems. He suggested that traffic could be restricted to one way down Monastery Lane, south. As well, Mr. Coll advised that the entrance to Quinpool Centre could be restricted by not permitting left turns into the Centre. He also suggested

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that consideration be given to a "No Left Turn" in the morning off Oxford Street and a "No Left Turn" in the evening off Windsor Street.

Mr. Coll advised that he had a number of general suggestions concerning urban transportation in the City of Halifax which were related to this matter. He suggested that, rather than look at further road expansion to accommodate traffic, consideration should be given to improving public transit, and this would discourage the use of cars in the City. Mr. Coll suggested that better use of the City's present roads should be studied and the City should be looking at car pooling, walking, bicycling, and transit. With respect to transit, Mr. Coll indicated that transit should be made a priority and given certain rights and access that cars don't have.

Mr. Coll also suggested that incentives could be provided which would bring about behavioral changes in drivers, i.e. policies related to parking, taxation, and marketing of programs by City Council concerning traffic flow in the City. Mr. Coll advised that improved metro transit in the off-peak times should be explore and, as well, guidelines established in the City to encourage more pedestrian traffic. On a final note, Mr. Coll suggested that the City should expand public awareness.

Mr. David A. Tindall, a resident of 3231 Glendale Road, addressed Council and spoke in opposition to the proposed closure of Monastery Lane. Mr. Tindall read his submission dated 18 November 1991, a copy of which may be found in the official file of this meeting.

Mr. Tindall advised that he objected to the closure because, in his view, a public street should not be closed to traffic unless there was a very good reason. Mr. Tindall added that, in examining the traffic counts on various streets, the traffic on Allan Street was not excessive, noting that it is only three times heavier than along either Yale or Yukon Streets which are cul-de-sacs.

On another point Mr. Tindall suggested that it was not clear that the proposed barrier will cut the traffic on Allan Street, and he noted that the traffic from the apartments exiting onto Monastery Lane will be forced to use Allan Street instead of being able to drive to Quinpool Road. He also noted that access for emergency vehicles would be restricted and he pointed out that Allan Street would suffer as well from this lack of access. Mr.

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Tindall advised that if the closure was approved then he would be forced into the congestion of Quinpool Road when leaving Quinpool Centre and, noting that he lived north of the Centre, pointed out that he would be forced to take a longer route home.

Mr. Tindall suggested that it would be better to remove the present barriers at the east end of Yukon Street and Yale Street, which would dilute the traffic flow. He added that this removal would also reduce the flow of traffic through the Hogie's Restaurant parking lot onto Quinpool at Preston, and this would be a safety improvement. He pointed out that if the Monastery barrier was erected, then a number of people going to Quinpool Centre would try to park on Allan or Monastery, thereby exacerbating the on-street parking situation.

Mr. Tindall pointed out that the closure would have a significant impact on the businesses at Quinpool Centre. He also noted that some of the traffic that presently uses Monastery as a way of going north from Quinpool Centre would use Harvard Street. In conclusion, Mr. Tindall advised that the residents of the area benefit from living very close to Quinpool Centre, and he suggested that it does not give them a right to try to impede the reasonable access of others to the use of public streets. He added that the residents should regard the small amount of additional traffic as part of the price of the benefit.

Mr. Al Abraham, a resident of 6232 Duncan Street, addressed Council and expressed concern about the impact that the proposed closure would have on traffic on Harvard Street. Mr. Abraham advised that he had sympathy for the residents of the area and noted that restricting access to Quinpool Centre was not going to make the problem go away.

Mr. Graham Collins, addressed Council and advised that he was a co-owner of 6140 Allen Street. Mr. Collins suggested that this meeting was calling upon Council to treat a symptom of a problem Halifax has rather than addressing the problem. He added that it would be more beneficial for Council to address the problems of traffic congestion in the entire City.

In reference to a submitted petition, Mr. Collins noted that his brother, who was joint owner of his property, was asked to sign the petition but refused on the grounds that the people circulating the petition were not offering any other concrete proposals to rectify the

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situation. He added that, in his own opinion, the situation was not as bad as it was made out to be and he suggested that Council should direct its energies elsewhere.

Ms. Francis Buchanan, a resident of 6247 Allen Street, addressed Council and spoke in favour of the proposed closure of Monastery Lane.

Ms. Buchanan advised that her home was diagonally across from Monastery Lane and on one September afternoon, in the matter of 15 minutes (2:15 p.m. to 2:30 p.m.) she counted 172 vehicles heading north on Monastery Lane. She added that it was not fair for the residents to have to endure this. Mr. Buchanan noted that she was unaware that large trucks were not permitted on Allan Street and Monastery Lane until she spoke with her Alderman and she advised that there were many large trucks using these streets.

Mr. Marven MacKenzie, a resident of 2741 Swain Street, addressed Council and advised that he operated a business on the corner of Harvard Street and Chebucto Road.

In reference to the child who was struck by a car last week, Mr. MacKenzie suggested that it was important that the situation concerning the traffic in the area in question be addressed as soon as possible. Mr. MacKenzie indicated that the problem was such that some children are forbidden to play in the front of their yards and that the residents have difficulty in crossing the streets.

As possible solutions, Mr. MacKenzie suggested that a four-way stop on Allan Street and Harvard Street could be implemented and that truck routes could be enforced to keep the traffic on the main streets. He added that the exit from Quinpool Centre could turn left only with a barricade to direct traffic onto Quinpool road. As further suggestions, Mr. MacKenzie advised that the City could implement no right turns between 4:00 p.m. and 6:00 p.m. off Quinpool Road to Monastery or Harvard Streets and no left turns between 4:00 p.m. and 6:00 p.m. off Windsor Street to Duncan, Lawrence, or Allen Streets. He added that traffic lights could be installed at the intersection of Quinpool Road and Monastery Lane to control the flow of traffic in and out of Monastery Lane as well as creating a safe crosswalk. Finally, Mr. MacKenzie suggested that Allan Street could be changed to a one-way traffic flow to

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go west to east while permitting parking on both sides of street.

Ms. Ann Marie Wong, a resident of 6253 Allan Street, addressed Council and expressed concern about the current traffic volume in her area. She indicated that, although the area was residential, she was concerned about raising a family in such a high traffic volume area and noted that two families have recently moved away because of the problem.

Mr. Rob Merchant, a property owner of 6260 Allan Street, addressed Council and suggested that this situation consisted of two issues--the speed at which traffic travels on Allan Street, and the amount of traffic on Monastery Lane. Mr. Merchant advised that when he contacted the Traffic Division of the City with respect to the volume standard for traffic on residential streets, he was told that it was 3000 vehicles over a 24 hour period. He noted that the traffic on Monastery Lane exceeds this by 50 percent and Allan Street exceeds it by 20 percent.

Mr. Merchant advised that the traffic counts on these streets were completed during a weekday and he suggested that if was completed during the latter part of the week, it would be significantly higher.

Ms. Mary Isaac, a resident of 6194 Allen Street, addressed Council and expressed concern about the speed of traffic along Allen Street and the recent accident involving a young child. She suggested that the problem may result in planning mistakes concerning Quinpool Centre 15 years ago, in having its exits and entrances into a residential area. Ms. Isaac advised that Quinpool Road was really the problem because Allan Street was used as a shortcut to avoid Quinpool Road, and she noted that Duncan and Lawrence Streets would become shortcuts if the traffic situation was resolved on Allan Street. In conclusion, Ms. Isaac suggested that the situation should be looked at as a whole.

Mr. Robert Orr, Vice President of Retail Operations, Bolands and IGA, addressed Council noting that an IGA store operated in the Quinpool Centre.

In his remarks, Mr. Orr indicated that the closure of Monastery Lane would not be appropriate at this time. Mr. Orr advised that he understood the concerns expressed by the residents and would like to be supportive

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of making life safer for the residents, but he felt that the proposed closure would significantly impact on a whole community by cutting access to Quinpool Centre.

Mr. Orr suggested that a way of alleviating the problem would be to install speed bumps that would restrict speeds to 20-25 km. He advised that erecting barriers on the streets to restrict vehicles simply moves the problem to another area. Mr. Orr also suggested that strong enforcement by the City with respect to trucks and taxis would be a significant improvement. He also indicated that some use of "No Left Turns" on Windsor Street, more policing, and a traffic program by the City would help the situation.

In closing, Mr. Orr advised that his company was a significant taxpayer in the area and was committed to the community and he encouraged the City to work towards a reasonable solution.

Mr. Hugh Smith, President of Quinpool Centre, addressed Council and expressed concern about the proposed closure of Monastery Lane.

Mr. Smith advised that the proposed closure would be detrimental to Quinpool Centre and would not solve the problem. He noted that the Centre was already restricted with respect to access.

Mr. Smith urged Council to look at an alternate solution for the area and advised that he would be willing to participate in this. He added that one suggestion would be to put a post halfway across Monastery Lane, by the Quinpool entrance. Mr. Smith advised that he would be willing to meet with the representative group of the area to try to develop a position which could be presented to the City.

There were no further persons wishing to comment on this matter.

The following correspondence was submitted:

A letter dated August 16, 1991 from Mr. Peter Coutts, a resident of 6220 Allan Street, Halifax, NS.

Alderman Meagher addressed the matter and questioned the legality of installing speed bumps.

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In response to the Alderman, Mr. Kennedy advised that the installation of speed bumps falls under municipal jurisdiction and that it would be Council's decision. Mr. Kennedy pointed out that staff were not in favour of speed bumps due to the hazard they present to bicycles, motorcycles, snowplows, and emergency vehicles such as fire trucks. He also noted that speed bumps were difficult to maintain.

A brief discussion ensued and Alderman Meagher indicated he was proposing to move the item to the next regular meeting of City Council without recommendation. Alderman Meagher advised that he would be present to meet with any interested residents on Wednesday, 27 November 1991 at 4:00 p.m. in the meeting room, 3rd floor (next to the Council Chamber). Alderman Meagher asked that City staff also be available at that time.

The Chairman advised that staff would address the concerns and suggestions expressed at this meeting and provide a report by the next regular City Council meeting.

MOVED by Alderman Meagher, seconded by Alderman Fitzgerald that this matter be forwarded to Council without recommendation, pending receipt of a report from staff.

Motion carried.

Public Hearing: Street Closure - Portion of George Street

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

Ms. Ann Feist, Development Assistant, addressed Council and, using diagrams, outlined the application by Mr. R. A. Stapells to acquire a portion of city-owned land identified as Parcel "A" as shown on the attached Plan No. 14-535-0 of the 1 October 1991 staff report.

Ms. Feist responded to questions from Council.

There was no one wishing to address Council on this matter.

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

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Motion carried.

Public Hearing: Case No. 6406: Appeal of Minor Variance
Refusal - 2793 Connolly Street

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

A staff report, dated 16 October 1991, was submitted.

Mr. Gary Porter, Planner I, addressed Council and, using diagrams, outlined the reasons why the application for a minor variance of the lot area and side yard requirements of the land use bylaw to permit conversion of the existing single family dwelling at 2793 Connolly Street to a day nursery for 14 children was refused (as illustrated in the 16 October 1991 report).

Ms. Faith McNeill, the appellant, addressed Council and advised that, prior to applying for the minor variance, she canvassed various residents in her neighbourhood for their views on her proposal to increase her day nursery to 14 children from 10 children. She added that the response was favourable and she submitted a petition containing 29 signatures in support of her request (a copy of the petition may be found in the official file of this meeting).

Ms. McNeill advised that her primary argument for her request was that, in order to be licensed by the Province to operate a day nursery, the law requires 30 sq. ft. per child in the program. She advised that in her situation she is required to have a total of 420 sq. ft. in her day nursery and she has 524 sq. ft.

Ms. McNeill then read and submitted a letter by Jane Grantmyre, Supervisor of Day Care Services, Department of Community Services. She noted that the letter indicated that she has the required footage to meet the needs of an additional four children to her program.

Ms. McNeill then presented photographs of the interior and exterior of her home where she operates her day care. She advised that City staff were concerned about the lack of square footage of her day care centre. Ms. McNeill added that, by law, she is required to have 60 sq. ft. per child outdoors and she advised that she meets this requirement by having approximately 1000 sq. ft. of yard

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space, not including the front yard. Further to this, Ms. McNeill pointed out that Ardmore Park was very close to her home and she advised that she used it quite often for the childrens outdoor activities.

On a final point, Ms. McNeill advised that her day care nursery was considered "private" and, therefore, she was not entitled to any grants or subsidies. She added that, if approval was granted and she was permitted to have an additional four children, then she could continue to operate on a pay/user basis and be completely self-sufficient. Ms. McNeill requested Council's favourable consideration of her request.

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

Alderman Pottie addressed the matter and noted that he spoke with Ms. McNeill's neighbours and there were no objections to the request. He advised that with this and, in light of the quality of service that Ms. McNeill was providing, he was prepared to move a motion approving the matter at this time.

MOVED by Alderman Pottie, seconded by Alderman O'Malley that the decision of the Development Officer to refuse the minor variance of the lot area and side yard requirements of the land use bylaw to permit conversion of the existing single family dwelling at 2793 Connolly Street to a day nursery for 14 children be overturned, and the appeal of the minor variance refusal be granted.

Motion carried.

Public Hearing: Case No. 6320: Appeal of Minor Variance Refusal - 14 Wenlock Grove

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

A staff report dated 24 October 1991 was submitted.

Mr. Gary Porter, Planner, addressed Council and, using diagrams, outlined the reasons why the application for a minor variance of the rear yard requirement of the land use bylaw for the property located at 14 Wenlock Grove was refused (as contained in the 24 October 1991 staff report).

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Mr. Richard Billard, the appellant, addressed Council and advised that he had hired a renovation firm to build a deck and carry out extensive renovations to his house. He indicated that the contractor handled all matters concerning this issue, including the permits, and he did not actually see the permit for the deck until after the deck was built.

Mr. Billard noted that his neighbours, on both sides and further down his street, did not object to his deck in it's present state. He added that the construction of the deck was part of the overall renovation plans for his home and was built at considerable expense.

In summary, Mr. Billard pointed out that there were no objections raised by his neighbours concerning the deck and he added that it was constructed soundly and was aesthetically pleasing. He requested Council's favourable consideration of his request.

Mr. Tobias Norwood, a resident of 16 Wenlock Grove, addressed Council and advised that he was the next door neighbour to Mr. Billard.

In his remarks, Mr. Norwood indicated that he felt the Mr. Billard's deck was fitting to the neighbourhood and it did not infringe in any way on his property. Mr. Norwood advised that he had no objections to Mr. Billard's deck as presently constructed.

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

Alderman Hanson addressed the matter and suggested that the deck did not present any problems for the neighbours and, therefore, he was prepared to move a motion to approve the appellant's request for a minor variance.

MOVED by Alderman Hanson, seconded by Alderman Jeffrey that the decision of the Development Officer to refuse the minor variance of the rear yard requirement of the land use bylaw for the property located at 14 Wenlock Grove be overturned, and that the appeal of the minor variance refusal be granted.

Motion carried.

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Public Hearing: Case No. 6376: Development Agreement -
2080-94 Windsor Street

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

Mr. Gary Porter, Planner, addressed Council and, using diagrams, outlined the application for a development agreement to allow a 65,600 sq. ft.+/- addition to the Saint Vincent's Guest House, 2080 Windsor Street (as contained in the 17 October 1991 staff report).

Mr. Porter noted that the draft development agreement attached to the 17 October 1991 staff report suggests a two year time limit for completion. He advised that the actual schedule of the Guest House is two to three years for completion, therefore, on that basis, staff was recommending a four year time limit in the development agreement for completion.

Mr. David Driscoll, representing the Board of Management of Saint Vincent's Guest House, addressed Council and indicated that he was in attendance to respond to any questions Council may have on this matter.

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

The following correspondence was submitted:

A letter dated 20 November 1991 from Mr. Blair S. Beed, 5510 Spring Garden Road, Halifax, NS.

MOVED by Alderman Meagher, seconded by Alderman Fitzgerald that:

- 1) the application for a development agreement to permit an expansion of Saint Vincent's Guest House, lands of the Roman Catholic Episcopal Corporation, 2080-94 Windsor Street as shown on Plans P200/18472-80 and 18617 of Case 6376 be approved by City Council, and that the development agreement allow for four years for completion of the project.
- 2) Council requires that the agreement shall be signed within 120 days, or any extension thereof granted by Council on request of the applicant, from the date of final approval by Halifax City

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Council and any other bodies as necessary, whichever approval is later, including applicable appeal periods; otherwise, this approval will be void and obligations arising hereunder shall be at an end.

- 3) City Council rescind its motion of 22 February 1989 approving a six storey addition to Saint Vincent's Guest House at 2080 Windsor Street.

Motion carried.

There being no further business to discuss, the meeting adjourned at 9:25 p.m.

DEPUTY MAYOR BILL STONE
CHAIRMAN

Edward Kerr, City Clerk
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HALIFAX CITY COUNCIL
MINUTES

Council Chamber
Halifax City Hall
28 November 1991
8:00 P. M.

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

The meeting was called to order and those present, led by Her Worship Mayor Ducharme, joined in the recitation of the Lord's Prayer.

PRESENT: Her Worship Mayor Moira Ducharme, Chairman; Deputy Mayor Bill Stone; and Aldermen Holland, Fitzgerald, Downey, Meagher, O'Malley, Pottie, Adams, Hanson, Jeffrey, Macdonald, and Crowley.

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

National Day of Remembrance -
6 December 1991

A memorandum, dated 27 November 1991, was submitted from Her Worship Mayor Ducharme.

MOVED by Deputy Mayor Stone, seconded by Alderman Jeffrey that the City of Halifax support community initiatives to launch a Province-wide public awareness campaign and proclaim FRIDAY, 6 DECEMBER 1991 a National Day of Remembrance and Action on Violence Against Women in the City of Halifax.

The motion was put and passed.

MINUTES

Minutes of a special meeting of Halifax City Council, held on Wednesday, 6 November, and of a regular meeting held on Thursday, 14 November 1991, were approved as circulated on a motion by Alderman Fitzgerald, seconded by Alderman O'Malley.

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APPROVAL OF THE ORDER OF BUSINESS,
ADDITIONS AND DELETIONS

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

- 20.1 Women's Correctional Centre
(Deputy Mayor Stone)
- 20.2 1917 Explosion Commemoration
Committee (Alderman O'Malley)
- 20.3 Cost-Sharing of Services with
the Province of Nova Scotia
- 20.4 Blue Mountain Quarry Proposal
(Deputy Mayor Stone)

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

- 20.5 Update: Metropolitan Authority
Meeting (3 December 1991)

MOVED by Alderman Fitzgerald, seconded by Alderman Macdonald that the agenda, as amended, be approved.

The motion was put and passed.

DEFERRED ITEMS

Heritage Hearing - Point Pleasant Park

This matter had been deferred from a regular meeting of Halifax City Council, held on Wednesday, 30 October 1991, pending receipt of a staff report (a public hearing had previously been held on Wednesday, 23 October).

The City Manager advised that the requested report had been delayed in order to provide staff with an opportunity to meet with members of the Point Pleasant Park Commission regarding the implications of the proposed heritage designation. Mr. Murphy added that he understood this meeting to be scheduled within the next several weeks.

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Alderman O'Malley, a member of the Point Pleasant Park Commission, advised that she had been in contact with Mrs. Janet Kitz, Commission Chairman, who had requested that the matter be deferred.

It was therefore moved by Alderman O'Malley, seconded by Alderman Holland that the matter be deferred to the regular meeting of Halifax City Council scheduled for THURSDAY, 16 JANUARY 1992.

The motion to defer was put and passed.

Possible Street Closure - Portion of Monastery Lane

A public hearing into this matter had been held on Wednesday, 20 November 1991

An Information Report, dated 28 November 1991, was submitted, together with correspondence dated 21 November 1991 from Mr. A. Michael Murphy, President, Alliance Property Group Limited.

Alderman Meagher noted that while a meeting of Monastery Lane area residents had been held on Wednesday, 27 November, there were still certain matters which needed to be resolved.

It was therefore moved by Alderman Meagher, seconded by Alderman Pottie that the matter be deferred to the next regular meeting of Halifax City Council scheduled for THURSDAY, 12 DECEMBER 1991.

The motion to defer was put and passed.

Possible Street Closure - Portion of George Street

A public hearing to consider this matter had been held on Wednesday, 20 November 1991.

MOVED by Alderman Downey, seconded by Alderman Meagher that:

- 1) a portion of George Street identified as Parcel "A" on Plan No. 14-535-0 be closed as a street and sold to Canterbury Group Limited for the sum of \$2,100 as settlement in full; and that
- 2) in accordance with Section 350 of the City Charter, Council approve the closure of that portion of George Street as shown on Plan No. TT-45-30983.

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The motion was put and passed with Alderman Holland abstaining owing to his non-attendance at the 20 November public hearing.

PETITIONS AND DELEGATIONS

Petition Deputy Mayor Stone Re:
Proposed Site - Women's Correctional Centre

Deputy Mayor Stone submitted a petition (containing approximately 300 signatures) on behalf of Ward 12 residents requesting that all lands in Ward 12 be removed from the list of sites to be considered for the proposed women's correctional centre. Also submitted was a letter dated 28 November from Mrs. Anne E. MacMillan, representing the Ward 12 Community Association.

The Deputy Mayor went on to note that he had added this matter to the agenda so that it could be discussed in greater detail at a later point in the meeting.

REPORT - FINANCE AND EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Council considered the report of the Finance and Executive Committee from its meeting held on Wednesday, 20 November 1991, as follows:

Illegal Occupancy - 35 Coronation Avenue

This matter had been forwarded to Council without recommendation, pending a meeting between Coronation Avenue area residents and the City Solicitor.

Alderman Jeffrey advised that the proposed meeting had been held on Tuesday, 26 November and had been extremely productive in terms of providing the City Solicitor with the information necessary to initiate court proceedings.

It was therefore moved by Alderman Jeffrey, seconded by Alderman Hanson that the City Solicitor be instructed to initiate legal action with regard to the alleged illegal occupancy at 35 Coronation Avenue as quickly as possible.

The motion was put and passed.

Annual Review of Licenses, Permits and Fees

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

- 1) Council authorize the City Solicitor to seek changes to the various ordinances to effect increases as indicated on the schedule attached to the 19 November staff report, and that these changes, as well as those not governed by ordinances, be increased effective 1 January 1992; and that
- 2) the matter of newspaper box location permit fees be deferred to the next regular meeting of the Committee of the Whole Council scheduled for WEDNESDAY, 4 DECEMBER 1991.

The motion was put and passed.

Expropriation Settlement - 218-220 Herring Cove Road

MOVED by Alderman Adams, seconded by Alderman Hanson that, as recommended by the Finance and Executive Committee, Civic No. 218-220 Herring Cove Road be acquired from 172965 Canada Limited, a body corporate, for \$125,000.00, subject to the removal of approximately 600 cubic meters of contaminated soil from the site (the acquisition of the property will thereby settle the outstanding expropriation of easement shown on Plan No. TT-34-276880); funds to be made available from Account No. 91504, the Herring Cove Widening Account.

The motion was put and passed.

Administrative Order #21 - Recreation
Committee (FIRST READING)

MOVED by Alderman Fitzgerald, seconded by Alderman Crowley that, as recommended by the Finance and Executive Committee, City Council give FIRST READING to Administrative Order #21 respecting the functions, duties and responsibilities of the Recreation Department (as attached to the staff report dated 6 November 1991); and further, that the matter be forwarded to the next regular meeting of Halifax City Council, scheduled for THURSDAY, 12 DECEMBER 1991, for Second and Final Reading.

The motion was put and passed.

Installation of Underground Oil Tank
- Bloomfield Recreation Centre

MOVED by Alderman O'Malley, seconded by Alderman Pottie that, as recommended by the Finance and Executive Committee:

- (1) City Council approve the total project cost (to remove and replace the existing underground oil tank at the Bloomfield Recreation Centre) in the amount of \$40,455.94; and that
- (2) the payment to the contractor, G. & R. Kelly Enterprises Limited, be made from Capital Account Number 91635.

The motion was put and passed.

Proposed Wage Claims Payment Program (Bill C-22)

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

- (1) Council express concern at the prospect of an overall payroll levy as a means for funding payroll losses in the event of insolvency and, in particular, that this levy should not apply to government situations; and that
- (2) Council advocate strongly to the Federal Government that alternate methods of funding these payroll losses be sought. In particular, the Federal Government should examine the prospect of giving unpaid salaries and pension contributions added priority in the event of bankruptcy such that it would rank higher in the list of obligations to be met from the proceeds of liquidation; and, further that
- (3) Council instruct staff to bring these concerns and this view to the attention of the Federal Government as well as to the Federation of Canadian Municipalities on behalf of Halifax City Council.

The motion was put and passed.

Policing Policy - Union of Nova
Scotia Municipalities Proposal

MOVED by Alderman Fitzgerald, seconded by
Alderman O'Malley that, as recommended by the Finance and
Executive Committee:

- (1) Halifax City Council continue to press the need for full cost-sharing of social assistance expenditures at the 75 percent rate directly with the Province and through the Union of Nova Scotia Municipalities; and that
- (2) Council urge continual cooperation between the Department of Community Services, Employment and Immigration Canada, and the Social Planning Department with a goal of simplifying the present system and using the combined resources to alleviate the need for social assistance through training and job creation.

The motion was put and passed.

Award of Tender 911561:
Incandescent & Florescent Lamps

MOVED by Alderman Holland, seconded by Alderman
Downey that, as recommended by the Finance and Executive
Committee, authority be granted to award Tender 911561 for
incandescent and fluorescent lamps to Litemor Distributors
Ltd., the lowest bidder meeting all specifications, for the
price of \$62,325.50 (funds to be made available in various
account numbers).

The motion was put and passed.

Animal Control Contract - City of Halifax

During the 20 November meeting of the Finance and Executive Committee, Alderman Jeffrey had requested that a copy of the current animal control contract be circulated to all members of Council.

A copy of Contract Number 88-160 between the City of Halifax and Harbour Cities Veterinary Hospital Limited, dated 19 May 1989, was submitted.

While noting that the contract in question extends for a five-year period (commencing in 1989), Alderman Jeffrey emphasized that he and many of his

constituents have concerns regarding the manner in which the agreement is being implemented, particularly in terms of cat control. The Alderman went on to note that he had discussed the matter in some detail with the Deputy Chief of Police and had requested that the Deputy submit a report to Council containing his views on the matter and whether, in his opinion, the current contract and its implementation are acceptable.

It was therefore moved by Alderman Jeffrey, seconded by Alderman Macdonald that the matter be deferred, pending receipt of a report from the Halifax Police Department.

The motion to defer was put and passed.

Recommendations - Tax Concessions
and Grants Committee

MOVED by Alderman Meagher, seconded by Alderman O'Malley that, as recommended by the Finance and Executive Committee, the following grants be approved:

Theatre Arts Guild	\$ 1,000.00
Little Dutch Church	1,000.00
Nova Scotia Friends of Schizophrenics	500.00
Captain William Spry Community Centre	17,000.00
Gwen Noah	500.00

and further, that the requests from the Atlantic School of Theology and from the International Gospel Festival be referred to Committee of the Whole Council for presentations from both parties.

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, 20 November 1991, as follows:

Bayers Road Improvements

MOVED by Alderman Crowley, seconded by Alderman Pottie that, as recommended by the Committee on Works, the installation of the traffic control lights proposed for Bayers Road be delayed, pending a presentation to the Committee of the Whole Council by staff.

The motion to defer was put and passed.

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It was further agreed that this matter would be placed on the agenda for the next regular meeting of the Committee on Works scheduled for WEDNESDAY, 4 DECEMBER 1991.

REPORT - CITY PLANNING COMMITTEE

Council considered the report of the City Planning Committee from its meeting held on Wednesday, 20 November 1991, as follows:

Task Force on City Traffic

Alderman Macdonald addressed the matter and MOVED, seconded by Alderman Jeffrey that, as recommended by the City Planning Committee:

- (1) City Council adopt the arterial and collector roadway classification as detailed in Appendix 9 of the staff report dated 6 November 1991;
- (2) City Council adopt the proposed program for implementing the recommendations of the Task Force on City Traffic;
- (3) staff be instructed to review the program in three (3) years time to evaluate the status and current relevance of the various program elements; and further, that
- (4) staff be instructed to approach the Provincial Department of Transportation and Communications on Council's behalf concerning the completion of the connector roadway between the St. Margaret's Bay Road and North West Arm Drive.

Deputy Mayor Stone, reiterating his comments made at the last Committee of the Whole Council meeting on this item, indicated that he wanted to be directly involved in the revision process for the Bedford Highway. The Deputy Mayor also referred to the feasibility study proposed for 1992 for a possible connector roadway from Lacewood Drive to the Bedford Highway. Deputy Mayor Stone indicated that he wanted to make sure that various alternatives are considered in this feasibility study which includes a possible connector at the Vimy Avenue overpass and a possible connection in the area of Main Avenue.

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

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Case No. 6261: Schedule "C," Development Agreement -
5780-88 West Street, 2400 Agricola Street,
5781 and 5785-87 Sarah Street

MOVED by Alderman Meagher, seconded by Alderman Downey that, as recommended by the City Planning Committee, a public hearing date be set to consider a development agreement with Security Home Mortgage to permit use of the King Edward Inn as a hotel in conformance with the submitted plans.

Motion passed.

The City Clerk advised that the public hearing date would be scheduled for Wednesday, 5 February 1991, 7:30 p.m. in the Council Chamber.

Report from the Planning Advisory Committee
Re: Non-Conforming Uses

MOVED by Alderman Fitzgerald, seconded by Alderman Holland that, as recommended by the City Planning Committee:

- (1) Council adopt the resolution as contained in the Appendix attached to the 14 November supplementary staff report and as reflected in the PAC report of 12 November 1991; and further, that
- (2) a public hearing date be scheduled to consider the amendments proposed for the Municipal Development Plan and Land Use Bylaw (as contained in the aforementioned resolution).

Motion passed.

The City Clerk advised that the public hearing date would be scheduled for Wednesday, 22 January 1991, 7:30 p.m. in the Council Chamber.

Report from Planning Advisory Committee Re:
Case No. 5505 - Outdoor Storage

MOVED by Alderman Fitzgerald, seconded by Alderman O'Malley that, as recommended by the City Planning Committee, a public hearing date be scheduled to consider the amendments proposed to the Municipal Development Plan and to the Land Use Bylaw relating to junk yards, as set out in the staff report dated 9 July 1991.

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Reiterating her comments at the last Committee of the Whole Council meeting, Alderman O'Malley requested that copies of Council's previous deliberations on this matter be recirculated prior to the proposed public hearing.

Motion passed.

The City Clerk advised that the public hearing date would be scheduled for Wednesday, 22 January 1991, 7:30 p.m. in the Council Chamber.

MOTIONS

Motion Alderman Adams Re: Proposed Amendment to Ordinance Number 170, the Tax Concession Ordinance - FIRST READING

Notice of Motion with respect to this item was given at the meeting of City Council held on 14 November 1991.

A report from the City Solicitor dated 25 October 1991 was submitted.

MOVED by Alderman Adams, seconded by Alderman Jeffrey that City Council approve FIRST READING of the amendment to Ordinance 170, the Tax Concession Ordinance, (attached as Appendix "A" to the staff report of 25 October 1991), and refer the amendment to the Committee of the Whole Council on 4 December 1991 for consideration and report.

Motion passed.

MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS

Appointments

This item was deleted from the agenda at this time.

QUESTIONS

Question Alderman Jeffrey Re: Potholes along the Bicentennial Highway

Alderman Jeffrey indicated that he had contacted City staff with respect to the land abutting the Bicentennial Highway, in the area of #41 School Avenue. He expressed concern about the number of potholes on the highway and advised that it was his understanding that the

problem was the responsibility of the Department of Transport.

Alderman Jeffrey requested that staff investigate the situation and provide him with a report.

Question Alderman Jeffrey Re: Job Termination -
Halifax Housing Authority Employee

Alderman Jeffrey advised that he had received a telephone call from an employee, Mr. Gary MacDonnell, who had worked with the Halifax Housing Authority for 14 years. The Alderman noted that this employee became a supervisor but was subsequently fired and only given two days pay in salary.

Alderman Jeffrey requested a report from the Halifax Housing Authority outlining the circumstances with respect to this situation and why this employee was fired.

Question Alderman Jeffrey Re: Dances at the
Halifax West High School

Alderman Jeffrey referred to the dances being held at the Halifax West High School. The Alderman noted that residents in the area have expressed concern about these dances and asked that a letter be sent to the School Board requesting that they be cancelled or held on a Tuesday or Wednesday night instead of Friday and Saturday nights.

Question Alderman Jeffrey Re: Halifax West High School

Alderman Jeffrey asked that staff investigate the entrance at the bottom of Coronation Avenue which leads to the Halifax West High School playing field. The Alderman asked that the School Board consider closing this opening in order to prevent the students from entering the area. He noted that there the opening was causing a conflict for the residents in the area.

Question Alderman Jeffrey Re: Parking along
Dutch Village Road - Blue Cross Pharmacy

Alderman Jeffrey noted that he had met with the Traffic Authority on a number of occasions pertaining to parking on Dutch Village Road by the Blue Cross Pharmacy. He advised that he had been informed that there was a plan in the process which would angle the parking on Dutch

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Village Road. The Alderman requested a report on the matter as soon as possible.

Question Alderman Jeffrey Re: Claim Against the City -
Mrs. Paulette Leaman

Alderman Jeffrey requested a report from the City Solicitor's Department with respect to the claim against the City by Mrs. Paulette Leaman who was injured on Dutch Village Road.

Question Deputy Mayor Stone Re: Monitoring of new
Traffic Lights along Dunbrack Street

Deputy Mayor Stone indicated that he was pleased that the traffic lights along Dunbrack Street are now operational at all of the intersections. The Deputy Mayor extended his thanks to staff for their efforts in this regard. Deputy Mayor Stone went on to request that the Halifax Police Department monitor the area over the next few days to ensure that pedestrians and motorists are aware of the lights.

Question Deputy Mayor Stone Re: Speeding along the
Kearney Lake Road

Deputy Mayor Stone referred to a report he received from the Chief of Police with respect to speeding along the Kearney Lake Road in the area of the Grosvenor Wentworth crosswalk. He noted that there is an apparent need for a continual observance of radar in the area and requested that the Police Department continue to monitor the area.

Question Deputy Mayor Stone Re: Mainland Linear Park

Deputy Mayor Stone noted that he had received a question from a resident in his Ward with respect to the Mainland Linear Park and whether staff has made any provision for persons crossing the collector roads to and from the Park. He asked that staff investigate the matter and provide him with a report.

Question Alderman O'Malley Re: Drainage -
Merv Sullivan Park

Alderman O'Malley asked for a report with respect to the installation progress on the Merv Sullivan Park drainage system.

Question Alderman O'Malley Re: 5651 Macara Street

Alderman O'Malley asked for an updated report with respect to 5651 Macara Street, the status of the property and its illegal third floor.

Question Alderman O'Malley Re: Settlements for Former City of Halifax Employees

Alderman O'Malley advised that at a meeting of City Council on June 27th she had requested information concerning financial settlements for former City of Halifax employees. The Alderman noted that, in her request, she had asked for information with regard to the fees for consultation paid out to outside legal firms and other consultants. Alderman O'Malley advised that she had asked to be provided with the amount of each settlement for the last five years for all former employees.

The Alderman asked to receive this information as soon as it is available.

Question Alderman O'Malley Re: Access-A-Bus

Alderman O'Malley noted that she had received a telephone call from a visually handicapped person with respect to Access-A-Bus. The Alderman noted that she was informed by this person that the Access-A-Bus service does not pick up people who require the service to take them to anything of a recreational nature. Alderman O'Malley asked that the City's representatives on the Metropolitan Authority address the matter and report back to Council.

Alderman O'Malley advised that she had also received an expression of concern that Access-A-Bus drivers do not leave the bus to assist any of the users to enter or leave the bus. The Alderman expressed the concern that the telephone calls she has received indicate that the Access-A-Bus service has deteriorated. Alderman O'Malley asked that the matter be investigated by the City's representatives on the Metropolitan Authority and a report provided to Council.

The Chairman noted that the matter is on the agenda for the next meeting of the Metropolitan Authority. She noted that other municipalities have similar concerns as raised by Alderman O'Malley.

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Question Alderman Macdonald Re: Power of City Council -
Traffic Issues

Alderman Macdonald referred to the recent discussion at the Public Hearing on 20 November 1991 with respect to the proposed closure of Monastery Lane. Alderman Macdonald asked for a report indicating the powers, if any, which are vested in City Council with respect to traffic issues, over and above approving funds for roadway construction or re-construction including street closure barriers. He questioned, if the power lies with the Traffic Authority, whether there was any advantage for citizens to come to City Council regarding traffic concerns.

Question Alderman Adams Re: Kidston Lake

Alderman Adams advised that a number of residents in his ward are concerned about a small roadway leading from Feldspar Crescent, a dead end street in Ward 7, to Kidston Lake. He noted that the residents are concerned about the activity going on after dusk in the Kidston Lake area even though there is a sign for no admittance after dark.

The Alderman asked that staff investigate the possibility of placing a gate at the bottom of the hill in order to prevent people from breaking the law.

Question Alderman Adams Re: Intersection at Leiblin Drive
and Rockingstone Road

Alderman Adams referred to the intersection at Leiblin Drive and Rockingstone Road abutting the Leiblin Park area. He noted that there was a stop sign in the middle of the Rockingstone Road which is not always seen by motorists.

Alderman Adams asked that consideration be given to installing a flashing red light above the intersection facing on the Rockingstone Road north end as well as a flashing amber light coming up from Leiblin Drive.

Question Alderman Adams Re: Ward 7 Crosswalk Signals

Alderman Adams noted that the residents of Ward 7 were appreciative of the installation of the RAS signals above the crosswalks in the ward. He questioned if some type of selective radar enforcement could be carried out.

Question Alderman Downey Re: Director of Marketing
for the Halifax Industrial Commission

Alderman Downey noted that he had received a telephone call last week concerning the hiring of a Director of Marketing for the Industrial Commission. The Alderman noted that it was his understanding that the ad had been placed in the newspaper by Peat Marwick Stevenson & Kellogg Management Consultants. He went on to add that it was his understanding that there were 12 applicants for the job and that there was a short list of four persons.

The Alderman noted that he was shocked to hear that the starting salary for the position was \$78,000 and asked for a response from the City Manager as to whether or not his information was correct.

Question Alderman Downey Re: Overhead Crosswalk Lights -
Gottingen, Gerrish, Uniacke, and Charles Streets

Alderman Downey expressed appreciation to staff for the installation of the new traffic lights at Brunswick and Cornwallis Streets. He questioned when the remaining overhead crosswalk lights for Gottingen, Gerrish, Uniacke, and Charles Streets might be in service.

Question Alderman Downey Re: Moosehead Grand Prix

Alderman Downey referred to a confidential memorandum he received from the City Manager about the Moosehead Grand Prix which indicated that the race may not take place in 1992.

In response, the City Manager advised that the whole matter was presently being reviewed by Moosehead and that a decision with respect to seeking approval for next year would be made depending on the financial considerations associated with the operation for 1991.

Question Alderman Downey Re: Financial Situation -
Businesses in the City of Halifax

Alderman Downey expressed concern about the number of businesses which are experiencing financial problems due to the recession and tough times. He added that he had heard the Minister of Finance comment on the tough economic situation which exists and that there might be more cuts from the Federal Government. Alderman Downey noted that this would add to the financial strain on businesses. The Alderman went on to request that staff

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contact the financial institutions (bankers) in the City to determine the extent of the situation.

The City Manager advised that he was very concerned about the matter and that a report would be forthcoming to Council.

Question Alderman Crowley Re: St. Andrew's School

Alderman Crowley advised that she had received a number of calls from citizens in the Bayers Westwood area about the use of St. Andrew's School and the short term or long term plans for the facility. The Alderman asked for a report on the matter.

Question Alderman Crowley Re: Guidelines for Building

Alderman Crowley expressed the concern about houses being built on lots throughout the City which are not consistent with neighbouring homes. She went on to question if there were any guidelines in this regard.

The City Manager advised that the City did not have the authority to regulate aesthetics and that it could only regulate the building code and zoning regulations.

Question Alderman Holland Re: Ogilvie Street

Alderman Holland advised that he had received numerous complaints during the election campaign about the deplorable condition of Ogilvie Street, particularly its east end. The Alderman indicated that he would like to be informed as to when the contractor would be bringing the street back up to standard.

Question Alderman Fitzgerald Re: Barrington Street
(City Club/Khyber Building)

Alderman Fitzgerald noted that the Barrington Street Improvement District Commission had sent a letter to City Council recently asking that action be taken to help revitalize Barrington Street. The Alderman noted that a number of suggestions had been made along with the matter of the National Film Board and the City Club/Khyber Building.

The City Manager advised that staff is addressing the matter at present and that a report would be forthcoming to Council.

Question Alderman Fitzgerald Re: Election
Procedures Committee

Alderman Fitzgerald noted that the Jewish Community had expressed objection to civic elections being held on Saturdays which is their holy day. He asked that this matter be addressed by the Election Procedures Committee when it is re-established.

The Chairman advised that the establishment of the Election Procedures Committee will be an item at a future Committee of the Whole Council meeting.

Question Alderman Fitzgerald Re: Synchronized Light Systems

Alderman Fitzgerald questioned the status of the installation of the synchronized light systems (with the loop wires being installed) throughout the City. He noted that Council had received a progress report sometime ago on the matter. However, Alderman Fitzgerald suggested that the light system was not operational since he had driven through the City the other evening and had not hit one set of lights.

In response, the City Manager advised that staff had recently awarded the last contract to complete the system.

Question Alderman Fitzgerald Re: Conservation Study -
Halifax Public Gardens

Alderman Fitzgerald asked for a status report with respect to the conservation study by the Federal Government for the Halifax Public Gardens.

Question Alderman Fitzgerald Re: Park-and-Ride

Alderman Fitzgerald asked for an update on Park-and-Ride noting that some suggestions had been made some time ago with respect to the matter.

Question Alderman Fitzgerald Re: Inter University
Bus System

Alderman Fitzgerald asked for information on the inter university bus system matter which was recently brought before City Council.

NOTICES OF MOTIONS

Notice of Motion Alderman Adams Re: Ordinance 116,
the Taxi and Limousine Ordinance

Alderman Adams gave notice of motion that at the next regular meeting of Halifax City Council, to be held on Thursday, 12 December 1991, he proposes to introduce a motion to amend Ordinance 116, the City's Taxi and Limousine Ordinance.

The Alderman noted that the purpose of this amendment is to expand the potential for representation on the Halifax Taxi Commission by local taxi brokerages.

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The Alderman noted that the purpose of this amendment is to require that all applicants for a Halifax taxi license be sufficiently capable of communicating in the English language to permit them to carry out their responsibilities as taxi operators in a safe and competent manner.

ADDED ITEMS

Women's Correctional Centre (Deputy Mayor Stone)

This item was added to the agenda at the request of Deputy Mayor Stone and was last discussed at the Committee of the Whole Council meeting held on 20 November 1991.

A staff report dated 27 November 1991 was submitted.

Her Worship Mayor Ducharme noted that there has been a great deal of public concern during the last week and misunderstanding with respect to this matter. She stated that the list which was forwarded to the Federal Government was an example of the type of sites within the City which might be suitable for a women's prison. Her Worship added that, should the Federal Government make the decision on December 4th that the City of Halifax would

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receive this facility, any site which was chosen would then go to a public hearing and a public consultation process.

Deputy Mayor Stone addressed the matter and emphasized that it is mandatory that Council be kept informed of issues such as the proposal before Council particularly because of the sensitivity of the item. In his comments, Deputy Mayor Stone expressed the opinion that it would have been better for staff to have identified potential sites that would not impose on residential communities.

The Deputy Mayor went on to suggest that sites be identified that do not impose on residential neighbourhoods. If the City is chosen as a suitable location, Deputy Mayor Stone advised that it is imperative that the Solicitor General understand that none of the sites in the submission are eligible for consideration. He pointed out that the Ward 12 Community Association has requested that Council eliminate the five potential sites in Ward 12. The Deputy Mayor suggested that Council needed to clarify its position to protect all of the City's residential communities.

MOVED by Deputy Mayor Stone, seconded by Alderman Adams that any potential sites identified for a women's correctional centre located in the City of Halifax not be considered for that purpose if located in a residential neighbourhood.

Deputy Mayor Stone questioned whether staff are aware of other potential sites that are not located in residential areas noting that, if such information is available, he would like it presented to Council.

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

The Deputy Mayor asked that the resolution be forwarded to the Solicitor General as soon as possible.

Responding to a question from Deputy Mayor Stone, the City Manager indicated that any further potential sites would be jointly considered by Council and staff.

1917 Explosion Commemoration Committee (Alderman O'Malley)

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

Alderman O'Malley noted that 1992 will be the 75th anniversary of the Halifax Explosion of 1917. She

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added that a Committee has been struck called the 1917 Explosion Commemoration Committee Halifax/Dartmouth. Alderman O'Malley went on to advise that this Committee was holding a public meeting on Sunday, December 1st, at the Maritime Museum of the Atlantic, 1675 Lower Water Street, at 2:30 p.m. She advised that the purpose of the meeting is to solicit input from the citizens of Halifax and Dartmouth as to how they can best commemorate the 1917 Explosion. Alderman O'Malley indicated that those who are not able to attend can forward any comments in writing to the Maritime Museum of the Atlantic.

Deputy Mayor O'Malley also asked that as many people as possible come to Fort Needham at 9:00 a.m. on December 6th to commemorate the 74th anniversary of the Halifax Explosion.

Cost Sharing of Services with the Province of Nova Scotia -
Ragged Lake Industrial Park

A staff report dated 27 November 1991 was submitted.

Alderman Jeffrey expressed his thanks and appreciation to the Hon. Mr. McInnes, Minister of Industry, Trade and Technology, for his positive attitude and interest in respect of this matter.

MOVED by Alderman Jeffrey, seconded by Deputy Mayor Stone that due to the current interest being expressed in the Heavy Industrial Area, City Council pass a motion requesting the Government of the Province of Nova Scotia to cost-share, on a 50/50 basis, the installation of sewer and water services from the existing services in Ragged Lake Boulevard to the Heavy Industrial Area, at the far end of Ragged Lake Park, at an estimated cost of \$2,100,000.

Motion passed.

Alderman Jeffrey informed Council that approval of this cost sharing will mean that there will eventually be a Harness Race Track in the City of Halifax.

Blue Mountain Quarry Proposal (Deputy Mayor Stone)

This item was added to the agenda at the request of Deputy Mayor Stone.

A submission dated 28 November 1991 from the Ward 12 Community Association was submitted.

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Deputy Mayor Stone addressed the matter and noted that, during the public hearings with regard to the proposed quarry, it was learned that there may be a technicality warranting future study or possibly the disregard of this quarry because it is located too close to a residential home or area. The Deputy Mayor asked that City staff continue to monitor the situation and keep City Council informed.

Update: Metropolitan Authority Meeting 3 December 1991

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

Alderman Fitzgerald suggested that Her Worship Mayor Ducharme give a brief update with respect to the meeting of the Metropolitan Authority to be held on 3 December 1991.

Her Worship addressed the matter and advised that the motion of the City of Halifax is going to be debated on Tuesday by the Metropolitan Authority. She noted that some members of the Authority are concerned that the motion is delaying the process of signing contracts for a recycling facility and siting the landfill. Her Worship Ducharme advised that she has assured those members that the City of Halifax is concerned about the health impacts and about the real costs. She added that these two items will be discussed on Tuesday morning at the Dartmouth Regional Library.

There being no further business to be discussed, the meeting adjourned at approximately 9:30 p.m.

HER WORSHIP MAYOR MOIRA DUCHARME
AND
DEPUTY MAYOR BILL STONE
CHAIRMEN

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