

HALIFAX REGIONAL MUNICIPALITY

HALIFAX REGIONAL COUNCIL COUNCIL MINUTES February 10, 1998

PRESENT:

Mayor Walter Fitzgerald
Deputy Mayor Reg Rankin
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
Howard Epstein
Russell Walker
Bill Stone
Ron Hanson
Stephen Adams
Barry Barnet
Bob Harvey
Peter Kelly
Jack Mitchell

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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1. **INVOCATION**

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

2. **PROCLAMATIONS - None**

3. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES - January 20 and 27, 1998**

MOVED by Councillors Blumenthal and Barnet that the minutes of January 20 and 27, 1998 be approved, as circulated. MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

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

The following items were requested to be added to the agenda:

13.1 Councillor Cunningham - Update - Tender 97-063R - Brine Chiller Replacement

13.2 Councillor Hetherington - Information Item #2 - Request for Assistance - King Edward Inn

Mayor Fitzgerald noted there was a request to defer the following item to February 24, 1998:

9.3.1 Third Reading By-Law P-304, City of Dartmouth Employees' Retirement Pension Plan

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

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

6. **MOTIONS OF RECONSIDERATION - None**

7. **MOTIONS OF RESCISSION - None**

8. **CONSIDERATION OF DEFERRED BUSINESS**

8.1 **Council Decision on Second Reading of By-Law D-100, the Dog Control By-Law and Administrative Order #11 Respecting Fees for the Registration of Dogs (deferred from Jan. 20/98)**

- A supplementary report prepared for Ken Meech, Chief Administrative Officer, regarding the above, was before Council for consideration.

The report recommended that:

1. Administrative Order #11 be amended to provide for a stub period fee of \$5.00 covering the registration period January 1, 1998 to March 31, 1998, such fee to be added to the registration fees for the period April 1, 1998 to March 31, 1999.

2. That sections of the proposed Dog Control By-Law D-100 be amended as follows:

Section 2 (1)(g): "kennel" means any premises where dogs are harboured or bred as a commercial service or for sport or exhibition purposes for periods longer than 60 days.

Section 3 (2): Notwithstanding subsection 3(1), a person who possesses, has the care of, has the control of, or harbours a dog for less than sixty (60) days is not required to register the dog.

Section 4 (1)(c): The dog's description, including its sex, breed, known or approximate age, and Canadian Kennel Club individual identification number, if applicable.

Section 7(2): Notwithstanding section 7(1), an identification system which is intended to be externally secured to a dog may be removed from the dog temporarily while the dog is being used lawfully for hunting or exhibition purposes.

Section 15(1): Any dog which is injured, sick or otherwise in need of medical care when apprehended by the Pound Keeper shall receive basic treatment so that pain is reduced consistent with humane principles, and so that life is not endangered except where after a reasonable period of observation the Pound Keeper concludes that destruction of the dog is required.

Section 16(1): Any dog control officer may pursue, impound, sell, destroy or otherwise dispose of dogs.

Section 21: The Pound Keeper shall keep all dogs seized and delivered to him pursuant to this by-law and shall furnish them with food and water until claimed by the owner or sold, for a maximum period of 30 days, unless there is an action before the Court or the Court orders otherwise.

3. That Second Reading be given to By-Law D-100, the Dog Control By-Law.

Councillor Dooks expressed concern with spending funds to pay for mail outs, education and the hiring of dog constables, when the purpose of the licensing fees is to raise revenue. Mr. Reg Ridgley, Manager, Treasury, replied the previous municipal administrations sent out mailers in the past, so this is not considered an extra cost. Also, there is funding provided for special constables to go out door to door after the mailings. Hopefully, Police Services will be able to provide some assistance in this regard this summer. As there are 100,000 residential properties that would have to be surveyed, it was determined last year that going door to door was not as effective as it was hoped to be. Mr. Ridgley stated the staff report is proposing a \$500 fine for not registering a dog and, if it is a vicious or problem dog, it would be a \$5,000 fine.

Councillor Dooks stated, in other municipal units, it was the practice for a Councillor to recommend dog constables in their area to go door to door. In response to questions from the Councillor regarding expected revenues, Mr. Ridgley stated the mail outs cost approximately \$5,000. The response rate to these mailers is about fifty percent. Dog constables will then be used.

In response to a question from Councillor Blumenthal regarding enforcement, Mr. Peter James, By-Law Enforcement, Police Services, replied animal control is a contracted service of HRM and will be enforced.

Councillor Snow expressed concern with the definition of "kennels" and stated he believed the proposed by-law will create problems such as puppy farms and stores, and there will be no protection for the pure bred dogs. The Councillor suggested the kennels should be required to register the name of the kennel with the Canadian Kennel Club so as to have a registered kennel for the breeding of purebred dogs. Mr. Ridgley stated one of the proposed changes to the by-law, in response to one of the kennel clubs, is that the kennel license will be \$100, and after the puppies are sixty days old, if not sold, they will be required to be registered.

Councillor Harvey stated his main concern is enforcement and stressed the importance of capturing the many dog owners who have not had licenses in the past.

Councillor Barnet expressed concern with the stub fee change as many dog owners are not aware of the municipality's fiscal year. The Councillor stated it will be difficult to explain, to people who regularly register their dogs, that they have to pay an additional \$5 this year. Councillor Barnet also expressed concern with collecting. He noted, traditionally, non profit groups, schools, boy scouts, seniors, etc., have been employed for these positions. The Councillor stated by eliminating the easy collections through the mailers, these groups will immediately be put in confrontational situations. He suggested they should be asked to collect for all registrations, rather than just the difficult ones.

Councillor Barnet inquired, since amalgamation, particularly in the former County area, has registration fee revenue increased or decreased. Mr. Ridgley noted revenue was down last year, but this was due to the fact that there were four different by-laws in

place and individuals had problems with the different rates. It is anticipated that the proposed by-law will be revenue neutral. Mr. Ridgley stated the approach of going door to door selling licenses, as suggested by several Councillors, can be taken, but this would increase costs.

Councillor Cooper inquired if the Committee believed it is unenforceable to have dogs on leashes. Mr. Ridgley replied this enforcement would be virtually impossible due to the number of dogs. Mr. James stated the proposed by-law makes it necessary for dogs to be under immediate, continuous and effective control. He noted a lease does not necessarily ensure this control.

With respect to signage, Councillor Cooper inquired how and by whom will this be decided. Mr. Ridgley replied this was discussed with Legal Services and one of the suggestions was signs could be erected to prohibit dogs from running at large in public areas such as playgrounds and beaches. Mr. Anstey noted many of the beaches are currently signed. Councillor Cooper expressed concern with the cost of the signs and the cost of enforcement, and suggested this could be covered by including a leash requirement in the by-law.

Councillor McInroy stated he could not support the by-law without the requirement that dogs be on a leash in certain areas and situations. He expressed concern with having to post signs on public sidewalks to ensure dogs are on leashes. Mr. James stated the animal control officers patrol areas such as parks, and some parks have separate by-laws regarding animal control.

Councillors Schofield, Sarto and Kelly also expressed concern with the lack of a leash requirement in the by-law. Councillor Hendsbee stated there are problems with blanket rules for leashes and muzzles, and effective control can be accomplished by educating pet owners. The Councillor stated the proposed by-law attempts to allow for flexibility so responsible pet owners do not have to have restraints.

MOVED by Councillors Kelly and Schofield that a requirement be included in the by-law that all dogs in public places must be on a leash.

Councillor Hetherington noted a leash requirement would be useful for the urban areas but is not practical for the rural area of the Municipality. The Councillor suggested it is not necessary to have one by-law for the entire Municipality.

MOVED by Councillors Hetherington and Dooks that the By-Law be referred back to the Animal Registration Committee to come up with a common sense law that will put this into effect.

Council agreed to vote on the Administrative Order separately.

MOVED by Councillors Hetherington and Uteck that Administrative Order #11 be amended to provide for a stub period fee of \$5.00 covering the registration period

January 1, 1998 to March 31, 1998, such fee to be added to the registration fees for the period April 1, 1998 to March 31, 1999. **MOTION PUT AND PASSED.**

The vote was then taken on the referral.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

At this point in the meeting, Mayor Fitzgerald acknowledged the presence in the gallery of Mr. Vincent Hall, Councillor, Glace Bay District, Cape Breton Regional Municipality.

9. REPORTS

9.1 MEMBERS OF COUNCIL

9.1.1 Councillor Kelly - Bedford's New Fire Hall - Operations Equipment

- A memorandum from Councillor Kelly regarding the above, was before Council for consideration.
- A staff report prepared for Gary Greene, Fire Commissioner, regarding the above, was before Council on January 27, 1997, as an Information Item.

Councillor Kelly stated he met with the Bedford volunteer firefighters, and there appears to be problems with respect to maintaining the volunteers' standard of excellence that they have held in the community. With respect to the volunteers, their training, the equipment, insurance coverage, medical standards, and committee structures, the volunteers feel they are being shut out from the process. Councillor Kelly stated morale is at an all time low, and the volunteers would like to have input and discussion on the above matters. The volunteers would like to meet with the Commissioner and his Deputies to have a comprehensive discussion of what is expected of them, and how to maintain their interest in service to the community. For clarification, Councillor Kelly noted an error on Page 2 of the staff report where it indicates there were 42 members prior to amalgamation. The actual figure is 48. Currently, there are 33 volunteers, plus 6 trainees, for a total of 39.

Councillor Kelly also asked for information regarding HRM's master plan with regard to firefighting.

Councillor Barnet noted this problem is not unique to Bedford, and suggested a meeting to address this issue could be held between staff of the Fire Services, volunteers and Councillors of the areas affected. Councillor Harvey expressed concern with the low numbers of volunteers in Sackville, and stated he looks forward to the opportunity to discuss this in more detail.

Councillor Cooper endorsed the suggestion of holding a meeting to discuss this matter, and suggested a report should be prepared and distributed in advance of such a meeting.

Council agreed that a meeting should be arranged with the parties involved, and if an action is to be taken as a result, that it be brought back to the Committee of the Whole.

9.1.2 Councillor Harvey - Fire Hydrant Rate Billed to Exempt Properties

- A memorandum from Councillor Harvey regarding the above, was before Council for consideration.

Councillor Harvey stated a number of organizations, including churches, in his District recently received tax bills for the first time. These bills range from under \$500 to over \$2,000. The Councillor noted the arrival the tax bill was the first indication that they would be receiving one. As it is late in the fiscal year, these are unbudgeted amounts for these non-profit organizations, and is creating a difficulty for many of them.

Councillor Harvey noted, in some cases, these properties are exempt from taxation under the provincial Assessment Act, Private Members' Bills, and the former Halifax County By-Law 51. The Councillor questioned if the HRM Act can supersede the Assessment Act or a Private Member's Bill. Councillor Harvey noted the deadline to appeal assessments was on February 2, 1998 and the tax bills were not received by these organizations until February 3, 1998. He expressed concern with the organizations not being notified prior to receiving the tax bill. Councillor Harvey asked what can be done about this situation, and how much revenue was expected to be received from this new source.

Mr. Meech suggested this matter be referred to staff for a report.

MOVED by Councillors Hetherington and Greenough that this matter be referred to staff for a report. MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

9.2 COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

9.2.1 Gas Distribution with Halifax Regional Municipality

- Correspondence from Mr. Ian Johnson; Mr. David Peters, President, NSGEU; Jan Slakov; Paul A. Falvo; John E. Edmonds, Edmonds Landscape and Construction Services Ltd.; and, the Allergy and Environmental Health Association, Nova Scotia Branch; Carole Henricks; Margaret D'Arcy; Karen Hooper; and, Karen Robinson, regarding the above, was circulated to Council.

MOVED by Councillor Adams and Deputy Mayor Rankin, as recommended by the Committee of the Whole, that staff of HRM be directed to expeditiously pursue and take all steps necessary to engage in discussions with potential distributors of natural gas within HRM, with the intent to reach an operating agreement with them. In the course of this work, HRM staff will prepare for the eventual introduction of natural gas to the municipality; further, that Council direct the Sable Gas Committee and HRM staff to pursue avenues for partnership and negotiate with potential distributors of natural gas within HRM. In this respect, staff is given the authority to engage external expertise, up to a maximum

\$50,000.00, to assist in the development of a partnership option, along with necessary travel expenses.

Discussion took place regarding cost sharing with the Halifax Regional Water Commission.

MOVED by Councillors Hetherington and Blumenthal that the motion be amended to read \$25,000 from Halifax Regional Municipality and \$25,000 from the Halifax Regional Water Commission.

With respect to the individuals and groups who wrote letters expressing environmental concerns, Councillor Epstein stated they were discussed by the Sable Gas Committee earlier today, and the Committee instructed staff working with the Committee to take into account any sensitivities that might exist, to begin to research this issue, and to attempt to work this matter into all planning for whatever role HRM might take.

Councillor Schofield stated he did not believe there should be strong discussions with respect to a partnership or a utility, at this point. With regard to the role of HRM, Councillor Adams stated HRM would be considered a passive partner which means it will not cost the municipality anything to participate. HRM would offer its name, its resources and information, in return for some type of benefit, financial or otherwise.

The vote was taken on the amendment.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

The vote was taken on the main motion, as amended, which now read as follows:

MOVED by Councillor Adams and Deputy Mayor Rankin, as recommended by the Committee of the Whole, that staff of HRM be directed to expeditiously pursue and take all steps necessary to engage in discussions with potential distributors of natural gas within HRM, with the intent to reach an operating agreement with them. In the course of this work, HRM staff will prepare for the eventual introduction of natural gas to the municipality; further, that Council direct the Sable Gas Committee and HRM staff to pursue avenues for partnership and negotiate with potential distributors of natural gas within HRM. In this respect, staff is given the authority to engage external expertise, in the amount of \$50,000 (\$25,000 from HRM and \$25,000 from the Halifax Regional Water Commission), to assist in the development of a partnership option, along with necessary travel expenses. MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

9.2.2 1) Award of Tender #97-125 for a Two (2) Bay Vehicle Exhaust Extraction System for Walker and Second Street Fire Station

2) Award of Tender #97-126 for a Five (5) Bay Vehicle Exhaust Extraction System for Cole Harbour Fire Station

MOVED by Councillors Greenough and Sarto, as recommended by the Committee of the Whole, that Council authorize the award to the lowest bidder for each station as follows:

- 1. Tender #97-125 - L.E. Cruickshanks Sheet Metal Limited at a cost of \$22,219.15 including HST.**
- 2. Tender #97-126 - L.E. Cruickshanks Sheet Metal Limited at a cost of \$76,739.50 including HST. MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

9.2.3 Possible Acquisition, 22 Prince Albert Road

MOVED by Councillors Cunningham and Schofield, as recommended by the Committee of the Whole, that:

- 1. The purchase of the property at civic number 22 Prince Albert Road from Crane Plumbing Supplies for \$76,000, plus applicable taxes and closing adjustments with funds to be drawn from the Sale of Land Capital Reserve Account, and;**
- 2. Authorize an additional expenditure from the Sale of Land Capital Reserve Account in the amount of approximately \$12,000, for demolition of the existing structure on the property. MOTION PUT AND PASSED.**

9.2.4 Possible Acquisition of 2 Pine Street, Dartmouth

MOVED by Councillors Cunningham and Hetherington, as recommended by the Committee of the Whole, that Council authorize:

- 1. The purchase of the property at civic number 2 Pine Street from Robert Creelman for \$84,690, plus applicable taxes and closing adjustments with funds to be drawn from the Sale of Land Capital Reserve Account, and;**
- 2. An additional expenditure from the Sale of Land Capital Reserve Account in the amount of approximately \$15,000, for demolition of the existing structure on the property. MOTION PUT AND PASSED.**

9.2.5 RFP #97-133, Traffic Signal Control Review

- A supplementary report prepared for George McLellan, Commissioner of Regional Operations, regarding the above, was circulated to Council.**

MOVED by Councillors Sarto and Greenough, as recommended by the Committee of the Whole, that the Delcan Corporation be awarded the contract RFP #97-133, Traffic Signal Control Review for the amount of \$52,000 plus taxes. MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

9.2.6 Silver Property - 3 India Road

MOVED by Councillors Schofield and Greenough, as recommended by the Committee of the Whole, that this matter be referred to the Municipal Solicitor until the HRM Act is amended. MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

9.2.7 Three Month Extension of Refuse/Recyclables Collection Contracts

MOVED by Deputy Mayor Rankin and Councillor Hetherington, as recommended by the Committee of the Whole, that Council approve the extension of refuse and recyclables collection contracts as described in the staff report dated January 28, 1998, for a period of three months after March 31, 1998, at the existing terms and payment rates as defined in the tender documents. MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

9.2.8 Solid Waste Resource Management Strategy: Residential Collection Customer Definition

- An Information Report prepared for George McLellan, Commissioner of Regional Operations, regarding the above, was circulated to Council.

MOVED by Deputy Mayor Rankin and Councillor Mitchell, as recommended by the Committee of the Whole, that the Halifax Regional Municipality adopt the criteria, as set out in the supplementary report dated January 29, 1998, in defining eligibility for residential collection services.

Councillor Walker inquired how residents will be informed of the new regulations. Mr. Joe Mann, Solid Waste Management, replied two challenges for the communication and education program this year will be to ensure there is enough support such that the residents accept and use the organic containers, and making sure the changes in the customer base are well and fully known by the businesses and residents of HRM prior to implementation. Staff anticipates education and communication packages need to be out sixty to seventy-five days prior to implementation. The vehicle to accomplish this is currently being developed by staff.

Councillor Walker inquired if buildings over six units are currently being charged for solid waste pick up on their tax bills. Mr. Mann replied the commercial rate is driven as a multiplier of the residential rate, so they are being charged some element of the solid waste management services as they would be charged for all other services received from HRM. He further stated there is not a bottom up cost reconciliation for this service to the business, commercial and institutional sectors of HRM, as is the case for all other HRM services. As a result, it is fair to say staff is not in position to determine how many tax dollars are attributable to the solid waste service that they receive. The decision has yet to be made if the charge will come off tax bill. Mr. Mann stated it will be staff's intention, when the recommendation is brought to Council for deliberation and

discussion, that Council will know, not only what is being put on the tax bill, but what impacts are on the existing tax base.

Councillor Walker inquired why apartment dwellers are charged the commercial rate rather than residential. Mr. Meech clarified, in terms of taxation, apartment buildings are paying the residential tax rate. If they are over six units, it is their responsibility to arrange for solid waste pick up service. HRM is not charging the rate. Councillor Walker requested a report on this issue to determine how it can be corrected in the future. With respect to leaf and yard waste pick up, Councillor Walker stated if it becomes a problem, he will be back before Council.

Councillor Blumenthal stated he was prepared to support this item provided that an application of a minimum tax charge for the commercial properties that are affected in Zones 7, 8, 4 and part of 2, be brought forward during the Operating Budget deliberations. Councillor Hendsbee noted these properties, on the most part, have commercial assessments as well as residential assessments. Therefore, some are paying for garbage pick up twice on their tax bills. Councillor Dooks noted a lot of these areas have few transfer stations, and Councillor Blumenthal's suggestion may encourage Councillors from the affected area to request a transfer station, which would create a great amount of cost.

Councillor Kelly reiterated his previous request for back up information regarding the costs to close the transfer stations. The Councillor clarified that the condominium issue has been deferred to February 17, 1998.

Councillor Stone noted there are a number of condominiums on private roads that currently have garbage pick up service. With respect to buildings such as row houses, duplexes and single unit houses that are part of a condominium complex on private roads, Mr. Mann stated this same level of service will continue. Multi-unit buildings with seven units or greater will be subject to the future condominium collection discussion.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

9.2.9 Timberlea Collector Roadway - Proposal 97-145, Consultant Award

MOVED by Deputy Mayor Rankin and Councillor Mitchell, as recommended by the Committee of the Whole, that Council approve the appointment of Wallace Macdonald & Lively Ltd. for the design of the collector roadway in Timberlea at an estimated cost of \$51,000 plus taxes with funding approval as per the Budget Implications section of the staff report. MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

9.2.10 PA-ES(E)-10-97 Request by Vladi Private Islands Limited to amend the Municipal Planning Strategy for Eastern Shore (East)

MOVED by Councillors Dooks and Schofield, as recommended by the Committee of the Whole, that Council authorize staff to initiate a process to consider amending the Municipal Planning Strategy for Eastern Shore (East) in accordance with the public participation program adopted on February 25, 1997. **MOTION PUT AND PASSED.**

9.2.11 Support of a Resolution re: Medical Research Council of Canada

MOVED by Councillors Blumenthal and Uteck, as recommended by the Committee of the Whole, that the following resolution be adopted:

WHEREAS the Government of Canada, in the September 23, 1997 Speech From the Throne committed to “build on the progress achieved and the foundations put in place .. to strengthen the economy and increase confidence” and to “take further action to encourage new investment, to create new jobs, and to generate the national wealth necessary to assure Canadians a stable and secure future”;

AND WHEREAS in its report “Keeping the Balance”, the Standing Committee of Finance of the House of Commons recommended that greater investments through the Granting Councils is “the most important action the federal government can take in the short term to boost long-term productivity, create jobs and help Canadians prepare for the economy of the future”;

AND WHEREAS the Government of Canada has put in place the Canada Foundation for Innovation to enhance the capacity of Canadians to carry out leading edge research and participate in the knowledge-based economy;

AND WHEREAS 56 percent of research at Dalhousie University is in the biomedical and health fields;

AND WHEREAS the budget of the Medical Research Council of Canada will have, by end of fiscal year 1998-99, been reduced by 13 percent;

AND WHEREAS MRC budget cutbacks since 1994 have meant that, for Dalhousie University, 22 world-class peer-reviewed recommended research projects, valued at \$1.4 million have not been funded, that funded projects have been reduced by \$431,000 and that 7 meritorious highly recommended researchers have not been funded;

AND WHEREAS these cutbacks have meant an approximate loss of 121 highly qualified jobs for the Halifax Regional Municipality;

BE IT RESOLVED that the Council of the Halifax Regional Municipality urges the Minister of Finance, the Honourable Paul Martin, to increase, in the next federal

budget, the resources of the Medical Research Council of Canada in order to keep pace with CFI infrastructure investments in universities and teaching hospitals, and in order to optimize Canada's capacity to innovate in the health research sector and create long-term highly skilled jobs for the future economy of the Halifax Regional Municipality.

ALSO, BE IT RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the federal Minister of Health, the Honourable Allan Rock. **MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

9.3 CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER

9.3.1 Third Reading By-Law P-304, City of Dartmouth Employees' Retirement Pension Plan (Request for Deferral)

This was deferred to February 24, 1998, during the Approval of the Order of Business.

10. PUBLIC HEARINGS - None

11. CORRESPONDENCE, PETITIONS

11.1 Petitions - None

12. MOTIONS - None

13. ADDED ITEMS

13.1 Update - Tender 97-063R - Brine Chiller Replacement

- An Information Report prepared for Larry Corrigan, Commissioner of Corporate Services, regarding the above, was circulated to Council.

Councillor Cunningham stated it was his understanding that as of mid-afternoon on Feb. 6, the Nova Scotia Safety Council had not received an application for certification from Electrical and Refrigeration Services Ltd. However, the Information Report states the application was received and addressed by the end of the day on February 6. Councillor Cunningham noted this was three days past the deadline imposed by Council. The Councillor expressed concern with this tender, and stated he believed Council made a mistake with the original tender and with extending the deadline. Mayor Fitzgerald stated these are good points and will be taken into consideration in the future.

Councillor Adams inquired if this tender had been awarded on December 16, 1997, what would have been the start and completion dates. Mr. Peter Ross, Manager of Procurement, stated the work will not be completed until some time in May 1998. The

delay is related to the unavailability of the equipment. Councillor Adams noted Council was informed on December 16, 1997 of the urgency of this matter. He expressed concern with the way with which this matter was dealt, stating in future policies should be followed.

13.2 Information Item #2 - Correspondence from Chief Administrative Officer dated January 20, 1998 re: Request for Assistance: King Edward Inn

- An Information Report prepared by Ken Meech, Chief Administrative Officer, regarding the Request for Assistance: King Edward Inn, was before Council.
- Correspondence from Mr. David W. MacDonald, President, King Edward Inn, dated January 20, 1998 re: Request for Assistance: King Edward Inn, was before Council.

Councillor Hetherington noted there are a lot of questions raised in the correspondence from Mr. MacDonald that relate to Mr. Meech's reply.

MOVED by Councillors Hetherington and Blumenthal that this item be referred to staff for a report to respond to the questions raised in Mr. MacDonald's correspondence. MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

14. NOTICES OF MOTION

14.1 Councillor Stone

TAKE NOTICE that at the February 24, 1998 meeting of Halifax Regional Council, I intend to introduce a motion for First Reading of By-Law B-201, being the new Building By-Law for Halifax Regional Municipality. The By-Law is intended to replace existing Building By-Laws and related Ordinances for the former City of Halifax, the former City of Dartmouth, the former County of Halifax and the former Town of Bedford.

14.2 Councillor Hendsbee

TAKE NOTICE that at the next regular meeting of the Halifax Regional Council to be held on February 24, 1998, I intend to introduce a motion that:

WHEREAS 1998 will be the 150th anniversary of the founding of the Seaview Baptist Church in Africville;

AND WHEREAS 1999 will be the 250th year anniversary of the founding of Halifax;

AND WHEREAS Halifax Regional Municipality has policies and initiatives to promote our cultural diversities of all our citizens;

AND WHEREAS there are several outstanding legal issues and disputes lingering from the Africville Relocation claims;

BE IT RESOLVED that Halifax Regional Municipality make every and all appropriate efforts to remove any and all obstacles that are inhibiting the restoration project of the

Seaview Baptist Church alone from the other issues to move forward as a separate initiative; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that an agreement can be ratified this year and that the Church can be re-erected and rededicated in time for Halifax Regional Municipality 1999 celebrations.

15. ADJOURNMENT

MOVED by Councillors Hetherington and Sarto that the meeting adjourn at 7:45 p.m. **MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

Vi Carmichael
Municipal Clerk