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Councillor Deveaux wanted to know how much commitment is made by the County in adopting this resolution. Mr. Bensted clarified that no final decision is being made today. The final decision will be made by Council following the Public Hearing. Councillor Deveaux was also concerned about more restrictions being placed on people building homes with respect to lot size - square frontage and health restrictions are strict now without more restrictions being placed on the residents.

Deputy Warden Williams voiced his opinion in that the plan was a good plan and that the slide presentation was a good one. He was concerned that the health people were not involved more in the designing of the plan. He pointed out that without health approval no one can build a home on any size lot and felt that health should have had a priority on the designing of the plan. He felt that in making this plan, all authorities should have had consultation.

Councillor Topple brought up the point that verbal submissions should also be considered along with the written ones. Mr. Hooley, as Solicitor for Project Planners, pointed out that written submissions or objections are more clear and that verbal ones could lead to a number of questions and Council would not be clear on which objection a person is making if it is verbal.

It was pointed out that oral submissions would not be refused, however, the Planning Act states that only written submissions are forwarded to the Minister.

Councillor Topple suggested that something should be drafted with respect to the effect this plan would have on residents and the effect the restrictions would have on the residents, i.e. additions to a home, etc.

Councillor Lawrence voiced her opinion in that oral discussion and objections should be heard also and suggested that the resolution should read "Written" submissions.

Solicitor, David Hooley, pointed out that the Act clearly states "Written" submissions.

Councillor Cosman agreed with the change proposed by Councillor Lawrence.

Councillor McCabe suggested to Council that the Public Hearings for that area be well publicized and advertised. He did point out that in the new plan it is stated that lots will be 5 acres. He mentioned that these large lots will be expensive to maintain for the rural people and does not like to tell people where they can live.

Councillor Margeson was concerned about the size of lots outside urban areas and felt that people should be compensated somehow for being forced to buy such large lots.

Mr. Bensted advised Council that following discussion with the Solicitors it will be made clear in the newspaper advertisement that verbal submissions of objections to the Municipal Development Plan will be accepted.

Councillor Topple said that some people could make a better verbal presentation than writing the objections down.

Councillor Gaetz was concerned about the division line for development. He does not feel that the division line is properly placed in his district. He also feels that five acre lots are too large and expressed concern about people not being able to sell large lots due to the type of land, i. e. barren. He also clarified that the plans on the desks are enlargements of the districts.

Project Planning Consultants pointed out that we need a plan as a basis to follow. If the plan is not followed for future residents and generations then the plan might as well be thrown out. Policies have to be established for profitable future growth. Mr. Hooley pointed out that there will be a grandfather clause with respect to existing lots.

Councillor Benjamin agreed with Councillor Gaetz in that a division line is hard to establish. He pointed out that there is no information meeting scheduled for his district at all for the introduction of the Municipal Development Plan. He pointed out that there are a lot of residents who cannot travel to Bedford for the hearing there and asked for a hearing date to be set in District 14. He said that there will be a lot of people at the hearing in Bedford and that this meeting covers a large area and felt that the people's questions would not get answered. He felt that the people of his area did not want to get up in front of all the Bedford people with their complaints.

Councillor Lawrence suggested he could hold an information meeting of his own in the community school to discuss the preliminary work before the information meeting in Bedford.

Councillor Benjamin pointed out that there would not be the input from his residents in a strange area and would like to have a booth set up at a function in his area for people to ask questions and become familiar with the Plan.

Councillor Gaetz was concerned as to the quota of objections that will be heard. No quota is being given. He was concerned about the meeting in his district being 15 miles away from many residents in the Lawrencetown area.

Councillor McCabe suggested that we get on with the motion and that the questions are becoming repetitious.

Councillor MacKenzie was basically happy with the number of hamlets shown in his district, however, he would question as to whether or not the hamlets would take in enough area. They do cover a fair size. He was also concerned about the size of lots and the unsightly lots that already exist in his area. He also felt that verbal submissions would be good also

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and felt that the verbal submissions might be more beneficial to Council. He asked about the number of hamlets, villages, etc. and figures of the number of lots for his district if this was available.

Councillor Walker suggested that the presentation at the public hearing of one and a half hours is hardly enough time for people of the area to read the book and not enough time for the Municipal Plan to be introduced to people.

Councillor Margeson suggested an open line on radio for the purpose of getting more public response and input.

Councillor Lawrence suggested the time of 2:00 o'clock be adopted in the resolution for the Public Hearing. Councillor Margeson suggested that maps be put up in the Administration Building and that someone be here to explain them.

Councillor Lawrence pointed out that maps cannot be erected in schools before 4:00 p.m due to classes being held.

Councillor Walker suggested that the plan should be shown before the public hearings are held.

Mr. Bensted pointed out that copies are being made available to groups and organizations within communities and also available on the bookmobiles and libraries.

Councillor Benjamin suggested County funds be made available to put the information to the people if the residents cannot come to the meeting.

Mr. Bensted pointed out that information is made available to all news media and that the news media are aware of the meetings being held.

Councillor Eisenhower expressed concern about the size of lots. He pointed out that there is no scheduled meeting for his area either. He felt that every attempt should be made to show the people what is going to happen to them if this Plan is adopted. He would like to know the rules of the plan and how far the rules can be bent.

Councillor Sutherland wanted to know the results of the questionnaires which were passed out.

Mr. Peter Thomas advised that there were two questionnaires passed out with 27,000 copies sent out. There were only 360 returns and the return rate was very low. At the meetings the attendance was very low - 45 to 100 people. The meetings were advertised on radio, television and papers and still there was a low turnout.

Council decided to call "question" on the motion.

Mr. Bensted read the motion again and it was pointed out again by the Clerk that verbal submissions will be received.

Councillor Lawrence asked if Council had to approve the list of public hearings to be held and it was pointed out to her that this was the responsibility of the Planning Advisory Committee.

It was moved by Councillor MacKay, seconded by Councillor Walker:

"THAT Council adjourn." Motion Carried.

Council adjourned at 4:20 p.m.

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MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE MUNICIPALITY OF THE COUNTY OF HALIFAX

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Warden Settle opened the meeting at 2:00 p.m. with the reciting of the Lord's Prayer following by the Clerk calling the roll.

It was then moved by Councillor Cosman, seconded by Councillor Sutherland:

"THAT Mrs. Terri Durling be appointed as recording secretary." Motion Carried.

Mr. Bensted asked for items to be added to the agenda following the presentation by the Porter Plan Advisory Committee. The following Councillors then added these items.

Councillor Benjamin - Waverley water

Councillor Topple - Income Tax Act

Councillor Cosman - Senior Citizens Housing

Councillor Margeson - Telephone communications

Councillor Gaetz - S. P. C.

Councillor Walker - Zoning applications

Councillor Baker - Terrance Bay Road

Deputy Warden Williams - Powers Road

Councillor MacKenzie - Teacher for Mooseland School

It was then moved by Councillor Sutherland, seconded by Councillor Cosman:

"THAT the above items be added to the agenda and it then be closed." Motion Carried.

The presentation of the Porter Plan Advisory Committee was headed by Mr. Dan Lordly who explained that the main reason for being there was to have a question and answer period. A formal report in detail has already been made. He went into a brief background on the project which started in 1977. Hugh Porter and Associates were appointed by Hon. Glen Bagnell to develop an overall plan to control growth with conservation in mind. After the plan was developed, three members each from Lawrencetown and Cole Harbour were to look at the plan and make additions, changes, deletions, etc. as they saw fit. After eight months of work assisted by some of Mr. Bagnell's staff they came up with the final report.

Mr. Lordly introduced some of the members of the Committee. From the Lawrencetown area were Hattie Prentiss and Gordon Cole (not Present); from Cole Harbour were Cyril Burnell, Harry Lowms, Fraser Conrod, Lt. Stuart and Mrs. Eaton. Also present from C. A. P. S. was Barbara McIntosh.

In summation this group want the area to remain as it is - unspoiled and natural. Cole Harbour is an asset to the County and should be preserved by interim controls. However, many undesirable things can happen if there is a time lapse. A commission should be set up to take care of things which will take in the ecology of the area.

Councillor Gaetz asked if any public meetings had been held lately. Mr. Lordly explained that the report was not complete. It will be presented at four supplementary meetings and then public meetings will be held in September. Councillor Gaetz will be notified of these meetings in advance.

Councillor Cosman asked if the recommendations could be explained by a technical person. Since the technical advisor, Mr. Porter, was not present Councillor Cosman asked if the Point Form Study could be gone over.

Mr. Lordly explained a map which divides the area into zones. Zone A is to be a public recreation and natural conservation area controlled by a regional park authority and owned publicly. Zone B will also be a natural conservation area controlled by a regional park authority used by public recreation and owned publicly. Zone C will be a conservation and natural area with trail development. There will be strict controls for limited development and conservation is the main theme here. Ownership will be private. Zone D will be private development of existing land use with a key to low density. This development will be registered with specific lot sizes and building codes set out. A fifth zone, Zone E was introduced by the group to give high priority to preserve visual aspects of the area.

Councillor Benjamin asked about the costs of the study and if a contract has been made with Project Planners. Mr. Lordly explained that the Minister commissioned Hugh Porter & Associates to do the study. He would like to see government, park people and local people involved in this. This has all gone through the Planning Department of the County and will be dealt with in the Municipal Plan.

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Deputy Warden Williams was a bit concerned that a controlling body on this area would put too many restrictions on the people as it happened in the Peggy's Cove area. The tourists keep it going and that is all. Councillor Lawrence who is on the Peggy's Cove Area Commission could see Deputy Warden Williams' point. However, Lawrencetown is a lot bigger area and the plan has much more flexibility. This plan and the Municipal Development Plan should mesh together.

Barbara McIntosh of the Cole Harbour Royal Heritage Society presented some pictures of the Cole Harbour area to show Council the natural beauty that they wish to preserve. It was suggested by Councillor Margeson that the whole of Council go and visit the area some day to see it for themselves.

Councillor Cosman asked about the people in the respective zones. It was noted there are two homes in Zone A, about in Zone B and a few people in Zone C. Zone D is the major population area. Councillor Cosman went on to say that it was very important to present this to the Municipal Development Plan as a group and stand by their views. Warden Settle agreed that most projects promoted by the people of the area are readily accepted. The public meetings are September 12 and 14 and Councillors are invited to attend.

Before going on to other business, Councillor Lawrence noted Warden Settle's picture which she hopes will find a permanent place on the wall in the Council Chambers soon.

It was moved by Councillor Baker, seconded by Councillor Walker:

"THAT the minutes of July 18, 1978 be approved." Motion Carried.

It was moved by Councillor McCabe, seconded by Councillor Smith:

"THAT the minutes of July 10, 1978 be approved." Motion Carried.

It was moved by Councillor Poirier, seconded by Councillor Margeson:

"THAT the minutes of July 18, 1978 Annual Session be approved." Motion Carried.

It was moved by Councillor Eisenhower, seconded by Councillor Sutherland:

"THAT the minutes of July 26, 1978 Annual Session be approved." Motion Carried.

Councillor Toppie is concerned about some of the recommendations being made in Ottawa re the airports in the Atlantic region, particularly Halifax International Airport. They are going to retain a controller at Mirabel for 24 hours, an airport that is useless, and take the controller away from needed airports such as Halifax. They plan that Gander, NB, be the central airport for the Atlantic area with a controller on 24 hours per day but this is too far from New Brunswick, Nova Scotia and P. E. I. Council should go on record as saying that they want the main airport in each province to be provided with 24 hour controller service. Warden Settle added that an airport has to have a certain number of airplanes coming in to maintain a controller around the clock. The two solutions to the problem would be that the Minister of Transport may cancel the order or the shifts at the airport may be changed so that there would be enough planes for each shift.

It was moved by Councillor Toppie, seconded by Councillor Cosman:

"THAT Council support the efforts of the Advisory Committee of the Halifax International Airport to have the 24 hour operation of the control tower. Also that Council approve that such control should be continued at other airports in other provinces." Motion Carried.

Concerning Councillor Lawrence's query about Section 10 of Chapter 16 of the Statutes of Nova Scotia, 1969, she has since received a reply from the Minister of Municipal Affairs and a copy of this will be circulated to Council this afternoon.

Councillor Gaetz regrets Council's latest decision to exclude the Provincial Planning Appeal Board from holding their hearings in the Council Chambers. This has greatly inconvenienced the people concerned and he feels the decision was a hasty one. Often times the information they need is supplied by various departments of the County of Halifax. Councillor Gaetz would like to see this reconsidered.

It was moved by Councillor Gaetz, seconded by Councillor Lawrence:

"THAT Council reconsider its decision not to allow the Provincial Planning Appeal Board the use of the Council Chamber." Motion Carried.

Councillor Toppie agreed that possibly the Provincial Planning Appeal Board were being inconvenienced, however, it is a provincial court. In any event, they should be paying a fee for the use of the facilities. In many cases the appeals are against the County and it seems ridiculous to foot the bills for cases against themselves. If the sessions are going to be held here then there should be some guidelines set and Council should have top priority at all times.

It was Councillor Baker's opinion that Council had been a little hasty in their decision. On many occasions, he would sit and watch the proceedings. He agrees that a fee should be charged.

Councillor Cosman remembers when the parking lot was filled to overflowing because of these hearings and local residents had lines of cars in front of their homes. The telephones are also tied up. The whole matter should be referred to the Finance and Executive Committee who might be able to come up with some guidelines.

It was moved by Councillor Cosman, seconded by Councillor Baker:

"THAT this matter be referred to the Finance and Executive Committee for consideration and recommendations to Council." Motion Carried.

Councillor McCabe had a telephone call recently from a woman in his area who is of the opinion that male dogs should be charged the same fee of \$15.00 for a dog license as female dogs are. Her reasoning behind this was the fact that her female dog was recently impregnated by a male dog in the area.

It was moved by Councillor McCabe, seconded by Councillor Lawrence:

"THAT the matter of fees re dogs be referred to the Finance and Executive Committee." Motion Carried.

Councillor MacKay has a very serious problem in his area concerning walkways. He has not had any luck to date in solving the problem and that is that (bicycle and motorcycle) are using the walkways for drag strips. In doing this they are endangering the lives of people walking on these and children playing. There has been one reported case where one child had to be taken to the hospital for a concussion when he was run over by a boy on a bicycle. The R. C. M. P. say that they cannot do anything. Signs were erected prohibiting cyclists on the walkways but the signs were ignored and destroyed. No one seems to want to take the responsibility.

The -Solicitor, Mr. Cragg, confirmed that this was a provincial matter according to the law. It was suggested that a direct inquiry be made to the Attorney General and that the provincially retained police force be again asked to enforce this law.

There was a similar problem in Forest Hills according to Councillor Topple. Steel pylons were put up to prevent cyclists and this seemed to help the problem.

It was moved by Councillor Fader, seconded by Councillor MacKay:

"THAT a letter be directed to the Attorney General with respect to the problem of bicycles and motorized vehicles on walkways in Housing Commission developments in Sackville and Forest Hills, Cole Harbour." Motion Carried.

It was noted by Mr. Bensted that a copy of this letter would be sent to Councillor MacKay.

It was moved by Councillor MacKenzie, seconded by Councillor Margeson:

"THAT the Report of the Warden be received." Motion Carried.

It was moved by Councillor Gaetz, seconded by Councillor Poirier:

"THAT the Report of the Director of Planning and Development be approved." Motion Carried.

It was moved by Councillor Lawrence, seconded by Councillor Gaetz:

"THAT the Report of the Planning Advisory Committee be approved." Motion Carried.

It was moved by Councillor Fader, seconded by Councillor Lawrence:

"THAT the Supplementary Report of the Planning Advisory Committee be approved." Motion Carried.

It was moved by Councillor Cosman, seconded by Councillor MacKay:

"THAT Council hold a special session on Monday, August 28 at 2:00 p.m. for the purpose of receiving the Municipal Development Plan and to give notice of intention to adopt it with the setting of a date for a public hearing." Motion Carried.

The report of the School Capital Program Committee was then dealt with.

It was moved by Councillor Gaetz, seconded by Councillor Eisenhauer:

"THAT the Report of the School Capital Program Committee be approved." Motion Carried.

Councillor Benjamin is very concerned that students in his area and Bedford will have to remain on split shifts for two years because the Bedford Waverley High School is taking so long to complete. This school is desperately needed and all efforts should be made to speed it up.

Councillor Gaetz explained that often the date the contractor gives is an estimate and it often exceeds the date they counted on. Mr. Bensted added that two schools in the County were held up because of the electrician's strike. It all works out on the dollar incentive. If a contractor takes too long to build a project, they will lose money.

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It seems to Councillor Fader that approvals are what is holding schools up. It costs the County many additional dollars when projects are held up as a building has to be enclosed in order to work on it in the winter months. The province should subsidize some of these costs as they hold their approvals up for so long. The costs go up from \$29.00 to \$35.00 per square foot when this happens.

Councillor Cosman feels the School Capital Program Committee should meet with the provincial government to see if the approvals can be sped up. It is certainly not acceptable to have these students put on split shifts for two years.

Councillor Lawrence was surprised at the School Capital Program Committee's recommendation on ramps. Cost sharing can be obtained for elevators in schools.

Councillor Gaetz feels that ramps and elevators are an added cost. In the event of a fire, they are not much good. Ramps cost \$80,000.00 and an elevator costs much less, however, there is a maintenance cost of \$1,200.00 per year which adds up. He cannot see the feasibility of ramps. Education should be brought to the paraplegic student as this is a cost item for sometimes one student. Another solution would be to provide one room on the lower level for a paraplegic student and have the teacher go to him.

Councillor Baker suggested that one or two schools in the County be designated to have ramps or elevators and the paraplegic children be bused here.

Councillor MacKay thinks ramps are better than elevators as they can be used by all students and not just a few. There are long term costs involved in the maintenance of elevators.

Councillor Topple asked why ramps could not be put in instead of stairways. Mr. Bensted replied that the Fire Marshal stipulates there must be both. Councillor Topple feels Council should question this and try to provide cheaper schools.

It was Councillor Eisenhower's opinion that the County has a responsibility to provide ramps.

Councillor Margeson thought that other things could be looked at to transport the paraplegic such as moving sidewalks or having a teacher go to a special room set up for the paraplegic. Mr. Bensted explained that the Department of Public Works will not accept this and they stipulate that access be made to all floors.

Councillor Smith asked about the school bus garage for the Eastern Shore to which Councillor Gaetz said that sites are still being looked at.

Getting back to the matter of ramps, Councillor MacKay thought that an elementary, junior and senior high school in each subsystem should be equipped with ramps or elevators for the paraplegics. He was suspicious as to why elevators were being recommended over ramps with cost sharing available for elevators.

Councillor Margeson was also concerned about the delays in getting schools built. A site for a school in his area had been picked since September 1977 and nothing has been done since. All those persons or departments that issue permits for schools should be invited to meetings concerning the schools.

With reference to a remark by Councillor Topple concerning expensive Belgium glass being purchased for schools, Councillor Gaetz informed him that a special type of glass was needed as the windows are constantly being smashed. Screens were ripped off and this new type of plexiglass seems to be the answer.

Councillor Cosman suggested that the School Capital Program Committee meet with the Department of Education to discuss Bedford Waverley School and see if it is possible to get the structure enclosed for the winter so that work can continue on it. Ramps and elevators could also be discussed at this time. A report could then be given to the rest of Council and the Committee could also give their recommendations.

Councillor Eisenhower asked about the paving program for his area for the summer to which Mr. Bensted informed him that it was in the works and tenders were being awarded soon.

Once again, Councillor Margeson suggested that all concerned parties get together with the School Capital Program Committee when approvals for additions and new schools are given. This may hasten up the process a little.

It was moved by Councillor Cosman, seconded by Councillor Benjamin:

"THAT it be recommended that the School Capital Program Committee meet with the Department of Education with respect to the completion of the Bedford Waverley High School and the matter of ramps and elevators." Motion Carried.

After reading a resolution about the naming of the Cole Harbour Junior High School, Councillor Topple asked why the name was being changed. He had not been informed of the change and in fact had asked at a recent Council meeting that it be named after Gordon Bell. He thought this was understood. Mr. Bell owned the land the school is on and was a long time farmer and resident of the area who deserves recognition. Mr. Bensted said the name of Forest Hills Junior High School was already erected and it would be costly to change it now. Councillor Margeson suggested that a plaque be put on the school about Mr. Bell which would serve the purpose. Councillor Benjamin also feels that Councillor Topple should have been notified of this change and that it should have been discussed with him. Since Warden Settles is also involved, he too should be included in any further discussions.



It was moved by Councillor Margeson, seconded by Councillor Walker:

"THAT it be recommended that the School Capital Program Committee attempt to arrange a meeting with the various provincial departments with respect to school construction approval in an attempt to cut down the time delays in getting approvals." Motion Carried.

It was moved by Councillor Benjamin, seconded by Councillor Fader:

"THAT the Junior High School at Cole Harbour be named the Forest Hills Junior High School instead of the Gordon Bell Junior High School." See Motion of Referral next.

It was moved by Councillor Benjamin, seconded by Councillor Baker:

"THAT this matter be referred back to the School Capital Program Committee." Motion Carried.

The Report of the Finance and Executive Committee was then discussed.

It was moved by Councillor Fader, seconded by Councillor Benjamin:

"THAT the Report of the Finance and Executive Committee be approved." Motion Carried.

Councillor Lawrence spoke about insurance on the fire fighting vehicles. A minimum should be set for public liability and damage. Tending should also be considered to obtain this insurance. Some of the fire engines carry only \$35,000.00 and it should be \$100,000.00. If the insurance were tendered more adequate coverage could be obtained at a better cost. She hopes this item is not held up any longer and that a report will be ready for September's Council meeting.

Councillor Benjamin explained about the canal between Grand Lake and Lake Fletcher. It is very low and causing problems. When this happened before a mini dam was erected but this has since washed out. It is interfering with the Wellington sewage system. The area is unsightly and smells. The area is advertised as a canoe route and it is hardly that. Some residents were using this for washing but are now taxing their own small wells because it has dried up so badly. The Shubenacadie Stewiacke River Report is long overdue and he can not wait for their findings. He has a file on this problem that goes back to 1969. He would like to have a letter go to the Department of Environment to have this problem rectified.

Councillor Margeson asked if the tourism department of the County has done anything about this. Mr. Bensted explained that they have been tied up with budgets, etc. and have not had much time to spend on this.

Concerning Lake Major Watershed, Councillor Topple queried the funding for the study on this. It has been recommended that the City of Dartmouth and the County of Halifax each pay 25 percent. At the start of this it was agreed that this was the City of Dartmouth's problem and their responsibility. He notices that the City of Dartmouth have increased their fire rates for water hydrants. By doing this, they are recovering their 25 percent and the County is actually paying 50 percent. Mr. Bensted went on to say that two studies were being done on the Lake Major Watershed. The City of Dartmouth was paying entirely for one of these but the study re planning deals with the Municipal Development Plan and the County should therefore pay their share. The fire protection rate is established by the Board of Public Utilities. The cost increases each year.

It was moved by Councillor Smith, seconded by Councillor Walker:

"THAT Council approve a loan in the amount of \$50,000.00 for the Oyster Pond Fire Department for the purpose of constructing and equipping a new fire station. Said loan to be repaid over a period of ten (10) years (principal and interest). The Municipality reserving the right to levy an area rate at any time if necessary in order to recover any outstanding payments of principal or interest." Motion Carried.

It was moved by Councillor Walker, seconded by Councillor Gaetz:

"THAT Council approve the proposed amendment to the Dangerous and Unsightly By-Law as attached." Motion Carried.

It was moved by Councillor Fader, seconded by Councillor Topple:

"THAT Council approve the agreement #6-K (sidewalks) between the provincial Department of Highways and the Municipality of the County of Halifax and the Warden and Clerk be and are hereby so authorized to sign said agreement." Motion Carried.

It was moved by Councillor Topple, seconded by Councillor Gaetz:

"THAT Council give its approval of the awarding of a contract to H. J. Porter and Associates Ltd. re community development plans for the watershed areas of Lake Major and North Preston for the amount of \$70,000.00 as recommended by the Lake Major Watershed Working Committee." Motion Carried.

It was moved by Councillor Sutherland, seconded by Councillor Lawrence:

"THAT Council sit as a Committee of the Whole on Thursday, August 17, 1978 at 10:00 a.m. for an information session re "New Directions in Municipal Government in Nova Scotia." Motion Carried.

At this time, Councillor McCabe extended an invitation to all the Councillors to attend the Halifax County Exhibition being held in Musquodoboit Valley. Formal invitations have been mailed out.

It was moved by Councillor Benjamin, seconded by Councillor Margeson:

"THAT a letter go forward to the Department of Environment requesting immediate action to replace the temporary dam between Fletcher Lake and Grand Lake and that a copy go to the Premier." Motion Carried.

It was moved by Councillor Walker, seconded by Councillor Gaetz:

"THAT Council adjourn to 5:30 p.m." Motion Carried.

Councillor Benjamin dealt with the arsenic problem in Waverley wells again. The bottled water and coolers have been installed in 41 homes and 17 more homes have been added to the list which will probably be installed by the end of this week. This is fine but it is only a short term solution. The residents need a long term solution. Assistance in the amount of \$200.00 per household is being asked for. The real estate value of these homes has gone down and many people are unable to sell their homes. The people have been receiving 25 percent reduction in their assessments because of this but this is minor relief for a large problem. They want a water source to go into Waverley which will help the future growth of the area. He would like to see a letter to go to Hon. Glen Bagnell to see what chances there are for special financial assistance to get a water supply for Waverley.

Warden Settle noted that he had just received communication from the Minister this afternoon and he has made some suggestions as to the cost of putting in a permanent system as opposed to the present system of supplied water and coolers. These will be taken up with the Finance and Executive Committee and the communication will be looked over carefully first.

Councillor Gaetz wondered what is going to happen with all the cases of arsenic that seem to be appearing in Halifax County. High incidents of arsenic have been found in Hubbards, too.

It was moved by Councillor Benjamin, seconded by Councillor MacKenzie:

"THAT Council request an up-to-date report from the Hon. Glen Bagnell with respect to efforts to obtain financial assistance to make central water available to Waverley. This is referred to the Finance and Executive Committee." Motion Carried.

Councillor Tople received notice from the Department of National Revenue that his T-4 from the County was incorrect and he could not claim the 1/3 of his salary as Councillor stipulated for an expense allowance. The Income Tax Department has asked him to submit a revised T-4 showing Block C with that portion taken out. Mr. Bensted will look after this and issue revised T-4's to all the Councillors.

The problem of the County telephone system was brought up by Councillor Margeson. It is very difficult getting through and many times he has to get the operator to dial for him - she does not have any problem. He is not satisfied that the telephone company is giving the best service. Mr. Bensted has had the telephone people in several times to look over the problem and they are doing another survey as the first one was not satisfactory - it appeared that there were no problems when there are. It is obvious to everyone that the present system is inadequate and needs updating. Perhaps each department needs a separate number. In any event, it has gone on long enough and something must be done now.

Councillor Eisenhauer said the marketing department of Maritime Tel & Tel have a report on the problems - there are not enough lines going out and County personnel should be trained to use the phones properly.

Councillor Lawrence could not understand what the delay was about. There are several Councillors who have connections with the telephone company and they should present a united front and get the problem solved.

It was also noted by Councillor Gaetz that often times the line will ring through but there is no answer for several rings - this too is very frustrating. Maritime Tel & Tel should be invited to sit in on a meeting of the Finance and Executive Committee said Councillor Fader.

It was moved by Councillor Margeson, seconded by Councillor Eisenhauer:

"THAT the matter of telephone problems be referred to the Finance and Executive Committee." Motion Carried.

Councillor Gaetz wondered what could be done about animals left out in the hot sun for days on end. In his area he has seen a horse tied up on a short rope in the sun without any grass to eat for several days. This is cruel and the people should be informed of this. Mr. Bensted suggested that Councillor Gaetz inform the S. P. C. who will look at it. Also, Councillor Gaetz said the dog license collector is running out of time in collecting money. Perhaps,

Mr. Watson could also help with this problem.

Deputy Warden Williams feels the S. P. C. are not doing such a good job in his area anymore. There are five dogs in particular who seem to wonder about all the time. It was suggested that the Deputy Warden contact the Municipal Clerk and the S. P. C. about this.

Councillor Walker's district is getting more involved in rezoning applications. There is a \$300.00 charge which can be exempted if the group is updating their community and it is not a commercial enterprise. However, in many instances this is not being followed through and groups are unable to get their money back. Councillor Walker would like to see some criteria set up for the exemption which can be explained to the people.

The Chairwoman of the Planning Advisory Committee, Councillor Lawrence, agrees that this is a problem and has been for some time. The Committee cannot seem to come to an agreement on it. It is hard to draw the line.

Warden Settle suggested that the P. A. C. make a definite decision on this and recommend a permanent solution.

It was moved by Councillor Walker, seconded by Councillor Poirier:

"THAT the Planning Advisory Committee be requested to bring in a recommendation re changing of fees with respect to rezoning." Motion Carried.

Councillor Baker wants to know how he can get a road built in his area. It was suggested to him by Mr. Bensted that a delegation be formed of the people in the area and that they press for it.

Deputy Warden Williams was not entirely satisfied with this as the road is badly needed. He feels a letter should also be sent to the Minister of Highways asking that consideration be given to this project.

It was moved by Deputy Warden Williams, seconded by Councillor Baker:

"THAT a letter go to the Minister of Highways to construct a road from Pennant to Terrance Bay." Motion Carried.

Deputy Warden Williams is also concerned about the Powers Road and Brennan Road in his area. They are in sad shape and need fill badly. The grader is sent in occasionally but there is no dirt to grade. The people will never get over it in the winter if it is not repaired. Councillor Topple suggested that he check with highway maintenance and see if it is listed as a road, If it is, there is a budget to repair such roads.

It was moved by Deputy Warden Williams, seconded by Councillor Baker:

"THAT the Minister of Highways be requested to carry out some immediate road improvements and upgrading of the Brennan Road and Powers Road." Motion Carried.

Councillor MacKenzie asked if it was official that the Mooseland School was going to have a teacher this fall and Councillor Lawrence quoted from the School Board Minutes of August 9 that there would be a teacher for that school as well as one for the Tangier/Lakefront Consolidated. The trustees of the schools are to be advised of this soon.

Councillor Sutherland asked who looks after the servicing of clearwater and sanitary services. Mr. Bensted said the Municipality accepts responsibility for sanitary but the Department of Highways is responsible for storm drains within the Department of Highways right-of-way. There is a good liaison with the Department now and there have been no problems. The problems are usually amiably worked out.

It was moved by Councillor Fader, seconded by Councillor Benjamin:

"THAT Council adjourn." Motion Carried.

Council adjourned at 6:30 p.m.

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THE MUNICIPALITY OF THE COUNTY OF HALIFAX SEPTEMBER COUNCIL SESSION MINUTES

Tuesday, September 19, 1978

The September Council Session was called to order at 2:00 p.m. by Warden Settle followed by the Lord's Prayer and the Clerk called the roll.

It was moved by Councillor Cosman, seconded by Councillor Walker:

"THAT Mrs. Terri Durling be appointed as recording secretary." Motion Carried.

The Councillors then added items to the list as follows:

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| Councillor Cosman   | a) Lord's Day Act  |
|                     | b) Letter of thanks to Betty Publicover in Recognition of her work |
|                     | c) Education Act   |
|                     | d) Merit Awards - Size   |
|                     | e) First Aid   |
| Councillor Deveaux  | a) Dog or Noise By-law   |
|                     | b) French Classes (Lower Grades)                                   |
|                     | c) Assistance for Senior Citizens                                  |
|                     | d) Lot Approval on Lanes and Sewer Charges regarding these lands   |
| Councillor Smith    | a) Taxes concerning widows and senior citizens                     |
| Councillor Baker    | a) Opposition to R.C.M.P. moving office from Halifax to Bedford    |
| Councillor Margeson | a) Bottles   |
| Councillor Gaetz    | a) City Market   |
| Councillor Topple   | a) Water Shed Study  |

It was moved by Councillor Sutherland, seconded by Councillor Cosman:

"THAT the above items be added to the present agenda and the agenda then be closed." Motion Carried.

It was moved by Councillor Deveaux, seconded by Councillor Sutherland:

"THAT the minutes of August 15, 1978 be approved." Motion Carried.

It was moved by Councillor Cosman, seconded by Councillor Fader:

"THAT the minutes of August 17, 1978 be approved." Motion Carried.

Concerning the minutes of August 28, 1978, Councillor Cosman noted that the motion by Councillor Lawrence, seconded by Councillor Cosman at the bottom of the first page should be inserted after the sentence: "A motion was put forward to have this item on the floor to be discussed." which appears near the top of the page.

It was moved by Councillor Fader, seconded by Councillor Sutherland:

"THAT the minutes of August 28, 1978 be approved as amended." Motion Carried.

It was moved by Councillor Cosman, seconded by Councillor Smith:

"THAT the minutes of August 21, 1978 be approved." Motion Carried.

The Clerk noted that a letter had been received from the Union of Nova Scotia Municipalities and that it had been distributed to each of the Councillors. Councillor Lawrence said the "thanks" in this letter to herself was unwarranted but that Councillor Sutherland did indeed deserve it for his work on the entertainment committee, etc. The rest of Council gave Councillor Sutherland a round of applause for his efforts.

It was moved by Councillor Topple, seconded by Councillor Deveaux:

"THAT the Report of the Warden be received." Motion Carried.

The Clerk wanted to know if Council wished to go on record as supporting the Warden's suggestion that C.P. Air have use of the Halifax International Airport.

It was moved by Councillor Topple, seconded by Councillor Baker:

"THAT Council indicate its support to the Canadian Transport Commission with respect

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to the application by Canadian Pacific Airline to supply air passenger and traffic service to Halifax." Motion Carried.

It was moved by Councillor Lawrence, seconded by Councillor Sutherland:

"THAT the Report of the Director of Planning and Development be approved." Motion Carried.

It was moved by Councillor Lawrence, seconded by Councillor MacKenzie:

"THAT the Report of the Planning Advisory Committee be approved as amended." Motion Carried.

While dealing with the Report of the Planning Advisory Committee, Councillor Walker wanted to know if it was the practice of the Planning Advisory Committee to not recommend a public hearing as contained in their report concerning application #'s 9-78 and 10-78. In his opinion, everyone is entitled to a fair hearing and they should be granted a public hearing.

The chairman of the Committee, Councillor Lawrence, explained the reasons for the rejection. Application # 9-78 has already been dealt with less than a year ago and it would be making a mockery of this Council to hold another hearing over their first decision.

Mr. Gough confirmed for Councillor Lawrence saying a public hearing was held on application 9-78, six or eight months ago and the County would be put in a better position if they left it up to the Housing Commission to appeal the decision rather than hold another public hearing.

The Solicitor was asked his opinion on this by Councillor Eisenhower and he agreed that it was within the County's jurisdiction to hold another public hearing.

It was moved by Councillor Walker, seconded by Councillor Fader:

"THAT Items 7 and 8 be deleted from the Planning Advisory Committee Report and be dealt with as separate items." Motion Carried.

Councillor Margeson asked about the derelict vehicle program referred to in the Report and the Clerk explained that this report recommended a receiving station only and the cars would then be sent to a steel plant for recycling.

Deputy Warden Williams complained that there were still old derelict cars on the Prospect Road and they have been there for a long time. He, himself, is not happy with the program being carried out now. He has spoken to Mr. Tobin and the cars still remain. The cars have been numbered and he would like to know what is going to happen to them.

Mr. Hefler explained that there has been a little bit of trouble with the collector in districts 4, 3 and part of 1. He has spoken to him about faster pick-up of these cars. Since then he has been picking up more cars but it seems that he leaves the ones that are further away from the receiving station and does those nearby instead. The problem should be solved since he was spoken to and the cars should be picked up in the next two or three weeks.

Councillor Deveaux asked if the program continues, could the collector be changed. Mr. Hefler said this could happen if there are problems since there is no contract signed.

Deputy Warden Williams continued saying he was not at all pleased with things as they now are. The tourists see these numbered vehicles. He wondered if the program should continue.

Mr. Hefler said that if the car is numbered then the paperwork has been done and all that remains is the actual pick-up. Possibly the collector feels it is not worth the \$16.00 to go a long distance to pick up the car. If the program ceases, cars will start appearing everywhere again. As it is now, they are guaranteed 1000 cars for 1979.

Councillor Topple, a member of the Planning Advisory Committee, remembers that application # 9-78 was just heard recently. Public hearings cost a lot of money. The Housing Commission should have an appeal at their own expense rather than have the Halifax County Taxpayers pay for it.

Councillor Sutherland took Council back to when the concept of the Sackville Town Centre came about. There were many rezoning applications when this turned into a large shopping centre. A school site was lost in the process. The application presently being talked about should remain as a green area. This has already been gone over. The Housing Commission wish to make it commercial and there is plenty of commercial space available in the surrounding area.

Councillor Cosman agreed that there has been no indication of what the Housing Commission intends to put here should it be rezoned commercial. At the time of the last public hearing, it was noted that the area has a low density assigned to it with 18 persons per acre allowed. This application should be denied because of the overload on the sewer capacity. Since the last hearing was in January of this year why didn't the Housing Commission appeal the decision to leave it recreational at that time instead of now. The decision has been made on this and it should be stuck to.

Councillor Lawrence said everyone is capable of changing their mind but the Housing Commission is not being credible in changing theirs in so short a time. If they feel strongly enough about the situation then it is their choice to appeal the County's previous decision. This would be more feasible than having the residents of Sackville pay for it.



Councillor Fader could not follow what the Planning Advisory Committee were trying to do. It seems as if they are looking for a way out by letting it go to an appeal. It is the County's job to look after all applications for zone changes. After looking at the Municipal Development Plan, Sackville needs more commercial land. The County can do no wrong in looking at the application as too often they are criticized of passing the buck and for having high area rates. This could help to reduce the area rates. He will support more commercial developments in Sackville because the new plan gives an impression of difficult times for Sackville. The County could lose their power to hear such applications if they do not exercise their right to hold public hearings.

Councillor Toppie came back by saying that no one is trying to deprive anyone of a public hearing. The County also has an obligation to protect people buying property in these areas. The decision was made in January. How often can you allow people to come back on an application? The onus is on the Housing Commission to file an appeal.

Councillor Lachance asked if this application were exactly the same as the one held in January. Councillor Lawrence explained that the parcel of land being dealt with now was part of a larger application dealt with in January. There is a difference in intent.

Councillor Lachance felt that since they were not asking the same question twice, they should be allowed another hearing. If you refuse, the County is saying that they do not want to hear the Housing Commission's views. Everyone has a right to express their views.

Councillor Fader agreed that the County would be turning down the right for people to say what they want in the area.

Councillor Margeson asked the Solicitor his views. Mr. Cragg replied that the County can refuse to hold another public hearing in this case. He was also present at the first public hearing and he can understand why the Planning Advisory Committee has given this recommendation. If the County refuses to have another public hearing, the Housing Commission can file an appeal within thirty days. This appeal would be treated as a public hearing and the County could express their views. The public would also be able to give their opinions.

The County would also save money by having the Housing Commission file an appeal, the Solicitor added.

Councillor Eisenhauer felt that since the Housing Commission were coming back with a different land use, then they should be allowed a public hearing regardless of the expense.

Councillor Cosman asked that the rest of the Councillors remember that the sewer capacity is not there for large commercial development and it is unknown what is intended for the area.

It was moved by Councillor Walker, seconded by Councillor Fader:

"THAT Council approve of a public hearing on item # 7 of the Planning Advisory Committee Report re application # 9-78, lands of the Nova Scotia Housing Commission, being Lot # 14 - First Lake Drive and Metropolitan Avenue, Lower Sackville from P (Parks and Institutional) Zone to C1 (Commercial Local Business) Zone." Motion Carried.

It was moved by Councillor Deveaux, seconded by Councillor Gaetz:

"THAT Council approve of a public hearing with respect to item # 8 of the Planning Advisory Committee Report, that is application # 10-78, Lands of Margaret Fraser, Lot # 77G, 259 Skyridge Avenue, Lower Sackville from R1 (Residential Single Family Dwelling) Zone to R2 (Residential Two Family Dwelling) Zone." Motion Defeated.

Councillor Lawrence spoke on application # 10-78 and the reason behind the Planning Advisory Committee's recommendation not to hold a public hearing. A basement apartment was put into a home without a building permit in an R-1 zone.

The Solicitor agreed this was an illegal use of the property. It does not comply with the building by-law.

Councillor Fader does support the P.A.C's recommendation on this application as there are a lot of single family homes in the area and this should not be allowed.

Councillor Deveaux feels this is like the other application in that everyone deserves a right to be heard. The application may be turned down but the person should be heard regardless.

Councillor Toppie mentioned that if such an application were approved, there would be a lot of other applications for the same thing. He noted that the property is for sale and this application would only serve to increase the value of the property.

Councillor Fader feels that there is something very wrong with the County By-laws. Why are people doing these things - is the fine not high enough?

The Solicitor said there is a maximum penalty of \$500.00 and there is an amendment to stiffen this fine. The building inspector has the right to demolish or remove any building contrary to what is supposed to be there. To this, Councillor Fader added that the By-laws should be exercised so that applications like this do not come to a public hearing request.

Councillor Lachance asked if the applicant were advised by the County to go this route. Mr. Bensted said the staff were probably asked if this could be done but they probably would not recommend it.

Councillor Sutherland was of the opinion that the County has a set of guidelines that have to be adhered to. The County in granting a hearing to this person is saying "do something wrong and then come to us."

Councillor Deveaux said that everyone is assuming that this will be automatically approved. Many people in these situations are not aware of the County's rules and regulations.

The Solicitor added here that many people take advantage of the lienancy of the County and perhaps the County should start to turn some of these applications down. Ignorance of the law is no excuse.

Councillor Margeson wanted to know why this person had not been charged.

Mr. Hefler explained that the building inspector for Sackville visited the property. It is often difficult to determine whether a person is putting in an apartment. When a person applies for a zoning request, prosecution does not proceed until the zone change is dealt with.

Councillor Lachance feels this is a difficult decision to make. Was the person aware of what they were doing? Maybe they are trying to rectify the situation now and the only way to find out is to hold a public hearing.

Councillor Eisenhauer stated that zoning requests decide what is the best use of the land. Are the present By-laws of any value he asked if people continually try to find a loophole to get out of it?

Councillor Benjamin is sympathetic with the applicant, Mrs. Fraser. This may jeopardize the value of other properties in the area.

Councillor Cosman pointed out that the applicant will not be under oath to tell the truth. The County is spending the taxpayer's money. The property has a "for sale" sign on it and this will only serve to up the value of the home.

It should be noted that a lawyer representing Mrs. Fraser was present and asked to be able to speak but since this was not a public hearing, his request was denied.

Councillor Walker gave notice of reconsideration on the preceding motion by Councillors Deveaux and Gaetz.

It was moved by Councillor Lawrence, seconded by Councillor Deveaux:

"THAT Council give notice of intention of a public hearing to be set for October 10, 1978 at 7:00 p.m. with respect to application # 6, 1978, lands at Allen Heights Subdivision, Head of St. Margaret's Bay from G(General Building) Zone and unzoned status to R1 (Residential Single Family) Zone. Also application # 9-78, Lot # 14, Lands of Nova Scotia Housing Commission, First Lake Drive and Metropolitan Avenue at Lower Sackville from P (Parks and Institutional Zone) to C1 (Commercial Local Business) Zone." Motion Carried.

In dealing with the Supplementary Report of the Planning Advisory Committee, Councillor MacKenzie had one question. He asked what type of use "parks and institutional" included. Mr. Hefler explained that this included hospitals, correctional centres and things of this nature. R-4 zone allows some institutional uses but not those of a mental institution. A mental institution would have to go into parks and recreational zoned land or general building zone.

Councillor MacKenzie would like to get away from using the word "institution" as far as the mentally ill are concerned, Mr. Bensted assured Councillor MacKenzie that such a building would only be classed as an institution but that the name itself would not indicate an institution.

It was moved by Councillor Lawrence, seconded by Councillor Topple:

"THAT the Supplementary Report of the Planning Advisory Committee be approved." Motion Carried.

Councillor Lawrence explained the situation regarding the publicity over a gentleman who wanted to move his small commercial business. He could not afford to go into an established industrial park and his only alternative was if he had 100 acres of land. The Planning Advisory Committee feels it would be more advantageous for small businesses to be allowed to relocate by changing the required 100 acres of land to something a little more realistic. They would also like to have the industrial by-law extended to cover the whole County. Although there are some small businesses that would be a detriment to an area, there are many others that would be welcome and these changes would allow this. There was no consensus in the Committee as to what the acreage should be. In reply to a question from Councillor McCabe, it was pointed out by Mr. Bensted that this would apply to the area outside the regional boundary.

It was moved by Councillor Lawrence, seconded by Councillor Poirier:

"THAT the Minister of Municipal Affairs be advised that the Municipality of the County of Halifax recommends an amendment to the Regional development Plan - that is the elimination of the 100 acre industrial use and recommends a further amendment requiring public hearings for proposed industrial uses." Motion Carried.

It was moved by Councillor Fader, seconded by Deputy Warden Williams:

"THAT the Report of the Chief Building Inspector as amended be approved." Motion Carried.

It was moved by Councillor Poirier, seconded by Councillor Walker:

"THAT Item # 2 be deleted from the Report of the Chief Building Inspector and dealt with separately." Motion Carried.

Councillor Poirier explained that the rejection of Mr. Wayne Roger's application for a lesser side yard and rear yard clearance should be looked at again since new information has come in on it as of today. She asked that Council listen to Mr. Rogers' explanation of the problem as he is present today. Council agreed.

Mr. Rogers introduced himself and then explained that some months ago he started construction of a tool shed on his property. He did not have a building permit but upon finding out that this was wrong, he applied for one. The first information he was given was that the building had to be four feet from each line. It seems this previous information was wrong since this building was smaller than a garage. It now had to be eight feet from each line. The building is already under construction. Mr. Hefler explained to him that there may also be a problem with highway # 103. A building has to be 30 feet from the back line. This means that his back yard is practically useless to him. He realizes he was wrong in starting construction without a building permit. It appears that there are special circumstances that apply to people living in the Sackville and Cole Harbour areas who have such problems. He would like to leave the building where it is as it will cost some \$300.00 to \$400.00 to relocate it. The building is a homemade one.

Mr. Hefler gave his version following Mr. Rogers. Mr. Rogers applied for a building permit on July 13 to construct a private garage some 10 x 10. The property was visited by the building inspector and a storage shed was already set up. Mr. Hefler wrote to Mr. Rogers on July 28 explaining that he could have a garage on the side he has picked but not a small storage shed. Mr. Rogers called him and explained exactly what he had today. Mr. Hefler wrote another letter on August 20 stating that no effort had been made to correct the situation. Mr. Rogers contacted Councillor Poirier and his office. He wanted to know what could be done to help him. He was told to apply for a lesser side yard and rear yard clearance and to provide a plot plan. The plot plan showed that the 103 was the rear lot line. Mr. Hefler contacted the Department of Highways. They were concerned about any building being within 30 feet of the highway. Since there is nothing Mr. Hefler can do about this rule of the Department of Highways, he could only recommend rejection of this application. Mr. Rogers is a victim of circumstances. He could relocate his shed in his back yard in another area to coincide with the County and provincial highway laws. However, Mr. Hefler cannot issue a permit without the permission of the Department of Highways. He also noted that Mr. Rogers' house itself is built back 64 feet and it only needed to be 30 feet.

The Solicitor agreed that if the Highways was against this application then there was not too much that could be done.

Councillor Deveaux could not understand why only four feet was needed for a garage but eight feet was needed for a smaller tool shed. This does not make sense. This should be changed. It seems that an individual is faced with so many problems when he is only trying to do something for himself.

Mr. Rogers went on to say that the Department of Highways could have the land they needed in years to come in order to widen the highway. By the time they want it, his children will be grown and he may not even be there himself.

It was pointed out by Councillor Topple that the shed seems to be a temporary one and this may be a loophole regarding the Department of Highways.

Deputy Warden Williams asked Mr. Hefler if he would give a building permit if the Department of Highways gave their permission. Mr. Hefler said that neither the County's By-laws or the Department of Highways regulations would be followed in this case.

Warden Settle interjected that he, himself, could not understand the By-law on a garage versus a tool shed and the clearance required for each. It would seem that the larger building would be more hazardous.

Councillor Topple suggested that the Department of Highways be again approached about this stating that the shed is a temporary building which can be removed should they decide to widen the road.

Councillor Eisenhower would like to see the by-laws updated so that there would not be problems such as this one.

Councillor Fader noted that Mr. Hefler had said that Mr. Rogers could relocate his shed. Mr. Rogers explained that the only alternate location has an opening in the fence behind it so that he can drive trucks into his back yard. A shed would prohibit this.

Councillor Poirier added that one of Mr. Roger's main concerns was that a garage would have been allowed but not his storage shed according to the County's by-laws.

It was moved by Councillor Poirier, seconded by Councillor Walker:

"THAT Item # 2 of the Chief Building Inspector's Report re the application for a lesser set back and side yard clearances re Mr. Wayne Rogers of Timberlea be approved. (See motion of amendment by Councillors Topple and Baker to follow). (Subject to approval by the Provincial Department of Highways)." Motion Carried as Amended.

It was moved by Councillor Topple, seconded by Councillor Baker:

"THAT the following words be added 'subject to approval by the Provincial Department of Highways.'" Amendment Carried.

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Since today is Provincial Election Day, many of the Councillors would like to adjourn early. Councillor Fader asked that items 16, 17, 18 and 20 be dealt with before Council adjourns.

At this time Councillor Sutherland pointed out that the dissatisfaction with the lesser set back and side yard clearance by-laws should also be dealt with.

Councillor Lachance would like to add a letter from Morris Lloyd to those items that Councillor Fader has asked to be dealt with before adjourning today.

Councillor Cosman suggested that the entire Finance and Executive Report be dealt with along with Councillor Lachance's request before adjourning.

It was moved by Councillor Fader, seconded by Deputy Warden Williams:

"THAT the Report of the Finance and Executive Committee be approved." Motion Carried.

It was moved by Councillor Eisenhauer, seconded by Councillor Deveaux:

"THAT the issuing resolution in the amount of \$4,000,000.00 as proposed by the Department of Municipal Affairs be approved and the temporary borrowing resolutions." Motion Carried.

N.B. (Formal resolutions at end of minutes)

It was moved by Deputy Warden Williams, seconded by Councillor Eisenhauer:

"THAT the revised agreement between the Municipality of the County of Halifax and Local 1083, CUPE, be approved and the Warden and Clerk be authorized to sign such agreement." Motion Carried.

It was moved by Councillor Eisenhauer, seconded by Councillor Deveaux:

"THAT a letter be forwarded to the Minister of Municipal Affairs recording the concern of the Municipality of the County of Halifax with respect to the formula used in establishing the proposed principal grants structure for rural municipalities with substantial urban growth and development and the absence of any allowance for realistic growth in the grant structure re cost sharing re operating Costs under the Municipal Services Act." Motion Carried.

Re the proposed agreement re Conserv Directorate, Councillor MacKenzie was advised that the words mentally retarded were changed to mentally handicapped. He was concerned that this group would be like the Halifax County Hospital Mental Health Organization which looked after the financial aspects of mental institutions. This would not be acceptable. This appears to be the same type of set up only it deals with social services and rehabilitation. Mr. Bensted explained that this has been discussed with the Social Assistance Committee and the Director of Social Services. The Minister of Social Services has given his approval. Councillor MacKenzie thought this might curtail the operations of the Rehabilitation Centre. Mr. Bensted said this directorate would have no authority, they are only a consulting service who will give recommendations and report to the Minister.

Deputy Warden Williams went on to say that meetings have been held with this organization. It will not cost the County any money at the present time. Even if it does in the future, this need not be worried about now but rather when the expenditures come in. This group can provide a lot of input.

Councillor MacKenzie asked if other municipalities had appointed people to this directorate to which Mr. Bensted gave him an affirmative reply. Councillor Margeson added that they are only trying to establish a learning and work training experience for the mentally handicapped.

It was moved by Councillor Fader, seconded by Councillor Sutherland:

"THAT a resolution re proposed amended agreement re Conserv Directorate be approved." Motion Carried.

Two representatives are needed to serve on the Conserv Directorate.

It was moved by Councillor Margeson, seconded by Councillor Deveaux:

"THAT Deputy Warden Williams be appointed to the Conserv Directorate." Motion Carried.

Since the other appointment cannot be a Councillor, Mr. Bensted suggested the Director of Social Assistance.

It was moved by Councillor Lachance, seconded by Councillor Walker:

"THAT Mr. Ed Mason be appointed as a representative to the Conserv Directorate." Motion Carried.

It was moved by Councillor Walker, seconded by Councillor Baker:

"THAT Council, with regret, accept the resignation of Mr. Kevin McNamara as administrator of Ocean View Manor." Motion Carried.

It was moved by Councillor Walker, seconded by Councillor Baker:

"THAT the Board of Management of Ocean View Manor be authorized to proceed to find a replacement for Mr. McNamara." Motion Carried.

It was moved by Councillor Fader, seconded by Councillor Topple:

"THAT the Municipal Solicitor be instructed to prepare an amendment to the Lord's Day By-Law to eliminate the permits being issued at the discretion of the Municipal Clerk." Motion Carried.

Councillor Lachance stated that many fire departments think they own the fire vehicles. This proposed resolution would put small and large fire departments under one plan and would be less expensive. The fire chiefs should be aware of what Council is doing.

Councillor Cosman asked if the Bedford Service Commission fire vehicles would be included in this coverage and Mr. Bensted said they were not the responsibility of the Municipality. Councillor Gaetz asked if the \$1 million coverage applied to every fire department. Mr. Bensted explained that this is a blanket coverage and that it would cover every fire department. Councillor Margeson wondered what the federal and provincial governments do and Mr. Bensted said they were responsible for their own fire vehicles as well. The fire chiefs should be asked if they would like to get a tender. Mr. Bensted said each department can get individual coverage as long as they confirm to the County the required protection.

It was moved by Councillor Lachance, seconded by Councillor Lawrence:

"THAT Council approve the proposed fire vehicle insurance coverage as recommended in the Finance and Executive Committee Report." Motion Carried.

Councillor Topple then spoke about the letter received from Mr. Morris Lloyd. At first 50 percent of the cost would be borne and now they have changed it to 75 percent concerning the East Preston and Cherrybrook study. At the last county session it was agreed that Hugh Porter and Associates would do the planning and Mr. Lloyd should be informed of this.

Councillor Lachance added that the Minister of Municipal Affairs has encouraged us along the way and wants us to move ahead with the project. Councillor Sutherland noted that Mr. Bensted's letter of September 12th says the County should not proceed with anything until the Municipal Development Plan is approved. Mr. Bensted agreed that the County would not be in a position to deal with detailed planning until that plan is approved.

Separate studies for the communities of East Preston and Cherrybrook will have to be carried out said Councillor Topple as they are not included in the water shed area. Negotiations should be carried out with Hugh Porter and Associates to get a price on this. Mr. Bensted will be getting a price on this shortly.

It was moved by Councillor Topple, seconded by Councillor Lachance:

"THAT the Municipality proceed with the detailed planning of the communities of East Preston and Cherrybrook." Motion Carried.

Councillor Benjamin spoke on behalf of Councillor Streach saying he was holding an open house in his home this evening and he invited all Councillors to attend.

It was moved by Deputy Warden Williams, seconded by Councillor Walker:

"THAT Council adjourn to September 26, 1978 at 2:00 p.m." Motion Carried.

THE MUNICIPALITY OF THE COUNTY OF HALIFAX SEPTEMBER COUNCIL SESSION MINUTESTuesday, September 26, 1978

Warden Ira Settle called the September session of Council to order immediately followed by the Clerk calling the roll.

It was moved by Councillor Cosman, seconded by Councillor Fader:

"THAT Mrs. Terri Durling be appointed as recording secretary." Motion Carried.

Mr. Bensted noted that Councillors Gaetz and McCabe were absent from today's session due to doctor and eye specialist appointments respectively.

Warden Settle took a few minutes out to congratulate Councillors MacKay and Streach on their recent success in last Tuesday's Provincial Election and went on to wish them the very best in their futures.

Councillor Streach thanked the Warden, staff members and Councillors for the privilege of being able to serve on Council for five years. The experience was a pleasant one and he learned a lot through this municipal council. It is not his intention to hold two positions, however, and he will be submitting his written resignation to be effective in the very near future. There are a few things that he has to do as a Councillor first. He is looking forward to working with the Councillors as a M.L.A. He will endeavour to do what is best for the County as well as for the rest of Nova Scotia.

Councillor MacKay also expressed his thanks to Council. He is especially interested in the Municipal Development Plan and regional transit and how they will affect his area. He too will submit his resignation soon. He has learned a lot from Council and will always be responsive to municipal bodies and especially that of Halifax County.

It was moved by Councillor Fader, seconded by Councillor MacKenzie:

"THAT the Report of the Public Works Committee be approved." Motion Carried.

Councillor Cosman asked if the Department of National Defense were going to pick up the total capital cost for the extension of the municipal water main on the number seven highway in Bedford. Mr. Bensted said yes and D.N.D. would be responsible for any maintenance of the main within their property.

At this time Councillor Benjamin said the lighting along Magazine Hill was not adequate. He wondered if the people of Bedford or D.N.D. would be interested in putting some street lights along here. The area outside of the City of Dartmouth is completely black and could cause many accidents.

Councillor Cosman agreed that this area was very dark and dangerous. She, herself, almost had an accident along this road recently. It seems strange that Dunbrack Street is so well lighted and adorned with rose bushes but nothing is done along this area. The Bedford Service Commission certainly will not pay for lighting a public highway.

Councillor Topple inquired about the fire protection rate and asked how the D.N.D. will pay for this. Mr. Bensted explained that they do not pay taxes but pay grants in lieu of taxes which is equivalent to the rate of assessment.

Concerning the work to be done on the sewerage system at the Regional Rehabilitation Centre in Cole Harbour, Councillor Topple asked if the estimated cost of \$75.00 would be borne by the Department of Social Services to which Mr. Bensted said it would.

It was moved by Councillor Cosman, seconded by Councillor Benjamin:

"THAT the addition of items from the Public Works Committee Report be added to the five year capital program." Motion Carried.

Councillor Cosman suggested that a letter be forwarded to the Deputy Minister of Highways strongly urging them to continue work on the Bedford bypass especially in the area of barricades and lighting. Councillor Lawrence agreed with this but thought the letter should be directed to the Minister of Highways instead.

It was moved by Councillor Cosman, seconded by Councillor Lawrence:

"THAT the Minister of Highways be requested to carry out required improvements with respect to barricades and street lighting to the Bedford bypass." Motion Carried.

It was moved by Councillor Fader, seconded by Councillor Deveaux:

"THAT the Report of the School Capital Program Committee as amended as based on the Supplementary Report be approved." Motion Carried.

Councillor Lawrence asked the reasons behind the alternative names selected for the schools in the Cole Harbour area.

Councillor Fader explained that Councillor Topple had referred this back to the School Capital Program Committee at the last session of Council. Councillor Topple attended this meeting himself and then met with Warden Settle and together they came up with the recommendation presented here.

Councillor Topple added that this item was referred back because several months ago he had written a letter to the

School Board asking that the new high school be named the Gordon Bell High School. Shortly after a second letter was received by the School Board from the Heritage Society asking that the school be named the Cole Harbour High School. Councillor Topple agreed to this as long as the new junior high school could be named the Gordon Bell Junior High School. However, since the name Forest Hills Junior High School was already on this school, the School Board decided it would be too expensive to change the name. Councillor Topple does not feel it is too expensive and he would not accept the decision so he had the matter referred back. This is the explanation behind the name changes as indicated in the Supplementary Report.

Councillors then went into their individual items that had been added to the original agenda.

Councillor Deveaux spoke about the Dog and Noise By-laws. He was talking to Mr. Marsten of the S.P.C.A. and he had indicated that he would come before the Finance and Executive Committee to review the Dog and Noise By-laws. Councillor Deveaux's area has been plagued with barking dogs in the middle of the night. The City of Dartmouth has a by-law which deals with this and action can be taken against people with dogs barking in the night. The Finance and Executive Committee should meet with Mr. Marsten to discuss any changes that could be made to the present by-law.

Councillor Lawrence asked the Solicitor for a report on the noise by-law. Mr. Cragg explained that a proposed new by-law was now being drafted up. The City of Halifax is interested in what we are going to do. What Councillor Deveaux has asked should be tied into this. Mr. Cragg thought the draft would be ready in about four weeks.

It was moved by Councillor Deveaux, seconded by Councillor Baker:

"THAT the Finance and Executive Committee be requested to meet with Mr. Marsten of the S.P.C.A. with respect to possible amendments to the Dog By-law and/or Noise By-law." Motion Carried.

Councillor Cosman brought up an important item concerning the Lord's Day Act. Last Tuesday, County Council passed a motion concerning this act and this week Dominion Stores and Food City opened their doors on Sunday without permits from the County to do so. The citizens of Bedford do not want this. Children cannot ride their bicycles on Sunday because of heavy traffic. Church groups are up in arms, petitions are being circulated and the stores were picketed. Councillor Cosman would like Council to go in camera as a Committee of the Whole to discuss with the Solicitor what type of action can be taken against these stores.

It was moved by Councillor Cosman, seconded by Councillor MacKay:

"THAT Council go in camera as a Committee of the Whole." Motion Carried.

Council went into camera for approximately one hour to discuss this situation.

It was then moved by Councillor Fader, seconded by Councillor Cosman:

"THAT Council go back into their regular Council session." Motion Carried.

Councillor Cosman suggested that Council urge the province to amend its legislation concerning the Lord's Day Act to make it an offence for these large supermarkets to stay open on Sunday and to have a penalty as well. The solicitor agreed that this was the best alternative and the whole by-law definitely needs to be reviewed. Nothing can happen until the house goes into session at the provincial level.

Councillor Lawrence added that the County should be able to decide which types of businesses would be able to have permits. The Solicitor said specific guidelines would be needed to decide which businesses would be allowed and which would not. Councillor Lawrence thought this would depend on the nature and size of the business. Councillor Topple thought this would be difficult to determine according to stock or size of the store. There could be a lot of loopholes here.

Councillor Benjamin inquired if there were any legislation as to the number of hours a store can stay open re statutory holidays, etc. The Solicitor stated that the City of Halifax can set a certain number of hours for certain types of businesses.

It was moved by Councillor Cosman, seconded by Councillor Margeson:

"THAT the solicitor be instructed to request the appropriate provincial authority to amend the provincial legislation which would allow the Municipality to make Sunday opening an offence and to establish a minimum fine and also authority to define types of operations to be covered." Motion Carried.

Councillor Smith noted that there are rumours going around among senior citizens and widows that their taxes are exempt but will go against their property should they sell or pass on. Councillor Smith has explained to these people that this is not the case but these people do not understand. She would like Council to go on record as publicizing how the tax exemption does work. Mr. Bensted did not know where these rumours came from but asked that the reporter present do such a write-up. Councillor Topple agreed that this should be done so that it can be cleared up once and for all.

Councillor Baker has a problem getting the R.C.M.P. to respond to crime in his area. He has since heard that they plan to move their detachment from Halifax to Bedford and this will make the trip to his area even longer. He would

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like a letter to go from this Council saying the County would be against this move. Councillor Topple thought it strange why they would be considering this move after just building a new building in Halifax. Councillor Sutherland suggested that the R.C.M.P. be asked their reasons for such a move and perhaps present them to Council at a meeting.

Councillor Eisenhower's area is served by the Halifax Police and he has to wait for them to come from Halifax. It would be more convenient to have the R.C.M.P. in Bedford as far as he is concerned. He suggested a division of Halifax as far as servicing by police and R.C.M.P. Councillor Lawrence said the Halifax area is far too large to cover as Councillor Eisenhower has suggested and would be almost impossible to do.

Again, Councillor Sutherland suggested that the R.C.M.P. be contacted to find out what their plans are and then Council could decide what to do from there.

Councillor Baker said it is so bad in his area that he himself caught a thief and had to hold a gun on him until the R.C.M.P. arrived on the scene.

Councillor Eisenhower agreed with Councillor Sutherland's suggestion that the R.C.M.P. be asked to give a presentation. They want more personnel and the County could support them in this.

At this time, Councillor Fader suggested that this whole item be referred to the Police Committee and they look after it.

It was moved by Councillor Baker, seconded by Councillor Topple:

"THAT Council go on record as to its concern as to the possibility of the R.C.M.P. Headquarters at Halifax being relocated to Bedford in particular with respect to coverage of the Herring Cove Area. (See motion of referral to follow by Councillors Fader and Walker.)

It was moved by Councillor Fader, seconded by Councillor Walker:

"THAT this item be referred to the Police Committee." Motion Carried.

Councillor Margeson would like to see something go before the Nova Scotia provincial legislature that the County of Halifax recommend that nothing but reuseable bottles be used. Mr. Bensted said present legislation says that stores must pay cash for returnable bottles but there is nothing about the actual sale of bottles. Councillor Margeson asked if there were any legislation in Halifax County by-laws on this and Mr. Cragg said there was not.

Another point Councillor Margeson had to make was about waste materials. There is an area in Halifax County in Oldham where oil is being dumped in the old mine shafts. He has discussed this with the environment people and the people of East Hants. There is concern about the oil getting into the water and although there is no evidence of any leakage yet, it could be a problem in the future. The main concern now is trying to locate the person who did the dumping. Councillor Margeson would like a letter sent to the Minister of Environment showing Council's concern about the area of Oldham. Council should be brought up to date on the matters and be told of future plans for the area.

Councillor Benjamin agreed with this as it is in his area. It seems about a year ago some federal vehicles were spotted dumping oil in the old mine shafts. This is not the only location that this is being done. Local people dump their waste in certain areas as well. Environment has been alerted about this and the people of Oldham have been asked to report the license numbers of any vehicles caught dumping oil here.

Getting back to the question of non-returnable bottles, Councillor Topple was reading an article in the National Parks Service about an idea they instituted whereby all types of dispensers could be returned for a deposit. Since all were usable in some way, such as for scrap metal, etc. it seemed like a good idea and has worked quite successfully. This might help in our area as well.

It was moved by Councillor Margeson, seconded by Councillor Cosman:

"THAT the Provincial Department of Environment be requested to investigate dumping or storage of waste oil or other chemicals in the Oldham area." Motion Carried.

It was moved by Councillor Lawrence, seconded by Councillor Cosman:

"THAT the Supplementary Report of the Planning Advisory Committee be adopted as amended." Motion Carried.

It was moved by Councillor Walker, seconded by Councillor Sutherland:

"THAT Item # 2 of the Supplementary Report of the Planning Advisory Committee be deleted and dealt with as a separate item." Motion Carried.

Councillor Walker's reason for deleting this section is that there are several ways of dealing with the municipal by-laws and he wondered what would be the best way of handling it. At this time there is no public input on the by-laws. He would like to see individual Councillors hold public hearings on the by-laws.

Councillor Cosman wanted some clarification on whether a by-law is advertised and then a public hearing held. Mr. Bensted



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stated that Council approves of a by-law and it then goes to the Minister for approval. Councillor Cosman also feels the by-laws definitely need to be looked at. This was started at the first of the year and only a few have been dealt with. There is not that much more time left to deal with the large number of by-laws that remain to be looked at. She would like to see some dates set to get going on this.

Mr. Bensted was not sure how many by-laws had been dealt with but he did feel that they could not be dealt with properly at regular Council sessions.

Councillor Cosman agreed and added that regular dates should be set to get on with this.

It was moved by Councillor Cosman, seconded by Councillor Deveaux:

"THAT Council sit as a Committee of the Whole to deal with considerations and possible amendments to the by-laws on the second and fourth Tuesdays of each month." (See motion of referral following by Councillors Lawrence and Smith.)

Councillor Fader feels that there are other pressing issues that need to be dealt with first such as the Municipal Development Plan. There has been a good turnout at the public hearings dealing with this and this is a very important issue. The by-laws have been gradually improved over the past five years.

Councillor Eisenhower said that some of the by-laws are o.k. but there are others that are not. He would like to hear the Solicitor's views on what should be updated and the ones he deals with most often. Backup information should be obtained as to the need for the original by-laws. In summary, he basically feels the Solicitor and the Finance and Executive Committee should deal with this first.

Councillor Benjamin agrees. Each Councillor would have different views on each by-law. Councillor Walker asked if Councillor Cosman's motion has any intention of public input. Councillor Cosman said it did not matter to her but she just wanted to get on with it.

Mr. Bensted suggested that each Councillor list those particular by-laws they are concerned with. Mr. Cragg said the provincial government has a Law Amendments Committee that deals with things like this and it is quite successful. The public as well as individual Councillors could appear before such a Committee and give their ideas. Warden Settle mentioned that there used to be a Committee like this some time ago and it was an important one. Somehow along the way it was phased out.

Councillor Lawrence likes Councillor Eisenhower's idea and would like to have the matter referred back to Finance and Executive who could deal with some of the ideas presented here today and then report back to Council.

It was moved by Councillor Lawrence, seconded by Councillor Smith:

"THAT the motion by Councillors Cosman and Deveaux be referred back to the Finance and Executive Committee for discussion and report to Council." Motion Carried.

It was moved by Councillor Tople, seconded by Councillor Deveaux:

"THAT Council give notice of intention of a Public Hearing re Application # 29-77 be held November 6, 1978 at 7:00 p.m." Motion Carried.

Councillor Margeson went back to his discussion on bottles and asked that a letter be sent to the Minister of Environment asking that only returnable bottles be used in the County.

Councillor Lawrence asked if the by-law concerning the sale of air guns would have anything to do with selling of returnable bottles only. Mr. Bensted said this by-law could not be used to control the sale of bottles. Councillor Margeson would like some inquiries made about the surcharge on all containers used for drinking purposes. The article in the Globe and Mail re a National Exchange for waste materials should also be sent to the Minister for his information.

It was moved by Councillor Margeson, seconded by Councillor Lawrence:

"THAT a letter be forwarded to the Provincial Department of Environment requesting action be taken to prohibit or require a deposit on non-returnable bottles." Motion Carried.

Councillor Gaetz's item on City Market should be deferred until the next Council Session when he is present.

Councillor Deveaux noticed in the newspaper that two gentlemen were picketing French classes. He would like to know why parents of the children were not informed that French is not compulsory.

Councillor Lawrence explained that the French program in elementary schools is being done on a circuit basis as is physical education and music. None of these programs are considered compulsory and it did not seem necessary to advise the parents of this. The reason for French being offered is the pressure from parents who have requested it for their children.