

# HALIFAX REGIONAL MUNICIPALITY

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## HALIFAX REGIONAL COUNCIL MINUTES NOVEMBER 19, 1996

### PRESENT:

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

### ABSENT:

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

2. **PROCLAMATIONS** - None

3. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES** - November 5, 1996

**MOVED by Deputy Mayor Greenough and Councillor Sarto to approve the minutes of November 5, 1996. MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

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

The Clerk advised there were four items to be added to the agenda:

1. Request from David Miller to address Council regarding 11.2.1 - Municipal Planning Strategy for Eastern Passage/Cow Bay - Public Participation Program
2. Sale of Lot 17BX, Chain Lake Drive, Bayers Lake Business Park
3. Starr Manufacturing Site, Dartmouth
4. Land Acquisition - Residual Disposal Facility and Front-End Processing Facility
5. Councillor Uteck requested that Information Item #14 - "Vandalism - Halifax Public Gardens" be brought forward to the Regular Council Agenda.

**MOVED by Deputy Mayor Greenough and Councillor Sarto to approve the Order of Business, as amended. MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

5. **BUSINESS ARISING OUT OF THE MINUTES** - None

6. **MOTIONS OF RECONSIDERATION** - None

7. **MOTIONS OF RESCISSION** - None

8. **CONSIDERATION OF DEFERRED BUSINESS**

8.1 **Procurement Policy**

C A memorandum prepared for Mr. Larry Corrigan, Commissioner of Corporate Services, was before Council. Attached to the documentation was a proposed Procurement Policy. Staff was recommending that the proposed policy be approved by Council.

Mr. Peter Ross, Manager, Procurement, through the use of overheads, reviewed the following:

- C Authority of Chief Administrative Officer
- C Examples - Other Cities
- C Examples - Province
- C HRM Proposed Purchasing Policy
- C Council Awards - Other Cities
- C Award - Council (HRM)
- C Awards - Senior Management Group (HRM)
- C Awards - Other.

Councillor Barnet requested the inclusion of a clause stating that Halifax Regional Municipality will advertise annually for a vendors' list, to which Mr. Ross agreed.

With respect to clauses 8.4 and 8.5 of the Policy, Councillor Rankin suggested that details should be brought forward to Council for its information.

With respect to clause 4.3, Councillor Kelly enquired if the low bidder would be notified if not successful.

Mr. Ross agreed unsuccessful low bidders would be notified.

With respect to clause 4.4, Mr. Ross advised that clause 9.1 covered this.

**MOVED by Councillors Kelly and Blumenthal to change "\$50,000 or greater" (clause 6.1 - 4th bullet) to read "\$25,000 or greater." MOTION DEFEATED. (Tie vote - 11 - 11).**

**MOVED by Councillors Hendsbee and Epstein to change "\$50,000 or greater" (clause 6.1 - 4th bullet) to read "\$30,000 or greater." MOTION DEFEATED.**

With respect to clause 6.3 - 3rd bullet - Councillor Kelly enquired as to how it can be guaranteed the bidders' list is rotated. In response, Mayor Fitzgerald advised that Council should place their trust in staff in this regard. Mr. Corrigan stated that the external auditors do extensive testing on transactions. If the bidders' list was not rotated, this would be noted.

Councillor Kelly enquired as to how one would be included on the bidders' list. In response, he was advised that advertisements would be placed a minimum of once per year.

Councillor Hetherington suggested a letter from the manufacturer stating that the company is reputable and qualified, would assist in the process. Mr. Ross advised that on the awarding side, staff have been doing this. It would take additional staff and time to implement what Councillor Hetherington was suggesting, however.

With respect to clause 7.5.2, first sentence - Councillor Kelly suggested "responsible" be deleted.

With respect to clause 7.5.3, Councillor Kelly enquired as to why the submissions will not be opened in public. Mr. Ross advised that some proposals are confidential.

With respect to clause 13, Councillor Kelly suggested this process must be standardized.

Mr. Corrigan, in response, advised the process is standardized at either 3 or 5 years. Suppliers require 5 years to be competitive. Further, service tends to be better after the first year. He encouraged Council to stay with the 5 year maximum term as recommended.

In response to an enquiry from Councillor Kelly as to what would occur should HRM be locked into an unfavourable contract, Mr. Corrigan advised that contracts can be terminated on a yearly basis.

Councillor Kelly suggested this draft policy, although improved, still does not protect all parties involved.

With respect to clause 8.6, Councillor Kelly suggested a report should be sent to both the Chief Administrative Officer and Council, on a monthly basis. Further, he suggested the last sentence of the clause be deleted.

Mr. Ken Meech advised it is the intent of staff to share with Council information on the awarding of tenders.

**MOVED by Councillors Kelly and Hendsbee to change "\$50,000" in clause 8.6 to "\$25,000" as a reporting function.**

In speaking to the Motion, Councillor Hetherington suggested this information be circulated through e-mail rather than hard copy.

**MOTION CARRIED.**

With respect to clause 13.3, Councillor Barnet requested that "real estate" be inserted following "surveying service" in line one. Following a brief discussion, Mr. Corrigan advised the inclusion of "real estate" would not detract from the policy.

In response to an enquiry from Councillor Hendsbee to include "consultant services" in the clause, Mr. Ross advised this is addressed in another area of the policy.

Councillor Hendsbee looked forward to accessing the "h" drive to obtain information on tenders. Mr. Ross advised that Council can be included on the e-mail to receive copies of tender ads.

Mr. Corrigan stated there is a fair amount of information available on the home page.

Councillor Hendsbee enquired if the "Project Management" approach could continue for construction of items like the recreation facilities. Mr. Meech advised there was nothing in the policy to preclude this.

With respect to inequities and economic incentives, Mr. Corrigan advised that staff was recommending a basic policy be put in place and that the issues raised by Councillor Hendsbee will be addressed at a later date.

Councillor Epstein noted that the process to be undertaken in the business of calling for bids had been extensively discussed by Council this evening. However, whenever a contract results as a result of a tender, it should come back to this Council.

**MOVED by Councillor Epstein and Kelly to insert in clause 8.5, a new first bullet, to read as follows: "recommended as a result of a public request for submissions."**

The intent of this insertion is that whenever there is a tender process, the tender would not be awarded at the staff level, but at the Council level.

Mr. Meech reminded Council that staff will be providing a monthly report with said reports to include information on the tenders and bids received.

Councillor Epstein reiterated the fact that staff should not be awarding, so extensively, contracts. Clause 8.5, as written, in conjunction with the remainder of Clause 8 makes a fundamental shift away from the current practice, thereby involving Council. The awarding of tenders does not have to be a lengthy process. If there are no objections by Council, these should be approved on a routine basis.

Councillor Cooper suggested that should Council place its confidence in staff to carry out the process of the procurement policy, then there must be increased reporting to Council.

Deputy Mayor Greenough suggested it is not a matter of trust. He felt there has been an absence of important information on the expenditure side over the past few months. He expressed concern that although staff will report to Council on the awarding of tenders, it will be after the fact. He advised he will be supporting the Motion on the floor.

**MOTION CARRIED. (Recorded vote - 11 for - 10 against).**

Those who voted in the affirmative included Councillors Dooks, Hendsbee, McInroy, Sarto, Cunningham, Blumenthal, Epstein, Stone, Barnet, Kelly and Deputy Mayor Greenough.

Those who voted in the negative included Councillors Cooper, Hetherington, Schofield, Downey, Uteck, Hanson, Adams, Harvey, Rankin and Mayor Fitzgerald.

Councillor Mitchell was absent from the meeting. Councillors Snow and Walker were absent for the vote.

With respect to the document in general, Councillor Cooper advised he will be expecting additional information in the future. In response to an enquiry as to who will monitor the procedures in the future, Mr. Meech advised that Mr. Ross will ensure the process is followed.

In response, Mr. Corrigan advised that clause 5.3 would address this.

In response to a concern raised by Councillor Cooper on oral requests, Mr. Ross advised that most requests are made in writing. Councillor Cooper reiterated his concern and suggested that some form of written follow-up process should be implemented.

Mr. Corrigan suggested that the suppliers themselves also monitor the system. He noted, however, that staff require a bit of flexibility in this regard.

Councillor Cooper suggested that "not" giving suppliers information must be avoided.

Mr. Meech stated that even if requests are made in writing, there can still be problems.

Councillor Cooper advised he will be monitoring the process.

In response to a comment from Councillor Cooper on clauses 8.4 and 8.5, Mr. Corrigan noted that same would be deleted in its entirety now due to the earlier Motion which changes the policy.

Councillor Cooper stated he would like to see a reporting mechanism in place where items dealt with by senior management will be forwarded to Council.

In response, Mr. Corrigan advised this would be a fundamental change to the policy and that it may have to be re-written. Councillor Cooper suggested in that case, a recommendation on approval of this policy should be deferred.

With respect to disputes, Councillor Hetherington suggested this be further defined.

Councillor Hetherington enquired on standardizing items to which Mr. Corrigan referred him to clause 4.5 which made reference to the fact that staff would work with the "... user departments to combine requirements where possible and encourage overall standardization of items to reduce the overall cost to the Municipality." Councillor Hetherington further suggested that staff ensure they have reliable, generic specifications.

Mr. Meech advised that part of the procurement role was to bring these matters forward to senior management, should they feel the preference was not justified.

Councillor Stone advised that this new policy may have to be tested for one year and amendments made to it in the future. Also, with respect to consultants, he suggested that most of the work should be carried in-house, where possible. He requested that when consultants are hired, a report should be prepared for Council, after a three month period, outlining the company, costs, and type of work involved.

Deputy Mayor Greenough agreed with Councillor Stone's comments. Council has significantly changed the policy. Should the policy prove to be cumbersome, it is subject to amendments if the need arises in the future. Therefore, Council should approve the policy.

Councillor Hanson stated that further work was required on this document, but that good suggestions had been made this evening. Council must make this system work.

A brief discussion ensued on the bodies which are and are not to adhere to the policy.

**MOVED by Councillors Kelly and Barnet to adopt the Policy, as amended.  
MOTION CARRIED.**

8.2            **Campaign Contributions**

C            A memorandum prepared for Mr. Wayne Anstey, Q.C., Municipal Solicitor, was before Council. This matter had been deferred from November 5, 1996. Mr. Anstey was suggesting this matter be held in abeyance pending any legislation which is forthcoming from the Province.

Councillor Hendsbee requested this item be deferred for one week (November 26, 1996) and Council agreed.

**SCOUT TROUP - 15th HALIFAX TROOP**

Councilor Epstein extended a cordial welcome to the 15th Halifax Scout Troop, visiting from his District, noting they came to the Council Meeting to observe Council at work.

Mayor Fitzgerald and Council welcomed the Scout Troop to the Council Meeting.

9.            **PUBLIC HEARINGS**

9.1           **Second Reading - Amendment to Dartmouth By-Law T- 500 with respect to licensing of Taxis**

C            First Reading of an amendment to former Dartmouth By-Law T-500 had taken place October 29, 1996.

**MOVED by Councillors Hetherington and Schofield to approve Second Reading repealing Sections 17 and 18 of the former City of Dartmouth By-Law T-500.**

Mayor Fitzgerald opened the Public Hearing portion of the meeting and invited all those interested in speaking to the matter, to address Council.

**MR. LEO GREENWOOD - PRESIDENT, DARTMOUTH TAXI ASSOCIATION**

Mr. Greenwood addressed Council requesting that section 7(b) of the By-Law read the same as section 17 (1). To clarify this statement, Mr. Wayne Anstey, Municipal Solicitor, advised that section 7(b) was introduced in 1992 and that section 17 should have been amended at that time, but wasn't. Accordingly, section 17(1) will correct 7(b).

Councillor Cooper expressed concern and noted this particular aspect was not advertised to the public and may, therefore, be inappropriate.

In response, Deputy Mayor Greenough advised that the Solicitor had now clarified the situation for Council and that this is strictly a housekeeping matter.

After three calls by Mayor Fitzgerald for additional comments from the floor, the following Motion was made.

**MOVED by Councillors Hetherington and Sarto to close the public hearing portion of the meeting. MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

Councillor Hetherington suggested that Third Reading be passed this evening as well.

No vote was taken on the Motion on the floor.

The following Motion was made.

**MOVED by Councillors Hetherington and Sarto to pass Second and Third Reading repealing Sections 17 and 18 of the former City of Dartmouth By-Law T-500. MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

Council took a ten minute break and reconvened at 8:20 p.m.

10. **CORRESPONDENCE, PETITIONS AND DELEGATIONS**  
**Presentations**

10.1 **Recyclables - Phillip Webb (oral)**

Mr. Phillip Webb addressed Council making reference to material which had been earlier distributed to Council. The matter at hand pertained to the former City of Halifax citing Mr. Webb for creating an unsightly property and building a storage shed without a permit. Further, he referenced an invoice he had received from the former municipality in the amount of \$202.51 to cover the costs involved for the City to remove those items considered unsightly from Mr. Webb's property.

Mayor Fitzgerald thanked Mr. Webb for his presentation.

Councillor Adams advised this has been an ongoing dispute. He suggested that the former City of Halifax went too far in its attempts to ensure Mr. Webb cleared his property. Councillor Adams reminded Council that Mr. Webb was a volunteer who was attempting to

raise funds for those in need, through the collection of recyclable materials.

**MOVED by Councillors Adams and Dooks that HRM forward \$765.35 to the 7th Spryfield Cub Pack as compensation for the material removed inappropriately from Mr. Webb's property.**

No vote was taken on the Motion.

In response to an enquiry from Councillor Hetherington as to why there was no staff report, Mayor Fitzgerald stated there can be no debate as a result of a presentation and that, the Motion on the floor is really out of order.

Another Motion was put on the floor.

**MOVED by Councillors Hetherington and Dooks that this matter be referred to staff for a report.**

In speaking to the Motion, Councillor Hendsbee suggested that the sales tax charges as noted on Mr. Webb's invoice to the municipality, do not apply.

**MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

10.2            **Clock in Tower of City Hall - Alan Ruffman**

C                Correspondence dated October 16, 1996 from Mr. Alan Ruffman, President, Geomarine Associates Ltd. was before Council for discussion.

Mr. Ruffman addressed Council noting he was once again attempting to have the clock in the tower of City Hall replaced (his first attempt was five years ago). Mr. Ruffman suggested that a new clock (refaced) be in place by the 80th commemoration of the 1917 Explosion (December 6, 1997).

Mayor Fitzgerald thanked Mr. Ruffman for his presentation.

**MOVED by Councillors Cunningham and Blumenthal that this matter be referred to the Mayor's Office.**

Mayor Fitzgerald advised he would contact the Halifax Foundation in this regard.

**MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

10.3 **Metro Community Services Network - Frank Gibson and Marilyn Welland**

C Correspondence from the Metro Community Services Network was before Council for discussion.

Ms. Marilyn Welland, Canadian Mental Health Association and Frank Gibson, Dartmouth Activities Society, addressed Council, reading from a prepared text. Both Ms. Welland and Mr. Gibson expressed concern in that over fifty community agencies may lose funding as a result of financial cutbacks.

Mayor Fitzgerald thanked Ms. Welland and Mr. Gibson for their presentation.

Councillor Hendsbee, speaking as Chairman of the Grants Committee, advised that the Committee is not in a position to state whether there will be a grant program for next year, however, applications were to be made available. He suggested that a public consultation process on the matter of grants should take place in the future. Further, he reminded Council that the Federal and Provincial levels of government have been down loading to the municipal level, therefore, putting an additional burden on the shoulders of municipalities.

Councillor Bill Dooks took this opportunity to introduce Mr. Stephen Jenner, Eastern Shore Safe House Association, to Council.

Councillor Blumenthal concurred with Councillor Hendsbee's comments and added that volunteers do great work for the community. Further, he suggested that the Network lobby the Federal and Provincial governments in this regard.

Councillor Sarto suggested this matter be an agenda item when Council next meets with the MLAs.

11. **REPORTS**

11.1 **Members of Council**

11.1.1 **Waste Water Charge - Councillor Adams**

C A memorandum from Councillor Stephen Adams was before Council for discussion.

Councillor Adams stated that the waste water charge was being charged to an individual who did not have access to sewer and water. Following a brief discussion, Mr. Ken Meech, Chief Administrative Officer, requested that Councillor Adams provide him with

information (name and address of the individual concerned).

11.1.2 **Harbour Clean-up Plant in Herring Cove - Councillor Adams**

C A memorandum from Councillor Adams was before Council for discussion.

Councillor Adams stated that residents of the Herring Cove area expressed concern that a clean-up plant "may" be located in their area.

Following a brief discussion, it was noted that no decision as yet has been made as to whether a plant will be built in the Herring Cove area.

11.2 **HARBOUR EAST COMMUNITY COUNCIL**

11.2.1 **Review of Municipal Planning strategy for Eastern Passage/Cow Bay - Public Participation Program**

C A memorandum from Councillor Hetherington, Chair, Harbour East Community Council, was before Council for discussion.

**MOVED by Councillors McInroy and Hetherington, that Regional Council give notice of its intention to review the Municipal Planning Strategy for the Eastern Passage/Cow Bay Plan Area in order to address the issues outlined and attached in the staff report;**

**that the Plan review process, for the Eastern Passage/Cow Bay Plan Area, as outlined in the staff report, be approved by Regional Council;**

**that the public participation program outlined in the staff report, and as required pursuant to Section 49 of the Planning Act, be approved by Regional Council; and**

**that the process to review the Municipal Planning Strategy for Eastern Passage/Cow Bay be completed by November 1, 1997, and as outlined in Attachment #1 of the staff report.**

In speaking to the Motion, Councillor McInroy suggested a short time frame (3-6 months) if at all possible.

Mayor Fitzgerald enquired if Council wished to permit Mr. David Miller, Architect, to address Council on this matter.

Following concurrence by Council, Mr. Miller addressed Council noting he did not feel a review of the Plan, at this time, would be productive of staff's time. He suggested that the

Dartmouth Plan (which is twenty years old) should be looked at.

Mayor Fitzgerald thanked Mr. Miller for his comments.

In response to enquiries from Council, Ms. Donna Davis-Lohnes, Manager, Community Planning, advised this process is reviewing policy issues and not a complete Plan review. Further, Ms. Davis-Lohnes advised that a Plan review does not have to be undertaken every five years, however, staff can undertake issues based reviews.

**MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

11.2.2        **Kiwanis Club of Cole Harbour/Westphal Centre and Park Proposal -  
Morris Lake**

C                A memorandum from Councillor Hetherington, Chair, Harbour East  
Community Council, was before Council for discussion.

**MOVED by Councillors Hetherington and Schofield that Halifax Regional  
Municipality confirm its support of the efforts of the Kiwanis Club of Cole  
Harbour/Westphal in the development of the passive park phase of their proposal;  
and**

**that the Kiwanis Club's request for \$45,000 be forwarded to the Grants Committee  
for review in 1997/98 and be conditional on favourable results being received from  
the Dartmouth Lakes Advisory Board.**

**MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

11.3            **CHEBUCTO COMMUNITY COUNCIL**

11.3.1        **Case 7153 - Stage 11 Schedule "K" Development Agreement, Clayton Park  
West, Phase 3A**

C                A memorandum from Councillor Stone, Chair, Chebucto Community  
Council, was before Council for discussion.

**MOVED by Councillors Stone and Hetherington that Regional Council recommend  
cost sharing in the amount of \$275,000 for oversized sewers (Account 80024-  
6000) and \$90,000 for oversized streets (Account 80025-6000).**

Councillor Cooper reminded Council that this policy is to ensure that sewer and street services were constructed to an appropriate size that would accommodate development beyond the requirements of lands which were immediately adjacent to or connecting to

these services.

Deputy Mayor Greenough advised that in the former City of Dartmouth, with respect to oversizing, the municipality would collect funds from developers of adjacent lands when they connected into the system. This was considered a temporary loan and the funds were eventually recouped. However, he expressed concern that this municipality was contributing to Clayton Developments.

Councillor Cooper suggested the word "undertake" be replaced with "exceed" on page 5, clause #11, of the proposed Agreement.

**MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

11.4            **COMMITTEE ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

11.4.1        **Recommendation - Establishment of a CAO Review Committee**

C            A memorandum from Councillor Kelly, Chair, Ad Hoc Committee on Advisory Committees, was before Council for discussion.

**MOVED by Councillors Kelly and Cooper that all Regional Council Advisory Committee appointments be extended for one year, to November 1, 1997, with any vacancies in Council committees or Provincial or Federal appointments, which are due before November, 1997, being filled by Council as needed;**

**that appointments to advisory committees be made yearly, and all appointments be for a term of one year with a maximum of three consecutive terms served on any one committee;**

**that Regional Council strike a CAO Review Committee with membership comprised of the Mayor, Deputy Mayor and three other Councillors. Councillors can submit expressions of interest to the Mayor's Office with the appointments made on recommendations to Council by the Mayor and Deputy Mayor. The Mayor or his designate shall Chair the Committee;**

**that the CAO Review Committee, in conjunction with the CAO, review the performance of Commissioners/Chief as made by the CAO prior to finalization by the CAO.**

**MOTION PUT AND PASSED.**

11.5            **AUDIT COMMITTEE**

11.5.1 Financial Statements

- C A memorandum prepared for Deputy Mayor Greenough, Chair, Audit Committee, was before Council for discussion.

**MOVED by Councillors Sarto and Walker that Council approve the Financial Statements of the former Town of Bedford, City of Halifax, City of Dartmouth, Halifax County Municipality and Metropolitan Authority, for the year ended March 31, 1996. MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

11.6 CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER

11.6.1 Fire Prevention Ordinance F-100 - First Reading (reference item 12.1)

- C A memorandum prepared for Mr. Gary Greene, Commissioner of Fire and Emergency Services, was before Council for discussion.

**MOVED by Councillors Rankin and Hetherington that Council give First Reading to By-law F-100 Respecting Fire Prevention, attached to the staff report as Appendix "A" and instruct staff to advertise that Council intends to give Second Reading on December 17, 1996. MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

11.6.2 Sale of Parcel A, Timberlea

- C A staff report prepared for Mr. George McLellan, Commissioner of Regional Operations, was before Council for discussion.

**MOVED by Councillors Rankin and Adams that Council approve the sale of the municipally-owned land known as Parcel "A" - remaining lands of Lot A-2, Highway #3, Timberlea, to Mrs. Pauline M. Kelly for the amount of \$6,250 (six thousand two hundred fifty dollars ) plus GST and any additional taxes and adjustments that may be applicable. MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

11.6.3 Real Estate Project Completion Report

- C A memorandum prepared for Mr. George McLellan, Commissioner of Regional Operations, was before Council for discussion.

**MOVED by Councillors Hetherington and Rankin that the Halifax Regional Municipality ratify the former Halifax County Council resolutions on the following projects:**

- Conveyance of the former Allan Evans School, North Preston to the North Preston Community Development Association for \$1.00; and
- Acquisition of parkland on Church Road, Wellington from Fall River Village Ltd. for the purchase price of \$5,000.

**MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

11.6.4      **Sale of Lot 64-8F, McQuade Lake Crescent, Bayers Lake Business Park**

- C              A memorandum prepared for Mr. Tom Rath, General Manager, Business Parks Office, was before Council for discussion.

**MOVED by Councillors Stone and Cooper that Halifax Regional Council authorize the Mayor and Municipal Clerk to convey Lot 64-F (the property) on McQuade Lake Crescent in the Bayers Lake Business Park to C.C. MacDonald Limited (the purchaser) subject to the terms and conditions as outlined in the staff report.**

Councillor Cooper expressed concern as to the manner in which In Camera items are dealt with on the Regular Agenda, particularly as it pertains to Section 9 of Administrative Order Number One.

In response, Mr. Wayne Anstey, Municipal Solicitor, agreed with Councillor Cooper that the wording of In Camera items on the Regular Council Agendas were not appropriate. Further, staff would make an effort to provide a more meaningful description as to items being discussed In Camera while at the same time respecting the confidentiality of the issues.

**MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

11.6.5      **Lease of Units at Hubbards Square**

- C              A memorandum prepared for Mr. Tom Rath, General Manager, Business Parks Office, was before Council for discussion.

**MOVED by Councillors Rankin and Dooks that Regional Council authorize the Chief Administrative Officer to approve leases of spaces in Hubbards Square (the Premises) for terms of no more than twelve (12) months provided that the lease agreements are subject to the terms and conditions as noted in the staff report.**

**MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

11.6.6      **Accessible Taxi Service in Evening Hours**

C            A memorandum prepared for Mr. George McLellan, Commissioner of Regional Operations, was before Council for discussion.

**MOVED by Councillors Blumenthal and Sarto that Council direct Metro Transit to investigate the potential to increase evening accessible cab hours by contracting for additional Access-A-Bus service with the current private operator of accessible cabs; and**

**That Council refer this matter to the Taxi and Limousine Commission to consider the establishment of regional licensing (no boundaries) for accessible cabs, in order to improve their availability within the greater municipality.**

In speaking to the Motion, Councillor Adams advised this matter did not have to go before the Taxi and Limousine Committee.

No vote was taken on the Motion on the floor.

Another Motion was placed on the floor.

**MOVED by Councillors Blumenthal and Sarto that Council direct Metro Transit to investigate the potential to increase evening accessible cab hours by contracting for additional Access-A-Bus service with the current private operator of accessible cabs. MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

12.            **MOTIONS**

12.1          **Councillor Rankin**

Councillor Rankin served Notice that at the meeting of the Halifax Regional Council to be held on November 19, 1996, he intended to introduce a motion for First Reading of the Fire Prevention Ordinance F-100.

This matter was dealt with under item 11.6.1.

13.            **ADDED ITEMS**

13.1          **Land Matter - Sale of Lot 17BX, Chain Lake Drive, Bayers Lake Business Park**

C            This issue was discussed In Camera before the Regular Council Session.

**MOVED by Councillor Stone and Deputy Mayor Greenough that the recommendation adopted In Camera be ratified by Council on the conveyance of Lot 17BX, Chain Lake Drive, Bayers Lake Business Park, subject to the terms and conditions set out in the Agreement of Purchase and Sale. MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

13.2            **Land Matter - Starr Manufacturing Site, Dartmouth**

C            This issue was discussed In Camera before the Regular Council Session.

**MOVED by Deputy Mayor Greenough and Councillor Cunningham that the recommendation adopted In Camera be ratified by Council. MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

13.3            **Land Matter - Land Acquisition - Residual Disposal Facility and Front-End Processing Facility**

C            This issue was discussed In Camera before the Regular Council Session.

**MOVED by Councillors Rankin and Hendsbee that the recommendation adopted In Camera, be ratified by Council authorizing the Mayor and Municipal Clerk to execute option agreements with the property owners subject to the amounts, terms and conditions as indicated in the November 13, 1996 staff report . MOTION PUT AND PASSED.**

13.4            **Information Item #14 - Vandalism - Halifax Public Gardens**

An information report (#14) pertaining to the above-noted was moved to the Regular Agenda for discussion.

Councillor Uteck requested a staff report stating a solid proposal as to how this matter will be dealt with, for the next meeting of Council.

Councillor Downey requested that staff consider security guards on weekends.

14.            **NOTICES OF MOTION** - None

15.            **ADJOURNMENT**

**MOVED by Councillor Hetherington and Deputy Mayor Greenough to adjourn the meeting at 10:00 p.m. MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

Vi Carmichael  
Municipal Clerk