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1. **CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. with an Invocation at the Firefighters Hall, 2041 Hammonds Plains Road.

2. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES - NOVEMBER 27, 1997**

**MOVED by Councillor Kelly and Deputy Mayor Rankin to approve the Minutes of meeting held on November 27, 1997 as circulated. MOTION PUT AND PASSED.**

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

Additions: Councillor Barnet - Sackville Heights Junior High Improvements  
- Paving - Meadowbrook Drive and Pinebrook Drive  
- Relocation of Crosswalk - Sackville Heights Junior High area

Councillor Harvey - Stop Sign - Business Park  
- Renaming Remaining Portion of Glendale Avenue  
- Tabling of Correspondence

Councillor Mitchell - St. Margarets Water Shortage  
- Department of Transportation - Route 333  
- Bay Lookout Park

**MOVED by Councillor Mitchell and Deputy Mayor Rankin to approve the Order of Business as amended. MOTION PUT AND PASSED.**

4. **BUSINESS ARISING OUT OF THE MINUTES** - None

5. **MOTIONS OF RECONSIDERATION** - None

6. **MOTIONS OF RESCISSION** - None

7. **CONSIDERATION OF DEFERRED BUSINESS**

7.1 **File No. DA-BED-004-97-21-A-RCDD - Application by Redden Brothers Limited to amend the height provision of the Union Street RCDD Agreement (Agreement No. 95-05)**

Decision on this application was deferred at the last meeting.

Councillor Kelly asked if staff had a report available regarding the effect in the area of shadowing. Andrew Whittemore, Planner advised that the bulk and scale of the buildings sitting on the amended lots would not be increased. The only addition to the house will be a 4' piece of foundation on the bottom and rear so that there will be no additional shadowing.

Councillor Kelly clarified that the height of the building was not going up; it was the exposure on the rear. Taking that into account, the fact that there was no one opposed to the project at the Public Hearing nor was there correspondence to this effect and as long as it was made clear that each lot would be judged independently by the Development Officer, he was in support of the application.

**MOVED by Councillors Kelly and Mitchell to approve the request by Redden Brothers Development Limited to increase the maximum height restriction from 35' to 40' for Lots 1-5, 7-16, 19-21, 61-67, 69-78, 80, 82-84, 86-87, 112-113 and 118 where construction of a two-storey single residential unit at street level is not possible due to the 35' height restriction as applied under the Bedford Land Use By-law and where it is demonstrated that the slope of the lot exceeds 15% (downward from street level), as attached in Appendix B of the Staff Report dated October 29, 1997. MOTION PUT AND PASSED.**

## 8. PUBLIC HEARINGS

### 8.1 Case 7559 - Application by Dale Forgeron to rezone the property at 2649 Prospect Road in Whites Lake

A Staff Report dated September 25, 1997 was before Community Council. Previously, a recommendation had been forwarded by Planning Advisory Committee recommending that Community Council recommend to Regional Council that a Plan amendment be initiated to accommodate the request to allow a tanning business. This had been done; however, when the matter came to Regional Council, Councillor Mitchell requested that it be referred back to Community Council because of the length of time involved in proceeding with a Plan Amendment. Subsequently, Community Council set a Public Hearing date.

Paul Morgan, Planner, with the aid of slides, provided an overview of the application. The recommendation from staff was that the application be rejected. Mr. Morgan added that the report is quite sympathetic towards the proposal. It was not particularly obvious why the designation boundary was where it was - it all looked the same but that was where the community drew the boundary under the planning documents and, therefore, staff did not feel it was in the position to recommend approval.

There were no questions from Community Council members; however, Councillor Mitchell advised that the boundary was put in with a sign identifying Whites Lake. The sign could have been put anywhere.

### **Speakers in Favour**

Mr. James Little, 2654 Prospect Road stated that years ago when he moved there, he lived in Hatchet Lake - the sign was about 500 yards south of him. Now, however, it was approximately 1500 yards north of him. He had not moved - the sign did.

Mr. Bernard Little, 2666 Prospect Road said he did not see any problem. Just down the road there was a pewter shop, excavating operation. Up the road there was an excavating operation. There was a hair design business in the area.

Mr. Ainsley Shaw, 2642 Prospect Road did not see any reason why the tanning salon should not be there. There were lots of other businesses along the same stretch.

Mr. Tim Hartlen, 2630 Prospect Road did not see why it should not be there. There were businesses all along the road, even a junk yard. He did not see a problem with starting a little business in her garage. It was a clean business compared to a junk yard.

Ms. Dorothy Shaw, 2642 Prospect Road stated she thought Ms. Forgeron would do a good job and had no problems with the application.

Ms. Shirley Little, 2654 Prospect Road said she had no problem with the business across the street.

Mr. David Taylor, 2649 Prospect Road said that on Ms. Forgeron's side of the line there is another business now - Prospect Road Autobody. This particular stretch of road was safe as far as pulling off was concerned. They played horseshoes there every week and there has been no problem with safety.

### **Speakers in Opposition**

Mr. Corey Smith, 29 Jamils Road, Prospect advised he had a business - Seabreeze Tanning - at 1536 Prospect Road. He opened his business on September 8 but for the past year prior had been searching for properties in the area which would have the proper zoning to put in a business. If he had known it would have been easy enough to buy a piece of property and get the zoning changed, he would have looked into it. He employs four people full and part time. There may not be enough business for two tanning salons in the area. He employed local people and this proposal would put him and his employees in jeopardy. It took a lot of work to build up a small business and it would not be a fair

playing field because he has all the cost overheads of opening up the business and would not be working out of his home.

Councillor Kelly asked the applicant and Mr. Smith how many beds they would have/had. Mr. Smith replied he had three and Ms. Forgeron was proposing five.

Mr. Smith went on to say that his business was approximately 800 sq. ft. whereas the applicant plans to put in five beds in a 1000 sq. ft. area which does not leave much room for wheelchair accessibility. This refers to by-laws and building codes for businesses.

Councillor Mitchell asked how Mr. Smith could judge that there would not be enough business in the area for both. Mr. Smith replied that the area is starting to get cleaned up and is growing. He was not making a profit yet but was getting himself established. To operate out of someone's home would be unfair because they would not have the cost overheads.

Councillor Mitchell advised that Ms. Forgeron started more than a year ago and did not know there was going to be another business. It was not against Mr. Smith.

Mr. Craig Murphy, the owner of 1536 Prospect Road said he had quite a substantial investment in the property. It used to be Woodcraft Manufacturing. There was a zone added for I-1 and C-2. If this application is passed, it puts Mr. Smith, his tenant, in jeopardy which in turn puts him in jeopardy. He was very concerned.

#### Rebuttal by Applicant

Ms. Dale Forgeron advised she has been planning for this for four years. She took business management courses to acquire the skills to run the business and did market research for the area. She was aware of how much business there was. She pointed out that Mr. Smith started out in the slow season. She did not wish to go against him; it was a long process. She also went to view other potential properties which were available but, as she said in her proposal, her family was sick and she wanted to stay with them and this would be the solution to all her problems. She pointed out that if she had done this four years ago, she would not be up against the problem now as the zoning was changed around when amalgamation was taking place. The issue of the size and why the line is there was pretty plain to see as there was no obvious reason for the zoning on the opposite side of the property. By-laws were there to work in the best interests of the community and neighbourhood and should not be used and enforced to allow a business to monopolize an area. If the property does not get rezoned, it would not stop her from putting it somewhere else on the Prospect Road. Competition was part of small business. The area was not a subdivision, a quiet out-of-the-way road. It was on the main road en route to a major tourist attraction. The average daily traffic count for the area was 6640 cars. She did not expect her proposal to bring in any more traffic and it would be in the best interests

of the community because her business would be creating jobs for construction people and she would need staff. She drew attention to the Petition in support from the residents in the zone and around the property. The zone of Whites Lake is supposed to be RA-3 but has a multitude of business in it, ranging from the Cable Station on one side and a computer business on the other. There was also an excavating company, a convenience/gas bar, takeout, restaurant, car dealer. This was not strictly residential.

Decision by Council

Councillor Mitchell stated he has been dealing with the people the last couple years. It was unfortunate that Mr. Smith had started his business but he had talked to the residents close to Ms. Forgeron and had not had any complaints. Tonight was the first complaint he had received. He did not see any problem with the application.

**MOVED by Councillor Mitchell and Deputy Mayor Rankin that the application to rezone the property at 2649 Prospect Road in Whites Lake from RA-3 (Residential A-3) to RB-2 (Residential B-2) Zone be approved.**

Councillor Harvey asked for confirmation that staff is recommending against the rezoning and that the previous path - that of a Plan Amendment - would have been a cleaner way of doing it. This way, without a Plan Amendment, the possibility of a successful appeal of the rezoning is greater. In reply, Mr. Morgan advised he was reluctant to make any projection as to what an Appeal Board would do with the application. On the face of it, it does not appear consistent with the Planning Strategy unless you interpret the abutting designation - which refers to situations where there are properties right on the boundary where Council could consider a property that abuts another designation; however, it would imply that it would have to be right against the boundary. In terms of the Appeal Board, the legislation says the Board will not overturn Council's decision unless it is not considered to be reasonably consistent. It could also overturn the decision if it created a hardship for the applicant.

**MOTION PUT AND PASSED.**

9. **CORRESPONDENCE, PETITIONS AND DELEGATIONS**

9.1 **Disposition of Furniture and Heritage Items from Meeting Room in Sunnyside Mall and Municipal Office in Royal Bank Building, Bedford**

Mr. Tony Edwards, Vice-Chairman of the Heritage Project Inventory Team raised the following points of concern, after having provided information on the mandate of the Inventory Team with regard to the four former municipalities and the bar code system which had been developed to identify and catalogue heritage items. He stressed the importance of bar codes. The locations in Bedford identified by the Inventory Team were



the Works Depot, the Town Offices, the Council Chamber, the Economic Development Office and the Police Department.

Mr. Edwards stated that because of the termination of the Bedford Office as of the end of December, 1997, he was requesting that Community Council make a motion to designate someone to keep a record of these important items and where they are going. Of particular concern was an oak table in the Council Chamber in Sunnyside Mall which, in his opinion, should be moved to the Scott Manor House. There were also the booths/cubicles used by Councillors and the mail slots used by Planning and Engineering Departments at the Municipal Offices.

Mr. Edwards said that a presentation had been made to Regional Council after amalgamation following which the draft policy and information on the work of the Team had been left with Mr. English with the understanding that a further report would be sent to Regional Council but this has not yet been done. He was asking for a motion from Community Council to move this along.

Another concern raised by Mr. Edwards was whether or not there had been any success in locating the Mayor's desk from Bedford which was the only one existing used by all of the Mayors of any one of the municipalities that formed amalgamation. At the time of amalgamation, it had been moved to a company in Burnside with the understanding that it would be held in storage until a place was located for it; however, he understood from the owner of the company that it had been sold. He requested that an effort be made to track down the desk.

Councillor Kelly responded that all the pictures in the former office are being sent to Scott Manor House. The mail slots would be going to Sackville for use of staff with the bar codes remaining. With regard to the Councillor booths/cubicles, it would depend on where Community Council meets on an on-going basis, such as the new Fire Station. The table might also go with them. With respect to the Mayors desk, it was supposed to stay in storage but had been sold; they were supposed to track it down and get it back and/or the money involved, but preferably the desk. He agreed to follow up with regard to the Mayors desk.

The Chair asked if Community Council wished to designate someone or was there a volunteer. Councillor Kelly agreed to take on the job of tracking the items.

**MOVED by Councillors Kelly and Mitchell to request staff responsible for the report to dust it off and present it to Regional Council. MOTION PUT AND PASSED.**

## 9.2 Correspondence

At the request of Councillor Harvey, it was agreed to have the following pieces of correspondence tabled as public documents:

1. Letter dated October 27, 1997 from Councillor Harvey to the Minister of Housing and Municipal Affairs asking for confirmation of the status of the 17 acre parcel of land adjacent to First Lake proposed for a retirement village.
2. Letter dated November 10, 1997 from the Minister of Housing and Municipal Affairs to Councillor Harvey in reply confirming that the 17 acre parcel is available for the intended purpose at fair market value and with the required approvals from the Minister of Health and the Municipality.
3. Letter dated October 27, 1997 from Councillor Harvey, as Councillor for District 20 to the Minister of Health requesting clarification of the status of his Department vis a vis Phase I of First Lake Village extended care facility.

Councillor Harvey advised that this letter was sent as a result of public comments made by the Chair of the First Lake Village Committee at a meeting of the Cobequid Community Health Board where a health plan was presented to the public in which Phase I of the project seemed to be the objective which seemed to be in conflict with remarks made by the Chairman at Community Council in June.

4. Letter dated December 1, 1997 to Councillor Harvey from the Minister of Health in reply indicating there has been no change in the position of Department of Health and that additional nursing home beds in the Central Health Region are not required at this time.
5. Letter dated November 13, 1997 from Councillor Harvey to Mr. Brill, Chairman, First Lake Village Committee offering to fill the role of Liaison Councillor with the Committee.
6. Letter dated December 11, 1997 from Mr. Brill to Councillor Harvey in reply rejecting Councillor Harvey's offer.

## 10. **REPORTS**

### 10.1 **Complaints - Citizens Band Radio Frequencies**

Councillor Barnet advised that residents have contacted him regarding their concern with not being able to find out who regulates and polices citizens band radios. He understood it was CRTC; however, although the licences fall within their jurisdiction, the CRTC did not know if they actually policed them.

Councillor Kelly suggested checking with Legal Department to review the Federal statutes. The CRTC may say they do not police but the statutes might indicate differently.

**MOVED by Councillor Kelly and Deputy Mayor Rankin to send a letter to the CRTC re the increased power citizens band radios that are interfering with telephone/television reception throughout Sackville as to whether or not they have jurisdiction and policing powers. Further, that a copy of the letter be sent to the Municipal Solicitor requesting comment. MOTION PUT AND PASSED.**

#### 10.2 Meeting Schedule - First Four Months 1998

A proposed meeting schedule was before Community Council. Councillor Mitchell requested that consideration be given to a meeting location at Black Point Fire Hall, whenever convenient.

**MOVED by Deputy Mayor Rankin and Councillor Mitchell to change the frequency of meetings to once a month.**

Deputy Mayor Rankin provided information to justify his motion, particularly the fact the other Community Councils were only meeting once a month. As well, he felt the Agenda could be accomplished with a single meeting each month.

Councillor Harvey spoke against the motion, particularly because, since North West Community Council moves around to various communities, it would mean meeting very infrequently in each community.

Councillor Kelly, although he understood both sides of the debate, said he was not willing to make a change at this time. He acknowledged the North West area was a large and diverse area and exposure should be given to each community.

Councillor Mitchell spoke in support of the motion because of the number of meetings he is required to attend, and the overlap of some in his community.

**MOVED by Councillor Kelly to defer a decision until the meeting of February 12, 1998.**

After further discussion, Deputy Mayor Rankin agreed to withdraw his motion, with the agreement of the seconder, until February 12. He pointed out, however, that he might have to review his participation on Community Council if there was continuation twice a month.

**MOVED by Councillors Harvey and Kelly to adopt the proposed meeting schedule with the understanding that modification could take place at the February 12, 1998 meeting. MOTION PUT AND PASSED.**

#### 10.3 New Area Rates

Councillor Kelly advised that at the Committee of the Whole meeting, the area rate format and structure had been reviewed and staff had been asked to come forward with a policy to determine setbacks for such things as sidewalks, transit and fire hydrants so that there will be one consistent standard throughout all HRM. There may be a recommendation coming forward from Community Council to Regional Council, pending receipt of the report requested from staff.

10.4 **Report from Planning Advisory Committee re Plan Review for Planning Districts 15, 18 and 19**

A report dated December 5, 1997 was before Community Council recommending that the Terms of Reference be revised to extend the time frame for the completion of the Plan Review process to the end of February, 1998 to compensate for the extraordinary amount of time and effort spent on the quarry issue.

Councillor Kelly asked if the end of February would allow enough time to complete the process. In response, Maureen Ryan, Planner advised that the extension would allow completion of some of the outstanding items but would still not entirely allow the completion.

Councillor Kelly then asked if the end of March or April would be better rather than February, with it complete or not. Maureen Ryan advised that the situation could again be reviewed in February. She provided further information with regard to the status of the Plan Review.

Deputy Mayor Rankin stated he was concerned about the pace and certain aspects of the review. He was prepared to accept the recommendation of PAC and staff to the end of February but also wanted to look at options and he was not prepared to give a further extension at this time. He asked for patience with regard to certain contentious issues that he was following personally very closely.

**MOVED by Deputy Mayor Rankin and Councillor Kelly that the Terms of Reference be revised to extend the timeframe for the completion of the Plan Review process for Planning Districts 15, 18 and 19 to the end of February, 1998.**

Councillor Harvey asked for confirmation that Betty Stacey's extension would also go until the end of February, 1998.

Community Council agreed that this was implied.

Councillor Barnet stated he understood the time constraints placed on the Committee and it may have been premature to expect the review to be completed so quickly. He did not want to see the review rushed but there were a number of issues that, in his opinion,

needed to be addressed. If it was not completed by the end of February, he would have a great deal of discomfort moving forward and accepting what is there because of the time factor.

**MOTION PUT AND PASSED.**

**10.5 Capital Projects - Allocation of Funds to Community Council**

Councillor Harvey stated that the earliest date the Capital Budget would be concluded would be January 13. Regional Council had requested that Capital Projects be submitted by Community Councils by January 20. It would be more realistic to have Regional Council move the date ahead as Community Council would not meet until January 22 and by that time Councillors would know what was in the capital budget and try to make up with the small amount of District Capital.

Councillor Barnet suggested that Community Council might wish to hold a Committee of the Whole meeting after the capital budget but before the January 22 meeting.

**MOVED by Councillors Harvey and Kelly to recommend to Regional Council that, if necessary, an extension be granted until the end of January, 1998. MOTION PUT AND PASSED.**

11. **MOTIONS** - None

12. **ADDED ITEMS**

12.1 **Stop Sign - Business Park**

Councillor Harvey explained that with regard to the intersection of Estates Road and Glendale Avenue, it appeared that the stop signs were on the wrong corners, stopping traffic on Estates Road but allowing it to pass on Glendale. Glendale Avenue, however, runs into a dead end at Frenchy's. It would make more sense to have a stop sign on Glendale Avenue and allow traffic to flow on Estates Road directly off Captain John Gorham Boulevard (formerly Glendale Avenue but to be officially Captain John Gorham Boulevard on April 6, 1998).

**MOVED by Councillors Harvey and Mitchell that Traffic and Planning Division, Regional Operations be requested to reassess this intersection. MOTION PUT AND PASSED.**

12.2 **Renaming of Remaining Portion of Glendale Avenue**

Councillor Harvey explained that he was referring to the portion of Glendale Avenue which has been cut off and which has a couple businesses on it. Staff suggested that consideration should be given to renaming it, at the same time that Glendale Avenue is officially renamed to Captain John Gorham Boulevard on April 6, 1998. He suggested that now was the time to start the public process to have the street renamed and that a meeting should be held with staff in this regard.

**MOVED by Councillor Kelly and Deputy Mayor Rankin that Councillor Harvey meet with Ron Lowerison to proceed with the process. MOTION PUT AND PASSED.**

### 12.3 St. Margarets Water Shortage

Councillor Mitchell explained the situation with water shortages in the St. Margarets Bay area, especially during the last dry summer. He asked for guidance as to who should be contacted with the request that the water table in the area be checked out and that a study be carried out with the possibility of having a reservoir built to supply water.

Deputy Mayor Rankin suggested that Community Council should contact Department of Environment to carry out a study as in this case, it was not the quality of water, but the quantity. Department of Environment has the legislative mandate to ensure that there is adequate potable water for the people of Nova Scotia.

**MOVED by Councillor Mitchell and Deputy Mayor Rankin that a letter be sent to Department of Environment requesting that a study be carried out into the quantity of water in the St. Margarets Bay and Tantallon area because of the rapid growth in that area. Further, that a copy of the letter be sent to the Halifax Regional Water Commission and the MLAs for the area. MOTION PUT AND PASSED.**

### 12.4 Department of Transportation - Route 333

Councillor Mitchell advised that residents were concerned about the amount of traffic on Prospect Road and speeding in the area of the Long Bog, from Goodwood to Hatchet Lake and on into Brookside. The residents had been concerned enough to draw up a Petition and meet with the RCMP and himself.

**MOVED by Councillors Mitchell and Kelly that a letter be sent to the Minister of Transportation requesting that a report be prepared with regard to traffic on Route 333 - Goodwood/Hatchet Lake/Brookside - with regard to safety and what recommendations can be made and what can be done in the future. MOTION PUT AND PASSED.**

It was agreed that a copy of the letter would be sent to the MLA for the area.

### 12.5 Bay Lookout Park

Councillor Mitchell advised he was in receipt of the Business Plan for the Bay Lookout Association and he would endeavour to have copies supplied to the rest of Community Council and staff involved. He submitted copies of a letter addressed to the Minister of Fisheries and Oceans in support of the project and requested that they be circulated to members of Community Council. He then went on to provide an update on the status of the project.

### 12.6 Paving - Meadowbrook Drive and Pinebrook Drive, Beaver Bank

Councillor Barnet explained that the MLA for the area had requested that Regional Operations be asked to petition Meadowbrook Drive and Pinebrook Drive in Beaver Bank for paving. Since this was an area outside the core, the MLA was hoping that there would be sufficient funds in this year's provincial budget to cover the paving.

**MOVED by Councillor Kelly and Deputy Mayor Rankin that Regional Operations be requested to facilitate the petitioning of these streets. MOTION PUT AND PASSED.**

### 12.7 Sackville Heights Junior High School Improvements

A Memorandum dated December 11, 1997 from Councillor Barnet was before Community Council relating to the expansion and renovation of Sackville Heights Junior High, slated to begin in the spring. The expansion and renovation has nothing to do with the outside facilities, particularly the soccer field that serves both the Junior High and Elementary School.

Councillor Kelly noted that the project for outside was subject to a one-third grant from Nova Scotia Sport and Recreation Commission but asked who would be putting in the other third. Councillor Barnet advised that the landfill fund would have to fund two-thirds; there was nothing forthcoming from the School Board.

Councillor Harvey advised there would be a major role for the facility to play in the community, it was an excellent project and one he hoped would find favour with the Nova Scotia Sport and Recreation Commission.

**MOVED by Councillor Harvey and Deputy Mayor Rankin to ratify the provision of funding from the unexpended landfill funds to redevelop the field at Sackville Heights Junior High School - Option 2 including fencing and excavation and for improvements to the secondary access road subject to successfully applying for a one-third grant from the Nova Scotia Sport and Recreation Commission and the entire contribution from the unexpended landfill funds not to exceed \$200,000. MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

12.8 **Relocation of Crosswalk - Sackville Heights Junior High Area**

Councillor Barnet explained that there was a signalized crosswalk running from Sharon Drive, across Sackville Drive to a driveway to the church parking lot next to the school. He asked that where the renovations will take place next spring and there is an opportunity to have an additional driveway up to the school towards the soccer field, which is part of the scope of the project just ratified, that Traffic Authority be asked to move the signalized traffic lights up to the school driveway to increase the usage of the crosswalk.

**MOVED by Councillors Harvey and Kelly to request that Traffic and Planning Division review the project and approve the relocation of the signalized crosswalk. MOTION PUT AND PASSED.**

13. **NOTICES OF MOTION** - None

14. **PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

Mr. Marvin Silver raised the following points:

C He expressed regret that there would no longer be a municipal presence in Bedford. In reply, Councillor Kelly advised that there was a proposal coming forward to Regional Council to have a storefront office in Cole Harbour and Bedford for one person and one Development Technician in each location for a cost of \$100,000 a year total.

C He asked the status of Bedford Waters Advisory Committee and where the Committee would meet once there was no longer a meeting place in Bedford. Councillor Kelly advised, in response, that Bedford Waters Advisory Committee would continue and that he would ensure that the committee had a place to meet.

Ms. Aileen McCormick expressed concern that Mr. Vernon Kynock's trucks carrying loads of stone were not covered by tarpaulins. She asked if a letter could be written to Mr. Kynock asking that he ensure the trucks are covered.

**MOVED by Deputy Mayor Rankin and Councillor Kelly to request a report from both Department of Transportation and Traffic and Planning Department in this regard. MOTION PUT AND PASSED.**

Mr. Victor Pittman raised the following points:

C He expressed appreciation that traffic lights have finally been installed at the intersection of Highway 3 and 333.



- C He referred to the water problem in Allen Heights which has been on-going for 30 years.
- C He referred to an advertisement in the newspaper for amendments to the Halifax Regional Municipality Act which permits an area rate to be levied for emergency services on taxable commercial, residential or resource property and asked for an explanation. In reply, the Chair advised that the HRM Act does not allow the levying of an area rate on commercial property for fire services. It was deemed that the commercial property owner utilizes the fire service; therefore, the area rate could be spread across both commercial, residential and resource properties.
- C He asked, then, what constituted emergency services, in addition to fire services, that would be supported by an area rate. It was agreed to refer the question to staff for an answer.

Mr. Tony Edwards asked the future fate of the swans in Bedford Basin. He advised he had heard a number of rumours and was looking for some clarification. In response, Councillor Kelly advised that there was no intention to shoot them, between HRM, the Canadian Wildlife Association and the residents on Shore Drive there was an attempt being made to take care of the swans. There was a need to clip their wings but he understood it would take around \$1,200 for all of them and they must be boarded for a few months until they are healed. It was hoped that a meeting would take place in the next few weeks to go over a plan. As well, there has been a trust fund - The Ziggy Trust - set up for the swans depending on what HRM will or will not pay for. He pointed out that if the swans were in the Public Gardens or Sullivans Pond, they would be cared for by HRM. The former Town did pay for feed and HRM does pay for feed and he was trying to work with HRM to pay all costs. If not, then the Trust Fund was set up for that purpose. HRM staff have been told not to touch the swans; if they do, they would have to fight the residents.

Mr. Walter Regan raised the following points:

- C He asked the status of signs for the Sackville River crossings. In reply, Councillor Harvey advised all his were in place. Councillor Barnet stated, in his opinion, the Municipality's priorities should be replacing street and stop signs. He suggested that Mr. Regan contact the Traffic Division personally to see if they will do it.
- C The Trails Committee presented a proposal to Regional Council not long ago. He asked for an update. In reply, he was told that a Staff Report had to be prepared.
- C He said he understood that the proposed road through Second Lake has been cancelled. Councillor Barnet advised he was not aware of this but he knew there was a different road from the airport to Beaver Bank - the Beaver Bank by-pass - that has been under consideration recently. It was also a matter of discussion with

the Plan Review Committee for Planning Districts 15, 18 and 19. He agreed to check.

- C He asked for an update on the Tree Cutting By-law. In reply, Councillor Barnet said he met with staff last week and hoped to see something early in the new year.
- C By-law Enforcement Officers have been hired for illegal dumping, he asked if there was a report on how they were doing. In reply, Councillor Barnet advised he asked through Regional Council for a Staff Report on ways in which HRM can move forward to clean up some of the sites.
- C He was in support of two meetings of Community Council per month.

- 15. **NEXT MEETING** - Thursday, January 8, 1998  
Charles Fenerty Room, Sackville Library  
636 Sackville Drive, Lower Sackville

- 16. **ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting adjourned at 9:05 p.m. on a motion from Councillor Harvey. Best wishes were extended for a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

Sandra M. Shute  
Assistant Municipal Clerk