

# **HALIFAX REGIONAL MUNICIPALITY**

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## **HALIFAX REGIONAL COUNCIL MINUTES**

**February 20, 2001**

**PRESENT:**

Mayor Peter J. Kelly  
Deputy Mayor Jerry Blumenthal  
Councillors: Stephen Streach  
Gary Hines  
Keith Colwell  
Ron Cooper  
Harry McInroy  
Brian Warshick  
Condo Sarto  
Bruce Hetherington  
Jim Smith  
John Cunningham  
Dawn Sloane  
Sue Uteck  
Sheila Fougere  
Russell Walker  
Diana Whalen  
Linda Mosher  
Stephen D. Adams  
Brad Johns  
Bob Harvey  
Len Goucher  
Reg Rankin  
Gary Meade

**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 Kelly called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. with the Invocation.

**ACKNOWLEDGEMENT**

At a later point in the meeting, Councillor Uteck acknowledged the presence in the gallery of students of the Halifax Independent Elementary School.

2. **PROCLAMATIONS**

2.1 **Better Business Awareness Week (February 26 - March 9, 2001)**

The week of February 26 - March 9, 2001 was proclaimed to be Better Business Awareness Week.

3. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES - February 6, 2001**

**MOVED by Deputy Mayor Blumenthal, seconded by Councillor Hetherington, that the minutes of February 6, 2001 be approved, as circulated. MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

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

The following items were added to the agenda:

- 13.1 Legal Matter - MOU Agreement with OACS Limited
- 13.2 Legal Matter - Claim Settlement
- 13.3 Resolution - Laurentian Sub-basin boundary dispute

Councillor Adams requested that Information Item #3 - Memorandum from General Manager, Building Management Services, dated February 7, 2001 re: RFP 01-001 Leased Office Accommodation - Customer Service Centre and Planning and Development Offices be brought forward to the February 27th Regular Agenda.

**MOVED by Councillor Hetherington, seconded by Deputy Mayor Blumenthal, that the Order of Business be approved, as amended. MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

5. **BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES**

6. **MOTIONS OF RECONSIDERATION - NONE**

7. **MOTIONS OF RESCISSION - NONE**

8. **CONSIDERATION OF DEFERRED BUSINESS**

8.1 **Project 00102 Re-Allocation of Funds**

C A staff report prepared for Dan English, Deputy Chief Administrative Officer, regarding the above, was before Council for its consideration.

Mr. Austin French, Regional Coordinator, Planning and Development Services, presented the report to Council.

**MOVED by Councillor Uteck, seconded by Councillor Goucher, that Council reallocate a portion of the funds previously disbursed to the Downtown Halifax Business Commission under the 1999/2000 & 2000/01 Capital Budgets for Downtown/Commercial Areas Streetscape Program to the following projects:**

1. **\$80,000 for consulting assistance in the preparation of a Barrington Street Special District Plan;**
2. **\$10,000 for consulting assistance to develop Sidewalk Café Design Standards (terms of reference attached to the staff report dated February 6, 2001)**

Responding to a concern of the Deputy Mayor regarding the use of consultants, Mr. French stated, in this situation, staff concurred with the BIDC that the expertise required was not available with current staff.

Councillor Sloane expressed concern that she was not consulted in this matter, and requested that it be deferred.

**MOVED by Councillor Sloane, seconded by Councillor Streach, that this matter be deferred for three weeks. MOTION PUT AND PASSED.**

8.2 **Land Acquisition - Park Donation**

C A staff report prepared for Dan English, Deputy Chief Administrative Officer, regarding the above, was before Council for its consideration.

Mr. Blair Blakeney, Regional Coordinator, Park Planning & Development, presented the staff report to Council.

**MOVED by Councillor Hines, seconded by Councillor Sloane, that:**

- 1) Council approve the acquisition of the property and forward this request to Real Estate Services based on the letter of intent from the Property Owner Scotty McPhee.**
- 2) That Council approve the closing cost of approximately \$750 and applicable legal fees from the Parkland Reserve Fund Account Q107. MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**8.3 Administrative Order 26, Western Community Council  
Amendment to Administrative Order 7, Chebucto Community Council**

**MOVED by Councillor Rankin, seconded by Councillor Meade, that Council adopt Administrative Order 26 Respecting the Creation of the Western Region Community Council, effective April 1, 2001. MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**MOVED by Councillor Walker, seconded by Deputy Mayor Blumenthal, that Council adopt an amendment to Section 2 of Administrative Order 7, the Chebucto Community Council Administrative Order, and that Administrative Order 25, the Peninsula and Western Region Community Council Administrative Order, be repealed, effective April 1, 2001. MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**8.4 Councillor Johns - Customer Relations**

Councillor Johns stated he has received complaints from residents who have recently made calls to the HRM Call Centre, as well as other HRM departments, and expressed concern that they received unsatisfactory service. The Councillor stated there needs to be mechanism in place for people to place complaints regarding customer service.

**MOVED by Councillor Johns, seconded by Councillor McInroy, that this matter be referred to staff for a report highlighting methods that have been set out for customers to bring forward concerns about customer relations. MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**8.5 Legal Matter - Claim Settlement**

- C This matter was discussed during the February 13, 2001 In Camera Session and was now before Council for ratification.

**MOVED by Councillor Hetherington, seconded by Councillor Warshick, that Council settle the claim brought by the Plaintiff in the amount of \$40,000.00 as settlement in full upon obtaining a full release from the Plaintiff from any further claims arising out of the accident which occurred on February 6, 1998. MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**8.6 Pier 21 Society: Tax Assistance**

- C A staff report prepared for George McLellan, Deputy Chief Administrative Officer, regarding the above, was before Council for its consideration.

Ms. Peta-Jane Temple, Coordinator, Grants Program, presented the report to Council.

Responding to a question of the Deputy Mayor, Ms. Temple stated \$140,000 is the final installment of the capital pledge.

**MOVED by Councillor Goucher, seconded by Councillor Streach, that Council approve the resolution of tax arrears using a combination of:**

- (a) relief from interest**
- (b) the application of tax exemption from the full 12 months of 2000-2001, and**
- (c) the balance remaining of \$31,000 to be paid by Pier 21 through the option of either a 3-year payment plan or a reduction in capital grant in 2001-2002**

Speaking against the motion, Councillor Uteck stated this is the result of an administrative oversight and the property should not have been taxed in the first place. The Councillor noted the board volunteers only realized there were tax arrears after receiving its assessment a year and a half after it opened. Councillor Uteck urged Council to defeat the motion and approve Option 3 of the staff report.

Councillor Streach spoke in support of the motion stating it is a compromise.

Deputy Mayor Blumenthal and Councillor Sloane also spoke in support of the motion.

Responding to a question of Councillor Harvey, Mr. Wayne Anstey, Municipal Solicitor, stated if the tax is collectable, there is no method to write it off. He noted this is not a question of the assessment being wrong, it is just a case of someone not being aware of it. In response to a further question of the Councillor, Ms. Temple stated the full amount of \$78,218 would be

posted against the non-profit tax program this fiscal year. The total available budget is slightly over \$1.5 million.

Responding to a question of Councillor Goucher, Ms. Temple stated some exceptions have been made in the past with respect to tax arrears which were detailed on Page 2 of the staff report.

Councillor Uteck noted there were three or four cases where consideration was given to organizations with tax arrears during the year she served on the Grant Committee. The Councillor questioned why this situation is not being corrected since a mistake was made as this building should never have been taxed in the first place. Councillor Uteck stated Pier 21 is on its last year of government assistance and will have to make it on their own next year and they are developing extensive fund raising programs to do so. In closing, the Councillor stated it does not matter what level of government made the error, Pier 21 should be taken off the books.

Councillor Sloane stated she supports Pier 21 but it was the Province who made the mistake, not HRM, and she will support the staff recommendation.

Speaking in support of the motion, Councillor McInroy stated it will address and correct the issue. The Councillor noted there is some due diligence required on the part of organizations to ensure they are aware of their tax status and the costs should not be placed on the residents of HRM. Councillor McInroy stated there is some onus and obligation on the part of the federal and provincial governments, as well, when setting up organizations like this in the future.

Responding to a question of Councillor Harvey, Ms. Temple stated the \$78,000 involved in Option 3, if approved, would be an interdepartmental transfer to HRM Taxation. Speaking against the motion, Councillor Harvey agreed with Councillor Uteck that Pier 21 should not have been taxed in the first place and common sense should prevail.

Mr. Ken Meech, Chief Administrative Officer, stated the taxation billed to Pier 21 was shown as an item of revenue, so there will be an expenditure if part of this is written off.

Councillor Uteck stated even though this was an error on part of the Province, she questioned why HRM should profit from it. The Councillor stated HRM should do the right thing and take this property off the books and move forward.

In response to a question of Councillor Warshick, Ms. Temple stated the Grants Committee recognizes Pier 21 as a museum for the purpose of the tax exemption by-law, and Pier 21 is now on the by-law. To change its tax status, an amendment to the by-law would be required.

Ms. Temple noted every organization currently on the by-law is required to re-apply each year and organizations are sent renewal forms each November.

Responding to a question of Councillor Fougere, Ms. Temple stated once an organization is placed on the by-law they will remain, irrespective of their assessment, until any amendments to the by-law are passed by Council. The current by-law will expire in March 2002 and any recommendations for changes to this by-law will be brought forward to Council before that time.

Speaking against the motion, Councillor Fougere spoke in support of Councillor Uteck, noting both a revenue and expense will be eliminated, equating in no gain or loss.

Speaking in support of the motion, Councillor Cunningham noted the tax revenue expected from this property in past years has already been allocated. The Councillor stated he believes the motion on the floor is providing all the assistance possible by HRM.

**MOTION PUT AND PASSED.**

**9. PUBLIC HEARING**

**9.1 Second Reading By-Law T-115 Respecting the Regulation of Taxis and Limousines**

C By-Law T-115 Respecting the Regulation of Taxis and Limousines passed First Reading on January 30, 2001 and was now before Council for Second Reading.

Mr. Peter James, Regional Coordinator, By-Law Enforcement, presented the Committee report.

Responding to a question of Councillor Sloane, Mr. James stated the drivers will have a 30 day period on either side of their birth date to renew both their driver and vehicle licenses.

In response to a question of Councillor Hetherington, Mr. James stated the 105 inch wheelbase measurement is currently in the by-law, and the amendment will grandfather existing vehicles.

Responding to a question of Councillor Walker, Mr. James stated the current licensing periods for vehicles and drivers are as follows: Halifax Zone - April, County Zone - May, Dartmouth Zone - October.

Mayor Kelly called for members of the public wishing to speak either in favour of or against the By-Law.

**Mr. Gary Jollymore, Taxi Driver, Halifax**

Mr. Jollymore expressed concern with the proposed staggered licensing process for all vehicles and drivers. Mr. Jollymore stated most drivers are capable of performing any necessary repair work on their own vehicles. He asked that Council give those drivers with birth dates in the winter months the same opportunity as those born in the summer months to perform this work and save money.

**Mr. Darshan Virk, 6 Francis Court, Halifax**

Mr. Virk spoke against the limit on wheelbase size and the staggered licensing process, stating it should remain the way it is rather than changing it to a system based on birth dates.

Mayor Kelly called three times for additional speakers. Hearing none, the following motion was put on the floor:

**MOVED by Councillor Hetherington, seconded by Deputy Mayor Blumenthal that the Public Hearing be closed. MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**COUNCIL DECISION**

**MOVED by Councillor Adams, seconded by Councillor Johns, that the date of July 1, 2000 in amendment #1 regarding the grant fathering of existing vehicles be changed to February 20, 2001. MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**MOVED by Councillor Adams, seconded by Councillor Hetherington, that By-Law T-115 Respecting the Regulation of Taxis and Limousines, as amended, be given Second Reading.**

Speaking in support of the motion, Councillor Adams reviewed the benefits of the various amendments, noting more vehicles should be available on the road. With respect to the wheelbase measurement, Councillor Adams noted he will be bringing forward a Notice of Motion to eliminate this requirement as requested by the Taxi and Limousine Committee. However, the Councillor noted he is not comfortable with this change but he is carrying out the wish of the Committee.

Deputy Mayor Blumenthal spoke against the staggered licensing period for vehicles based on birth date, and put for the following amendment:

**MOVED by Deputy Mayor Blumenthal, seconded by Councillor Warshick, that the motion be amended to allow the matter of a staggered licensing period for vehicles**

**only to be referred back to the Taxi and Limousine Committee for further consideration.**

Speaking against the motion, Councillor Cunningham stated only a minimal amount of work should need to be done on the vehicles during the winter months as they should always be kept in excellent condition and not just at inspection time.

Also speaking against the motion, Councillor Harvey noted private vehicle owners have to endure winter inspection months.

Councillor Cooper noted a staggered licensing period allows staff to do a better job with inspections.

Councillor Warshick spoke in support of an alphabetical registration system from May to September and suggested the Committee should take this into consideration.

Speaking in support of the amendment, Councillor Fougere stated taxi vehicles are on the road on a regular daily basis for many hours and the maintenance required to keep them up to standard is more involved than that of a family vehicle.

The vote was then taken on the amendment.

**MOTION PUT AND PASSED.**

The vote was then taken on the Main Motion, as amended.

**MOTION PUT AND PASSED.**

**10. CORRESPONDENCE, PETITIONS & DELEGATIONS**

**10.1 Petitions**

**10.1.1 Councillor Hines - Sidewalk Request, Waverley Road**

Councillor Hines served a petition containing approximately 284 signatures of residents in support of sidewalks/boardwalks to serve the area of the Waverley Road (from civic address 808, Lake Charles Drive to Waverley Road/Rocky Lake intersection) including Spider Lake Rd. area and Frame Subdivision area residents. The Councillor requested that the petition be forwarded to Public Works and Transportation Services.

**10.1.2 Councillor Meade - Paving, Carmichael Court**

Councillor Meade served a petition containing approximately 14 signatures of residents of Carmichael Court requesting paving of this street as soon as possible. The Councillor asked that the petition be forwarded to the Department of Transportation and copied to Mr. Bill Estabrooks, MLA.

**10.1.3 Councillor Adams - Proposed Reservoir Site - Herring Cove**

Councillor Adams served a petition containing approximately 35 signatures of residents of Oceanview Drive, Herring Cove, protesting the proposed location of a water reservoir being constructed at the top of Oceanview Drive.

**10.1.4 Councillor Fougere - Animal-Circus Prohibition By-Law**

Councillor Fougere served a petition containing approximately 726 signatures of residents requesting the enactment of an Animal-Circus Prohibition By-Law. It was requested that these names be added to existing petitions and it was noted that the by-law requested already exists in five other Nova Scotian municipalities. The Councillor asked that the petition be forwarded to staff for a report.

**10.2 Presentations**

**10.2.1 Mrs. Mary Ann Crowley - Recognition of Two Local Figure Skaters, Julie Lynn Stanhope (Halifax) & Sandy (Alexander) Morrison (Dartmouth)**

A presentation was made in recognition of Julie Lynn Stanhope, and Sandy Morrison, two local figure skaters who will be competing in the Special Olympics International Winter Games, to be held in Anchorage, Alaska, March 3 - 11.

**11. REPORTS**

**11.1 MEMBERS OF COUNCIL**

**11.1.1 Councillor Adams:**

**i) Municipal Water & Municipal Sewer - Herring Cove**

Councillor Adams requested a staff report regarding the cost for the design and construction of municipal water and sewer for Herring Cove, including costing with outside sources and frontage charges for this particular project.

**MOVED by Councillor Adams, seconded by Councillor Johns, that this matter be referred to staff for a report. MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

ii) Testing of McIntosh Run from Long Lake to Herring Cove

Councillor Adams requested a staff report on the cost to test the McIntosh Run from Long Lake to Herring Cove in co-operation with the Department of Environment to identify the types and source of a pollutant. The Councillor suggested the possibility of involving Youth Live to obtain water samples.

**MOVED by Councillor Adams, seconded by Councillor Mosher, that this matter be referred to staff for a report. MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

11.1.2 Councillor Smith - Highfield Park/Pinecrest Area Planning Study

Councillor Smith expressed concern that no further work has been done on this study since amalgamation. The Councillor asked that the study be referred to Public Works and Transportation and Parks and Recreation Services for examination and a report, and that it be forwarded to Real Estate Services for their information. Councillor Smith asked that the report address why the Highfield/Pinecrest planning initiative was stopped in 1996, and what the plans of the various departments are to address the deficiencies of the Highfield/Pinecrest planning study recommendation. The Councillor noted that although he recently became aware that the newly formed District 9 Cross Departmental Community Development Team will be looking at this document, he would like it passed on to the two departments mentioned above for a response.

**MOVED by Councillor Smith, seconded by Councillor Warshick, that this matter be referred to staff for a report.**

Councillor Sloane spoke in support of the community mobilization project recently conducted in her District.

**MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

11.2 MEMBERSHIP SELECTION COMMITTEE

11.2.1 Recommendations - Community Monitoring Committee (to be circ)

C A report from the Membership Selection Committee, regarding the above, was circulated to Council for its consideration.

**MOVED BY Councilor Walker, seconded by Deputy Mayor Blumenthal, that:**

1. **Regional Council approve the appointments of Mary Lyn Saturley and Anne Murray to the Community Monitoring Committee. The term of these appointments is one year.**
2. **Regional Council approve the appointment of Ernest Cook to the Hotel Standards Committee. Mr. Cook's appointment will reflect the requirement to appoint a Hotel Standards licensed taxi driver, thereby replacing Neil Mitchell, previously appointed on February 6<sup>th</sup>. MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**11.3 CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER**

**11.3.1 Tender 01-151 Police Headquarters Consolidation**

- C A staff report prepared for George McLellan, Deputy Chief Administrative Officer, regarding the above, was before Council for its consideration.

**MOVED by Councillor Sloane, seconded by Councillor Whalen, that:**

1. **Council authorize the award of Tender 01-151 HRM Police Headquarters Consolidation for the lump sum price of \$849,900 plus HST to the low bidder, Castle Rock Construction, plus a contingency of \$69,000 for a total project cost of \$973,540.07, including tax rebate.**
2. **The unused budget from the projects shown in Budget Implications as Completed Projects be transferred to the CRESPOOL account.**
3. **\$406,755.00, the additional funds required for this award, be transferred from the CRESPOOL account to project CBP00772.**

Chief David McKinnon, Police Services, presented the report to Council.

Councillor Fougere expressed serious concerns with the space consolidation process, in particular with the downsizing of the police gymnasium, and stressed the importance of this facility in terms of fitness training, stress relief, employee wellness, etc. In response, Chief McKinnon stated he understood the Councillor's concerns but it would require an addition to the budget of almost \$500,000 to maintain the gymnasium.

Councillor Uteck spoke in support of maintaining the gymnasium noting it may alleviate some long term health care costs to HRM. The Councillor requested a staff report regarding the CRESPOOL account, including information regarding withdrawals that have been taken from

this account, as well as some criteria and rules for the use of this account. Councillor Hetherington asked that this report also clarify whether or not unused budgets from completed projects are automatically transferred to the CRESPOOL account.

Councillor Hetherington also requested that time frames for project completion be included in the future tender recommendations.

Several Councillors expressed concern with the loss of the gymnasium and the possibility of police personnel utilizing other HRM facilities was raised. It was agreed that a supplementary report would be brought forward with respect to Police Services working with Human Resources, possibly in conjunction with Fire Services, to address the wellness issue for employees of these services, particularly in relation to the loss of the police gymnasium and the possibility of using other HRM fitness facilities.

Some discussion took place with respect to optional uses of the Eric Spicer Building in Dartmouth.

Closing the debate, Councillor Fougere expressed disappointment with the loss of the gymnasium, noting the benefits of it cannot be measured. With respect to the option of using other HRM recreation facilities, the Councillor noted this may not be feasible due to the operating hours of these facilities and the shift work of the police personnel.

**MOTION PUT AND PASSED.**

**11.3.2 Case 00062 - Request to Amend the MPS and Land Use By-Law, Mainland South, Halifax**

C A staff report prepared for Dan English, Deputy Chief Administrative Officer, regarding the above, was before Council for its consideration.

**MOVED by Councillor Mosher, seconded by Councillor Adams, that:**

- 1. Staff be requested to initiate the process to enable Council to consider amending the Mainland South Secondary Planning Strategy and Mainland Halifax Land Use By-Law to accommodate a seniors complex on lands between Osborne and Kelly Streets;**
- 2. The public participation program be undertaken in accordance with the Public Participation Resolution adopted by Halifax Regional Council on February 25, 1997.**

3. **That no public meeting be scheduled until the applicant has a concept plan prepared illustrating the proposed development on the lands.**

Mr. Paul Morgan, Planner, responded to questions of Council.

Councillor Uteck expressed concern that the developer has not gauged community interest in this project before involving HRM staff time. Mr. Morgan stated the public participation process is intended to be the avenue for public input. The Councillor suggested this may be a point for discussion in the future to ensure the best utilization of staff's time. Councillor Mosher noted she added the third recommendation for this reason.

Councillor Goucher suggested a community participation committee could be formed through the Community Council for projects such as this in the future which would take up less staff time.

**MOTION PUT AND PASSED.**

**11.3.3 Project 00106 Review of the Plan Policy for the Commercial Corridor Designation, Sackville**

- C A staff report prepared for Dan English, Deputy Chief Administrative Officer, regarding the above, was before Council for its consideration.

**MOVED by Councillor Harvey, seconded by Councillor Johns, that Council:**

- 1) **Direct staff to initiate the policy review process to consider amending the Commercial Corridor Designation of the Sackville Municipal Planning Strategy and Land Use By-Law pursuant to the recommendations provided within the Sackville Drive Streetscape Design Study, January 2001; and**
- 2) **Adopt Appendix A as the Public Participation Process for review of the Commercial Corridor Designation of the Sackville Municipal Planning Strategy and Land Use By-Law. MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**11.3.4 Late Payment Charges on Pollution Control Billings**

- C A staff report prepared for George McLellan, Deputy Chief Administrative Officer, regarding the above, was before Council for its consideration.

**MOVED by Councillor Cooper, seconded by Councillor Sarto, that Council approve, in principle, effective April 1, 2001, an amendment to By-Law S-100 reducing the late**

payment charge from 10% to 3.9% of the unpaid bill for outstanding Pollution Control Charges that are not paid within the 30 day due date to comply with the Supreme Court of Canada Ruling of Garland v. Consumers Gas Co. (1998) 3.S.C.R. 112.

Mr. Blaine Rooney, Treasurer, Halifax Regional Water Commission, responded to a question of Councillor Cooper regarding the interest rate.

**MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**11.3.5 Pollution Control Increase April 1, 2001**

C A staff report prepared for George McLellan, Deputy Chief Administrative Officer, regarding the above, was before Council for its consideration.

**MOVED by Councillor Uteck, seconded by Councilor Fougere, that Council approve pro-rating the April 1, 2001 and subsequent increases based on the number of service days after April 1, 2001 to the actual billing date. MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**11.3.6 Parking Meter Advertisements (supp report)**

C A supplementary staff report prepared for George McLellan, Deputy Chief Administrative Officer, regarding the above, was before Council for its consideration. The report recommended that Council instruct staff not to exercise the option of a contract with Meter-Ad beyond the initial trial period and that parking meter advertisement be discontinued at the expiration of the current advertising contract.

**MOVED by Councillor Walker, seconded by Councillor Warshick, that the contract with Meter-Ad be extended for one year beyond the initial trial period.**

Speaking in support of the motion, Councillor Walker noted the following:

- C the total amount of revenue from this trial project is yet to be determined as there is more money yet to come in
- C the staff report does not mention that Meter-Ad carries liability insurance
- C Meter-Ad has agreed to cover all broken meters, which, to date, has only amounted to \$60.
- C The BIDC's were not in favour of this project from the start, yet both advertise on the meters.

Speaking in support of the motion, Deputy Mayor Blumenthal stated it is good idea which generates revenue and decreases costs.

Councillor Cunningham suggested other options to administer the project should be explored and suggested the matter be referred back to staff.

**MOVED by Councillor Cunningham that this matter be referred back to staff.**

There was no seconder to this motion. **MOTION LOST.**

Councillors Warshick, Sloane and Streach spoke in support of extending the trial period for one year.

Councillors Uteck, Mosher and Fougere spoke against the motion stating it was not a good business venture.

Closing the debate, Councillor Walker stated staff will conduct evaluations with Meter-Ad to evaluate the merit of the project and asked that the results of this be brought forward next year at the end of the trial period.

**MOTION PUT AND PASSED.**

**12. MOTIONS - NONE**

**13. ADDED ITEMS**

**13.1 Legal Matter - MOU Agreement with OACS Limited**

C This matter was discussed during an In Camera session held prior to the Regular Session and was now before Council for ratification.

**MOVED by Councillor Hetherington, seconded by Councillor Sarto, that Halifax Regional Council authorize the Mayor and Clerk to execute the Memorandum of Understanding attached to the February 15, 2001 In Camera staff report as Appendix "A", and, that the February 15, 2001 staff report not be released to the public.  
MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**13.2 Legal Matter - Claim Settlement**

C This matter was discussed during an In Camera session held prior to the Regular Session and was now before Council for ratification.

**MOVED** by Councillor Sarto, seconded by Councillor Hetherington, that Halifax Regional Council settle this claim brought by the Plaintiff in the amount of \$16,457.70 as settlement in full upon obtaining a full release from the Plaintiff from any further claims arising out of the accident which occurred on March 26, 1997. **MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**13.3     Resolution - Laurentian Sub-basin boundary dispute**

**MOVED** by Councillor Streach, seconded by Councillor Cunningham, that:

**WHEREAS** the maritime boundary dividing the provinces of Nova Scotia and Newfoundland has been in place since 1964; and

**WHEREAS** the boundary divides the Laurentian sub-basin, which is said to contain vast reserves of oil and gas crucial to the economic future of the Province of Nova Scotia; and

**WHEREAS** the early development of those reserves will provide an economic boost to the economies of Nova Scotia and the Halifax Regional Municipality;

**THEREFORE** be it resolved that the members of this Council endorse the position of the Province of Nova Scotia, which is protecting the interests of Nova Scotia by maintaining that the existing, agreed boundary be left in place. **MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**14.       NOTICES OF MOTION**

**14.1     Councillor Adams - Taxi and Limousine By-Law Amendment**

**TAKE NOTICE** that at the next regular Halifax Regional Council meeting to be held on Tuesday, February 27th, I intend to introduce the following motion:

THAT the Taxi and Limousine Committee recommends to Halifax Regional Council that the Taxi and Limousine By-Law be amended to allow a wheelchair accessible van, with proper markings on the rear and sides of the vehicle, to operate in that manner.

**14.2     Councillor Adams - Wheel Base Measurements**

**TAKE NOTICE** that at the next regular Halifax Regional Council meeting to be held on Tuesday, February 27th, I intend to introduce the following motion:

THAT the Taxi and Limousine Committee recommends to Halifax Regional Council that the wheel base measurements be eliminated.

**14.3 Councillor Whalen - First Reading of By-Law S-302**

**TAKE NOTICE** that at the next regular meeting of the Halifax Regional Council to be held on Tuesday, February 27, 2001, I propose to move First Reading of By-Law S-302, a By-law to amend By-Law S-300, the Streets By-Law. The purpose of the said amendments to be:

- 1) To change the wording of clause 4 (1) (a), which relates to snow removal, to read "any sidewalk abutting the front and sideyard for the civic number of the property.
- 2) To extend the time during which property owners are required to remove snow and ice from their sidewalks, when the snow stops falling during the night, from six hours after daylight to twelve hours after daylight.

**14.4 Councillor Uteck - First Reading of By-Law S-102**

**TAKE NOTICE** that at the next regular meeting of the Halifax Regional Council to be held on Tuesday, February 27, 2001, I propose to introduce First Reading of By-Law S-102, an amendment to By-Law S-100 Respecting Sewer Charges. The purpose of this amendment will be reduce late payment charges.

**15. ADJOURNMENT**

**MOVED by Councillor Hetherington, seconded by Deputy Mayor Blumenthal that the meeting adjourn at 9:20 p.m. MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

Vi Carmichael  
Municipal Clerk