

HALIFAX REGIONAL MUNICIPALITY

HALIFAX REGIONAL COUNCIL COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MINUTES JULY 7, 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
Larry Uteck
Sheila Fougere
Russell Walker
Bill Stone
Ron Hanson
Stephen Adams
Robert Harvey
Barry Barnet
Jack Mitchell

REGRETS Councillor Peter Kelly

STAFF: Mr. Ken Meech, Chief Administrative Officer
Mr. Wayne Anstey, Municipal Solicitor
Ms. Vi Carmichael, Municipal Clerk
Ms. Jane Nauss, Assistant Municipal Clerk
Ms. Sandra Shute, Assistant Municipal Clerk

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Mayor Fitzgerald called the meeting to order at 2:30 p.m.

At a later point in the meeting, Mayor Fitzgerald acknowledged receipt of a plaque from the RCMP to the Halifax Regional Municipality in appreciation for the floral arrangement in the Public Gardens, in recognition of the 125th Anniversary of the RCMP.

1. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES** - June 23, 1998

**MOVED by Councillors Blumenthal and Uteck to adopt the minutes of June 23, 1998.
MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

2. **APPROVAL OF THE ORDER OF BUSINESS AND APPROVAL OF
ADDITIONS AND DELETIONS**

The Municipal Clerk requested the deletion of agenda item #5.5 - Halifax Regional Drug Prevention Network.

The Municipal Clerk requested the addition of the following items to the agenda:

- 4.4.20 Tender #98-181, LeBrun Centre Renovations - Phase I
- 6.1 Report from the Expanded Audit Committee - Program and Service Review
- 6.2 Report - Halifax Regional Municipality Pension Plan and Governance Structure
- 6.3 Report - Amendment to By-Law P-304 (City of Dartmouth Employees' Retirement Pension Plan) Regarding Benefits for Members of the Fire and Police Bargaining Units
- 6.4 Councillor Stone - Resolution to Federation of Canadian Municipalities Regarding "Airports"
- 6.5 Councillor Adams - Committee of the Whole / Council Structure
- 6.6 Report - Preston Boundaries.

Councillor Cunningham requested the addition of the following item to the agenda:

- 6.7 Metro Centre Brine Chiller.

Councillor Uteck requested the addition of the following item to the agenda:

- 6.8 Area Plan - South Barrington.

At the request of the Municipal Clerk, there was a consensus to discuss agenda item #4.3.1 - Smoking by-Law Working Group, during the evening portion of the meeting.

MOVED by Councillors Hetherington and Greenough 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 **GRANT COMMITTEE**

4.1.1 **1998/99 Grant Recommendations**

- A memorandum prepared by Councillor Hendsbee on the above-noted, was before Council.

MOVED by Councillor Dooks and Deputy Mayor Rankin that it be recommended to Council to approve the Committee's recommendations for community grants for fiscal year 1998-99 in the amount of \$862,105, as listed in Appendix 1 in the report dated June 30, 1998.

With the agreement of Council, Mr. Ken Pinto, Atlantic Fringe Festival, addressed Council requesting additional funding.

A Motion to amend the Main Motion was put on the floor.

MOVED by Councillors Stone and Greenough that the Motion be amended such that the allocation for the Atlantic Fringe Festival be reconsidered by the Grant Committee. MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

MOVED by Councillors Blumenthal and Cunningham to allocate an additional \$5,000 for the Canadian Mental Health Association (Dartmouth). MOTION DEFEATED.

MOVED by Councillors Schofield and Hetherington to allocate an addition \$3,500 for the Dartmouth District 9 Citizens Association. MOTION DEFEATED.

Councillor Barnet expressed concern with the fact that Council was currently budgeting items through the Grant Committee, as opposed to through the actual budget process. In response, Ms. Barb Nehiley, Priority and Policy, advised that various funding requests would eventually be part of budget deliberations, however, for this year, this was an interim step.

At the request of Councillor Dooks regarding Regional Search and Rescue (EMO), Ms. Nehiley advised that the EMO Co-ordinator (Mr. Barry Manuel) would be able to provide detailed information re allocation of funding. Councillor Dooks advised he would contact Mr. Manuel directly.

Deputy Mayor Rankin assumed the Chair at 3:00 p.m.

MOVED by Councillors Hetherington and Sarto that the allocation of \$10,000 for the Dartmouth Literacy Network be reconsidered by the Committee, to reinstate an additional \$3,000. MOTION DEFEATED.

Councillor Hendsbee took his place at the meeting (3:15 p.m.).

With the agreement of Council, Ms. Marlene Moore, Halifax Regional Drug Prevention Network, addressed Council, seeking clarification from Council as which direction the Network should take. Deputy Mayor Rankin suggested the correspondence pertaining to same, included in the Council package, be forwarded to the Grant Committee for discussion.

Councillor Hendsbee, Chair, Grant Committee, thanked members of the Committee, as well as staff, on a job well done, in preparing this report. Many similar comments were echoed by Members of Council.

Councillor Cooper took his place at 3:30 p.m.

A vote on the Main Motion, as amended, took place. **MOTION PUT AND PASSED.**

4.2 REGIONAL HERITAGE ADVISORY COMMITTEE

4.2.1 5277-83 Morris Street: Application for Substantial Alteration

- A memorandum prepared for Mr. Turney Manzer, Chair, Heritage Advisory Committee, on the above-noted, was before Council.

MOVED by Councillors Harvey and Downey that it be recommended to Council to approve the application for substantial alteration as presented to the Heritage Advisory Committee at their meeting of April 29, 1998 and described in the submission and design drawings dated April 22, 1998, attached to the report dated July 2, 1998; *in conjunction with the Public Hearing scheduled for July 14, 1998.* MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Councillor Schofield reiterated an earlier request for a staff report on available funding for owners of heritage property.

4.3 SMOKING BY-LAW WORK GROUP

4.3.1 Smoking By-Law

- A memorandum prepared for Mr. Todd Leader, Chair, Smoking By-Law Working Group, on the above-noted, was before Council. Copies of overheads outlining the Committee's recommendations were distributed to Council.

Mr. Todd Leader, Chair, Smoking By-law Work Group provided information on how the Work Group had arrived at its recommendations, the dynamics of the group and subsequently presented the recommendations.

With regard to the deferral to the Work Group to deal with the Ciao Cafe in Lower Sackville, Mr. Leader advised the Work Group had been unable to come up with a recommendation as to how to effectively deal with it as they could not identify any kind of exception to the By-law. This particular business should be treated the same as all other businesses and live by the By-law in place.

Mr. Leader stated that the recommendations before the Committee were balanced and represented the interests of both sides. Both sides were equally somewhat happy with the recommendations but the Committee was established with the majority of representation from the business community so that whatever moves were taken would be reasonably safe. Even with that composition of the Committee, the Committee came up with recommendations for progress. The recommendations, however, do not go even close to where they should and they will not, by themselves, protect the health of people but are, however, a good first step. His understanding of public policy and of Council's role was to find balance and these recommendations provide that.

In response to a question from Councillor Hendsbee if the 25% requirement for bingo halls was seating capacity or square footage, Mr. Leader advised it was seating capacity. Further, with regard to incentives, Councillor Hendsbee suggested that Council may want to consider some kind of tax holiday to assist with the installation of ventilation systems.

Councillor Cunningham asked when the next step might be taken to make the restrictions more stringent. In reply, Mr. Leader advised that if Council were to implement the recommendations now, there would be blanket coverage over all public venues. At that point, based on the percentage type of approach taken, it becomes a much easier process to move forward. Council could set whatever time frame it liked, as long as it was done in a gradual fashion. Other jurisdictions have tended to look at annual changes.

Councillor Harvey expressed concern that the incremental approach will stop and there will be no further increments. He would have liked to have seen recommendations with

a timetable attached and timetables attached to existing regulations dealing with restaurants. He endorsed the assumption, however, that HRM wants to proceed with further regulatory efforts. The Province, which is primarily responsible for public health, should take some lead in this issue across the province.

The Committee was recommending the following:

1. The preferred regulatory approach to beginning public protection from ETS in bars is to require a non-smoking area equal to 25% of seating and/or gaming area in all liquor licensed establishments which are not solely restaurants (including the Casino, pool halls, other licensed gaming establishments, and licenced community centres, fire halls, etc.), effective during all operating hours.
2. The preferred regulatory approach to beginning public protection from ETS in currently unregulated restaurants (under 30 seats) is to require a non-smoking area of 50% of seating capacity consistent with the restrictions currently applied to all other restaurants under by-law S-200.
3. The preferred regulatory approach to beginning public protection from ETS in bowling alleys is to mandate a minium percentage of weekly operating hours as smoke-free, with the exact days and times of those hours being determined by each affected business.
4. The preferred regulatory approach to beginning public protection from ETS in bingo halls is to mandate a non-smoking section equal to 25% of all seating capacity, effective during all operating hours.
5. The preferred regulatory approach to beginning public protection from ETS in entrance ways to buildings is to mandate at least one main entrance of all publicly accessible buildings be smoke-free.
6. The preferred regulatory approach to public protection from ETS in taxis is to:
(1) provide a clear legal definition and designation procedure of *smoke-free taxi* (which we understand already may exist), (2) mandate external signage on all taxis indicating designation as smoking or non-smoking, and (3) prohibit smoking for the duration of any ride in any taxi (smoking or non-smoking) if requested by a customer.
7. Halifax Regional Municipality direct technical staff to investigate the potential uses and limitations of ventilation systems as a means of removing harmful tobacco toxins from the air (i.e., can such systems be effective to the extent that non-smokers sharing that air space with smokers would be prevented from being

exposed to those toxins.

8. The Halifax Regional Municipality encourage the provincial and federal governments to (1) use a portion of tobacco taxes to provide grants and/or low interest loans for businesses to install systems which *effectively* reduce harmful exposure to ETS, and (2) fund more educational efforts regarding ETS to further increase acceptance of regulations among businesses and the general public.

Further, an additional recommendation was presented to Council:

9. The Halifax Regional Municipality encourage the provincial and federal governments to (1) use a portion of tobacco taxes to provide grants and/or low interest loans for businesses to install systems which *effectively* reduce harmful exposure to ETS, and (2) fund more educational efforts regarding ETS to further increase acceptance of regulations among businesses and the general public.

MOVED by Councillors Harvey and Cunningham that it be recommended to Council that the recommendations in the report which lend themselves to amendments to By-law S-200 be prepared by staff for consideration of Council and that the other recommendations be pursued as recommended by the members of Committee; further, that this come back in the form of a report in due course.

The following discussion on the Motion took place.

Councillor Fougere referred to the fact that a number of bowling alleys have a licenced facility within their premises and asked if the intent was for them to fall under two categories. In reply, Mr. Leader advised that it was the intent that a licenced establishment was a separate area and would fall under licenced establishments.

Councillor Walker requested that the Staff Report include a timetable so that Council will know when it will reach 100%.

Councillor Blumenthal asked if bowling alleys could have a smoking area rather than having a time frame for non-smoking. Further, with regard to private clubs, he questioned the legal ramifications of private clubs and the province's involvement. In response, Mr. Leader advised that bowling alleys could be revisited because either approach could be feasible. With regard to private clubs, Mr. Leader advised that legal staff had provided input and if something is designated as a private club, HRM does not have jurisdiction to regulate smoking. Whether or not there was a way to clearly define "private club" would be a goal.

Mr. Anstey, referring to private clubs, stated it went back to HRM's ability to pass By-laws. At the present time, the section of the HRM Act giving authority to pass the By-law says that HRM has the ability to regulate or prohibit smoking in places to which the public has access. The challenge would be to craft a definition that tries to limit the scope of these private clubs as much as possible but, given the wording, there may well be challenges of a legal nature in respect to those efforts.

Councillor Cooper referred to bowling alleys and the concept of a time restriction versus an area restriction and expressed concern that the times when most people are at danger from the extra smoke would be the time when there are no restrictions. The application of a percentage over the long term would be much more beneficial than the hour restriction. This should be included in the Staff Report.

With regard to taxis, Councillor Adams said he would like the taxi aspect referred to the Taxi Committee because at one time there had been three classes of taxis as it referred to smoking. He requested that the Staff Report include how HRM can dictate to private enterprise what they can do in an environment where patrons have the option of choice.

Councillor Stone suggested there should be research carried out into the value of ventilation and whether or not it is a safe alternative.

Councillor Harvey noted smoking was a Public Health issue, not an issue of civil rights or private property rights. As soon as a business opens its doors and invites the public in, the public, through government, regulates. This was just another way that the public, through government, was regulating in its own best interests.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

The staff report is to take the following matters into consideration:

1. Concern that the incremental approach will stop with no further increments;
2. Inclusion of a timetable for implementation and when 100% will be reached - Goals and objectives could be included in the time frame.
3. Legal ramifications of private clubs and the province's involvement;
4. Consideration for the application of a percentage over the long term would be much more beneficial than hour restrictions re bowling alleys;
5. The taxi recommendations should be referred to the Taxi Committee;
6. HRM, as a government body, dictate to private enterprise what they can do in an environment where patrons have the option of choice (this is a public health issue);
7. Research into the value of ventilation and whether or not it is a safe alternative.

Mayor Fitzgerald thanked Mr. Leader and the members of his Committee on a job well done.

4.4 CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER

4.4.1 Tender 98-216, Wyse Road/Nantucket Avenue Intersection

- A memorandum prepared for Mr. George McLellan, Deputy Chief Administrative Officer, on the above-noted, was before Council.

MOVED by Councillors Cunningham and Hetherington that it be recommended to Council to:

- a) Award Tender 98-216, Wyse Road/Nantucket Avenue Intersection Upgrade for materials and services listed at the unit prices quoted for a Total Tender Price of \$572,700 and a Total Project Cost of \$658,605, to Ocean Contractors Limited;**
- b) Approve the appointment of O'Halloran Campbell Consultants Limited to provide project management and site inspection services at an estimated cost of \$30,000 plus HST;**
- c) Authorize funding for this project as noted in the Budget Implications section of the staff report dated June 24, 1998. MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

4.4.2 Tender 98-331, Resurfacing, Various Locations - East Region

- A memorandum prepared for Mr. George McLellan, Deputy Chief Administrative Officer, on the above-noted, was before Council.

MOVED by Councillors Hetherington and Uteck that it be recommended to Council to award Tender No. 98-33, Resurfacing, East Region to Basin Contracting Ltd. for a Total Tender Price of \$444,230.98 and a Total Project Cost of \$510,866.00 with funding from the Capital Account number noted in the Budget Implications section of the staff report dated June 24, 1998. MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

4.4.3 Tender 98-305, Resurfacing Part III, Various Locations - West Region

- A memorandum prepared for Mr. George McLellan, Deputy Chief Administrative Officer, on the above-noted, was before Council.

MOVED by Councillors Uteck and Hetherington that it be recommended to Council to award Tender No. 98-305, Resurfacing Part III, West Region to Basin Contracting Ltd. for materials and services specified at the unit prices quoted for a Total Tender Price of \$432,092.95 and a Total Project Cost of \$496,907.00 with funding from the Capital Account number noted in the Budget Implications section of the staff report dated June 24, 1998. MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

4.4.4 Tender 98-223, Lot 7H Clean-Up, Evergreen Place, Halifax

- A memorandum prepared for Mr. George McLellan, Deputy Chief Administrative Officer, on the above-noted, was before Council.

MOVED by Councillors Hetherington and Sarto, that it be recommended to Council to:

- Authorize the approval of an increase in funds from \$73,000 to \$160,485 from the Municipality's Sale of Land Reserve Account No. 22-80232, Clean-Up of Dumpsites;**
- award Tender 98-223, Lot 7H Clean-up, Evergreen Place, to Maritime Excavators (1994) Limited for materials and services specified at the unit prices quoted for a Total Tender price of \$139,552.50 and a Total Project Cost of \$160,485. MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**4.4.5 Tender 98-067, Asphalt Patching - East Region
Tender 98-068, Asphalt Patching - Central Region**

- A memorandum prepared for Mr. George McLellan, Deputy Chief Administrative Officer, on the above-noted, was before Council.

MOVED by Councillors Hetherington and Cunningham that it be recommended to Council to authorize the award of Tender 98-068 to Ocean Contractors Ltd. for the bid amount of \$139,759.50 and the award of Tender 98-067 to Dexter Construction for the bid amount of \$139,092.50. MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

4.4.6 Tender 98-214, Contract #1, Camden Street Storm Drainage System

- A memorandum prepared for Mr. George McLellan, Deputy Chief Administrative Officer, on the above-noted, was before Council.

MOVED by Councillors Cunningham and Blumenthal that it be recommended to Council to award Tender No. 98-214, Contract #1, Camden Street Storm Drainage

MOVED by Councillors Uteck and Hetherington that it be recommended to Council to award Tender No. 98-305, Resurfacing Part III, West Region to Basin Contracting Ltd. for materials and services specified at the unit prices quoted for a Total Tender Price of \$432,092.95 and a Total Project Cost of \$496,907.00 with funding from the Capital Account number noted in the Budget Implications section of the staff report dated June 24, 1998. **MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

4.4.4 Tender 98-223, Lot 7H Clean-Up, Evergreen Place, Halifax

- A memorandum prepared for Mr. George McLellan, Deputy Chief Administrative Officer, on the above-noted, was before Council.

MOVED by Councillors Hetherington and Sarto, that it be recommended to Council to:

- a) Authorize the approval of an increase in funds from \$73,000 to \$160,485 from the Municipality's Sale of Land Reserve Account No. 22-80232, Clean-Up of Dumpsites;
- b) award Tender 98-223, Lot 7H Clean-up, Evergreen Place, to Maritime Excavators (1994) Limited for materials and services specified at the unit prices quoted for a Total Tender price of \$139,552.50 and a Total Project Cost of \$160,485. **MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**4.4.5 Tender 98-067, Asphalt Patching - East Region
Tender 98-068, Asphalt Patching - Central Region**

- A memorandum prepared for Mr. George McLellan, Deputy Chief Administrative Officer, on the above-noted, was before Council.

MOVED by Councillors Hetherington and Cunningham that it be recommended to Council to authorize the award of Tender 98-068 to Ocean Contractors Ltd. for the bid amount of \$139,759.50 and the award of Tender 98-067 to Dexter Construction for the bid amount of \$139,092.50. **MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

4.4.6 Tender 98-214, Contract #1, Camden Street Storm Drainage System

- A memorandum prepared for Mr. George McLellan, Deputy Chief Administrative Officer, on the above-noted, was before Council.

MOVED by Councillors Cunningham and Blumenthal that it be recommended to Council to award Tender No. 98-214, Contract #1, Camden Street Storm Drainage

System to Ocean Contractors Limited for materials and services specified at the unit prices quoted for a Total Tender Price of \$193,198.85 and a Total Project Cost of \$222,179 with funding from the Capital Account Number noted in the Budget Implications section of the staff report dated June 25, 1998. MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

4.4.7 Tender 98-256, Walker Connector - Paving Renewal

- A memorandum prepared for Mr. George McLellan, Deputy Chief Administrative Officer, on the above-noted, was before Council.

MOVED by Councillors Mitchell and Harvey that it be recommended to Council to award Tender No. 98-256, Walker Connector - Paving Renewal to Tidewater Construction Co. Ltd. for materials and services specified at the unit prices quoted for a Total Tender Price of \$93,288 and a Total Project Cost of \$107,281 with funding from the Capital Account Number noted in the Budget Implications section of the staff report dated June 26, 1998. MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

4.4.8 Expression of Interest 98-055 - Relocation of 5220 North Street, 5224-26 North Street

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

MOVED by Councillors Downey and Mitchell that it be recommended to Council to authorize the award of the Expressions of Interest #98-055 to Mr. Walker A. Drolet for the relocation of the two municipally owned buildings located at 5220 and 5224-26 North Street. This includes the sale of Lot AM 21, Barrington Street, for \$45,000 plus any additional taxes or closing adjustments that may be applicable. Balance of funds to be deposited in the Sale of Land Account. MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

4.4.9 Concrete Curb and Sidewalk Repairs - Central Region

- A memorandum prepared by Mr. George McLellan, Deputy Chief Administrative Officer, on the above-noted, was before Council.

MOVED by Councillors Blumenthal and Uteck that it be recommended to Council to authorize the award of Tender 98-069 to Ocean Contractors Ltd. for the bid amount of \$55,683.00. MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

4.4.10 Interim Award Policy

- A memorandum prepared for Mr. George McLellan, Deputy Chief Administrative Officer, on the above-noted, was before Council.

The purpose of this report was to authorize the Chief Administrative Officer to approve contracts as well as the purchase and sale of property, during the summer break.

MOVED by Councillors Blumenthal and Hetherington that it be recommended to Council to approve an interim policy to facilitate the award of tenders during the summer break. The proposed award policy would allow the Chief Administrative Officer to award tenders on the following basis during the period of July 15, 1998 to August 17, 1998.

- The tender is awarded to the lowest responsible bidder meeting specifications; the award is not to a sole source;
- to award a Call for Proposals where a standard procurement process has been followed and the contract is awarded to the best overall submission;
- and where the funds and program have been approved by Council.

Further, that the Chief Administrative Officer approve the purchase and sale of property under the following criteria:

- The purchase and / or sale is within 15 percent of the appraised value of the property;
- The purchase of property is required for Capital Projects and does not exceed \$250,000;
- Any sale of property must have been previously declared surplus by Council.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

4.4.11 Area-Rated Loan to Finance Replacement of Septic Field for Herring Cove Fire Hall

- A memorandum prepared for Mr. Dan English, Deputy Chief Administrative Officer, on the above-noted, was before Council.

It has been determined that the septic field for the Herring Cove Fire Hall has failed and requires replacement to prevent contamination of wells in the surrounding homes.

MOVED by Councillors Adams and Hanson that it be recommended to Council to

authorize the issuing of an area-rated loan for \$30,000 at 5.96 percent to be amortized over 5 years. MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

4.4.12 Records Schedule for Pre-Amalgamation Administration Records

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

Section 43.1 of the HRM Act states that Council may develop a policy for the destruction of records. An Administrative Order Respecting a Records Schedule for Pre-Amalgamation Administrative Records would be the first step towards developing comprehensive retention and destruction policies for the municipality.

MOVED by Councillors Blumenthal and Mitchell that it be recommended to Council to adopt Administrative Order #13 Records Schedule for Pre-Amalgamation Administrative Records. MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

4.4.13 Removal of Tariff on Imported Autos Entering Canada

- A memorandum prepared for Mr. Ken Meech, Chief Administrative Officer, on the above-noted, was before Council.

During the May 26, 1998 Regional Council Session, staff was directed to prepare a report on a request by Mr. Steven Eddy (CAW Canadian Auto Workers) to adopt a resolution in support of the CAW's Auto Tariff Campaign.

MOVED by Councillors Greenough and Hetherington that it be recommended to Council to approve the following resolution, which reflects a minor change from the resolution proposed by the CAW:

WHEREAS the auto industry, largely due to the Auto Pact, is critical to the economic health of Canada and its communities. This important industry has been described as the engine of the Canadian economy; and

WHEREAS trade policy has always been central to Canadian auto policy; Auto provides 150,000 direct jobs (assembly and components) and some 175,000 spinoff jobs (steel, plastics, glass, rubber, etc.); and

WHEREAS the federal government is contemplating an end to the Auto Pact by eliminating tariffs on all vehicles and components coming from overseas; and

WHEREAS overseas auto companies have demonstrated a markedly lower

commitment to investment and jobs than Auto Pact member companies; and

WHEREAS the elimination of tariffs facing non Auto Pact companies would inevitably lead to significant job losses in the many communities in Canada that depend on the auto industry, either directly or indirectly through related activities such as parts, production and spinoff economic activity; and

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Federal Government cease any action, legislative, or otherwise, that would lead to the elimination of auto tariffs on vehicle assembly. In addition, the Federal Government must fully commit to protect the principles of the Auto Pact; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this Council go on record with Federal and Provincial Governments in supporting the immediate withdrawal of any intention to implement such tariff removal and ensure the protection of the Auto Pact, specifically as it applies to Volvo Canada. **MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

4.4.14 Department of Transportation and Public Works Cost Sharing

- A memorandum prepared for Mr. George McLellan, Deputy Chief Administrative Officer, on the above-noted, was before Council.

Correspondence had been received from the Nova Scotia Department of Transportation and Public Works, on June 18, 1998, pertaining to the above-noted.

MOVED by Councillors Walker and Hanson that it be recommended to Council to approve:

- a) **Cost-sharing with the Province for the following projects:**
 - **Design of Bi-Hi ramps to Joseph Howe Drive on a 50/50 basis with the Nova Scotia Department of Transportation and Public Works' share at \$40,000;**
 - **Highway 102 and Lacewood Drive Traffic Study, on a 50/50 basis with HRM share at \$12,000;**
- b) **Authorize His Worship the Mayor and Municipal Clerk to sign an agreement with the Province on behalf of HRM;**

- c) Funds for these projects are available as per the Budget Implications section of the staff report dated June 30, 1998. **MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

4.4.15 Real Property Management Program

- A memorandum prepared for Mr. George McLellan, Deputy Chief Administrative Officer, on the above-noted, was before Council.

This report was to provide an update on the surplus properties owned by HRM.

MOVED by Councillor Sarto and Deputy Mayor Rankin that it be recommended to Council that:

- a) the 20 properties listed in Appendix 'B' of the staff report dated June 25, 1998 be declared surplus and offered for sale in the disposal categories indicated and further that any properties which are tendered without attracting an acceptable offer be moved into the listing agent category;
- b) that Council authorize an expenditure not to exceed \$20,000 from the Sale of Land Capital Reserve account for the installation of sewer and water laterals on lots TB-1, TB-2 and TB-4, Doyle Street, Appendix 'B.' **MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

4.4.16 Fire Protection Rate on Exempt Properties

- A memorandum prepared for Mr. George McLellan, Deputy Chief Administrative Officer, on the above-noted, was before Council.

MOVED by Councillors Walker and Mitchell that it be recommended to Council to reconfirm the following policy for Fire Protection billings on property classified as exempt under the Assessment Act of the Province of Nova Scotia:

- 1) Churches normally classified as exempt commercial under the Assessment Act of the Province of Nova Scotia will be charged the residential rate of \$.038 per hundred dollars of assessment for the 1997/98 and 1998/99 taxation years.
- 2) Sports fields, non-profit recreation facilities and graveyards will be provided a grant sufficient to offset the annual Fire Protection charge for the 1997/98 and 1998/99 taxation years (see Schedule A attached to staff report dated June 26, 1998).

- 3) The due date for the new 1997/98 billings of Fire Protection on properties classified as exempt billed in January of 1998 will be extended to February 28, 1999 and will have no interest charged until that date.
- 4) Legions will be charged in accordance with the rate applicable for their assessment classifications under the Assessment Act of the Province of Nova Scotia (see Schedule B attached to staff report dated June 26, 1998).
- 5) All other exempt properties within 1200 feet of a fire hydrant shall be charged the residential rate of \$.038 or the commercial rate of \$.096 in accordance with their respective assessment classification for the 1997/98 and 1998/99 taxation years. MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

4.4.17 Les Collins Avenue - Private Road

- A memorandum prepared for Mr. George McLellan, Deputy Chief Administrative Officer, on the above-noted, was before Council.

MOVED by Councillors Hendsbee and Dooks that it be recommended to Council to authorize staff to proceed with the process to take ownership and assume responsibility for the maintenance of Les Collins Avenue as per the approved Procedure for Acceptance of Private Streets. MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

4.4.18 Request for Expression of Interest, Harbour Solutions Project

- A memorandum prepared for Mr. Ken Meech, Chief Administrative Officer, on the above-noted, was before Council.

Staff had initially recommended to Council that a Request for Expressions of Interest (RFI) be issued to the private sector to determine the level and type of interest in participating in the Harbour Cleanup Project. The RFI was issued May 9, 1998.

MOVED by Councillors Hetherington and Sarto that it be recommended to Council that:

- a) Council authorize staff to proceed to issue a Request for Qualifications (RFQ) which will identify companies qualified to undertake projects of this type and scale of the harbour solutions project, and which will be used to identify a short list of candidates who may be invited to respond to a later Request for Proposals.

- b) The scope of the RFQ should encompass a public-private partnership approach to the project. The preferred approach will involve a build-own-operate partnership, including design, construction, financing, and eventual transfer to the municipality, of sewage treatment facilities, collection infrastructure, and biosolids facilities, for the Halifax Harbour Solutions project. Prospective partners will be expected to participate in identifying sites, and to take the lead in obtaining required approvals and permits.
MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

4.4.19 Proposed Open Space Dedication: Haliburton Heights Subdivision - Parkland

- A memorandum prepared for Mr. Dan English, Deputy Chief Administrative Officer, on the above-noted, was before Council.

MOVED by Deputy Mayor Rankin and Councillor Mitchell that it be recommended to Council to accept the proposal for a combination of land and development for parkland dedication required in Haliburton Heights Subdivision, Stillwater Lake. MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

4.4.20 Award of Tender #98-191 - LeBrun Centre Renovations - Phase 1

- A memorandum prepared for Mr. Dan English, Deputy Chief Administrative Officer, on the above-noted, was before Council.

MOVED by Councillors Uteck and Harvey that it be recommended to Council to award Tender 98-180 LeBrun Centre Renovations Phase 1 to Provincial Electric Limited for the Lump Sum Price of \$125,925.00. MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

5. PRESENTATIONS

5.1 Acknowledgement on Behalf of Concerned Parents in Eastern Passage Against Split Shifts - Mrs. Lesley Dunn

- Correspondence from Lesley Dunn on behalf of concerned parents in Eastern Passage against split shifts, was before the Committee for consideration.
- Petition signed by 600 voters stating that they will not accept split shifts as a solution to overcrowding in the community along with documentation re the Eastern Passage Junior High overcrowding issue was submitted.

Ms. Lesley Dunn, 69 Sandewood Terrace, Eastern Passage, made a presentation to the Committee regarding the above, making the following points:

- Questioned what had transpired resulting in the School Board's decision not to follow the recommendation from the citizen committee, not to turn the process back to the community as requested and to implement split shifts without telling the community until after the School Board meeting on May 26, 1998 ;
- Public information was being kept from the community;
- Implementation of split shifts was against the will of the community. Due process has not been followed and a breach of civil rights has occurred. The School Board has given no mandate to staff to meet with the community;
- It is clear this is now a civil action matter;
- Recognizing the sincere efforts from Council and welcoming any alternative, she asked for guidance from Council and expressed a sincere and heartfelt thanks for the work done on behalf of the community to date.

Councillor McInroy stated it was abundantly clear this was a School Board matter; however, Council had demonstrated its commitment to the democratic process which was what Council was supporting all along. With regard to the particular views of the group that Ms. Dunn represents, Council's commitment was more in support of an opportunity to allow them to speak and make a case. From his point of view, his commitment continues to be that and nothing more than that. He thanked Ms. Dunn and those who worked with her in representing the interests of those people who signed the Petition and others who support the views that they are attempting to express to the School Board.

5.2 Halifax Regional Municipality Workplace Education - Kathy Brown, Human Resources Consultant

- A report re Workplace Education Evaluation Results: February 1998 was before Committee.

Ms. Kathy Brown, Human Resources Consultant made a presentation to the Committee regarding the above, providing information of the Program's primary objective, partnership and development and gave an update on some of the successes of the Workplace Education Program. In conclusion, Ms. Brown asked for continued support of the Program.

Mayor Fitzgerald thanked Ms. Brown for her presentation and expressed support for the Program, on behalf of Council and staff.

5.3 African Canadian Educational Project - Harvey H. Miller

- Correspondence from African Canadian Education Project was before the

Committee regarding its programs and services and seeking long term use of 5557 Cunard Street to run a Saturday School program.

Mr. Wayne Hamilton and Ms. Barbara Hamilton, on behalf of African Canadian Education Project (ACEP), made a presentation to the Committee regarding the above. The following points were made during the presentation:

- Information on the Program was provided.
- The philosophy of the Saturday School concept, what services the Saturday School will provide and the support provided to date.
- A request for consideration of suitable space for the school, namely 5557 Cunard Street to run a Saturday School program with a rental waiver for at least the first two years.

Councillor Blumenthal asked, if it was a Saturday School, what would happen to the building for the rest of the week. In reply, Mr. Hamilton advised it was hoped to locate the office there so the Resource Centre could be open certain times during the day for other kinds of programming for adults.

Councillor Stone asked if there were letters of support or actual financial support received. In reply, Mr. Hamilton stated that financial support has been indicated but it was unknown exactly how much would be forthcoming at this time.

MOVED by Councillors Uteck and Hetherington that a staff report be prepared on a proposal for long term use of 5557 Cunard Street to run a Saturday School at the location as well as for other uses during the week. MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

5.4 Growth in Bayers Lake Business Park - John Bregante/Ann Phelan, Bayers Lake Business Park Association

- A report from the Bayers Lake Business Park Association was before the Committee for consideration.

Ms. Ann Phelan, Co-Chair of the Bayers Lake Business Park Association made a presentation to the Committee regarding some of the outstanding issues and problems being experienced by the Park which are due primarily to the success of the Park itself. Ms. Phelan made the following comments during her presentation:

- Information was provided on the original beginnings of the Park and design of same.
- The reclassification in 1991 as a retail and industrial Park with currently 135 companies.

- The Park has become a tourist destination.
- The improvements approved by HRM in the past couple years.
- An action plan is needed for the Park to grow and be successful, giving immediate priority to its implementation.
- It is hoped that Council will recognize its responsibility in allowing the Park to be successful in the upcoming years.

Ms. Barb Lowe, Whiteco Rentals made the following comments during her presentation:

- There is a need for more traffic lights in the Park as quickly as possible.
- Traffic difficulties have intensified to the point that rental deliveries are curtailed between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 9:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. each day.
- Recreational activities within the Park have increased and concern was expressed that a child might be involved in an accident.

Mr. Terry Hill, Coachworks Limited made the following comments during his presentation:

- A modern drainage system, curbs and sidewalks are required.
- There were now some bus shelters installed but pedestrians had to walk either on the road, the rough gravel shoulder or grass.
- In winter, walking in the Park becomes a challenge forcing one to walk on the pavement which is a dangerous situation.

Ms. Heather Hanson-Dunbar, Kids R Kids Day Care Centre made the following comments during her presentation:

- Appearance needs were required - amenities and landscape improvements to be implemented over the next few years.
- Ditches and embankments have garbage and clutter in them.
- Menu and map boards should be installed immediately to direct customers to various businesses.
- Desperate need for sidewalks, crosswalks and improvements in bus stops due to high pedestrian traffic.
- The need for an immediate response to the difference in the Park's purpose since it has become multi-dimensional.
- On behalf of Jane Murchison, Parent Committee from the Day Care, Ms. Hanson-Dunbar expressed concern that the Park was not a safe place to walk around.

Mr. John Bregante, Burger King made the following comments during his presentation:

- Need for traffic improvements, sidewalks, buses.
- Need for overhead light signalization for crosswalks.

Mr. Brian Devlin, Pittsburgh Paints store, expressed appreciation for what has been done so far and hoped that a lot more could be done.

Ms. Pamela Crowell, Pacrim Developments Inc. made the following comments during her presentation:

- She asked for recommitment by HRM to the much-needed expansion of the infrastructure.
- The inadequacies of the existing street system and on-going problems with traffic congestion must be addressed now.

Councillor Stone expressed support for the need for improvements to the Park.

MOVED by Councillors Stone and Greenough to request a Staff Report so that an action plan can be brought forward.

Councillor Blumenthal requested that the report include information on how many people are taking buses to and from Bayers Lake Business Park and the impact on other businesses in the area such as Halifax Shopping Centre and MicMac Mall if the Bayers Lake Business Park is promoted.

Councillor Hendsbee acknowledged the need for Bayers Lake Business Park but felt that the overall strategy should be considered as there was need for improvements to other Parks and, as well, a need for consideration of the downtown. If Bayers Lake Business Park was suggesting an accelerated schedule, then to advance same perhaps this could be done through the Business Park Association, consider a specific business rate to help as a cost sharing incentive and not look to the Capital Budget as the sole source of funding.

Councillor Stone agreed there was a need to support other areas as well but referred to the amount of taxes generated from Bayers Lake Business Park and the safety issues that needed to be addressed. He requested that the Staff Report include information regarding a possible service road to run parallel to Chain Lake Drive.

Councillor Greenough referenced the tax revenue resulting from the Burnside Industrial Park and advised that most of the infrastructure improvements were funded out of the Sale of Land Account, as opposed to being funded through the tax rate. He suggested there could be consideration in this regard.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

**5.5 Halifax Regional Drug Prevention Network - Marlene Moore, Chair,
Board of Directors**

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

6. ADDED ITEMS

**6.1 Report from the Expanded Audit Committee - Program and Service
Review**

- A memorandum prepared for Councillor Greenough, on the above-noted, was before Council.

Mr. Dan Gautreau, Priority and Policy, addressed Council, providing background information on the Committee's recommendation.

MOVED by Councillors Greenough and Sarto that it be recommended to Council:

- 1. The Expanded Audit Committee to work closely with staff to review opportunities identified during Phase 1 of the Program & Service Review (which focused on Police Services, Recreation Programming, Recreation Facilities and parts of Works and Natural Services). This work should proceed immediately and continue through to December 1998. It is expected that the Expanded Audit Committee will bring forward several recommendations to Council for debate and approval;**
- 2. Staff implement an Activity-Based Costing (ABC) work plan such that all HRM services will be costed (and analysed) based on the approved 1999/2000 Capital and Operating Budgets. It is expected that a fully developed, configured and costed ABC model would be available by the end of the first quarter of the 1999/2000 fiscal year;**
- 3. In the 9 months leading up to the 1999/2000 fiscal year, staff will focus on developing a comprehensive database of HRM programs, services, activities and resources. This database will be used to configure the "HyperABC" software (that supports the ABC initiative) during the 1998/99 fiscal year;**
- 4. Staff will develop the above-noted comprehensive database such that it will, in the short term, also support the operational requirements of the Y2K Project, Project Genesis and the Multi-Year Financial Strategy.**

In addition to the specific recommendations noted above, the Expanded Audit Committee has provided the following direction to staff to support the Program & Service Review process:

- staff are to develop and implement a procedure by which changes in service levels and/or service delivery can be documented and communicated as they occur. Similarly, a process and procedure to ensure communication to the public regarding the results of the review process is to be developed and implemented;
- the Review will utilize the results of the annual Citizen Survey and, where appropriate and necessary, obtain additional survey information on a targeted basis to support the Program & Service Review process;
- the Committee, as a matter of policy, will both recognize and encourage legitimate diversity in service levels and service delivery models;
- the Committee will work closely and collaboratively with departmental resources throughout the Review process. Also, information generated by the Review process will be made available to support the upcoming budget cycle.

Finally, the Committee would like to report that the review process has already commenced with discussion and debate pertaining to Intrusion Alarms - a service provided by the Halifax Regional Police Service, and the RCMP. MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

6.2 Report - Halifax Regional Municipality Pension Plan and Governance Structure

- A memorandum prepared for Mr. George McLellan, Deputy Chief Administrative Officer, on the above-noted, was before Council.

In providing background to the matter, Councillor Greenough, Chair, of the Interim Pension Committee, advised this had been reviewed in detail by the Committee. According to the provisions of the HRM Act, the HRM Pension Plan Design Committee is putting forward a proposal for a new pension plan and governance structure.

MOVED by Councillors Greenough and Walker that it be recommended to Council to approve the Committee's recommendations;

It is further recommended that a funding policy be established which addresses the need of both employees and the Municipality for the consolidated Plan to be managed within a structure which balances the goals of minimizing contribution volatility and the possibility of contribution increases. This funding policy is to

include a guideline regarding the requirement and frequency for review of a comprehensive asset strategy specifically linked to the liabilities of the consolidated Plan. The policy shall include as well, a provision dealing with future surplus allocation. Specifically, consistent with the policy regarding allocation of amalgamation surpluses, surplus arising after April 1, 1998 (or such later date as the new consolidated Plan is effective) may be allocated only after the lesser of 10 percent of liabilities, or the Revenue Canada surplus limit is reached;

It is further recommended, in the interest of maintaining a common plan for all employees which is managed and administered by the HRM Pension Committee, that all recommendations for amendments to the Plan be initiated by the HRM Pension Committee.

Ms. Karen Henderson, William M. Mercer Limited, responded to enquiries, noting this was a lengthy report.

Councillor Schofield enquired if employees will not be forced into this plan if they decide to remain with their previous plans. In response, Ms. Henderson advised that all of the existing plans have granted indexing in the past on an ad hoc basis (if surpluses were available in the existing plans, increases to pensioners would be granted). There was no formal guaranteed indexing in any of the existing plans with the exception of Metropolitan Authority where there was provision for indexing to the extent that the investment performance of the underlying pension fund exceeded a particular threshold rate.

In the proposed plan design, Ms. Henderson advised that the indexing arrangement would operate in a similar fashion to the extent that the investment performance of the overall fund was in excess of a threshold rate of 7.5 percent.

Councillor McInroy took his place at the meeting (3:55 p.m.).

Councillor Harvey enquired as to the exposure to taxpayers in the long term. In response, Ms. Henderson advised that all existing plans and the new recommended plan are considered defined benefit plans. In this type of plan, the benefits are based on a formula - employees' earnings at the time they retire. The price of the plan is, over time, stated in terms as a percentage of earnings. Initial exposure for the municipality is the contribution rate that is struck, is based on the current population and a set of actuarial assumptions. From the perspective of exposure, every defined benefit plan presents some level of unknown liability, however, there is a code of ethics around the establishment of the assumptions, that underlie the valuation of the plan and thereby set contribution rates.

Mr. Ken Meech, Chief Administrative Officer, addressed the exposure issue, noting the new plan is jointly shared between HRM and the employees. In that sense, both parties

sharing any additional burden. Council was requested to adopt a management philosophy with regard to the administration of the plan, that is considered conservative.

Councillor Cooper enquired if a fund is being up established to cover liabilities. In response, Ms. Henderson advised there are no liabilities on day one of the new plan as there are no members and therefore no benefits. In the proposal, it is being recommended that all existing plans be consolidated into one structure. By virtue of that consolidation, there is an amalgamation of all liabilities and assets. Therefore, effective April 1, 1998, (already passed the date) the liability and assets come under one umbrella called the HRM Pension Plan.

Councillor Cooper noted that all funds are being consolidated in common, for the benefit of all plans. Ms. Henderson clarified they are being amalgamated and going forward on the basis of the actuarial assumptions that have been established. Contributions will be made by the municipality and employees to fund any future benefits. Therefore, funds are available to fund all liabilities as they exist today, and into the future there is a contribution by both parties that fund future benefit accruals. Further, the proposal is that all plans will be amalgamated into one plan going forward.

With respect to surpluses in the existing plans, Ms. Henderson advised that all of the existing plans in the consolidation process will fall under one umbrella, but will still maintain their distinct characteristics. In terms of surpluses that have arisen in the past, prior to the date of consolidation, they will remain in the plans until a surplus is developed in the new plan from the effective date, forward. The threshold is set at 10 percent. At the time the threshold is reached, any surpluses that existed prior to consolidation, will be available for improvement of benefits to members of the originating plans. The amounts of the surpluses are not proportional to liabilities at the moment.

Councillor Hendsbee referenced the savings of \$100,000 by using one firm and enquired if the firm who will do the actuarial and consulting work for the municipality be chosen through an open bid process or through the Committee for recommendation to Council. In response, Mr. Ken Meech advised the Committee has already gone through the process of inviting bids or proposals and have selected Mercer as the consultant. Also, all administration costs associated with the pension plan will be a direct charge to the plan.

Councillor Hendsbee referenced the Rule of 75 enquiring if this Rule will ever apply across the board. In response, Ms. Henderson advised that Revenue Canada does not permit a Rule of 75 without some actuarial reduction or a reduction in benefits.

With respect to reciprocal agreements, Ms. Henderson advised the proposal is that the Committee would approve the entering into of any reciprocal agreements and the underlying principle would be that any reciprocal transfer into the new plan or out into

another plan would be cost neutral to the HRM plan. Further, portability exists.

Councillor Hendsbee referenced contribution holidays, enquiring on specifications are there for contribution holidays in the plan. In response, Ms. Henderson advised there is nothing in the new plan as it is currently written that would preclude a contributinal holiday from being taken in the future. In the policy for the distribution of surpluses that existed at amalgamation, to the extent that they are used for contributinal holidays, then the surplus allocation policy would suggest that both the municipality and the member gets a contributinal holiday. Flexibility does exist, however, at the recommendation of the Committee.

Councillor Greenough addressed Council noting that it was understood the report was quite lengthy and tabled at the last minute, however, there will be an opportunity for Council to review the report for Tuesday, July 14 and that the actuary and staff will be available. Further, comparisons of previous and new plan benefits, are noted on Appendix 'A'. Further, to clarify, should staff decide to stay with their previous plans, they will accrue no improved benefits.

Council congratulated staff and the Committee on a job well done. Mr. Ken Meech also expressed his appreciation to staff and the Committee for their commitment to this initiative.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

6.3 Amendment to By-Law P-304 (The City of Dartmouth Employees' Retirement Pension Plan) regarding benefits for members of the Fire and Police Bargaining Units

MOVED by Councillors Greenough and Sarto to proceed to Third Reading for By-Law P-304 (City of Dartmouth Employees' Retirement Pension Plan) Regarding Benefits for Members of the Fire and Police Bargaining Units. MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

6.4 Councillor Stone - Resolution to FCM Regarding Airports

MOVED by Councillors Stone and Greenough that it be recommended to Council to approve the following national municipal resolution be forwarded to the Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM) to be considered at their September meeting of the National Board of Directors:

WHEREAS the national airport system is critical to the economic health of Canada and its communities;

WHEREAS the federal government is in the process of negotiating the transfer of responsibility for the financial and operations management of airports to communities, recognizing the ability of communities to manage their airports will foster a more responsive, competitive system;

WHEREAS about half of the national airports have yet to be transferred because the policies adopted by the federal government to govern the conditions under which these transfers will occur have not proven to support the long-term viability of these airports; and

WHEREAS the financial situation and quality of airport infrastructure varies from community to community;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Federation of Canadian Municipalities insist upon a fair deal for all airports in the country, namely that lease terms allow for a financially viable, modern airport facility which serves the community and enhances regional economic development. Furthermore, that the Federation of Canadian Municipalities encourage the federal government to expeditiously transfer the remaining airports to communities. **MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

6.5 **Councillor Adams - Committee of the Whole / Council Structure**

Councillor Adams expressed concern noting that the current Committee of the Whole / Council Meeting structure was not working and that he would like to go back to Regular Council Sessions being held every Tuesday.

MOVED by Councillors Adams and Barnet that it be recommended to Council to prepare a report on amending Administrative Order No. One, to change the Regional Council Meeting structure to that of Regular Council Sessions every Tuesday, as opposed to the Committee of the Whole / Regular Session structure.

Another Motion was put on the floor.

MOVED by Councillors Greenough and Blumenthal to refer this matter to a Committee of Council, for recommendation and input. **MOTION DEFEATED.**

A vote on the Main Motion took place. **MOTION PUT AND PASSED.**

6.6 **Report - Preston Boundaries**

- A memorandum prepared by Ms. Barb Nehiley, Priority and Policy, on the above-

noted, was before Council.

MOVED by Councillors Hendsbee and Hetherington that it be recommended to Council to extend the period for reporting back on the Preston boundary matter until the fall sessions of Council commence, after Labour Day. MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

6.7 Councillor Cunningham - Metro Centre Brine Chiller

Councillor Cunningham requested a staff report on the Metro Centre Brine chiller, taking into consideration the following comments:

- Brine chiller tender initially awarded to a New Brunswick firm, over a local firm;
- Staff argued a decision could not be deferred due to small window of opportunity to install equipment - equipment, however, still not been installed;
- One tender specification was that the equipment must contain a CRN (Canadian Registration Number) which is assigned in the design stage prior to the equipment being manufactured - the chiller is now on site but has no CRN, therefore, it cannot be installed until the number is received;
- At the time the tender was awarded to the New Brunswick firm, an alternate design was submitted by Simco that was \$14,000 less than the New Brunswick firm's bid - this design was rejected by staff as it was not specified - the tender could not be awarded to Simco accordingly, as it would compromise the tendering process;
- The New Brunswick firm now feels it would be more appropriate to use Simco's design. If the New Brunswick firm is to complete the job, the Councillor anticipated the municipality receiving a rebate of at least \$14,000, plus HST.

In closing, the Councillor enquired when the brine chiller would be installed.

MOVED by Councillors Cunningham and Hetherington that it be recommended to Council that a staff report be prepared, taking into consideration the above-noted comments. MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

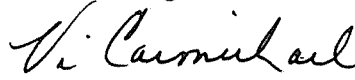
6.8 Councillor Uteck - Area Plan - South Barrington

Councillor Uteck requested clarification as to what the future plans are for the South Barrington area. Public perception is that there is no planning in the area. The Councillor suggested there may be a need for a comprehensive plan.

MOVED by Councillors Uteck and Stone that it be recommended to Council that a staff report be prepared, as soon as possible, taking into consideration, the above-noted comments. MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

7. ADJOURNMENT

MOVED by Councillors Greenough and Hetherington to adjourn the meeting at 8:00 p.m. MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.


Vi Carmichael
MUNICIPAL CLERK