HALIFAX REGIONAL COUNCIL COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE JANUARY 20, 1998

PRESENT: Mayor Walter Fitzgerald

Deputy Mayor Reg Rankin Councillors: Bill Dooks

Gordon R. Snow David Hendsbee Ron Cooper Harry McInroy Jack Greenough Condo Sarto

Bruce Hetherington Clint Schofield John Cunningham Jerry Blumenthal Graham L. Downey Howard Epstein Russell Walker

Ron Hanson Stephen Adams Barry Barnet Bob Harvey Peter Kelly Jack Mitchell

Bill Stone

REGRETS: Councillor Larry Uteck

STAFF MEMBERS: Mr. Ken Meech, Chief Administrative Officer

Mr. Barry Allen, Acting Municipal Solicitor

Ms. Vi Carmichael, Municipal Clerk

Ms. Jane Nauss, Assistant Municipal Clerk

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Mayor Fitzgerald called the meeting to order at 6 p.m.

1. <u>APPROVAL OF MINUTES - January 6, 7, 8 and 9, 1998</u>

Councillor Sarto requested the minutes of January 7, 1998 be amended to reflect his attendance at the meeting.

Councillor Barnet requested the minutes of January 7, 1998 be amended by changing "Vernon Drive" to "Grennan Drive" (page 7, paragraph 6).

Deputy Rankin requested the minutes of January 8, 1998 be amended to insert "to be coordinated through SWRAC." at the end of the paragraph 9, page 5.

MOVED by Councillors Blumenthal and Hetherington to adopt the minutes of January, 6, 7, 8 and 9, 1998, as amended. MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

CONDOLENCES

Mayor Fitzgerald announced the untimely death of Mr. Gary Neate, Supervisor, CADD Services, Regional Operations, who passed away January 19, 1998. On behalf of Regional Council, Mayor Fitzgerald extended condolences to Mr. Neate's wife and family, noting he will be missed by his friends and co-workers.

NOTE OF APPRECIATION

Mayor Fitzgerald advised that Mr. Regis Charron, Minister of Correction Services Canada, telephoned to express his appreciation to Halifax Regional Municipality for the donation of generators to Quebec.

NOTE OF CONGRATULATIONS

Mayor Fitzgerald congratulated Mr. Steve Ogden, Mary Mattattal, Jeff Hopkins and Heather Hopkins for their success at the Mixed Curling Championships.

2. <u>APPROVAL OF THE ORDER OF BUSINESS AND ADDITIONS AND DELETIONS</u>

The Municipal Clerk requested the following item be deleted from the agenda, noting same will be brought forward to the January 27, 1998 Regional Council Session as an information item.

C Item #4.4.9 - Integrated Financial Management Project.

The Municipal Clerk requested the following additions:

- Councillor Kelly Garbage User Pay System
- C Councillor Mitchell Bed and Breakfasts
- C Deputy Mayor Rankin Status of Fire Services Negotiations
- Report from Harbour East Community Council re Dartmouth Lakes Advisory Board and Halifax County Watershed Advisory Board
- Report from Harbour East Community Council re Application on behalf of Irving Oil Limited to amend the Boundary Line between the Municipal Planning Strategies for Dartmouth and Cole Harbour/Westphal (set date for a public hearing).

Councillor Adams enquired if "Sable Gas" could be added to the agenda as item 4.1.2.

Further, the Municipal Clerk advised there was an addition to the Information Agenda, a memorandum from Ms. Judith Hare, CEO, Regional Library Board, entitled "Sheet Harbour Branch."

MOVED by Councillors Adams and Hetherington to adopt the Order of Business, as amended. MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

- 3. BUSINESS ARISING OUT OF THE MINUTES NONE
- 4. REPORTS
- 4.1 MEMBERS OF COUNCIL

4.1.1 Councillor Blumenthal - Crosswalk Guards

Councillor Blumenthal expressed concern with the current crosswalk guard contract and suggested the municipality was not getting its money worth. Further, the Councillor enquired if the terms of agreement provided for the laying off of guards, without pay, over the Christmas holidays.

Councillor Barnet enquired as to the number of times Police Services had to man crosswalks in the absence of guards.

MOVED by Councillors Blumenthal and Hetherington to refer this matter to Police Services for a report. MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

4.1.2 Councillor Adams - Sable Gas

Councillor Adams advised that a report will be tabled with Council during the February 3, 1998 Committee of the Whole Meeting.

4.2 REGIONAL HERITAGE ADVISORY COMMITTEE

4.2.1 <u>Heritage Incentive Program</u>

Copies of memoranda prepared for Mr. Dan English, Commissioner, Community Services; Mr. Turney Manzer, Chair, Heritage Advisory Committee, and correspondence from the Heritage Trust of Nova Scotia, and Heritage Canada, on the above-noted, were before Council.

Dr. John Lazier, President, Heritage Trust of Nova Scotia, addressed Council making the following statements:

- C Heritage Trust of Nova Scotia supports the recommendation of the Heritage Advisory Committee to reinstate the Heritage Incentive Program;
- C There are a number of houses that are not designated as heritage;
- C Heritage buildings bring tourists to the region, from which HRM can benefit;
- Referenced a New York Times article on Halifax which had been reprinted in the Mail Star.

Mayor Fitzgerald thanked Dr. Lazier for his presentation.

Mr. Paul McCulloch addressed Council referencing the New York Times article as well. Council was advised that Halifax was referred to as the ".. Most authentic seaport in North America." Further, Mr. McCulloch requested Council reconsider the reinstatement of the Heritage Incentive Program.

Mayor Fitzgerald thanked Mr. McCulloch for his presentation.

Councillor Epstein suggested this matter be referred to Operating Budget deliberations.

Councillor Downey enquired if there was provincial cost-sharing involved.

MOVED by Councillors Greenough and Dooks to refer the matter of reinstating the Heritage Incentive Program to Operating Budget deliberations. MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

4.3 ANIMAL REGISTRATION COMMITTEE

- 4.3.1 <u>By-Law D-100, the Dog Control By-Law & Administrative Order #11</u>

 <u>Respecting Fees for the Registration of Dogs (Supplementary Report)</u>
- C A supplementary report prepared for Councillor Hendsbee, Chair, Ad Hoc Animal Registration Committee, and correspondence from Thistle Permanently Registered

Shetland Sheepdogs, were before Council.

Councillor Hendsbee noted that as a result of comments raised by Council during it's December 16, 1997 Regional Council meeting, same was referred back to the Committee. The attached supplementary report addresses those comments.

MOVED by Councillors Hendsbee and Hetherington to adopt the recommendations of the Committee.

Mr. Reg Ridgley, Manager, Treasury, reviewed the report, responding to questions from Council. Mr. Ridgley made the following responses:

- fees will be collected in the same manner as last year; if names are not in the database, constables can go door to door. There had been a 50% response rate last year;
- there will be an education period implemented through an advertising campaign;
- c proof of neutering will be required;
- the Ad Hoc Committee is currently discussing microchipping and a pet pedigree program;
- the Committee needs to discuss an owner having the choice of a tag, sticker or microchipping;
- the Committee is working towards changing the definition of a kennel to enable them to license animals;
- the Committee is considering approaching Fire Services to involve Volunteer Firefighters.

Councillor Blumenthal suggested a partnership between HRM and the schools be established to distribute information on this issue, to parents, through students.

Councillor Barnet suggested the draft by-law was too technical.

In response to an enquiry from Councillor Dooks on innoculating animals, Mr. Ridgley advised it would appear there were animals coming into the Province that are infected with rabies. This suggested program would be a proactive response to this threat.

Councillor Cooper enquired on the definition of "effective control" and "unleashed." In response, Mr. Ridgley advised that the Committee has defined "fierce and dangerous" by action, and not by breed, however, he would research the matter further. However, should Council wish to have dogs under physical control, by leash, when the animal is off the premises of its owner, then a provision to address same can be included in the by-law.

requesting a provision be included in the by-law requiring a dog off the premises of its owner to be under effective, physical control of the owner or the person responsible.

In response to an enquiry of Councillor Dooks if the amendment was suggesting all dogs off their property would have to be leashed, Mr. Ridgley advised in the affirmative.

In response to an enquiry from Councillor Barnet as to how this amendment would affect hunting and show dogs, Mr. Barry Allen, Solicitor, stated the amendment means that all dogs would have to be on a leash, including hunting and show dogs. In response, Councillor Barnet advised he could then not support the amendment.

Councillor Snow expressed concern on the definition of a kennel and suggested that 'puppy farms' could result. In response, Mr. Ridgley advised that puppies up to 60 days of age would not be required to be registered. However, after 60 days of age, they would fall within the by-law and then must be registered. The by-law does not address dogs used for scientific purposes or left for extended periods of time.

Councillor McInroy expressed concern that owners may lose control of well trained dogs; the Councillor enquired if the Solicitor could review the draft by-law to determine if this is addressed.

Councillor Cooper suggested the by-law could be written to reflect the fact that show dogs and hunting dogs, when so engaged, shall not be leashed. The Councillor requested staff review this suggestion and address same when this issue is brought back to Council.

Councillor Stone stated the former City of Halifax's by-law stated a dog would be on a leash while in a public space.

Councillor Sarto enquired if dogs not being permitted in water areas where there are children swimming, could be addressed.

Councillor Hendsbee advised that most of the concerns raised by Council were addressed in the by-law, however, staff would revisit the by-law and report back to Council.

Mayor Fitzgerald advised these items will be clarified prior to Second Reading.

No vote was taken on the main motion, nor the amendment.

There was a general consensus to refer this matter back to staff for comment and to Council for Second Reading without recommendation.

At this point in the meeting (7:15 p.m.), the Committee of the Whole recessed to Special Session and reconvened at 8:50 p.m.

4.4 CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER

4.4.1 PA-DAR-04-97 - Amend the MPS for Dartmouth to Permit Rezoning of Wright's Cove from I-3 to I-2

C A memorandum prepared for Mr. Dan English, Commissioner, Community Services, on the above-noted, was before Council.

Mr. Stephen Feist, Planner, provided an overview of the report.

Staff was recommending that Council initiate a plan amendment process to review the plan policies and Map 3 of the Municipal Development Plan for Dartmouth concerning the area known as Wright's Cove and Navy Island. Further, the public participation be undertaken in accordance with the public participation resolution adopted by Regional Council on February 25, 1997.

Councillor Schofield enquired if the area between Windmill Road and Navy Island and Wright's Cove could also be reviewed.

MOVED by Councillors Schofield and Hetherington to recommend that Council initiate a plan amendment process to review the plan policies and Map 3 of the Municipal Development Plan for Dartmouth concerning the area between Windmill Road and Navy Island and Wright's Cove. Further, the public participation be undertaken in accordance with the public participation resolution adopted by Regional Council on February 25, 1997. MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

4.4.2 Revisions - Terms of Reference for MPS Strategy Review for Hammonds Plains, Beaver Bank and Upper Sackville

C A memorandum prepared for Mr. Dan English, Commissioner, Community Services, on the above-noted, was before Council.

North West Community Council was recommending that Council adopt the revised terms of reference for the plan review process for Hammonds Plains, Beaver Bank and Upper Sackville as contained in Appendix "A" of the staff report dated January 2,1998, to:

- a) extend the time frame for the Area Advisory Committee's consideration of the plan review issues until the end of February, 1998; and
- b) change the composition of the Area Advisory Committee by reducing the number of North West PAC representatives from three to two and increasing the number of Hammonds Plains representatives from two to three.

Deputy Mayor Rankin suggested that Council adopt alternative #2 which would allow for Council to amend the terms of reference to: (a) allow for the continuation of the Area Advisory Committee for an indefinite period of time; and (b) change the composition of the Committee's membership.

MOVED BY Deputy Mayor Rankin and Councillor Barnet to recommend that Council amend the terms of reference to: (a) allow for the continuation of the Area Advisory Committee for an indefinite period of time; and (b) change the composition of the Committee's membership.

Councillor Barnet suggested the time frame should be extended for an indefinite period of time.

No vote was taken on the Motion. Another Motion was put on the floor.

MOVED by Councillors Barnet and Stone to recommend that Council adopt the revised terms of reference for the plan review process for Hammonds Plains, Beaver Bank and Upper Sackville as contained in Appendix "A" of the staff report dated January 2,1998, to:

- a) extend the time frame for the Area Advisory Committee's consideration of the plan review issues until the end of November, 1998; and
- b) change the composition of the Area Advisory Committee by reducing the number of North West PAC representatives from three to two and increasing the number of Hammonds Plains representatives from two to three. MOTION PUT AND PASSED.
- 4.4.3 <u>Award of Tender 97-138: Three (3) 1997/98 Moel 4 x 4 Regular Cab</u>

 <u>Truck Complete with Snow Plow Package</u>
- A memorandum prepared for Mr. George McLellan, Commissioner, Regional Operations, on the above-noted, was before Council.

MOVED by Councillors Hetherington and Greenough to recommend that Council award Tender 97-138 for one (1) street sweeper for Fleet Services, to the lowest bidder, Saunders Equipment, at a total tender price (1) including taxes of \$213,656.20. Funds will be taken from 1997/98 Capital Budget Account #02-95118-6710. MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

4.4.4 <u>Award of Tender 97-139: Three (3) 1997/98 Model 4x4 Regular Cab Truck</u>
<u>Complete with Snow Plow Package</u>

MOVED by Councillors Sarto and Hetherington to recommend that Council award Tender 97-139 for two (2) 4x4 regular cab trucks, with plow and assembly and 4WD chassis, to the low bidder Carroll Pontiac Buick GMC at a total tender price (2 units) including taxes \$69,273.70; and

to award Tender 97-139 for one (1) 4x4 regular cab truck, without plow and assembly, to the low bidder Carroll Pontiac Buick GMC at a tender price (1 unit) including taxes \$30,450.85.

Funds will be taken from 1997/98 Capital Budget Vehicle Replacement Account #02-95118-6710. MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

In response to an enquiry from Councillor Walker as to when a vehicle will be delivered to the Centennial Arena, Mr. Peter Ross, Procurement, stated he would look into the matter.

- 4.4.5 <u>Memorial Stone Norwegian Merchant Navy and the Royal</u>
 Norwegian Navy and Army Sackville Landing Park
 Presentation Ms. Berit Pittman
- A memorandum prepared for Mr. George McLellan, Commissioner, Regional Operations, on the above-noted, was before Council.

Ms. Berit Pittman addressed Council reviewing the events that diverted the Norwegian Merchant Navy to Halifax Harbour during 1940. In memory of those members of the Merchant Navy who lost their lives at sea, or were buried in the Province, Ms. Pittman, representing the local Norwegian community, requested Council's approval of the placing of a memorial stone, at Sackville Landing Park, at no cost to the municipality.

MOVED by Councillors Mitchell and Downey to recommend that Council approve the placing of the Norwegian Memorial Stone, as described in the documents attached to the staff report dated January 6, 1998, at Sackville Landing Park at no cost to Halifax Regional Municipality. This includes no future maintenance costs to HRM; further

that the Norwegian Memorial Stone be located approximately 40' south of the Canadian Merchant Navy Memorial and be sited exactly as per the direction of HRM and that the installation meet the prescribed HRM Engineering Standards and requirements; further

that Halifax Regional Council direct staff to prepare a simplistic Letter of Agreement with the local Norwegian Representatives regarding the future care and maintenance of the stone. MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

4.4.6 <u>Metro Food Bank Society</u>

A memorandum prepared for Mr. George McLellan, Commissioner, Regional Operations, on the above-noted, was before Council.

Mr. Simpson McLeod, Manager, Building Transition Program, addressed Council noting this matter had been discussed previously, by Council, on December 16, 1997. There were five possible locations for the use of the Food Bank, however, the property located at 213-217 Bedford Highway, was the most appropriate.

MOVED by Councillors Kelly and Downey to recommend that Council instruct staff to negotiate a lease-to-purchase agreement with the Metro Food Bank Society for the property at 213-217 Bedford Highway (the former W.N. White property) and make appropriate recommendations to Council at an early date, so that these arrangements may be speedily concluded.

Deputy Mayor Rankin suggested the Province has not maintained the needs of the Metro Food Bank Society and that the municipality and the Province should meet to discuss this, particularly on a possible partnership in the acquisition of this property.

Councillor Hendsbee suggested the municipality sell the property to the Food Bank Society for \$1, with the condition that the Society be disqualified from receiving future grants.

Councillor Stone expressed concern with this property being suggested as an ideal location for the Food Bank. The company that formerly occupied the premises utilized tractor trailers and determined the location was not appropriate. The Councillor requested a staff report from the Traffic Authority on the ramifications of tractor trailers using this facility.

Councillor Stone also suggested the municipality should be able to sell the property for a reasonable price.

Councillors Harvey, Greenough and Kelly stated this issue needs to be dealt with now and that the municipality has an obligation to look after those in need even though this falls under the jurisdiction of the Province.

Councillor Kelly stated the Province should be approached to assist in this regard.

Councillor Kelly reminded Council that the Metro Food Bank Society is prepared to negotiate with the municipality to locate a facility; they are not asking for anything free.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

4.4.7 <u>Former School Board Offices - 1649 Brunswick Street - Presentation - Mr. Stephen Parsons</u>

A memorandum prepared for Mr. George McLellan, Commissioner, Regional Operations, on the above-noted, was before Council.

An Information Report had been distributed to Council on December 9, 1997.

Staff was recommending that Council:

- a) Declare the property at 1649 Brunswick Street (the former School Board offices) surplus to the Municipality's requirements;
- b) Authorize staff to arrange for the sale of the property, by calling for proposals, utilizing existing HRM staff, in a manner that will ensure its future protection, with the final transaction subject to Council's approval; and
- c) Request the Heritage Advisory Committee to advise at an early date on appropriate action to ensure the future protection of the property.

Mr. Stephen Parsons and another member from the public addressed Council noting they would support a tax increase to assist the Metro Food Bank.

A brief discussion ensued as to whether the sale of this property should be arranged by staff.

In response to a comment from Councillor Epstein that this matter be referred to the Heritage Advisory Committee (HAC), Mr. McLeod stated that staff was recommending it be referred to HAC in any case.

MOVED by Councillors Epstein and Walker to refer this matter to the Heritage Advisory Committee prior to moving on with recommendations 1 and 2. MOTION DEFEATED.

Councillor Stone suggested that the recommendation of staff be amended to call for proposals utilizing existing staff.

Councillor Epstein left the meeting at this point in time (10:10 p.m.).

MOVED by Councillors Stone and Walker to amend staff's recommendation #2 to authorize staff to arrange for the sale of the property, by calling for proposals,

utilizing existing HRM staff, in a manner that will ensure its future protection, with the final transaction subject to Council's approval. MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

A vote on the amended Motion took place.

MOVED by Councillors Stone and Walker to recommend that Council:

- 1. Declare the property at 1649 Brunswick Street (the former School Board offices) surplus to the Municipality's requirements;
- 2. Authorize staff to arrange for the sale of the property, by calling for proposals, utilizing existing HRM staff, in a manner that will ensure its future protection, with the final transaction subject to Council's approval; and
- 3. Request the Heritage Advisory Committee to advise at an early date on appropriate action to ensure the future protection of the property. MOTION PUT AND PASSED.
- 4.4.8 Solid Waste/Resource Management Strategy: Residential Collection
 Customer Definition
- C A memorandum prepared for Mr. George McLellan, Commissioner, Regional Operations, on the above-noted, was before Council.

MOVED by Councillors Kelly and Cunningham to refer this matter to the next Committee of the Whole scheduled for February 3, 1998. MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

4.4.9 <u>Integrated Financial Management Project</u>

This item had been deleted from the agenda at the commencement of the meeting.

5. PRESENTATIONS

- 5.1 <u>Abolition of Nuclear Weapons in the World Betty Peterson, NS</u>

 <u>Branch of the Canadian Network to Abolish Nuclear Weapon</u>
- A copy of a brochure from the Nova Scotia Branch of the Canadian Network to Abolish Nuclear Weapons, was before Council, for discussion.

Ms. Betty Peterson, addressed Council, and reading from a prepared statement, advised of the importance of the abolition of nuclear weapons. Ms. Peterson suggested Council consider adopting a resolution to call upon the Government of Canada and all nations to

immediately negotiate a convention before the year 2000 which sets out a binding timetable for the abolition of all nuclear weapons in the world.

MOVED by Councillors Blumenthal and Schofield that Halifax Regional Municipality call upon the Government of Canada and all nations to immediately negotiate a convention before the year 2000 which sets out a binding timetable for the abolition of all nuclear weapons in the world.

Councillor Hendsbee anticipated this motion would not impact on the Port of Halifax as a strategic defence to which Ms. Peterson advised in the negative.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

5.2 <u>By-Law for Banning Smoking in Malls - Mr. Nazareth Yemane</u>

Reading from a prepared statement, Mr. Yemane addressed Council, noting he currently owns a coffee shop called CIAU CAFE in the Downview Mall, Lower Sackville. As a result of the smoking ban, his business has decreased by 80%.

Mr. Yemane suggested the by-law was unfair and applied unequally. In the vicinity of Mr. Yemane's coffee shop are three bars and restaurants, one night club, one bowling alley, and an A & W. As all of these businesses sell coffee with their meals, Mr. Yemane suggested his business would be the only one affected, throughout the mall, by the new by-law. While individuals wish to smoke when having a coffee, patrons no longer visit his place of business.

Mr. Yemane suggested that bars and restaurants in the mall be included in this by-law from 7:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m. After 9:00 p.m., these businesses should be exempt from the by-law.

Mayor Fitzgerald thanked Mr. Yemane for his presentation.

MOVED by Councillors Harvey and Walker to recommend that concerns raised by Mr. Nazareth Yemane, CIAU CAFE, be referred to the Smoking By-Law Work Group. Further, that Mr. Yemane's concerns be addressed prior to the Group forwarding its report to Council in April, 1998. MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

EXTENSION OF MEETING

MOVED by Councillors Greenough and Hetherington to extend the meeting to 11:00 p.m. MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

6. ADDED ITEMS

6.1 <u>Councillor Kelly - Garbage User Pay System</u>

This was deferred as part of agenda item 4.4.8.

6.2 Councillor Mitchell - Bed and Breakfast

CONFLICT OF INTEREST

Councillor McInroy declared a Conflict of Interest due to the fact that he is employed by the Provincial Assessment Department, and left his place at the meeting.

Councillor Mitchell passed information on Commercial Assessment of B & B's and the Municipality of the County of Cumberland, to the Municipal Clerk.

Councillor Mitchell requested a staff report - for a future Committee of the Whole meeting - on a recent decision of the Province, to assess Bed and Breakfasts as Commercial. The Councillor requested that staff address those B & B's that fall under the "4 rooms and under" size, in District 23.

MOVED by Councillor Mitchell and Deputy Mayor Rankin that a staff report be prepared - for a future meeting of Committee of the Whole - on a recent decision of the Province to assess Bed and Breakfasts as Commercial. The Councillor requested that staff address B & B's, in District 23, that fall under the "4 rooms and under" size. MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

6.3 Deputy Mayor Rankin - Status of Fire Services Negotiations

At the request of Deputy Mayor Rankin, Mr. Ken Meech, Chief Administrative Officer, advised that staff was aware of the fact that those involved in negotiations wish to obtain parity. Although the municipality does not disagree with this fact, it is HRM's position to return to the bargaining table.

6.4 Report from Harbour East Community Council re: Dartmouth Lakes Advisory Board and Halifax County Watershed Advisory Board

C A memorandum prepared for Councillor Cooper, Chair, Harbour East Community Council, on the above-noted, was before Council.

MOVED by Councillors Cooper and Schofield to recommend that Council approves the adoption of the Dartmouth Lakes Advisory Board and the Halifax County Watershed Advisory Board as Advisory Committees to the Harbour East Community Council. MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

- 6.5 Report from Harbour East Community Council re: Application on behalf of Irving Oil Limited to amend the Boundary Line between the Municipal Planning Strategies for Dartmouth and Cole Harbour/Westphal (set date for public hearing)
- C A memorandum prepared for Councillor Cooper, Chair, Harbour East Community Council, on the above-noted, was before Council.

MOVED by Councillors Cooper and Greenough to recommend that Council set a public hearing date for March 3, 1998. MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

7. ADJOURNMENT

MOVED by Councillors Blumenthal and Greenough to adjourn the meeting at 10:50 p.m. MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Vi Carmichael MUNICIPAL CLERK