

HALIFAX REGIONAL MUNICIPALITY

HALIFAX REGIONAL COUNCIL MINUTES October 29, 1996

PRESENT:

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

ABSENT:

Councillors: Howard Epstein
Ron Hanson
Stephen Adams

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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An In Camera session was held from 5:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. regarding a labour relations matter and a legal matter.

1. INVOCATION

Mayor Fitzgerald called the meeting to order at 6:05 p.m. with an Invocation.

2. PROCLAMATIONS

Mayor Fitzgerald acknowledged the following proclamations.

2.1 Crohn's & Colitis Public Awareness Month - November 1996

2.2 CPR Awareness Month - November 1996

2.3 Veterans' Week - November 3 to November 11, 1996

2.4 Unity in Diversity Week - November 10 to November 16, 1996

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES - October 22, 1996

In review of the minutes of October 22, 1996, Councillor Walker noted an error on Page 6, Item 11.1.2 - Building Permit Refusal - Rosemary LeBlanc. In the fourth paragraph, it should read "Ms. LeBlanc and her friend, Mr. Thompson" and not "Ms. LeBlanc and her solicitor, Mr. Thompson." Also, on Page 7, the fourth paragraph, the same reference to Mr. Thompson should be changed.

MOVED by Councillors Snow and Blumenthal that the minutes of October 22, 1996 be approved, as amended. MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

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

The Municipal Clerk requested the following item be added to the Agenda under Council Agenda Item #13.

13.1 Special Election - Halifax Regional School Board

Mayor Fitzgerald requested the following item from the In Camera session be added to the Agenda under Council Agenda Item #13.

13.2 Settlement of Claim - Blunden Construction

MOVED by Councillors Harvey and Downey that the Order of Business be approved, as amended. MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

At a later point in the meeting, Councillor Hendsbee requested the following two items be added to the agenda for the next meeting: Memorandum from Municipal Solicitor dated October 23/96 re: Campaign Contributions (Item #5, Information Items, October 29, 1996), and, Hunting Boundaries for Halifax Regional Municipality.

- 5. BUSINESS ARISING OUT OF THE MINUTES - None**
- 6. MOTIONS OF RECONSIDERATION - None**
- 7. MOTIONS OF RESCISSION - None**
- 8. CONSIDERATION OF DEFERRED BUSINESS - None**
- 9. PUBLIC HEARINGS - None**
- 10. CORRESPONDENCE, PETITIONS AND DELEGATIONS - None**
- 11. REPORTS**
- 11.1 GRANT COMMITTEE**

11.1.1 Grant Committee Report #5

- ! A staff report prepared for Councillor David Hendsbee, Chairman, Grant Committee, entitled Grant Committee Report #5, was before Council.

In review of the report, Councillor Hetherington asked what impact will tax exemptions have on departmental budgets with respect to recreational facilities. Councillor Hendsbee replied the Committee is awaiting a report from Recreation regarding recreational facilities and tax exemptions. Councillor Hetherington also suggested there should be a direct mail out to all the organizations currently receiving tax exemptions notifying them of what is being proposed and allowing them an opportunity for public participation.

Councillor Cunningham expressed concern with requiring all organizations to apply and make presentations for tax exemption every year.

Councillor Barnet objected to granting any funding to Nova Theatre as he felt this should be provided by the public sector. He also suggested that staff review the properties currently receiving tax exemptions before this issue comes before Committee-of-the-Whole.

Councillor Rankin asked for Council's support for the request from the Hammonds Plains Lucasville Development Project. He suggested Recommendation 1 be amended by reducing the funding proposed for Nova Theatre by \$2,000 and that money be allocated for the Hammonds Plains Lucasville Development Project.

Recommendation 1 as proposed in the Grant Committee Report 5 read as follows:

1. Approve grant (to be held in trust) of \$10,000 to Nova Theatre, now known as Nova Centre for Performing Arts, contingent upon them finding matching or greater funds from other sectors to support the continuation of the feasibility study on developing a centre for the performing arts;

Councillor Rankin made the following motion to amend Recommendation 1.

MOVED by Councillor Rankin and Deputy Mayor Greenough that Recommendation 1 in the Grant Committee Report 5 be amended to change the grant amount proposed for Nova Theatre from \$10,000 to \$8,000 and that the other \$2,000 be recommended for the Hammonds Plains Lucasville Development Project. MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

With respect to tax exemptions, several Councillors stated if this process is going to continue, the entire Halifax Regional Municipality will have to be considered. Currently, there are no tax exemptions in the former City of Halifax as Ordinance 170 was repealed two years ago. Councillor Uteck noted the municipality would lose approximately \$1 Million tax dollars if Ordinance 170 was put back in place. Councillor Stone suggested staff be requested to prepare a list of former City of Halifax properties that would be included if tax exemptions were to be reinstated.

In response to a question regarding grant funding, Councillor Hendsbee stated he anticipates a reduction in grants next year. However, he noted a change in the tax exemption policy may have an affect on this.

Councillors Dooks and Schofield stated the ability of organizations to pay taxes needs to be examined. Councillor Sarto suggested the status quo should continue for 1997-98 for tax exemptions, and the policy should not be dealt with until feedback is received from the organizations affected.

Councillor Downey questioned where the money would come from to provide these tax exemptions. He noted other organizations have been told there is no grant money left.

It was the general consensus of Council that the tax exemption lists need to be reviewed. Mr. Meech suggested the main issue at this time should not be reviewing the current list but rather Council needs to decide if there is going to be a policy that deals with tax exemptions. If so, the policy will need to apply to all of HRM, and the organizations will need to make application to be included in the new by-law. Mr. Meech suggested the Committee-of-the-Whole meeting should be held first to determine if Council wants to have tax exemptions. Following that the criteria needs to be established and costed to see if HRM can afford to grant tax exemptions.

In response to a question from Councillor Stone, Mr. Meech replied the organizations currently receiving tax exemptions could be notified that they may need to resubmit an application for tax exemption.

As some members of Council were not in favour of voting on the Grant Committee Report 5 as a whole, Mayor Fitzgerald ruled the Recommendations 1, 2, 5 and 6 would be voted on individually. It was agreed that Recommendations 3, 4 and 7 could be tabled for discussion at Committee-of-the-Whole.

The first recommendation to be voted on was Recommendation 1, as amended. It was agreed to vote on both parts of this recommendation individually as Recommendation 1(a) and 1(b)

1. (a) Approve grant (to be held in trust) of \$8,000 to Nova Theatre, now known as Nova Centre for Performing Arts, contingent upon them finding matching or greater funds from other sectors to support the continuation of the feasibility study on developing a centre for the performing arts;

MOVED by Councillors Hendsbee and Hetherington that Council approve a grant (to be held in trust) of \$8,000 to Nova Theatre, now known as Nova Centre for Performing Arts, contingent upon them finding matching or greater funds from other sectors to support the continuation of the feasibility study on developing a centre for the performing arts. MOTION PUT AND DEFEATED.

Council then voted on Recommendation 1(b).

1. (b) Approve a grant of \$2,000 for the Hammonds Plains Lucasville Development Project, and that the funding be administered by the Grants Committee.

MOVED by Councillor Rankin and Deputy Mayor Greenough that Council approve a grant in the amount of \$2,000 for the Hammonds Plains Lucasville Development Project and that the funding be administered by the Grants Committee.

Councillor Walker spoke against the motion stating this organization did not meet the criteria for grants and that is why the Grant Committee turned down their request. Although he felt this project may be a good cause, Councillor Stone expressed concern with allowing them to circumvent the Grants Committee. He stated by approving this grant it will encourage other groups to do the same.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

Council then voted on Recommendation 2.

2. Approve final grant to Halifax Children's Aid Society for their Parent/Child Volunteer Program, in the amount of \$2,000 which was approved in 50 per cent payment schedule but not listed in Report 1: APPENDIX 2.

MOVED by Councillor Hetherington and Deputy Mayor Greenough that Council approve a final grant to the Halifax Children's Aid Society for their Parent/Child Volunteer Program, in the amount of \$2,000 which was approved in 50 per cent payment schedule but not listed in Report 1: Appendix 2. MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Council then voted on Recommendation 5.

5. Approve the continuation of the Grant Program for 1997-98 and set an application deadline for December 31, 1996 and an advertisement notifying the public in local media.

MOVED by Councillors Sarto and Schofield that Council approve the continuation of the Grant Program for 1997-98 and set an application deadline for December 31, 1996 and an advertisement notifying the public in local media.

Councillor Barnet spoke against the Motion as he felt it would be wrong to inform the public there will be a grant program when Council does not know where they will stand in April with regards to the budget.

Councillor Kelly suggested this recommendation should be tabled pending final resolution if there is going to be a Grant Program. Councillor Walker expressed concern with delaying the grant process again this year. Councillor Hendsbee noted if the application process is put in place it will determine the expectations and needs of the public and supply the budgetary framework.

Councillor Dooks noted some Districts do not receive support from any other levels of government and their organizations rely on municipal support.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

Council then voted on Recommendation 6.

6. Approve a closing date of November 30, 1996 for application to The 1997-98 Tax Concession Grant Program for non profit organizations, and an advertisement notifying the public in local media.

Councillor Hetherington suggested the recommended closing date for the 1997-98 Tax Concession Grant Program for non profit organizations should be changed from November 30, 1996 to December 31, 1996 and made the following motion.

MOVED by Councillors Hetherington and Dooks that Council approve Recommendation 6, with amending the closing date of November 30, 1996 to December 31, 1996, for application to The 1997-98 Tax Concession Grant Program for non profit organizations, and an advertisement notifying the public in local media. MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

Councillor Harvey suggested the advertisement should state it is not yet known if there will be a grant program or tax exemptions.

A motion was then made to table Recommendations 3, 4 and 7 to discussion at Committee-of-the-Whole.

MOVED by Councillors Uteck and Mitchell that the following recommendations from the Grant Committee Report 5 be tabled for discussion at Committee-of-the-Whole:

- 3. Repeal Ordinance T403 City of Dartmouth re tax exemptions effective April 1, 1997;**
- 4. Repeal By Law 51 Municipality of the County of Halifax effective April 1, 1997;**
- 7. Set a date in late November for a Committee of The Whole meeting with the sole purpose of discussing and reviewing the Grant Committee proposal for:
 - a. Determining a Vision And Purpose of a Municipal Grant Program along with Terms of Reference for Grant Committee;**
 - b. Ratifying the terms and guidelines for “ Tax Concession Grant Program for Non Profit Organizations; and**
 - c. Ratifying the terms and guidelines of a Residential Property Tax Relief Program that includes a deferral program and a Flexible Payment Plan Program.****

MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

11.2 CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER

11.2.1 Central Dispatch

- ! A staff report prepared for Gary T. Greene, Commissioner of Fire Services, and Vincent J. MacDonald, Commissioner of Policing Services, regarding a Central Dispatch - Police and Fire, was before Council.

MOVED by Councillor Kelly and Deputy Mayor Greenough that:

- 1. Council direct staff to reallocate \$25,000 from the capital budget (Project #88672), "Information Storage & Retrieval - Policing Services", to "Central Dispatch - Police and Fire" to cover the Police Department's portion of the required building modification to the Bedford Fire Station to accommodate the "Central Dispatch" centre.**
- 2. Council direct staff to order the Police Dispatcher radio console upgrade in 1996, and further that staff reallocate \$11,000 from the capital budget (Project #88672), "Information Storage and Retrieval - Policing Services", to "Central Dispatch - Police and Fire" to cover fiscal 1996-97 payments for the radio console upgrade.**

Councillor Hetherington questioned why the Dartmouth Police Station was not considered as a location for the Central Dispatch. Deputy Chief McKinnon replied the Emergency Measures Command Centre will be located in the Dartmouth Station. In order to expand the communications centre to house all the dispatchers, it would require the Emergency Measures location to be altered. Councillor Hetherington added the Dartmouth Station was geared and designed for the 911 system. He suggested this should be referred back to staff to determine a cost estimate to move the Central Dispatch to the Dartmouth Police Station.

Mr. Gary Greene, Commissioner, Fire Services, stated the Bedford Fire Station provides for new construction, optic fibre, etc. He did not think there was optic fibre capability in the area of the Dartmouth Police Station. Deputy Chief McKinnon noted the wiring in the Dartmouth Police Station needs to be upgraded just to handle GroupWise. He also noted there are some environmental concerns with the Dartmouth Police Station and parts of the building are currently closed.

Councillor Hetherington stated he would welcome a full assessment of the Dartmouth Police Station and how it will be utilized in the future. He stated if it is not going to be fully utilized, the Municipality should consider selling it. Deputy Chief McKinnon replied part of the building is currently being used as a central storage depot for regional reports and documents. He added all issues of the building are being examined and they have plans for different areas of the building. Councillor Hetherington requested the Police Commission be asked to provide a report on the Dartmouth Police Station building.

In response to a question from Councillor Uteck regarding public/private partnering with

respect to management of the Central Dispatch, Deputy Chief McKinnon replied they have put out a call for proposals. Once these are received, they will be evaluated and a recommendation will be brought back to Council.

Councillor Blumenthal agreed with Councillor Hetherington that the costs to locate the Central Dispatch in the Dartmouth Police Station should be determined before a decision is made.

MOVED by Councillors Blumenthal and Hetherington that a decision on the Central Dispatch be deferred for one week pending a report from staff determining the costs to renovate the Dartmouth Police Station to accommodate the Central Dispatch. MOTION PUT AND DEFEATED.

The vote was then taken on the Main Motion.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

11.2.2 Procurement Policy

! A staff report prepared for Larry Corrigan, Acting Chief Administrative Officer, regarding a proposed Procurement Policy, was before Council. The report recommended that the proposed Procurement Policy be approved.

Councillor Kelly noted he submitted comments on this policy to staff and they have not yet been addressed.

MOVED by Councillors Kelly and Barnet that the proposed Procurement Policy be deferred pending further review by staff. MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

11.2.3 Property Located in Fall River - Quit Claim Deeds

! A staff report prepared for Dan English, Commissioner of Community Services, regarding the need for quit claim deeds between the land owners and the Department of Transportation and Communications for property located in Fall River, was before Council for discussion.

MOVED by Councillors Snow and Dooks that Council approve the execution of the deeds required to provide deed descriptions which will be consistent with the amended subdivision plan. MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

11.2.4 Tender - Hauling of Bulk Salt #96-383

! A staff report prepared for George McLellan, Commissioner of Regional Operations, recommending the authorization of tender #96-383, Hauling of Bulk Salt, was before Council.

MOVED by Councillors Sarto and Hetherington that Council authorize award of Tender 96-383:

- a. **to Miller's Excavating (1990) Limited for the West Region for the bid amounts per tonne of \$9.90 for 1996/1997, \$9.90 for 1997/1998 and \$9.90 for 1998/1999.**
- b. **to Commercial Highway Services Limited for the Central Region for the bid amounts per tonne of \$9.89 for 1996/1997, \$10.49 for 1997/1998 and \$10.74 for 1998/1999; and,**
- c. **to Seaboard Transport Group for the East Region for the bid amounts per tonne of \$9.95 for 1996/1997, \$10.13 for 1997/1998 and \$10.35 for 1998/1999.**

Councillor Barnet stated he found it unusual that the three firms who are being recommended to receive this contract each clearly bid on one aspect of the tender.

Councillor Barnet expressed concern with awarding this contract to the three firms recommended by staff as he felt it would deprive taxpayers of potential work HRM could provide for them. He asked that Council consider the fact that people who contribute to the tax base of the Municipality will not get an opportunity to participate in any of this work. Instead of going to tender this year, he suggested the Municipality should go to the Trucker's Association to provide the service to haul this salt at a price that is no greater or less than the average of the other bids. Councillor Barnet stated Council needs to consider the fact there are boundary restrictions imposed on drivers in the trucking industry and, as taxpayers, these drivers need to be protected.

Councillor Dooks spoke in agreement with Councillor Barnet. He noted the Halifax County Trucker's Association has approximately 113 members. Of these 113, 50-60 would be hauling salt if they were awarded the tender. Councillor Dooks acknowledged the presence of about 20 members of the Association present in the gallery. Councillor Dooks stated that 2 percent is a small margin to keep this Region's truck drivers working. He asked Council to support the request to keep the work "in house."

Councillor Snow concurred with Councillors Barnet and Dooks. He stated if the tender is awarded as proposed, he would like to see something put in place to ensure local truckers are hired by those firms.

Councillor Hendsbee echoed the sentiments of Councillors Dooks and Snow stating there should be an opportunity for local content when there is a minute cost difference.

In response to questions from Councillor Cooper, Mr. Doug Quinn replied the minimum requirement of the tender was the ability to haul 1,000 metric tonnes per day from Pugwash to each of the three Districts. The three firms proposed to be awarded the tender are based in the following areas: one in Elmsdale, one in the Bible Hill/Truro area and one has an office and yard in Burnside, but he did not know the actual locations from

where the drivers would be coming. Councillor Cooper stated he did not feel the evaluation of the bids was thorough enough and felt there should have been more emphasis on from where the trucks would be coming. He felt the tender should be reconsidered.

Although he would like to support local truck drivers, Deputy Mayor Greenough noted it will cost over \$100,000 to do so based on the three year contract. He suggested the possibility of requiring the firms to hire some local drivers should be examined further.

Councillor Harvey stated this discussion should have occurred when Council adopted the initial procurement policy and not now after a tender has been called. He suggested if local content is going to be contained in one tender it should be contained in all tenders for HRM. Councillor Harvey stated if a local content policy is adopted, it will cost the taxpayers a lot more money. With regards to this tender, Councillor Harvey stated staff has done what Council directed them to do based on the interim procurement policy adopted by Council.

Councillor Walker also expressed concern with three firms bidding on different Districts and he had problems with the tender as a whole.

In response to Councillors expressing concerns about the costs, Councillor Dooks stated the Association is willing to negotiate prices so they can be competitive. Councillor Cunningham disagreed with Councillor Dooks as the tender has already gone through a legitimate process and felt it would set a bad precedent to overturn it. Councillors Hetherington and Stone agreed that negotiations need to be done before the closing date of a tender and not after.

Councillor Rankin questioned Council's purpose if they are just going to rely on policy. He felt Council's responsibility was to the taxpayer and to discuss extenuating circumstances.

In response to a question from Councillor Blumenthal, Mr. Anstey stated there is nothing to prevent Council from putting factors such as local content in a tender but the law is clear that this needs to be upfront and not after the fact.

Councillor Blumenthal agreed with local content and felt the HRM would lose in the long run if this is not supported as welfare costs will increase if employment is lost.

Councillor McInroy stated it would be irresponsible of Council to do anything but accept the low bidder.

Councillor Mitchell suggested a one year interim contract should be awarded rather than a three year contract. Mr. Anstey noted the price for one year may not be the same as it would be based on a three year contract. Councillor Hendsbee suggested the local drivers could be awarded one part of the tender such as the Central District on a one year basis.

MOVED by Councillors Barnet and Mitchell that the awarding of Tender #96-383, Hauling of Bulk Salt, be deferred for seven days and that staff be requested to meet with the Trucker's Association to see if an interim one year agreement can be reached that would have a price that is no higher than the average of the low bids. In the event that this is not successful, staff is requested to meet with the other trucking firms to see if there is the ability to get local participation in these firms at 60 percent. A legal opinion on this issue is also requested to assess what the legal ramifications and potential costs would be of not awarding this tender.

At the request of Councillor Mitchell, a Recorded Vote was taken. **(16 For - 5 Against, 3 Members Absent)**

The following members of Council voted in favour of the Motion: Deputy Mayor Greenough, Councillors Dooks, Snow, Hendsbee, Cooper, Sarto, Schofield, Blumenthal, Downey, Uteck, Walker, Stone, Barnet, Kelly, Rankin, Mitchell.

The following members of Council voted against the Motion: Mayor Fitzgerald, Councillors McInroy, Hetherington, Cunningham, Harvey.

MOTION PASSED.

Due to the short time frame, Mr. Meech stated the report may not be included in the agenda package on Friday but it will be on the agenda for the next meeting.

RECESS

A fifteen minute recess was taken at 8:45 p.m. Council reconvened at 9:00 p.m.

11.2.5 Tender - Salt Dome - Bayers Lake Business Park #96-302

! A staff report prepared for George McLellan, Commissioner of Regional Operations, regarding the award of Tender 96-302, Salt Dome - Bayers Lake Business Park, was before Council. The report recommended that Tender 96-302 be awarded to the second low bidder, Storage Systems Construction Corp. o/a Bulk Stores Atlantic at the tendered price of \$274,392.00. The report further recommended that funds in the amount of \$64,392.00 be transferred from the proposed Woodside Salt Storage shed account to the Bayers Lake facility account to enable the Bayers Lake facility to be up and running before the onset of winter storm conditions. (The Woodside Facility cannot be finalized for the coming winter season, as land availability issues in Woodside have yet to be resolved. A revised Capital Budget request re Woodside will be submitted in the next Capital Budget.)

MOVED by Councillors Blumenthal and Kelly that Tender 96-302 for the design, construction and installation of a salt storage shed facility and related asphalt loading pads in the Bayers Lake Industrial Park be awarded to the lowest bidder,

Tag Enterprises, at the tendered price of \$258,405.00; further,

THAT funds in the amount of \$64,392.00 be transferred from the proposed Woodside Salt Storage shed account to the Bayers Lake facility account to enable the Bayers Lake facility to be up and running before the onset of winter storm conditions. (The Woodside Facility cannot be finalized for the coming winter season, as land availability issues in Woodside have yet to be resolved. A revised Capital Budget request re Woodside will be submitted in the next Capital Budget.)

MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

11.2.6 In Camera Meetings

! A staff report prepared for Wayne Anstey, Municipal Solicitor, regarding an amendment to Administrative Order Number One, regarding in camera meetings, was before Council.

Councillor Kelly felt the in camera policy puts the onus on the public to get information released rather than on Council. He suggested that once legal and land matters are fully resolved, the minutes of the in camera meetings should be made public. The only area that should remain confidential would be personnel issues.

Councillor Cooper asked if it would be possible to amend Section (6) to make it subject to Sections (8), (9), and (10). Mr. Anstey replied this would not be a problem.

MOVED by Councillors Cooper and Uteck that the Amendment to Administrative Order Number One be amended to make Section (6) subject to Sections (8), (9), and (10). MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Councillor Cunningham stated there may be legal ramifications with Councillor Kelly's proposed amendments and suggested the Municipal Solicitor be given a week to review it and report back to Council next week. He felt there may be some very specific reasons why some information would not be made public.

MOVED by Councillors Kelly and Mitchell that the Amendment to Administrative Order Number One be deferred for one week to allow the Municipal Solicitor to review it and report back to Council regarding a proposed amendment to Administrative Order Number One that would make details respecting land transactions and legal matters public once fully resolved. MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

12. MOTIONS

12.1 Councillor Adams

Councillor Hetherington noted that he spoke to Councillor Adams regarding this issue and agreed to move First Reading of this amended By-Law on his behalf.

MOVED by Councillors Hetherington and Blumenthal that former City of Dartmouth By-Law T-500, with respect to the licensing of taxis, be amended as follows:

- 1. Sections 17 and 18 of the said by-law are repealed and the following substituted therefor:**

17 (1) The license year for all licenses granted under this by-law shall be from the 1st day of October of one year to the 30th day of September of the year following.

(2) For the 1996-97 license year, a license which was issued for the license year commencing the 1st day of May, 1996 shall expire on the 30th day of September, 1996.

(3) A license issued under this by-law may be renewed annually if renewed not later than six (6) months following the date of expiry.

(4) If a license is granted between the dates mentioned in subsection (1), it shall be effective from the date issued to the 30th day of September following, unless suspended or revoked under the provisions of this by-law. MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

13. ADDED ITEMS

13.1 Special Election - Halifax Regional School Board

- ! A report prepared for Larry Corrigan, Commissioner of Corporate Services, regarding a Special Election - Halifax Regional School Board, was circulated to Council.**

MOVED by Councillors Schofield and Sarto that Council:

- 1. Approve the appointment of the Municipal Clerk as Returning Officer to conduct the Special Election to fill a vacancy on the Halifax Regional School Board.**
- 2. Permit the Returning Officer to use in this Special Election the list of electors prepared for the 1995 Halifax Regional Municipality Election, as provided for in the Municipal Elections Act.**
- 3. Recover from the Halifax Regional School Board all costs that were incurred by HRM as a result of conducting this Special Election, as provided for in the Act Respecting School Boards.**
- 4. Set the date of Saturday, November 30, 1996, as the second Advance Poll day.**

Councillor Cunningham stated he could not see any reason to have a by-election for this position as there are two members representing the area where the by-election is being proposed. Councillor Hendsbee agreed with Councillor Cunningham's comments. Mayor Fitzgerald stated this is not Council's decision to make as there is a policy that has been established and they need to follow it.

Councillor Hetherington expressed concern with the wording of the fourth paragraph in the Background section of the report. He asked that a stipulation be put on the Motion that the money "shall" be recovered and not "may" be recovered. Council was in agreement with Councillor Hetherington.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

13.2 Settlement of Claim - Blunden Construction

MOVED by Councillors Mitchell and Sarto that the recommendation made in camera be adopted by Council. MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

14. NOTICES OF MOTION - None

15. ADJOURNMENT

MOVED by Councillors Hetherington and Sarto that the meeting adjourn at 9:35 p.m. MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Municipal Clerk