

HALIFAX REGIONAL MUNICIPALITY

HALIFAX REGIONAL COUNCIL
June 18, 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:

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

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1. **INVOCATION**

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

PROCLAMATIONS

Mayor Fitzgerald read three Proclamations - Seniors' Week, Tug Day and Pride Week.

MINUTE OF SILENCE

Mayor Fitzgerald called on Police Chief Vince MacDonald to address Council on the recent death of RCMP Sgt. Derek Burkholder. In a tribute to his life which was taken in the line of duty, Council stood for a Minute of Silence. Mayor Fitzgerald extended his deepest sympathy to friends, family and co-workers of Sgt. Burkholder.

Mayor Fitzgerald welcomed two representatives from the French media to the Council Meeting.

Councillor Bill Dooks welcomed Mr. Brooke Taylor, MLA, Colchester-Musquodoboit Valley, to the Council Meeting.

2. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES - June 5, 6, 7 & 10, 1996**

MOVED by Deputy Mayor Greenough and Councillor Schofield to approve the Minutes of June 5, 6, 7 & 10, 1996.

Councillor Kelly requested an amendment to the Minutes of June 10, 1996 - Page 4 - 2nd Paragraph from the end of the page - Motion should read "to the Capital Budget" and not "to the wish list."

Vi Carmichael, Clerk, addressed Council noting that an amended Page 7 - June 10, 1996 Minutes, had been distributed to Council as the following paragraph had been inserted - "Mr. Nick Murray advised that staff had located funds in the amount of \$53,000 from project #86 - 'Major Fill Site' - to be applied to the Chain Lake Park Project."

MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

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

Councillor Hendsbee - Grants Committee

Councillor Hendsbee - Communications - Radio

Councillor Rankin - Ultramar Service Station - Timberlea

Councillor Epstein - Merkel House - Extension of Demolition Permit

Delete Agenda #10.1.4 - Grants Committee Terms of Reference

Delete Agenda #10.1.5 - Tax Relief - Exemption Policy

Councillor Dooks - #11.1 to be discussed during #9.1

Councillor Schofield - Animal Control - Special Constables

Councillor Schofield - North Dartmouth Community Centre

Councillor Schofield - Department of Housing Presentation

Councillor Sarto - Correspondence - Ms. Myketyrn/Mr. Driscoll re Traffic Concerns

Councillor Sarto - Dartmouth District Soccer Association re Field Allocation

Councillor Sarto - Speed Limit - Main St., Dartmouth / Safety Issues on Brigadoon and Main

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Councillor Kelly - Composting Alternatives

Councillor Barnet - Private Roads

Councillor Barnet - School Area Rates

Councillor Stone - Halifax International Airport

Councillor Stone - Overhead Signage - Kearney Lake Road/Bedford Highway

Councillor Blumenthal - Staff Report - HRM Employees

The Clerk clarified that "Petition - Councillor Uteck - Rezoning of CN Lands - Staff Report" should be included under the Information Agenda.

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

4. BUSINESS ARISING - 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 AND PRESENTATIONS**
- 9.1 **Representative from Farming Community - Farm Acreage**
11. **MOTIONS**

Councillor Bill Dooks served **Notice of Motion during the June 11, 1996 Council Session "That Council direct staff, in bringing forward the Operating Budget for the 1996/97 fiscal period, to make provision therein for the exemption from taxes of farm property continuing and that Council resolve not to impose a farm acreage tax pursuant to Section 46 (3) of the Assessment Act for the 1996/97 fiscal period."**

Councillor Bill Dooks introduced Mr. John Dillman, a representative of the farming community.

Mr. Dillman addressed Council. Utilizing overheads, Mr. Dillman expressed concern with regards to losing "0" taxation on Agriculture land. Although costs are being borne by the farm, the benefits of the farm reaches everyone. Council was requested to consider the following:

- C forego the implementation of a Farm Acreage Tax for the 1996/97 taxation year only
- C join the Farm Community and present Provincial authorities for a legislative change that will permit a rationalization of resource land taxation to meet the goals of all stakeholders
- C begin planning a Farm Acreage Taxation Policy for the 1997/98 taxation year.

In closing, Mr. Dillman advised there were approximately 40,000 acres of land in question, approximating a \$40,000 tax implication. Further, the farming community has met with the Ministers of Municipal Affairs, and Agriculture and both Departments have agreed to work throughout this year to come towards a conclusion.

MOVED by Councillors Dooks and Snow to defer the Motion on the floor pending a staff report. MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

The following Motion was then placed on the floor.

MOVED by Councillors Blumenthal and Hetherington that staff prepare a report pertaining to the loss of "0" taxation on Agriculture land, by the Province of Nova Scotia.

In speaking to the Motion, Councillor Adams requested consideration be also given to all resource based industries i.e. fisheries.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

9.2 Mayor's Task Force of Traffic Infiltration of Community Neighbourhoods

Dr. Nouman Ali, P. Eng., Chairman of the above-noted Task Force, addressed Council. Through the use of overheads he reviewed timetable, background, policy goals, objectives, principles, implementation procedure and recommendation, as they pertain to the Halifax Traffic Calming Policy Report.

MOVED by Councillors Walker and Sarto, that staff review the Halifax Traffic Calming Policy Report, and prepare a report to Council on the implications for HRM of adopting the policy, subsequent to hearing from the Task Force, in terms of its potential application to other parts of the regional municipality, resources required, and implementation.

In speaking to the Motion, Councillor Peter Kelly requested that staff report to Council Region wide, in this regard.

Some concern was raised by Council in that "calming" in one area may prove detrimental in another. Further, another concern raised was that hiring a Traffic Engineer for Calming was not a necessity as same could be carried out in-house.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

10. REPORTS

10.1 Chief Administrative Officer

10.1.1 Temporary Borrowing Resolutions - Renewals

A staff report prepared for Mr. Wayne Anstey, Municipal Solicitor, stated there were a number of temporary borrowing resolutions issued by the former Halifax County Municipality which required renewal.

MOVED by Councillors Schofield and Mitchell that the Mayor and Clerk be authorized to sign the Renewal of Borrowing Resolutions as follows:

TBR88-06	Recreation Facilities	\$ 1,100,000
TBR91-12	Water (Bennery Lake, Aerotech Park)	800,000
TBR92-05	Sewer (Caldwell Road)	525,000
TBR92-07	Water (Old Windsor Rd.)	20,000
TBR92-08	Sewer (Old Windsor Rd.)	25,000
TBR92-10	Mill Cove Sewage Treatment	13,500,000
TBR94/95-13	Recreation Facilities	687,479

\$16,657,479

Mr. Ken Meech advised this relates to the amount outstanding on Capital Projects. Further, if no Temporary Borrowing was authorized on an annual basis, the municipality would have to amortize on a long term basis.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

10.1.2 **Temporary Borrowing**

A staff report prepared for Mr. Wayne Anstey, Municipal Solicitor, stated that funding was required for daily capital and operating requirements for Halifax Regional Municipality.

MOVED by Councillor Hetherington and Deputy Mayor Greenough to authorize an operating Line of Credit with the Royal Bank of Canada to a maximum of \$50,000,000. MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

10.1.3 **Voice Mail**

A report had been prepared on Voice Mail, by Mr. Ken Meech, Chief Administrative Officer, at the request of Councillor Peter Kelly.

A brief discussion ensued, particularly on the cost involved (\$50,000/year).

MOVED by Councillors Kelly and Rankin that a staff report be compiled after 90 days, on the effectiveness and actual requirement of Voice Mail. MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

10.1.4 **Grants Committee - Terms of Reference - DELETED**

10.1.5 **Tax Relief - Exemption Policy - DELETED**

10.1.6 **Update - Transportation Services, Responsibility Exchange: DOTC/HRM**

Mr. George McLellan, Commissioner of Regional Operations, addressed Council noting that the draft Agreement had been brought before Council on June 11, 1996. At that time, the Agreement represented a fair degree of equity in terms of exchange. With regards to the tone, it appeared that the Province was taking a superior approach in Sections 6, 7 and 8. Accordingly, Council requested staff to go back to the Province for some reciprocity.

Following discussions with the Province, it became apparent they can intervene at any time on the streets once looked after by the Province. In an attempt to clarify this intervention, "cost-shared" was added to any "streets" reference in the Agreement to minimize those new streets which are cost-shared in the core area.

MOVED by Councillors Barnet and Kelly that the Mayor and Clerk be authorized to sign Agreement No. HRM-01, concerning the conveyance of the roads to the Regional Municipality, cost sharing of roads in the “Central Urban Core” and other consideration. MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

In response to an enquiry from Councillor Hendsbee respecting street improvements outside of the core area, Mr. McLellan advised this suggests that the municipality should have quarterly meetings with the Department of Transportation and Communication (DOTC) to review critical issues.

Councillor Hendsbee reiterated his concern that locations outside of the core area need to be treated equally as those in the core area. Accordingly, this issue needs to be addressed now as residents are expecting a fair and reasonable taxation.

In response, Mayor Fitzgerald advised this has to be worked out with the DOTC. Further, staff will discuss a cost-sharing agreement with DOTC and explore the options of the Province.

10.1.7 **Halifax Alta Gymnastics Club - Proposed Lease**

A staff report prepared for Commissioners George McLellan and Dan English stated that the Board of the Halifax Alta Gymnastics Club had approached Halifax Regional Municipality with a proposal to grant a long term lease of the Saint Andrews site - 6955 Bayers Road - for the construction of a gymnastics facility.

MOVED by Councillors Blumenthal and Adams to authorize the Mayor and Clerk to execute a lease, in the general form as shown in Schedule B for a portion of land situated at 6955 Bayers Road (Saint Andrews School site in Halifax) with the Halifax Alta Gymnastics Club, for the purpose of building a gymnastics facility.

A lengthy discussion ensued, particularly the parking issue and accessing the site.

Mr. Austin French, Superintendent, Real Estate Services, addressed Council noting the plan attached to the Council report was simply a conceptual plan. Further, staff noted the actual plot plan depicts setbacks further towards the railway tracks thereby providing additional parking.

MOVED by Councillor Peter Kelly to refer this matter back to staff for further clarification.

There was no seconder to this Motion therefore no vote was taken.

MOVED by Councillors Hetherington and Kelly to amend the Main Motion to stipulate an amendment to the Agreement to reflect “existing” to any reference to parking; further, that the site plans be brought to Council upon finalization.

With respect to Council's concern on the parking aspect, Councillor Blumenthal advised there are 200 existing parking spaces. Therefore, additional parking is not required on an approximate 20,000 sq. ft. lot with a building that is going to be only 12,000 sq. ft.

THE AMENDED MOTION WAS PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

THE MAIN MOTION AS AMENDED WAS PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

10.1.8 **Neptune Theatre Foundation - Khyber Building**

A staff report prepared for Mr. Wayne Anstey, Municipal Solicitor, stated that the Neptune Theatre Foundation has requested a six inch easement along the western boundary of the Khyber Building property.

MOVED by Councillors Downey and Uteck that the Mayor and Clerk be authorized to execute a six inch easement along the western boundary of the Khyber Building property located at 1588 Barrington St. in favour of the Neptune Theatre Foundation commencing at the height of the roof of the Khyber Building.

In speaking to the Motion, Councillor Walker advised this is was setting a dangerous precedent and questioned responsibility or liability if damages are incurred as a result of water and snow (the municipality or Neptune Theatre).

In response, Mayor Fitzgerald advised this Motion will assist with a real estate problem and that the design will not change as a result of this Motion.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

10.1.9 **Appointment - Emergency Measures Advisory Committee**

MOVED by Deputy Mayor Greenough and Councillor Hetherington for those Members of Council interested in sitting on the Emergency Measures Advisory Committee, to contact Mayor Fitzgerald prior to the next Council Meeting.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

10.1.11 **Testing and Inspection Tender No. 96-251**

This item originated as a result of the 1996 Capital Budget Program.

MOVED by Councillors Barnet and Sarto that Tender No. 96-251- Testing and Inspection, be awarded to Jacques Whitford. MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

10.1.12 **Extension of Tender No. 95-48, Municipal Services - Emergency and Incidental Repairs - Supplementary Report**

MOVED by Councillors Hetherington and Harvey to receive the Supplementary

Report - Emergency and Incidental Repairs - for information and file.

CONFLICT OF INTEREST

Councillor Peter Kelly declared a Conflict of Interest and withdrew himself from the discussions as he was related to the contractor named in the report.

Mr. Khulvinder Dhillon advised that Council had approved this contract three weeks prior and that this was simply for information purposes only.

In response to an enquiry from Councillor Walker respecting a water break in his area, Mr. Dhillon advised he would look into the matter.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

Councillor Peter Kelly resumed his place at the meeting.

10.1.10 **Formal Approval - 1996/97 Halifax Regional Municipality Capital Budget**

MOVED by Councillor Kelly and Deputy Mayor Greenough that the 1996/97 Capital Budget be approved as presented.

Councillor Barnet requested a Recorded Vote.

Councillor Blumenthal requested that where "expansion from Bayers Road to Young St." is stated, the funding is to remain the same but to change the project name to "Bayers Road to Bicentennial."

In response to an enquiry from Councillor Hendsbee respecting a staff report on the possibility of dedicated funds being transferred to other projects, Mr. Ken Meech advised he would like to deal with these projects on an ad hoc basis. Councillor Epstein advised he had requested staff to prepare a report in this regard.

Councillor Barnet advised, for the record, he would be voting against the Capital Budget as it does not reflect, from District to District, a fair judgement of needs.

Councillor Adams requested the following: that #52 - \$200,000 - not go to Auburn Avenue Storm Sewer, but be allocated to Recreational Facilities. He further noted he has requested a report be prepared by staff in this regard which he will share with Council upon receipt.

Councillor Adams further requested the following: #10 - Sambro Recreation Centre - there was to be no allocation for this Centre. Therefore, same is to be deleted and the funds (\$13,000) to be added to Graves Oakley which follows next on the list, thereby totalling \$48,000.

Councillor Adams enquired on the following: #59 - under the Proposed Changes to the Capital Budget - \$150,000 - St. Michael's Sewer. Mr. Khulvinder Dhillon advised due to the second phase of this project, staff have requested that Council bring forward \$150,000 to stop any future

digging up of new streets.

Councillor Harvey requested the following: Can Appendix A of the staff report dated June 17, 1996 be amended to reflect the Motion of June 7, 1996 - Page 4 "MOVED by Councillors Barnet and Kelly that the amount of \$9,000 designated to Hartland Village Playground, line item #3 under Community Services, be transferred to Millwood. MOTION PUT AND PASSED."

Councillor Cunningham requested the following: "Paving of Highland Road and Lakeside Terrace to be substituted for Lyle St." - Councillor Cunningham requested this decision be left for the time being pending a meeting with Mr. Khulvinder Dhillon.

The vote was then taken on the Motion.

Recorded Vote:

The following Members voted in favour of the Motion:

Mayor Fitzgerald, Deputy Mayor Greenough and Councillors Dooks, Snow, Cooper, Sarto, Hetherington, Schofield, Cunningham, Blumenthal, Downey, Uteck, Epstein, Walker, Stone, Hanson, Adams, Harvey, Kelly, Rankin, and Mitchell.

The following Members voted against the Motion: Councillors Hendsbee, McInroy and Barnet.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

Mayor Fitzgerald expressed his gratitude to both staff and Council on their deliberations of the first Capital Budget for Halifax Regional Municipality.

10.2 Councillor Mitchell - Appointments to Board of Atlantic Winter Fair

Mayor Fitzgerald stated that those Members of Council who were interested in being appointed to the Board of the Atlantic Winter Fair, are encouraged to contact his Office prior to the upcoming Council Meeting of June 25, 1996.

11. **MOTIONS** (discussed under agenda item #9.1)

12. **ADDED ITEMS**

12.1 Councillor Hendsbee - Grants Committee

Councillor Hendsbee addressed Council noting approximately 155 Grant Applications had been received totalling \$3.6 million. This compared to approximately 75 grant requests for 1995. Council was requested to authorize the Grants Committee to consider extending funding up to 50% of the approved amount given last year, to Social Service agencies.

MOVED by Councillors Hendsbee and Mitchell to authorize the Grants Committee to consider extending funding up to 50% of the approved amount given last year, to Social Service agencies only.

A brief discussion ensued on the actual funding amount which was being discussed.

MOVED by Councillor Kelly to defer this request back to the Grants Committee to determine exactly the funding requirements.

As there was no seconder to this Motion, no vote was taken.

Councillor Hendsbee advised the funding requirement totalled approximately \$161,000. It was also noted, this request was simply a housekeeping matter and that various Social Service agencies require funding immediately in order to operate on a daily basis. Other grant requests will require the consent of Council.

THE MAIN MOTION WAS PUT AND PASSED.

12.2 Councillor Stone - Overhead Signage - Kearney Lake Rd./Bedford Highway

At the request of Councillor Stone, this matter was moved ahead on the agenda to enable Ms. Blackler, Kearney Lake Road, to address Council.

Ms. Blackler provided background information pertaining to the matter of the overhead signage, Kearney Lake Road/Bedford Highway which was blocking her view of the Basin.

Mr. Khulvinder Dhillon addressed Council noting the existing site is the most optimum location.

A brief discussion took place on a concept to purchase the home from Ms. Blackler, however, it was staff's opinion this would be setting a dangerous precedent. It had been determined that the cost involved to relocate the sign would approximate \$70,000. Accordingly, it was agreed to have staff prepare a report on relocating the sign and report back to Council.

12.3 Councillor Hendsbee - Communication - Radio

Councillor Hendsbee circulated a memorandum dated June 18, 1996 from himself and correspondence from Mr. Oldham of Oldham Engineers Inc. dated June 11, 1996.

Councillor Hendsbee addressed Council advising he was in receipt of correspondence from a constituent concerned with the tendering practices for the communications system for Halifax Regional Municipality. Specifically, he was concerned with Tender No. 96-121 - Mobile Communication Upgrade.

In addressing the subject, Mr. Larry Clare, EMO Co-ordinator, advised the RFP (Request for Proposals) outlined the objectives and scope of the work. He noted this was to be a continuation of an upgrading system commencing with the Police Service in January, 1996 using the upgrades to the central electronic banks required for Phase 1. The RFP was released June 10, 1996 with a response requested by June 17, 1996. The one week turn-around time was not considered a contentious issue as potential radio system providers who clearly understood the objectives, scope and magnitude of the work, would be able to respond within the specified time frame.

On the matter of a time extension, same would have been offered, however, no requests were

received. It was noted a clause pertaining to a time extension request was not included in the tender as this was a normal part of a tendering process.

Councillor Hendsbee requested a clause be inserted in tender packages pertaining to time extension requests in the future to which Mr. Clare advised this could be done.

A brief discussion ensued as to why four out of five companies who picked up the tender packages did not bid on the tender.

Mayor Fitzgerald closed the discussions advising that response times for tendering purposes will be reviewed.

12.4 **Petition - Councillor Uteck - Zoning of CN Property - Atlantic, McLean, Brussels, South Bland Streets - Staff Report**

The report was received for information.

12.5 **Councillor Rankin - Ultramar Service Station - Timberlea**

Councillor Rankin requested that Council go on record that the Timberlea Ultramar Service Station reconsider a decision to convert to a convenience store and gas bar. In response, Mayor Fitzgerald advised this would be dealt with during a future Council Session.

12.6 **Councillor Epstein - Merkel House - Extension of Demolition Permit**

Councillor Epstein addressed Council advising that the owner of Merkel House required an extension of a Demolition Permit; further that the Heritage Advisory Committee had met earlier today and consented to the request.

MOVED by Councillors Epstein and Downey, in accordance with the Heritage Property Act, to grant an extension to a Demolition Permit to the owner of Merkel House, 2445 Brunswick St. MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

12.7 **Councillor Schofield - Animal Control - Special Constables**

Councillor Schofield requested a staff report pertaining to Animal Control - Special Constables, as these individuals were not working in all areas of the Region.

12.8 **Councillor Schofield - North Dartmouth Community Centre**

Councillor Schofield addressed Council noting that the former Dartmouth City Council appointed the Board to the North Dartmouth Community Centre. Subsequent to amalgamation, the Board incorporated under the Societies Act thereby making it separate from Halifax Regional Municipality.

The concern at the moment is that the four staff members of the Centre appointed to the Board are making recommendations to the Board and then attending the meetings and approving their own recommendations.

Councillor Schofield requested that staff of the North Dartmouth Community Centre be requested not to hire additional staff; further, that the Agreement not be signed pending discussions with Mr. Dan English, Commissioner of Community Services.

12.9 Councillor Schofield - Department of Housing Presentation

Councillor Schofield requested that Heritage Non-Profit be requested to address Council at the same time as the Department of Housing representative will be speaking to Council on Harbour City Homes, to explain why they are not putting up their commitment on Heritage Non-Profit.

12.10 Councillor Sarto - Correspondence - Ms. Myketyn/Mr. Driscoll re Traffic Concerns

Councillor Sarto presented the Clerk with a copy of correspondence from Ms. Myketyn and Mr. Driscoll regarding traffic concerns. He requested this correspondence be forwarded to the Traffic Authority for a staff report. Further, he requested the Authority obtain a copy of a petition tabled with the former Dartmouth City Council, addressing the concerns as noted in the letter.

12.11 Councillor Sarto - Dartmouth District Soccer Association re Field Allocation

Councillor Sarto forwarded correspondence to the Clerk from the Dartmouth District Soccer Association respecting field allocation. Staff was requested to prepare a report in this regard.

12.12 Councillor Sarto - Speed Limit - Main St., Dartmouth / Safety Issues on Brigadoon and Main

Councillor Sarto addressed Council requesting a staff report on enhancing safety access from Brigadoon onto Main St. with the report to provide information on reducing the speed limit on Main St.

12.13 Councillor Rankin - St. Margaret's Bay Arena

Councillor Rankin addressed Council noting three outstanding issues, as it pertained to the St. Margaret's Bay Arena, namely:

- tax exemption status
- insurance bill of \$1570
- deed transfer tax status.

MOVED by Councillors Rankin and Mitchell to agree to enter into an Agreement of Purchase and Sale and buy back Agreement with the St. Margaret's Bay Arena Association for the purchase of the St. Margaret's Bay Arena in a form similar to that as attached to the staff report as Schedules A and B.

A lengthy discussion ensued with regards to the tax exemption status and it was commented upon this contract could be so binding that Council may not have the opportunity in the future to amend same should there be a policy change. In addressing this issue, Mr. Wayne Anstey, Municipal Solicitor, advised that although he would have to agree, this represents the position of

the Arena Association.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

12.14 Councillor Rankin - Plumbing Inspections

Councillor Rankin addressed Council stating he was under the impression that prior to amalgamation, City of Halifax companies were required to take out permits for renovation inspections. In other Districts, however, this appeared not to be the case. In speaking to tradespeople, they were concerned with the fact there was no full opportunity for inspection services and quality of work. Accordingly, Councillor Rankin requested a staff report in this regard.

12.15 Councillor Kelly - Composting Alternatives

Councillor Kelly requested this matter be deferred to the next Meeting of Council.

12.16 Councillor Barnet - Private Roads

MOVED by Councillors Barnet and Kelly to request a staff report outlining how Halifax Regional Municipality can take over ownership of private roads. MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

12.17 Councillor Barnet - School Area Rates

MOVED by Councillors Barnet and Sarto to request a staff report on the options and opportunities - both of a financial and legal nature - available to schools. MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

12.18 Councillor Stone - Halifax International Airport

Councillor Stone requested comments from staff on the May 21, 1996 agenda item that pertained to cost-sharing/localizing of the Halifax International Airport.

In response, Mr. Ken Meech advised the Airport Authority is proposing to meet with Council and make a presentation to Council on July 2, 1996, in this regard.

12.19 Councillor Jerry Blumenthal - Staff Report - HRM Employees

MOVED by Councillors Blumenthal and Kelly to request a staff report on the number of employees employed by Halifax Regional Municipality, the number employed but not at the same level, etc.

In response, Mr. Ken Meech advised that a staff report would be prepared.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

13. **NOTICES OF MOTION**

13.1 Councillor Blumenthal - Notice is hereby given that at the next Regular Meeting of Halifax Regional Council scheduled for Tuesday, June 25, he intends to introduce a Motion urging the Provincial and Federal Governments to make changes to the legislation affecting the youth, namely the Young Offenders Act; and, to encourage them to adopt parental responsibility legislation.

13.2 Councillor Walker - Notice is hereby given that at the next regular meeting of Halifax Regional Council scheduled for Tuesday, July 2, he intends to introduce First Reading for an Ordinance Regulating Cats in the Halifax Regional Municipality.

14. **ADJOURNMENT**

**MOVED by Councillors Blumenthal and Sarto to adjourn the meeting at 11:00 p.m.
MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

Vi Carmichael
Municipal Clerk