

**HALIFAX REGIONAL COUNCIL
MINUTES
MARCH 6, 1996**

PRESENT:

Mayor Walter Fitzgerald
Councillor Bill Dooks
Councillor Gordon Snow
Councillor David Hendsbee
Councillor Ron Cooper
Councillor Harry McInroy
Councillor Jack Greenough
Councillor Condo Sarto
Councillor Clint Schofield
Councillor John Cunningham
Councillor Graham L. Downey
Councillor Larry Uteck
Councillor Howard Epstein
Councillor Russell Walker
Councillor Ron Hanson
Councillor Steve Adams
Councillor Barry Barnet
Councillor Bob Harvey
Councillor Peter Kelly
Councillor Reg Rankin
Councillor Jack Mitchell

REGRETS:

Councillor Bruce Hetherington
(For Health Reasons)
Councillor Jerry Blumenthal
Councillor Bill Stone

ALSO PRESENT:

Mr. Ken Meech, Chief Administrative Officer
Mr. Wayne Anstey, Solicitor
Ms. Karen F. Swim, A/Municipal Clerk
Ms. Julia Horncastle, Recording Secretary

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The meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. with an invocation.

1. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Moved by Councillor Harvey, seconded by Councillor Mitchell that the Minutes from regular meetings of Halifax Regional Council held on February 14, and February 22, 1996 be approved as circulated. **Motion carried.**

2. APPROVAL OF THE ORDER OF BUSINESS

The following items were proposed as additions to the agenda:

- 8.2 Delivery of Council Meeting Packages - Councillor Kelly
- 8.3 Hours of Business (Shopping) - Councillor Hendsbee

**3. PROPOSED ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER NUMBER ONE,
RESPECTING THE PROCEDURES OF COUNCIL**

Moved by Councillor Harvey, seconded by Councillor Cunningham that Proposed Administrative Order Number One, Respecting the Procedures of Council, be tabled; and further, that it continue to be included on future agendas (until March 27, 1996) for discussion purposes. **Motion carried.**

4. PRESENTATION - REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT AGENCY

Copies of a letter dated March 1, 1996 from Mr. K. R. Meech, Chief Administrative Officer, to Mr. Gregory Brown, General Manager, Halifax County RDA, were circulated.

Mr. Gordon Morris, Chairman of the Regional Development Agency, introduced Mr. Greg Brown, General Manager, who provided a brief overview of the RDA's mandate and accomplishments to date, and responded to questions from various members of Council.

Following a brief discussion and questioning of staff, **it was moved by Councillor Greenough, seconded by Councillor Kelly that** the funding level recommended by the Chief Administrative Officer in his letter to Mr. Brown of March 1, 1996 (i.e., \$275,400) be approved, but that the RDA's request for additional monies be considered during the Region's budget review process.

The motion was put and passed with unanimous consent.

5. REPORTS

5.1 Chief Administrative Officer

5.1.1 Recommendations Re: Nominations -
Greater Halifax Economic Development Partnership

This matter had last been discussed during a regular meeting of Halifax Regional Council held on Wednesday, February 14, 1996.

A memorandum dated March 6, 1996 was submitted from Mr. Ken Meech, Chief Administrative Officer.

On the basis of Mr. Meech's memorandum, **it was moved by Councillor Greenough, seconded by Councillor Schofield that** the matter be deferred until the next regular meeting of Halifax Regional Council scheduled for Thursday, March 21, 1996. **Motion passed.**

5.2 Commissioner of Community Services

5.2.1 Letter of Understanding Between HRM and Province
Respecting Transfer of Social Services

A report dated March 4, 1996 and entitled "Letter of Understanding Between HRM and Province Respecting Transfer of Social Services" was submitted from Mr. Dan English, Commissioner of Community Services.

MOVED by Councillor Greenough, seconded by Councillor Rankin that:

- (1) Council authorize the Mayor to sign, on behalf of HRM, the letter attached to the March 4, 1996 staff report received from the Minister of Community Services (this letter, which outlines the specific details, will serve as the basis of the Agreement to be executed with the Province of Nova Scotia regarding provincial assumption of the delivery of municipal social services post April 1, 1996);
- (2) Council appoint the Chief Administrative Officer, the Commissioner of Community Services, and the Director of Finance to serve on a Committee with provincial senior officials to further review the matter of financial arrangements related to this transfer.

Commissioner English responded to questions from Councillor Kelly, noting that Mr. Ronald E. L'Esperance, Administrator, Income & Employment Support Services (Provincial Department of Social Services), has indicated his willingness to address Council at a meeting to be held after April 1, 1996.

Motion carried.

5.2.2 Recommendations - Major Facilities

A report dated March 4, 1996 and entitled "Major Recreation Facilities" was submitted from Mr. Dan English, Commissioner of Community Services.

Councillor Harvey expressed the view that, because of its special circumstances, the future of the Sackville Sports Stadium should be addressed in a manner different from that proposed in Part (1) of the staff recommendation. **It was therefore moved by Councillor Harvey, seconded by Councillor Greenough that:**

- (1) Council authorize staff to negotiate management agreements with the appropriate parties to manage Cole Harbour Place, Dartmouth Sportsplex, and Centennial Arena (these agreements would require HRM staff representation on each management board and attendance by the general managers of each facility at regular meetings of the Region's Municipal Recreation Facilities Board which will be formed);
- (2) if the above recommendation is accepted for the future management of Cole Harbour Place, that Halifax County Bylaw #59 (Cole Harbour Place) be repealed;
- (3) the arrangements regarding the future management of the Sackville Sports Stadium be **deferred** until a meeting can be held between representatives of the Lake District Recreation Association (LDRA) and HRM staff;
- (4) Council authorize HRM staff to assume management of Captain William Spry Community Centre and the Halifax Forum effective April 1, 1996 (the mandate of the existing boards would be revised so that they become advisory committees, rather than management boards; HRM staff would be represented on these advisory committees);

- (5) when recreation and leisure advisory committees are formed in a community, that representatives of the respective recreation facility board or committee be appointed to the recreation advisory committee.

Speaking as a member of the Halifax Forum Commission, Councillor Downey expressed concern that the take-over by HRM of the management of the Halifax Forum is happening too quickly. **An amendment to the motion was therefore moved by Councillor Downey, seconded by Councillor Adams that** arrangements regarding the Halifax Forum be deferred until such time staff has had an opportunity to discuss the matter in greater detail with the existing management board.

Responding to a question from Councillor Cooper, Mr. English advised that current staffing levels will be maintained for the time being or at least until the existing management contracts can be thoroughly examined.

Councillor Cooper emphasized that the Sackville and Cole Harbour facilities have been operated for the most part on a "break-even" basis with staffing levels adjusted by their respective management boards to achieve that objective. The Councillor went on to add that, in his view, this approach should be maintained and that staffing levels should form part of the proposed management agreement with HRM.

Commenting on Councillor Cooper's remarks, Mr. Meech observed that, to a large extent, the question of staffing and the manner in which it is undertaken will depend on the financial contribution HRM is expected to make to the recreation facilities in the future. He emphasized, however, that incentives to operate on a "break-even" basis should be included wherever possible in the proposed management agreements.

Councillor Kelly made reference to the fact that certain of the facilities identified in the March 4 staff report are supported by their communities through area rates, while others are not. The Councillor went on to express concern in regard to this "double standard," suggesting that users should not be entitled to services for which they do not pay. He therefore recommended that consideration be given to imposing area rates for all of the Region's major recreation facilities.

Responding to Councillor Kelly's suggestion, Mr. English pointed out that the concept of area rates (and, in particular, the use of area rates to support recreation facilities) is an issue which will be left for Council to decide as part of the budget review process.

Councillor Adams made reference to a recent meeting of the Board of Managers for the Captain William Spry Community Centre at which concerns had been expressed that the March 4 staff report appears to ignore the Centre's multi-service mandate. The Councillor went on to point out that the recommendation has been put forward that the Board should be permitted to retain its role as a "policy board" in relation to multi-service (including the employment of multi-service staff) and in regard to policies connected with the Centre that have an impact on multi-service (e.g., policies relating to the leasing of parts of the facility and to the use of its meeting rooms by various community groups). Furthermore, the Board has raised concerns regarding the appointment process for future management boards, and has recommended further discussion on that point.

Councillor Adams submitted a list of these concerns to the Clerk and asked that it be distributed to appropriate members of staff.

On another but related matter, Councillor Adams made reference to page 4 of the March 4 staff report which, he said, appears to indicate that the Halifax Forum is experiencing financial difficulties and has become an "undue burden" on its community. Acknowledging that the Forum is currently operating at a considerable deficit, the Councillor noted that facilities in other parts of the Region (namely, the Dartmouth Sportsplex, the Centennial Arena, and Cole Harbour Place) all appear to be successful at attaining a break even position. He therefore asked for information as to the process followed by those facilities to achieve that level of success.

On a final note, Councillor Adams asked for clarification as to the implications, if any, of the proposed changes to the management structure on the Forum's ability to hold a bingo license.

Responding to a question from Councillor Schofield, Mr. English advised that the composition of future management boards (and, in particular, whether Councillors will be included in their membership) will be a matter on which the Regional Council will be asked to provide direction.

Councillor Hendsbee made note of the fact that at the present time both Cole Harbour Place and the Sackville Sports Stadium are involved in a pay equity dispute before the courts. The Councillor therefore asked for information as to whether staff had taken this situation into account and whether, in fact, standards pay scales will be considered for all recreation facilities throughout the Region. On another but related matter, Councillor Hendsbee asked if consideration had been given to turning these facilities over to private management.

Councillor Greenough made reference to the many years of service contributed by volunteers across the Regional Municipality towards the operation of recreation facilities and indicated that, in his view, the staff recommendation will provide a mechanism by which those efforts can be recognized.

Councillor Cooper indicated that while he would support the motion presently on the floor as representing only "approval in principle," he felt that part (2) of the motion should be deleted until such time as Council has had an opportunity to review the proposed management agreement for Cole Harbour Place. **It was therefore generally agreed that part (2) of the motion be deleted until this matter is returned to Council for further discussion.**

The Councillor went on to point out that, in his view, unless **all** of the Region's recreation facilities are to be operated on a "break even" or profit basis, the Sackville Sports Stadium and Cole Harbour Place will be placed at a serious disadvantage.

Concluding the discussion, Councillor Adams made reference to the financial projections included on the final page of the March 4 staff report, and asked for more detailed information regarding revenues for the Centennial Arena, Cole Harbour Place, the Dartmouth Sportsplex, and the Halifax Forum; namely, that these revenues be itemized by categories such as ice rentals, gymnasium rentals, racquetball courts, leases, grants, area rates, etc.

The amendment to the motion was put and passed.

The original motion, as amended, was put and passed as follows:

- (1) Council authorize staff to negotiate management agreements with the appropriate parties to manage Cole Harbour Place, Dartmouth Sportsplex, and Centennial Arena (these agreements would require HRM staff representation on each management board and attendance by the general managers of each facility at regular meetings of the Region's Municipal Recreation Facilities Board which will be formed);
- (2) the arrangements regarding the future management of the Sackville Sports Stadium and the Halifax Forum be **deferred** until meetings can be held between representatives of the present management boards and HRM staff;

- (3) Council authorize HRM staff to assume management of Captain William Spry Community Centre effective April 1, 1996 (the mandate of the existing boards would be revised so that they become advisory committees, rather than management boards; HRM staff would be represented on these advisory committees);
- (4) when recreation and leisure advisory committees are formed in a community, that representatives of the respective recreation facility board or committee be appointed to the recreation advisory committee.

5.2.3 Management Boards - Halifax County Regional Rehabilitation Centre and Ocean View Manor

A report dated March 4, 1996 and entitled "Appointments to Boards - Halifax County Rehabilitation Centre and Ocean View Manor," was submitted by Mr. Dan English, Commissioner of Community Services.

MOVED by Councillor McInroy, seconded by Councillor Snow that:

- (1) HRM Council appoint members to the Board of Management of the **Halifax Regional Rehabilitation Centre** in accordance with the Bylaw, as outlined in a report from the Director of Administrative and Legal Services dated February 29, 1996 (these appointments would take effect on April 1, 1996 and be for a one-year period);
- (2) HRM Council appoint members to the Board of Management of **Ocean View Manor** in accordance with the Bylaw, as outlined in a report from the Director of Administrative and Legal Services dated February 29, 1996 (these appointments would take effect on April 1, 1996 and be for a one-year period).

The motion was put and passed.

The Chairman indicated that he hoped to provide a list of nominees for Council's consideration at its next meeting scheduled for Thursday, March 21, 1996.

5.2.4 Harbour City Homes Non-Profit Housing Society

A report dated March 4, 1996 and entitled "Harbour City Homes Non-Profit Housing Society" was submitted by Mr. Dan English, Commissioner of Community Services.

MOVED by Councillor Walker, seconded by Councillor Downey that:

- (1) HRM Council endorse the continuance of Harbour City Homes Non-Profit Housing Society for at least one year, through the appointment of three Councillors to the Board; and that
- (2) HRM Council request Policy and Planning to review HRM's relationship with this society and to provide appropriate recommendations respecting this relationship beyond April 1, 1997.

The motion was put and passed.

Councillor Schofield noted that when non-profit housing associations were established in both Halifax and Dartmouth some years ago, it had been on the understanding that the municipalities, having made an up-front financial contribution, would not be required to provide subsidization in the future. He emphasized, however, that had not been the case and indicated that, in his view, it was time that municipal subsidization come to an end.

It was therefore moved by Councillor Schofield, seconded by Councillor Greenough that the Minister of Housing be requested to send a representative to the next regular meeting of Halifax Regional Council (scheduled for Thursday, March 21, 1996) to discuss a management plan for both the Halifax and Dartmouth non-profit housing societies which would eliminate the need for municipal subsidization.

Mr. English suggested that representatives of both the Dartmouth Non-Profit Housing Society and of Harbour City Homes also be invited to make presentations at that same meeting.

The motion was put and passed.

5.3.1 Electrical Inspections - UPDATE

This matter had last been discussed during a regular meeting of Regional Council held on February 28, 1996. At that time a motion had

been approved authorizing staff to request the Province to re-think its stance in terms of the Region's ability to provide in-house electrical inspection and permit services.

An Information Report dated March 4, 1996 and entitled "Electrical Permitting and Inspection Service" was submitted by Mr. Dan English, Commissioner of Community Services (attached to this report is a letter forwarded by His Worship Mayor Fitzgerald to the Minister of Municipal Affairs, requesting an amendment to the HRM Act to allow the Region to provide electrical permitting/inspection services).

MOVED by Councillor McInroy, seconded by Councillor Greenough that the Information Report dated March 4, 1996 be tabled. **The motion to table was put and passed.**

5.3 Commissioner of Corporate Services

5.3.1 Selection of Carriers for Flexible Benefits

A report dated March 1, 1996 and entitled "Selection of Carriers for Flexible Benefits" was submitted by Mr. Larry Corrigan, Commissioner of Corporate Services. Also submitted was a letter dated March 5, 1996 from Mr. James W. Moir, Jr., President and Chief Executive Officer, Maritime Medical Care.

Mr. Corrigan and Mr. Wade Harding, representing the firm of W. F. Morneau & Associates, provided a brief overview of the selection process and responded to questions from various members of Council.

During the ensuing discussion, several Councillors made reference to the letter received from Maritime Medical Care and expressed concern that staff have recommended awarding the contract for health and dental benefits to Blue Cross, a firm with headquarters in Moncton, New Brunswick.

MOVED by Councillor Kelly, seconded by Councillor Adams that Maritime Medical Care be awarded the contract to provide Health and Dental benefits to Halifax Regional Municipality.

In seconding the motion, Councillor Adams stated that, in his view, the significance of a company's economic impact on Halifax Regional Municipality should not be overlooked during the tendering process. He therefore asked that a staff report be brought forward as quickly as possible outlining a tendering policy which would provide Council with

sufficient flexibility to support local businesses in this manner without seriously affecting the cost factor.

The motion was put and passed.

MOVED by Councillor Kelly, seconded by Councillor Adams that:

- (1) Halifax Regional Municipality adopt a flexible benefits program as developed by the consultant and the Benefits Transition Team; and that
- (2) **Maritime Life** be awarded the contract to provide Life and Long-Term Disability Benefits to Halifax Regional Municipality.

The motion was put and passed.

8:30 p.m. - Councillor Harvey retired from the meeting.

5.4 Commissioner of Regional Operations

5.4.1 Approach Roads - Angus L. Macdonald Bridge

A report dated March 4, 1996 and entitled "Macdonald Bridge Reconstruction - Third Lane Addition" was submitted by Mr. George McLellan, Commissioner of Regional Operations.

Mr. Kulvinder Dhillon, P.Eng., Director of Engineering Services, and Mr. Brian Smith, P.Eng., Director of Transportation, responded to questions from various members of Council.

A motion was proposed by Councillor Downey; namely, that:

- (1) staff write a letter to the Chairperson of the Halifax-Dartmouth Bridge Commission requesting that the proposed work planned on the Macdonald Bridge not proceed until a study is completed on the implications and cost to the Halifax Regional Municipality; and that

- (2) staff retain the services of a consultant to undertake a full traffic and site impact study on the implications of the third lane addition to the Macdonald Bridge (the cost of retaining this consultant is expected to be between \$35,000-\$50,000).

Councillor Epstein expressed concern regarding the lack of consultation and coordination between the Bridge Commission and the neighboring municipalities concerning the implications posed by the addition of a third lane.

In reference to the concerns put forward by Councillor Epstein, Mr. Meech noted that it is staff's intention to meet with Commission representatives regarding the wisdom of proceeding with the third lane at this point in time.

Following a brief discussion, **it was moved by Councillor Kelly, seconded by Councillor Schofield that** the matter be deferred until such time as staff have been afforded the opportunity of discussing with the Bridge Commission its rationale for proceeding with the construction of the third lane on the Macdonald Bridge.

The motion to defer was put and passed.

5.4.2 MIRROR NS Work Plan, Phase 2 (Update from Solid Waste/Resource Advisory Committee)

This matter had last been discussed during a regular meeting of Halifax Regional Council held on February 28, 1996.

An Information Report dated March 6, 1996 and entitled "Item 5.4.2 - Additional Information" was submitted by Mr. George McLellan, Commissioner of Regional Operations.

MOVED by Councillor Rankin, seconded by Councillor Mitchell that Sound Resources Inc. be retained by the Halifax Regional Municipality for the purpose of assisting both staff and MIRROR NS in achieving the optimum pricing environment, and to develop a new system based upon their recommendation which best achieves the principles of the CSC Strategy.

In putting forward this motion, Councillor Rankin (the Chairman of the newly formed Solid Waste/Resource Advisory Committee) urged that the forthcoming report from Sound Resources be forwarded to the Committee for discussion purposes before it is submitted to Regional Council.

Councillor Cooper expressed concern regarding what he termed "this change in direction" and indicated that he wished to meet privately with Commissioner McLellan to discuss the matter in greater detail.

The motion was put and passed.

6. MOTION OF RECONSIDERATION

6.1 Councillor Kelly Re: MIRROR NS Work Plan, Phase 2 (February/March 1996)

A Notice of Motion of Reconsideration had been given by Councillor Kelly during a regular meeting of Halifax Regional Council held on February 22, 1996. The matter had subsequently been deferred during the February 28, 1996 meeting of Regional Council.

At Councillor Kelly's request, **it was agreed that** the matter would be deferred until such time as a report is received from the Solid Waste/Resource Advisory Committee.

7. MOTIONS

7.1 Councillor Epstein Re: Request for Proposals - Waste Management

Following a Notice of Motion given during the February 22, 1996 meeting of Halifax Regional Council, Councillor Epstein on February 28 proposed the following:

WHEREAS the Halifax Regional Municipality has accepted the principles of the Community Stakeholders Committee's Solid Waste/Resource Management Strategy as the basis for putting in place a new system to deal with solid waste;

AND WHEREAS the Municipality recognizes the draft Master Agreement as a basis for further negotiations with the proposed private sector partner;

AND WHEREAS it is the duty of the Municipality to provide the best level of service to the taxpayers at the best cost,

BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

1. The Municipality issue a Request for Proposals from any interested member of the private sector to provide the same work and services as set out in the draft Master Agreement, but upon terms more beneficial to the Municipality;
2. The Municipality at the same time issue a Request for Proposals from any interested member of the private sector (including MIRROR Nova Scotia Limited) to provide work and services that implement the CSC Strategy in a manner that varies from the draft Master Agreement.

At Councillor Epstein's request, **it was agreed that** the matter would be deferred until such time as a report is received from the Solid Waste/Resource Advisory Committee.

7.2 Councillor Barnet Re: Highway 101 Landfill

A Notice of Motion with regard to the above-noted matter had been given by Councillor Barnet during a regular meeting of Halifax Regional Council held on February 28, 1996.

MOVED by Councillor Barnet, seconded by Councillor Adams that:

WHEREAS the communities of Sackville have been forced to endure the prolonged negative effect of the Highway 101 landfill;

AND WHEREAS the communities have received commitments that the Highway 101 landfill will close on or before December 31, 1996 from

Halifax County Council, Sackville Community Council, Metropolitan Authority, and many of the elected representatives on this Council,

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

1. This Council commits to the people of Upper Sackville and the communities of Sackville that the Highway 101 landfill will close on or before December 31, 1996;
2. Council is not and will not consider any extension of the Highway 101 landfill including, but not limited to, extensions of time, size or expansions onto adjacent lands in the future;
3. This Council is committed to resolving the landfill and waste management issue in a timely, environmentally conscious, cost-effective and acceptable manner that does not include the siting of any components of a waste management strategy in the communities of Sackville.

Councillor Hendsbee observed that several months ago County Council had agreed that if at some point in the future the Sackville community wishes to host a component of the solid waste strategy, that proposal would be given due consideration.

Noting that part (3) of Councillor Barnet's motion appears to exclude that option, **an amendment to the motion was moved by Councillor Hendsbee, seconded by Councillor Cooper; namely, that** Part (3) of Councillor Barnet's motion be amended to read, in part, ". . . that does not include the siting of any residual disposal and/or front-end processing facilities in the community of Sackville." **The amendment to the motion was put and passed.**

The original motion, as amended, was put and passed.

7.3 Councillor Mitchell Re: Route 333 Improvements

A Notice of Motion with regard to the above-noted matter had been given by Councillor Mitchell during the February 28, 1996 meeting of Halifax Regional Council.

The following motion was proposed by Councillor Mitchell:

WHEREAS the community of Goodwood, District 23, has drive our Highway Route 333 for the last five years with thousands of holes being patched bi-monthly; and

WHEREAS all the communities in District 23 want the new HRM to support our communities of District 18 and 23,

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT this Council will repave Highway 333 from St. Margaret's Bay Road to the Halifax City limits to Goodwood (less than 2 km.) after the service to the Atlantic Winter Fair is complete on or before September 30, 1996; and furthermore, that these costs be shared with the community on a 50-50 basis.

Following a brief discussion, **it was generally agreed that** this matter be referred to staff for discussion during the Capital Budget review process.

8. ADDED ITEMS

8.1 Halifax Harbour - Consensus Symposium

This matter had been added to the agenda at the request of Councillor Epstein who asked for an update from staff (in the form of a written report) as to the status of the proposal for a symposium to discuss the Halifax Harbour which had previously been referred to HRM by the City of Halifax.

8.2 Delivery of Council Meeting Packages

Councillor Kelly expressed concern that, under the current procedure, Councillors are not afforded sufficient time in which to review information relating to upcoming meetings of Regional Council. He went on to suggest that Council packages should be delivered on Friday evenings so that Councillors have the weekend in which to review their contents.

The Chairman advised that staff are in the process of developing recommendations regarding meeting schedules , the delivery of meeting materials, etc., all of which will be submitted for Council's consideration prior to April 1.

8.3 Hours of Business (Shopping)

Councillor Hendsbee asked that staff be asked to develop a report (to be considered at a future meeting of Halifax Regional Council) concerning the harmonization of regional shopping hours.

8.4 Referral to Halifax County Council

Councillor Hendsbee asked that the following items of information, previously circulated to members of Halifax Regional Council, also be copied to members of Halifax County Council:

- (a) Labour Relations Board - Proceedings (Information Report dated February 29, 1996)
- (b) Letter from Mr. Ron Stockton, Nova Scotia Union of Public Employees (NSUPE), dated February 29, 1996
- (c) Letter to Mr. B. Coopersmith, City Manager, City of Halifax, from Mr. C. W. Hayward, Coordinator, Re: Retirement and Severance Benefits (dated March 1, 1996)

8.5 Retirement and Severance Packages

Councillor Rankin made reference to information circulated in conjunction with the March 6 meeting packages, and asked that the matter of "retirement and severance packages" be added to the agenda of Council's next regular meeting scheduled for Thursday, March 21, 1996.

8.6 "September Fest"

Councillor Mitchell asked that an item entitled "September Fest" be added to the agenda of Council's next regular meeting scheduled for Thursday, March 21, 1996.

9. NOTICES OF MOTION

**9.1 Notice of Motion Councillor Schofield Re:
Watershed Advisory Boards and Committees**

Councillor Schofield gave Notice of Motion that at the next regular meeting of Halifax Regional Council scheduled for Thursday, March 21, 1996, he proposes to introduce a motion regarding the structure and mandate of the future Watershed Advisory Committee.

In putting forward this Notice of Motion, the Councillor submitted correspondence dated March 7, 1996 and signed by representatives of all four water advisory boards/committees currently in operation. Councillor Schofield asked that this information be circulated to members of Council as well as to appropriate staff, adding that Councillor Howard Epstein has already indicated his willingness to serve on the proposed regional committee.

**9.2 Notice of Motion Councillor Barnet Re:
Appropriate Spelling - "Beaver Bank"**

Councillor Barnet gave Notice that, based on information to be provided by the Department of Natural Resources, he proposes to introduce a motion at the next regular meeting of Halifax Regional Council (scheduled for Thursday, March 21, 1996) which will clarify the appropriate spelling of "Beaver Bank."

**9.3 Notice of Motion Councillor Rankin Re:
Provincial Department of Education - Funding**

Councillor Rankin gave Notice that at the next regular meeting of Halifax Regional Council (scheduled for Thursday, March 21, 1996) he proposes to introduce a motion with regard to the funding formulas proposed by the Provincial Department of Education.

There being no further business to be discussed, the meeting was adjourned at approximately 9:50 p.m.

MAYOR WALTER FITZGERALD
CHAIRMAN

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED BY:
KAREN F. SWIM, AMUNICIPAL CLERK

