

HALIFAX REGIONAL MUNICIPALITY

HALIFAX REGIONAL COUNCIL
April 2, 1996

PRESENT:

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

STAFF MEMBERS:

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

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The first official meeting of Halifax Regional Council was called to order at 6:00 p.m. with an Invocation.

Mayor Fitzgerald called on Mr. Larry Corrigan, Commissioner of Corporate Services, to address Council. Mr. Corrigan presented Mayor Fitzgerald with the Region's first cheque, payable to the Mayor, in the amount of \$1.

Mayor Fitzgerald expressed his gratitude and thanked individuals involved in working towards April 1, 1996. Further, he thanked the host communities for an excellent Council Tour of the Region which had taken place April 1, 1996.

2. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES - MARCH 21, 1996**

Councillor Bruce Hetherington requested the minutes be amended - page 4 - paragraph 1 - to reflect his name rather than Councillor Schofield's.

MOVED by Councillors Snow and Blumenthal to approve the Minutes of March 21, 1996, as amended. MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

< Councillor Adams expressed concern that discussions on item #14 - Questions - could take place over an hour. Accordingly, he would like Council to consider deleting #14 from the Administrative Order.

Councillor Sarto suggested "Questions" be placed at the end of the agenda, however Councillor Adams advised this could lead to political grandstanding.

Councillor Hanson expressed concern that discussions on "Questions" could be expensive in terms of staff time - cost implications could be high - and that many of the issues brought up under "Questions" could be dealt with in-house rather in this forum.

Councillor Harvey noted he understood the reasoning for "Questions" to be included on the agenda as it would provide an opportunity for individuals in the gallery to put questions to Council/staff.

Councillor Hetherington advised that the item should be deleted from the Administrative Order; further, he felt that the Notice of Motion agenda item was

more important.

MOVED by Councillors Adams and Hetherington, to remove "Questions" from the Administrative Order. MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

ADDITIONS AND DELETIONS

- < The Clerk requested deletion of the following two items from the agenda:
 - 7.3.7 Halifax County Rehabilitation Centre - this item had been dealt with March 27/96
 - 10.1.2 Application to Amend Glengarry Estates - Development Agreement - the Developer has requested this matter be deferred to June, 1996
- < Councillor Walker requested the addition of "Major Recreation Facilities" to the agenda
- < Councillor Barnet requested the addition of "Landfill Cover" to the agenda
- < Councillor Hendsbee requested the addition of "Union Vote Results" to the agenda

MOVED by Councillors Sarto and Schofield that the Order of Business, as amended, be approved. MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

Councillor Sarto advised he was not given an opportunity to express interest in being appointed to the Bridge Commission.

Mayor Fitzgerald advised these were nominations only.

5. **MOTION OF RECONSIDERATION - COUNCILLOR BARNET - Supplementary Report - Major Recreation Facilities (Halifax Forum and LDRA) - see March 27/96 Council Meeting)**

Councillor Barnet distributed information as it pertained to the above-noted matter. Council was advised this would have no impact on taxpayers, in fact, the cost per capita was considerably lower. Further, he would like to restore the management agreement with LDRA.

THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY COUNCILLOR PETER KELLY. MOTION DEFEATED.

7. **CONSIDERATION OF DEFERRED BUSINESS**

7.1 **Motion - Councillor Epstein - Request for Proposals - Waste Management**
(see March 27/96 Council Minutes)

Councillor Epstein requested this item be deferred for two weeks.

In response to an enquiry from Councillor Epstein, Mr. Wayne Anstey, Solicitor, advised that the Motion included on the Agenda could be tabled for the time being. At a later date, this Motion could be "removed from the Table" and brought forward to a Council Agenda for further discussion.

MOVED by Councillors Epstein and Uteck, to table the Motion "Request for Proposals - Waste Management." At such time when the matter is to be further discussed, the item will be removed from the table and placed back on the Council Agenda. MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

7.2 **Report - Commissioner of Regional Operations**

7.2.1 **Extension of Contracts - Refuse and Recyclables Collection** (see March 27/96 Council Minutes)

MOVED by Councillors Downey and Epstein to adopt the staff recommendation that the Halifax Regional Council authorize the extension of Residential Refuse Collection (Tender #90-112) and Condominium Refuse Collection (Tender #91-189) with Browning-Ferris Industries Limited for nine months; and

That Halifax Regional Council authorize the extension of Recyclables Collection (Tender #93-51) and Recyclables Collection, Halifax County, with Enviro-Care Services for a two month period at a proposed monthly rate. During the two month period, staff will prepare the issuance of a tender for the collection of recyclables from the two areas.

In response to an enquiry from Councillor Cunningham as to the price increase from Enviro-Care, Mr. George McLellan, Commissioner of Regional Operations, advised that staff were surprised to learn of the price increase.

By extending the period to nine months, Councillor Stone enquired if there would be time

for smaller details to be worked out such as the condominium corporations.

Mr. Jim Bauld, Manager of Solid Waste, addressed Council noting that correspondence had been forwarded to condominiums on the matter of increased level of service. At the request of Councillor Stone, Mr. Bauld advised he would forward a copy of the correspondence to his office.

In response to an enquiry from Councillor Stone if discussions had taken place on a proposal to recycle every two weeks, Mr. Bauld advised that discussions had been held with Sound Resource last week in this regard.

Mr. George McLellan advised that staff would like to bring this matter back to Council by the end of April; further, he does not want to have a price increase without going through the tendering process.

In response to an enquiry from Councillor Snow if recycling could occur every two weeks rather than once a month in District 2, Mr. Bauld advised that staff needs to optimize collections in the rural areas to make it convenient for residents. Further, this matter will be dealt with in the staff report to be prepared by the end of the month.

A brief discussion ensued on the price increase. Mayor Fitzgerald expressed concern in this regard.

Councillor Greenough reminded Council that the last two tenders were for a two month period only.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

7.3 APPOINTMENTS

7.3.1 Election of Deputy Mayor

Mayor Fitzgerald called for nominations from the floor for the position of Deputy Mayor.

A brief discussion ensued on whether a successful individual would win by majority or 50% plus 1. Mr. Wayne Anstey advised in accordance with the Legislation, Council shall appoint the Deputy Mayor on an annual basis and that it will be carried out by a majority vote (the same procedure as with a Council Resolution). Should there be no majority, the candidate with the least number of votes will be removed from the ballot and another vote taken with the remaining candidates.

Councillors Hetherington and Cunningham nominated **Councillor Jack Greenough**. Councillor Hetherington advised that Councillor Greenough had been a member of Dartmouth City Council for 21 years, and had served as Deputy Mayor in this regard. Further, he has served on many committees over the years.

Councillors Dooks and McInroy nominated **Councillor Ron Cooper**. Councillor Dooks advised that Councillor Cooper was well suited to the position of Deputy Mayor and that he has been involved with youth and community organizations for many years. Further, he has served the public as an elected official with Halifax County since 1988 and in the position of Deputy Mayor.

Councillors Adams and Harvey nominated **Councillor Barry Barnet**. Councillor Adams advised that Councillor Barnet was a sincere individual who has the ability to serve Halifax Regional Municipality in the capacity as a full-time Deputy Mayor.

Mayor Fitzgerald called for all Nominations to cease.

MOVED by Councillors Hetherington and Adams that all ballots be destroyed after each count. MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Councillor Jack Greenough was the successful candidate for the position of Deputy Mayor.

Deputy Mayor Greenough expressed his appreciation to those in attendance and advised he would do his best in this capacity.

Election for one position to the UNSM

Nominations for one position for the Union of Nova Scotia Municipalities (UNSM) were put forward.

Councillors Epstein and Uteck nominated **Councillor Jerry Blumenthal**.

Councillors Cunningham and Greenough nominated **Councillor Clint Schofield**.

Councillors Rankin and Harvey nominated **Councillor Peter Kelly**.

MOVED by Councillors Sarto and Greenough to cease nominations. MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Following completion of the ballot count, the Clerk advised there was no clear majority for

one Member of Council to sit on the UNSM, therefore, Councillor Schofield's name would be removed from the nomination list and another secret ballot will take place between Councillors Blumenthal and Kelly.

The clerk advised that Councillor Blumenthal was the successful candidate for one position on the UNSM

Election for second position to the UNSM

Mayor Fitzgerald called for nominations.

Councillors Cunningham and Blumenthal nominated **Councillor Schofield**.

Councillors Rankin and Hendsbee nominated **Councillor Kelly**.

MOVED by Councillors Mitchell and Harvey to cease nominations. MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

The Clerk advised that Councillor Schofield was the successful candidate for the second position on the UNSM.

MOVED by Councillors Adams and Hendsbee that all appointments be unanimous. MOTION PUT AND CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

7.3.3 Halifax Water Commission

MOVED by Councillors Hetherington and Barnet to appoint Messrs Ralph Settle and John Dick to the Halifax Water Commission. MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Further, that there was a vacancy for one additional individual.

7.3.4 Ocean View Manor

This matter was deferred to the next meeting of Council.

7.3.5 Halifax Regional Library Board

MOVED by Councillors Greenough and Mitchell to appoint Ms. Linda MacDonald

and Ms. Joan Pryde to the Halifax Regional Library Board. **MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

ADDITIONAL APPOINTMENTS:

Halifax-Dartmouth Bridge Commission

MOVED by Councillors Sarto and Greenough to appoint Councillors Downey, Blumenthal, Schofield and Cooper to the Halifax-Dartmouth Bridge Commission. MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

A brief discussion ensued on the length of term. Mayor Fitzgerald suggested that the term be at the "pleasure of Council" until such time as discussions on the structure of Committees are complete.

MOVED by Councillors Stone and Hetherington to defer the establishment of length of terms pending the completion of discussions on the structure of Committees at which time a recommendation will be made.

Councillor Rankin sought clarification on appointments to Ocean View Manor. In response, Mayor Fitzgerald advised that all those being nominated have not been contacted.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

7.3.6 Shubenacadie Canal Commission

MOVED by Councillors Hetherington and Sarto to appoint Councillor Jack Greenough and Mr. Bernard Hart to the Shubenacadie Canal Commission with the length of term to expire March 31.

On a Point of Clarification, Councillor Hendsbee enquired which year the term would expire. In response, Mr. Meech advised this was an annual appointment, however, it could be at Council's discretion. Mayor Fitzgerald reiterated his earlier remarks that the matter of length of committee term will be held in abeyance until such time as discussions on the structure of Committees are complete.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

7.3.7 Halifax County Rehabilitation Centre - deleted from the agenda

7.3.8 Nova Scotia Association of Police Boards

MOVED by Councillors Schofield and Blumenthal to appoint Councillor Bill Stone to the Nova Scotia Association of Police Boards. MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

9. CORRESPONDENCE

9.1 HarbourEdge - Dartmouth Downtown Corporation

Councillor Schofield requested a staff report be prepared on this matter for a future meeting of Council.

MOVED by Councillors Schofield and Hetherington for a staff report for a future meeting of Council. MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

9.2 John Kitz, Chairman, Halifax Library Board - Central Library Community Study

Mr. Kitz, at the invitation of Mayor Fitzgerald, addressed Council advising it needs to be determined the type of central library required for the Halifax Regional Municipality by the year 2000. Also, it was necessary to bring 13 branch libraries and a book mobile program together and create a catalogue (full library system) in each Library location.

Funds have been donated for the construction of a new Library which have accumulated in the amount of \$3.7 million.

Councillor Mitchell gave credit to Mr. Kitz on a job well done in the production of this report.

In response to an enquiry from Councillor Cooper regarding an update on the Library amalgamation, Mr. Kitz advised that a Joint Amalgamation Committee had been formed to deal with issues after April 1, 1996.

In response to another enquiry from Councillor Cooper pertaining to staffing numbers, Mr. Kitz advised he would require a staff report in this regard.

MOVED by Councillors Hetherington and Greenough to table the report.

Councillor Stone complimented Joan Brown Hicks, Co-ordinator, and her staff on a job well done. Further, he congratulated Mr. Kitz and the full Library staff for compiling this document. Further, both Councillors Hetherington and Dooks reiterated Councillor Stone's

remarks.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

9.3 **Metro Centre General Manager - Executive Suite Program - Request for Additional Capital Funding**

MOVED by Councillors Stone and Dooks that Halifax Regional Council authorize payment of \$450,000 to the Trade Centre Limited for completion of the project and expansion to 11 Executive Suites.

A brief discussion ensued on the manner in which the final two rooms would be sold - by lottery or on a "first come first served" basis. Further, it was noted these funds would be paid back over a five year time period.

Mr. Scott Ferguson, General Manager, Trade Centre Limited, addressed Council noting that the additional two rooms will be constructed where the washrooms are currently located.

Councillor Greenough advised that Council was simply being asked to underwrite this proposal.

Utilizing a large floor plan, Mr. Ferguson indicated where the two rooms will actually be built and noted that the lounge will be utilized as suites if required in the future.

A brief discussion ensued on the repayment time frame.

MOVED by Councillor Rankin to amend the repayment time frame to 36 months.

Councillor Rankin withdrew his Motion as the Chief Administrative Officer advised the repayment time frame should be "in five years or less."

In response to an enquiry from Councillor Hendsbee as to the standard price for a room, Mr. Ferguson advised the rooms started at \$3500.

Councillor Hendsbee directed his earlier questions to Mr. Ferguson: has he considered selling the rooms through a lottery system? In response, Mr. Ferguson advised that whomever approaches him with a \$5,000 cheque and a signed Letter of Agreement, will have the first opportunity to purchase a room.

In response to an enquiry from Councillor Hendsbee respecting promotional material, Mr. Ferguson advised that the Trade Centre has exclusive rights to all decorations.

Councillor Stone advised he would like to make Council aware that Capital funding has already been approved by the former Halifax City Council. Further, Halifax Regional Council now needs to eliminate the deficit. In the best interests of the municipality, he anticipates Council will support the Motion.

A VOTE ON THE MAIN MOTION WAS PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

10. **REPORTS**

10.1 **Commissioner of Community Services**

10.1.1

Library Board - Leased Space - Technical Services

As a result of the Library amalgamation and automation, it is now required that three Technical Services Departments be centralized into one operation and location. Once the centralized department is in operation, automation of the existing Halifax County branches can be implemented. Further, no existing library site can accommodate the new centralized Technical Services Department.

MOVED by Councillors Sarto and Mitchell that the Halifax Regional Council authorize staff to enter into a lease to expand existing library space at 32 Glendale Avenue in Sackville, to accommodate the centralized Technical Services Department, at an annual cost of \$121,000 for a three-year lease. MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

10.1.3

Setting of Public Hearing Dates

Although the former Town of Bedford had implemented a policy which delegated the setting of public hearing dates to staff upon recommendation by the Planning Advisory Committee, the other metro municipal units referred this matter to Council. It was determined that this latter procedure caused delays in the process. Accordingly, it is recommended that Halifax Regional Council delegate the setting of public hearing dates to staff.

Councillor Stone expressed concern that staff will be setting public hearing dates without input from the respective District Councillor.

MOVED by Councillors Stone and Cunningham that public hearings be set in consultation with the respective District Councillor. MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

MOVED by Councillors Hetherington and Greenough that Regional Council adopt the following policy for the setting of dates:

WHEREAS it is desirable that the Halifax Regional Municipality establish a Policy, which would eliminate the requirements to bring before Regional Council, applications which have received a positive recommendation from a Planning Advisory Committee, to proceed to Public Hearing; and

WHEREAS appropriate legislation is silent on this matter; and

WHEREAS applications are received to:

- a) Amend the Municipal Planning Strategy, or**
- b) Amend the Land Use By-Law, or**
- c) Enter into a Contract Development Agreement, or**
- d) Change the Zoning Designation on a parcel of land; and**

WHEREAS all the above applications require that a Public Hearing be held prior to the approval;

BE IT RESOLVED that if any such application receives a positive recommendation from a Planning Advisory Committee to proceed with a Public Hearing, the Commissioner of Community Services shall set the date, and place the necessary advertisement for such Hearing, without requiring the application to go before Regional Council.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that if any such application receives a negative recommendation from a Planning Advisory Committee, such application is to be forwarded to Regional Council for action as Council deems appropriate.

A general discussion ensued as to where public hearings will be held, will there be Planning Advisory Committees (PACs) for each area; Community Councils to make recommendations on Zoning By-Laws, etc. In response, Mr. Meech advised these questions would be dealt with in a report to be brought to Council at a later date.

Mr. Dan English advised that within the report, staff are recommending all PACs stay in place. Further, whether Community Councils will stay in place, this matter will be

discussed on April 11, 1996. As to the locations of the public hearings, it will be at Council's discretion.

A brief discussion ensued as to who will make a recommendation on public hearing dates and who makes a recommendation on an actual Application.

Councillor Hetherington requested that information on each Application be forwarded to Council as soon as the Application has been received by staff. This will enable Council to answer any questions posed to them.

In response, Mr. English advised this was the intent.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

10.1.4 **Expansion of IGA - Clayton Park Shopping Centre**

Councillor Stone requested when staff forward documentation to Council that it be addressed specifically as problems have occurred in the past i.e. documentation being forwarded to the wrong Councillor. However, he understood that procedures in this regard were currently being determined and that same would be rectified. His main concern was Council learning about an issue after the fact.

MOVED by Councillors Stone and Walker to authorize staff to set a date for a Public Hearing for the expansion of IGA - Clayton Park Shopping Centre.

In response to an enquiry from Councillor Cooper if this matter had been dealt with through a Planning Advisory Committee, Mayor Fitzgerald advised this was strictly an amendment to an existing Development Agreement.

MOVED by Councillor Cooper to replace any reference to "City of Halifax" within the Development Agreement with "Halifax Regional Municipality."

Councillor Cooper withdrew his Motion when Mr. English advised this matter had been initiated by the City of Halifax but that the wording would be changed to reflect "Halifax Regional Municipality."

THE MAIN MOTION WAS PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

10.1.5

Inns in Residential Neighbourhoods - Proposed Amendments

MOVED by Councillors Downey and Uteck to adopt amendments to the City of Halifax Municipal Development Plan and Land Use By-Law as set out in Appendices I and II of the 12 March, 1996 Planning Advisory Committee Report which would allow inns in certain residential-commercial zones; and set a date for a public hearing. MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

On a Point of Order, Councillor Stone enquired if a Public Hearing date was to be set for Clayton Park IGA.

On a Point of Procedure, Councillor Hetherington enquired if a location could be determined where thick reports which will be used again, can be dropped off rather than destroyed.

Mayor Fitzgerald advised he would discuss this matter with the Chief Administrative Officer.

10.2 Commissioner of Regional Operations

10.2.1

Revised Work Plan - Site "A" - Investigation for Permit Application Approval by NSDOE

Mr. Jim Bauld reviewed the recommendation of staff noting this is a supplementary report which arose from the six point resolution of Council last Tuesday evening.

Other items to be taken into consideration included a contingency plan - drum liners; breach of the liner, slope identification and orientation.

In response, Mr. Bauld advised that the MIRROR Group was aware of the report. Further, a contingency plan must be developed for the Department of the Environment and for the operational procedures. Also, the MIRROR Group is aware of the site grading and slope. All Councillor Rankin's comments have either been addressed or will be addressed.

Councillor Rankin expressed concern with the fact that community protection should be forthcoming, in writing. Further, this matter should be discussed at the next Solid Waste/Resource Advisory Committee Meeting and it is important to come to some form of agreement before it is forwarded to the Department of the Environment so that the Province is aware this is a community driven exercise.

MOVED by Councillors Walker and McInroy to approve the revised Work Plan for the purpose of further investigating Site "A" solely relative to permit application

approval by the Nova Scotia Department of the Environment, in an amount not to exceed \$769,000.

A brief discussion ensued on whether there was a need to spend these funds at this point in time.

Councillor Epstein advised he was concerned in this regard and felt it was unnecessary to spend these funds now. Council knows that the Sackville Landfill will close at the end of this calendar year. Also, it is known that a new site is required by January, 1997. The important things to be concentrated upon now are the "Do It Now" projects. Further, composting is the key to reducing the waste stream. Should the Region concentrate on this, a new site will have to be selected. Also, other sites may become available.

Councillor Epstein suggested that the funds be spent a year from now. Further he advised that Site A should be left on the list. He also noted that Council should concentrate on other aspects of this proposal. He would not be supporting the Motion.

In response to an enquiry from Councillor Blumenthal as to the amount of funds spent to date on this proposal, Mr. Bauld advised in the vicinity of \$1.4 million.

Councillor Blumenthal reiterated comments made by Councillors Hendsbee and Rankin in that Council needs to move on. He went on to state that the garbage issue is very important and a lot of work has been done by the County of Halifax. Accordingly, he noted he will be supporting the Motion.

Mr. Jim Bauld advised the work plan will take 12 weeks to complete and the Department of the Environment review will take approximately 60 days. Therefore, staff are looking around September for Department of the Environment approval. Once the Department of the Environment has cleared the plan, staff are anticipating a spring/summer, 1997 commencement date and in full operation by October, 1998.

In response to a further enquiry from Mayor Fitzgerald asking is it less expensive to put our waste in our own landfill as opposed to trucking out of province, Mr. Bauld advised in the affirmative.

In response to an enquiry from Mayor Fitzgerald if all prices have been checked to ensure they are not out of proportion, Mr. Bauld advised in the affirmative.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

10.3 **Municipal Solicitor**

10.3.1

Administrative Order Number One Respecting the Procedures of Council

MOVED by Councillors McInroy and Greenough that the Administrative Order Number One, attached to the staff report as Appendix "A" be adopted.

In speaking to the Motion, Councillor Kelly enquired if Section 3.1 pertained to all committees or simply committee of the whole.

In response, Mr. Wayne Anstey, Solicitor, advised this pertained to Council and standing committees unless the bodies have been established by special legislation (i.e. the Halifax Water Commission which was created by a separate Act).

Councillor Uteck enquired if it was possible to remove the fact that the Mayor can vote.

Mr. Anstey advised the provision for the vote is in the Act and that it cannot be changed although Council can request the House of Assembly to consider an amendment to the Act. He did not feel, however, any amendments would be entertained in the near future.

Mayor Fitzgerald advised he enjoyed taking part in discussions and that by having a vote, it called for careful listening and participation on his part.

Mr. Anstey advised that the Department of Municipal Affairs has advised that any issues can be brought forward at a later date.

Mr. Meech advised should Council agree, this matter could be put on a list of issues. Councillor Cooper suggested staff should take into consideration that Council has the decision making power, therefore, each Member of Council is considered a part of the Council.

Councillor Sarto enquired on Section 9 - Page 4 - if staff will be considering In Camera meetings. In response, Mr. Anstey advised in the affirmative. Further, the matter of In Camera minutes being made available to the public after a certain time span, will be addressed in a staff report.

Councillor Walker enquired if Section 22 (n) - Questions - could be deleted.

THE MOTION WAS AMENDED TO READ: that the Administrative Order Number One, attached to the staff report as Appendix "A" be adopted with one amendment, that being the deletion of Section 22 (n) - Questions; further that clause "o" be renumbered "n." MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

MOVED by Councillors Uteck and Dooks to prepare a report on the pros and cons of a Mayor having a vote in Council meetings. MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

11. **MOTIONS**

11.1 **Councillor Barnet - Appropriate Spelling - Beaver Bank**

MOVED by Councillors Barnet and Harvey:

WHEREAS the residents of the community of Beaver Bank have long believed and recognized the spelling of the name Beaver Bank as two separate words

AND WHEREAS the Beaver Bank Awareness Association has publicly requested residents to submit their views regarding the spelling of the name Beaver Bank

AND WHEREAS the community has strongly indicated the correct and true spelling should be Beaver Bank two separate words

AND WHEREAS there is historic evidence which indicates the true and correct spelling to Beaver Bank as two separate words,

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that this Council recognizes the true spelling of the community of Beaver Bank as two separate words and hereby request the NOVA SCOTIA DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES to take the necessary steps to restore the correct spelling of the community of Beaver Bank.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

11.2. **Councillor Schofield - Renaming Dartmouth Events Plaza**

MOVED by Councillors Schofield and Hetherington to defer this item for two weeks. MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

13. **MOTICES OF MOTION**

13.1 Councillor Stephen Adams served Notice of Motion to temporarily lift the

moratorium on the issuance of taxi drivers' licenses in order to permit the holding of a single occasion taxi school limited to 40 applicants, and to then permit the licensing of the successful participants as licensed taxi drivers pursuant to the Ordinance.

12. **ADDED ITEMS**

12.1 **Major Recreation Facilities - Councillor Walker**

Councillor Walker requested a report for the next Meeting of Council as there was confusion between the facilities working under a society rather than a management agreement.

In response, Mr. Dan English, Commissioner of Community Services, advised that the Dartmouth Sports Stadium and the Halifax Forum had to be re-constituted, which created the confusion. A formal long agreement will be brought back to Council by the end of the month.

Councillor Walker reiterated his concern that he was disappointed in the manner in which it happened. In response, Mr. English advised that the Forum Commission no longer exists, therefore, there is no membership. However, Council was advised that a full update would be provided.

12.2 **Site 101 Landfill Cover - Councillor Barnet**

Councillor Barnet addressed Council noting that discussions had been held as to whether or not the type of building material was appropriate. He believed staff had received correspondence from the Department of the Environment on the Sackville Landfill. As this could cost the taxpayers additional funds, he requested a report for the next Meeting of Council.

Mayor Fitzgerald agreed this was an important item and that a staff report would be forthcoming.

12.3 **Union Vote - Councillor Hendsbee**

Councillor Hendsbee requested the results of the recent Union vote taken by the County's non-unionized staff and enquired if the Home Support staff has been recognized by the Province.

In response, Mr. English advised that NSUPE has been appointed as the bargaining

agent. Further, the Home Support Workers from the County and the previous Social Service Workers that were transferred to the Province will be covered. The former Municipal Social Services individuals will have to sign a reciprocal agreement with NSGUE but the Home Support individuals will be covered under NSUPE.

In response to another enquiry from Councillor Hendsbee if seniority and time of service will be recognized for home Support Workers, Mr. English advised that the Home Support Workers will be covered under Halifax Regional Municipality for at least the next three months following which discussions may have to take place with respect to a reciprocal agreement.

12.4 Other

Councillor Cooper enquired on information which had been distributed to Council at the last minute.

In response, Councillor Blumenthal advised it was material from the Co-ordinator of Councillor Support which was for information purposes.

Councillor Hendsbee provided the Clerk with a Proclamation for a future meeting of Council.

In response to a concern from Councillor Cooper in that there appeared to be no co-ordination when it came to distribution of material to Council, Mayor Fitzgerald advised that no material would be distributed to Council after Friday of each week.

15. ADJOURNMENT

As there was no further business, the meeting adjourned at 9:00 p.m.

Mayor Walter Fitzgerald, Chairman

Respectfully submitted by:
Vi Carmichael, Municipal Clerk

