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DARTMOUTH CITY COUNCIL
AGENDA

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* TUES., JAN 08/91 *
* 7:30 PM *
* COUNCIL CHAMBER *

1. INVOCATION
2. APPROVE THE MINUTES FROM THE MEETINGS: Dec. 4, & 11, 1990.
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13. 1991/1992 CAPITAL BUDGET DELIBERATIONS - PLEASE BRING YOUR BUDGET WITH YOU AS THERE ARE NO EXTRA COPIES

LOCATION: CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS
TIME: 7:30 P.M.

MEMBERS PRESENT: MAYOR SAVAGE
ALDERMEN SARTO, THOMPSON
BILLARD, MACFARLANE
CONNORS, LEVANDIER
MCCLUSKEY, PYE, WOODS
HAWLEY, GREENOUGH, RODGERS
WALTON, HETHERINGTON

CITY ADMINISTRATOR: J. BURKE
CITY SOLICITOR: S. HOOD
DEPUTY CITY CLERK: G. BRADY
DEPARTMENT HEADS & ASSISTANTS

1.0 INVOCATION

Mayor Savage opened the meeting with the Invocation.

He then announced to Council that the Dartmouth Housing Tenants Association has been selected as one of the most outstanding Housing Associations in Canada; a video is to be made in this connection. The Mayor acknowledged the achievement of this group, extending congratulations on his behalf and on behalf of Council.

The Mayor advised that information has been circulated to members, in the light of today's decision by the Metropolitan Authority to allow for one more month of public participation on the subject of solid waste disposal methods for the metropolitan area.

Reference was also made by Mayor Savage to a letter from Mr. Mark Bernard, further to a letter received previously from Mr. Mandaville; copies of this correspondence have been circulated to members of Council.

2.0 APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MOTION: To approve the minutes of Council meetings of Dec. 4th and 11th, 1990.

Moved: Ald. Thompson
Second: Ald. Sarto
In Favour: All
Against: None
Motion Carried

3.0 BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

4.0 CONCERNS OF COUNCIL MEMBERS OR QUESTIONS

The fifteen-minute time period set aside for concerns and questions from members of Council, followed.

ALD. MCCLUSKEY

Ald. McCluskey inquired again about the requirement for members of Council to attend all public hearings for the M.P.S., and the Mayor said he would have the point clarified by Mr. Moreash for Council.

Ald. McCluskey requested that next year's City At Home be held at the previous location, Dartmouth High School, and that food be provided for that function.

Ald. McCluskey said she hoped that signs requested for Woodland Ave. will be erected by the middle of January, as indicated in the letter she has recently received.

ALD. CONNORS

Ald. Connors requested that staff look at signage to prohibit parking on the triangular piece of land at the top of Nantucket Ave. In the long term, fencing should be considered as a means of protecting the area from further deterioration caused by cars being parked there.

Ald. Connors asked for a staff report, based on concerns from companies about the procedure being followed in the construction of the police station; he requested a response on this item by next Tuesday's Council meeting.

ALD. BILLARD

Ald. Billard referred to the recent honoring of Rev. Fairfax, in becoming a Member of the Order of Canada; he noted other Dartmouth recipients of this honor, including Helen Creighton, Tom Forrestall, Connie Wenaus, I. W. Akerley. He proposed that a commemorative scroll be created, for display in a high profile location, such as the City Hall lobby, listing the names of Dartmouth citizens so honored. Mayor Savage agreed that this suggestion has merit and the names of Dartmouth recipients could be obtained from the Governor General.

ALD. HETHERINGTON

Ald. Hetherington thanked Fire Chief Greene for the information he has provided on the #2 fire station complement, in response to a concern raised previously by Ald. Hetherington.

He requested heavy salting by the Works Dept. at two specific locations in Ward 7, namely, in the area of 84 Fenwick Street, and on Pleasant Street in the area of the Salvation Army building.

ALD. WALTON

Ald. Walton referred to the December issue of the Recreation Canada publication, containing an article by Janet Landry of the Parks & Recreation Dept., in connection with the Five Star Program and the award received by the City of Dartmouth. He commended the article and Ms. Landry for her part in the program.

ALD. THOMPSON Ald. Thompson commended the Chief of Police and the police officers responsible for action taken in securing business premises in the Burnside Park on New Years Eve; the premises concerned had not been locked and would have been open for entry if this oversight had gone undetected.

The Mayor advised Council of items to be added to the agenda, including an item on the twinning of Dartmouth with another city.

5.0 NOTICE OF RECONSIDERATION

i) ALD. HETHERINGTON - WATER SYSTEM EXTENSIONS

WATER SYSTEM
EXTENSIONS

Notice of reconsideration was given at the Dec. 11th Council meeting, following a decision of Council to approve water service extensions into Halifax County areas, which included: the Willowdale Subdivision Phase 2; Forest Hills Phase 11A; Keystone Village (City) Phase VII; Albro Lake lands (City); and the Millbrook Reserve (Cole Harbour).

With the agenda for this Council meeting, Mr. Burke has circulated a supplementary information report on the County extension requests, and the action that has been taken to date by Halifax County Municipal Council in connection with them.

Having received the additional information and after some personal discussions of his own with County Councillors, Ald. Hetherington was willing to withdraw his notice of reconsideration at this time. The motion adopted by Council at the Dec. 11th meeting therefore stands as recorded on page 9 of the Dec. 11th minutes.

6.0 DELEGATIONS & HEARINGS OF PROTEST

7.0 ORIGINAL COMMUNICATIONS

8.0 PUBLIC HEARINGS

9.0 PETITIONS

10.0 REPORTS

10.1 MAYOR

10.1.1 APPOINTMENTS TO SPORTSPLEX

APPOINTMENTS: The Mayor has advised Council that John Guildford is willing to serve on the Sportsplex Commission, where there is a citizen vacancy at present. An Aldermanic appointment is also required, to replace Ald. McCluskey, who has completed her term of office on the Commission.

The name of John Guildford was placed in nomination by Ald. Sarto, after which Ald. Billard nominated Murray Logan, from whom an application to serve on the Commission, was received. Ald. Billard also circulated information on Mr. Logan's background and interest in the Sportsplex.

Following a vote by secret ballot, Mr. Guildford was declared to be appointed as the citizen member. Ald. Woods was appointed to serve as Aldermanic member, on the nomination of Ald. Thompson.

10.1.2 APPOINTMENT TO ARBITRATION COMMITTEE

APPOINTMENT:
ARBITRATION
COMMITTEE

Council was requested to appoint an alternate member to the Arbitration Committee, additional to the existing appointed representative for Dartmouth, Ald. McCluskey. Ald. Levandier indicated that he would be willing to serve as alternate member.

MOTION: To confirm the appointment of Ald. Levandier as Dartmouth's alternate representative on the Arbitration Committee.

Moved: Ald. Hetherington
Second: Ald. Thompson
In Favour: All
Against: None
Motion Carried

10.2 CITY ADMINISTRATOR

10.2.1 EXTENSION OF WATER SERVICES - PARKLAND HEIGHTS SUBDIVISION

WATER SERVICES:
PARKLAND HEIGHTS

Report from Mr. Burke on a County of Halifax request for water extension for 22 lots in Parkland Heights Subdivision. It has been recommended by Mr. Burke (R. Fougere) that approval be given for this extension of water service, subject to technical approval of design drawings.

MOTION: To adopt the recommendation for approval of a water service extension to Parkland Heights Subdivision in Halifax County, subject to technical approval of design drawings.

Moved: Ald. Levandier
Second: Ald. Hetherington
In Favour: All
Against: None
Motion Carried

10.2.2 ENGINEERING CONSULTANT - BURNSIDE RESERVOIRBURNSIDE
RESERVOIR

Report from Mr. Burke (R. Fougere, E. Purdy) on the appointment of an engineering consultant for the design of a new Burnside Reservoir, subject to this project being approved in the 1991 capital budget. It has been recommended that CBCL Ltd. be appointed to carry out the design work.

MOTION: To approve the recommended appointment of CBCL Ltd. as engineering consultants for the Burnside Reservoir project, subject to its approval in the 1991 capital budget.

Moved: Ald. Greenough

Second: Ald. Thompson

Ald. Connors felt that Council has not received sufficient information or had the kind of full debate required to make a decision on this item, and he was in favour of referral back to staff for a further report, in the context of other Water Utility projects, such as the treatment plant, after which Council would debate the pros and cons of the Burnside Reservoir and its priority. Ald. Pye felt the Water Utility Committee should also be given an opportunity for discussion and input, before Council comes to any decision.

MOTION: That the item be referred back to staff for additional information, and to the Water Utility Committee for input and opinion, prior to Council debate in conjunction with the capital budget items.

Moved: Ald. Connors
Second: Ald. Hetherington
In Favour: All
Against: None
Motion Carried

10.3 SOLICITORS10.3.1 SNOWMOBILE BY-LAW

BY-LAW S-1101

Proposed By-law S-1101 (Snowmobile By-law amendment) was presented by the Solicitor for Council's approval. This amendment pertains to the operation of snowmobiles in residential areas, and has been recommended for three readings.

MOTION: That leave be given to introduce the said By-law S-1101 and that it now be read a first time.

Moved: Ald. Levandier
Second: Ald. Hetherington
In Favour: All
Against: None
Motion Carried

MOTION: That By-law S-1101 be read a second time.

Moved: Ald. MacFarlane
Second: Ald. Walton

In response to questions from Ald. Connors about the extent of the problem with residential properties, Ald. Walton explained in further detail why he has requested the by-law amendment, and cited instances which have prompted him to seek the residential provision. The vote was then taken on second reading.

In Favour: All
Against: None
Motion Carried

Unanimous consent was given by Council for third reading of the by-law.

MOTION: That By-law S-1101 be read a third time and that the Mayor and the City Clerk be authorized to sign and seal the said by-law on behalf of the City.

Moved: Ald. Hetherington
Second: Ald. Greenough
In Favour: All
Against: None
Motion Carried

10.3.2 TAXI BY-LAW FARE AMENDMENT - G.S.T.

BY-LAW T-504

Proposed By-law T-504, an amendment to the Taxi By-law, to include the G.S.T. in taxi fares, was before Council for approval, as prepared and recommended by the City Solicitor.

MOTION: That leave be given to introduce the said By-law T-504 and that it now be read a first time.

Moved: Ald. Sarto
Second: Ald. MacFarlane
In Favour: All
Against: None
Motion Carried

MOTION: That By-law T-504 be read a second time.

Moved: Ald. Hetherington
Second: Ald. MacFarlane
In Favour: All members except
Against: Ald. Pye
Motion Carried

Ald. Pye said he could not support the by-law because of his opposition to the G.S.T.

Unanimous consent was given by Council for third reading of the by-law.

MOTION: That By-law T-504 be read a third time and that the Mayor and the City Clerk be authorized to sign and seal the said by-law on behalf of the City.

Moved: Ald. Hetherington
Second: Ald. Levandier
In Favour: All members except
Against: Ald. Pye.
Motion carried

10.3.4 STREET TAKEOVER - CREELMAN DRIVE (RES. 91-02)

CREELMAN DR.
RES. 91-02

The Solicitor has recommended that Council approve Resolution 91-02, authorizing the take-over by the City of the street known as Creelman Drive, located in the Red Bridge Pond area.

MOTION: To approve Resolution 91-02, as recommended by the Solicitor, authorizing the take-over by the City, of Creelman Drive.

Moved: Ald. Greenough
Second: Ald. Thompson
In Favour: All
Against: None
Motion Carried

10.3.5 TRAIN WHISTLING - LYLE STREET

TRAIN WHISTLING

The City Solicitor has sought direction from Council with respect to the removal of the Lyle Street train crossing, so that anti-whistling procedures can be proceeded with in the downtown area of the City. If the City wished to re-open this crossing at any time in the future, the cost of automatic signalization (approx. \$85,000.) would have to be borne by the City, a fact for Council's consideration in any decision on this issue.

Since this has been an on-going issue with CN for some time, and since a similar situation existing in Halifax has been resolved, Ald. McCluskey proposed that we find out what was done in that instance, to determine if their experience could be applied in Dartmouth's case as well.

MOTION: To defer this item until we can find out what was done in the similar Halifax situation; Ald. Connors requested that deferral be for a two-week period only.

Moved: Ald. McCluskey
Second: Ald. Levandier
In Favour: All
Against: None
Motion Carried

(Ald. Hetherington left the meeting at this point.)

10.4 HERITAGE ADVISORY COMMITTEE10.4.1 APPOINTMENTS TO COMMITTEEAPPOINTMENTS
TO COMMITTEE

The Heritage Advisory Committee has recommended the appointment of four citizen-at-large members for a term to expire in November of 1992; and the appointment of Mr. James Harrison, representative of the Dartmouth Museum Board (to November of 1992); and Mr. Steve Gilmore, to replace a resigning member, Mr. James Dixon, his term to expire in November of 1991.

MOTION: To approve the recommended appointment of the following four citizen-at-large members, to serve on the Heritage Advisory Committee until November of 1992:

Mr. Harry Chapman
John Davies
Wm. Waugh (P. Eng.)
Ms. Joan Payzant

And to approve the recommended appointment of Mr. James Harrison (Museum Board) for a term to November of 1992, and Mr. Steve Gilmore, for a term to expire in Nov. of 1991. Mr. Gilmore to replace resigning member of the Committee, Mr. James Dixon.

Moved: Ald. Connors
Second: Ald. MacFarlane
In Favour: All
Against: None
Motion Carried

Ald. Billard raised a point about his requested appointment to the Commons Committee, of Elizabeth Ann Macdonald, and proceeded to move that her appointment be approved at this time, with the terms of reference change to come to Council subsequently, in relation to the composition of the Committee.

MOTION: That Council approve the appointment of an additional member, Elizabeth Ann Macdonald, to the Commons Committee, terms of reference for this change in composition of the Committee to come to Council at a later date.

Moved: Ald. Billard
Second: Ald. Walton
In Favour: All
Against: None
Motion Carried

10.5 INDUSTRIAL COMMISSION

10.5.1 LYLE STREET LANDS

LYLE STREET
LANDS

The Industrial Commission has requested clarification as to the present status of the Lyle Street property purchased by the City, in relation to the Commons enhancement plan, so that the saleability of the property can be determined.

MOTION: That the request from the Commission be referred to the Solicitor and Mr. Burke, plus Mr. MacInnis, the Chief Surveyor, to seek clarification of the points raised about the present status of the Lyle St. property.

Moved: Ald. Greenough
Second: Ald. Sarto

Ald. McCluskey quoted from minutes of 1986 and 1987 Council meetings, when the Lyle Street property was dealt with, noting that it was Council's intention at that time to sell the land and recoup the cost of it. Other members concurred with this opinion, but several did not feel that decisions should be made about the land use for this particular property until such time as the total waterfront development plan will have been completed.

Ald. Rodgers asked if any soils investigation was ever done, and he requested information on the amount of contaminants that exist at present (for all three properties); also, for a cost estimate to dispose of the contaminants and where. He requested as well, a definition of the legal Commons boundary, and for some idea as to what possible uses could be made of the land.

Ald. Hawley favoured a time limit for receiving the report for Council discussion.

AMENDMENT: That a time limit of two months be set for the report to come back to Council from staff.

Moved: Ald. Hawley
Second: Ald. Billard

Ald. Woods suggested that if the property becomes a neighborhood park, perhaps the Burnside Sale of Land account should be reimbursed accordingly through a matching portion of the Ward 3 budget allocation.

The vote was taken on the amendment and on the motion.

In Favour: All members except
Against: Ald. Levandier
Amendment Carried

Motion, as amended:

In Favour: All members except
Against: Ald. Levandier
Motion Carried, as amended

10.6 DOWNTOWN BUSINESS IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT COMMITTEE

10.6.1 FACADE MURAL

FACADE MURAL

The Downtown BIDC has identified two City-owned buildings, the Fire Station on King Street & the free-standing brick wall at the Police Station, facing Wentworth Street, as locations for facade murals approved by the Committee and subsequently, by Council.

The Committee therefore recommends that Council permit the murals to be located on the two buildings requested.

MOTION: To approve the recommendation of the Downtown BIDC on the two requested locations for facade murals, site #1 being the Fire Station (King St.) and site #2, the Police Station facing Wentworth St.

Moved: Ald. Pye
Second: Ald. Greenough
In Favour: All
Against: None
Motion Carried

10.7 GRANTS COMMITTEE

10.7.1 ADDITIONAL RECOMMENDATIONS

GRANT REQUESTS

The Grants Committee has dealt with requests for grants, from three organizations, to be allocated from the 1990 budget item for this purpose. The Committee has recommended the approval of grants totalling \$5,740., in response to these requests.

MOTION: To approve the three grants recommended, for funding from the 1990 budget allocation; these are as follows:

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| 1) Coverdale | \$1,500. |
| 2) Dart. Developmental Centre
(one-time grant to cover the remaining cost of the wheel-chair ramp at Dart. High) | 2,240. |
| 3) Metro Volunteer Resource Centre | 2,000. |

TOTAL: \$ 5,740.

Moved: Ald. Hawley
Second: Ald. Walton
In Favour: All
Against: None
Motion Carried

11.0 MOTIONS

11.1 ALD. RODGERS

11.1.1 FUNDING - HARBOUR CLEANUP

Ald. Rodgers said he would wait for additional information from Mr. Burke before proceeding with his motion on funding in connection with the harbour cleanup. Mr. Burke explained

the problem in providing the kind of funding update and impact Ald. Rodgers is seeking, with so little recent progress in the cleanup project. The Mayor also pointed out that there are decisions still to be made on the project at the Provincial and Federal government levels.

Ald. MacFarlane summed up the opinion of several members, that there is starting to be a credibility gap, as far as the harbour cleanup is concerned, as a result of the continuing lack of progress with the project.

Ald. Rodgers decided to meet with Mr. Burke for a review of his files on the item, and to defer his motion until after that review.

MOTION: To defer the motion on funding for the harbour cleanup until after Ald. Rodgers has reviewed the files on this item with Mr. Burke.

Moved: Ald. Rodgers
Second: Ald. Levandier
In Favour: All
Against: None
Motion Carried

11.2 ALD. MCCLUSKEY

11.2.1 ASSESSMENT ROLL

MOTION: WHEREAS the City of Dartmouth is presently and has been experiencing, problems with the accuracy of the assessment roll;
THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the City look at the option of taking over the assessment function and the (1) legislative impact it would have; (2) as well as the financial impact. (Wording added: and to discuss this approach with other local municipalities as well.)

Moved: Ald. McCluskey
Second: Ald. Woods

The main concern about the motion was the potential cost the City could be facing in establishing a department that would carry out assessment functions. Several members felt this transfer of responsibility from the Province might be accomplished more successfully in conjunction with the other metropolitan municipalities; it was suggested by Ald. McCluskey that the Town of Bedford and the City of Halifax may be interested in the idea.

Ald. Connors suggested that the kind of in-depth study this subject requires, could be undertaken by the Finance & Program Review Committee, and that they would look at a range of possible solutions, in addition to the one put forward in the motion of Ald. McCluskey. Also, they would look at what is being done elsewhere in Canada, in the way of dealing with assessment functions. Once the Committee completed their study, a report would come to Council for further consideration. A motion to this effect was presented.

MOTION: To refer the motion of Ald. McCluskey to the Finance & Program Review Committee for in-depth study, as proposed in the above paragraph, and report to Council.

Moved: Ald. Connors
Second: Ald. Greenough
In Favour: All members except
Against: Ald. Billard
Motion Carried

11.3 ALD. WOODS

11.3.1 DISPOSAL OF SOLID WASTE

Ald. Woods at first indicated he would defer his motion until after completion of the public information and participation extension decided upon by the Metro. Authority, but he also took the position that Authority staff should be directed to open up a dialogue with TUNS, in a way that has not been done to date. He therefore proceeded to present his motion, for which notice was previously given.

MOTION: WHEREAS the Metropolitan Authority has embarked on its task of re-shaping the process by which we dispose of our solid waste;

AND WHEREAS incineration will form a fundamental portion of this process;

AND WHEREAS the Mechanical Engineering Division of the Technical University of Nova Scotia possesses the Rand D skills to assist in solving the technical issues involved in the safe and efficient combustion of garbage;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Metropolitan Authority open a meaningful dialogue with TUNS, with a view of exploring a possible TUNS involvement in such a precedent-setting project.

Moved: Ald. Woods
Second: Ald. McCluskey
In Favour: All
Against: None
Motion Carried

11.4 ALD. BILLARD

11.4.1 WATER CONSERVATION

MOTION: WHEREAS the City has expressed some concern in recent years about the capacity of our water supply;
AND WHEREAS all members of Council have been continuously reminded about the high water bills of the recent year;
BE IT RESOLVED that the City of Dartmouth Water Commission become pro-active in its effort to encourage conservation, and that effort include, but not be limited to, distribution of water saver inserts to all water clients.

Moved: Ald. Billard
Second: Ald. Connors

Ald. Billard explained the intent of his motion, which is to encourage a strategy for the reduction of water consumption, with resulting savings ultimately to the consumers themselves and in terms of cost to the City in the operation of our water system. He wanted the motion to include an understanding that the strategy will go ahead, through the Healthy Dartmouth Committee or whatever process is considered most feasible and expedient. Members generally agreed that this understanding should be inherent in the motion as presented, and it was adopted on that basis.

In Favour: All
Against: None
Motion Carried

12.0 NOTICES OF MOTION

The following notice of motion was given for the next regular meeting of Council:

Ald. Pye

WHEREAS the Goods & Services Tax is a tax opposed by at least 80% of Canadians;

AND WHEREAS this tax will impact financially upon the municipality;

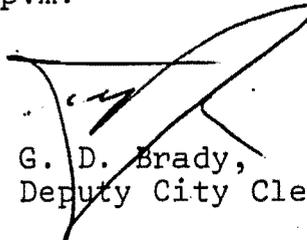
THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Municipality of Dartmouth refuse to accept or charge the G.S.T.;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Municipality of Dartmouth seek support for such a position from the U.N.S.M. and the F.C.M.

At 10:45 p.m., Council went in camera, on motion of Ald. Thompson and Pye. Council later reconvened in open meeting for adjournment.

The Mayor advised Council that the Capital Budget deliberations will begin at next week's meeting, setting aside other items of business for this purpose.

The meeting adjourned at 10:55 p.m.



G. D. Brady,
Deputy City Clerk.

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DARTMOUTH CITY COUNCIL
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* TUES., JAN 15/91 *
* 7:30 PM *
* COUNCIL CHAMBER *

1. Presentation of Plaques - Best Decorated Property during the Festive Season 1990-1991
2. 1991/1992 CAPITAL BUDGET DELIBERATIONS - PLEASE BRING YOUR BUDGET WITH YOU AS THERE ARE NO EXTRA COPIES

LOCATION: CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS

TIME: 7:30 P.M.

MEMBERS PRESENT: DEPUTY MAYOR MACFARLANE
ALDERMEN SARTO, THOMPSON, BILLARD
CONNORS, LEVANDIER
RODGERS, MCCLUSKEY
WOODS, PYE, HAWLEY
GREENOUGH, WALTON
HETHERINGTON

CITY ADMINISTRATOR: J. BURKE
CITY SOLICITOR: S. HOOD
CITY CLERK-TREASURER: B. SMITH
DEPARTMENT HEADS & ASSISTANTS

1.0 PRESENTATION OF PLAQUES - BEST DECORATED PROPERTIES

PRESENTATION
OF PLAQUES

Plaques were presented to the owners of best-decorated properties, during the recent Christmas season, following introductory remarks and thanks by the Committee Chairman, Ald. Pye. Deputy Mayor MacFarlane presented plaques to the winners, as follows:

Ward 1	Mr. & Mrs. Morgan Martin, 12 Day Ave.
2	Mr. & Mrs. Victor Blenus, 293 Portland St.
3	Mr. & Mrs. Brenton Hubley, 55 Fairbanks St.
4	Mr. & Mrs. David Millar, 55 Symonds St.
5	Mrs. Betty Baltzer, 10 India Road
6	Mr. & Mrs. Clifford Muise, 704 Waverley Rd.
7	Mr. & Mrs. Leonard Sachko, 210 Pleasant St.

CONCERNS OF COUNCIL MEMBERS OR QUESTIONS

At the request of members, Deputy Mayor MacFarlane agreed to allow time for concerns and questions, as follows:

ALD. MCCLUSKEY

Ald. McCluskey asked what can be done about business owners who plow snow out onto City sidewalks. Mr. Burke will take the matter up further with Police Chief Trider; enforcement of the appropriate by-law will be discussed.

ALD. CONNORS

Ald. Connors requested that a letter of unconditional apology be sent from the Mayor's office to Edwards' Fine Foods Ltd., in connection with correspondence from a staff member, to which Ald. Connors referred in making his request.

HETHERINGTON

Ald. Hetherington said that on a number of occasions, problems have been created for businesses by snow that is plowed over sidewalks by the Works Dept. crews. He felt there should be a policy applicable to these situations, and asked that Mr. Burke discuss the problem with the Police Chief and the City Engineer.

ALD. RODGERS Ald. Rodgers asked about the City's preparedness for security measures in the light of escalating world events, and Mr. Burke advised that measures have been taken to deal with such eventualities if they should arise.

ALD. THOMPSON Ald. Thompson tabled with Mr. Burke, a letter pertaining to the existing traffic situation at Ridgecrest and Main Street; he requested a report back to Council from Mr. Burke.

ALD. SARTO Further to the same matter, Ald. Sarto asked that a letter be sent to Mr. Golding of the Provincial Transportation Dept., requesting a reduction in the speed limit, from 80 kph. to 60 kph., on the section of Main Street from Ridgecrest Drive to Brigadoon Ave. This change has been discussed with the Dept. representative and a follow-up letter from the City is now required.

Deputy Mayor MacFarlane declared the week of January 19th to 26th as Minor Hockey Week in the City, this being recognized as Minor Hockey Week in Canada.

He also reminded members of the Chamber of Commerce dinner meeting with members of Council on Jan. 17th at 5:00 p.m. Ald. Levandier again objected to this being a closed meeting and said he would not attend for that reason. Ald. Greenough said it should be understood that City Council does not arrange this meeting, but attends at the invitation of the Chamber.

2.0 1991/92 CAPITAL BUDGET DELIBERATIONS

CAPITAL BUDGET

In his introductory capital budget statements, Mr. Burke noted that the 1991/92 capital budget covers a fifteen-month fiscal year, and this budget follows the same deviation from established practice as the 1989 and 1990 budgets, in order to provide for another major item of expenditure, in this case, the new police station. It is being proposed that the remainder of the funding required for the police station (\$5,800,000.) be included in the 1991/92 capital budget, which would result in no deviation from previous policy in the 1992/93 capital budget. The previous established policy was to restrict the net capital budget to principal retirement, plus Provincial grants. There would be a return to this policy in the 1992/93 budget, with the police station having been provided for entirely in 1991/92.

Further to the capital projections for the Dartmouth Ferry service and the Water Utility, it was suggested that these should first be dealt with by the Public Transportation Committee and the Water Utility Committee respectively, before Council deals with them. Motions to this effect were adopted.

MOTION: That the capital budget items for the ferry service be referred to the Public Transportation Committee for consideration, before being dealt with by Council.

Moved: Ald. Hetherington
Second: Ald. Levandier
In Favour: All
Against: None
Motion Carried

MOTION: That the Water Utility section of the capital budget be referred to the Water Utility Committee for consideration, before being dealt with by Council.

Moved: Ald. Levandier
Second: Ald. Hetherington
In Favour: All
Against: None
Motion Carried

Ald. Connors requested that all members of Council be permitted to attend and participate as Committee members, when the Water Utility Committee discusses that section of the capital budget. It was proposed that a Tuesday night meeting be designated for this specific purpose.

Mr. Burke then made his presentation to Council, providing first, summary information on the 1991/92 capital budget, followed by a comparative breakdown of the A, B. and C projects that have been included, and concluding with a graph to show the history of net debt charges incurred by the City and their effect on operating budgets, projected forward to the years 1995/96.

Members of Council proceeded to make general statements about the capital budget and its implications for the future operating budgets, in terms of debt charges that will impact on the tax rate at a later time. Ald. Connors did not feel the City should take on the police station cost without reducing other capital expenditures accordingly.

He felt that drastic budget cuts are required in order to accommodate the police station project and maintain the budget at a reasonable level. Other members were concerned about the effect this would have on category 'B' projects (local or ward projects), when these allocations are required as much as ever. Ald. Rodgers questioned the fairness of the Ward 4 allocation, even at its present level, noting that the only percentage reduction, for all of the wards, is reflected for Ward 4. He discussed this point further with Mr. Burke, in terms of actual projects and the cost of them.

Ald. Greenough considered the budget to be a reasonable one, in terms of what the City can do this year, including the one major project provided for, and was prepared to move for acceptance of the budget.

MOTION: To approve the 1991/92 capital budget, as presented.

Moved: Ald. Greenough

Second: Ald. Hawley

It was indicated that members wished to proceed with a section-by-section review of the budget, compiling a list of projects to be reconsidered at the end of the review. Following a brief five-minute break, Council reconvened and proceeded with that review.

Questions about projects carried over for completion in 1991/92 (blue page, section 1), were answered by Mr. Fougere and Mr. Burke. Information still to be provided on the Summit Street paving project, in response to Ald. Billard's inquiry. Otherwise, items were identified in their present status.

SECTION 2

Section 2: Equipment & Vehicles

Page 2-4 of Section 2 was questioned by Ald. Thompson and Ald. Connors, in relation to the priority of the Opticom system, which is below the line for funding in this year's capital budget. Ald. Connors said there should be a four-year plan for Fire Dept. requirements, with additional information on priority for all items, including the Opticom system and individual pieces of equipment and individual vehicles.

Ald. Connors had a number of questions about the short-term lease of vehicles (page 2-16) and why this arrangement continued for a number of years. He felt the three pick-up trucks requested could be eliminated, also, the hydraulic lifting devices projected at page 2-10.

Ald. Connors further proposed the deletion of the track resurfacing at Beazley Field (page 2-23, \$60,000.), and deletion of the new Zamboni (page 2-29, \$65,000.). Ald. Woods asked for further information on the need for the track at Beazley Field to be re-surfaced, and if there is any alternative to replacing the complete Zamboni unit.

Staff members responded to questions from Ald. Connors and other members about the projections in section 2 and the need for the equipment items and vehicles that have been singled out for discussion.

Ald. Connors asked to have the following items flagged from Section 2 for inclusion in the list of items that will be reconsidered before a decision on the capital budget is finalized:

ITEMS FOR LIST

- Page 2-4: Fire Apparatus (pumper) - \$250,000.
- 2-10: Hydraulic Lifting Devices - \$25,000.
- 2-16: Three Pickup Truck Replacements - \$48,000.
- 2-23: Track Re-surfacing, Beazley Field - \$60,000.
- 2-29: Zamboni - \$65,000.

Before proceeding to Section 3 of the capital budget, Council agreed to go in camera, at 10:20 p.m., on motion of Ald. Sarto and Hetherington.

Council later reconvened in open meeting, to ratify the action taken while meeting in camera.

MOTION: To ratify the action taken while meeting in camera (legal fees and RGL correspondence).

Moved: Ald. Hetherington
Second: Ald. Greenough
In Favour: All
Against: None
Motion Carried

Meeting adjourned at 11:20 p.m.



Bruce S. Smith,
City Clerk-Treasurer.

ITEMS:

- 1.0 Presentation of plaques, best-decorated properties, page 1.
Concerns of Council, page 1 and 2.
 - 2.0 1991/92 Capital Budget deliberations, page 2 to 5 incl.
Section 2, page 4 & 5.
Items for list (reconsideration), pg. 5.
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DARTMOUTH CITY COUNCIL
AGENDA

* TUES., JAN 22/91 *
* 7:30 PM *
* COUNCIL CHAMBER *
* IN CAMERA SESSION *
* 10:00 P.M. *

1. PUBLIC HEARING - 34 Bellevista Drive
- Development Agreement, Resolution 90-34

2. REPORTS
 2. 1 CITY ADMINISTRATOR
 - 2.1.1 Security Service Proposals

3. CONTINUE 1991/1992 CAPITAL BUDGET DELIBERATIONS
- PLEASE BRING YOUR BUDGET WITH YOU AS THERE ARE
NO EXTRA COPIES -

LOCATION: CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS

TIME: 7:30 P.M.

MEMBERS PRESENT: MAYOR SAVAGE
ALDERMEN SARTO, THOMPSON
MACFARLANE, BILLARD
LEVANDIER, CONNORS
MCCLUSKEY, RODGERS
PYE, WOODS, HAWLEY
GREENOUGH, WALTON
HETHERINGTON

CITY ADMINISTRATOR: J. BURKE
CITY SOLICITOR: S. HOOD
CITY CLERK-TREAS.: B. SMITH
DEPARTMENT HEADS & ASSISTANTS

WELCOME: GUIDE TROOP

Mayor Savage welcomed to the meeting, members of the Fifth Dartmouth Guide troop, present with their leaders.

POINT OF PRIVILEGE

Ald. Hetherington rose on a point of privilege to request discussion of an item pertaining to the harbour clean-up project. The Mayor agreed to add this item, following the public hearing set for this meeting.

MOTION: SUPPORT FOR ARMED FORCES

Ald. Levandier was permitted to present a motion prior to the public hearing, and he proceeded to do so.

MOTION: WHEREAS the Canadian Armed Forces are on active service in the Persian Gulf region;

AND WHEREAS so many of the military women and men are from the City of Dartmouth;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that Dartmouth City Council go on record as being in support of our Canadian Armed Forces.

Moved: Ald. Levandier
Second: Ald. McCluskey
In Favour: All
Against: None
Motion Carried

Ald. Hetherington requested that a copy of the resolution be forwarded to the Minister of Defense.

1.0 PUBLIC HEARING - 34 Bellevista Dr., Development Agreement

PUBLIC HEARING:
34 BELLEVISTA DR. This date was set by Council for public hearing of an application for a Development Agreement to permit the expansion of an existing day care facility at 34 Bellevista Drive. The property concerned is zoned R-2, and the request from the day care owners is to increase their day care operation, so that 21 pre-school-age children can be accommodated, and eventually, 15 school-age children, for lunch and after-school hours, as well. Resolution 90-34, to accomplish the requested Development Agreement, has been prepared by the Solicitor, and was before Council, along with other documentation previously circulated.

All members of Council were recorded as being present for the public hearing. The Planning Dept. presentation was made by John Lukan, and there were no questions to Mr. Lukan from members of Council. The Planning Dept., in conjunction with Mr. Burke, have recommended approval of the Development Agreement.

Mayor Savage opened the public hearing and called for any speakers in favour. Council heard Ms. Marianne MacDonald, one of the owners of 'The Growing Place', operated jointly by her and by the applicant, Mrs. Krystina Estabrooks. She briefly outlined the proposal for expanding their day care facility, noting the need for both the day care services and the after-school accommodation for school-age children from the Mount Edward and Brookhouse school area. There were no questions to Ms. MacDonald from members of Council.

The Mayor called two more times for speakers in favour of the Development Agreement application. Seeing no further speakers in favour, he called three times for speakers opposed. There were no speakers opposed and no representations, written or verbal, against the application. The public hearing was declared to be closed, on motion of Ald. Hetherington and Thompson.

RES. 90-34

Resolution 90-34 was presented for the approval of Council, following the public hearing.

MOTION: To approve Resolution 90-34, authorizing the Development Agreement requested for 34 Bellevista Drive.

Moved: Ald. Hetherington
Second: Ald. Greenough
In Favour: All
Against: None
Motion Carried

Ald. Sarto requested that discussions be continued with the neighbor next door to the day care facility, who has indicated a concern about noise outdoors from an additional number of children. This neighbor is a shift-worker who has to sleep during daytime hours.

2.0 REPORTS

2.1 CITY ADMINISTRATOR

2.1.1 SECURITY SERVICE PROPOSALS

SECURITY SERVICE
PROPOSALS

Council dealt with a report from Mr. Burke (B. Smith, L. Corrigan, Mr. Crowell) on proposals received from Loomis and Brinks for security services in the pick-up and delivery of coins from parking meters and the ferry terminals. It is recommended that the three-year contract for these services be awarded to the lowest bidder, Loomis Armored Car Services; total value of contract, \$89,317.

MOTION: To approve the recommendation on the awarding of a three-year contract for security services, to the lowest bidder, Loomis Armored Car Services. Value of their contract: \$89,317.

Moved: Ald. Hetherington
Second: Ald. Sarto
In Favour: All
Against: None
Motion Carried

HALIFAX HARBOUR CLEAN-UP INC. - SOLE-SOURCING

SOLE-SOURCING:
HARBOUR CLEAN-UP

The item requested by Ald. Hetherington, at the beginning of the Council meeting, was introduced at this point by him. A report from Mr. Burke, with accompanying copies of related correspondence, was previously circulated to all members of Council, on the subject of the recent announcement by the Provincial Minister responsible for the Halifax Harbour Cleanup Inc., that a consortium of Nova Scotia engineering firms (Metro Engineering Inc.) would be awarded the pre-design contract for the regional sewage treatment plant facility, including the environmental assessment process. Mr. Burke's concerns about this decision, as a member of the Board of H.H.C.I., have been outlined and explained in his report to the Mayor and Council.

Ald. Hetherington stated his objections to the procedure that has been followed in selecting Metro Engineering Inc. for the pre-design and assessment projects, without first going to tender in the normal way. He felt that as an elected representative, responsible to citizens who are sharing in the cost of the harbour clean-up, he and other Council members, have lost financial control required to keep the project within cost parameters that have been agreed to, and that he and other members can no longer guarantee the fairness of the project, under these circumstances. He presented a motion, which was later added to during debate. The wording agreed to by Council for the motion was as follows:

MOTION: That Council not agree to the sole-sourcing of the pre-design contract to Metro Engineering Inc., and that the Minister responsible be asked to reconsider the decision; further, that the proposal call process be followed for this contract.

Moved: Ald. Hetherington

Second: Ald. McCluskey

Ald. Connors and other members who spoke during the debate, disagreed with the merging of the pre-design and environmental assessment functions, considering these to be clearly two separate contracts, for which tenders should be called in the regular way. Ald. Billard suggested that even if the two functions were to be carried out 'hand-in-hand' (ie. in conjunction with each other by two companies), they should not be carried out, as he described it, 'hand-in-glove'. The other main concern expressed was about escalating costs associated with the entire harbour clean-up, if proper procedures are not followed, and the loss of financial control that can be expected when unilateral decisions are being made by another level of government and these decisions not based on accepted principles for the tendering process. The basic thrust of Mr. Burke's report also reflects objections and concerns along these same lines. Ald. Levandier felt the City should withdraw from the harbour clean-up agreement altogether, as a result of the action that has been taken by the Minister, without prior consultation with the municipal councils affected.

The Mayor provided Council with additional information of the Management Board/Government decision on the Metro Engineering Inc. contract, noting that the intent was to encourage local expertise and support Nova Scotia companies accordingly, giving them the "first page name" status that will help them to secure other contracts elsewhere in the future. He advised that his agreement was with the pre-design contract only for Metro Engineering, and it was on this basis that he was willing to support the decision of the other government levels. He did not, however, agree with the additional environmental assessment contract for the same consortium, about which he was not informed until immediately prior to the Minister's announcement. Further, he did not make a commitment on behalf of the City, without Council's opportunity for input. He also stated reservations about the degree of control that will be exercised over expenses, since this factor does not seem to have been addressed or tied down to date.

Asked about his position as a Board member, whose function and responsibility has been circumvented in this present situation, Mr. Burke stated his concerns about the future status of the Board in the total scheme of things and the untenable position of Board members in trying to negotiate details of a contract they have not been party to awarding in the first place. Both he and the Mayor responded to a number of questions from members of Council, with as much information as they were able to give. Ald. Rodgers requested that Mr. Burke press for a copy of the Metro Engineering proposal and whatever contract or agreement that now exists with them. Mr. Burke said he would try to get copies, but he could not be sure of obtaining them. Ald. Connors said it is still possible to reverse the decision made on the contract, in view of the fact that the Corporation (referred to in para. 2 of the Minister's letter, dated Jan. 10/91) has not yet agreed to waive the tendering process.

At the conclusion of a lengthy debate, the vote was taken on the motion.

In Favour: All
Against: None
Motion Carried

CONCERNS AND QUESTIONS FROM MEMBERS

The Mayor agreed to permit several concerns/questions, at the request of members, before Council went in camera.

- ALD. MCCLUSKEY Ald. McCluskey read to Council, a letter received from the President of the Crichton Park Home & School Association, requesting police enforcement of regulations intended to control the sale of cigarettes to minors. The Mayor informed Council of discussions the Board of Health have recently had, concerning this problem. Also, he advised Ald. McCluskey that he has invited the President of the Association to meet with him, so that he can be made aware of what can and cannot be done in the way of controlling cigarette sales to minors.
- ALD. PYE Ald. Pye provided Council with information on the structure of the Postal Service Customer Council, on which he has been serving for the past year and a half, as the City's representative. He described these Councils, as they are presently structured, as being nothing more than puppets of Canada Post, and he has therefore declined the invitation to serve a further term on the local Council.
- ALD. CONNORS Ald. Connors requested that a letter of commendation be sent from the Mayor's office to Ms. Vivian Hartling, the crosswalk guard at Hawthorne School, for her efforts in protecting children at that location, and warning them of traffic under snow conditions.
- ALD. WALTON Ald. Walton asked about an advertisement, informing the public of the fifteen-month fiscal year for payment of taxes. Mr. Smith advised that this information was sent out to all taxpayers in their recent billings.

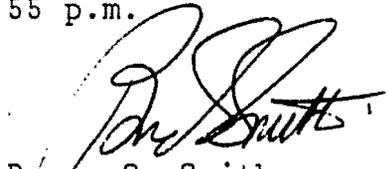
Ald. Walton also requested information on the Five Star Committee, and the program it is undertaking toward another star. The Mayor advised that they are meeting regularly and that Ald. Walton could receive copies of their minutes if he wished to have them.

At 10:10 p.m., Council went in camera, on motion of Ald. Hetherington and Pye. After reconvening in open meeting, the action taken in camera was ratified.

MOTION: To ratify the action taken while meeting in camera on this date (assessment appeal & U.N.S.M. proposal).

Moved: Ald. Hawley
Second: Ald. Pye
In Favour: All
Against: None
Motion Carried

The meeting adjourned at 10:55 p.m.



Bruce S. Smith,
City Clerk-Treasurer.

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LOCATION: CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS
TIME: 7:30 P.M.

MEMBERS PRESENT: MAYOR SAVAGE
ALDERMEN SARTO, THOMPSON
MACFARLANE, BILLARD
CONNORS, LEVANDIER
MCCLUSKEY, RODGERS
PYE, WOODS, HAWLEY
GREENOUGH, WALTON
HETHERINGTON

CITY ADMINISTRATOR: J. BURKE
CITY SOLICITOR: M. MOREASH
DEPUTY CITY TREAS.: L. CORRIGAN
DEPARTMENT HEADS & ASSISTANTS

CANCER SOCIETY PRESENTATION

A presentation given just prior to the opening of the meeting, by representatives of the Canadian Cancer Society, to encourage no smoking and No Smoking Week, was commended by Mayor Savage, with thanks to the representatives for their efforts.

QUESTIONS AND CONCERNS OF COUNCIL MEMBERS

ALD. HETHERINGTON Ald. Hetherington asked that something be done to curtail the number of stoves and fridges that are being put out on sidewalk areas in the downtown.

His second concern dealt with the operation of lottery game machines by Atlantic Lottery, and the fact that the request of Council was to have these machines done away with altogether, not taken over by the Lottery organization. He requested that the Mayor send a letter to the Minister responsible, further clarifying the position of the City on this point.

Ald. Hetherington raised further objections to the recently-announced pre-design & environmental assessment contract awarded to Metro Engineering Inc., without the calling of tenders for this work, and proposed that until Council has a full accounting of the financial details to be negotiated in the contract with Metro Engineering, a freeze should be put on the collection of any further charge on City water bills, toward the cost of the harbour clean-up project. He saw this freeze as a way to protect the interests of Dartmouth citizens, until such time as they can be assured of financial responsibility for clean-up costs and the contracts awarded as part of the project. Ald. Rodgers noted that his notice of motion on this same subject is still outstanding, and there will be an opportunity for further debate on the item at the first non-budget meeting of Council, when his motion can be presented.

ALD. RODGERS

Ald. Rodgers tabled a petition at this time from residents of his ward, in connection with an item to come before Council at a later point in the meeting; this item pertained to proposed residential development.

Ald. Rodgers also followed up on some of the points raised by Ald. Hetherington on the loss of a competitive edge when the tendering process is not followed. He was concerned about savings that are not able to be realized without proper tendering procedures and the benefits of them.

ALD. PYE

Ald. Pye stated his objection to the CBC decision to cancel the Land & Sea television program, which Ald. Pye said was a program of traditional and cultural importance to the Atlantic region. He proposed that the City request a reinstatement of funding from the Federal Government, for Land & Sea, and that a resolution be forwarded from Council to this effect.

Ald. Billard noted that private initiative alternatives for producing a program along the same lines, are being looked at, and he suggested that it would be preferable to encourage these possibilities, rather than just seeking a reinstatement of Land & Sea through an approach to the Federal Government. At the suggestion of the Mayor, Ald. Pye and the other members of Council, agreed to a letter that deplores the cancellation of Land & Sea, and would encourage a program of this same kind through whatever possible means can be found to provide that program.

ALD. CONNORS

Ald. Connors had a number of questions for Mr. Burke about the Metro Engineering contract, in relation to H.H.C.I., and the position of the corporation at this point, if the decision of the Minister on the contract stands, as it appears to be doing. Mr. Burke responded with whatever information he could provide, after which Ald. Connors requested an opinion from the City Solicitor on the position of the corporation with respect to calls for proposals having been waived and the implication that participating municipalities now have virtually no control over the processes being followed in the clean-up project.

1.0

TABLING M.P.S.

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Present for the next item were a number of members of the M.P.S. Review Committee, and the Chairman, Mr. Kent Robinson. He was invited by the Mayor to address Council, on the occasion of the M.P.S. and Land Use By-law being tabled with Council. The Mayor commended Mr. Robinson's work as chairman and the work of Committee members, in completing the major task of the M.P.S. review process.

In his verbal presentation to Council, Mr. Robinson gave a synopsis of the work that has been carried out by the M.P.S. Review Committee and the various sub-committees, since the original appointments were made back in 1984, through to the point where the completed M.P.S. is ready for Council's consideration and the public hearing process that will now take place. He informed Council that a total of 12,500 hours have been dedicated to the review by people involved in it, representing \$750,000. worth of expert time that has gone into the project, plus about \$570,000. worth of staff time, for a total document value of 1.4 million dollars in all. There were 499 meetings, plus the workshops, open houses, information & participation meetings with the public. What started out as an eighteen-month project, lasted in fact for over seven years.

In his concluding statements to Council, Mr. Robinson said the M.P.S. document should not be seen as frozen in time, but rather, a document devoted to managing change. He suggested that Council realize it is amendable and flexible, to be adapted to changing conditions within the City. Mr. Robinson thanked members of staff who have worked with him and the Committee over the years, also Mayor Savage, Mr. Burke, and all members of the Committee and sub-committees.

The formal presentation of the M.P.S. document, by Mr. Robinson to Mayor Savage, followed, at which point the Mayor again extended thanks to him and acknowledged Doug Moss, the former chairman, as well. At a later point, the Mayor commended the contribution of Council members who served on the M.P.S. Review Committee, Ald. Hetherington, Pye and Woods.

The Mayor advised Council that recommendations for the M.P.S. hearings, likely to take place in March or April, will be forthcoming in due course. The Solicitor indicated to Council that means are being looked at to organize the hearings/meetings in such a way that the number can be kept to a manageable level.

** (Tabling motion: see pg. 7.)

MOTION TO TABLE

2.0

REPORTS

2.1

MAYOR

2.1.1

COOPERATION WITH HALIFAX

COOPERATION
WITH HALIFAX

Mayor Savage has forwarded to members of Council, a communication on the subject of cooperation among metropolitan municipalities, specifically, between

Dartmouth and Halifax, where there may be areas of saving and economy to taxpayers in both communities. Council has been requested to discuss this idea of mutual cooperation and benefits from it.

Ald. Hetherington proposed that staff provide a report to Council, as a basis for discussion, indicating areas of joint cooperation that are being looked at already, at the staff level, and suggesting any that should be pursued further. There were other members who also favoured this initial approach to the subject. Ald. Billard felt that any list from staff should indicate not only areas of cooperation, but competitive areas as well. With this distinction, Council could discuss more knowledgeably, the advantages and disadvantages between the two.

Ald. Hawley was concerned that any regional commitments be loosely established, and not lead to attempts at a regional government level in the future. Ald. Connors took the position that areas of mutual cooperation in the metropolitan municipalities should originate with the political representatives themselves, and that overtures from Dartmouth Council should be to Halifax Council members initially. If any committee is to be formed to pursue the idea, it should be at the political level first.

After considerable discussion, Ald. Greenough and Rodgers put forward a motion that received Council's approval.

MOTION: That the CAO's of the metropolitan municipalities, at their next meeting, discuss those areas of mutual interest we may have in regional cooperation, and that a list be brought back to Council as a starting basis for discussion at a future meeting of Council.

Moved: Ald. Greenough
Second: Ald. Rodgers
In Favour: All members except
Against: Ald. Pye
Motion Carried

The Mayor suggested that consultation with one or two Aldermen, in the approach the motion calls for, would be a good idea as well.

2.2 CITY ADMINISTRATOR2.2.1 POLICE HEADQUARTERS OPTIONSPOLICE HEAD-
QUARTERS OPTIONS

Mr. Burke has submitted a further report to Council on the police headquarters project, preparatory to going ahead with Option #2 in the 'fast track' process that Council has agreed to follow. Accordingly, the City would act as its own developer in constructing the headquarters for its own use and possible leasing of the surplus space in the Onyx building to a third party.

In his latest report, dated Jan. 28/91, Mr. Burke recommends: (1) that Council formally approve proceeding with the 'fast track' alternative, whereby the City will renovate the building space to meet its own police headquarters requirements, and renovate the remaining surplus space to a base building standard; (2) that Council approve the eight procedures outlined in the report for the awarding of tenders for each of the major components of building construction.

MOTION: That the recommendations from Mr. Burke be adopted.

Moved: Ald. Hetherington
Second: Ald. Sarto

Ald. Levandier asked that consideration be given to compatible uses for the surplus space that will remain for future allocation; he felt that some specific ground rules on acceptable uses need to be established so that prospective tenants are in keeping with Police Dept. uses in the same building.

Ald. Connors had a number of objections to the process being followed in the police headquarters project. He was not in favour of the 'fast track' recommendations, and felt there will be many subsequent problems for the City, especially with the development community, if the procedures for awarding tenders are approved. He particularly objected to procedure #8, which provides for the City Administrator to be authorized to award tenders, in order to maintain the 'fast track' schedule. He agreed with an amendment that provision #8 be deleted from the motion, as it applies to this authorization approval.

AMENDMENT: That procedure #8 be deleted from the motion as a provision of the second recommendation from Mr. Burke.

Moved: Ald. Billard
Second: Ald. Connors

The Solicitor was asked about the authority of Council to delegate to the City Administrator, the kind of responsibility proposed for awarding tenders on the City's behalf. Mr. Moreash said that in his opinion, Council has the authority to approve such a delegation. Ald. Greenough was concerned about the precedent that would be set in doing so, but some other members felt there will be undue delay with the project if a meeting of Council has to be called each time a tender decision is required. The importance of time as money, in this case, was noted, and members opposed to the amendment did not see any problem with Mr. Burke awarding tenders, on the basis of the lowest evaluated bid, in the circumstances of the 'fast track' procedure for the police facility. There was considerable debate over the duty of Council to award tenders on the City's behalf, and the perception by contractors and the public of the abrogation of this duty, if it is assumed by the City Administrator in this instance. Mr. Burke gave assurance to Council that all relevant details of the tenders will be duly communicated to members on a regular basis, and documentation will be available at all times in his office for members to review at any time they want to do so.

Another proposed procedure that received Council attention was item 4 (d), which reads: 'that neither the City nor the project manager will publish the tender results'. Both Mr. Burke and Mr. Pink, representing Pryor Construction, responded to questioning about the need for this provision, and at a later point in the meeting, Ald. Connors amended the item with additional wording, which was acceptable to all concerned.

The vote was taken on the amendment to delete item #8, from the recommended procedures.

In Favour: Ald. Sarto, Billard, Connors,
Hawley, Greenough Pye
Against: All other members
Amendment Defeated

The second amendment, proposed by Ald. Connors, was then presented.

AMENDMENT: To amend item 4 (d), by adding the words '. . . until the tender has been awarded'.

Moved: Ald. Connors
Second: Ald. Billard
In Favour: All
Against: None
Amendment Carried

The vote was taken on the amended motion.

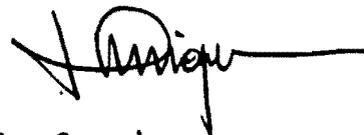
In Favour: All members except
Against: Ald. Connors
Motion Carried, as amended

Council went in camera at 10:30 p.m., on motion of Ald. Greenough and Thompson. After reconvening in open meeting, the action taken in camera was ratified.

MOTION: To ratify the action taken on
this date while meeting in camera.
(Property negotiation)

Moved: McCluskey
Second: Ald. MacFarlane
In Favour: All
Against: None
Motion Carried

Meeting adjourned at 11:20 p.m.



L. Corrigan,
Deputy City Treasurer.

** Tabling motion from page 3 of minutes.

MOTION TO TABLE: MOTION: That the M.P.S. and Land Use By-law
MPS & LAND USE BY-LAW be tabled by Council.

Moved: Ald. Hetherington
Second: Ald. Greenough
In Favour: All
Against: None
Motion Carried

ITEMS:

- Cancer Society presentation, page 1.
 - Questions & concerns of Council members, page 1 & 2.
 - 1.0 Tabling of M.P.S., page 2 & 3.
 - 2.0 Reports, page 3.
 - 2.1 Mayor, page 3.
 - 2.1.1 Cooperation with Halifax, page 3 & 4.
 - 2.2 City Administrator, page 5.
 - 2.2.1 Police headquarters options, page 5 & 6.
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