

HALIFAX REGIONAL MUNICIPALITY

HALIFAX REGIONAL COUNCIL
April 30, 1996

PRESENT:

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

STAFF MEMBERS:

Ms. Val Spencer, Acting Chief Administrative Officer
Mr. Wayne Anstey, Municipal Solicitor
Ms. Vi Carmichael, Municipal Clerk
Ms. Jane Nauss, Assistant Municipal Clerk

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Mayor Walter Fitzgerald read three Proclamations proclaiming the following:

Multiple Sclerosis Awareness Month - May
Gaelic Cultural Awareness Month - May
Annual Day of Mourning - April 28, 1996.

Councillor Robert Harvey introduced the 4th Sackville Scout Troup and Scout Leader Thomas Banfield, who were in the gallery this evening. Later in the meeting, Councillor Walker introduced the Fairview Scout Troop.

1. **INVOCATION**

Mayor Fitzgerald called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. with an Invocation.

2. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES** - APRIL 16, 1996

MOVED BY Councillor Hetherington and Deputy Mayor Greenough to adopt the minutes from April 16, 1996. MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

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

The Assistant Clerk advised of the following addition to the Agenda:

- Councillor David Hendsbee - Consideration - Property Tax Deadline Extension from May 21, 1996 to June 30, 1996.

Council Members requested the following additions:

Councillor Kelly - Update - Bedford Police Local

Councillor Barnet - House of Assembly Resolution #315

Councillor Adams - Update - Boards and Commissions

Councillor Stone - Mainland Commons - Indoor Soccer

Councillor Cunningham - Lake Safety Patrol

Councillor Epstein - 5557 Cunard St. - Security System.

There was unanimous consent to the Order of Business, as amended.

4. **BUSINESS ARISING OUT OF THE MINUTES** - None
5. **MOTIONS OF RECONSIDERATION** - NONE
6. **MOTIONS OF RESCISSION** - NONE
7. **CONSIDERATION OF DEFERRED BUSINESS** - NONE
8. **PUBLIC HEARINGS** - NONE

9. **CORRESPONDENCE, PETITIONS AND DELEGATIONS, PRESENTATIONS**

- 9.1 Presentation - Heritage Inventory Project - Mr. Carmen Moir

Mayor Fitzgerald called on Mr. Carmen Moir to address Council.

Mr. Moir, Chairman, Heritage Inventory Project, addressed Council introducing the membership of the Team. Also, Mr. Moir reviewed the intent behind this Heritage Project, namely; to compile an inventory of artifacts/objects which reflect the culture of the four former metropolitan municipalities. Council was further advised that a Policy is to be drafted respecting the preservation, conservation, management, storage, interpretation and display of these artifacts.

Mr. Tony Edwards, Vice-Chair, was invited to address Council at which time he reviewed the first phase of the task at hand for the Team and provided examples of artifacts which have been compiled.

Mr. Moir addressed Council once again and closed his remarks outlining the next phase of the project and clarifying that the public will be provided an opportunity for input as to where the artifacts should be placed and/or if the artifacts should be kept in use. Further, Council was advised that all fragile items will be copied for public use with the original moved to the archives.

Mayor Fitzgerald thanked Messrs Moir and Edwards for addressing Council and the remainder of the Team in the gallery for attending this evening's meeting.

Councillor David Hendsbee introduced Mr. Gary Meade, former Councillor, who was in attendance this evening.

10. **REPORTS**

- 10.1 Mayor

10.1.1 Appointments to the Trade Centre Limited Board of Directors

MOVED by Deputy Mayor Greenough and Councillor Sarto that the following Members of Council be appointed to the Trade Centre Limited Board of Directors: Mayor Walter Fitzgerald and Councillors Ron Hanson, Bill Stone and Larry Uteck. MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

10.1.2 Appointment to Water Commission

MOVED by Councillors Bruce Hetherington and Sarto to appoint Ms. Cheryl Newcombe to the Halifax Regional Water Commission for a two-year term. MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

10.1.3 Planning/Heritage Advisory Committee Representatives

MOVED by Councillors Stone and Hetherington to appoint the following Council Members to the respective Planning and Heritage Advisory Committees:

PLANNING ADVISORY COMMITTEES

Town of Bedford - Councillor Peter Kelly

City of Halifax - Councillors Howard Epstein and Larry Uteck

**Halifax County - Councillors Bill Dooks, David Hendsbee, Gordon R. Snow, Ron Cooper and Barry Barnet.
- Councillor Reg Rankin withdrew his name.**

Western Region - Councillor Reg Rankin

Sackville - Councillor Barry Barnet

**Cole Harbour/Westphal-Eastern Passage/Cow Bay
- Councillor Ron Cooper**

Commissioner Val Spencer, Acting Chief Administrative Officer, noted that the Planning Advisory Committee for Halifax County could operate with one less Councillor for the moment; further, she would review the matter.

HERITAGE ADVISORY COMMITTEES

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- Town of Bedford** - Councillor Peter Kelly
- City of Halifax** - Councillors Howard Epstein and Jerry Blumenthal
- City of Dartmouth** - Councillors Clint Schofield and Bruce Hetherington
- Halifax County** - Councillors Bob Harvey and Bill Dooks.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

10.2 Chief Administrative Officer

10.2.1 Inspection and Testing Services

In a staff report, Mr. George McLellan, Commissioner of Regional Operations stated that there was a requirement to extend 1995 inspection and testing service contracts until the 1996/97 Capital Works Program is finalized and the scope of inspection and testing service requirements are established and tendered.

MOVED by Councillors Stone and Hetherington to extend the 1995 Inspection and Testing contracts with Pridy and Associates for a period expiring July 31, 1996 to ensure the uninterrupted provision of these services.

Mr. Kulvinder Dhillon, P. Eng., Director, Engineering Services, addressed Council noting it is staff's desire to extend this tender price for 2 - 3 months at a cost of \$20,000; further that the unit price had been tendered last year.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

10.2.2 Extension of Tender 95-48, Municipal Services, Emergency and Incidental Repairs

In a staff report prepared by Commissioner George McLellan, it was stated that services as required through this tender were required in emergency situations and when in-house forces are not available.

MOVED by Councillors Stone and Downey to approve the extension of Tender No. 95-48, Municipal Services - Emergency and Incidental Repairs to G & R Kelly Enterprises Limited for one additional year expiring on March 31, 1997, to cover the whole area of the Regional Municipality.

In speaking to the Motion, Councillor Hendsbee expressed concern with the fact that Council is being asked to extend a contract for one full year.

CONFLICT OF INTEREST - Councillor Peter Kelly declared a Conflict of Interest and removed himself from discussions on this matter due to the fact that he was related to an individual employed by the company involved in this tender.

A brief discussion ensued on the fact that all original bidders were aware that this contract could be extended for an additional year. Concern was raised by Council in that this tender should be called again and not simply extended; further, that a dollar factor should have been included in the staff report.

In response, Mr. Dhillon advised that figures can be provided based on past history. Further, Council was advised this extension of contract was simply for emergency purposes only and that G & R Kelly Enterprises Limited could meet all of its obligations for the entire Region.

Another concern was raised by Council in that "emergency and incidental" was mentioned within the staff report. Accordingly, as this could be costly, it was suggested this contract be re-tendered. Further, it was noted that by not re-tendering, smaller businesses would not be able to compete.

MOTION PUT AND CARRIED.

Councillor Peter Kelly resumed his place at the meeting.

10.2.3 Location of Halifax Regional Municipality Council Chambers

MOVED by Councillors Sarto and Mitchell that the Council Chambers for the Halifax Regional Municipality be permanently located in Halifax City Hall, for the reasons generally set out in the report "Design and Cost Study, Council Chambers" prepared by Fowler Bauld and Mitchell Limited, April 19, 1996; and

that Fowler Bauld and Mitchell Limited be authorized to proceed with the second stage of this study, involving the preparation of final design drawings, outlining specifications and cost estimates for Halifax City Hall, on the understanding that further consultations with Council will be required to determine the location and design of other functions that are to be located in Halifax City Hall, before the designs are finalized.

In speaking to the Motion, Councillor Cooper expressed concern that the estimates reflect only a 15% accuracy.

Mayor Fitzgerald introduced Mr. Mac Mackay, Fowler Bauld and Mitchell Limited, and invited him to address Council.

Mr. MacKay addressed Council noting that no detailed design work had been carried out

as yet but that same would be dealt with the following week; further the next report would indicate a more accurate cost. Mr. MacKay also advised that 15% accuracy was deemed to be a very high level of accuracy. In response to an enquiry from Council, Mr. MacKay noted that a detailed design and estimates would be prepared within a six week time frame.

Council was advised that any changes in Halifax City Hall will prove beneficial to the public in that they will feel more a part of Council discussions although the gallery will be small. Further, there would be no gain should the inside wall be moved.

Councillor McInroy expressed his desire to have this matter deferred pending a report as to the funds involved.

In closing, Mr. MacKay noted there were no further funds involved in the continuance of Phase 2.

MOTION PUT AND CARRIED.

10.2.4 Dartmouth Cove Sewer Outfall

MOVED by Councillor Hetherington and Deputy Mayor Greenough to award the contract to construct the sanitary sewer main and flow diversion structure to Ocean Contractor's at a cost of \$174,585 plus GST. Further, funds are available in the approved City of Dartmouth budget for this project.

In speaking to the Motion, Deputy Mayor Greenough advised that the awarding of this contract would solve a significant stench problem in the area concerned and that funding was available through the Pollution Control Fund. Council was advised this work will be compatible with any future Harbour clean-up.

Through the use of overheads, Mr. Kulvinder Dhillon indicated where the outfall would be located. Further, Council was advised that the Amalgamation Co-Ordinator had previously approved of the project, and that this project was before Council this evening for consideration in an attempt to overcome the summertime sewage odour problem at Dartmouth Cove. This matter will be brought back to Council for awarding of a full tender in approximately 6 months time. Also, the construction schedule would be within 8 - 12 months.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

10.2.5 Harbour Consensus Symposium

MOVED by Deputy Mayor Greenough and Councillor Hetherington that Regional Council provide some general direction in pursuing the matter of a "Consensus

Symposium” without endorsing any particular details or agenda at this time. It is recommended that the concept would be valuable, depending on its place in the general design of an approach to harbour clean-up.

In response to an enquiry from Councillor Cooper as to the status of the Harbour Clean-up, Mayor Fitzgerald advised he would have staff look into this matter.

A brief discussion ensued on public participation in this regard.

In response to an enquiry from Councillor Kelly if the draft agenda for the Symposium included within the staff report could be expanded and if the user pay concept will be utilized, Mayor Fitzgerald advised there will be a user pay system; further, the list of possible agenda items for discussion at the Symposium will be open for interpretation and discussion.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

10.2.6 Fences & Detentions of Stray Livestock Act

This matter was initially discussed by Council during an April 23 meeting at which time a Motion was approved to have Halifax Regional Municipality designated as a “municipality” under the above-noted Act.

MOVED by Councillors Dooks and Snow that when Halifax Regional Municipality becomes designated as a “municipality” under the Fences and Detention of Stray Livestock Act, Kelly Denty, Development Officer with Community Planning and Development, Eastern District, be appointed as Chair of the “Fences Arbitration Committee.” MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

10.2.7 St. Margaret’s Bay Arena

MOVED by Councillors Rankin and Mitchell that Council elect to sell the St. Margaret’s Bay Arena to the St. Margaret’s Bay Arena Association for an amount equal to the outstanding portion of the loan, plus accrued interest. Further, to agree to repurchase the property from the Association for the value of its outstanding mortgage plus accrued interest if it defaults upon its payments for a specified period of time in order to facilitate the Association obtaining a mortgage. Further, that staff prepare the necessary documents for Council’s consideration.

Councillor Rankin provided a brief background on the matter advising that the Association is a group of residents which had been formed initially to fundraise in an effort to build the Arena. The former Halifax County Municipality provided the Association with a loan in 1987 to assist with construction costs. Accordingly, the Arena was deeded to the County with the intent of it being reconveyed back to the Association when the loan was repaid. At

this current time, the Arena is owned by Halifax Regional Municipality.

In February, 1996, Halifax County Council agreed to sell the Arena to the Association for \$586,458 (funds outstanding on the loan plus interest). Unfortunately, the Association was not able to obtain a mortgage in this regard. The lenders requested the municipality to guarantee the loan should the Association be in default of its payments.

In March, 1996, Halifax County Council adopted a Motion encouraging Halifax Regional Municipality to ensure the Arena remained a public sports and recreation facility and to consider an agreement(s) stating the facility will be sold to and purchased by the Halifax Regional Municipality in the event of a default by the Association in its payments.

Further, it is recommended to not adopt staff's recommendation of entering into a lease-purchase agreement as the Association would not realize any asset until the end of the day.

Councillor Mitchell advised that he supports Councillor Rankin's Motion and that the community wishes to maintain the Arena. Accordingly, he suggested Council support the Motion on the floor.

In response to an enquiry from Deputy Mayor Greenough, Mr. Wayne Anstey, Municipal Solicitor, advised that Halifax Regional Municipality does not have the authority to guarantee a loan of this sort. However, if the loan went into arrears in six months time (for an example), Halifax Regional Municipality would undertake to repurchase the property for the outstanding loan.

Mr. Anstey further advised the Association would be a non-profit group subject to the same tax implications of other associations of this type.

Councillor Walker requested that the concept of tax exemption be included in the staff report.

In response to an enquiry from Councillor Stone as to the Municipal Solicitor's rationale behind his recommendation, Mr. Anstey advised if a property is leased, title on the property is retained until the end of the term. If a lease-purchase agreement is not in place, there may be legal difficulties and expenses in the future.

Although Councillor Stone felt that Halifax Regional Municipality should secure the loan in case the Association required funds for various matters, Mr. Anstey advised this was probably true, however, he would have to discuss this aspect further.

Mr. Anstey further advised that in the absence of an Agreement, there would be tax implications. In response, Councillor Rankin suggested that tax implications be included in the Agreement.

Mayor Fitzgerald advised that Mr. Anstey has decided what is best for the unit and that there is less of a risk for the unit with a lease-purchase arrangement.

A brief discussion ensued on the concept of an area rate and Councillor Rankin suggested this could be imposed.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

10.3 Municipal Solicitor

10.3.1 Emergency Measures By-Law - First Reading - Councillor Schofield

This matter had been placed before Council during an April 9, 1996 meeting at which time the proposed By-Law received approval in principle.

MOVED by Councillors Sarto and Schofield that Council give First Reading to By-Law E-100, the Emergency Measures By-Law and direct staff to advertise for public input and Second Reading on May 14, 1996. MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

RECESS

MOVED by Councillors Walker and Hetherington to take a five minute recess.

MEETING RECONVENED

MOVED by Councillors Hendsbee and Blumenthal to discuss agenda item #11.1 at the end of the agenda. MOTION DEFEATED.

11. **MOTIONS**

11.1 Amendment to Taxi & Limousine Ordinance #116 - Second Reading

The following documentation pertaining to the above had been previously circulated to Council:
Petition - Driver-Owner Taxi System; Correspondence from Mr. Derek Mathers, Mr. Lorne Baccardax, Mr. Bob Richards, and Mr. Thomas Young.

Mayor Fitzgerald advised that those in the Taxi Industry who wished to address Council this evening would have five minutes to speak. There was to be no applause nor repetitive

speeches, however, anyone could speak.

Councillor Adams read his Motion for the record:

“City of Halifax Ordinance #116, the Taxi and Limousine Ordinance is amended by adding immediately following Section 14A, the following Section which states:

14B As soon as may be practical following the enactment of this Section, a taxi school shall be held pursuant to Section 15(d) open to a maximum of 40 applicants, and notwithstanding subsection (1) of Section 14A, a taxi driver’s license shall be issued to any applicant who successfully completes the course of instruction and examination and otherwise complies with the provisions of Section 15.”

Mayor Fitzgerald called for comments from the general public.

Taxi Industry Representative

The representative addressed Council enquiring as to why Council would permit an additional 6% workforce into the taxi industry. Further, he noted this was a 6% reduction in his pay.

Mr. John Briand - Roof Light #227

Mr. Briand advised there would be a union formed in Halifax to take care of the industry’s interests if the school opened. He further noted he has to work 14 hours a day to earn \$21,000 before he can make any profit.

Mr. Ali Roshanimeydan

Mr. Roshanimeydan felt that 382 vehicles are not sufficient and that there was sufficient work for additional cars.

Mr. Bruce Chisholm

Mr. Chisholm advised he had 24 years experience in the taxi industry. He noted if the school is opened, there will be a constant number of new people to take over the business and the professionals in the industry will be forced out of business.

Mr. Robert G. Richards, Owner/Operator Triple AAA Taxi

Mr. Richards advised he had 30 years experience in the taxi industry and made reference to correspondence that had been distributed earlier to Council. Council was advised that

Mr. Richards initially supported the closing of the school, however, there have been many changes since that time. On a personal note, Mr. Richards advised that due to an illness, he had been unable to work for two months and was unable to hire a driver to run his vehicle in his place. In closing, he stressed the school should be opened.

Taxi Industry Representative

The representative addressed Council noting he is against the opening of the school and that this is an old City of Halifax issue. Approximately 2 - 3 years ago, a decision was made to close the school. Today, there is a proposal to reopen the school and accordingly, place 790 drivers on the road. Further, Council was advised that an individual should have the opportunity to own their car and business.

Mr. Gordon Sprague

Mr. Sprague stated that should the school open, there will be 2 - 3 drivers per vehicle and that there will always be a request for 40 additional drivers. Further, Mr. Sprague advised he will be serving a law suit for the loss of his roof lights.

Mr. Edward Benoit, President, United Cab Drivers

Mr. Benoit addressed Council noting this issue has wasted a lot of time and money in the past. Further, something has to be done to assist taxi drivers and their families to have a better quality of life. At the current time, there is a ratio of 1 cab for every 146 residents and that this is the worst ratio in Canada. Mr. Benoit also expressed concern with the fact that the Police Department was currently accepting applications for the school when Council has not even approved the opening of the school. As with other businesses, the taxi industry is on the decline and opening the school will not guarantee an income for a taxi driver. Also, a decision of Council this evening, will affect many people.

Ms. Susan Sweet

Ms. Sweet addressed Council stating her husband was a taxi driver and that her husband works very hard at his job. Should the school open, she was concerned he will end up in the hospital.

Mr. Derek T. Mathers, President, Yellow Cab, Ace-Y Taxi and Armdale Taxi

Mr. Mathers advised his company operates metro's only wheelchair accessible taxi service. Further, he was in support of the Motion to authorize a taxi school for 40 students.

Rev. Wayne Campagna

Rev. Campagna expressed concern in that when his limousine license expired, his rights

were violated and no representative from the United Cab Association stood up for his rights to make a living. Further, he depends solely on driving to survive. With tourism becoming a #1 priority in the area, a pool of qualified drivers was a necessity.

Mr. Reg Castle

Mr. Castle advised he was against the opening of a taxi school. He expressed concern with public safety in that drivers must sometimes work 16 hours a day which meant that the drivers were tired and not always as alert as they should be. Also, if the school opened, this meant that everyone would have to work longer hours to make ends meet.

Mr. Darshan S. Virk

Mr. Virk advised he had 25 years experience in the taxi industry and that he would like to keep the moratorium on the number of taxi drivers. He made reference to a petition which had been distributed to Council. Further, he noted there was no minimum wage for a taxi driver as there was with other jobs. In closing, Mr. Virk stressed the school should stay closed until 1997.

Mr. Lorne A. Baccardax, Manager, Yellow Cab, the Y-Taxi and Armdale Taxi

Mr. Baccardax addressed Council noting there was currently 10% more business available in the taxi industry. Further, if the school opens, cabs could be rented out in the evenings.

Mr. Danny MacDonald, Roof Light #259, Casino Taxi

Mr. Macdonald advised he was tired of owners exploiting drivers. Should Council open the school, there would be a union formed.

Mr. Calvin DeMont, Owner, Blue Bell Taxi

Mr. DeMont addressed Council noting he has nine drivers who work long hours and that he used to have 65 people employed with his company. Further, it was difficult to continue in the business due to a shortage in the number of available drivers. Mr. DeMont encouraged Council to support Councillor Adams' Motion to lift the moratorium temporarily. By the school reopening, this could create a pool of professional drivers to serve the area. In closing, Mr. DeMont advised that the industry will benefit if the school reopened.

Mr. Donald Fiander - Roof Light Number 953

The individual opposed a proposal to bring an additional 40 drivers into the industry as all taxi stands are full at the present time. On a personal note, he advised that on one occasion, he earned \$5 after waiting for 3 ½ hours for a call. Expenses for a driver are high

and it is outrageous to consider putting an additional 40 drivers on the road.

After three calls for further comments from the general public, Mayor Fitzgerald advised that the Public Hearing portion of the meeting was now closed.

Mayor Fitzgerald thanked those individuals who addressed Council for being orderly.

Councillor Adams addressed Council stressing that the number of vehicles will not increase, only the drivers. He advised that he made the Motion at the time to close the school as there was no other alternative at the time. He further made a comparison to the taxi industry in Dartmouth and Halifax and that if drivers in Halifax attend the school, they graduate as professionals in their field.

MOVED by Councillors Hetherington and Adams to pass Second Reading to an amendment to the former City of Halifax Ordinance Number 116, the Taxi and Limousine Ordinance.

In speaking to the Motion, Councillor Walker expressed concern that this Council is increasing the number of cars on the road.

Councillor Sarto advised that as a former member of the Dartmouth Public Transportation Advisory Committee for several years, it was his opinion there were too many taxi drivers with too many cars. In making reference to the Hara Report, he made reference to the following per capita ratio of cabs - 153 in Halifax and 170 in Dartmouth. Councillor Sarto suggested that a count of taxi drivers for the month of May should be determined.

A brief discussion ensued and it was the general consensus that Council would like to see a report on the number of taxis and taxi drivers, prior to proceeding to Third Reading.

MOVED by Councillors Blumenthal and Sarto, that Third Reading be deferred pending a report from staff on the number of taxi drivers and vehicles. MOTION DEFEATED.

A vote was taken on the main Motion which now read:

MOVED by Councillors Hetherington and Adams to pass Second Reading to an amendment to the former City of Halifax Ordinance Number 116, the Taxi and Limousine Ordinance; further, that a staff report be prepared outlining the number of taxi drivers, and vehicles as of April 30, 1996; further that the report provide an outline of rules and regulations in the taxi industry in both communities of Halifax and Dartmouth. MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

11.2. Councillor Schofield re Watershed Advisory Boards and Committees

MOVED by Councillors Schofield and Mitchell that the transaction to a new advisory committee on watershed related issues encompass:

- (1) the continuance of the four existing municipal advisory committees/boards;**
- (2) the committees/boards having a direct report and advisory relationship with Halifax Regional Council (HRC);**
- (3) the creation of a liaison committee composed of representatives from each of the existing municipal advisory committees/boards (with equal representation and including a Councillor);**
- (4) the intention of the Liaison Committee to work with Halifax Regional Council in developing an improved infrastructure and mechanism to access local expertise and to obtain community input on issues related to water quality in the watershed areas in the new municipality.**

At the suggestion of Mayor Fitzgerald, it was agreed to amend clause (2) of the Motion to reflect the fact that the Liaison Committee will have a direct report and advisory relationship with Halifax Regional Council (HRC).

The Motion now reads as follows:

MOVED by Councillors Schofield and Mitchell that the transaction to a new advisory committee on watershed related issues encompass:

- (1) the continuance of the four existing municipal advisory committees/boards;**
- (2) the Liaison Committee will have a direct report and advisory relationship with Halifax Regional Council (HRC);**
- (3) the creation of a liaison committee composed of representatives from each of the existing municipal advisory committees/boards (with equal representation and including a Councillor);**
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MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

12. ADDED ITEMS

12.1 Councillor Hendsbee - Property Tax Deadline Extension from May 21, 1996 to June

30, 1996.

Councillor Hendsbee requested a staff report on Property Tax Deadline Extension from May 21, 1996 to June 30, 1996.

12.2 Councillor Kelly - Update - Municipal Association of Police Personnel (MAPP) Local - Bedford

Councillor Kelly requested a staff report for the next meeting of Council on MAPP Local - Bedford.

12.3 Councillor Barnet - House of Assembly Resolution #315

Councillor Barnet requested Council correspond with the Province as it pertains to Resolution #315, particularly comments made by Mr. Holland. At the suggestion of Mayor Fitzgerald, it was agreed to ignore Mr. Holland's comments.

12.4 Councillor Adams - Update - Boards and Commissions

Councillor Adams advised he would like to see the former Taxi Commissions continue for the time being. In response, Mayor Fitzgerald noted he would like to see an eight member board established to discuss this matter.

Following a discussion as to when a Committee Advisory Committee meeting would take place, it was decided that a meeting would be scheduled for Monday, May 6, 1996.

12.5 Councillor Stone - Mainland Common - Indoor Soccer

Councillor Stone advised that the former Halifax City Council had adopted a Motion which authorized the Mayor and City Clerk to execute a lease with Soccer Nova Scotia for the purpose of building an indoor soccer facility on the Mainland Common; further that a public hearing would be held for servicing for the area.

Councillor Stone requested a staff report on this matter to determine if Soccer Nova Scotia agreed to this proposal and if an Agreement had been compiled. Further, Councillor Stone requested a time frame for this project.

12.6 Councillor Cunningham - Lake Safety Patrol

Councillor Cunningham requested Deputy Police Chief MacKinnon address Council on the matter of Lake Safety Patrol.

Deputy Police Chief MacKinnon noted that the Tender call went out on April 17, 1996 and that the contract for Lake Safety will be operational as of May 24, 1996. Until that

time, emergency situations will be dealt with by the current contractor. Further, the RCMP and the Fire Department will also assist.

12.7 Councillor Epstein - 5557 Cunard Street Security System

Councillor Epstein requested a staff report on a security system for 5557 Cunard St.

13. **NOTICES OF MOTION**

13.1 Councillor Hendsbee served a Notice of Motion for the next meeting of Council, for Districts 1, 2 and 3 to form a Community Council.

13.2 Councillor Harvey served a Notice of Motion for the next meeting of Council that the parkland adjacent to the Sackville Fire Station located on the corner of Glendale Drive and Metropolitan Drive be named "Glen Slauenwhite Volunteer Fire Fighter Park."

14. **ADJOURNMENT**

MOVED by Councillors Uteck and Dooks to adjourn at 10:30 p.m. MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Vi Carmichael
MUNICIPAL CLERK