

HALIFAX REGIONAL MUNICIPALITY

HALIFAX REGIONAL COUNCIL MINUTES April 6, 1999

PRESENT:

Deputy Mayor Larry Uteck
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
Sheila Fougere
Russell Walker
Bill Stone
Graham Read
Stephen D. Adams
Barry Barnet
Bob Harvey
Peter Kelly
Reg Rankin
Jack Mitchell

REGRETS:

Mayor Walter Fitzgerald

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**

At the request of Deputy Mayor Uteck, Councillor Mitchell led his colleagues in the citation of the Invocation at 6:00 p.m.

2. **PROCLAMATIONS - NONE**

3. **APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES - NONE**

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

The following items were added to the agenda:

- 12.1 Councillor Adams - Property Tax Incentives for Local Business
- 12.2 Councillor Harvey - Demolition of Irving Gas Station
- 12.3 Land Matter - 183 Purcell's Cove Road
- 12.4 Land Matter - Parcel A University Avenue
- 12.5 April 6, 1999 COW Recommendation - Halifax Harbour Solutions Project -Next Steps

MOVED by Councillors Hetherington and Blumenthal 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 - NONE**

9. **CORRESPONDENCE, PETITIONS**

9.1 **Correspondence**

9.1.1 **Ordinance Number 113, Respecting the Control of Noise**

- Correspondence from Joel H. Zemel regarding Ordinance Number 113 - Respecting the Control of Noise, was before Council for consideration.

MOVED by Councillors Hendsbee and Mitchell that the correspondence from Mr. Joel Zemel dated March 24, 1999, regarding Ordinance Number 113 - Respecting the control of noise, be accepted. MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Deputy Mayor Uteck noted staff will be coming back to Council in less than six weeks with a report respecting this matter.

Councillor Hendsbee noted Councillors also received correspondence from a resident of the Cherry Brook area regarding a noise problem. The Councillor requested that this letter be re-circulated to Council when the Noise By-Law comes forward.

9.2 Petitions

There were no petitions submitted at this meeting.

10. REPORTS

10.1 MEMBERS OF COUNCIL

10.1.1 Councillor Dooks - Little Harbour Wharf Approaches

Councillor Dooks requested Council's support to acquire two parcels of land in Little Harbour to allow the community to build a slipway to provide water access.

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

Councillor Dooks noted this matter is time sensitive due to the summer months approaching, and requested that this be dealt with as soon as possible.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

10.1.2 Councillor Rankin - Upper Hammonds Plains/Pockwock Road Water Project - Status Update

- Correspondence from Carl D. Yates, General Manager, Halifax Regional Water Commission, dated March 24 and March 30, 1999, regarding this matter, was before Council for consideration.

Councillor Rankin reviewed the status of the Upper Hammonds Plains/Pockwock Road Water Project, as detailed in the correspondence from Mr. Carl D. Yates, General Manager, Halifax Regional Water Commission. The Councillor requested that this matter

be referred to staff for a report to determine what, if any, opportunities are available to provide water to the Hammonds Plains area, either on an incremental basis or wholly.

MOVED by Councillors Rankin and Hetherington that this matter be referred to staff for a report in four or five weeks, regarding what, if any, opportunities are available to provide water to the Hammonds Plains area, either on an incremental basis (in phases) or wholly.

In response to an inquiry of Councillor Barnet regarding other government funding, Councillor Rankin stated it is his understanding that the ACOA portion of \$250,000 has been lost due to the time frame, but the Human Resources and Development funding is probably still in place. Councillor Barnet suggested letters be sent seeking extensions of these funds for this project.

**MOVED by Councillors Barnet and Rankin that the motion be amended to include the following: "Further, that a letter be sent to ACOA and Human Resources and Development Canada seeking an extension for funding towards this project."
MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

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

MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

10.1.3 Councillor Kelly - Trade Centre Ltd.

Councillor Kelly expressed concern with the Trade Centre Ltd. providing bonuses to its senior staff, and requested a staff report to determine if this is a standard practice, the reason and rationale for this approach to be taken, and to determine whether or not the Province condones this approach and if it is the standard fare for Crown Corporations. Councillor Kelly suggested if this information is not available through standard approaches, the Freedom of Information Act should be followed.

Deputy Mayor Uteck noted HRM pays a management fee to the Trade Centre Ltd., which is owned by the Province of Nova Scotia. The Deputy Mayor suggested it would be within Council's mandate to debate the management fee being paid, but the salary scale of the Trade Centre is not the responsibility of HRM. Deputy Mayor Uteck also noted the Trade Centre Ltd. is probably the only trade centre in North America that pays municipal taxes.

Councillor Kelly stated part of the reason for the Trade Centre Ltd.'s profit is due to the contribution of \$458,000 from HRM, and, therefore, it is his belief that HRM is supporting the \$80,000 bonus structure.

MOVED by Councillors Kelly and Adams that this matter be referred to staff for a report. MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

10.1.4 Councillor Blumenthal

i) Audible Pedestrian Signals (Info Memo dated March 22, 1999)

Councillor Blumenthal expressed concern with the change in hours of operation for the audible pedestrian signals, suggesting staff should wait until more complaints are received before making changes. The Councillor noted only two complaints have been received to date. In the meantime, the Councillor suggested the audio level of the Robie/Almon signal be reduced.

Mr. David McCusker, Manager, Traffic and Transportation Services, replied the problem that was brought to staff's attention was the audible signal was being turned off while the regular signal was in full operation. The audible signals are now matched with the regular signal, and the only time the visually impaired pedestrian does not have the audible signal is when the regular signal is on flash. Mr. McCusker clarified staff is only proposing to modify the hours of operation so that some of the signals will convert to night flash sooner. With respect to adjusting the volume of the audible signals, Mr. McCusker stated some of the older audible signals do not have a volume control, and have to be set at one level. However, some of the newer signals, including the Robie/Almon signal, can be volume adjusted.

Councillor Blumenthal requested that the sound level of the Robie/Almon audible signal be reduced in an attempt to resolve the noise complaints. Mr. McCusker agreed to try this out, but noted the signal may not be loud enough to hear over ambient traffic noise during the peak hours.

In response to a question of Councillor Greenough, Mr. David McCusker advised there should be an Information Report coming to Council in two weeks describing the upcoming pilot project to test new technology which communicates pedestrian messages through a hand-held receiver rather than through a signal which is audible to all.

Responding to a question of Councillor Schofield, Mr. McCusker stated it is not intended to install any new audible signals, in light of the upcoming pilot project, in the hope they will be replaced with the newer technology. If the project determines it is not a technology HRM wishes to pursue, staff will look at increasing the number of intersections that have audible signals, including the Victoria Rd./Woodland Ave. intersection in Dartmouth.

Deputy Mayor Uteck inquired if the Robie/South St. audible signal is volume adjustable. Mr. McCusker replied it is not, but noted if the new technology is not used in the long term, the non-adjustable ones can be replaced with controllers that can adjust the volume level.

ii) Outside Consultants

Councillor Blumenthal stated, with residential services being cut, the Municipality needs to be more vigilant in the spending of outside money. The Councillor stated he hopes staff will look closely at saving money in the area of outside consultants.

In discussion of the Information Report, Councillor Hetherington inquired when the final costs of outside consultants will be determined for the 1998/99 Operating Budget. Ms. Betty MacDonald, General Manager, Financial Analysis Services, agreed to report back to the Councillor with this information.

Councillor McInroy requested that staff provide information regarding how much pollution control charge municipalities spend on external consultants, including legal fees. Deputy Mayor Uteck suggested another useful comparison would be the cost of municipalities who employ the required expertise internally.

10.2 CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER

10.2.1 First Reading - By-Law T-106 Respecting the Taxi and Limousine Committee

MOVED by Councillors Adams and Hetherington that By-Law T-106, Respecting the Taxi and Limousine Committee receive First Reading. MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

10.2.2 Tender 98-187 Phase II - Sir Sandford Fleming Memorial Tower Restoration Phase II

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

MOVED by Councillors Read and Cunningham that Tender 98-187 Phase II be awarded to Coastal Restoration and Masonry for the total lump sum price of \$74,080.70 (taxes included) plus a contingency of \$11,000. MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

10.2.3 Brenda Drive

- A staff report prepared for Dan English, Deputy Chief Administrative Officer, regarding the above, was before Council for consideration. The staff report recommended that Council **not** waive the Local Improvement Charges for paving on Brenda Drive.

- Correspondence from Dan Ferguson, 103 Brenda Drive, Hammonds Plains, regarding the above, was before Council for consideration.

MOVED by Councillors Rankin and Mitchell that Council not waive the Local Improvement Charges for paving on Brenda Drive.

Referring to Council's Invocation, Councillor Fougere spoke against the motion stating the decision to waive the residents' right of petition and to move forward with projects that will create a direct cost to them without due consultation is neither caring nor respectful.

Councillor Barnet raised concern regarding the residence on Evergreen Court, which is already paved, being charged for paving on Brenda Drive. Mr. Kulvinder Dhillon, Director, Engineering and Traffic Services, stated if a resident has already paid for a paved street, it is his understanding that the policy is they will not be charged a second time. Councillor Barnet requested that staff provide an information report on this situation to ensure this residence is not being levied a charge which they should not be receiving.

Councillor Rankin stated there was a By-Law in place at the time of this paving, which allowed for a waiver of petition. With respect to the George Dauphinee situation, the Councillor noted staff would have come forward with the same recommendation had it not be determined there was pavement under the road. In closing the debate, Councillor Rankin stated he is prepared to accept the staff report.

Speaking in support of the motion, Councillor Hendsbee stated, in the future, Council may want to consider requiring the developer to pay a portion of paving costs if there are any extensions of roads or additions in subdivision areas. The Councillor suggested another option may be to levy a lot charge on the developer to assist in accumulating money for paving these road sections.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

10.2.4 Bi-annual Refit of the Woodside 1 Ferry

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

MOVED by Councillors Hetherington and Schofield that Council authorize the expenditure of approximately \$70,000 from Capital Project #94141, Dartmouth III Mid Life Refit, to carry out the biannual inspection and repair of the Woodside I Ferry and that the work be carried out by the Dartmouth Marine Slips, the only firm in the area that has the facilities, expertise and experience necessary to do the work. MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

10.2.5 Combined Sewer, Morris Street

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

MOVED by Councillors Downey and Blumenthal that:

1. **Regional Council approve the rehabilitation of a portion of the existing combined sewer on Morris Street,**
2. **Regional Council approve the works to be carried out by Dexter Construction Co. Ltd., at a cost not to exceed \$60,000.00, including all taxes, and**
3. **A new Capital project be opened for Morris Street sewer, and funds in the amount of \$60,000.00 be transferred from the approved Desmond Avenue Rehabilitation project (CGR00499).**

Responding to questions of Councillor Walker, Mr. John Sheppard, Manager, Environmental and Development Engineering and Transportation Services, stated once the project is designed and the cost figures firmed up, the entire project may be tendered, or a decision will be made as to how much of the project can be completed this year.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

10.2.6 Building Service Connections By-Law

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

MOVED by Councillors Greenough and Sarto that Council approve in principle the adoption of the Building Service Connections By-Law, as attached to the staff report dated March 29, 1999, as Appendix "A", and also give Notice of Motion to begin the formal adoption process.

Councillor Kelly suggested the By-Law should be changed to reflect that the property owners should only be responsible for maintenance to the property line, and the Municipality would be responsible for maintenance from the property line to the connection. The Councillor stated it is his belief there have been problems in the past through tree roots and other aspects that are not the fault of the homeowner, but they have had to bear the brunt of that cost which is unfair.

With respect to trees, Mr. Kulvinder Dhillon, Director, Engineering and Transportation Services, stated it is his understanding if a public tree is causing the blockage in the

service laterals, the homeowner would be asked to do some plumbing first to determine if this is the cause of the problem. If it is, the Municipality would look after the removal of the tree roots or the replacement of that section of the pipe. Under the present policy, Mr. Dhillon stated property owners are responsible from the building to the main sewer in the street, which was the policy in all the former units with the exception of the former County. The former County policy stated the Municipality was responsible to maintain the sewer in the right of way portion. Councillor Kelly stated he believes the former County policy is the proper way to deal with this issue.

Councillor Barnet expressed concern with the wording of the recommendation in the staff report, particularly with approving the proposed by-law in principle, as the public's comments on this issue are not yet known. Mr. Wayne Anstey, Municipal Solicitor, stated a definite proposal needs to be put forward to the public before a Public Hearing is held. By approving it in principle, does not preclude Council from changing the by-law after hearing from the public.

Councillor Barnet stated the Province realized there were property owners who would be negatively impacted by this, and during review of municipal legislation, it examined this issue and, as a result, changed it. The Councillor stated the services the residents are being requested to be responsible for may have been damaged by traffic, and, in some cases, HRM maintenance equipment. The residents are also required to pay street opening and closing fees. He suggested it would be more prudent to state that Council "may adopt" this by-law when it is advertised. Mr. Anstey suggested the advertisement could state that Council intends to consider the adoption of the by-law. Councillor Barnet replied he agreed with this change in wording for the advertisement, but still expressed concern with Council approving the by-law in principle.

Councillor Hendsbee stated he believes the property owners should only be responsible for maintenance of the service connection to the property line and not beyond.

Responding to a question of Councillor Harvey inquiring what would happen in a situation of a sewer line collapsing today, Mr. Anstey stated HRM's position would depend on what form of the By-Law Council decides to send to a Public Hearing. Once a by-law is adopted, it would tend to be applied retroactively.

Councillor McInroy suggested that, generally speaking, if the Municipality owns the street right of way, it should be responsible for that as much as the property owner would be responsible for everything on their property.

Councillor Greenough noted he served a Notice of Motion last week with respect to First Reading of this By-Law which will come before Council on April 13, 1999. The Councillor noted most blockage problems that have occurred in the past have been generally caused

by the homeowners use of the lateral rather than any fault of the Municipality. When it was identified that it was the fault of the Municipality, the necessary repairs were generally conducted by the Municipality.

If the problem occurs in the street line, Councillor Schofield suggested the maintenance costs should be shared fifty-fifty between the property owner and the Municipality.

Councillor Stone stated there is some need for the Municipality to take some responsibility for the service connections in the street. The Councillor suggested the advertisement in the paper needs to be clear to the public that the by-law is referring to the sewer laterals from their property to the centre of the street or the sewer connection, so they know this is the time to come before Council to discuss this issue. Councillor Stone agreed with Councillor Barnet that Council should not be approving this in principle at this time.

Responding to a question of Councillor Downey, Mr. Anstey stated up until March 31, 1998, the HRM Act stated the homeowner was responsible for maintenance to the lateral.

In response to concerns expressed by several Councillors regarding the wording "approve in principle", Mr. Anstey suggested this phrase could be replaced with "approve the form of the by-law, as attached to the staff report dated March 29, 1999, as Appendix "A", for consideration at First Reading." The Mover and Seconder of the motion agreed to this amendment. The vote was taken on the amended motion which now read as follows:

MOVED by Councillors Greenough and Sarto that Council approve the form of the Building Service Connections By-Law B-500, as attached to the staff report dated March 29, 1999, as Appendix "A", for consideration at First Reading.

Councillor Kelly requested a Recorded Vote. **MOTION DEFEATED (8 For, 15 Against)**

The following members of Council voted in favour of the motion: Deputy Mayor Uteck, Councillors Greenough, Hetherington, Schofield, Cunningham, Blumenthal, Downey, Read.

The following members of Council voted against the motion: Councillors Dooks, Snow, Hendsbee, Cooper, McInroy, Sarto, Fougere, Walker, Stone, Adams, Barnet, Harvey, Kelly, Rankin, Mitchell

MOVED by Councillors Kelly and Walker that Council proceed with the adoption of the Building Service Connections By-Law with the revision that the property owner serviced by the connection be responsible for the maintenance of that portion of the building service connection between the building and the street line and that the

municipality be responsible for that portion between the street line and the sewer main. **MOTION PUT AND PASSED.**

Later in the meeting, Councillor Kelly served a Notice of Motion respecting First Reading of the revised By-Law (see Item 13.1).

11. MOTIONS

11.1 Councillor Walker

MOVED by Councillors Walker and Adams that Council request the Traffic Authority to adopt Section 139 of the Motor Vehicle Act, and that the ban on overnight parking from 1:00 a.m. to 7:00 a.m. not be adopted for 1999/2000.

Councillor Cunningham suggested this matter should be referred to staff for a report.

MOVED by Councillors Cunningham and Sarto that this matter be referred to the Traffic Authority for a staff report. MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

Councillor McInroy requested that the staff report include information regarding parking bans in other municipalities. Councillor Walker requested that the report also include information regarding the number of tickets issued in Halifax/Dartmouth/Bedford compared to other areas of the Municipality.

11.2 Councillor Mitchell

MOVED by Councillors Mitchell and Rankin that Council request Planning staff to investigate amendments to the Municipal Planning Strategy for St. Margaret's Bay (Planning Districts 1 and 3) and the Halifax County Subdivision By-Law which would allow for the creation of a maximum of three lots having a minimum road frontage of twenty feet. MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

12. ADDED ITEMS

12.1 Councillor Adams - Property Tax Incentives for Local Business

Councillor Adams requested a staff report regarding the possibility of property tax incentives for local businesses, noting there is a similar program in Limerick, Ireland, for areas that do not have a lot of development. The Councillor noted he has contact names and numbers that can be provided to staff, if necessary.

12.2 Councillor Harvey - Demolition of Irving Gas Station

CONFLICT OF INTEREST

Councillor Rankin declared a Conflict of Interest with respect to this matter, as he is an Irving Oil franchise owner, and removed himself from the discussion.

Councillor Harvey expressed thanks to Planning staff, Deputy Mayor Uteck and Mr. Peter Delefes, MLA, Halifax Citadel, for their efforts in attempting to save the municipally registered heritage property at 5536 Sackville Street, which was demolished last week. With respect to the future of the remaining heritage buildings, in particular, those with a municipal designation, Councillor Harvey suggested Council request the Heritage Advisory Committee to prepare a report and recommendations regarding the demolition of municipally registered heritage properties.

MOVED by Councillors Harvey and Fougere that Council request the Heritage Advisory Committee to prepare a report and recommendations regarding the demolition of municipally registered heritage properties and recommendations for changes to the Heritage Property Act for Council's consideration to be forwarded to the Province.

Councillor Hendsbee suggested, in the future, immediate public notice should be given once an application to demolish any heritage property is submitted. The Councillor also suggested tax incentives or reductions could be considered for significant heritage properties to assist in preserving them.

Councillor Hetherington suggested the Heritage Advisory Committee report should be reviewed by Legal Services before being forwarded to Council. The Mover and Seconder of the motion agreed to include this in the motion. The motion now read as follows:

MOVED by Councillors Harvey and Fougere that Council request the Heritage Advisory Committee to prepare a report and recommendations regarding the demolition of municipally registered heritage properties and recommendations for changes to the Heritage Property Act for Council's consideration to be forwarded to the Province, and that this report be sent to Legal Services for review before being forwarded to Regional Council. MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

12.3 Land Matter - 183 Purcell's Cove Road

- This matter was discussed during an In Camera Session held prior to the public session.

MOVED by Councillors Read and Stone that Council adopt the In Camera recommendation to authorize the Mayor and Municipal Clerk to execute an encroachment license on behalf of the HRM with Donald and Stephanie Drysdale, the purchasers of 183 Purcell's Cove Road, the terms of which will be renewable annually subject to termination on 90 days notice of either party and subject to an annual license fee based on the rates in effect from time to time as prescribed by the Encroachment Ordinance. **MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

12.4 **Land Matter - Parcel A University Avenue**

- This matter was discussed during an In Camera Session held prior to the public session.

MOVED by Councillors Downey and Hetherington that the In Camera recommendation be adopted. **MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

12.5 **April 6, 1999 COW Recommendation - Halifax Harbour Solutions Project -Next Steps**

- This matter was discussed during a Committee of the Whole Session held prior to the public session.

MOVED by Councillors Rankin and Greenough that the following Committee of the Whole recommendations regarding the Halifax Harbour Solutions Project be adopted by Regional Council:

THAT HRM reaffirm its intent to move forward (on the basis of Option D) with the Harbour Solutions Project on the basis that the entire project be undertaken if one-third cost sharing is received from a combination of the Provincial/Federal Governments; otherwise, the project may be scaled back to coincide with the two-thirds funding available from HRM sources; AND FURTHER, that HRM authorize the Harbour Solutions Project Manager to so inform the successful RFQ respondents.

THAT staff be directed to undertake a review of the status of major water users currently exempt from payment of the pollution control charge on their water bills, with the results and recommendations to be reported back to Council.

THAT staff be directed to undertake a review of moving the Community Integration funding for Herring Cove to be immediately implemented to allow

for extension of desperately needed water for this community. This will allow for lead time required by the Water Commission to make application to the URB. MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

13. NOTICES OF MOTION

13.1 Councillor Kelly - By-Law B-500, the Building Service Connection By-Law

TAKE NOTICE that at the next regular Regional Council meeting, to be held on Tuesday, the 13th day of April 1999, I propose to introduce for adoption by Council pursuant to Section 329(1) of the Municipal Government Act, By-Law B-500, the Building Service Connection By-Law, the purpose of which is to make the owner of the property serviced by the connection responsible for the design and construction of the building service connection, whether the connection is on private property or not, and the owner of the property serviced by the connection responsible for the maintenance of that portion of the building service connection between the building and the street line and the municipality responsible for that portion between the street line and the sewer main.

13.2 Councillor Downey - Moosehead Hockey Team

Councillor Downey requested that the Deputy Mayor write a letter to the Halifax Moosehead Hockey Team congratulating them on their outstanding season. Council agreed with the request.

13.3 Councillor Adams - Amendment of the Mainland South MPS

TAKE NOTICE that at the next regular meeting of the Halifax Regional Council to be held on April 13, 1999, I intend to introduce a motion to request staff to initiate the process to amend the Mainland South MPS with the assistance of the community.

This will help to alleviate any additional impact on our Planning Staff and to develop a future model for MPS amendments throughout HRM.

13.4 Councillor Rankin - Amendment to By-Law S-600, Solid Waste Resource Collection and Disposal By-Law

TAKE NOTICE that at the next regular meeting of Halifax Regional Council to be held on Tuesday, the 13th day of April 1999, I propose to move First Reading of By-Law S-601, the purpose of which is to amend By-Law S-600, the Solid Waste Resource Collection and Disposal By-Law to delete the specific fees set out therein to enable them to be prescribed by policy.

In unrelated business, Councillor Mitchell provided Council with an update respecting the improving health status of former Councillor Ron Hanson. Deputy Mayor Uteck also reported that Mayor Walter Fitzgerald is recuperating very well and is expected to be back the first of May.

14. ADJOURNMENT

MOVED by Councillors Hetherington and Blumenthal that the meeting adjourn at 7:30 p.m. MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Vi Carmichael
Municipal Clerk