HALIFAX REGIONAL COUNCIL

May 14, 1996

PRESENT: Deputy Mayor 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

MEMBERS ABSENT: Mayor Walter Fitzgerald

STAFF MEMBERS: Mr. Ken Meech, Chief Administrative Officer

Mr. Wayne Anstey, Municipal Solicitor Ms. Vi Carmichael, Municipal Clerk

Ms. Patti Halliday, Assistant Municipal Clerk

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As Mayor Fitzgerald was absent due to another commitment, Deputy Mayor Greenough chaired the meeting.

Deputy Mayor Greenough read three Proclamations proclaiming the following:

National Public Works Week: May 19 - 25, 1996 Missing Children's Week: May 19 - 25, 1996 Raise the Flag Day - May 11, 1996

With regards to Raise the Flag Day, Councillor Harvey noted that this event was sponsored by the Kinsmen and Kinettes who presented Mayor Fitzgerald with a symbolic cheque in the amount of \$220,000 on Flag Day. This represented the amount raised by the various Kinsmen and Kinette organizations for community work in the Halifax Regional Municipality over the last year. Councillor Harvey stated that the amount was a significant contribution to the quality of life in the Halifax Regional Municipality. The cheque was delivered to the Municipal Clerk by Councillor Harvey on behalf of the Kinsmen and Kinettes. Council expressed their thanks to the Kinsmen and Kinettes for their work. Councillor Harvey noted that the amount represents an average of \$3,000 per member of the organization.

1. INVOCATION

Deputy Mayor Greenough called the meeting to order at 6:15 p.m. with an Invocation.

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES: APRIL 29, 30, & MAY 7, 1996

In review of the minutes, Councillor Kelly noted an error on Page 15, Item 12.4 (c), of May 7, 1996 regarding the Status Sheet. The motion states that it should be distributed on "at least a monthly basis". Councillor Kelly requested that this phrase be struck from the minutes as the Status Sheet should be distributed on an on-going basis with the Council Agenda package.

MOVED by Councillors Kelly and Rankin that the phrase "at least a monthly basis" (Page 15, Item 12.4 (c), be struck from the May 7, 1996 minutes. MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

MOVED by Councillors Mitchell and Kelly to adopt the minutes of April 29, 30 and May 7, 1996, as amended. MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

3. <u>APPROVAL OF THE ORDER OF BUSINESS AND APPROVAL OF ADDITIONS</u> AND DELETIONS

The Clerk advised of the following additions to the Agenda:

Councillor Uteck - Shakespeare by the Sea

Chief Administrative Officer - Halifax International Airport

Municipal Solicitor - Halifax Regional Water Commission Act

MOVED by Councillors Uteck and Hetherington that the added item of Shakespeare by the Sea be moved up on the agenda after Motions of Rescission. MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Council Members requested the following additions:

Councillor Hetherington - Staff Report on Fee Structure for Minor Baseball

Councillor Hendsbee - Report to Board of Police Commissioners Regarding May 13, 1996 Incident in Preston

Councillor Dooks - Canada Post

Councillor Dooks - Livestock

MOVED by Councillors Hetherington and Sarto to approve the Order of Business, as amended. MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

- 4. <u>BUSINESS ARISING OUT OF THE MINUTES None</u>
- 5. MOTIONS OF RECONSIDERATION None
- 6. MOTIONS OF RESCISSION None

12.1 Shakespeare by the Sea

! Circulated with this item was a letter from Queen Elizabeth High School in support of Shakespeare by the Sea.

Councillor Uteck requested that this item by dealt with this evening as the Shakespeare by the Sea Festival is only six weeks away from opening its season. He noted that the request is currently before the Grants Committee, however, due to the time constraint, he is requesting that it be dealt with by Council.

Councillor Uteck made the following comments regarding the festival:

- ! Attendance at the festival has grown from 5,000 to 30,000 in its three year existence.
- ! Attendance is expected to exceed 60,000 this year with a second and third play in place.
- ! It has potential for growth for the entire Region.
- ! It is the only free theatre in the area.
- ! It can only add to the quality of life.

MOVED by Councillors Uteck and Epstein that Council allocate the sum of \$25,000 to Shakespeare by the Sea less any money that the Grants Committee decides to direct towards them when they meet in June.

Councillor Walker addressed this issue making the following point:

! This issue should be dealt with by the Grants Committee following the same process as other grant applications

MOVED by Councillors Sarto and Stone that this item be referred to the Grants Committee.

On a Point of Order, Councillor Uteck stated that he did mention that this is before the Grants Committee now. The reason he is bringing it to Council is due to the urgency of the need for funding.

The Motion to refer this item to the Grants Committee was ruled Out of Order by Deputy Mayor Greenough as the item is already before the Grants Committee.

Several members of the Grants Committee spoke on the issue noting that the deadline for grant applications is May 31, 1996, and the Committee's next meeting will probably be the first week in June.

Several aldermen addressed the main motion making the following comments:

- ! Approving this may encourage others to by-pass the Grants Committee and come to Council directly.
- ! Approving this is an opportunity for Council to work effectively as a team by showing some flexibility.

In response to a question from Councillor Hendsbee, Councillor Uteck stated that to his best recollection the total budget for Shakespeare by the Sea is just under \$100,000. Their request for funding is for \$25,000.

MOVED by Councillors Hendsbee and Snow to amend the main motion to read that Council allocate the sum of \$15,000 to Shakespeare by the Sea and that the additional \$10,000 be at the discretion of the Grants Committee.

The amendment to the main motion was defeated.

The vote was then taken on the main motion.

THE MAIN MOTION WAS PUT AND PASSED.

7. CONSIDERATION OF DEFERRED BUSINESS

7.1 Capital Budget Priority Projects (Equipment)

Deputy Mayor Greenough noted that the Nova Scotia Road Builders Association has requested an opportunity to speak on this issue after the presentation by Regional Operations. Council was in agreement with this request.

Mr. Doug Quinn, Director of Operations, and Mr. George McLellan, Commissioner, Regional Operations, were in attendance to address this issue.

A lengthy discussion ensued and the following requests were made:

! Councillor Dooks requested a list of roads by district in the outer core area for the respective Councillors. Mr. Quinn agreed to contact the Department of Transportation and Communication to obtain this list.

! Councillor Schofield requested that Regional Operations check to determine if the bridge approach that includes the portion of Victoria Rd. from Albro Lake to Highfield Park is the responsibility of the Department of Transportation and Communication or the responsibility of HRM as he has concerns with repairs that are needed in that area.

As the priority projects for the Capital Budget was an item that Council felt needed to be discussed in more detail, Mr. Meech suggested that once a tentative agreement is reached with the Department of Transportation and Communication, a special Council meeting or a Committee-of-the-Whole meeting could be held to deal with this issue. Council was in agreement with Mr. Meech's suggestion.

Mr. M. G. Williams, Director, Nova Scotia Road Builders' Association, addressed Council regarding the concerns he had with this item. Mr. Williams stated that the Nova Scotia Road Builders' Association never had any discussions with HRM as to whether or not the private sector could handle the maintenance of these roads. Their first meeting with HRM will be next Tuesday.

Mr. Williams stated their main concern was with the municipality purchasing the equipment as there is a large surplus of equipment in the industry. He also expressed concern with the two tenders being used to compare prices as he felt they were unfair and inequitable. Mr. Williams felt that anyone in the private sector could not make a reasonable bid on these tenders. In light of Mr. Williams comments, Mr. Meech stated that staff will need to review these documents. If it is determined that there is a basis to his comments, the appropriate course of action will need to be taken.

At 8:20 p.m., Council broke for a ten minute recess.

(Councillor Uteck left the meeting at this time.)

The meeting resumed at 8:30 p.m.

7.2 Resolutions - Trust Fund

A report from Commissioner Larry Corrigan as a result of a request from Legislative Counsel to ratify a resulution of Halifax City Council authorizing the transfer of dormant trust funds to the Halifax Foundation, was before Council.

MOVED by Councillors Epstein and Downey that Council ratify the following resolution passed by Halifax City Council on March 28, 1996:

- 1. Council authorize the transfer of \$272,453.72 dormant Trust funds currently held by the City of Halifax and identified as the Larry O'Connell Picnic for Orphans Trust, the J. M. Foote Trust, the Cogswell Military Drill Trust, and the George Hart Trust, all amounts as of March 31, 1996, to the Halifax Foundation.
- 2. Council approve the attached legislation, or as necessarily amended, for presentation to the Legislative Assembly to effect the transfer of these funds to the Halifax Foundation.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

7.3 Burning By-law - First Reading

A report from Gary Greene, Commissioner of Fire & Emergency Services, dealing with problems associated with the designation of Hammonds Plains as a "no burning" area under the existing Halifax County Municipality By-law 69, was before Council.

MOVED by Councillors Rankin and Hetherington that Council give First Reading to By-law B-100 Respecting Open Air Burning and instruct staff to advertise that Council intends to give Second Reading on May 28, 1996.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

- 8. PUBLIC HEARINGS None.
- 9. CORRESPONDENCE, PETITIONS AND DELEGATIONS, PRESENTATIONS
- 9.1 <u>YMCA of Greater Halifax/Dartmouth and the IWK-Grace Health Care Centre Gerry Leet</u>
- ! Brochure regarding the Fit as a Fiddle fundraiser event was distributed to members of Council.

Mr. Gerry Leet, Event Chairperson, made a presentation to Council requesting that the Halifax Regional Municipality cover the policing costs for the Fit as a Fiddle fundraiser event for the

YMCA of Greater Halifax/Dartmouth and the IWK-Grace Health Care Centre at a cost of approximately \$1500.

MOVED by Councillors Sarto and Hetherington that the Chief Administrative Officer take this issue under advisement and come back next week with a recommendation for funding of policing costs for the Fit as a Fiddle fundraiser.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

9.2 <u>Halifax-Dartmouth Bridge Commission</u>

Deputy Mayor Greenough moved Item 10.2.1 up on the agenda to be dealt with at this point with Mr. Doane's presentation.

Mr. Larry Doane, Halifax-Dartmouth Bridge Commission, made a presentation to Council regarding an Impact Study on the Macdonald Bridge Expansion.

Mr. Doane noted that since the time the report was circulated to Council, the Bridge Commission Board has agreed to cost share the study with the Halifax Regional Municipality on an even share basis.

Councillor Kelly suggested making the Macdonald Bridge one-way during peak periods on a trial basis to determine when the peaks in traffic and the congestion occur. Mr. Doane agreed to take this suggestion back to the Bridge Commission for consideration.

Several Councillors expressed concern with the proposed expansion, but all were in agreement to completing the study.

10.2.1 <u>Impact Study - Macdonald Bridge Expansion</u>

A staff report from Valerie Spencer, Commissioner, Policy and Planning, summarized further discussions between municipal and Bridge Commission staff regarding the proposed Impact Study - Macdonald Bridge Expansion, as a result of the March 6, 1996 deferral by Council.

MOVED by Councillors Blumenthal and Schofield that Halifax Regional Municipality agree to participate with the Halifax-Dartmouth Bridge Commission in the preparation of a joint study of potential traffic, community planning and municipal cost impacts relating to proposed expansion of the Macdonald Bridge.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

9.3 <u>Atlantic Oil Workers' Union - Ultramar Refinery, Eastern Passage</u>

Mr. Mike Williams and Mr. Neil Bowlby, on behalf of the laid off Ultramar employees, made a presentation to Council regarding the closure of the Ultramar Refinery in Eastern Passage asking for their support.

MOVED by Councillors Sarto and Hetherington that Council, through the Mayor's Office, contact the Economic Renewal Agency and the Canadian Senate Industry encouraging them to conduct hearings regarding the whole sale/shutdown process.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

10. REPORTS

10.1 <u>Solid Waste/Resource Advisory Committee</u>

10.1.1 <u>Community Monitoring Agreement</u>

A report was before Council from Councillor Reg Rankin, Chairman, Solid Waste/Resource Advisory Committee, recommending that in any contract for an RDF there be a Community Monitoring Committee and a full schedule describing its powers.

MOVED by Councillors Rankin and Epstein that this item be referred back to the SWRAC.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

10.1.2 <u>Highway 101 Landfill</u>

In a report from Councillor Reg Rankin, Chairman, Solid Waste/Resource Advisory Committee, a recommendation from the May 8, 1996 Solid Waste/Resource Advisory Committee meeting was brought forward for Council's consideration.

MOVED by Councillors Rankin and Mitchell that, subject to Council approval, the SWRAC supports the Highway 101 Landfill Environmental Audit Steering Committee's Recommendations with respect to projects to be undertaken in the 1996/97 fiscal year.

Councillor Barnet stated that he has had complaints from people in the area regarding strong odours over the last few days. He requested that staff investigate any unusual circumstances that led to these problems in the last three to four days.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

10.1.3 <u>Solid Waste/Resource Strategy - System Work Plan</u>

! A letter from Mr. Donald J. Grady, Member, Community Stakeholder Committee, regarding the Solid Waste Staff Report which was filed for discussion at the last meeting of the Solid Waste/Resource Advisory Committee of Council last May 8, 1996, was circulated.

In a report from Councillor Reg Rankin, Chairman, Solid Waste/Resource Advisory Committee, three recommendations from the May 8, 1996 Solid Waste/Resource Advisory Committee meeting were brought forward for Council's consideration.

MOVED by Councillors Rankin and Walker THAT Council receive the memorandum dated April 22, 1996 "Policy and Pricing Framework for Regional Solid Waste Resource Management" for information purposes; and THAT, subject to Council approval, accept staff's recommendation to develop scenarios for implementing a user/pay reducer saves program, including the preparation of costing and fee schedules, draft by-laws and communications strategies required to support such an initiative; and, THAT staff bring this back as soon as possible to the Committee-of-the-Whole, rather than to the SWRAC.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

MOVED by Councillors Rankin and Schofield that Council authorize staff to call for proposals for the implementation of a communication and education program for 1996/97, with no restrictions in the approach that is used in responding to the proposal call.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

MOVED by Councillors Rankin and Mitchell that Council authorize the approval of \$40,000 to permit MIRROR Nova Scotia to revise the solid waste resource management plan for the region which includes detailing the scope and utility of the FEP/WSF. The scope of the revised strategy will encompass the roles and

relationships and concept costs of the various activities and facilities necessary to create a totally integrated solid waste management system for HRM, including the Proposed Business Relationship Structure as set out in Appendix C, Item 11. Regarding clause 6, the amount of capacity that HRM would seek from the marketplace is yet to be determined and whatever the amount will be tendered. With regards to the type of technology, be it either in-vessel or windrow, the Municipality takes no position for tendering purposes and it would be subject to the Department of Environment regulations.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

10.1.4 June 1, 1996 Provincial Bans - Leaf & Yard Waste

In a report from Councillor Reg Rankin, Chairman, Solid Waste/Resource Advisory Committee, a recommendation from the May 8, 1996 Solid Waste/Resource Advisory Committee meeting was brought forward for Council's consideration.

MOVED by Councillors Rankin and Schofield that Council approve the allocation of \$30,000 for the establishment of a multi-purpose compound which will serve as a leaf and yard waste receiving/processing site at the Regional Operations East Centre in Burnside; and, that the tender be to entertain solutions that will allow people to utilize HRM equipment and pad, or alternatively, utilize their own site and their own equipment.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

10.2 Chief Administrative Officer

10.2.1 <u>Impact Study - Macdonald Bridge Expansion</u>

This item was discussed earlier on the agenda.

10.2.2 Lease of Land to Soccer Nova Scotia

A staff report from George McLellan, Commissioner of Regional Operations; and, Dan English, Commissioner of Community Services, was before Council regarding the lease of land to Soccer Nova Scotia.

MOVED by Councillors Stone and Walker that, based on a motion of the former Halifax City Council meeting of 28 March 1996, that Council:

authorize the Mayor and Municipal Clerk to execute a lease, generally as shown in Attachment A, of the 01 March 1996, City of Halifax Report, for a portion of land in the Mainland Common with Soccer Nova Scotia for the purpose of building an indoor soccer facility.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

In a related matter, Councillor Stone requested that staff look at the possibility of tax relaxation for this organization under the Nova Scotia Assessment Act. Councillor Hendsbee asked that this be referred to the Grants Committee as they are looking at tax exemptions as well as grants. Councillor Adams asked that possible tax exemption be looked at for rinks as well.

! Councillor Stone handed a letter to the Clerk from Soccer Nova Scotia setting forth a request for staff to explore a tax exemption.

10.2.3 <u>Administrative Orders - Community Councils</u>

As a result of requests from members of Council, a staff report from Dan English, Commissioner of Community Services, recommending the establishment of Community Councils, was before Council.

MOVED by Councillors Hendsbee and Dooks that Council adopt the administrative order to establish a Community Council for Districts 1-3, and that it be named the Marine Drive Valley and Canal Community Council.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

MOVED by Councillors Schofield and Hetherington that Council adopt the administrative order to establish a Community Council for Districts 4-10, and that it be named the Harbour East Community Council.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

MOVED by Councillors Walker and Epstein that Council adopt the administrative order to establish a Community Council for Districts 11-18, and that it be named the Halifax Community Council.

No vote was taken on the motion.

Councillor Downey stated that he did not feel he could be a part of a Community Council at this point in time. He expressed concern regarding the effect the forming of Community Councils would have on amalgamation as well as budget issues.

Several Councillors expressed concern with the name of this Community Council as they felt people would perceive it to be the same as the former City of Halifax.

MOVED by Councillors Adam and Hanson that the motion be amended to read that two Community Councils be formed, one for Districts 11 - 14 and one for Districts 15 - 18.

No vote was taken on the motion.

After a brief discussion, the following motion was made.

MOVED by Councillors Epstein and Blumenthal that the Councillors involved in this proposed Community Council meet to discuss the issue of a Community Council for Districts 11-18 and come back to Council with a recommendation.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

MOVED by Councillors Cooper and Hetherington that the selection of a date for a Committee-of-the-Whole meeting, at which time staff, as well as Councillors who have served on Community Councils, would make a presentation on the roles and responsibilities of Community Councils as well as the practical and political experience of their operation, be deferred until such time that the administrative order for a Community Council for Districts 11-18 is adopted.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

10.2.4 <u>Porter's Lake Elementary School - Proposed Expansion to Community</u> Gym

! A copy of Canada/Nova Scotia Infrastructure Works application for Porter's Lake Elementary School - Community Gymnasium Expansion was distributed to members of Council.

As a result of a request from Council at the April 16, 1996 Council meeting, a report from Dan English, Commissioner of Community Services, recommending that Council not make a financial contribution towards the construction of an expanded gymnasium at Porter's Lake Elementary School, was before Council.

Councillor Hendsbee addressed Council regarding the proposed expansion to the community gym at Porter's Lake Elementary School requesting funding for this project noting a community meeting had been held last week in Porter's Lake regarding this proposal. Since that time, Councillor Hendsbee has had discussions with the community and senior levels of government, and has requested that an application be put forward for the Infrastructure Program as there may be some unused dollars available. Therefore, Councillor Hendsbee requested that Council give conditional approval of this project based on this application.

MOVED by Councillors Hendsbee and Dooks that Council give conditional approval for the proposed expansion to the community gymnasium at Porter's Lake Elementary School based on the cost sharing of \$100,000 from the Capital Budget, \$350,000 from a community area rate, \$150,000 each from both the Federal and Provincial governments as detailed in the Canada/Nova Scotia Infrastructure Works application.

In response to a question from Councillor Kelly regarding operational costs of the facility, Mr. Paul Dunphy, Community Services, replied that staff are suggesting that this would be treated like any other community or recreation facility, and the costs would be paid by the general tax rate. However, Council would decide, as part of the budget process, if they wanted operational costs paid for by area rate or by general tax.

In response to a question from Councillor Snow, Mr. Meech, Chief Administrative Officer, explained that the recommendation not to fund this project was based on staff's analysis of the need of the expansion in terms of community size and by examination of other facilities available in the area.

Councillor Stone stated that he would be more receptive of this project if it was a stand-alone gymnasium. Councillor Hendsbee replied that by expanding the facility it will cost a third of the amount it would cost for a new facility.

Councillor Hendsbee closed the discussion by stating that this request is just an opportunity to seek Provincial and Federal cost sharing. If the cost sharing does not come through, then the project will not go ahead.

MOTION PUT AND DEFEATED.

MOVED by Councillors Hetherington and Schofield that the meeting continue past 11:00 p.m.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

10.2.5 Merkel House

- ! Letters in support of Merkel House from the following were circulated:
 - Writers' Federation of Nova Scotia, dated May 13, 1996
 - Heritage Trust of Nova Scotia, dated May 14, 1996
 - Heritage Canada Atlantic Region, dated May 14, 1996
 - Theresa MacDonald, dated May 14, 1996
 - Margaret Isabella Merkel Thompson, dated May 14, 1996
 - German-Canadian Association of Nova Scotia, dated May 14, 1996

A report from Dan English, Commissioner of Community Services, recommending negotiating a Section 20 Heritage Agreement of the Merkel House, was before Council.

MOVED by Councillors Epstein and Downey that Council authorize staff to begin negotiations with the owner of the Merkel House located at 2445 Brunswick Street, to enter a Section 20 Heritage Agreement for the purpose of preserving and protecting this registered property.

Councillor Kelly asked if the Royal Bank had been approached to see if they had any interest in purchasing the Merkel House. Mr. Dan Norris, Heritage Planner, replied they have been contacted informally and are not interested. Councillor Kelly requested that the Royal Bank be approached formally, in writing, to see if they have any interest in purchasing the Merkel House.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

10.2.6 <u>Heritage Property By-law - First Reading</u>

The Proposed Heritage Property By-Law was before Council for First Reading.

MOVED by Councillors Epstein and Schofield that Council approve the First Reading of the Heritage Property By-law and set the date of May 28th for Second Reading of

the bylaw and have staff arrange for appropriate advertising; and, authorize staff to advertise for citizens to serve on the Heritage Advisory Committee when the by-law receives approval by Council.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

10.2.7 **Supply of Traffic Paint**

A report from George McLellan, Commissioner of Regional Operations, recommending that the Tender to supply paint for the Regional Operations Centerline and Edgeline Traffic Paint Marking Program be awarded to Laurentide Atlantic, was before Council.

MOVED by Councillors Barnet and Blumenthal that the tender to supply paint for the Regional Operations Centerline and Edgeline Traffic Paint Marking Program be awarded to the lowest tender meeting specifications, Laurentide Atlantic, for a total of \$104,503.00.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

10.2.8 <u>Transit Fare Changes - July 1, 1996</u>

A report from George McLellan, Commissioner of Regional Operations, recommending that Council approve the proposed Transit Fare Structure, was before Council.

Councillor Blumenthal was not in favor of approving the Transit Fare Structure stating the residents have had additional taxes placed on them. He stated that people on fixed income who have children going to school will have difficulty with the ten cent increase in child fares. Councillor Blumenthat stated that he felt bus fares should not go up this year. Instead, the fare increases should be held back for one year and could be examined again next year.

Councillor Downey requested that Metro Transit look into the possibility of offering a larger discount for children and senior passes and report back to Council. Mr. Brian Smith stated that this will be done through a report at budget time.

MOVED by Councillors Kelly and Barnet that Council approve the proposed Transit Fare Structure for introduction on July 1, 1996.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

10.2.9 <u>Land Acquisition, Robie Street Widening Parcel R, Robie/Almon Streets,</u> District 11

A report from George McLellan, Commissioner of Regional Operations, recommending compensation in the amount of \$227,500 be paid to Halls Creek Holdings Limited as settlement in full for the acquisition of Parcel R, Robie and Almon Streets, was before Council.

MOVED by Councillors Blumenthal and Epstein that Halls Creek Holdings Limited be paid \$227,500 as compensation for all heads of claim, legal and appraisal, fees and any closing adjustments and taxes that may be applicable as settlement in full for the acquisition of Parcel R, Robie and Almon Streets, District 11, as shown on Plan No. TT-52-32714. Capital funds are required for this purpose.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

11. MOTIONS

11.1 Civic Holiday By-law - Third Reading

The Proposed Civic Holiday By-law passed Second Reading during a Council Meeting held May 7, 1996 and was before Council this evening for Third Reading.

MOVED by Councillors Sarto and Hetherington to approve Third Reading of By-law H-100, Civic Holiday By-law.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

11.2 <u>Emergency Measures By-law - Second Reading</u>

The Proposed Emergency Measures By-law was before Council for Second Reading.

Deputy Mayor Greenough asked if there was anyone from the public wishing to speak on the Emergency Measures By-law. No one came forward.

MOVED by Councillors Kelly and Blumenthal to approve Second Reading of By-law E-100, the Emergency Measures By-law.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

MOVED by Councillors Hetherington and Schofield to approve Third Reading of Bylaw E-100, the Emergency Measures By-law.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

12. ADDED ITEMS

12.1 <u>Shakespeare by the Sea</u>

This item was dealt with earlier in the meeting.

12.2 <u>Halifax International Airport</u>

! A report from Ken Meech, Chief Administrative Officer, recommending that the Halifax Regional Municipality enter into a Canada/Nova Scotia Corporation Agreement to Promote Private Sector Participation in Municipal Infrastructure with the Halifax International Airport Authority, was circulated.

MOVED by Councillors Hetherington and Rankin that this item be deferred to next week's Council meeting.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

12.3 Municipal Solicitor - Halifax Regional Water Commission Act

MOVED by Councillors Hetherington and Rankin that Council endorse the amendment to the Halifax Regional Water Commission Act as presented by the Municipal Solicitor.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

(Councillor Snow left the meeting at this time.)

12.4 Councillor Hetherington - Fee Structure for Minor Baseball

Councillor Hetherington requested a staff report from Parks and Recreation regarding the standardization of fees for minor baseball for the next Council meeting.

12.5 <u>Councillor Hendsbee - May 13, 1996 Incident in Preston</u>

MOVED by Councillors Hendsbee and Barnet that, in regards to the incident that occurred on May 13, 1996 in Preston, the Board of Police Commissioners be given a report from the Regional Police as well as the RCMP regarding the procedures that were taken in respect to the standoff situation, as well as providing recommendations to offset this from happening again in the future.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

12.6 Councillor Dooks - Canada Post

MOVED by Councillors Dooks and Hendsbee that this item be deferred until the next Council meeting.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

12.7 Councillor Dooks - Livestock

Councillor Dooks inquired about a Motion that was passed on April 23, 1996 regarding a request to the Minister of Agriculture and Marketing requesting that the Governor in Council designate Halifax Regional Municipality as a Municipality under the Fences and Detention of Livestock Act. Councillor Dooks requested that the Municipal Solicitor contact the Minister of Agriculture and Marketing tomorrow regarding this request and have a response faxed to Councillor Dooks by 12 noon, May 15, 1996.

13. NOTICES OF MOTION - None.

14. ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Councillors Hetherington and Sarto that the meeting adjourn at 11:20 p.m.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.