During discussion of the motion, it was noted that there is a possibility that a further change may take place if efforts to implement the 911 emergency number in the metro area are successful.

The motion was put to the meeting and passed. Councillor Tolson voted against the motion.

## 1980 FINANCIAL STATEMENT AND 1981 BUDGET

By memorandum, the Chief Administrative Officer advised Council that Staff has recently completed the preparatory work required in order to have the 1980 audit commenced by H. R. Doane and Company. Staff now expects to direct its efforts towards the preparation of the 1981 Operating Estimates and it is hoped that the initial draft of the consolidated 1981 Operating Estimates for the Town of Bedford will be available for preliminary review by Council on March 16, 1981. The Chief Administrative Officer recommended that once the initial draft of the 1981 Operating Estimates are tabled, that Council meet on daily basis, in order to review and consider same.

The Chief Administrative Officer noted that the Town finished the year 1980 with an operating surplus in excess of \$300,000.

# SACKVILLE RIVER ADVISORY BOARD

Councillor Legree advised Council that he has been requested to ask Town Council for approval of the Sackville River Advisory Board. He suggested that it might be more appropriate to defer this approval until such time as the terms of reference of this Board are presented for approval. Council agreed to this suggestion.

# RECESS

ON MOTION of Councillor Roberts and Councillor Innes, it was moved that the session adjourn for a ten minute recess. Motion carried. Councillor Lugar voted against the motion.

#### 1981 TAX EXEMPTIONS - CERTAIN INDIVIDUALS

By memorandum, the Chief Administrative Officer advised Council of the names of qualifying individuals who have applied for an exemption of \$150 each from property taxes, and recommended approval of property tax exemptions in the amount of \$150 for each of the nineteen (19) qualifying applicants.

ON MOTION of Councillor Lugar and Councillor Innes, it was moved that the list of nineteen names as submitted by the Chief Administrative Officer be approved to receive a property tax exemption of \$150 each.

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In response to the question as to whether or not others could apply for this exemption, it was noted by the Chief Administrative Officer that funding could be included in the estimates to allow for further applications.

PROPOSAL BY TOWN OF BEDFORD TO TAKE OVER OWNERSHIP AND OPERATION OF INTERNAL COLLECTOR SEWER SYSTEM

By memorandum, the Chief Administrative Officer advised Council that the Town of Bedford has proposed to the County of Halifax that the Town take over the ownership and operation of the internal collector sewer system as of March 1, 1981. Council was requested to consider the following matters in order to facilitate the transition:

- 1. Authorization to establish an emergency telephone service, so that citizens may obtain service after hours.
- 2. Authorization to assign an existing staff member to directly oversee the sanitary sewer operations.
- 3. Authorization to retain the services of a contractor in order to respond to problems such as backups, breaks, etc.
- 4. Authorization to advertise to the public the changeover in terms of responsibility, etc., for the system.

The Chief Administrative Officer further noted that the estimates to provide this service for 1981 will be substantially less than the \$175,000 per year presently being paid to the County of Halifax.

ON MOTION of Councillor Lugar and Councillor Tolson, it was moved that Council authorize the administrative staff of the Town of Bedford to carry out the procedures and advertising as proposed by the Chief Administrative Officer in advance of the takeover of the internal collector sewer system. Motion carried unanimously.

In response to an enquiry from Councillor Innes, the Town Engineer advised that Bids would be requested for the provision of emergency services.

# REQUEST FOR REZONING - 709 KEARNEY LAKE ROAD

The Town Engineer advised Council that this request for rezoning has been deferred until a future meeting of the Town Council.

## REZONING REQUESTS

Some discussion took place with regard to the advisability of applicants for rezoning changes appearing before Council prior to a decision being made to hold a public hearing.

ON MOTION of Councillor Lugar and Councillor Legree, it was moved that a staff report be prepared on the rezoning application for 709 Kearney Lake Road. Motion carried unanimously. It was agreed by Council that, in future, staff reports should be prepared and presented to Council for all rezoning requests, following which the Council will determine whether or not a public hearing will be held.

# URBAN LINE MAPPING

The Town Engineer advised that expected information re Urban Line Mapping has not yet been received and the matter will be placed on the agenda of a future Council meeting.

#### FEDERAL - PROVINCIAL EMPLOYMENT PROGRAM

By memorandum the Town Engineer outlined the purpose of the "Existing Building (and Lot) Conditions Survey" which his department proposes be included under the Winter Employment Program. It was noted that the inspections would be done only with the voluntary approval of the homeowners and the results of this survey might result in the declaring of a Residential Rehabilitation Assistance Program area which would be of future benefit to many homeowners. Council was advised that the net cost to the Town of the Winter Employment Program would be approximately \$4,000.

ON MOTION of Councillor Legree and Councillor Lugar, it was moved that Council approve the report on the Winter Employment Program as presented by the Town Engineer.

During discussion to the motion Councillor Innes expressed concern that residents would not wish to cooperate by making their homes available for inspection. The Town Engineer emphasized that the sole purpose of the survey was to determine the present condition of the housing and building stock and not to pinpoint violations.

The motion was put to the meeting and passed. Councillor Innes voted against the motion.

Councillor Lugar complimented Mr. Dursi on the calibre of the report.

# BUILDING INSPECTOR'S REPORT

The Building Inspector's Report for the month of January, 1981, was circulated to Council for information, showing a total value of construction for which permits were issued of \$275,000, and a total collection of Building Permit Fees of \$550.

#### ACCEPTANCE OF STREETS

By memorandum of the Town Engineer, it was recommended that Town Council accept the following portions of streets, subject to receipt of a certified cheque in the order of one hundred and ten per cent (110%) of the actual construction costs of roads and services to act as a guarantee bond and provision of necessary deed documentation to the satisfaction of the Town Engineer:

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- Moirs Mill Road Extension from Mill Run Crescent to a point approximately 660 feet east;
- Walden Place Extension from Moirs Mill Run to a point approximately 350 feet north.

The Town Engineer further noted that in order to permit construction activity for the attached Housing Zone in Bedford Village, it is necessary for the lots to receive final approval. Council's approval at the present time would permit the developer to work towards immediately securing the documentation necessary to allow final lot approval to quickly proceed followed concurrently by the issuance of building permits.

ON MOTION of Councillor Roberts and Councillor Lugar, it was moved that Town Council accept the following portions of streets:

- Moirs Mill Road Extension from . Mill Run Crescent to a point approximately 660 feet east;
- Walden Place Extension from Moirs Mill Run to a point approximately 350 feet north;

subject to receipt of a certified cheque in the order of one hundred and ten per cent (110%) of the actual construction costs of roads and services to act as a guarantee bond and provision of necessary deed documentation to the satisfaction of the Town Engineer.

In speaking to the motion Councillor Tolson expressed the opinion that roads should be fully constructed before subdivisions are approved. The Town Engineer advised that the procedure recommended is standard practice in the metro area.

The motion was put to the meeting and passed unanimously.

#### ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 10:45 p.m. on motion of Councillor Lugar and Councillor Legree.

MINUTES OF THE SECOND YEAR'S MEETINGS OF THE FIRST COUNCIL OF THE MUNICIPALITY OF THE TOWN OF BEDFORD COUNCIL SESSION - MARCH 9, 1981

A meeting of the Town Council of the Town of Bedford took place on Monday, March 9, 1981, 7:30 p.m. in Suite 200, Bedford Tower, Bedford, Nova Scotia. Mayor Francene Cosman presided and the meeting was attended by Councillors Tom Innes, Arnold Legree, Bosko Loncarevic, Keith Roberts and John Tolson.

# APPROVAL OF MINUTES

In response to an enquiry from Councillor Loncarevic as to why a grant had been approved for the Block Parents Association, in view of the fact that a Grants Committee has been established for the recommending of future grants, the Chief Administrative Officer suggested that this group is not registered as a charitable organization and would not qualify under Section 112 (AD) of the Towns Act.

The Town Engineer advised Council that the address, "707 Kearney Lake Road", page 7 of the minutes should read, "709 Kearney Lake Road."

ON MOTION of Councillor Legree and Councillor Roberts, it was moved that the minutes of the meeting of February 23, 1981 be approved as amended. Motion carried unanimously.

# C.P. ALLEN SCHOOL - CORRESPONDENCE, WARDEN E. LAWRENCE

Correspondence from Warden Elizabeth Lawrence concerning a request from the Town for a joint meeting in order to discuss the cost-sharing of the capital debt of C.P. Allen High School was reviewed. It was noted that County Council deferred consideration of the Town's request for a meeting to March 17, 1981. It was also noted that the so called "deadline" for concurrence by the Town on capital cost-sharing was extended to April 7, 1981.

#### BYLAW RESPECTING REPEAL OF BYLAWS

ON MOTION of Councillor Innes and Councillor Roberts, it was moved that

1. The following By-Laws, continued in the Town by virtue of the Municipal Boundaries and Representation Act, R.S.N.S. 1967, Chapter 195, are hereby repealed:

(a) By-Law No. 3 - The Committees and Boards By-Law

- (b) By-Law No. 4 The Municipal Officers By-Law
- (c) By-Law No. 5 A By-Law Respecting the Seal of the Municipality
- (d) By-Law No. 7 A By-Law to Repeal the Jail and Lock-Ups By-Law and to Fix Jail Limits
- (e) By-Law No. 11- The Ferry By-Law

(f) By-Law No. 14- The Resources By-Law

Motion carried unanimously.

## PROPOSAL BY TOWN OF BEDFORD RE TAKEOVER OF INTERNAL SEWER SYSTEM

Copies of correspondence from Mr. G.J. Kelly, Deputy Municipal Clerk of the Municipality of the County of Halifax, were circulated in which Mr. Kelly advised Council that County Council has approved a motion that the Municipality confirm its position to retain ownership of the sewer system within the Town of Bedford and that an appeal be allowed to go to the Board of Public Utilities, with respect to the matter of ownership, for decision.

Councillor Loncarevic expressed strong concern that the Town Council of the Town of Bedford has been overly considerate of the County recently, and congratulated Mayor Cosman on her attempt recently, to refute incorrect accusations made through the press media by County Councillors concerning various agreements between the Town and the County.

During the ensuing discussion there was general agreement with Councillor Loncarevic's contention but the opinion was also expressed that Town Council should continue in its efforts to meet with the Halifax County Council to discuss the various matters that are presently in dispute.

It was agreed by Council that the Chief Administrative Officer should issue a press release outlining the details and costs involved of the agreements which have been made between the County and the Town.

# MR. D. CROWDIS, DEPARTMENT OF CULTURE, RECREATION & FITNESS TEN MILE HOUSE

Mr. D. Crowdis addressed Council and reviewed the history of the enactment of Bill No. 34, An Act to Provide for the Identification, Preservation and Protection of Heritage Property. He advised that properties can be registered provincially through the Advisory Council on Heritage Property. An alternative is for a municipality to establish a Heritage Advisory Committee. Insofar as precedent is concerned, Annapolis Royal is, at the present time, the only municipality which has enacted a bylaw establishing a Heritage Advisory Committee.

It was noted by Mr. Crowdis that a Heritage Advisory Committee would be able to establish its own criteria with regard to the determination of whether or not a particular property should be protected.

It was the suggestion of Mr. Crowdis that, if the Town is interested in the preservation of a particular property, the most expedient action would be for the Town to proceed on its own to establish a Heritage Advisory Committee as soon as possible.

Mayor Cosman and Councillor Tolson expressed appreciation to Mr. Crowdis for his time and effort involved in coming to the Council Sesssion and advising on this matter.

## TAKEOVER OF INTERNAL SEWER SYSTEM

ON MOTION of Councillor Legree and Councillor Roberts, it was moved that further discussion of the proposal by the Town of Bedford re the takeover of the Internal Sewer System take place "in camera" at the conclusion of the Council Session. Motion carried unanimously.

# ACTION SHEET

Council requested that Staff make a concerted effort to finalize several items which have appeared on the Action Sheet for a considerable length of time.

#### CEMETERIES - CAPITAL SEWER CHARGES

The Chief Administrative Officer advised Council that, according to a recent press report, the County has determined that Cemetery properties shall not be exempt from the payment of capital sewer charges.

# TMH RENOVATIONS - SIDNEY STEPHEN BUILDING

In response to a question from Councillor Legree regarding the commencement of the TMH Renovations at the Sidney Stephen Building, the Mayor advised Council that no correspondence has been received from the County concerning this matter.

## BEDFORD IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT COMMITTEE - MAINSTREET PROGRAM

Copies of a report from Councillor Legree concerning recent activities of the BIDC were circulated. It was noted that eight proposals were received in response to an invitation to consultants for submissions to carry out an "Action Plan" for Bedford under the Nova Scotia Mainstreet Program. After a review of the various proposals received it was recommended by the BIDC that the firm of Lydon and Lynch Associates be retained to carry **ou**t this project. The cost of the plan will be \$15,000, with a net cost to the Town of Bedford of \$2,500 after cost-sharing from the Department of Development and the Department of Municipal Affairs.

ON MOTION of Councillor Legree and Councillor Tolson, it was moved that the Town of Bedford authorize the Mayor and Chief Administrative Officer to sign a contract with the firm of Lydon and Lynch Associates Ltd., in the amount of \$15,000 to carry out an "Action Plan" under the Nova Scotia Mainstreet Program in accordance with the Terms of Reference as approved by the BIDC and later amended by Town Council. Motion carried unanimously.

#### TAX-COLLECTION REPORT

Copies of the Tax Collection Report as of February 28, 1981 were circulated reflecting total taxes collected of \$1,123,829 (89.5%) and total tax arrears collected of \$218,476 (61.9%).

The Chief Administrative Officer noted that, while current tax collections are satisfactory, collection of arrears is slow. Official notices indicating that properties will be placed on a list for tax sale if arrears are not paid are presently being issued and a recommendation for a date for a tax sale will be made at the next Council meeting.

## FIRE DEPARTMENT REPORT

Fire Chief David Selig reported to Council that the building addition is close to completion and that the department's equipment is in good working order. He noted that furniture will be required for the new addition.

Mayor Cosman expressed congratulations to Chief Selig on the performance of the Fire Department Dance Troupe at a recent ice carnival.

# BEDFORD PLANNING ADVISORY REPORT

Copies of the BPAC Report to March 6, 1981 were circulated to members of Council with which was enclosed:

- 1. Copy of a letter dated March 6, 1981 outlining the process by which the Chapters of the MDP will be prepared.
- 2. Copy of the text of the Residential Package which will be included in the next edition of the Bedford Blueprint.

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- 3. Copy of the results of Part III of the Bedford Survey which will also be carried in the next issue of the Bedford Blueprint.
- 4. Copy of a report of Planning in Bedford, Activities between August, 1980 and February, 1981.

In his report, the Chairman, Councillor Loncarevic, noted that the policies presented in the Residential Package are not necessarily those that will be recommended by BPAC to the Council.

Mayor Cosman expressed concern with some of the wording contained in the Residential Package and Councillor Loncarevic agreed to meet with Mayor Cosman on this matter.

Councillor Loncarevic requested the opinion of Council with regard to the obtaining of Council approval for day to day expenditures by BPAC. It was agreed that it was not necessary for such approval to be given by Council providing that expenditures were within the budgeted amounts and in accordance with the Town's Purchasing Policy.

#### BUILDING INSPECTOR'S REPORT

Copies of the Building Inspector's Report for the month of February, 1981 were circulated indicating a total of 11 permits issued resulting in a total value of construction of \$568,800 and a total value of Building Permit Fees of \$1,138.

# RECESS

ON MOTION of Councillor Roberts and Councillor Tolson, it was moved that the meeting adjourn for a ten minute recess. Motion carried unanimously.

#### NOTICE OF MOTION

Notice of Motion was served by Councillor Roberts that a motion will be made at the next session of Town Council to enact a bylaw to establish a Board of Police Commissioners for the Town of Bedford.

Copies of the draft bylaw were circulated for consideration. During discussion it was agreed that the time of meetings should be changed to 7:30 in the evening rather than 7:00. It was also agreed, following discussion with legal counsel, that Section 9 should be clarified prior to the next meeting of Council.

ON MOTION of Councillor Loncarevic and Councillor Innes, it was moved that Section 2 of the draft bylaw be amended to read as recommended in the Model Bylaw prepared by the Nova Scotia Police Association. In discussion of this motion, which would result in Commissioners serving on the Board of Police Commissioners for the Town of Bedford not receiving renumeration for such service, Councillor Roberts expressed the opinion that such a motion was in conflict with a recent motion passed by Town Council whereby meeting allowances are permitted.

Mayor Cosman ruled that the motion was in order.

The motion was put to the meeting and was approved. Councillor Roberts and Councillor Legree voted against the motion.

Some discussion took place with regard to the use of the male pronoun (i.e. he) rather than a combination of the male and female pronoun (i.e. he/she) in the text of bylaws. It was agreed that all bylaws should be composed with the use of the combination of pronouns.

#### POLICE CHIEF

ON MOTION of Councillor Roberts and Councillor Tolson it was moved that the Chief Administrative Officer be authorized to place advertisements for the position of Chief of Police for the Town of Bedford. Motion carried unanimously.

It was noted that the Chief of Police is hired by the Town Council, not the Police Commission.

# REZONING REQUEST - 709 KEARNEY LAKE ROAD

By memorandum the development officer recommended that a request for a public hearing, concerning the rezoning of 709 Kearney Lake Road from R-2 to C-2, be denied. It was noted that much of the Kearney Lake Road area had recently been rezoned from G (General Building) to R-2, a change that was initiated by residents of the area. The applicant is presently operating a car repair service in a garage which was constructed as a result of a building permit issued for the construction of a private car garage. Application for the permit was made subsequent to the placement of advertising notifying the general public of the intention to rezone much of the Kearney Lake Road area.

ON MOTION of Councillor Tolson and Councillor Legree, it was moved that a public hearing be held on the proposed rezoning of 709 Kearney Lake Road from R-2 to C-2. Motion defeated. Councillors Keith Roberts, Bosko Loncarevic and Tom Innes voted against the Motion.

ON MOTION of Councillor Loncarevic and Councillor Innes, it was moved that the recommendation contained in the staff report concerning an application to rezone 709 Kearney Lake Road from R-2 to C-2 be accepted. Motion carried unanimously.

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## PROPOSED CONTRACT - METROPOLITAN TRANSIT COMMISSION

By memorandum, the Chief Administrative Officer advised Council that a draft of a contract has been received from the solicitors for the Metropolitan Transit Commission regarding the provision of transit service to the Town of Bedford commencing on April 1, 1981. It was noted that under the proposed agreement Bedford would be required to contribute \$104,136 for the year 1981 which, translated to a full year, would amount to approximately \$138,850.

It was the recommendation of the Chief Administrative Officer that any decision on this matter be deferred until further discussions take place with regard to possible alternatives to reduce the Town's cost.

It was further recommended that Town Council appoint an ad hoc committee to meet with Sackville area County Councillors in order to explore together the various possibilities of reducing costs.

The Chief Administrative Officer suggested that, if such meeting, or meetings, are arranged, it would be wise to invite officials of the Transit Commission.

While the majority of Council expressed agreement with the recommendations of the Chief Administrative Officer, some concern was expressed due to the state of relations between the two Councils at the present time.

ON MOTION of Councillor Tolson and Councillor Roberts, it was moved that the Town Council attempt to arrange a meeting between an ad hoc committee of the Town Council, the Sackville District County Councillors and officials of the Transit Commission with regard to the transit services. Motion carried unanimously.

ON MOTION of Councillor Roberts and Councillor Loncarevic, it was moved that Councillor Tolson be appointed to the ad hoc transit committee.

ON MOTION of Councillor Loncarevic and Councillor Innes, it was moved that the motion be amended by the addition of the appointment of Councillor Roberts and Councillor Legree to the ad hoc transit committee.

Amendment carried unanimously.

Amended Motion carried unanimously.

# TEMPORARY BORROWING RESOLUTION

By memorandum the Chief Administrative Officer recommended that Town Council approve a borrowing resolution in the amount of \$131,000 in order that the Town might acquire its own financing for borrowings previously arranged by the Bedford Service Commission through the County of Halifax.

ON MOTION of Councillor Loncarevic and Councillor Legree, it was moved that Town Council approve a temporary borrowing resolution in an amount not to exceed \$131,000 for the purpose of re-financing borrowings previously arranged by the Bedford Service Commission to the County of Halifax, subject to the approval of the Minister of Municipal Affairs. Motion carried unanimously.

The Chief Administrative Officer advised Council that utilization of this borrowing resolution would not take place until and if such time arises that it is required for cash flow pruposes.

# 1981 ASSESSMENT ROLL

By memorandum the Chief Administrative Officer advised Council that the 1981 Assessment Roll was received from the Province of Nova Scotia on February 26, 1981. Total assessment for the Town of Bedford is \$166,970,475, an increase of 64.8% over the 1980 figure of \$101,281,200.

The number of tax accounts has increased from 2,338 to 2,443 which accounts for a portion of the growth – the balance is attributed to the general re-assessment which was carried out throughout the province in 1980, to bring property assessments more in line with fair market values.

The Chief Administrative Officer further informed Council that the Assessment Roll indicates a dwelling count of 2,102 which appears to conflict with the 2,262 dwelling units identified in the MDP process. It was recommended that further research take place on this matter and an appeal be filed with the Minister of Municipal Affairs pursuant to Section 9 (4) of the Municipal Grants Act.

Councillor Loncarevic expressed concern with regard to the escalation of assessments on some commercial properties, in particular, one on the Bedford Highway which has risen over 600 per cent. He inquired as to the possibility of the Town appealing this particular assessment. The Chief Administrative Officer advised that the owner has a right to appeal and recommended that the Town not become involved in this process.

Councillor Tolson inquired as to whether or not the Town could ask for upward adjustments of assessments if same are felt warranted. The Chief Administrative Officer advised that such a request is permitted but would be unusual.

ON MOTION of Councillor Tolson and Councillor Legree, it was moved that the Town of Bedford appeal the dwelling unit count to the Minister of Municipal Affairs pursuant to Section 9(4) of the Municipal Grants Act. Motion carried unanimously.

#### STORMWATER WORKSHOP

Mr. Louis Dursi advised that the Nova Scotia Department of the Environment, in cooperation with the Halifax County Storm Drainage Task Force and the Technical University of Nova Scotia, Stormwater Quality and Quantity Research Program, will be sponsoring a "Stormwater Workshop" on March 24, 1981, 8:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Mr. Dursi noted that this workshop will be a working session, designed to promote the exchange of ideas and opinions of consultants, planners and municipal officials, and that the Deparment of Environment is requesting a representative from Bedford Town Council to attend this workshop.

It was decided that Councillor Arnold Legree will serve as the Town's representative at the "Stormwater Workshop."

#### HERITAGE ADVISORY COMMITTEE

ON MOTION of Councillor Tolson and Councillor Loncarevic, it was moved that Town Council instruct legal counsel to proceed with the drafting of a Bylaw for the Establishment of a Heritage Advisory Committee. Motion carried unanimously.

## NOTICE OF MOTION OF RE-CONSIDERATION

NOTICE OF MOTION of re-consideration of the Motion to amend Section 2 of the draft Bylaw to Establish a Board of Police Commissioners for the Town of Bedford was served by Councillor Roberts.

#### EAGLEWOOD SUBDIVISION: COASTING HILL

Councillor Innes expressed concern that much of the Golf Links Coasting Hill in the Eaglewood Subdivision could be destroyed due to the fact that cars are continually driving over the property.

ON MOTION of Councillor Innes and Councillor Roberts it was moved that Council place signs on at least four locations at the base of the coasting hill indicating that motorized vehicles are not permitted. Motion carried unanimously.

The Council then adjourned for the in-camera session which had been approved previously during the meeting.

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CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER

MINUTES OF THE SECOND YEAR'S MEETING OF THE FIRST COUNCIL OF THE MUNICIPALITY OF THE TOWN OF BEDFORD COUNCIL SESSION - MARCH 23, 1981

A meeting of the Town Council of the Town of Bedford took place on Monday, March 23, 1981, 7:30 p.m. in Suite 200, Bedford Tower, Bedford, Nova Scotia. Mayor Francene Cosman presided and the meeting was attended by Councillors Tom Innes, Arnold Legree, Bosko Loncarevic, David Lugar, Keith Roberts and John Tolson.

#### APPROVAL OF MINUTES

It was agreed that two corrections, as follows, should be made to the minutes of the Council Session of March 9, 1981:

(a) the spelling of Councillor Tolson's name shown onPage 6, Paragraph 5, as "Rolson" should be corrected to"Tolson";

(b) Line 3, 4th Paragraph, Page 5, should include the words "with Mayor Cosman" following the words, "to meet".

ON MOTION of Councillor Loncarevic and Councillor Innes, it was moved that the minutes of the meeting of March 9, 1981 be approved as corrected. Motion carried unanimously.

# PROPOSED AGREEMENT - CAPITAL COST SHARING - C.P.ALLEN HIGH SCHOOL

Council was advised by the Chief Administrative Officer that, while official notification has not been received, it is his understanding that the Halifax County Council is willing to meet with Bedford Town Council on Tuesday, April 7, 1981 at 2 p.m., to discuss the capital cost-sharing of the C.P. Allen High School. This meeting is to be held in the County Council Chambers.

Councillor Loncarevic reviewed, for the benefit of Council his attendance as an observer at a recent meeting of Halifax County Council and noted that the meeting with the Bedford Council would be the first item of business on the next regular meeting of County Council. He also advised that the third item of business at this same meeting would be consideration of Bedford's request to take over the internal sewer system and suggested that the Council should consider remaining in attend-

# ance for this discussion. PROPOSAL BY TOWN OF BEDFORD - SEWER SYSTEM

Copies of correspondence from Mr. K.S. Wilson, Director of Finance, Municipality of the County of Halifax, were circulated in which Mr. Wilson advised that the Halifax County Council has approved the acceptance of a proposal by the Town of Bedford that the sewer lateral charges, and accrued interest thereon, be paid in eight equal instalments o July 1, each year, commencing July 1, 1981 with interest at the rate of 11% on the outstanding amount from August 1, 1980 to the date of final payment.

The Chief Administrative Officer recommended that an agreement be signed to this effect.

ON MOTION of Councillor Tolson and Councillor Legree, it was moved that the Mayor and Chief Administrative Officer be authorized to sign an agreement with the Municipality of the County of Halifax whereby the sewer lateral charges, and accrued interest thereon, be paid in eight equal installments on July 1 each year, commencing July 1, 1981, and the interest rate on the outstanding amount from August 1, 1980 to the date of final payment be at 11 per cent. Motion carried unanimously.

MOTION OF RECONSIDERATION OF MOTION TO AMEND DRAFT BYLAW TO ESTABLISH A POLICE COMMISSION FOR THE TOWN OF BEDORD

Councillor Roberts moved reconsideration of the Motion of March 9, 1981, dealing with the draft bylaw to establish a Police Commission for the Town of Bedford, Seconded by Councillor Legree. Motion carried. Councillor Loncarevic and Councillor Innes voted against the Motion of Reconsideration.

The original Motion of March 9, 1981, to amend draft bylaw to establish a Police Commission for the Town of Bedford, reads as follows:

"ON MOTION of Councillor Loncarevic and Councillor Innes, it was moved that Section 2 of the draft bylaw be amended to read as recommended in the Model Bylaw prepared by the Nova Scotia Police Commission.

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In speaking against the original Motion, Councillor Roberts noted the proposed amendment would not necessarily mean that appointees to the Police Commission would receive a stipend, but would enable Council to approve same if, in the future, it so desired. Speaking for the original Motion, Councillor Loncarevic expressed the opinion that the intent of the amendment was to provide stipends to members of the Police Commission, and that this would be a reversal of past policy of the Town Council. He expressed his opinion that there is a change in the relationship of volunteers whenever a stipend is involved and that the Town will be running the risk of losing valuable volunteer help.

The motion was again put to the meeting and defeated. Councillor Roberts, Councillor Lugar and Councillor Legree voted against the motion.

# BYLAW TO ESTABLISH A BOARD OF POLICE COMMISSIONERS FOR THE TOWN OF BEDFORD

ON MOTION of Councillor Roberts and Councillor Legree, it was moved that the Bylaw to Establish the Board of Police Commissioners for the Town of Bedford be approved.

Copies of the draft bylaw were circulated to Council for consideration. It was noted by Councillor Roberts that several changes is have been made from the original draft circulated previously and that, in addition, Section 2 would be revised in accordance with the motion previously passed.

Mayor Cosman advised Council that invited guests, namely, County Councillors representing the Sackville Districts and officials from the Metropolitan Transit Commission, were present, and suggested that further consideration of the Bylaw be deferred until later in the meeting. Council agreed with this suggestion.

#### PROPOSED TRANSIT AGREEMENT

Halifax County Councillors Lois Wiseman, Phil Eisenhauer, Ken Margeson, along with Mr. Jones and Mr. T. McKim officials of the Transit Commission were welcomed to the Council Session by Mayor Cosman. They were advised by the Mayor that the Bedford

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Town Council was concerned with the cost factor of the proposed Transit agreement and felt that an in-depth discussion with the Sackville Councillors and Transit Commission officials would be valuable. During the ensuing discussion the following opinions, facts and/or suggestions were expressed:

- A time factor is involved if routes are to be changed or curtailed due to requirements in the collective agreements with the drivers;
- b) In the opinion of the Transit Commission it is not practical to have varied fare structures for different routes:
- c) In determining the cost and revenue for a particular route, the total kilometers operated in each jurisdiction is charged to that jurisdiction and revenues are credited in the same proportion as the number of kilometers in each jurisdiction are related to the total.
- d) The approval of the Board of Commissioners of Public Utilities is not required in order to make changes in the route structure;
- e) The elimination of runs which are poorly patronized might decrease the operating deficit but the capital costs would remain the same unless the service was curtailed to the point where the number of buses requried could be reduced;
- f) The present fee structure which enables a person to travel from Bedford to Halifax for fifty cents and yet charges a person living a mile or two further away in Sackville, one dollar, was questioned:
- g) In response to the suggestion that transit service should be on a "user pay" basis, it was noted by Mr. McKim that in many municipalities transit is considered a necessary public service, not a profit making venture, and that it is also considered a planning tool for the purpose of decreasing automobile traffic, parking problems, etc;
- h) It was also suggested by Mr. McKim that the raising of transit fares is sometimes self-defeating due to the fact that patrons may change to other modes of travel;
- i) It was noted that the estimated deficits for 1981 would result in a tax levy in the Town of Bedford of 8.4¢ per \$100 assessment,

in the City of Dartmouth, ll-13¢, and in the City of Halifax, 13¢; (Expressed in terms of full year operation of MTC)

- j) It was noted that public transportation in Europe costs two to three times more than in the Halifax area;
- k) It was the opinion of Mr. McKim that the only way to determine whether or not a route or run change would result in a saving of costs would be for the Town and/or County to propose a particular scenario to the Transit Commissionfollowing which the costs could be developed;
- It was suggested that the major question facing the Councils with regard to Transit is whether or not the general public is willing to accept the fact that transit service does not pay its way and must be subsidized - and if so, to what extent;
- m) It was felt that the Province should contribute a greater share towards the operating costs;

In bringing the discussion to a conclusion Mayor Cosman requested that the Transit Commission study the possibility of an increase in fares and report back to the Councils. Mr. McKim agreed that such a study could be completed within a period of two to three weeks.

Councillor Loncarevic suggested that it should be recognized that the Metropolitan Transit Commission is involved in the provision of two types or levels of transit service: the inner-city transport and the suburban transport, and that perhaps different approaches will be required for each type. The transit officials were informed that the Bedford Town Council would like to see a transit service that would result in a cost to the Town not exceeding approximately \$60,000 a year.

Mayor Cosman thanked Mr. McKim and Mr. Jones for their time in coming to the meeting.

In response to Mayor Cosman's suggestion that the ad hoc committee should meet again in the near future, Councillor Wiseman expressed her frustration at the seemingly unsolvable problem of costs. No decision was reached on a subsequent meeting.

BYLAW TO ESTABLISH A BOARD OF POLICE COMMISSIONERS FOR THE TOWN OF BEDFORD

Councillor Roberts reviewed the changes and additions contained

in the revised draft of the bylaw. He also recommended that the policy of including the male and female gender in place of the male pronoun, i.e. his, him, be replaced by the policy of using the male gender only which, under the Interpretation Act, will legally mean either.

Councillor Loncarevic advised Council that since, in his opinion, there will be a fundamental change in the constitution of the Town of Bedford, by the entrenching of a stipend in this bylaw, resulting in a bylaw significantly different from any others passed to date, he was not able to vote in favour of the bylaw at the present time.

ON MOTION of Councillor Lugar and Councillor Tolson, it was moved that consideration of the motion be deferred to the next meeting of Council.

In speaking to the motion, Councillor Lugar expressed the opinion that Council required further time to review and consider the total implications of the bylaw.

The motion was put to the meeting and passed. Councillor Roberts voted against the motion. Councillor Legree abstained.

#### ACTION SHEET

During consideration of information contained on the Action Sheet, the Chief Administrative Officer advised Council that the Bylaws concerning Building Regulations, Fire Prevention and Parks and Playgrounds will be submitted to Town Council in early April.

## CORRESPONDENCE - COMMISSION ON PUBLIC EDUCATION FINANCE

Copies of correspondence from Mr. John R. Levangie, Secretary, Commission on Public Education Finance, were circulated in which Mr. Levangie advised Mayor Cosman that the report of the Commission on Public Education Finance will be presented to the Minister of Education on March 31, 1981. Copies of the report will be forwarded to each school board and municipal council immediately following this date. He also advised that a provincial conference will be held on April 14 and 15 in Halifax at which time the report will be reviewed in detail. All school boards, municipal councils and professional organizations concerned are invited to attend with a registration fee of \$15 per delegate.

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The correspondence was received for information and the Chief Administrative Officer advised that the registration fee would be forwarded for all town officials indicating their desire to attend.

# CORRESPONDENCE - METROPOLITAN AUTHORITY

Copies of correspondence from Mr. R. Mort Jackson, Executive Director, Metropolitan Authority, were circulated, with which, Mr. Jackson enclosed an executed copy of the agreements between the Authority and the Town regarding the provision of Solid Waste Management and Correctional Services.

Mr. Jackson advised that, in regard to the draft agreement dealing with the provision of Operating Planning services, that the Authority would like to amend the clauses dealing with Arbitration to specify that this procedure will be governed by the Arbitration Act.

During discussion of this matter it was suggested by Legal Counsel that Town Council consider a two-tier system whereby, if the two parties agree, a single arbitrator may be appointed; failing this, procedure should be governed by the Arbitration Act under which each party will appoint an arbitrator.

It was agreed by Council that the suggestion of legal counsel should be supported.

# CORRESPONDENCE - UNION OF NOVA SCOTIA MUNICIPALITIES

Copies of correspondence from Mr. Sherman Zwicker, Executive Director, Union of Nova Scotia Municipalities, were circulated in which Mr. Zwicker requested that Council appoint a representative to participate in the activities of the Conference Planning Committee for the 1981 Conference.

It was agreed by Council that Councillor Tolson be appointed to fulfill this request.

#### CORRESPONDENCE - STATISTICS CANADA

Copies of correspondence from Mr. J. Kevin Power, Regional Director, Statistics Canada were circulated in which Mr. Power requested support in a campaign to encourage full participation in the Census of Population and Housing and the Census of Agriculture both of which will be taken on June 3, 1981. The correspondence was

# received for information.

It was noted by the Chief Administrative Officer that the enumeration areas designated for this census do not relate in total to the town boundaries and that the Mayor has been asked to contact Mr. Howard Crosby, MP, to determine if adjustments can be made at this late date.

## CORRESPONDENCE - UNION OF NOVA SCOTIA MUNICIPALITIES

Copies of correspondence from Mr. Sherman Zwicker, Executive Director, Union of Nova Scotia Municipalities were circulated in which Mr. Zwicker requested that member units review the present Emergency Measures Act and Regulations with a view to suggestions for improvements.

It was agreed by Council that the Emergency Measures Co-Ordinator for the Town, Mr. Dursi, should be requested to fulfill this request.

# CORRESPONDENCE- DEPARTMENT OF MUNICIPAL AFFAIRS

Copies of correspondence from the Honorable Jack MacIsaac, Minister of Municipal Affairs, Province of Nova Scotia, were circulated in which Mr. MacIsaac advised that the dwelling unit count for the Town of Bedford now is in agreement with the count made by town staff.

The Chief Administrative Officer advised that staff is currently investigating the possibility of having certain motel units which may meet the requirements under the Municipal Grants Act, included in the Dwelling Unit count.

## CORRESPONDENCE - MR. MURRAY WATSON

Copies of correspondence from Mr. Murray Watson, Firefighter, Town of Bedford, were circulated in which Mr. Watson advised of his resignation from the Bedford Fire Department effective March 24, 1981.

It was agreed by Council that the Chief Administrative Officer should discuss with Fire Department officials, the question of whether or not this vacant position should be filled immediately. The Chief Administrative Officer noted that a notice has already been posted calling for applications, however, a selection committee is to be established before consideration is given to filling the vacancy.

#### CORRESPONDENCE - DEPARTMENT OF MUNICIPAL AFFAIRS

Copies of correspondence from the Honorable Jack MacIsaac, Minister of Municipal Affairs, Province of Nova Scotia were circulated in which Mr. MacIsaac advised that the government wishes to defer a decision on Bedford's request that the Board of Commissioners of Public Utilities be appointed to recommend on Bedford's membership in the Metropolitan Authority and the Metropolitan Area Planning Commission. Mr. MacIsaac noted that, in view of the fact that the Metropolitan Authority has agreed to review the issue of individual municipal representation on the Authority and other regional agencies, it would seem appropriate to defer any further initiative until this study is completed.

During discussion of this correspondence it was noted that the request to Mr. MacIsaac had originally been forwarded in response to his own suggestion and that Council, to date, has been more than patient in awaiting a response.

The opinion was expressed by legal counsel that the Council has three options in this matter: a) proceed under the Public Enquiries Act; b) Proceed directly to the Board of Commissioners of Public Utilities under the Municipal Boundaries and Representation Act; c) Proceed to make representation to the Metropolitan Authority.

It was also suggested by legal counsel that the only body that can legally determine the membership and composition of the bodies in question is the Legislature of the Province of Nova Scotia.

In response to the question of whether or not the Town of Bedford should continue its effort to become a member of the Metropolitan Authority and the Metropolitan Area Planning Commission, Mayor Cosman expressed the opinion that it is most important - particularly in view of the fact that, at the present time, the Town is literally sliding into regional government without representation.

ON MOTION of Councillor Lugar and Councillor Tolson, it was moved that Mayor Cosman, Deputy Mayor Innes and legal counsel request a meeting with the Honorable Jack MacIsaac to discuss the matter in depth. Motion carried unanimously.

#### BEDFORD PLANNING ADVISORY COMMITTEE REPORT

Copies of the report of the Bedford Planning Advisory Committee were circulated in which Council was advised that:

- a) the Draft of the Residential Package of the MDP has been published in the sixth issue of the Bedford Blueprint which was mailed to all Bedford Households on March 19.
- b) a "Blueprint Workshop" has been scheduled as a general public meeting for 7:30 p.m. on April 6, 1981 at the Bedford Senior Elementary School.
- c) a meeting was held on March 19, 1981, between BPAC representatives and the acting director and MDP Review Committee of the Community Planning Division, Department of Municipal Affairs at which the status and progress of Bedford's MDP was reported.

Enclosed with the BPAC report was a detailed meeting report of the March 19, 1981 meeting with the MDP Review Committee of the Community Planning Division.

## RECREATION COMMISSION REPORT

Councillor Innes reported to Council that March Break activities at the Recreation Centre were well received and successful.

It was agreed at the last meeting of the Recreation Commission that Mr. David Selig, Fire Chief, would be nominated as "Volunteer of the Year" representing the Bedford Volunteer Fire Department. This name will be submitted, along with others, to a Provincial Selection Committee.

Two staff members from the Recreation Commission will be attending ā Turf Conference to be held in St. John, New Brunswick.

It was agreed by the Recreation Commission that Mr. Peter Spencer and Councillor Innes would meet with Officials of Bedford Place to discuss recreational possibilities for some of the surplus Bedford Place property.

## RECREATION COMMISSION SPRING BROCHURES

It was noted by Councillor Loncarevic that the Spring Program Brochure had been published this year with the designation of the Bedford Recreation Department rather than Bedford Recreation Commission. It was agreed that the suggestion should be made that, in future, this read Bedford Recreation Commission.

#### BEDFORD BUSINESS IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT COMMITTEE REPORT

Councillor Legree advised Council that Lydon and Lynch Associates, have already submitted some preliminary material to the Committee outlining some possible projects, costs,etc. and that the Mount St. Vincent Survey is now under way.

#### BUDGET (1981) REPORT

By memorandum, the Chief Administrative Officer advised that Town Staff is continuing work in compiling the documentation required for the first draft of the 1981 Operating Budget. It is anticipated that, if outstanding information is received during the week of March 22, 1981, the first draft of the 1981 Operating Estimates will be tabled with Town Council during the week of March 29, 1981.

ON MOTION of Councillor Tolson and Councillor Loncarevic, it was moved that budget deliberations be open to the general public.

In response to an enquiry of Councillor Legree, it was noted that this motion would permit the general public to attend as observers, not as participants of the discussion.

The motion was put to the meeting and passed unanimously.

## GROUP INSURANCE PACKAGE - TOWN EMPLOYEES

By memorandum the Chief Administrative Officer advised Council of the details of a proposed Group Insurance Package for Town Employees and recommended the signing of an agreement with the Zurich Life Insurance Company and an agreement with Maritime Medical Care Incorporated to implement same.

ON MOTION of Councillor Legree and Councillor Lugar, it was moved that the Chief Administrative Officer be authorized to sign an agreement with the Zurich Life Insurance Company of Canada and Maritime Medical Care Incorporated for the implementation of the group insurance package.

The Chief Administrative Officer advised Council that the costs of these plans would be shared 50/50 between the Town and the Employees and the total cost to the Town for the employees now on staff would be approximately \$5500. a year.

The motion was put to the meeting and passed unanimously.

ON MOTION of Councillor Roberts and Councillor Loncarevic, it was moved that the Chief Administrative Officer be authorized to obtain details of a benefit package suitable for Town Council participation. Motion carried unanimously.

# SACKVILLE RIVER BRIDGE

Councillor Innes requested that arrangements be made for Council to visit the Sackville River Bridge site in order to determine first hand the exact location of the proposed new bridge structure. The Town Engineer will make these arrangements.

## TRANSIT AGREEMENT

Mr. Kenneth MacInnis, Legal Counsel, circulated copies of a proposed Transit Agreement forwarded from the Metropolitan Transit Commission. He requested that Council review and analyze it very carefully prior to the next meeting.

## ADJOURNMENT OF MEETING

ON MOTION of Councillor Lugar and Councillor Tolson, it was moved that the meeting adjourn until 7:30 p.m., Thursday, March 26, 1981 in order to complete the business on the agenda and that a closure time be set for 10 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.

Officer be authorized to sign sa &

MAYOR

CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER

The regularly scheduled Town Council Session of the Town of Bedford of March 23, 1981 reconvened at 7:30 p.m. March 26, 1981 in Suite 400, Bedford Tower, Bedford, Nova Scotia. Mayor Francene Cosman presided and the meeting was attended by Councillors Tom Innes, Arnold Legree, Bosko Loncarevic, David Lugar, Keith Roberts and John Tolson.

#### PROPOSED TRANSIT AGREEMENT

Copies of the proposed Transit Agreement between the Town of Bedford and the Metropolitan Transit Commission were reviewed by Town Council.

It was suggested by the Chief Administrative Officer that Council might prefer an interim agreement of three to four months duration in preference to a nine month agreement. It was also noted by the Chief Administrative Officer that there is no mention of changing of fares in the agreement.

It was noted by legal counsel that if the agreement is signed for a three month period, there can be no reduction of service during this period. There was a consensus of Council that the date for notice of re-negotiation should be June 1, 1981 and that Clauses 1.2 and 1.3 should include reference to fares. It was also agreed that Clause 4.3 should include a time limit for the issuing of decisions, and that the agreement should be for a four month period.

It was suggested by Councillor Innes that it might be wise for the town to initiate its own survey in order to determine the number of Bedford residents using the transit service and when.

ON MOTION of Councillor Lugar and Councillor Legree, it was moved that the Transit Agreement, as presented, and subject to the amendments as requested, be approved and that the Mayor and Chief Administrative Officer be authorized to sign same on behalf of the Town of Bedford. Motion carried unanimously.

#### BYLAW RESPECTING RULES OF ORDER

Council reviewed the draft of the Rules of Order Bylaw and was advised by legal counsel of the following opinions:

- a) all members of Council, including the Mayor, are entitled to vote on any matter;
- b) all members of Council, including the Mayor, are entitled to abstain from voting on any matter;
- c) if, and when, Conflict of Interest legislation is passed by the Government of Nova Scotia, it will supercede any such legislation contained in this bylaw;
- d) when a two-thirdsmajority vote is required, it is interpreted to mean two-thirds of those members of Council present as long as a quorum is in attendance.

Councillor Loncarevic requested that a sub-section (8) of Section 10 be included as follows: "Copies of approved minutes of all regular and special meetings shall be made available for public examination at suitable locations designated by Council."

It was agreed that the Bylaw should be redrafted prior to the next session of Council. Council also agreed that, in future, such drafts should be dated.

# NOTICE OF MOTION - RULES OF ORDER BYLAW

Councillor Loncarevic served Notice of MOtion that a Motion will be made at the next regular meeting of Town Council to approve the Rules of Order Bylaw.

#### COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE OF TOWN COUNCIL

Some discussion took place on the current practice of holding Committee of the Whole sessions "in camera." It was suggested by legal counsel that if this practice is to continue a properly constituted Committee of the Whole should be considered.

## INTERPRETATIONS ACT - "HE" and/or "SHE"

Councillor Roberts raised the question of the necessity and/or reasonableness of using the male and female gender in bylaws wherever a male pronoun has been used in the past. It was agreed that legal counsel should make some enquiries to determine what is the modern trend in legislation.

#### HALIFAX COUNTY REGIONAL LIBRARY - 1981 ESTIMATES

Copies of the 1981 estimates for the Halifax County Regional Library were circulated, indicating a total budget of \$ 598,500 of which \$ 34,382 would be assessed to the Town of Bedford. Following cost sharing by the Province, the net cost to the Town will be \$19,533.

Councillor Roberts advised that it is the intention of the Board to extend the open hours of the Bedford Branch from 37 to 47 hours.

Councillor Roberts also advised Council that the Board is desirous of obtaining more space for the Bedford Branch, noting that, at the present time, space for the display of books is at a premium and there is little or no room for the provision of adult and children's programs.

ON MOTION of Councillor Roberts and Councillor Lugar, it was moved that Councillor Roberts and the Chief Administrative Officer be authorized to negotiate with Sunnyside Shopping Plaza Ltd. to determine the feasibility of obtaining extra space for the library. Motion carried. Councillor Legree voted against the motion.

## BEDFORD INDUSTRIAL COMMISSION - CERTIFICATE OF INCORPORATION

By memorandum the Chief Administrative Officer advised Council that the Certificate of Incorporation of the Bedford Industrial Commission has now been signed by the Minister of Municipal Affairs and that it would be in order for Town Council to nominate appointments to serve on the Industrial Commission.

He further suggested that an Organizational Meeting should be called in order that a Chairman and Officers can be appointed and work commence with respect to the establishment of bylaws, etc.

In response to a suggestion of Mayor Cosman, it was agreed that Council appointments to the Commission should be made immediately and that these three appointees should be requested to make recommendations to Council in the near future with regard to other appointees to the Commission.

Mayor Cosman called for nominations of Council members to serve on the Bedford Industrial Commission.

Mayor Cosman was nominated by Councillor Tolson. Councillor Legree was nominated by Councillor Roberts.