

HALIFAX REGIONAL MUNICIPALITY

HALIFAX REGIONAL COUNCIL
July 2, 1996

PRESENT:

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

REGRETS:

Councillors Bruce Hetherington
Steve Adams

STAFF MEMBERS:

Mr. Ken Meech, Chief Administrative Officer
Mr. Barry Allen, Acting Municipal Solicitor
Ms. Vi Carmichael, Municipal Clerk
Ms. Jane Nauss, Assistant Municipal Clerk

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1. **INVOCATION**

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

INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS

Mayor Fitzgerald welcomed Deputy Mayor Hiroshi Inoue, Hakodate, Japan. Through a translator, Deputy Mayor Inoue brought greetings from the City of Hakodate and advised the first International Star-Shaped Citadel Cities Summit is being held in Hakodate, July, 1997. Members of Halifax Regional Council were invited to participate. In closing, Deputy Mayor Inoue wished Council health and happiness.

Mayor Fitzgerald thanked Deputy Mayor Inoue for visiting Halifax Regional Municipality and advised that a representative(s) from Council would attempt to participate in the Summit next year.

3. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES** - June 13 and 18, 1996

MOVED by Councillor Sarto and Deputy Mayor Greenough to approve the Minutes of June 13 and 18, 1996.

In speaking to the Motion, Councillor Walker advised that the June 18, 1996 minutes should be amended - Page 18 - item 13.2 - the date should read July 2 and not June 25.

Councillor Cooper made reference to the June 13, 1996 minutes - Page 13 - it should read "Councillor Cooper referenced line item #29, Gregory Drive Sidewalk - Sidewalks, Curbs and Gutters (\$17,000) and informed Council this item refers to the sidewalk from Gregory Drive to the end of District 7. It was noted that staff would look at the remainder of the distance from the end of District 7 to the school as well (approximately 70 feet)."

MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY TO APPROVE THE MINUTES AS AMENDED.

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

Councillor Hendsbee requested that items 10.2 and 12.3 be discussed following item 8.2 due to the fact that he has to leave to attend another meeting in his District.

As it was the consensus of Council to leave the Order of Business as is, Councillor Hendsbee requested that item 12.3 be referred to staff for a future meeting of Council, and Council agreed.

Councillor Schofield requested the North Dartmouth Community Centre item included in the Information Package, be brought forward to the Regular Agenda for discussion purposes.

Deputy Mayor Greenough requested that "MacAskill's Restaurant, Dartmouth Ferry Terminal" be added to the agenda.

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

5. **BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES** - NONE

6. **MOTIONS OF RECONSIDERATION** - NONE

7. **MOTIONS OF RESCISSION** - NONE

8. **CONSIDERATION OF DEFERRED BUSINESS**

8.1 **Nominations - Board of Atlantic Winter Fair**

Mayor Fitzgerald advised of the following nominees to the Board of the Atlantic Winter Fair: Councillors Reg Rankin, Gordon Snow, Bill Dooks, Clint Schofield and Jerry Blumenthal.

MOVED by Councillors Cunningham and Hanson to appoint Councillors Reg Rankin, Gordon Snow, Bill Dooks, Clint Schofield and Jerry Blumenthal, to the Board of the Atlantic Winter Fair. MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

8.2 **Taxation of Farm Acreage**

CONFLICT OF INTEREST

Councillor McInroy declared a Conflict of Interest and removed himself from the discussions as he was employed by the Assessment Department.

Councillor Dooks addressed Council requesting support from his counterparts in this regard.

MOVED by Councillors Dooks and Hendsbee to exempt farm acreage from taxes for one year.

In speaking to the Motion, Councillor Stone noted this Motion is different from the staff recommendation.

Deputy Mayor Greenough assumed the Chair.

Mr. Ken Meech, Chief Administrative Officer, felt the Province should continue the "0" taxation program for at least one more year. Further, this municipality should determine

how this issue will be handled in other areas across the Province.

A brief discussion ensued on the fact that should Council adopt the Motion on the floor, other industries may request the same. It was suggested this matter be referred to the Hon. Guy Brown, Minister of Agriculture. Subsequently, it was determined this should be discussed in context with the Operating Budget.

No vote was taken on the Motion.

The following Motion was then placed on the floor.

MOVED by Councillors Epstein and Uteck to defer this matter pending Operating Budget deliberations and the establishment of a Tax Policy. MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

Councillor McInroy resumed his place at the meeting.

10. **CORRESPONDENCE, PETITIONS, DELEGATIONS, PRESENTATIONS**

PETITION

Councillor Stone forwarded a Petition to the Clerk on Unsightly Premises - Lot D-3, Douglas Ave., Halifax, requesting this matter be dealt with by staff.

At the request of Councillor Hendsbee, item 10.2 was discussed next.

10.2 **Recognition of Seniority - Former Halifax County Social Service Employees.**

CONFLICT OF INTEREST

Councillor Snow removed himself from these discussions due to the fact that a family member is employed as a Social Worker.

Councillor Epstein removed himself from these discussions due to the fact he is a member of a provincial government board that deals with labour relations which includes the Nova Scotia Government Employees Union.

Ms. Judy LaPierre, a Social Worker formerly employed by Halifax County Municipality and transferred to the Provincial Department of Community Services, addressed Council on the matter of the loss of seniority as it pertains to layoffs and promotions during the transfer.

Reading from a prepared text, Ms. LaPierre expressed great concern that through no fault of their own, former County Social Workers are being penalized due to the fact there is no legislation to protect the employment rights of Municipal Social Service Employees who were transferred to the Province under the Service Exchange. Ms. LaPierre requested Council support in this regard.

Council agreed this situation was indeed a great travesty and that the employees concerned are being "held hostage" due to a technicality.

MOVED by Councillors Cunningham and Dooks to correspond with the Department of Community Services requesting the legislation be amended to ensure the full protection rights of non-unionized Municipal Social Service Employees transferred to the Provincial Department of Community Services.

In speaking to the Motion, Council commended these workers and stressed the fact that these employees were not unionized due to good management at their former place of employment. Ironically, they were now being penalized.

Councillor Hendsbee read correspondence from Ron Stockton, NSUPE, which stated his concern with the issue as well.

Councillor Hendsbee left the meeting at approximately 7:00 p.m.

A brief discussion ensued on the fact that Council needs to support these employees.

Councillor Stone suggested the Motion **be amended** to request all parties involved (Unions, Labour Relations Board and MLAs) to be made aware of Council's position in this regard. **The Mover and Seconder of the Motion on the floor agreed to amend the Motion which now read:**

MOVED by Councillors Cunningham and Dooks to correspond with the Provincial Department of Community Services requesting the legislation be amended to ensure the full protection rights of non-unionized Municipal Social Service Employees transferred to the Provincial Department of Community Services; further, that the Unions, Labour Relations Board and MLAs be advised be advised of Council's position in this regard. MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Councillors Snow and Epstein resumed their places at the meeting.

10.1 **Halifax International Airport Authority - Messrs Bernie Miller and Neil Raynor**

A staff report prepared for Mr. Ken Meech, Chief Administrative Officer, advised that the Halifax International Airport Authority was established to study the feasibility of transferring the Halifax International Airport to local control. Staff was recommending that Halifax Regional Municipality (HRM) enter into a Canada/Nova Scotia Cooperation Agreement to Promote Private Sector Participation in Municipal Infrastructure with the Halifax International Airport Authority; that HRM agree to act as the "applicant" for the purpose of the Agreement; and that HRM contribute \$200,000 in the form of an interest free loan to the Authority to be amortized over five years.

Through the use of overheads, Messrs Miller and Raynor provided an overview of the following: Affect on Local Economy; Fiscal Impact on HRM; Economic Impacts;

Tourism and Construction; Air and Sea Ports; What Devolution can do to the Community; Status of Transfer Process 1 and 2, and Options for the Authority.

Council was respectfully requested to provide support as follows:

- Federal and Provincial Government grants of \$200,000 dependent on HRM matching the contributions;
- the Authority is requesting a forgivable loan of \$200,000; and,
- the Authority wishes to convert the loan to a grant, thereby matching the Federal and Provincial contributions.

Concluding the presentation, Councillor Kelly enquired as to why Shearwater was not included in this report. In response, Mr. Miller advised there is a study being carried out in this regard; further, that two airports in a community this size would not prove advantageous. Further, the Shearwater issue is a separate matter at this point in time.

Questions arose on Director fees. Mr. Miller advised that based on a study carried out in Edmonton, a Director will be paid \$300 per meeting.

Councillor Barnet expressed concern with this request for funding and also the amount of funds earmarked for Directors. He enquired as to how the municipality would recoup the \$200,000. Further, he suggested that HRM employees be utilized in this project.

In response, Mr. Ken Meech advised this is separate from the business of the Authority and that HRM has to provide the Application on the basis that each level of government provides 1/3 of the consultant costs.

Mr. Raynor reiterated the fact the Board is asking HRM for a \$200,000 loan. Halifax International Airport has not been updated since 1960 and this is a potential liability which would leave the Directors personally responsible and at risk. Should a deal not be made, the Federal Department of Transportation will run the airport on a cost recovery basis. He reiterated the fact that should the municipality not provide a loan of \$200,000, the Authority will lose \$600,000 in funding from all three levels of government.

In response to an enquiry from Councillor Schofield if the municipality will be responsible for any future deficit, Mr. Miller advised in the negative and that the Authority would go bankrupt first; also, there would be no liability on the part of the municipality.

Council was further advised that Halifax International Airport has serious capital deficiencies that need to be brought up to standard. Mr. Miller also noted that the Authority will insist the Government provide equal capital funding that was allocated to airports across the country. This is a 70 year lease in a multi-million dollar business. Accordingly, it was necessary to carry out a study to investigate many issues, particularly those of an environmental nature.

Various comments from Council included: if HRM does not provide a loan, the community could lose a great asset; HRM has no choice but to move forward with the study.

MOVED by Councillor Stone and Deputy Mayor Greenough to enter into a Canada/Nova Scotia Cooperation Agreement to Promote Private Sector Participation in Municipal Infrastructure with the Halifax International Airport Authority; that HRM agree to act as the “applicant” for the purpose of the Agreement; and that HRM contribute \$200,000 in the form of an interest free loan to the Authority to be amortized over five years.

In speaking to the Motion, Councillor Blumenthal advised he would support the Motion but that he had a concern with the Directors' fees.

In response, Mr. Miller advised the Directors met once a month and reiterated this fee was a normal fee that a Director could expect.

Council expressed concern with the number of people who could be out of work should the airport close. Councillor Barnet reiterated his earlier remarks as to his concerns with the request and advised he would not be supporting the Motion.

In response to an enquiry from Councillor Harvey respecting an impact on AeroTech Park, Mr. Miller advised there could be a partnership in this regard.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

RECESS

The meeting broke for a ten minute recess at 8:25 p.m. and resumed at 8:35 p.m.

11. REPORTS

11.1 Chief Administrative Officer

11.1.1 Proposal No. 96-121 - Mobile Radio Communications System Upgrade

A staff report prepared for Commissioners Gary Greene, Fire Services, and George McLellan, Regional Operations, recommended that Council authorize staff to enter into negotiations with Motorola Canada for the purposes of finalizing a contract for the Mobile Radio System upgrade at a cost not to exceed \$698,954 plus taxes.

MOVED by Councillors Sarto and Walker to authorize staff to enter into negotiations with Motorola Canada for the purposes of finalizing a contract for the Mobile Radio System upgrade at a cost not to exceed \$698,954 plus taxes.
MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

11.1.2 **Funding for Special Events**

A staff report prepared for Dan English, Commissioner of Community Services, outlined staff's recommendation.

MOVED by Councillors Sarto and Mitchell that Council:

1. **confirm the policy of staff providing assistance to special events organizers as per the attached terms of reference of the Special Events Task Force;**
2. **direct staff to prepare a policy for evaluating requests for funding special events and that this policy be returned to Council for implementation in 97/98;**
3. **confirm that special events funded by the previous municipalities will be funded at their former levels for 1996/97; and**
4. **confirm that no "new" special events will be funded in 1996/97.**

In speaking to the Motion, Councillor Barnet suggested clause #4 be deleted. In response, Mr. Dan English advised that the clause could be amended to include "unless authorized by Council."

MOVED by Councillors Barnet and Harvey to amend Clause #4 to read: "confirm that no 'new' special events will be funded in 1996/97 unless authorized by Council." MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

MOVED by Councillors Walker and Uteck to defer this matter one week pending a list of 1996 recipients and the amounts involved. MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

In speaking to the Motion, Councillor Rankin requested a full evaluation of existing events and if the status quo will be warranted. In response, Mr. Dan English advised that time permitting, they will be evaluated for next week.

A brief discussion ensued as to where funding will be derived to continue community events. In response, Mr. English advised that an area rate report will be forthcoming.

11.1.3 **Lease Proposal - Captain William Spry Centre**

A staff report prepared for Mr. Dan English, Commissioner of Community Services, provided a staff recommendation.

MOVED by Councillors Hanson and Stone to authorize the Mayor and Clerk to execute a lease agreement with the Children's Aid Society of Halifax to occupy 4,564 square feet of space in the Captain William Spry Community Centre; further, that Halifax Regional Council approve the redirection from a portion of the approved Captain William Spry Community Centre's capital budget (02-90025 contract number 6718) to perform the necessary leasehold improvements.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

11.1.4 **Task Force on Traffic Calming**

A staff report prepared for Mr. George McLellan, Commissioner of Regional Operations, stated staff's recommendation:

1. that Council adopt the Traffic Calming Policy, in principle;
2. that staff apply the Traffic Calming Procedures to the Bayview Drive area and expend the \$30,000 identified in the 1996/97 Capital Budget for Bayview Traffic Calming Study to acquire technical assistance for this project. Council should be cautioned that Bayview itself is one of the most challenging of potential neighbourhood traffic conflict sites, but funds have already been identified to begin with this location;
3. that staff report back, as part of the 1997/98 Budget process, with recommendations on the resources required to develop permanent traffic calming capability within the Traffic and Planning Section.

Councillor Cunningham advised he was against staff's recommendation in that this type of policy was for a "small thinking" municipality and Halifax Regional Municipality is a major city. Further, he expressed concern with the amount of funds involved and the number of staff who will have to be hired to carry out the mandate of the policy.

Mr. George McLellan clarified that Councillor Cunningham's comments pertained to the Task Force recommendation and not staff's recommendation.

MOVED by Councillors Walker and Uteck:

1. **that Council adopt the Traffic Calming Policy, in principle;**
2. **that staff apply the Traffic Calming Procedures to the Bayview Traffic Calming Study to acquire technical assistance for this project. Council should be cautioned that Bayview itself is one of the most challenging of potential neighbourhood traffic conflict sites, but funds have already been identified to begin with this location;**
3. **that staff report back, as part of the 1997/98 Budget process, with recommendations on the resources required to develop permanent traffic calming capability within the Traffic and Planning Section.**

In speaking to the Motion, Deputy Mayor Greenough clarified that the Motion is comprised of staff's recommendation 1, 2 and 3, with the proviso that it will be carried out as noted under Alternative #2 - "Adopt the report and conduct the traffic calming process using existing resources as staff time permits. This would only allow a small number of studies to be undertaken each year."

MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

11.1.5 **Lot B-2, Former Titus Smith Lands - Main Ave.**

A staff report prepared for Mr. George McLellan, Commissioner of Regional Operations, and Mr. Dan English, Commissioner of Community Services, provided a staff recommendation in that the Mayor and Clerk be authorized to execute a release of the buy back agreement registered on title of Lot B-2, Main Avenue.

MOVED by Councillors Walker and Epstein that the Mayor and Clerk be authorized to execute a release of the buy back agreement registered on title of Lot B-2, Main Ave. MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

11.1.6 **FORMER DARTMOUTH CITY HALL - FUTURE USE**

A staff report prepared for Mr. George McLellan, Commissioner of Regional Operations stated staff's recommendation in this regard, that:

1. the former Dartmouth City Hall be retained by the Municipality for use as administrative offices as an interim measure, pending a more detailed report on its future use; and;
2. in the event that the former Dartmouth City Hall is declared surplus to the Municipality's requirements, it should be designated as a future home for the Dartmouth Heritage Museum.

A brief discussion ensued on the above-noted matter with Councillor Rankin advising he does not support recommendation #2 in that this is a long term decision for the municipality.

Mayor Fitzgerald resumed his place at the meeting.

MOVED BY Councillors Rankin and Cunningham to delete recommendation #2 and deal with this particular aspect at a later date.

Councillor Cunningham advised he seconded the Motion as it was important to have the ability to re-open the former Dartmouth City Hall building, if need be, in the future.

Councillor Barnet expressed concern in that he understood staff was close to making a deal with the School Board to move into the building. Further, he enquired if there are any efforts being made to move forward with capital expenditures on the building.

In response, Mr. George McLellan advised that funds will not be committed until this particular issue is cleared up. Within the next few weeks, a recommendation from staff on the future of the building, will be brought before Council. If the building is to be used then funds will be applied for upgrading purposes.

Councillor Schofield reminded Council this museum will be a regional museum and not simply one for the community of Dartmouth. Further, he enquired on the patching of bricks around the building, stressing it is unsightly.

In response, Mr. George McLellan advised this is interim patching, but that he will look into the matter.

With respect to the Motion, Mr. McLellan sought clarification from Council if funds are to be held in abeyance until a decision is made on the building's future use.

In response, Councillor Barnet clarified he understood the Motion to mean that the former Dartmouth City Hall remain as is for the time being, agree to recommendation #1, and defer the funds to the museum pending further information from staff.

Concern was raised by several Councillors on the \$425,000 for year two and three when only one year has been mentioned to date, further, that this could prove costly.

A vote on the amendment was put on the floor.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

A vote on the Main Motion was put on the floor.

MOVED by Councillors Barnet and Cunningham that the former Dartmouth City Hall be retained by the Municipality for use as administrative offices as an interim measure, pending a more detailed report on its future use; further, to defer the funds to the museum pending further information from staff. MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Deputy Mayor Greenough excused himself from discussions on the following agenda item.

11.1.7 **Policy Respecting Deputy Mayor's Stipend**

A staff report prepared for Mr. Ken Meech, Chief Administrative Officer, recommended Council approve the Resolution attached to the staff report which provides for additional compensation of \$200 per week for the position of Deputy Mayor.

MOVED by Councillors Hanson and Dooks that the following Resolution be adopted:

POLICY RESPECTING DEPUTY MAYOR STIPEND

WHEREAS the Halifax Regional Municipality Act, Section 15(4) provides that the Deputy Mayor is only entitled to additional compensation over and above the compensation as Councillor when the Deputy Mayor is acting as Mayor;

AND WHEREAS the Stipend Committee recommended to the Amalgamation Co-ordinator and the Co-ordinator accepted the recommendation of the Stipends Committee that the Deputy Mayor be paid additional compensation at the rate of \$100.00 per day when acting as Mayor;

AND WHEREAS the provisions of the Halifax Regional Municipality Act do not reflect the reality of the situation in a large municipality such as Halifax Regional Municipality where the Deputy Mayor is called on to perform functions on behalf of the Municipality and to fill in for the Mayor in an official capacity on other occasions than appear to be contemplated by the legislation;

AND WHEREAS a presentation has been made to the Provincial Government and the Municipal Legislation Review Committee has recommended to the Minister that the legislation be amended to provide for the payment of an annual stipend in lieu of a per diem rate;

AND WHEREAS the experience of the first quarter of operations of the Halifax Regional Municipality would indicate that the Deputy Mayor fills in for the Mayor at official functions on average of a minimum of two days a week;

AND WHEREAS to more effectively and efficiently administer the additional compensation for the Deputy Mayor until such time as an annual stipend can be officially adopted, the Council deems it appropriate that the Deputy Mayor be compensated for two days per week at the rate of \$100.00 per day in recognition of his filling in for the Mayor at official functions on a regular basis when the Mayor is unable to attend;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED AS A POLICY OF THE REGION THAT:

- 1.0** The remuneration to be paid to the Deputy Mayor of the Halifax Regional Municipality, in addition to the remuneration which the Deputy Mayor receives as a Councillor of the Regional Municipality, shall be \$200.00 per week
- 1.1** Any remuneration paid pursuant to the Report of the Stipends Committee adopted by the Amalgamation Co-ordinator shall be offset against any remuneration paid pursuant to Clause 1.0.
- 1.2** This policy shall be effective the 1st day of April, 1996.

Councillor Barnet advised he would be voting against the Resolution due to the fact he felt it was excessive. Further, he suggested the Stipends Committee review this policy and develop a recommendation for Council. In his opinion, the position of Deputy Mayor was simply to fill in for the Mayor and each Member of Council could also assist in this regard.

Councillor Schofield advised he would be voting against the Resolution as he felt this was not the appropriate time to make changes.

Mr. Ken Meech, Chief Administrative Officer, advised that no payments have been made as of this date but that up to the end of June, 1996, the Deputy Mayor had filled in for the Mayor on twenty-three separate occasions.

Mayor Fitzgerald advised that the Deputy Mayor attends meetings and functions on his behalf. Further, he noted that other Members of Council were also assisting with functions.

Councillors Mitchell and Cunninghamd advised they would be supporting the Motion as the Deputy Mayor has worked very hard in this position.

Councillor Stone advised he would be supporting the Motion. He stated that Council Members are able to assist with various functions and that the Deputy Mayor represents the Mayor in his absence. Councillor Stone suggested a sum should be stipulated rather than the Deputy Mayor having to submit expense claims.

Councillor Downey suggested the Municipal Solicitor attempt to clarify the issue of remuneration for a number of Boards, to which the Mayor agreed.

Councillor Harvey suggested he was not comfortable with the amount (\$10,400/annum) and that perhaps it should be less.

**MOVED by Councillors Cooper and Kelly to defer this matter for two months.
MOTION DEFEATED.**

Councillor Bill Dooks put the matter into perspective by noting that \$200 per week is only \$30 per day. Further, he noted the Deputy Mayor should be commended on his work to date.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

Deputy Mayor Greenough resumed his place at the meeting.

11.1.8 **Request for Payment - 1996 Membership Dues (UNSM)**

A staff report prepared for Mr. Larry Corrigan, Commissioner of Corporate Services, stated that membership dues for the UNSM were now due.

MOVED by Councillors Snow and Stone to authorize the payment of UNSM membership dues for the Halifax Regional Municipality covering the time frame April 1 - December, 1996 in the amount of \$75,891.99 (including \$4,964.90 GST); and the payment of \$9,818.66 (including \$642.34 GST) to the UNSM representing unpaid membership dues for the period January 1 - March 31, 1986 relating to the former Municipality of the County of Halifax.

Councillor Barnet expressed concern in that this Council has not taken a position as to whether it wishes to be a member of this organization. Further, he questioned what benefits would be derived from being a member of the UNSM.

Councillor Schofield advised that the annual UNSM Conference was being held in Dartmouth this year. Further, he noted that the municipality has not given any indication that it would not be a member of the UNSM.

Councillor Cooper advised that this municipality is the largest in the province, further; this

Council must stand together with other municipalities across the province. At this point in time we do not need to be divisive.

Councillor Dooks enquired as to future plans for the UNSM. Further, he enquired if a representative from the UNSM could address Council on their future plans and comment on the PST and Farm Acreage.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

11.1.9 **Agreement - Bedford Rifle Range**

A staff report prepared for Police Chief Vince MacDonald advised there was a requirement to renew an agreement with the Department of National Defence for the use of the Bedford Rifle Range.

MOVED by Councillors Kelly and Rankin that the existing agreement with the Department of National Defence for the use of the Bedford Rifle Range be renewed for another five year term to secure the continued use of the facility. Once approval has been received from Council, Legal Services will stamp the license approved as to form and it can then be executed. MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

11.1.10 **Study to Assess the Feasibility of Landfill Gas Utilization**

A staff report prepared for Mr. George McLellan, Commissioner of Regional Operations and Mr. Jim Bauld, Manager of Solid Waste advised that Environment Canada was interested in assessing the economic feasibility of landfill gas utilization at the Highway 101 Landfill site.

MOVED by Councillors Barnet and Rankin, to approve an application to the Province of Nova Scotia for \$15,000 funding assistance for the study. MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

12. **MOTIONS**

12.1 **Heritage By-Law - Third Reading**

MOVED by Councillors Downey and Epstein to pass Third Reading of the Heritage By-Law. MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

12.2 **Councillor Walker - First Reading - Ordinance Regulating Cats**

MOVED by Councillors Walker and Rankin to pass First Reading for an Ordinance Regulating Cats in the Halifax Regional Municipality; further, that staff prepare a report in this regard.

In speaking to the Motion, Councillor Snow requested "qualified veterinarian" replace the term "keeper of the pound."

MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Councillor Stone requested costs be included in the report.

Councillor Dooks enquired as to how this Ordinance will deal with cats in rural areas.

12.3 **Councillor Hendsbee - Notice of Motion from June 25/96** - Deferred

13. **ADDED ITEMS**

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

Councillor Schofield requested this matter be deferred for two weeks pending further discussions with Mr. Dan English, Commissioner of Community Services.

13.2 **Deputy Mayor Greenough - MacAskill's Restaurant, Dartmouth Ferry Terminal**

MOVED by Deputy Mayor Greenough and Councillor Sarto to adopt the recommendation of Council as agreed upon during an In Camera meeting held earlier this evening. MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

14. **NOTICES OF MOTION** - NONE

15. **ADJOURNMENT**

As there was no further business, the meeting adjourned at 10:00 p.m.

Vi Carmichael
MUNICIPAL CLERK