

HALIFAX REGIONAL COUNCIL
MINUTES
FEBRUARY 18, 1997

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

REGRETS: Councillors: Clint Schofield
Howard Epstein

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

2. **PROCLAMATIONS** - NONE

3. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES** - January 29, February 4 and 10, 1997

MOVED by Councillors Downey and Cunningham to approve the minutes of January 29, February 4 and 10, 1997. MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

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

The Municipal Clerk requested two items be added to the agenda:

10.3.1 Mr. Ed Hommell request to address Council on item 10.3.1 - Myra's Beach

11.3.3 Ms. Renate Usmani, Chair, Cat By-Law Committee request to address Council on item 11.3.3 - Collection Process for Dog Licensing

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

Councillor Peter Kelly requested, and Council agreed, to place Information Item #3 - "Police Move to New Fire Station Facility - Bedford Area" - on the February 25, 1997 Council Meeting agenda.

5. **BUSINESS ARISING OUT OF THE MINUTES**

6. **MOTIONS OF RECONSIDERATION**

6.1 **Application of Payments to Outstanding Tax Accounts - Councillor Hendsbee**

- This matter was before Council on February 4, 1997 with a Motion of Reconsideration on the following Motion being served by Councillor Hendsbee:

"MOVED by Deputy Mayor Greenough and Councillor Schofield that payments on unpaid tax accounts be applied first to all interest outstanding then to the principal amount(s) outstanding, in order of oldest billing to the most current billing. MOTION PUT AND PASSED."

Councillor Hendsbee suggested this Motion of Reconsideration be deferred pending a policy. Otherwise, the original Motion as noted above, stands.

Mr. Reg Ridgley, Manager, Treasury, addressed Council noting that interest is a requirement under the Assessment Act and that in this case, \$2.6 million is involved. Further, payments are to be applied first to outstanding interest and then the principal. This is standard practice and to not apply the interest first would run contrary to the budget.

MOVED by Councillors Snow and McInroy to confirm the original Motion of February, 14, 1997. MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

7. **MOTIONS OF RESCISSION - NONE**

8. **CONSIDERATION OF DEFERRED BUSINESS - NONE**

9. **PUBLIC HEARING**

9.1 **Second Reading - By-Law T-200 - Tax Exemptions**

- This matter was before Council on January 21, 1997 at which time Council gave First Reading to By-Law Number T-200 - By-Law Respecting Tax Exemptions. Council further requested both a staff report and Grants Committee report for the February 18, 1997 Council Session, as well as Second Reading of the By-Law.

MOVED by Councillors Stone and Walker to give Second Reading to By-Law Number T-200 - By-Law Respecting Tax Exemptions.

Mayor Fitzgerald called for comments from the public.

MR. GEORGE ATHANASIOU, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, SOCCER NOVA SCOTIA

Mr. Athanasiou addressed Council stating that an analysis of Nova Scotia facilities had been undertaken and it was determined there was a lack of facilities. Further, the number of new facilities has not kept up with the registration numbers. Fees for rentals are high and those in the soccer community share a concern in this regard. Indoor soccer is now considered a sport; therefore, facilities are required.

MR. M. FARID

Mr. Farid addressed Council stating he supports Soccer Nova Scotia's demands. Due to the fact that soccer facilities are so poor, funds have to be expended to rent other facilities such as St. Mary's University and Dalhousie University in order to access proper training areas. Private facilities are not available to rent as they are booked solid. He suggested there were reasons for Council not supporting Soccer Nova Scotia's request due to: a lack of understanding of the true need for this facility; budget

constraints; Council may feel this could be a precedent setting situation; Council is possibly being lobbied by individuals opposed to this proposal. In conclusion, Mr. Farid urged Council to move ahead with this proposal.

MR. FRANK ROGERS

Mr. Rogers, speaking in support of this proposal, stated there are ninety-four teams that play at Exhibition Park and that most teams play once a week. Many teams and players are turned away due to lack of facilities. Mr. Rogers stated he supported this proposal.

MR. BRYCE REID, SUBURBAN DISTRICT SOCCER ASSOCIATION

Mr. Reid stated he supports the proposal as there are 2100 players in the league and only 250 can play indoors. In emphasizing the need for such a facility, Mr. Reid noted in the entire metro area, there are 12,000 children playing soccer.

STEPHEN ALT, PRESIDENT, HALIFAX DISTRICT SOCCER ASSOCIATION

Mr. Alt stated his Association has approximately 6,000 members, over the age of five and under the age of 19. The facility in Mainland North is needed; therefore, he supports the proposal. If taxes were not an issue, those funds should be utilized to broaden the services provided by Soccer Nova Scotia. Council support is required to keep children involved in non-profit sports.

MR. DAVID MACLEAN, PRESIDENT OF DARTMOUTH DISTRICT SOCCER ASSOCIATION AND DARTMOUTH UNITED SOCCER CLUB

Mr. MacLean stated that children involved in soccer need national exposure as mini players are the future of the sport. A large number of children are turned away due to lack of facilities. Also, coaches and game officials require proper and complete training. Both of his groups support the proposal.

MR. PETER WHALEN

Mr. Whalen requested Council finish discussions on this matter and move on with other matters.

MR. FRANK BAILEY, PRESIDENT, SOCCER NOVA SCOTIA

Mr. Bailey addressed Council noting that Soccer Nova Scotia has the full support of the entire province. As there has been a growth in the number of participants, facilities are now required to match the registration numbers. The Canadian Soccer Association and other provinces look forward to a new facility in this area allowing the soccer community to have the opportunity to be involved at the national level and have the ability to network with others. Taxation in this case is not fair as Soccer Nova Scotia is

a non-profit organization.

MR. PETER LEE

Mr. Lee addressed Council noting he has dedicated 18 years to the sport of soccer. In 1993, he was the captain of the Nova Scotia team competing in the Canada Games, in Kamloops, B.C. For two years, the team trained long and hard to prepare for these Games, however, winter months were wasted as there were no indoor facilities available. Had the proper facilities been available, he could only imagine how well the team would have competed in these Games.

Mr. Lee is now involved in coaching and his team should be able to compete on the 2001 Canada Games team. However, he sees his team suffering the same as he did at their age, due to lack of facilities. This is very frustrating as it is difficult to ask his players to commit to the sport when there are no facilities available to help them. Adequate facilities are required for winter months.

MS. MARIE MARCH, PRESIDENT, CAPITAL INTRA DISTRICT LEAGUE

Ms. March addressed Council noting there are 3200 players - Tier 2 level - over the age of 11 and under the age of 19 in the Halifax Regional Municipality area. Her league supports the proposal for the tax exemption of a facility to be located on the Mainland Commons. The request from Soccer Nova Scotia is a fair one and reasonable. Ms. March urged Council to support the proposal.

MS. DIANE COCHRANE, COLE HARBOUR SOCCER CLUB

Ms. Cochrane addressed Council noting there are 2100 participants in this Club and that the winter program can only handle approximately 400 players. A need exists for new facilities. This building is long overdue.

Mayor Fitzgerald called for further comments from the public. There were none.

MOVED by Deputy Mayor Greenough and Councillor Hendsbee to close the public hearing portion of the meeting. MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Councillor Stone stated that Council was now voting on Second Reading of By-Law T-200. Further, Council has heard of the need and demand for a facility, from across the municipality and province. The Region needs the support of the community in this regard as the municipality cannot afford to construct and maintain the facility itself. Should Soccer Nova Scotia have to pay taxes, it would be detrimental to the facility. Councillor Stone advised that Recreation and Leisure will be using the facility as well. Indoor facilities provide year round training and playing. Should this facility be built, national competitions could take place here, creating a spin off affect for the community. He requested Council's support of the tax exempt status for Soccer Nova

Scotia and suggested that Second and Third Reading be given this evening.

Councillor Hendsbee stated he agreed with Second Reading but that he could not support Third Reading as the Grants Committee report was pending. Although he would like to see a tax exemption, he expressed concern on the process. Should Second and Third Reading pass this evening, Councillor Hendsbee requested Council's consideration when other requests of this type come before Council.

With agreement of Council, Councillor Cooper questioned Mr. Athanasiou and was provided with responses as follows:

- 70% - 80% of floor time will be available to metro residents
- 6 hours per day - Monday to Friday and 11 - 12 hours per day on Saturday and Sunday
- the Association's aim is to keep the sport affordable
- the Association is spending most of its time at the moment fundraising
- would have to clarify the definition of "share holders equity."

Councillor Cooper expressed concern in that he did not feel that HRM would obtain great benefits if this facility was built. He suggested that perhaps additional facilities would be required. He agreed with Councillor Hendsbee that as this is a new municipality, terms and conditions need to be set as to how the municipality is to operate. Councillor Cooper suggested that Third Reading be considered subsequent to the Grants report being tabled with Council.

The following members of Council provided supporting comments on the proposal: Deputy Mayor Greenough and Councillors Sarto, Hetherington, Cunningham, Blumenthal, Mitchell, Rankin, Kelly, Harvey, Adams, Walker, McInroy and Stone.

A vote on Second Reading then took place.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Another Motion was put on the floor.

MOVED by Councillors Stone and Walker to give Third Reading to By-Law Number T-200 - By-Law Respecting Tax Exemptions.

Councillor Hendsbee reminded Council of the Grants Report being tabled with Council on March 4, 1997.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

Council recessed at 8:00 p.m. and reconvened at 8:10 p.m.

10. **CORRESPONDENCE, PETITIONS AND DELEGATIONS**

10.1 **Presentations**

10.1.1 **Neptune Theatre - Bruce Klinger**

- Documentation on the Neptune Theatre was before Council for information.

Mr. Jim Spatz addressed Council noting that the Neptune Theatre has reached 80% of its fundraising goal. Further, support is needed and is vital for the municipality. Neptune is not looking for new funds, but is simply seeking the funds that the four former units would have committed to Neptune, had amalgamation not taken place.

Through the use of overheads, Mr. Spatz provided information as to how Neptune Theatre serves the Region. This is a non-profit organization that is run by volunteers and is able to be its own major contributor to the facility. Mr. Spatz was requesting Council to fund 13% of the project (over a four year period). These funds would be considered an investment in the quality of life in the Region. Further, this project will revitalize the downtown area.

Mayor Fitzgerald commended the organization on their efforts to date.

MOVED by Councillors Uteck and Downey to refer this request for funds to staff and the Grants Committee for the next meeting of Council. MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

10.1.2 **1997 World Canoe Championships - Martin Jones**

- Correspondence dated January 28, 1997 from Mr. Martin W. Jones, Chairman, Canoe '97 Organizing Committee, was before Council.

Mr. Jones, through the use of overheads, reviewed background information on the upcoming Championships. This is a world class event and the economic impact will be favourable to the Region. Mr. Jones was seeking \$80,000 from the municipality to assist in hosting this event. As the event was only six months away, a response from Council would be required within three weeks.

A brief discussion ensued as to why the Committee is not charging fees. This decision was made based on the fact that the event is being held on publicly owned land. Also, there are private homes around Lake Banook. Mr. Jones did note, however, there will be limited paid seating.

Councillor Hetherington suggested that in-kind costs from Police Services, Recreation and Leisure, and Regional Operations be obtained to determine immediate costs.

Councillor Hendsbee expressed concern that an application for funding had not been

received earlier. He noted if this request is approved, that funds would be taken from the next fiscal year's budget.

It was generally agreed this is not a huge amount of money for a world class event, and that the commitment of \$80,000 is a small sum for such exposure. Further it was noted that the economic spin offs which will occur throughout the Region as a result of this event would be significant.

MOVED by Deputy Mayor Greenough and Councillor Cunningham to adopt the request for funds in the amount of \$80,000, in principle, subject to a report from both staff and the Grants Committee.

In response to enquiries from Council, Mr. Jones advised that corporate support equates to one third of the cost; the Federal Government will fund \$50,000 should the municipality provide a grant and the Province has provided \$110,000 to date. Sponsorships total \$800,000 comprised of cash and in-kind. Mr. Jones also advised that various events for the participants will be held around the Region.

Councillor Uteck stated that although he supported the proposal, he enquired if a staff report was required and if there was a policy in place for such matters.

Councillor Hetherington, on a Point of Order, reminded Council that the Motion was "subject to" a report from staff and the Grants Committee.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

10.1.3 SeptemberFest - Bob Quinn (oral)

- Correspondence dated January 16, 1997 from Mr. Bob Quinn, Quincept, was before Council for discussion.

Mr. Quinn addressed Council referencing the above-noted correspondence. He stated the fact that "SeptemberFest" is a registered name; further, he clarified the roles of Quincept, co-producer with HRM of SeptemberFest, and the Marine Drive / Musquodoboit Valley SeptemberFest Committee.

Quincept would like to expand the event to draw approximately 70,000 people to the Region. It is anticipated that future community benefits to rural areas of the Region would be greatly magnified. Through the use of an overhead, Mr. Quinn reviewed the working schedule of this year's events and requested \$90,000 in the form of cash and in-kind services, from Halifax Regional Municipality.

Councillor Mitchell stated the event will take place in the metro area this year and move to a rural area next year.

Councillor Dooks wished Mr. Quinn well in this event, however, he wanted to ensure

this event does indeed take place in rural areas in the future. He requested Council to not permit this proposal of expansion before Council this evening to replace the commitment to the rural residents.

MOVED by Deputy Mayor Greenough and Councillor Hetherington to forward this proposal for a SeptemberFest expansion to Tourism staff and the Grants Committee.

In speaking to the Motion, Councillor Walker stated that a separate report is forthcoming from staff on March 4, 1997 on the matter of SeptemberFest.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Mayor Fitzgerald thanked Mr. Quinn for his presentation.

10.1.4 **Downtown Halifax Business Commission - Boundary Expansion - Greg Taylor, Chair**

- Correspondence pertaining to Boundary Expansion dated February 10, 1997, from Ms. Kate Carmichael, Executive Director, Downtown Halifax Business Commission, was before Council.

Mr. Greg Taylor, Chair, addressed Council reviewing the expansion initiative of the boundary expansion to the most southern end of Barrington Street and east to Halifax Harbour.

MOVED by Councillors Downey and Uteck to endorse the boundary expansion to the most southern end of Barrington Street and east to Halifax Harbour, further, to collect the levy on behalf of the Downtown Halifax Business Commission in the expanded area. MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Mayor Fitzgerald thanked Mr. Taylor for his presentation.

10.2 **Correspondence**

10.2.1 **Letter from Grafton - Connor Group, Gary Hurst, re: Parking Tickets - Enforcement Police**

- Correspondence pertaining to the above, dated February 4, 1997, from Mr. Gary Hurst, was before Council.

MOVED by Councillors Downey and Hanson to receive the correspondence for

information. MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Councillor Hendsbee requested a report from Police Services on the harmonization of parking fines in the municipality.

10.3 **Petitions**

10.3.1 **Save Myra's Beach**

- A petition submitted by Mr. Ed Hommell, Blind Bay, requesting that the municipality require lot ten, the land adjacent to Myra's Beach, Blind Bay, designated as the five percent recreation requirement for Phase One of Private Dream Estates, was before Council.
- Additional information provided by Mr. Hommell, had been distributed earlier to Council.

Mr. Hommell addressed Council reviewing a chronological order of events leading up to the need for a petition. Mr. Hommell stated that the community wishes to have lot ten designated as the five percent recreation requirement for Phase One were ignored by staff and the Councillor for the area.

Councillor Mitchell expressed concern with Mr. Hommell's comments and suggested that the information as provided by Mr. Hommell this evening was incorrect.

MOVED by Councillors Mitchell and Rankin to refer this matter to staff and North West Community Council for a report. MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

10.3.2 **Eastern Passage Cow Bay Athletic Association**

Councillor McInroy passed to the Municipal Clerk, a petition from the Eastern Passage Cow Bay Athletic Association, supporting the existing area rate which funds various recreational activities in the communities.

11. **REPORTS**

11.1 **MAYOR**

11.1.1 **Request for Freedom of the City - HMCS Scotian**

- Correspondence from Commanding Officer M. A. Hickey requested the Freedom of the City on Saturday, April 26, 1997, to HMCS Scotian, to assist in its celebrations of the 50th Anniversary as a Naval Reserve division.

MOVED by Deputy Mayor Greenough and Councillor Sarto to grant Freedom of the Regional Municipality of Halifax to HMCS SCOTIAN on Saturday, 26 April 1997, on the occasion of their 50th Anniversary as a Naval Reserve Division. MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Deputy Mayor Greenough left the meeting at this point in time.

11.2 **MEMBERS OF COUNCIL**

11.2.1 **Exemption of Employee Transit Passes from Taxation - Councillor Stone**

CONFLICT OF INTEREST

Councillor Hetherington declared a Conflict of Interest as an employee of the Federal Government, and excused himself from discussions.

Councillor Stone addressed Council noting the issue at hand was to force the Federal Government to amend the Income Tax Act to treat employer contributions toward employee public transit community expenses as a tax free benefit. Councillor Stone suggested this would provide an opportunity to increase the usage of transit systems.

MOVED by Councillors Stone and Walker that Council strongly encourage the Minister of Finance and the Government of Canada to include in the next federal budget provisions which treat employer contributions toward employee public transit community expenses as a tax free benefit and be it further resolved that the Mayor forward copies of this Motion to the appropriate people.

Councillor Cooper expressed concern as to the impact this would have on the municipality and whether or not the municipality is considered an employer.

Another Motion was put on the floor.

MOVED by Councillors Cooper and Hendsbee to defer this matter pending a staff report.

In speaking to the Motion to defer, Councillor Stone clarified the original Motion stating this would encourage the Federal government to allow an employer to give passes to employees to be considered a tax free benefit. This is for all employers, not strictly the Municipality.

Mr. Brian Smith, Director of Transportation, addressed Council stating this is a complicated issue but the Federal Government needs to be convinced in this regard.

Councillor Cooper reiterated his request for a staff report.

A vote on the Motion to defer was taken.

MOTION DEFEATED.

A vote on the main Motion was taken.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

Councillor Hetherington resumed his place at the meeting.

11.3 **CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER**

11.3.1 **Sale of 457 Herring Cove Road**

- A staff report prepared for Mr. George McLellan, Commissioner of Regional Operations, on the above-noted, was before Council for discussion.

MOVED by Councillors Adams and Hanson to approve the sale of the municipally-owned property known as Civic #457 Herring Cove Road, to Mr. Neil MacKay for the amount of \$21,000 (twenty one thousand dollars) plus GST, and any additional terms and conditions as outlined in a staff report dated February 11, 1997.

Mr. Mike Woods, Real Estate and Facilities, addressed Council noting the original asking price was high (\$97,500) due to the fact it was income property. An appraisal had been undertaken and there were no takers when the property was placed on the market after the tenants vacated the premises.

Councillor Barnet expressed concern in that this was an example of the municipality selling property on a first come basis and that this is inappropriate. Further, the municipality should proceed through a public tender process. Another suggestion offered by Councillor Barnet is to use these types of properties for non-profit housing.

Another Motion was put on the floor.

MOVED by Councillors Barnet and Kelly to defer further discussions on this matter pending the property being placed back on the market. MOTION DEFEATED.

In response to a request from Councillor Hetherington, it was agreed to supply a copy of the appraisal on the property.

In response to an enquiry from Councillor Hendsbee as to why discussions of sale of properties are discussed In Camera, Mr. Simpson McLeod, Manager, Real Estate/Facilities, stated that under normal circumstances, discussions are undertaken in public. Discussions only occur In Camera at the request of those parties involved.

Councillor Stone suggested there should be a policy put in place to assist Council in dealing with situations such as this, stating, in the meantime, the property should be sold.

Councillor Walker cautioned Council if the Motion on the floor is defeated and the property is put back on the market again, there is nothing to say that the bids may all be lower than the \$21,000 currently being offered.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

11.3.2 **Sale and Street Closure - Lands Abutting 55 Purcell's Cove Road - Administrative Order SC-3**

- A staff report prepared for Mr. George McLellan, Commissioner of Regional Operations, on the above-noted was before Council for discussion.

MOVED by Councillors Hanson and Adams that Council set a date for a public hearing for consideration of Halifax Regional Municipality Administrative Order Number SC-3 concerning the closure of Parcel X, Purcell's Cove Road as shown on Plan TT-52-32746; and, subject to approval of the street closure; further, that Council approve the sale of lands identified as Parcel X and a portion of the former Lot 5-A as shown on the attached sketch for \$10,692 as settlement in full, plus any GST or any additional taxes and adjustments that may be applicable. MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

11.3.3 **Collection Process for Dog Licensing - 1997**

- A staff report prepared for Mr. Chuck Keith, Acting Commissioner of Corporate Services, on the above-noted, was before Council for discussion.

This matter had been discussed by Council on February 4, 1997 and a Motion had been adopted that staff prepare a report. The matter of micro chipping was referred to the Cat By-Law Committee and comments on same, from Renate Usmiani, Chair, Cat By-Law Committee, were distributed to Council.

MOVED by Councillors Hendsbee and Mitchell that the current by-law provisions in the former municipal units be applied to the 1997 licensing year with the understanding that the process will be changed in subsequent years. This will

give staff an adequate amount of time to do a comprehensive review and deal with the issues relating to the licensing of 'pet owners.'

Ms. Usmiani, Chair, Cat By-Law Committee, addressed Council referencing material, particularly micro chipping, that had been part of the Cat By-Law Committee report tabled with Council on January 7, 1997.

Mayor Fitzgerald thanked Ms. Usmiani for her presentation.

In response to a question by Councillor Hendsbee as to whether there will be a uniform dog tag fee established, Mr. Reg Ridgley, Manager, Treasury, stated different fees must be charged due to existing by-laws in place.

Mr. Ridgley further advised there has been a data base created to aid in a mail out for Dog owners to obtain a sticker to be applied to their current dog licenses. Should this process not prove viable, the procedure will be re-evaluated and perhaps the concept of going door to door selling dog tags could be considered at that time.

It was Councillor Hendsbee's hope that micro chipping would be used in the future.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

11.3.4 Proposed New Street Light Guidelines

- A staff report prepared for Mr. George McLellan, Commissioner of Regional Operations, on the above-noted, was before Council for discussion.

Staff had been requested to develop a proposal for new street lighting guidelines for the municipality and was recommending that Council adopt the Street Lighting Standards and Design Criteria Guidelines, attached as Appendix 'A' to the February 6, 1997 staff report, for street lighting in the core and rural areas of Halifax Regional Municipality. It was also recommended that Council adopt a series of guiding principles to complement or facilitate the implementation of the Street Lighting Standards and Design Criteria Guidelines, as noted in the February 6, 1997 staff report.

Councillor Hendsbee requested that Councillors be kept informed as to what street lights are being removed; further, that street lights are paid for through the general tax rate rather than an area rate.

Mr. Doug Quinn, Director of Works and Natural Services, addressed Council noting that staff are suggesting the major arterial and collector roads be looked at first as they carry the most traffic. Should the policy be adopted, if requests for street lights meet the criteria, then staff will go from there.

MOVED by Councillors Snow and Rankin to defer further discussions until the next Session of Council.

In response to a comment made by Councillor Hendsbee, Mr. Quinn stated that the term "community facility" can be revisited. Each community will be looked at separately (legion, fire hall).

MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

11.3.5 **Public Participation Program for Municipal Planning Strategy Amendments**

- A staff report prepared for Mr. Dan English, Commissioner of Community Services, on the above-noted, was before Council for discussion.

Staff was recommending that Council consider the adoption of the public participation resolution attached as Appendix 'A' to the February 11, 1997 staff report.

**MOVED by Councillors Barnet and Adams to defer this matter to next week.
MOTION PUT AND PASSED.**

11.3.6 **Tender 96-S-006 to 026 - Sale of Surplus School Buses**

- A staff report prepared for Mr. Larry Corrigan, Commissioner of Corporate Services, on the above-noted, was before Council for discussion.

MOVED by Councillors Barnet and Sarto that Tender 96-S-006 - 026 inclusive, be awarded to Moore Holdings Ltd. In the amount of \$94,018 for all units. MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

11.3.7 **PA-BED-008-96-CR - Amendment to the Bedford Municipal Planning Strategy and Land Use By-Law to Permit the Expansion of a Car Dealership at 39 Dartmouth Road onto the Adjacent Properties of 45 Dartmouth Road and 84 Golflinks Road**

- A staff report prepared for Mr. Dan English, Commissioner of Community Services, on the above-noted, was before Council for discussion.

MOVED by Councillors Kelly and Mitchell to authorize proceeding with a request to amend the Municipal Planning Strategy and Land Use By-Law for Bedford by adopting the public participation resolution attached as Appendix "1" to the February 11, 1997 staff report. MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

12. **MOTIONS - NONE**

13. **ADDED ITEMS**

Both items: Mr. Ed Hommell and Ms. Renate Usmiani presentations to Council were addressed earlier in the meeting.

14. **NOTICES OF MOTION**

14.1 **Councillor Hendsbee**

Take Notice that at the meeting of Halifax Regional Council to be held on February 25, 1997, I intend to introduce a Motion requesting Council to authorize the Grants Committee to consider extending funding up to 50 percent of the 1996-97 approved grant amount given last year, excluding Capital Grants.

14.2 **Councillor Kelly**

Take Notice that at the meeting of Halifax Regional Council to be held on February 25, 1997, I intend to introduce a Motion to amend Administrative Order No. One - Section 8(2) respecting Regional Council Meeting times.

15. **ADJOURNMENT**

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

Vi Carmichael
Municipal Clerk