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MUNICIPALITY OF THE COUNTY OF HALIFAX

COUNTY COUNCIL MEMBERS

1961 - 1964

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18	Raymond Williams	Ostrea Lake Halifax Co.	Musq. Hbr. 19/3 -- 2/3
19	Howard Daye	Salmon River Bridge Jeddore, Halifax Co.	Jeddore 5/3
20	Arthur C. MacKenzie	Pope's Harbour Halifax Co.	Spry Hbr. 5/21
21	William I. Henley	Sheet Harbour Halifax Co.	Sheet Hbr. 103
22	Carl E. Turner	Moser River Halifax Co.	Moser River 8/3
23	George D. Burris	Upper Musquodoboit Halifax Co.	Upr. Musq. 1/1
24	Ralph H. McCabe	R.R.#2, Middle Musq. Halifax Co.	M. Musq. 19/22
25	Perry M. Grant	Meagher's Grant	M.Gr. 104/2
26	Alex. C. Isenor	Dutch Settlement R.R.#1, Lantz, Hants County.	D. Settlement 331
27	Albert J. Smeltzer	Lr. Sackville R.R.#2, Bedford	Sackville 47

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MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL SESSION  
OF THE THIRTY-FOURTH COUNCIL  
OF THE MUNICIPALITY OF THE  
COUNTY OF HALIFAX.

March 13th., 1962.

FIRST DAY MORNING

The Annual Session of the Halifax Municipal Council convened at 10:00 a.m. Tuesday, March 13. Warden George D. Burris in the Chair.

Councillor Moser immediately brought up the problem of parking availability for the Councillors when they came in to the Council Sessions. He felt that it was unreasonable for Councillors to have to park their cars on the highway or in someone's private driveway. He asked whether the Municipal Office property was not large enough or whether something could not be done regarding employees vehicles in order to accommodate Councillors' cars.

Warden Burris ruled this subject out of order until Council had been officially opened with the calling of the Roll by Mr. Hattie.

At this time Councillor Moser resumed the parking problem subject.

Councillor Baker pointed out that Councillor McGrath had informed Council members that they could use the McCulloch's parking facilities on the other side of the street; he felt that parking facilities should be provided first to the taxpayers who came to the office on business.

Mr. Hattie said that the problem would be resolved with the beginning of the afternoon session.

After Warden Burris paid tribute to the late Councillor Clyde Redmond, Council rose to observe an one minute silence in his memory.

Councillors Moser and Curren moved:-

"THAT this Council declare the seat on this Council for District #17, vacant." Motion carried.

Mr. Hattie read a letter of application from Cox, Palmetter and Rogers, Solicitors for the Municipality for several years, for the appointment as Municipal Solicitors for the coming year.

Councillors Eld and MacKenzie moved:-

"THAT the Firm of Cox, Palmeter and Rogers be appointed Solicitors for the coming year." Motion carried.

Councillors Hanrahan and Baker moved:-

"THAT when applications from Solicitors are received the amount paid to the Solicitors by way of retainer and fees be placed before Council." Motion carried.

Solicitor Cox took his place in the Solicitor's chair in Council.

Mr. Hattie read the results of the recent election in District #24 acclaiming Councillor Ralph H. McCabe as elected.

Councillor McCabe was then sworn in by Mr. Hattie.

Warden Burris gave a word of welcome to Councillor McCabe, pointing out that Mr. McCabe had been an ardent student in Municipal affairs for some years and assuring him of the co-operation of the Council members both inside the Council chambers and beyond.

Councillor McCabe thanked Council for its welcome.

Councillors Baker and Roche moved:-

"THAT the Minutes of the February 13th Session be adopted, as amended." Motion carried.

Mr. Hattie read the By-Law to Amend the Zoning By-Law. Mr. Hattie advised that this Notice of Intention had been advertised and no written objections had been received.

The Warden asked if there were any objections from the gallery.

There were no objections.

Councillors Bell and Roche moved:-

"THAT Council approve the following:

A BY-LAW TO AMEND THE ZONING BY-LAW

1. Appendix "A" of the Zoning By-Law of the Municipality of the County of Halifax is amended by re-zoning the following described property from R-2 use to C-1 use:

"ALL that certain lot, piece or parcel of land situated, lying and being at Spryfield in the County of Halifax and being Lot "A" as shown

on a plan of "Portion of the Estate of John E. Hartlen" as prepared by Eastern Engineering and Surveying Co. dated December 4, 1961, said lot being more particularly described as follows:

BEGINNING at the Southern Corner of a lot of land owned by Cyril E. Hartlen;

THENCE running North twenty-nine degrees eighteen minutes West ( $N29^{\circ} 18'W$ ) along the Southwestern boundary of said lot of land owned by Cyril E. Hartlen and along the Southwestern boundary of Lot "B" a distance of one hundred and forty-six point six one (146.61) feet more or less to the Southeaster boundary of the Herring Cove Road;

THENCE following the courses of the Herring Cove Road South fifty-eight degrees forty-five minutes thirty seconds West ( $S58^{\circ} 45'30"W$ ) a distance of ninety point twenty-two (90.22) feet more or less;

THENCE South fifty-eight degrees fifteen minutes West ( $S58^{\circ} 15'W$ ) a distance of thirty-four point zero two (34.02) feet more or less to the Northern corner of a lot of land owned now or formerly by T. C. Muise;

THENCE South twenty-nine degrees eighteen minutes East ( $S29^{\circ} 18'E$ ) along the northeastern boundary of said lands of T. C. Muise and the prolongation thereof a distance of one hundred and forty-two point one (142.10) feet more or less to an iron pipe;

THENCE North sixty degrees forty-two minutes East ( $N60^{\circ} 42'E$ ) a distance of one hundred and twenty-four point two four (124.24) feet more or less to the place of beginning." Motion carried.

Mr. Hattie read a letter from R. B. Havill Limited, referring to backfilling contract on the Terence Bay School and necessary repairs.

Councillor Curren stated that he recalled the discussion with the Contractor with regard to this letter and at that time it was thoroughly gone into and the advice of the Solicitor was that the contractor, not the Municipality, was responsible.

Councillor Hanrahan asked whether this matter had not gone to arbitration.

Councillor Curren reported that it had not.

In a clarification of the matter, the Municipal Solicitor pointed out that the contractor could request arbitration if he so desired.

Council agreed that this letter be referred to the School Capital Program Committee.

Mr. Hattie read a letter from the Halifax-Dartmouth Canadian Labour Congress with regard to the public transportation system in the

twin-city area.

Councillor Henley, in moving that this letter be filed, said that this was obviously an effort to encourage subsidizing the Halifax City transportation system. Councillor Eld seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Mr. Hattie read a letter from Terence Bay requesting a further grant of \$1,000 re parks for much needed recreation facilities in that area.

Council agreed that this be referred to the Public Works Committee.

Councillor Baker announced that the annual visitation to the Municipal Hospital institutions would take place on Wednesday, March 14, beginning at 10:00 a.m. at the Ocean View Municipal Home in Eastern Passage and thence to the County Hospital at Cole Harbour for lunch at 12:30 p.m. Councillor Baker requested that the treat for the patients be the same as last year, that of ice cream with their noon meal. Councillor Baker stated that transportation could be provided for any Councillor that did not have transportation. This was unanimously agreed.

The Municipal Clerk read the County Planning Board Report.

Councillors Settle and Daye moved:-

"THAT the Report of the County Planning Board be adopted, as amended."

Councillor Moser asked whether the Department of Highways could issue a permit to trailer owners that did not agree with the regulations of the Municipality. He reported that there were several cases where trailers were located too close to the road to conform with the Municipal By-Law concerning this.

Mr. Hattie said that the By-Law was to control this particular problem and that all new permits must conform to the trailer by-law. However, there were probably some cases where trailers had been established prior to the passing of the trailer by-law. He suggested,

that if Councillor Moser would inform the department of the cases he referred to, there would be an investigation conducted.

Councillor Moser replied that he did not feel that he should be the one to inform on the people concerned, he felt it was the responsibility of the building inspectors who were getting salaries and expenses for travelling around the country to seek out these offenders.

The Municipal Solicitor knew of no case where the Department of Highways had issued permits to trailer owners on highway property.

Councillor Curren referred to the description of the Birch Cove area in the proposed M-zone, he asked whether only a part of the pond would be filled in.

Mr. McGinn reported that a part of this pond is owned by Mr. Stevens and he is filling in that part, meanwhile the other portion of the pond is owned by the Department of Highways and Mr. Stevens is in the process of having this property transferred. Mr. McGinn was led to believe that this property would be transferred by the Department of Highways but that formal application had to be made.

Councillors King-Myers and Eld moved:- (Amendment)

"THAT The Report of the County Planning Board be amended by deleting the paragraph dealing with the Expropriation of a right-of-way between the Oakes Subdivision and the Viscount Park Subdivision at Fall River; and refer this matter to the County Planning Board, to be brought up again at the April Session."

In making this amendment Councillor King-Myers understood that this matter had been mutually settled, that she had contacted two of the principals, Miss Miller and Mr. MacVicar, but since the third party was presently in Florida, thus the motion for deferment of decision on this part of the Planning Board's report.

In reply to Councillor McGrath's question, the Municipal Solicitor explained that the M-zone would include all parts of the by-laws

pertaining to motels and in order to establish an M-zone this session would have to give its Notice of Intention to establish a new type of zone and vote upon it. He stated further that such an amendment would be brought up during this session of Council.

Councillor Settle said that the Planning Board felt that there was no objection to the motel as such, the only objection to a commercial zone perhaps being that the end result could conceivably be that some undesirable commercial establishment be placed there in the event that the motel, in fact, was not built.

Councillor Curren also felt that the objection was toward a commercial zone and not toward a motel and that the establishment of an M-zone would prevent the area from becoming involved in commercial building in the future. He pointed out that the people in the area were also concerned about the sewage problem, whether the sewer would drain into the nearby water which the children used for bathing.

Councillor Hanrahan felt that this was perhaps an unnecessary piece of legislation where it would only effect this one instance.

Councillor McGrath asked where an M-zone could be established and questioned whether it might not be a dangerous zoning by-law to establish.

Mr. McGinn said that an M-zone could only be established in any zone on application for re-zoning by the owner.

Councillor Bell felt that the establishment of an M-zone would be a good thing, that the people did not want a commercial area and that the M-zone would protect the people in the residential area, and if they did not want a motel that they could do something about it at the public hearing.

Councillor Eld, referring to the Stevens development, felt that it was a move in the right direction. He felt that the fears held in Councillor McGrath's objection could be alleviated by Council's control and the public hearings. He pondered whether such a move might not be

thought of in similar terms regarding hotels and apartment buildings.

Councillor McGrath asked whether a plebiscite would be held for an R-1 zone to become an H-zone.

Mr. Hattie said that there was no legal machinery to hold a plebiscite in such a case as this, but that with the advertising necessary to rezone, the people had opportunity to voice objections at the public hearing Councillor King-Myers suggested that if a petition could be used instead of a plebiscite, it would be more economical.

Councillor Settle said that the Planning Board had taken a lot of time and trouble to make sure of all fears and complaints being settled satisfactorily and that in some cases the residents of the area, all who have been contacted, had agreed to the zoning change before the matter was even brought to Council.

Deputy Warden Settle felt that the Planning Board would have no objection to a deferment on the subject of the amendment of Councillor King-Myers.

Councillor Henley said that in view of the negotiations already made, he could see no reason why a deferment could not be considered favourably.

The Warden put the question for adoption of the amendment.

Amendment carried.

The motion of Councillors Settle and Daye to adopt the Report of the County Planning Board was put and carried.

Warden Burris then introduced Warden Langley from the County of Richmond.

Warden Langley said that his party was in Halifax on business with the Municipal Office and had dropped in on the Council Session to observe. He conveyed greetings from the Richmond Municipality and reminded the Council that the Pulp Mill was indeed in Richmond County, not Inverness as was the popular belief. He said that Richmond County

was looking forward to a bright future with the establishment in the past three years of the Pulp Mill, the Marine Oil Terminal and the Gypsum establishment, that they were also hoping for an Oil Refinery in the near future. He pointed out that they had a very fine ice-free harbour at Point Tupper. He said he based his hope for the future in Richmond County by the Government's decision to expropriate all waterfront areas with a view to industrial development. He said that the housing was mostly in Port Hawkesbury but this suited the Municipality of Richmond quite nicely because of the problems involved in housing, that they were very happy with the location of the pulp mill in their County.

Councillor Henley observed that there seemed to be considerable competition between Point Tupper and Sheet Harbour as the future capital of the Province and hoped that the competition would be a friendly one.

Councillor Henley and Deputy Warden Settle moved:-

"THAT Council give notice of its intention to amend the Zoning By-Law by re-zoning the property of Lawrence J. Fredericks at Eastern Passage from R-2 Zone to T-zone."  
Motion carried.

The Municipal Clerk read the Report of the Board of Appeal.

Councillors Henley and Hanrahan moved:-

"THAT the Report of the Board of Appeal be received."

Councillor Bell could not understand why, because of flooding, assessments were lowered. He suggested they visit the Fairview area which had difficulties in this respect but were not accorded assessment exemptions because of it. He felt that water is water and where it came from was simply a problem to be solved by those involved. He repeated that he did not see why assessment exemptions should be allowed for the reason of flooding.

Councillor Hanrahan felt that there were probably extenuating

circumstances in this particular matter. The flooding was caused by the new school built by the Municipality and there had been no flooding before that time.

Councillor Curren did not like the reference in the section of the report which stated that the fence was undesirable. He said that a very fine fence had been built and that the children did not bother properties in the area.

The Warden put the question for adoption of the motion. Motion carried.

Councillor Eld did not quite understand the grounds of the appeal by the Halifax Pulp and Power Company. He said that as a layman he could not be in accord with it.

The Municipal Solicitor said that to comment on this subject which is still to come up before the courts would not be beneficial to the municipality in open council but that he would welcome an opportunity to discuss it in Committee of the Whole.

Councillors Moser and Eld moved:-

"THAT Council adjourn until 1 p.m. and when reconvened that Council go into Committee of the Whole to discuss the assessment of Halifax Power and Pulp Company Limited." Motion carried.

FIRST DAY AFTERNOON

The Afternoon Session of Council convened at 2:00 p.m. Warden George D. Burris in the Chair. The Municipal Clerk called the Roll.

Councillors Curren and Eld moved:-

"THAT Council go into Committee of the Whole to discuss the matter of the appeal of the Halifax Power and Pulp Limited." Motion carried.

Councillors Henley and Turner moved:-

"THAT Council reconvene from Committee of the Whole." Motion carried.

Mr. Purcell read the Report of the Director of Assessment.

Councillors Eld and Daye moved:-

"THAT the Report of the Director of Assessment be received."

Councillor Moser asked where the yardstick was used in the assessment.

Mr. Purcell, Director of Assessment, replied that the properties were graded according to location and the further out the properties were located the lower their assessment.

Councillor Baker asked whether a person painting a house on their property would be assessed higher the next year for this improvement.

Mr. Purcell stated that painting came under maintenance and was not considered in the assessment.

Councillor Myers referring to the Texaco Oil Company assessment, pointed out that this would mean a loss of about \$65,000 in the assessment in his district, this coupled with the plans to expropriate another 60 acres of residential area for industrial purposes. He pointed out that his district had street lighting, and fire protection including two fire trucks which had cost in the vicinity of \$20,000 and that the area change would also effect some 10 families. He felt it grossly unfair to allow these industries to take over residential areas where a large amount of the district assessment was derived and

to be allowed at the same time reductions or fixed assessment.

Mr. Purcell replied that the Texaco Company was assessed for in the vicinity of one million dollars and were under full assessment now.

Councillor Bell brought up the problem of non-conforming apartments in the Fairview area, he was not against a resident finishing his basement into an apartment but felt that the resident, in fairness, should be assessed for such changes. He said that there were a number of such non-conforming apartments in his area and asked how this problem was handled.

Mr. Hattie said that the assessors would catch up with those instances in their annual visits to the area which had gone without notice during the year.

Councillor Baker asked the reason for the decline in the persons paying poll tax this year, when in previous years it had steadily increased.

Mr. Purcell said he could not answer that question offhand.

Councillor Baker then asked whether the figures on population included the whole population, children as well as adults. Mr. Purcell replied in the affirmative.

Councillor King-Myers asked whether a breakdown of poll tax payers in the districts was available.

Mr. Purcell said that they were not broken down in this manner but they could be.

Councillor Isenor asked for an explanation of the reference to tax exemptions on municipal properties and provincial properties.

Mr. Purcell replied that municipal and provincial properties would include park lands, hospitals, etc; that provincial properties would include power lines, etc.; and that this does not include crown lands.

Councillor Baker commented that this was a very excellent report which reflected a good deal of work.

The Warden put the question for adoption of the motion. Motion carried.

Mr. Marriott, Chief Administrative Officer of the Municipal School Board, read the Report of the Municipal School Board.

Councillors Curren and Roche moved:-

"THAT Council approve the Report of the Municipal School Board."

Councillor Eld stated he appreciated very much the job being done by Mr. Marriott, but felt that Mr. Marriott was looking at it from an educational point of view, whereas Councillors were looking at it from another point of view, one of finance. He realized that a number of these schools were necessary to keep up with the increasing population but that the brakes had to be put on and the matter looked into with a much broader look; that although many of these facilities were necessary still there must be some heart for the ratepayers. He requested that before this report was passed, that Council take a very long look and decide on only those things which were necessary and to delay the remainder as long as possible. He felt it must be realized that the tax rate was becoming too high for the people of the County to pay and still be able to take care of themselves, he did not know what the answer was, whether it be Provincial or Federal aid or some other means but that it was becoming as much of a burden for the County taxpayers as if they lived in the cities and enjoyed the city facilities. He felt that the County taxpayers were being overburdened now with every prospect of this burden increasing with each year that went by.

Councillor MacKenzie agreed with Councillor Eld with reference to the tax burden, but felt that at the same time the Councillors' first responsibility was to provide adequate educational facilities for the taxpayers' children. In reference to the High School at Sheet Harbour, he asked whether it was wise to move Grades 7 and 8 into the new consolidated high school, when with the prospects of an increase in population rendering the school too small to accommodate these in a couple of years - resulting in these grades having to go back to the

schools they were now attending.

Mr. Marriott replied that present plans called for Grades 7 and 8 to be moved into the new school so as to give them a better school program; he agreed that there was a possibility that with a population increase these grades might have to be reverted to the old schools, but felt that this was a necessary evil. He felt that the present responsibility was to try to provide the best facilities possible for the students at the time and this could only be done by using the data now available, that this being accomplished would offer the best possible service on behalf of education.

Councillor Daye reported that there had been meetings in the schools sections of Oyster Pond, Head of Jeddore and West Jeddore and that all meetings had agreed on consolidation. He said that there were 20 or 30 children effected in the Head of Jeddore area alone and felt that all haste should be made to have this new school opened by the term of 1962 since the former objections had been overcome and that there was dire necessity for the school in these areas of the district.

Councillor Bell reported his objection to the stand taken by the trustees in Armdale, S.S. #1, in regards to area rates, and that he had voiced his opinion at the School meeting and would like to have the trustees' decision questioned here in Council.

Warden Burris pointed out that the area rates were set in the districts and there was nothing Council could do but implement the trustees' decision.

The Municipal Solicitor pointed out that this was in fact not the decision of the trustees as such, but of the general meeting of the section.

Councillor Baker said that they were very proud of the new school at Terence Bay, but that a terrible mud condition existed at the entrance of the school; he was not asking for moneys to be expended to

landscape, but merely requesting a few loads of gravel be placed immediately at the entrance of the school so as to protect the tile floors, furniture and childrens' clothing.

Mr. Marriott said that this problem was general throughout the County and that it had arisen largely because they had to work within a certain budget and thus had to tread slowly in connection with these finishing expenditures, that the building specifications originally called for only rough grading and that in two or three years this resulted in muddy conditions. Mr. Marriott appreciated this problem but felt that the most important consideration was a roof over their heads coming before the ground beneath their feet.

Councillor Isenor asked whether any word had been received from Hants County that they would not be able to handle the children for Halifax County next year.

Mr. Marriott said that although he had had no word as yet, he would be speaking with Mrs. Flemming about the number of children coming out of Hants County this year and would find out at that time.

Councillor King-Myers asked what areas would be effected and what would be the area rates.

Mr. Marriott pointed out that on the back of the Report there was a breakdown of the area levies, as far as the rates themselves were concerned it was not exactly in his department.

Councillor Eld reported that the St. Margaret's Bay School was erected on a hill about 10 years ago and 30 yards from the entrance was a sheer drop of 20 or 30 feet, and that this dangerous condition had existed since the school was built and he felt there should be posts erected at this spot. Also that the road leading up to the school, some 500,600 yards was a disgrace especially in muddy weather and that the only work done on this road had been voluntarily. He said he would like to see something done about this road also.

Councillor Henley expressed his pleasure with the School Board's

Report, especially with the reference to the new school at Sheet Harbour in view of the expected new construction of a pulp mill in the area in the near future. He was concerned about what was going to happen at the beginning of next term when the increase of school population could easily read 100 extra students - these being of the workmen's families. He felt that initially in 1956 the government should have set down a policy of standardization for schools in design, specifications and materials which could be followed because the school building program was becoming more of a community memorial type of structure than the seat of basic learning and sound educational facilities. He said that the Sheet Harbour area was willing to lead the way in building this new school at about \$200,000 below the estimates on the plans for this new school. They would thereby be getting the solid type of construction they could afford and would delete some of the excess curtained walls and huge windows which added nothing but a high maintenance cost in the years to come.

Councillor Turner asked whether it was the Board's intention to bring in the students from the Moser River area to the Sheet Harbour School.

Mr. Marriott said that this was not yet decided and would depend to some extent to the decision of the people in Moser River whether they wanted their children to be included in the new school.

Councillor Henley felt that Councillor Turner should find out what the Moser River people wished in this respect and that their intention be made available to the Board as soon as possible. He asked further if there had been any request from Sober Island to include these children in the Sheet Harbour School.

Mr. Marriott replied that the number was less than twelve in the High School grades at Sober Island, but that the number affected in Moser River would be about 25, this latter group was presently attending classes on a half day basis.

Councillor Daye felt that it was time the Eastern part of the County was getting their fair share of the school facilities now being enjoyed by the Western part of the County, particularly in regards to Oyster Pond, Head of Jeddore and West Jeddore.

Councillor Williams agreed with Councillor Daye that since the areas of Oyster Pond, Head of Jeddore and West Jeddore had decided on consolidation, that this school be put into operation as early as possible. He pointed out that in Ostrea Lake there were 38 children in Grades primary to Grade 8 and these were being taught in one room by one teacher, that the present teacher had indicated she would not teach another year under those conditions and that if the new school were not ready by the next term, he was afraid that Oyster Pond School would not open.

Councillors Daye and Henley moved:-

"THAT Council adjourn to meet at Ocean View Home at 10:00 a.m. Wednesday."  
Motion carried.

SECOND DAY MORNING

Council met at 10:00 a.m., at the Ocean View Municipal Home.

Roll called.

Council then adjourned to inspect the Home facilities.

Following the inspection, they proceeded to the County Hospital for lunch.

SECOND DAY AFTERNOON

Council met at 2:00 p.m. at the Halifax County Hospital.

Roll called.

Council then adjourned to carry out it's annual visit to and inspection of the hospital and farm facilities.

THIRD DAY MORNING

The Morning Session of Council convened at 10:00 a.m. with Warden George D. Burris presiding. The Municipal Clerk called the Roll.

Deputy Warden Settle referred to past years when the Resources Committee had the Agricultural Representative address the Annual Council Session, would it be the wish of Council to invite him this year to give a report on Agriculture as a resource in the County.

Councillor Spears felt that since the County resources included fishing and other resources besides agriculture, was it not conceivable that the other resources would have to be heard also.

It was agreed by Council that the Agricultural Representative for Halifax County be invited to address Council later in the Session, and Mr. Hattie suggested it might be suitable to hear from Mr. Stewart at the time of the Veterinarian Report tomorrow morning. Agreed.

Resuming Tuesday afternoon's discussion on the Report of the Municipal School Board, Councillor Moser felt that it was unreasonable to build a new 20-room school in Sheet Harbour when at Tangier six or seven classrooms would be empty. He also felt that the local schools should be allowed to teach to grade ten because in most cases when the students were transferred to the consolidated high schools they simply stopped school. He felt that instead of so much emphasis being put on formal education, more thought should go toward vocational schools. He pointed out that even after the county student went through high school, 90 percent of the taxpayers who were paying for the high schools could not afford to send their children on to university for professional training. The result, he said, is that the student still had no training and had to go back home to work, but if he were able to get vocational training with his formal education, he could come out at least with a trade in order to make a decent living and future for himself.

Mr. Marriott stated that the Municipal School Board has jurisdiction over the programming in the County schools. In reply to Councillor Moser's question he felt that there were not the facilities in the Indian Harbour School to teach Grade ten. It was his belief that the students in the County should have equal educational opportunities regardless of what part of the county they came from and by attempting to teach high school grades without proper facilities in some of the schools would certainly not be giving equal educational opportunities to these students.

Councillor Henley entirely disagreed with Councillor Moser's suggestion that there should be four times as many vocational schools. He pointed out that it was a well known fact that children were staying in school longer in the past few years simply because they were getting a better grade seven and eight through better schools and their facilities. To think otherwise, he felt, would be a complete reversal of the job we have been trying to do. As far as the suggestion that too many school rooms were being built, he was in accord with Councillor MacKenzie who suggested the other day the possibility of having to revert grades seven and eight transferred to the consolidated high schools back to their elementary schools because of lack of foresight in providing sufficient rooms or an unexpected increase in population.

Mr. Marriott pointed out that regardless of what was done in Tangier, the situation presently indicated that it was absolutely necessary to build additional school rooms at Sheet Harbour.

Councillor MacKenzie said that they expected to get the same facilities in the eastern part of the County as they had in the western section, that at present there were four schools in his district which had no inside plumbing and that if grade 7 and 8 have to be sent out to the new high school, then there would have to be consolidation of these smaller schools into one, and the one-room schools closed as was

being done all over the County.

Councillor McCabe asked how many schools there were in the County with seven or less pupils attending.

Mr. Marriott replied that there should not be any with seven or less pupils, that the Department of Education stipulated that schools with less than eight pupils be closed and this had been done this year in Caribou Mines, for instance. He said there were cases, possibly, where projected statistics showed there would be more than eight pupils to attend the following term, but when the fall term arrived, there were less than that number, but that the Municipal School Board tried to keep these cases in mind and govern them accordingly.

Councillor Henley said that the program for the Sheet Harbour School was being projected on their present anticipation of increase in population and that it would appear that there would perhaps be an additional 150 students by the Fall term. He felt that if the initial term of the new school had two or three rooms vacant, undoubtedly these would be filled by the next year or so and this seemed only a reflection of good planning on the part of the School Board.

Councillor Grant said that up until last year, he felt that Middle Musquodoboit had gotten a raw deal with respect to school building and improvement in that area, that only two small schools had been built and that there were some without indoor sanitation. He asked that the School Board not forget Middle Musquodoboit when projecting plans for new schools and school facilities and he defied any four districts to show that there had been less spent in their areas than in the Musquodoboit Valley area.

Referring to the discussion, Mr. Marriott pointed out that although the student increase in the Sheet Harbour area had been negligible in the past few years, that the next few years would reflect an astounding increase simply because there are going to be more

children going on through high school because they have had better opportunities than every before.

Councillor Daye went along with Councillor Henley in the belief that it was good planning to have an extra classroom or two in the new schools. He pointed out that even if there were up to four rooms vacant at the outset, it was more economical to build the extra rooms when the school is built because in the past few years for instance, building costs have doubled.

In reply to Councillor Turner, Mr. Marriott said that it was just not economically sound to install facilities for a science laboratory in a school for the benefit of six or seven children.

Councillor McCabe related a case in his district where a permissive teacher was teaching for a pitifully small salary and doing a very fine job, he asked what the salary rates were for teachers with permissive licenses and 15 years experience. He felt that this teacher should receive more pay even if the additional pay were taken off the teachers with university training.

Mr. Marriott replied that the salary scale was a stable salary of \$1,000 and \$1,200 and did not increase with experience, that it was difficult to judge any group as such, but he had no hesitation in saying that trained teachers were much better than those without professional teaching training.

Councillor Moser felt that there were some teachers teaching Grade I when their training and education would enable them to teach Grade XI, he asked where the line was drawn.

Mr. Marriott replied that the district recommends the teacher and the Board attempts to place the teacher to the best of its ability, considering education, experience and personality, to the most suitable position.

Councillors Moser and Turner moved:-

"THAT the Report of the Municipal School Board be referred back to the Board for further considerations, and for further Report to Council at the April Session."

Councillor Henley observed that it was evident that the population growth and thus the peak in school building requirements had not been reached; that this was a good indication of progress and prosperity which would benefit everyone and asked respectfully that this be considered in the plans for building new schools.

It was Councillor Turner's feeling that new schools should not be built as long as there were existing schools with empty rooms.

Councillor Bell felt that the Municipality was morally bound to provide sufficient schools and the best education possible. He pointed out that at present even the smaller companies are asking for Grade eleven and twelve, that high school education for this reason was becoming more essential to a child's future, and had the schools been built larger in the past few years the cost would have been half as much as it is costing now because of the increased building costs.

Councillors Smeltzer and Grant moved:-

"THAT the Report of the Municipal School Board, be tabled until after the Financial Reports and Preliminary Budgets have been considered." Motion carried.

Councillor McCabe observed that if there was going to be an increased expenditure of three-quarters of a million dollars as indicated he would be reluctant to face his taxpayers in Musquodoboit because the ratepayers in his area had expressed their feeling that district taxes are already too high.

The Municipal Clerk read the Report of the School Capital Program Committee.

Councillors Curren and McGrath moved:-

"THAT the Report of the School Capital Program Committee, be adopted."

Councillor Smeltzer asked what was being done with the Upper Sackville School as he understood they were supposed to have an addition there and it had not begun yet.

Councillor Curren replied that the proposed plans had been submitted to the School Capital Program Committee and the addition had been recommended by that Committee and would be presented to this Session of Council, he pointed out that they could not go ahead with the addition until they had Council's approval.

Councillor Williams asked what happened in the event that a contractor did not complete a school building by the date it was planned for and promised. He cited the case of the Ostrea Lake school which was supposed to have been completed in December and was not yet complete, four months later.

Councillor Curren said that in all contracts there is a date of completion agreed upon, but that there is no penalty clause in the event that the school is not completed on that date. He said that a school seldom is completed on the date expected. He said that on the advice of the Solicitor a penalty clause was not inserted in the contracts.

The Municipal Solicitor said that it was difficult to insert a penalty clause without also including a bonus clause where a bonus would be paid if the school were finished before the projected date. He continued that it is difficult to establish that the Municipality has suffered financial loss unless it has had to hire other school accommodations and that actually in most cases a delay in completion saved the Municipality money.

Councillor Williams observed that the completion date for the contractor then seemed to be wide open. He said he would find no fault if it was delayed a couple of weeks or a month, but more than four months was most unreasonable. He asked whether the contractors' reputation for completing contracts on time was considered when the

contracts were issued.

The Municipal Clerk pointed out that usually the lowest bid was accepted, that usually the contractor finishes fairly close to the date, that every effort is made by the Municipal Office, Architects and others to encourage the contract to be finished as early as possible, that the contractor also realizes that when a contract drags on and on unnecessarily this will be remembered in future contracts and that also many of the interior materials used for finish work had to be imported and delays came about at times which were not entirely the fault of the contractor.

Councillor Curren said that the school at Ostrea Lake was expected to be completed this week and would be turned over as soon as Council Session is over. He pointed out that classes were presently being held in two of the rooms of that School.

In reply to Councillor Williams, Councillor Curren said that there were quite a number of the schools finished on time. He said that when tenders are open, the Committee and the Councillor for the district, who is always on the Committee met with the contractor at the time when the plans were determined and the date of completion promised by the contractor.

Councillor Daye, referring to Ostrea Lake said that he was sure that the people were disappointed in not getting into the school before this time. However, he pointed out, the contractor in this case had a very difficult time with water as well as other difficulties. Councillor Daye, who said he visited the school two or three days ago, reported that the school was about finished, that it should be understood that this contractor, Mr. Kerr, was a very reliable man, and should not be held responsible for delays that were out of his jurisdiction. He felt that Mr. Kerr should be commended for the job he had done despite the obstacles.

Councillor Williams said that he was not only referring to Mr. Kerr

who was probably better than most, but to the other 75% of the contracts which were not completed on time.

Councillor Eld felt that if a penalty clause were incorporated into the contract the contractor would make special allowance for this in case he did find himself deserving of a penalty. He felt that it was to the best economic interests of any contractor to finish a job on time.

Councillor Bell felt that there were considerable differences in the types of schools being built. He pointed out that there were materials being imported from other parts of Canada and the United States which he felt should and certainly could be purchased in Nova Scotia. He felt it was the responsibility of the Board to see that as much local material be used as possible to help local employment and he added that foreign materials were not always as good as they were represented to be.

Councillor Quigley reported that the situation in the Ferguson Cove School was deplorable and asked whether there have been any provisions made for improvement. He said that it was a very modest request to give the school sanitary facilities, this school teaches Grade Primary, One, Two and Three and asked if anything could be done in the near future.

Councillor Curren said that this matter had been mentioned before and that the original request to the Municipal School Board had been to improve the sanitary conditions of the School. At that time the Committee was unable to buy the property to build the two outdoor toilets and it was not possible in the area to buy the land that was needed. He said that the School itself is built on land where the front steps are not even on the school property. He reported that the Board met with the trustees at the site a week ago to discuss the prospects of moving the school to another site. The Board of Trustees and the School Board felt that this was the proper thing to do.

Councillor Curren reported that there was a brook running under the present school and moving the school building would eliminate the dampness problem. The land being considered for the removal of the school has a great deal of snow on it, rendering it impossible for surveyors to get the proper lines and levels, but as soon as the snow has gone down sufficiently the surveyors will be on the job and the necessary expropriation requested to acquire the land for the school.

In reply to Councillor Spears, Councillor Curren reported that the Committee looked over the Herring Cove site the same day as at Ferguson Cove. He understood that it was the wish of the Trustees to build an extra room on the back of the present school but because of similar snow conditions as previously cited, the surveying had to be delayed. As soon as the snow has gone sufficiently surveys will be made and recommended purchasing of the site for the addition will go forward.

The Warden put the question for adoption of the Report of the School Capital Program Committee. Motion carried.

Since the Librarian was out ill today, it was agreed to hold over the Librarian's Report until further on in the Session.

The Municipal Solicitor read the proposed legislation regarding the automatic machines.

In reply to Councillor MacKenzie's question, the Municipal Solicitor said that the number of machines must be listed together with their location.

In reply to Councillor Bell's question, the Municipal Solicitor said that both the owner and the operator of these machines was liable but that licenses could be collected only from one or the other.

In disagreement with Councillor Manahan, Councillor Bell felt that a report each month on the automatic machines was not asking too much since this was a lucrative business and because of the continuous

changing of these machines.

The Municipal Solicitor pointed out that the Committee had gone into the details of this very thoroughly and agreement was reached with both the Accounting and Collection Offices that monthly sworn statements regarding the automatic machines would not be an undue burden on their services.

Councillor Myers said that he had considerable dealings with automatic machines in that a property he rented to a barbering establishment had several machines, and it had been his observation that with the large amount of damage to the machines by the public business, people were misled to believe that a great deal of money was made with them.

In reply to Councillor Myers, the Solicitor confirmed that the area included by the Texaco refinery included 211 acres; that the assessment applied to this amount plus the land which the Provincial Government had agreed to acquire and turn over to the Texaco people. And in further reply he pointed out that while there would likely be some argument as to the amount paid to the present landowners at the time of expropriation, there was no question that the Provincial Government could take it over.

Councillor Myers felt it was grossly unfair to his district to give a fixed assessment as a concession to an industry when there is no way his district can assess an industry to help with their district rate. He stated that if there was no agreement regarding tax between the district and the Texaco people, the district would not answer fire calls on the Texaco property, nor would they provide street lighting as was done in the district.

The Municipal Solicitor pointed out that if Texaco operated similar to Imperial Oil, they would have their own lighting and their own fire protection which was quite a different type than the ordinary.

In reply to Councillor Eld, the Municipal Solicitor said that the amount of production maximum in the original agreement was 13,500 barrels of crude oil per day per calendar year. Referring to Councillor Myers' remarks he said it was provided in the agreement that the Municipal assessment allows the district to assess such an industry on any improvements provided by the district on the company property.

In reply to Warden Burris, the Solicitor said that although the original agreement stipulated a maximum daily output of 13,500 barrels, should there be reason to have the figure increased, this figure could readily be negotiated.

Councillors Henley and MacKenzie moved:-

"THAT this Council approve the proposed legislation dealing with owners having to submit lists of automatic machines to the Clerk of Licenses, Moirs Limited, and Texaco Limited as presented to Council this date, and authorize the Solicitor to have it presented to the Legislature." Motion carried.

The Report of the Acting Chief Building Inspector was read.

Councillor Roche and Deputy Warden Settle moved:-

"THAT the Report of the Acting Chief Building Inspector, be received."

In reply to Councillor Bell, Mr. Jerram said he did not know exactly how many vacancies for trailer parking are in District #12, because the number changes almost monthly.

Councillor Kehoe stated that the Report indicated there were nine sub-standard dwellings in the old District 12. He felt that a more realistic figure would be 29 and asked how this figure had been arrived at.

Mr. Jerram said that perhaps the term "sub-standard" was misleading, that the nine appearing in the Report represented the very lowest in the sub-standard class. He explained two types of sub-standard dwellings, those which did not reach the minimum requirements of the Building Code; and secondly, a building in much worse condition,

or a sub-sub-standard building - the latter of which is represented in this Report.

Councillor Hanrahan complimented Mr. Jerram on his very comprehensive Report, saying it was something that the Councillors needed for direction.

In reply to Councillor Moser, Mr. Jerram said that some of the mobile homes had been so located for some time and were nonconforming to the Trailer By-Law but that they hoped eventually to create enough places to move them to. Mr. Jerram further replied to Councillor Moser's question that a permit could not be issued to a trailer owner unless it was in a T-zone or for construction purposes.

Councillor Myers, in referring to houses on Imperial Oil Property, said that he thought the City of Dartmouth had a law prohibiting a house to be moved into the City if the house was more than 25 years old. He wondered then if the dwellings in question which were 40 years old could be moved and if so whether they would move them out into the County.

Councillor Moser observed that Council seemed to be making laws and its own departments breaking them. He questioned a trailer being parked near the County Hospital and asked whether there was a permit issued to this trailer.

Councillor Baker explained that the Welfare Committee had hired a farm manager for the County Hospital and having had no accommodation available for him, the farm manager rented a trailer and they allowed him to park it beside the road on the hospital property because of the large amount of snow. He said that application had already been made to the Building Inspector to help this employee find a suitable spot on which to locate his trailer, but this action was pending the melting of the snow. He added that the By-Law in question allowed 30 days before a permit was required, and that this time was not up.

Councillor Kehoe asked whether there was legislation enabling dwellings to be inspected where there was a suspicion of sub-standard conditions.

The Municipal Solicitor replied that there was such legislation to inspect, but that was as far as the Building could go.

The Municipal Clerk said that there was a proposed new By-Law which if adopted would considerably strengthen the Inspector's hand in this regard.

The Warden put the question for adoption of the Report of the Acting Chief Building Inspector. Motion carried.

Councillors Myers and Williams moved:-

"THAT Council adjourn until 2 p.m. this afternoon." Motion carried.

THIRD DAY AFTERNOON

Council convened for the Afternoon Session at 2:00 p.m. with Warden George D. Burris in the Chair. The Municipal Clerk called the Roll.

Councillors MacKenzie and Williams moved:-

"THAT Council plan to adjourn at the close of business tonight and meet again on Monday at 10:00 a.m." Motion carried.

Warden Burris announced that the Finance Committee would meet tomorrow morning at 10:00 a.m. and the Public Works Committee would meet tomorrow afternoon at 2:30 p.m. Agreed.

It was further agreed to delay the Notice of Intention to Amend the Zoning By-Law to provide for an "M Zone" in favour of the Report from the Board of Management of the Halifax County Hospital.

The Municipal Clerk read the Report of the Halifax County Hospital.

Councillors Eld and Daye moved:-

"THAT the Report of the Board of Management of the Halifax County Hospital be adopted, as amended."

Councillor Eld remarked on their visit yesterday to the institution that the place was very clean and well looked after and that there was an atmosphere of well-being to be found among all the patients there. Although, he said it was truly unfortunate that we have those who are sick or mentally deficient, it is our duty to look after them as best we can and that it is the duty of Councillors to look into the management and see how much this care was costing. He felt that after spending a day at both County institutions, he felt that Council could be justly proud of the job that was being done.

Councillor Moser felt that it was a God-send to have such fine institutions in the County and that it was grossly unfair for Dr. Jones to make public statements in the Press to the point of ridiculing

the institutions and saying that they were inadequate and out of date, especially since Dr. Jones had not visited the institutions for at least 12 years. He felt that Dr. Jones should be well rapped on the knuckles for his damaging statements and should be made to issue a statement to the effect that he had been wrong.

Councillor Bell registered his surprise in discovering that there was no form of contributory pension plan which would cover the request made in the last paragraph of the Report on behalf of Mrs. Smith. He felt that a good job had been done and that certainly anyone who had devoted 22 years of his or her life to serving in such an institution should at least have the security of a pension.

Councillors Daye and Moser were in complete accord with this.

Councillor Hanrahan said he went along with the Report except for the last paragraph. He pointed out that a few years ago, Mr. Smith had appealed for a pension on the grounds that he had had a heart attack and would not be able to work. This was granted, he recalled, and the next day Mr. Smith was out selling Real Estate. He felt that both Mr. and Mrs. Smith had earned enough over the years in the employ of the Municipalities to purchase a suitable retirement plan for themselves.

Councillor Baker agreed that this did put the Welfare Committee in an embarrassing position. However, he was in accord with their decision to recommend this pension on the grounds that proper authorities had neglected to incorporate a contributory pension scheme in which these people could have participated. He felt that the Committee had been "led down the river" when Mr. Smith's condition was misrepresented to them, but as for Mrs. Smith, he felt that she gave many years of faithful service to the institution and should be entitled to pension.

Councillors Hanrahan and Kehoe moved:- (amendment)

"THAT the last paragraph dealing with a proposed pensions for Mrs. Vera Smith, be referred to the Finance and Executive Committee for recommendation."

In reply to Councillor McGrath's questions, Mr. Davies replied that an account sheet was made up for each patient and that \$47 was held and the other \$12 put in account for the patient to draw upon, that the patient could request various items he desired and these were posted daily against his account. He said that the bowling activities were set up by volunteer organizations and patients were transported to the alleys and supervised, that the alleys were donated free of charge one morning each week. With regard to the work therapy, he said that some patients were given jobs in the various departments and were encouraged to take an interest in them, for the work they did they received a gratuity, the total amount on this payroll would be under 50, the highest paid patient received \$15 per month but the average was \$2 to \$5 per month and the total amounted to about \$140 per month.

Regarding the balance of the patients' pension moneys, he said that this sometimes amounted to \$700 or \$800 and could be used for a death fund.

In reply to Councillor McGrath's question, Mr. Hattie replied that the patients' funds were kept in a current account and as such no interest was paid.

Councillor Moser asked whether the remainder of the accumulated patients' pension after burial expenses were paid could become the property of the County.

Mr. Davies replied that these funds were under the executorship of himself and Mr. Hattie and in the instance of a County case, they would like to work it so that burial expenses are available from this fund.

Mr. Hattie said that when a patient dies or leaves the institution the funds were paid back to the Department of Health and Welfare who in turn make a settlement with the next of kin, could the County apply

for reimbursement on the pension accumulation for burial costs.

In reply to Councillor Curren's question, Mr. Davies said that to his knowledge Mrs. Smith had not made a definite decision on the date of her retirement but it was his opinion that her decision would hinge on the decision of Council regarding her application for pension.

Councillor Curren felt that if a pension were paid to Mrs. Smith then the Council would be asked for others each year. He felt that the decision on this should await the investigation of a contributory pension system and that this should be done without delay.

Councillor Grant asked about patients in the hospital who appeared able to go out and asked if they were being kept there because their parents did not want them, he referred to one case he had spoken to at the hospital yesterday.

Mr. Davies said he could not answer without checking the records, and that a program was being carried out to have some patients placed in foster homes.

In reply to Councillor McGrath, Mr. Hattie replied that accumulated pension moneys were returned to the Receiver General when a person was discharged.

Mr. Davies replied to Councillor McGrath that lists of the patients finances could be made up in a couple of days direct from the ledgers.

Mr. Hattie, in reply to Councillor Baker, said that they had been working on a Pension Plan and hoped that a report could be made at the next Council Session. He said that always when a pension scheme is adopted (the contributory type) there was the problem of long service employees. In reply to Councillor Baker, he said that a pension plan usually included a 5% contribution from the employee and a like amount from the employer, that there are different percentages used but that one could not retire on a contributory pension where no contribution had been made.

Councillor Bell pointed out that in the case of teachers, they organized to get their own pension schemes a few years ago, and the way it worked was that the young teachers were paying for the past contributions of the older teachers so that they could retire as though they had contributed to the pension plan all through the years. He felt that Mrs. Smith should receive a pension from the Municipality and that when her old age pension came due an amount accordingly could be deducted from her Municipal pension.

Councillor Daye referring to Mr. Smith's case said that if the County was going to hire smart men like doctors who gave such misleading evidence regarding Mr. Smith's health then it was a waste of money to hire them, because the County was paying for something it was not getting. However, he felt that anyone doing the work that Mrs. Smith had for so many years was deserving of a pension.

The Warden put the question for adoption of the Amendment.  
Amendment carried.

The Warden put the question for adoption of the Motion. Motion carried.

Councillors Kehoe and Baker moved:-

"THAT this Council tender a vote of thanks to Beazley's Bowling Alleys, Dartmouth for being good enough to allow patients from the Halifax County Hospital to bowl at their Alleys free of charge on Mondays of each week." Motion carried.

Councillors Williams and Bell moved:-

"THAT a vote of thanks be tendered to all volunteer workers at the Halifax County Hospital who are giving so much of their time to assist in the Therapeutic Program at the Halifax County Hospital." Motion carried.

Councillor Baker felt that the Beazley's Bowling Alleys' name should be recorded in the Minutes in appreciation of their donation of time and bowling lanes for the rehabilitation of patients in the County Hospital. Agreed.

Councillor Moser said he would like to see the Home and School Associations taken on conducted tours of these two institutions and suggested this might be arranged by the public relations officer, to show taxpayers the wonderful work being done.

The Municipal Clerk read the Report of the Medical Health Officer.

Councillor Williams and Deputy Warden Settle moved:-

"THAT the Report of the Medical Health Officer, be received."

Councillor Eld felt that a letter of recommendation should go to Mr. Peter MacDonald who was helping to rehabilitate the patients.

Mr. Davies reported that Mr. MacDonald was doing this work as part of the requirements for his Masters Degree and was under Mr. Rooney's Department.

Deputy Warden Settle referred to Councillor Grant's remarks about patients able to leave the institution, he felt that the new policy adopted by the Provincial Government might give psychiatric treatment and examinations to determine the patients who could be released to foster homes.

Mr. Davies said that this was now being done to some extent.

It was agreed to carry on to the Report of the Welfare Committee.

Warden Burris excused Councillor Turner who had to leave for a 4 o'clock appointment.

The Municipal Clerk read the Report of the Welfare Committee.

Councillors Baker and Henley moved:-

"THAT the Report of the Welfare Committee be adopted."

Councillor Daye felt that the Superintendent and his wife were doing a very fine job and that Council should go along with the improvement suggestions, he congratulated Mr. Tom Lynch and his wife.

Councillor Bell said that some patients had mentioned that the rooms were cool and he noticed the absence of storm windows, he said it was cool there yesterday even though it was a warm day.

Councillor Baker said that the Welfare Committee would gladly comply with their wish to install storm windows but had received no complaint.

Councillor MacKenzie also commended Mr. Lynch but agreed that there should be storm windows provided and wondered if cheap aluminum ones could not be installed.

Mr. Lynch said that the building was usually warm to a fault, however during a cold spell in January one room was rather cool and when the patient mentioned it he had a plastic storm window put on within 24 hours, this had been taken down last Friday he said because there seemed to be no further use for it this season.

Councillor Baker felt that more visits by Council members than just the Annual one would be appreciated by the institutions.

The Warden put the question for adoption of the Report of the Welfare Committee. Motion carried.

Councillors Moser and Baker moved:-

"THAT the Union of N. S. Municipalities be asked to consider the amount payable for Debtors under the Collection Act, and if deemed advisable, ask the Provincial Government to raise the per diem rate to \$2.50." Motion carried.

The Municipal Solicitor read the By-Law to provide for an "M Zone".

During the reading of this By-Law, at 4:05, Deputy Warden Settle took the Chair in the absence of Warden Burris.

Councillors McGrath and Eld felt that the Motel being located in a Commercial Zone should not require to be changed to a "M Zone".

Councillor Henley felt that motels should still be allowed in Commercial zones and that "M" zones should be used only when necessary for a Residential zone, he felt it superfluous to make "M" zones in commercial areas.

Councillor Hanrahan observed that the present motels then would be non-conforming to this By-Law and only the new motels would be in

"M" zones.

Councillors McGrath and Henley moved:-

"THAT the By-Law to Amend the Zoning By-Law  
re "M" Zone be referred back to the Solicitor  
and that we continue to allow motels in  
Commercial Zones."

Standing Vote:- FOR: (19) AGAINST: (2).

Councillor Kehoe said that any sign was illuminated as long as  
it had two or more colors.

The Municipal Solicitor said that according to the Zoning By-Law  
only a sign giving artificial light or reflecting light was included.

Councillors Henley and Daye moved:-

"THAT Council give Notice of its Intention  
by advertisement in the usual manner to  
amend the Zoning By-Law by re-zoning the  
Lawrence J. Fredericks property at Eastern  
Passage from R-2 Zone to T-Zone." Motion carried.

Councillors McGrath and Spears moved:-

"THAT Council adjourn until Monday at  
10:00 a.m." Motion carried.

FOURTH DAY MORNING

Council convened at 10:10 a.m. Warden George D. Burris presiding. The Municipal Clerk called the Roll.

The Warden announced that Councillor Bell would not be in attendance at today's session because of another commitment.

The Municipal Clerk read a letter from the Bedford-Sackville-Waverley Kinsmen Club requesting Council's assistance in the setting up of a park project for the area.

Council agreed the letter be referred to the Parks and Public Lands Committee.

The Municipal Clerk read the Report of the Public Works Committee.

Councillors Hanrahan and Curren moved:-

"THAT the Report of the Public Works Committee be adopted."

Councillor McGrath asked for an explanation of the revised Legislation re Sewers and asked if it meant that a change had been made in the section dealing with assessment.

Councillor Hanrahan pointed out that the draft Legislation was not the next item on the agenda and requested that Council deal first with the statistics re Revenue and Expenditure.

The Clerk suggested that Council could adopt the Report first and deal with subsequent items after.

Councillor Spears asked what progress was being made with regard to the Armdale-Spryfield phase of the proposed sewer construction scheme and what was holding up the Rockingham phase.

Councillor Hanrahan said several meetings had been held in Rockingham in connection with their proposed sewer installation, but that the Ratepayers' Association had not reached a final decision. He said a further meeting would be held within the month and it was

hoped that a decision would be made then. He said it was not the Committee's intention to force the project through without first "feeling the pulse of the people".

Councillor Curren said it was not a case of the ratepayers not wanting water and sewer, but whether or not they would be able to bear the costs involved.

Regarding the Armdale-Spryfield phase of the proposed sewer scheme, the Municipal Engineer said the Consulting Engineers were presently going over the preliminary designs. He said he expected the Public Works Committee would be in a position to recommend certain portions of this phase to Council at a later Session, most likely during the summer months.

Councillor Spears pointed out that the ratepayers in the Rockingham area had indicated that they wanted water and sewer, but were now holding up the progress of the proposed construction. He said he felt it was a waste of time holding meetings in the various districts to get the opinions of the ratepayers.

Councillor Hanrahan pointed out that the Medical Health Officer for Halifax West in his report to last year's Annual Session, recommended that the only solution to the problems created by defective sewage disposal systems would be an overall sewer and water installation. He said that if the Rockingham Ratepayers' Association did not reach a decision soon, that Council may have to proceed without its sanction.

Councillors McGrath and Moser moved:- (Amendment)

"THAT the Report of the Public Works Committee be tabled." Amendment carried.

The Municipal Clerk read the Report re Tax Revenue and How Distributed by Districts.

Deputy Warden Settle asked if the debt charges for District #14 included the proposed High School.

The Municipal Clerk replied yes.

Councillor Henley said, while he agreed the Report before Council was a good one, he felt to give a fair indication of the position of the rural districts, a more complete breakdown of the costs of education per pupil, for example, should be given. He said a complete analysis would indicate the position of the rural districts in relation to the suburban districts, and what the position of the rural districts would be in the future.

In referring to the Report, Councillor McGrath said it looked as if certain districts were helping to carry the burden of others.

Councillor King-Myers said if the Report were presented to influence the vote of Council on the financing of sewers on a 50-50 basis, that it was not a fair Report. She said the Report did not give a fair indication of the costs being borne by the districts. She said she also would like a breakdown of the costs of education per pupil. She reiterated her former statement and said that if the Report were presented to influence the vote of Council on the financing of sewers, that it was an unfair one.

Councillor Hanrahan said the Report was not made or presented to cause dissension or a rift between districts. He said however, that in the more densely populated districts a vast majority of the tax revenue was being derived. Councillor Hanrahan also pointed out that more revenue was being derived from the gasoline tax and liquor tax in the more densely populated districts, than in the less densely populated districts. He said this was a factor to be considered as well. He said while he agreed that the County districts should be acting as the united body, he did want to point out that the more densely populated districts were carrying more than their share of the burden.

Councillor Henley asked if it would be possible to form a rural administration under the present set-up.

The Municipal Clerk replied that it would be possible under the Municipal Act, which he said was the most flexible Act in the Province.

Regarding Councillor Hanrahan's statement re gasoline and liquor taxes, Councillor Henley said this applied all over the Province where there are more densely populated areas than others.

Councillor Curren said, the Report before Council was one of the finest he had seen in years. He said for a number of years, Councillors representing rural districts had charged that their districts were paying for certain services in the suburban districts. He said this Report disputed any accusations in this regard. He said this argument was used when Council voted strongly against financing sewer construction on a 50-50 basis. He said, with the Report at hand, that perhaps Council would think differently.

Councillor Henley said he felt the Report was an excellent one and that it helped to show the position of the rural districts in relation to the suburban districts. He suggested however, that a more complete study be made and again asked that a breakdown of education costs per pupil be considered.

Councillors Baker and Henley moved:-

"THAT a Special Committee of four be set up to meet with the City of Halifax and the Provincial Government to discuss the pros and cons of Amalgamation of certain areas of the Municipality adjacent to the City of Halifax."

Councillor Henley said in seconding the Resolution, that he realized this would be a most necessary step. He said he felt Amalgamation was inevitable and that this would be the time to sit down with City officials to give the matter concentrated study.

In referring to the appended Report, Councillor Isenor asked if the education costs included what was being paid to other Municipalities.

The Municipal Clerk replied yes.

Councillor Daye concurred with Councillor Henley, and said he felt this Report was an excellent one. He said he did not think there should be any rift between districts and that Council should act as a united body.

Councillor Spears questioned the purpose of the Committee. He said a number of years ago, when the Municipality had its offices in the Law Courts Building, a Committee met with the Greater Halifax Committee to discuss amalgamation. He said, however, nothing concrete was evolved. He said at that time, when amalgamation was discussed it was agreed that City officials met with County officials to compile statistics. He said, however, this was not followed through. He again questioned the purpose of the Special Committee.

Councillors Baker and Henley requested a recorded vote. Council agreed.

Councillor MacKenzie said he felt Council was jumping the gun. He pointed out that while certain districts were helping to bear the overall costs of services, he pointed out that there were several rural districts contributing to the costs of services installed in suburban districts. He pointed out that Council united would stand, but divided would fall. He said that the larger the Municipality was, the more benefits would be derived.

Councillor Turner said he felt this Special Committee would hinder more than help with the advancement of Amalgamation with the City of Halifax.

Councillor Henley said he did not think that Council was jumping the gun, but rather getting in on the ground floor. He said that the Committee could be considered a fact finding Board and that by sitting down with City officials valuable information could be compiled.

Councillor Baker pointed out that this would be good business and that it was not a case of asking the City to take the suburban districts from the County, but rather to determine the feasibility of Amalgamation.

Councillor Curren said he did not think this was a move to be made by Council, but rather by the ratepayers in the districts concerned.

In reply to a question of Councillor Baker, the Municipal Solicitor pointed out that there were provisions under the old Towns Incorporation Act, that would allow extension of boundaries. He pointed out however, that before such a move could be made, a petition would have to be circulated and signed by a majority of ratepayers in the districts concerned. He also pointed out that there would be provisions under the new City Charter.

Councillor Williams concurred in Councillor Baker's remarks and said he felt this was good business and correct procedure.

Councillor Myers concurred in Councillor Curren's remarks and said he did not think it was up to Council to make such a decision. He said he felt that the ratepayers of the districts should be approached first. Referring to the amalgamation of County Districts within the City of Dartmouth, he pointed out that a considerable amount of industrial assessment was lost, and the same could take place if the suburban districts amalgamated with the City of Halifax.

Councillor Baker again pointed out that this was not a resolution asking the City to take the suburban districts, but rather to investigate the matter of amalgamation and determine the feasibility of it.

Councillor Henley pointed out that when the County Districts amalgamated with the City of Dartmouth, that it was done quite rapidly and without much study in advance. He said, however, in this case, with amalgamation of suburban districts with the City of Halifax imminent, a more concentrated study could be carried out in advance.

The Warden put the question for adoption of the Motion.

RECORDED VOTE:-

Those FOR: Districts - 10, 11, 18, 21, 25, 26, 27. - (7).

Those AGAINST: Districts - 2, 3, 5, 6, 8, 9, 12, 13, 14, 15,  
16, 19, 20, 22, 24. - (15).

Abstentions: Districts 1 and 7.

The Warden declared the resolution lost.

Councillor Curren, in withdrawing from the vote, said that he would like to know the wishes of the ratepayers before he could vote in this regard. He said he did not think it was within his power to cast a vote for the resolution. He reiterated his former statement and said he felt this was a matter to be initiated by the ratepayers and not by himself.

Councillors Roche and Henley moved:-

"THAT the Report re Tax Revenue and How Distributed by Districts, be received."  
Motion carried.

Councillor Henley again asked that the Clerk continue his studies in regard to the Tax Revenue and How Distributed by Districts, with the understanding that a more complete analysis of education costs be added to it.

In referring to District #8 assessment, Councillor McGrath said it would appear that more was being spent on education in District #8 than in any other. He explained however, that a number of pupils from other school sections were attending school in District #8.

The Municipal Solicitor, Mr. Cox commenced to review the Act Relating to Sewers and Sewerage in the County of Halifax.

Councillors Hanrahan and Roche moved:-

"THAT Council adjourn until after lunch."  
Motion carried.

FOURTH DAY AFTERNOON

Council convened at 2:45 p.m. Warden George D. Burris presiding. The Municipal Clerk called the Roll.

Councillors Baker and Moser moved:-

"THAT this Council extend their sincere thanks to the Kiwanis Club of Halifax for the kind invitations to join with them at their regular weekly luncheon meeting on March 19th., 1962." Motion carried.

The Warden introduced the first item on the Afternoon's Agenda, which was the continuation of the review of the Legislation with Respect to Sewers and Sewerage in the County.

In referring to Section 22, Sub-section (1), Councillor Moser said, a person wanting to construct a home in a rural district which was a building district would not under this section be permitted to construct a privy or to install a private sewage disposal system without a written private sewage disposal permit. He said he would not vote in favour of the Legislation as this section was too restrictive. He added that he did not think this should apply to the remote areas.

The Municipal Engineer, Mr. Jay, said while he did not represent the opinions of the Committee, he did believe that when they discussed this there was general agreement with the fact that this should apply to all building districts.

Councillor Baker concurred in Councillor Moser's remarks, and said he did not think this should apply to the rural districts, especially in the remote areas.

The Municipal Engineer explained that some areas of the County were densely populated and others were not. He said it would be difficult to enforce this regulation in one area and not in another.

Councillor Hanrahan said it was not the intention of the Committee to be "hard and fast". He pointed out that the National Building Code

which was in effect and applied to all Building Districts contained the same type of regulation.

Councillor King-Myers asked if this were duplication of laws.

The Municipal Solicitor explained that this regulation would help to clarify the present Building Code and perhaps make it more easy to enforce. He explained that the draft Legislation before Council was aimed at preventing a future situation which exists in the County today.

Councillor Baker said he would have to vote against the Legislation if this regulation were to be included in the draft.

In reply to a question of Councillor King-Myers, the Municipal Solicitor pointed out that this would apply only to building districts.

Councillor Williams suggested that a paragraph be inserted in the Legislation covering the situation such as the one referred to by Councillor Moser. He said he did not see why a person wanting to construct a summer camp could not also construct a privy.

Councillor Eld concurred in Councillor Williams' remarks and said that perhaps a paragraph could be inserted covering such a situation and which would permit the building inspector to use discretion in such a case.

Councillor Baker said while Councillor Moser was concerned mainly with the people wanting to construct summer homes, he said he was more concerned with the people living in the remote areas all year round, who would not be able to install sewage disposal systems because of insufficient funds.

Councillor Moser said Council should be doing all in its power to assist these summer residents, as he said a considerable amount of revenue was being derived from them through taxation.

Councillor Daye agreed that this section was too restrictive.

The Municipal Clerk said this regulation was no more binding than

the regulation contained in the National Building Code, which he said was in effect and applied to all building districts in the County.

Councillor Curren pointed out that in the case where a person wanted to construct a summer home with a privy, approval of disapproval would be left to the discretion of the building inspector.

Councillor Curren in referring to sub-section (5), Section 61 under the Assessment for Sewers, asked if a person's home would be advertised for sale under the Lien Law Act if he or she could not meet payments under this section.

The Municipal Clerk explained that Council under this Section reserved the right to do so, but that it was not Council's intention to sell the house if payments could not be made after a period of one year.

Councillor Spears asked if liens were transferable.

The Municipal Solicitor explained that liens were attached to the property and were transferable.

In referring to Section 9, sub-section (1) which was tabled at the Morning Session, the Municipal Solicitor said that it would not be necessary to include "out of funds available for the project". He explained that the costs involved in the proposed construction would be part of the project and that this was inherent in the Legislation and therefore it would not be necessary to add the sentence.

Councillors Myers and Roche moved:-

"THAT the Solicitors be and they hereby are authorized to take the necessary steps to place the proposed Sewer Legislation as amended before the Legislature at this Session."

Councillors Hanrahan and Curren moved:- (Amendment)

"THAT the Municipality continue to pay 50% of the cost of sewer laterals, and change the figures of \$8.60 per foot frontage wherever they appear to \$4.30 per foot frontage."

Councillor Henley asked what effect this would have on the tax rate this year and subsequent years.

The Municipal Clerk explained that assuming the Municipality were to spent a million dollars on sewer per year, that for the first year it would mean 5.5 cents the first year; in 1963 - 6.5 cents; 1964 - 9.8 cents; 1965 - 12.1 cents; 1966 - 15.4 cents; 1967 - 18.7 cents. He said, however, that this was allowing for only six million dollars increase in assessment. He said there would be a possibility that the increase in assessment would be greater per year.

Councillors Henley and Baker moved:- (Amendment to Amendment)

"THAT the Municipality contribute .05 per year toward the Cost of Sewers."

The Municipal Clerk said that as the financing scheme was worked out mainly on a foot frontage basis that this would require a considerable amount of revision.

Councillor Henley said that some standard should be set in this regard to avoid any excessive increases in the yearly tax rate.

Councillor Spears said he did not consider this an equitable amount, as he said the average assessment of a property 50 miles distant would be lower than the average assessment of a property in a more densely populated district.

Councillor Eld said a delegation from his district approached him protesting the financing of sewers in the County on a 50-50 basis. He said that people in the Hubbards area did not want sewer and water charges added to the already burdensome rate. He questioned the fact that they should contribute towards services to be installed in the suburban areas.

Councillor King-Myers concurred in Councillor Eld's remarks and said that she did not think that the Municipality should have to bear 50% of the cost of sewer laterals.

Regarding the Report which was tabled before Council at the

Morning Session, she said it was an unfair one because it was an obvious attempt to influence Council's vote in regard to this proposed sewer project. She said that there were people in her district who could not afford the increase in the tax rate.

Councillor Hanrahan pointed out that there would be no water charge, only a charge for sewer laterals. Again, he stated that if the County were to act as a united body the rural districts should contribute to the cost of services installed in the suburban areas just as the suburban districts contribute toward the cost of school construction in the rural districts. He said that according to the Municipal School Board Report, a number of new schools were proposed for the rural districts and that the people in the suburban districts would be contributing toward the cost of these schools. He said that with this in mind, the rural districts should give serious consideration to the financing proposal.

Councillor McGrath said he could not vote for this. He said the sewer should be like the water and should be able to carry itself. He said he would not be prepared to impose the additional rate on the ratepayers of his district.

Councillor Moser indicated his opposition to the proposal and said that the cost of such a project should not be imposed on the people in the remote areas. He pointed out that people in his district were still paying for the Metropolitan Survey and he pointed out that people were deriving no benefit from it.

Councillor Smeltzer concurred with Councillor McGrath and said he would not vote for the proposal.

Councillor Daye said he felt that 50% was excessive, but that he would be prepared to support 75-25 financing proposal.

Councillor Williams concurred in Councillor Daye's remarks.

Councillors Williams and Daye moved:-

"THAT the Municipality contribute 25% of the cost of sewer laterals and that the Legislation be amended so that the foot frontage charge of \$8.60 per foot be changed to read \$6.45 per foot frontage and that where-ever it appears the special tax on any lot should not be less than \$260.00 instead of \$350.00."

In reply to a question of Councillor Henley, the Municipal Clerk explained that the Public Works Department hoped to have the proposed sewer laterals installed at the end of 5 years.

Councillor Curren said that he made quite a study of the proposal and he did not think that financing sewer laterals on a 50-50 basis would be of benefit to the Districts. He said that if this proposal were put into effect, that the financing of sewer laterals would be a continuing responsibility of the Municipality.

Councillor Hanrahan said that he would be prepared with consent of the seconder to change the amount in the amendment to read 25% and that the foot frontage charge of \$8.60 be amended to read \$6.45 per foot frontage and also that the minimum capital outlay be reduced from \$350.00 to \$260.00 accordingly.

The Solicitor pointed out that Councillor Henley's amendment would constitute a considerable amount of revision of the legislation.

Councillor Baker pointed out that by helping the suburban districts the rural districts would be helping themselves. He pointed out that with sewerage and water installed in the suburban districts there would be an incentive for industry to locate in the area. He said he did not think that 25% of the cost of sewer laterals, would mean too much of an increase in the rate. He said he was approached by a certain firm and asked when sewer and water would be installed in the County, he said he replied this would have to be decided by Council. He said he gathered from the request that this firm would be prepared to locate in the County when services were available.

Councillor MacKenzie also pointed out that under this proposal, assessment on real property would increase and that it would eventually mean that more revenue would be derived through taxation.

The Municipal Clerk pointed out that eventually this would be so.

Councillor Henley said that with the consent of the seconder he would be prepared to withdraw his amendment and he concurred in Councillor Baker's remarks regarding there being an incentive for industry to locate in the area.

Councillors Hanrahan and Curren agreed to withdraw their original amendment to the resolution re financing of sewer laterals on a 50-50 basis.

The Warden explained that Council would be voting on Councillors Williams and Daye's amendment re financing of sewer laterals on a 25-75 basis.

Councillors Moser and Grant requested a recorded vote.

The Warden put the question.

Those FOR: Districts: 21, 20, 19, 18, 16, 15, 14, 12, 11, 10, 5, 3, 2, 1, - (14).

Those AGAINST: Districts: 27, 26, 25, 24, 22, 13, 9, 8, 7, 6, - (10).

The Warden declared the amendment carried.

Councillor Quigley said regarding the draft Legislation that there was nothing to indicate that the ratepayers under the Legislation would have the right of appeal. He said that the decisions of the building inspector and the Municipal Engineer would be final.

The Municipal Solicitor explained that the building inspector's decision would not be final and that ratepayers under the Building By-Laws would have the right of appeal to the Municipal Building Board. He said, however, the Municipal Engineer's decision would be final.

Councillor Quigley pointed out that Council would be showing a weakness in its legislation if it did not allow the right of appeal.

The Municipal Solicitor pointed out that under prerogative writ used against Administrative Officials the ratepayers would have a

recourse. He explained that the Municipal Engineer was considered an Administrative Official.

Councillor Thomas asked that the Chair instruct Councillors when a resolution is on the floor not to leave the Chamber.

Councillor McGrath asked for a recorded vote. Council agreed.

The Warden put the question for adoption of the motion.

Those FOR: Districts: 1, 2, 3, 5, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 24, 26. - (17)

Those AGAINST: Districts: 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 25, 27. - (7).

The Warden declared the motion carried.

Councillors Moser and Daye moved:-

"THAT Council adjourn until 10:00 a.m. tomorrow." Motion carried.

FIFTH DAY MORNING

Council convened at 10:20 a.m. Warden George D. Burris presiding. The Municipal Clerk called the Roll.

The Municipal Clerk reported that there were no letters or communications.

Councillor Curren and Deputy Warden Settle moved:-

"THAT the Minutes of Tuesday, March 13, Wednesday, March 14, and Thursday, March 15th. Sessions, be adopted." Motion carried.

The Warden introduced the first item on the Morning's Agenda - the Report of the Medical Health Officer for Halifax West.

Dr. Kevin Smith read the Report.

Councillor Baker said that the co-operation referred to in the Report certainly did not exist in his District. He said he did not think in many cases that the Public Health Nurses were doing their job. He cited one example, where children had been sent home by the teacher because of what appeared to be a contagious disease. The children were then referred to their family doctors, who in turn issued certificates to the effect that the children had not contracted any contagious disease and the children were returned to school. He said in a lot of cases, the preliminary diagnosis was left up to the teachers. He asked why more thorough examinations were not being carried out.

Dr. Smith replied that under the present Public Health Act, nurses are not required to carry out thorough examinations, but only general examinations of pupils. Regarding co-operation or the lack of it, he said this may be attributed to an overlapping of services.

In reply to a statement of Councillor Baker, Dr. Smith said he agreed there were a number of deficiencies under the present Public Health Act, but that he understood the present Act was under revision.

Councillor Baker asked if Dr. Smith had ever considered

recommending to the Provincial Department of Health, that the Public Health Nurses be required to carry out a more thorough examination of school children.

Dr. Smith replied, in certain schools a more thorough examination of pupils was being carried out, but only on the written consent of their parents. He said this was to prevent any violation of Doctor-Patient relationships.

Councillor Bell in directing a question to Dr. Smith, asked why Public Health Nurses do not carry drugs to treat such diseases as ringworm and lice.

Dr. Smith said in some cases they do. He said, however, this was a matter of treatment. He said certain children may be under the care of their family doctor and may be allergic to any drugs which might be administered by a Public Health Nurse. Again, he said Public Health officials did not want to violate any Doctor-Patient relationships.

Councillor Bell asked if it would be possible to set up a travelling clinic.

Dr. Smith explained that if a Public Health Nurse were to administer an ointment to which a child might be allergic, then the nurse would be liable.

Councillor Henley asked if Dr. Smith would be prepared, along with Dr. MacMillan and Dr. Cameron, to prepare a brief, recommending changes in the present Public Health Act, if the deficiencies were not covered in the proposed revised Act.

Dr. Smith replied yes.

Councillor Moser asked if a contagious disease were to develop in a school, could the school be closed on the Public Health Nurse's recommendation.

Dr. Smith replied no.

Councillor Moser asked if such a case were to develop, would Dr. Smith investigate.

Dr. Smith replied yes.

The Warden put the question for adoption of the motion. Motion carried.

The Warden introduced the next item - the Report of the Jail Physician, which was read by Dr. Smith.

Councillors Baker and MacKenzie moved:-

"THAT the Report of the Jail Physician be received."

Councillor Moser asked if Dr. Smith thought it necessary to examine all prisoners admitted to the County Jail, and if he felt it a wise move considering the present conditions of the Jail.

Dr. Smith said he agreed that conditions were crowded at the Jail, but he felt that it would be necessary to examine each prisoner on admission, to isolate any contagious diseases and thus prevent a spread of any contagious diseases throughout the prisoners.

The Warden put the question for adoption of the Report. Motion carried.

Councillors Hanrahan and Henley moved:-

"THAT the Council request the Provincial Government to establish a fund administered by the Province to assist municipalities in maintaining fire departments; such fund to be raised by levying on fire insurance companies a tax of  $\frac{1}{2}\%$  on all fire insurance premiums collected in the Province; such fund to be distributed to municipalities by the Province according to a formula to be worked out by the Province and the Union of Municipalities;  
AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the Province and the Union of Municipalities."

Councillors Eld and Moser moved:- (Amendment)

"THAT this Resolution be referred to the Finance and Executive Committee."

Councillor Hanrahan said he felt this would be very painless. He

said it would merely mean levying a tax of  $\frac{1}{2}$  of 1% on fire insurance companies and that this money would be put into a fund. He said this fund would help the district fire departments to purchase additional equipment and also improve existing facilities. He said it would also help the insurance companies to reduce the loss ratio.

Councillor Curren asked how this would be allotted and on what basis.

The Municipal Clerk replied on a formula worked out by the Province and Union of Nova Scotia Municipalities, as suggested in the resolution.

Councillor Kehoe said this would be a wonderful move. He said there was . . . . . a Fire Department in his district with two paid employees. He said that to defray the cost of his Department his District would have to levy a rate of between 50 and 60 cents. He explained, however, that this was due mainly to redistribution. He said with such a fund, the rate would not have to be quite so high.

Councillor Eld explained that while Councillor Hanrahan's suggestion was a good one, he felt that perhaps that it could be discussed and studied more fully by the Finance Committee.

Councillor Roche concurred in Councillor Kehoe's remarks and said he felt this would be of great assistance to fire departments already in existence and also to districts wanting to set up fire departments. He indicated his favour of the resolution.

Councillor Williams pointed out that this would not only assist the fire departments in existence but also those districts wanting to set up fire departments. He said, also, that it would be of assistance to insurance companies and would help to reduce the loss ratio.

In reply to a question of Councillor Turner, Councillor Hanrahan said the moneys derived from the tax of  $\frac{1}{2}$  of 1% put on fire insurance

premiums would be paid into a fund which would assist districts all over the County. He said this would not reflect in the tax rate.

Councillor Henley pointed out that this would be an added incentive to districts without fire departments.

Councillor Daye concurred with Councillor Hanrahan's resolution, and said that it would be of benefit to the whole County.

The Warden put the question for adoption of the Amendment.  
Amendment lost.

The Warden put the question for adoption of the Motion. Motion carried.

The Warden introduced the next item on the Agenda - the Report of the Medical Health Officer for Halifax East.

Dr. MacMillan read the Report.

Councillors McGrath and Daye moved:-

"THAT the Report of the Medical Health Officer for Halifax East be received."

Councillor McGrath asked if the milk in the dispensers referred to in the Report was all pasteurized milk or if there would be a possibility that unpasteurized milk was being put into the dispensers. He also asked if there were supervision over the cleaning of the dispensers.

Dr. MacMillan replied that the supervision was being carried out by the teachers and very closely. He replied, regarding the milk, that it was all pasteurized milk to his knowledge.

Councillor Baker asked about the tuberculosis cases referred to in the Report.

Dr. MacMillan reported that in 1961 there were 8 new cases discovered.

Councillor Baker asked if the causes were determined.

Dr. MacMillan replied in most cases it was caused by contact.

Councillor Baker asked if it would be possible that some cases

were contracted through the eating of diseased or uninspected meat.

Dr. MacMillan replied that this was possible.

Councillor McCabe asked if it were not so that all cattle were tested for tuberculosis.

Dr. MacMillan replied yes, but that there might be a possibility that some cattle were not.

Councillor McCabe said that the percentage of cattle not tested for tuberculosis would be small.

Dr. MacMillan replied yes.

Councillor MacKenzie asked if the 8 cases were spread over the County, or if they were concentrated in one area.

Dr. MacMillan replied the cases were spread over the County.

Councillor McGrath asked if Dr. MacMillan in his travels had ever noticed vans selling meat from door-to-door, on the Eastern Shore.

Dr. MacMillan replied yes.

Councillor Baker pointed out that while the percentage of cows not inspected for tuberculosis or tested for tuberculosis might be small, he said it could mean a thousand pounds of beef, which he said "could cause a lot of trouble".

Councillor Daye said in his estimation there was not one truck on the Eastern Shore selling inspected meat.

Councillor Moser asked if Dr. MacMillan could cite any one case where a disease had been contracted from diseased meat.

Dr. MacMillan replied that he could not. He said to determine whether a disease was contracted from uninspected meat or diseased meat, the meat would first have to be inspected.

Councillor Bell asked if the mobile x-ray vans were helping to control tuberculosis.

Dr. MacMillan replied yes.

Councillor Bell asked if the incidence of tuberculosis was dropping.

Dr. MacMillan replied yes.

Councillor Turner asked if Dr. MacMillan felt that tubercular cows should be slaughtered at the Abattoir and then sold to the consumer.

Dr. MacMillan replied no.

Councillor MacKenzie said over the past few years the mobile dental clinic had been paying regular visits to communities on the Eastern Shore. He asked if this service were still in effect, because he did not notice it recently.

Dr. MacMillan replied that this service was very limited because it was becoming more difficult to get the services of dentists.

Councillor Baker asked if there would be a possibility that the matter of meat inspection might come up in the Legislature.

Dr. MacMillan replied that it did come up, but however the Minister did not think that immediate action would be taken in this regard, but that he expected that within one to two years it might be in effect.

Councillor Moser asked Dr. MacMillan if he felt it fair to charge for polio needles.

Councillor Moser asked if Dr. MacMillan felt that a doctor would be justified in refusing to inoculate a patient against poliomyelitis if the patient could not afford to pay for the inoculation.

Dr. MacMillan replied certainly not.

Councillor Moser pointed out there were a number of cases in his district where patients had been refused inoculation because they could not afford to pay the doctor.

Dr. MacMillan said he would investigate the matter further.

Regarding the mobile x-ray units, Councillor Williams asked how often they were visiting communities.

Dr. MacMillan replied in districts where x-ray facilities were not available that these mobile units were paying visits at least

once a year.

Councillor Grant said he understood that 50¢ was being charged for inoculation against poliomyelitis, in his district.

Councillor Moser asked if Dr. MacMillan would be prepared to bring the matter of the County Jail and its abandonment before the Legislature.

Dr. MacMillan replied that this would be discussed at this sitting of the Legislature and that he would support abandonment of the County Jail.

The Warden put the question for adoption of the Report. Motion carried.

Deputy Warden Settle and Councillor Henley moved:-

"THAT Council seek legislation to enable it by by-law to provide that the Building Inspector, before he issues a building permit, may require a person who applies for such a permit to enter into a bond for the fulfillment of the provisions of the permit in an amount not to exceed the value of the proposed work."

Deputy Warden Settle pointed out that this if approved would enable the Building Inspector to if he deemed necessary, require that a person applying for a permit put up a bond to insure fulfillment of the work.

Councillor Moser said he felt this to be most discriminatory and he said he would oppose the resolution.

The Municipal Solicitor pointed out that this would just give the Building Inspector the right to require a person applying for a permit to put up a bond if he deems necessary.

The Warden put the question for adoption of the Motion. Motion carried.

Councillor Daye said a bus driver was appointed to convey students to the Owl's Head School, but that this person had been turned down several times because of failure to pass an examination. He asked if

this were a case of the person not knowing the right officials on the Municipal School Board, or a case of his not being able to pass the examination.

Warden Burris replied that while he was not too conversant with the situation he said he felt that it would be better dealt with by the Municipal School Board. He said he did not think it was a case of favoritism. He said he did not think that the Board was showing favoritism in the selection of bus drivers. He said that he felt it was just a case of as he understood it, the person not being able to pass the Provincial Supervisor's examination.

Councillor Daye asked if the Board was right in hiring a temporary driver, who as he had been informed had three convictions and had his insurance cancelled.

The Warden said that he understood that the Board had only hired this person temporarily to enable the original bus driver to try for the test again.

Councillor Bell asked if bus drivers were covered in the case of manslaughter.

The Municipal Solicitor said he did not believe this applied in the Province of Nova Scotia.

Councillors Hanrahan and Williams moved:-

"THAT Council seek legislation to enable it by resolution to require the owner of land for which an application has been made for rezoning pursuant to the provisions of the Town Planning Act and the Zoning By-Law to pay to the Municipality in advance the costs of advertising the proposed rezoning."

Councillor Henley asked if this would apply to individual lots.

The Municipal Clerk replied that this would not apply to individual lots recommended to Council to be rezoned by the Planning Board, but would apply to individuals applying for rezoning for a specific purpose.

The Warden put the question for adoption of the Motion. Motion carried.

Councillors Henley and Bell moved:-

"THAT the Council approve and the Solicitors be empowered to seek legislation at the present session of the Legislature with the respect to the following:-

1. The Council may by by-law provide that the Building Inspector before he issues a building permit may require a person who applies for such a permit to enter into a bond for the fulfillment of the provisions of the permit in an amount not to exceed the value of the proposed work.

2. Notwithstanding the provisions of the Town Planning Act the Council may by resolution require the owner of land for which an application has been made for rezoning pursuant to the provisions of the Town Planning Act and the Zoning By-Law of the Municipality to pay to the Municipality in advance the costs of advertising the proposed rezoning and the Council may in the same resolution stipulate that it will not consider the proposed rezoning until the advertising costs have been paid by or on behalf of the owner."

Councillor McGrath in referring to the second proposed legislation asked who would set the value of the bond.

The Municipal Solicitor replied the amount would be set by the Building Inspector, and that this amount would not exceed the amount of the value of the work.

Councillor McGrath asked what standard would the person fulfilling the permit be required to follow.

The Municipal Solicitor replied -- the minimum standards presently in effect in the County.

The Warden put the question for adoption of the Motion. Motion carried.

Councillors Moser and Turner moved:-

"THAT Council adjourn until 2 p.m." Motion carried.

FIFTH DAY AFTERNOON

Council convened at 2:30 p.m. Warden George D. Burris in the Chair. The Municipal Clerk called the Roll.

The Warden apologized to Council for his tardiness, but explained that he was in attendance at a very important meeting of the Municipal School Board.

Councillor McCabe gave notice of motion, that at the April Session of Council he will move a resolution asking for an amendment to the Building By-Law whereby District 24 would be exempt from the provisions of the Building By-Laws.

The Municipal Clerk suggested that Council deal next with the Report of the Public Works Committee, which he explained was tabled at Monday's Session.

Councillor Hanrahan and Deputy Warden Settle moved:-

"THAT the Report of the Public Works Committee be adopted."

Councillor Eld asked for an explanation of the tabling of the Report at yesterday's session.

The Municipal Clerk explained that Council tabled the Report in order that the Legislation could be dealt with.

The Warden put the question for adoption of the Motion. Motion carried.

The Municipal Clerk introduced the next item re Temporary Borrowing in the amount of \$102,000.00 re Shady Lane Sewers.

Councillors Eld and Roche moved:-

"THAT

Municipality of the County of Halifax - \$102,000.00 - Shady Lane Sewers.

WHEREAS by Section 6 of Chapter 186 of the Revised Statutes, The Municipal Affairs Act, it is enacted among other things, in effect, that subject to the provisions of Section 8 of the said Act and notwithstanding any of the provisions of any special or general Act of the Legislature of Nova Scotia, every municipality of a county or district shall have full power and authority to borrow or raise by way

of loan from time to time on the credit of the municipality such sum or sums as the Council thereof deems necessary for the purpose of constructing, acquiring, altering, extending or improving public sewers or drains in the Armdale area of the Municipality and acquiring or purchasing of materials, machinery, implements or plant deemed requisite or advisable therefor;

AND WHEREAS by Section 8 of the said The Municipal Affairs Act it is enacted among other things, in effect, that no money shall be borrowed under the provisions of the said Act until such proposed borrowing has been approved by the Minister of Municipal Affairs;

AND WHEREAS it is deemed necessary by the Municipal Council of the Municipality of the County of Halifax to borrow a sum not exceeding One Hundred and Two Thousand Dollars (\$102,000) for the purpose of constructing, acquiring, altering, extending or improving public sewers or drains in the Armdale area of the Municipality and acquiring or purchasing materials, machinery, implements or plant deemed requisite or advisable therefor;

AND WHEREAS by the Municipal Affairs Act such sum shall in the discretion of the Municipal Council be borrowed or raised in one sum at one time or in instalments at different times and the sum required shall be borrowed or raised by the issue and sale of debentures of the Municipality to such an amount as the Council thereof deems necessary to raise such sum;

AND WHEREAS it is deemed expedient to postpone the issue of such debentures and to borrow such sum, not exceeding One Hundred and Two Thousand Dollars (\$102,000) as may be necessary for the purpose aforesaid from the proceeds of said debentures when sold;

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED that the Municipality of the County of Halifax do, under and by virtue of the Municipal Affairs Act, and subject to the approval of the Minister of Municipal Affairs, borrow or raise by way of loan on the credit of the said Municipality, a sum not exceeding One Hundred and Two Thousand (\$102,000) for the purposes aforesaid;

THAT under and in accordance with said The Municipal Affairs Act such sum be borrowed or raised by the issue and sale of debentures of the Municipality to such an amount as the Council thereof deems necessary to raise such sum;

THAT the issue of such debentures be postponed and that the said Municipality do, under and by virtue of the provisions of Section 148 (1) of Chapter 7 of the Acts of 1955, the Municipal Act and subject to the approval of the Minister of Municipal Affairs, borrow a sum or sums of money not exceeding One Hundred and Two Thousand Dollars (\$102,000) from the Royal Bank of Canada at Halifax, Nova Scotia.

THAT such sum or sums be borrowed from said Bank for a period not exceeding twelve months with interest thereon to be paid said Bank at the rate of 5 3/4 per centum per annum and that the amount so borrowed be repaid the said Bank from the proceeds of the said debentures when sold." Motion carried.

The Municipal Solicitor introduced the next item, which was the proposed Legislation re Regional Authority. He explained that the Legislation was drafted by a Committee of Solicitors representing the City of Dartmouth, City of Halifax, and the County of Halifax.

Mr. Cox reviewed each item as contained in the draft Legislation.

Councillor Eld said he felt the Legislation was very broad and suggested that perhaps it should go back for further study.

The Municipal Solicitor concurred in Councillor Eld's remarks and said he felt the Legislation was very broad, but pointed out that it would give the Regional Authority the power to deal with any matters referred to it, by the participating bodies. He explained that the Regional Authority would have nothing to do until a matter was referred to it by one of the participating bodies. He said the Regional Authority would not concern Council or commit it to any expenditures until Council had some matter it wanted the Authority to deal with.

Councillor Bell said he felt the setting up of such an Authority would be a wise move and that eventually it would be of great benefit to the taxpayers.

Councillor Curren asked if Council referred a matter to the Authority and the other participating bodies were in opposition, could "it be thrown out".

The Municipal Solicitor replied yes. He said at least two participating bodies must be in favour.

In referring to Section 6, sub-section 16 of the proposed Legislation, Councillor McGrath asked what property this referred to.

The Municipal Solicitor replied real and personal property.

Councillor McGrath asked if the Authority were to deal with a matter such as the construction of a bridge, how would the profits from such a venture be distributed.

The Municipal Solicitor replied that in the first instance the revenue derived from such a project would be applied to reduce the

Authority's indebtedness.

Councillor McGrath asked if the Authority were to deal with the matter of transit system for the greater Halifax area, how would rates, etc. be worked out.

The Municipal Solicitor said such a venture would be subject to an order of the Board of Public Utilities.

Councillor McGrath asked where the Office of the Regional Authority would be located.

The Municipal Solicitor replied this would have to be decided by the Authority itself, and that before it could deal with such a matter it would have to be introduced by one of the participating bodies. He said the only control Council would have over the Authority would be the initial reference of a matter or responsibility to it. He said once a matter has been referred to the Authority, that Council would no longer exercise control over the Authority.

Councillor Baker asked if this were a step toward Metropolitan Government.

The Municipal Solicitor replied a very preliminary step. He likened the Authority to the Regional Library set-up.

Councillor Curren pointed out again that this Legislation if ~~would~~ approved merely set up the Authority. He said further that Council would have the right to decide whether or not a matter should be referred to the Authority.

Councillor Kehoe asked if a matter were referred to the Authority by the Cities of Dartmouth and Halifax would the County be committed to any expenditures.

The Municipal Solicitor replied not if the matter applied just to the Cities, and that the costs involved would be allocated to the Councils of both Cities.

Councillors McGrath and Williams moved:-

"THAT this Council approve the proposed Legislation entitled "An Act to Incorporate the Halifax-Dartmouth Regional Authority" and authorize the Municipal Solicitors to join with the Solicitors of both Cities, to assist in having the Legislation as amended introduced at this session of the Legislature."

Councillors King-Myers and Curren moved:- (amendment)

"THAT the two members appointed by the Municipality shall be the Warden at the time being and a member of Council."

Councillor Williams said it only fair that Council should have a monthly report on the Authority's activities rather than just a yearly report.

Deputy Warden Settle agreed that Council should be informed monthly, but that perhaps it could take the form of a verbal report from the County appointees.

The Municipal Solicitor suggested that as this was an internal matter, that perhaps this could be suggested in a separate resolution and not apply to the draft legislation.

Councillor Williams agreed to withdraw his amendment with consent of the seconder. The seconder concurred.

The Warden put the question for adoption of the amendment.

Amendment carried.

The Warden put the question for adoption of the Motion, re draft Legislation with respect to the Regional Authority. Motion carried.

Councillors Williams and Councillor Daye moved:-

"THAT if, as and when the Regional Authority is set up under "An Act to Incorporate the Halifax-Dartmouth Regional Authority" and any municipal responsibilities has been referred to the Authority by this or any other Council that the members of this Council who are members of the Authority report monthly to Council." Motion carried.

Councillors McGrath and Baker moved:-

"THAT the Councillor to be appointed to the Regional Authority be appointed by the Chair at the first session of Council following the enactment of the Legislation." Motion carried.

Councillor McGrath said at a previous session, a resolution was passed asking the Municipal School Board to consider circulating Minutes of Board meetings to Councillors. He asked if a decision were reached in this regard.

The Warden replied not to his knowledge.

Councillor Baker, in referring a question to the Municipal Solicitor, asked why the Municipal School Board was not compelled to circulate minutes to Councillors.

The Municipal Solicitor pointed out that the Board acts under authority of the Education Act and is in no way required to circulate minutes of its meetings to Councillors.

Councillor Baker said that if this were the case, the County Hospital Management Board would not be obliged to circulate minutes of its meetings to Councillors.

The Municipal Solicitor replied that he was not sure of this, but that he would look into the matter and report back at a later date.

Councillor Williams asked if the Municipal School Board exercised more authority than the Planning Board.

The Municipal Solicitor said it would difficult to compare the two as the Municipal School Board was an autonomous body acting under the Education Act and that the Planning Board was a body corporate acting under the by-laws of Council.

The Municipal Solicitor introduced the next proposed Legislation re Sub-Standard Housing.

Councillor Moser said he felt the Legislation was most discriminatory and he would not support it.

Councillor Kehoe said while the proposed Legislation would assist the Building Inspector with sub-standard dwellings vacated, he said it would not in any way affect or apply to sub-standard dwellings presently occupied.

The Municipal Solicitor replied this was so and that it had limited application and would only affect vacated dwellings.

Deputy Warden Settle agreed that this proposed Legislation would assist the Building Inspector to a great extent.

Councillor Bell said it would be difficult to introduce Legislation calling for the eviction of families from sub-standard dwellings until the County established a Low-Cost Housing Project, to accommodate these people.

Councillor Kehoe said he felt the Legislation was not far-reaching and that perhaps some sort of Legislation should be introduced similar to Ordinance 50.

Councillor Baker referred to a dwelling in District 10 which he said should have been demolished years ago, but was not because the County did not have Legislation to do so. He said this dwelling was still occupied and would remain so until Legislation was introduced enabling the Building Inspector to act upon occupied sub-standard dwellings.

Councillor Williams asked about the sub-standard dwelling presently occupied in District 17.

The Acting Chief Building Inspector said, this building was originally constructed as a canteen. He said the owner was forced to move into the canteen because he sold his property, but he explained that the person would be only occupying the building on a temporary basis until he completed construction of a new home.

Councillors Eld and Henley moved:-

"THAT the proposed Legislation relative to powers of the Building Inspector and attached to this resolution be approved by this Council, and the Solicitors be authorized to have the proposed Legislation placed before the Legislature at the present session."

The Municipal Clerk pointed out that this would assist the Acting Chief Building Inspector to carry out demolition of vacated

Councillor McGrath said, however, this would cover only one phase and would not affect occupied sub-standard dwellings.

The Warden put the question for adoption of the Motion. Motion carried.

Councillors McGrath and Kehoe moved:-

"THAT the Planning Board and Building Inspector be asked to review the Building By-Laws with the thought in mind of strengthening the By-Law where necessary to bring it more in line with Ordinance 50 of the City of Halifax." Motion carried.

Councillors Myers and Baker moved:-

"THAT this Council go on record as being opposed to the proposed \$2.00 and \$10.00 license fees for fishing and the shooting of small game and that copies of this resolution be sent to the Premier, Minister of Lands and Forests, and the Union of N. S. Municipalities."

Councillor McGrath said he felt that the \$10.00 license fee for tourists visiting this Province would only discourage tourists, rather than encourage them to come to the Province.

Councillor Daye said he felt that the proposed license fee was a most necessary one if the authorities were to continue their program of restocking lakes, streams and rivers.

Councillor MacKenzie said he considered this a nuisance tax and said a tax should be levied by the Provincial Government on fishing equipment.

Councillor Henley said he was in favour of the proposed license fee, because it would enable authorities to continue their program of restocking lakes, streams and rivers.

Councillor Curren said he was an ardent fisherman and has been fishing for a number of years. He said, however, he felt the license

fee should have been imposed years ago.

Councillor Grant concurred with Councillor MacKenzie and said that if more revenue was required for restocking purposes, that a tax should be imposed on fishing equipment.

Councillor Daye said he would not object personally to paying a license fee of \$ 2.00. He said he did not think this would create any hardship to fishermen.

Councillor Williams said he did not think that much revenue would be derived from a tax on fishing equipment, especially in the case of tourists entering the Province. He said that <sup>in</sup> most cases tourists bring their own equipment.

The Warden put the question for adoption of the Motion.

Those FOR: (14)    Those AGAINST: (9).

The Warden declared the Motion carried.

The Municipal Solicitor introduced the next item, which was the proposed Legislation re Olie Subdivision.

Councillors Henley and Roche moved:-

"THAT the Legislation with respect to Olie Subdivision Sewers be approved by the Council and that the Solicitor be authorized to present the same to the Legislature.

Councillors Myers and Eld moved:-

"THAT Council adjourn until 10:00 a.m. tomorrow." Motion carried.

SIXTH DAY MORNING

Council convened at 10:12 a.m. Warden George D. Burris presiding. The Municipal Clerk called the Roll.

The Municipal Clerk reported that there were not letters or communications.

The Warden introduced the first item on the Agenda, which was the approval of the minutes of Monday, March 19th, Session.

Councillor King-Myers asked that the word education be deleted from the paragraph on Page 41, in which she referred to the Report re Tax Revenue and How Distributed By Districts.

Councillor MacKenzie and Deputy Warden Settle moved:-

"THAT the Minutes of Monday, March 19th. Session be approved as amended." Motion carried.

The Municipal Clerk read the Preliminary Report of the Finance and Executive Committee re estimates. He suggested any amendments to the Report be withheld until after Council completed review of the estimates. Council agreed.

Councillor Bell said he noticed the dog expense far exceeded revenue derived from license fees. He suggested that if Council were to break even on this item, it should increase license fees. He said he did not think that Council should be subsidizing the dog population in the County.

Deputy Warden Settle pointed out that last year was the first year that there was any effective control over dogs in the County.

Councillor Baker said this was not so in District #10 and that there was no noticeable control over dogs.

Regarding the 25% reduction in the fees paid to local Constables he said he did not think that this would be accepted by the Constables in District #10. He said the 50% paid last year to local Constables was an incentive and would be the only means to effect reasonable

control over dogs.

The Municipal Clerk pointed out that dog license fees had been increased and that the Finance Committee when reviewing the estimates felt 50% of the fees collected was a considerable amount to pay local constables, for what might require only two or three weeks work.

Councillor Baker said if this were approved, that he was quite sure there would be no dog constables left in District #10.

Councillor Grant concurred in Councillor Baker's remarks and said he did not think that a 25% reduction was a fair one. He said he might go along with a 10% reduction, but certainly not 25%.

Councillor Daye concurred with Councillors Grant and Baker and said he felt that local constables were doing an excellent job and that to continue an effective control over dogs in the County it would be necessary to continue paying local constables on a basis of 50% of the fees collected by them.

Councillor King-Myers said she realized that last year was the first year that there was any reasonable control over dogs, but she said she would not support a reduction of 25% in the fees paid to local constables.

Councillor Moser pointed out that 50% was 50% profit. He said if a constable were to collect a \$100.00 in dog license fees, \$50.00 of that was pure profit. He suggested Council revert back to the old system and that the assessors keep a record of the number of dogs in the County and that the dog population be listed on the Assessment Roll. He said, "constables are getting the cream and the County is getting the milk".

Councillor Curren said he agreed with Councillor Moser to a certain extent. He said each family owning a dog should be assessed

accordingly and that the dog tax could be included in the general tax bill. He said he did not think that local constables were doing a complete job.

The Municipal Clerk pointed out that this system of assessing families for dog tax was not altogether satisfactory. He said the big problem with this system was, that a family could easily deny ownership of a dog and it would be very difficult to prove otherwise.

The Municipal Clerk referred to the amounts paid to local constables for dog purposes and he pointed out that when the Finance Committee reviewed these amounts all members agreed that in each case it was a considerable amount to pay local constables for perhaps two or three weeks work.

Councillor Spears suggested that if a more complete breakdown were distributed to Councillors that they might be able to deal with the matter more intelligently.

Councillor McCabe asked if the system in effect now was more successful than the old system.

The Municipal Clerk replied yes.

Councillor Myers said he did not think Councillor Moser's statement regarding the 50% profit made by local constables was a fair one. He pointed out that this 50% included expenses incurred in the collection of dog fees, such as gas, car depreciation, etc. Regarding local constables, he said the constable in his district was doing an excellent job and was very conscientious. He said if the 25% reduction were approved that he would be forced to discontinue the system of dog collection presently in effect in his district.

Councillor Moser said he felt there was a duplication of services. He pointed out that local constables were merely collecting fees and not controlling packs of roaming dogs and that in this case the specially appointed constables were engaged to control roaming dogs.

The Municipal Clerk pointed out that there were two specially appointed constables to control packs of roaming dogs. He said these constables were invested with the authority of impounding these dogs. He also pointed out that there were two pounds in the County, one in the Spryfield area and one on the Dartmouth side of the Harbour.

Councillor King-Myers said she understood local constables had full authority to control dogs in the County.

The Municipal Clerk pointed out that it was apparent last year that the local constables were not doing their job. He said, consequently, two pounds were set up and that two special dog constables were appointed.

Councillor King-Myers said she felt that it was cheaper for the local constables to do the job.

Deputy Warden Settle said the Finance and Executive Committee's recommendation with regard to reduction in fees paid to local constables was prompted by the fact that the amount expended for dog control in the County far exceeded the revenue derived from license fees.

Councillor Daye said he could not go along with Councillor Moser. He said he felt 50% of the fees collected was a fair amount and not an excessive amount to pay local constables for what he termed a thankless job.

In reply to a question of Councillor Bell, the Municipal Clerk said that under the by-law governing dogs, dogs must bear a license tag.

Councillor Bell said he noticed a number of dogs in his District without a tag.

Councillor Williams asked if the local constables had the same authority as the two specially appointed constables.

The Municipal Clerk replied yes.

Councillor Williams said a 25% reduction in fees paid to local constables would be far from an incentive. He said he would not support the proposal.

Councillor Henley pointed out that he had only one complaint concerning dogs in his district last year. He pointed out that if the 25% reduction were to go through, that the local constables would not be encouraged to do a proper job.

Councillor Baker asked what amount was being paid to the special constables.

The Municipal Clerk pointed out that he did not have the exact figures, but he said approximately \$2,500.00 each.

Councillor Baker pointed out that the specially appointed constables were doing well, especially if they were holding down part-time jobs.

The Municipal Clerk pointed out, however, that these amounts were not accurate and that they included expenses incurred in the control of dogs in the County.

Councillor McGrath pointed out that the local constables were happy with the 50% when the dog license fee was \$2.00, but he pointed out that the license fees had increased and that now by continuing to pay the constables on a basis of 50% of the fees collected, that the local constables' take would be doubled.

Councillor Eld said if Council were to continue paying on the basis of 50% that it would be expending roughly \$21,000.00 to collect \$9,000.00.

The Municipal Clerk continued review of the estimates.

Councillor McGrath said regarding the postage item, that he felt a saving could be effected if rather than mailing minutes out when ready, that they be held for a period of one week and sent out all at once. Council agreed this would result in a substantial

saving.

Councillor McGrath in referring to Account No. 4113, asked what this amount included.

The Municipal Clerk replied such things as mileage for the Planning Engineer, drafting room equipment, purchase of a new transit and level.

Councillor McGrath said he understood that a transit and level were purchased for the Planning Department when it was first set up.

The Municipal Clerk pointed out that these were purchased jointly by the Engineering Department and the Planning Department.

Councillor McGrath said he understood that when the Planning Department located in the Roy Building, that an amount was approved for the purchase of a transit and level for the Department.

Again, Mr. Hattie replied these items were purchased jointly by the Engineering Department and the Planning Department.

Councillor Eld said when the Finance Committee approved \$350.00 for the forthcoming Canadian Legion Convention, that it was told the City of Dartmouth would be spending \$1,500.00. He said, however, he saw an article in the Free Press where City officials denied this amount and said that the City Council would only be contributing in the vicinity of \$300.00. He said that if he knew that at the time he would certainly not have supported it.

Councillor McGrath said he did not think that the County should continue paying bounties on wildcats, racoons, etc. He said he felt this should be a Provincial responsibility and said he would be prepared to move a resolution to the effect, that the Province be asked to reimburse the County for the amount paid out in bounties.

Councillor Moser concurred in Councillor McGrath's remarks and

said he did not think that the County should continue to pay bounties. He said it was merely protecting the people against something that should be considered a Provincial responsibility.

Councillor Daye said he did not feel that Council should discontinue bounties. He said recently he cut the snouts from five wildcats and that wildcats, racoons were definitely on the increase in his district.

Councillor Moser pointed out that it was possible snouts from wild animals were being brought in from other counties and being claimed in the County.

Councillor McCabe said he felt the bounties should be continued because he said in his district he knew of a person who shot fourteen wildcats and he personally shot twelve. He said the wildcats were most destructive and they were endangering the deer population.

Councillor Henley said he felt it most necessary to maintain bounties on wildcats, racoons, etc. in order to preserve small game. He said, however, he did not think bounties should be put back on bears as the Province indicated it would declare the bear a game animal.

Councillor MacKenzie said, at a previous session a resolution was passed by Council asking the Provincial Government to match bounties being paid by Council and regarding the bear bounty he felt it should be continued as the bear population was increasing.

Councillor Curren said he agreed with Councillor McGrath that the Provincial Government should be asked to reimburse the County for the amount being paid out in bounties on wild animals.

Councillor Turner asked if the Province was still paying a bounty on bears.

The Municipal Clerk said he was not sure, but that he would check into the matter.

Councillor Smeltzer asked how paving was carried out in the County.

The Municipal Clerk replied that the County entered into agreement with the Department of Highways re paving. He explained that under the agreement the Province was sharing in 45% of the cost of paving, and that the County was sharing in 55%.

He said, however, of the 55%, 15% was borne by the Municipality as a whole and 40% by the abutters.

Councillor Smeltzer said he felt the County should discontinue its responsibility in regard to paving, and that it should be carried out under agreement between the Provincial Department of Highways and the abutters.

Councillors Myers and Daye moved:-

"THAT Council adjourn until 2:00 p.m."  
Motion carried.

SIXTH DAY AFTERNOON

Council convened at 2:10 p.m. Warden George D. Burris in the Chair. The Municipal Clerk called the Roll.

The Warden introduced the first item on the Afternoon's Agenda which he said was a continuation of the review of the estimates.

Councillor Baker referred to an incident in his district, where a party had been conveyed to the Victoria General Hospital by an ambulance from Walker's Funeral Home. He said he was not sure what the cost of conveyance in this case should be charged up to.

The Municipal Clerk said he would go into the matter with Councillor Baker to determine whether or not this could be applied to District funds.

Councillor Baker asked if an accident were to take place in his district, who would pay the cost of conveyance to hospital.

The Municipal Clerk replied that if it were an automobile accident that it would most likely be covered by insurance, if not he said it would be charged to the person or persons being conveyed to hospital.

Councillor Bell said he felt the increase of welfare cases in the County could in a number of instances be attributed to alcoholism. He suggested that the Provincial Government, the brewers and distillers contribute towards a rehabilitation fund for such cases.

Councillor Baker asked if County Districts were deriving benefit from the agencies of the Halifax-Dartmouth United Appeal.

The Municipal Clerk replied yes, and referred to the services of the Red Cross, which he said extend into the County.

Councillor Baker said he would like to extend a vote of thanks and commend highly the work being done by the Halifax Visiting Dispensary in the County Districts, especially District #10.

Councillor McGrath said he felt Council should have some control

over welfare expenditures, as he said they were increasing considerably. He said under the old system, Councillors were able to exercise control over welfare expenditures.

Councillor Baker said he was most thankful for the welfare set-up as it exists today. He said he felt Mr. Rooney's Department should be commended highly for what he termed a wonderful job. He said he felt the work being done by the Department was second to none in the County and he would go so far as to say "in Canada".

Councillor Daye asked how much had been spent on social assistance last year.

The Municipal Clerk replied that the figure contained in the estimates was not the net figure. He said from the \$101,908.00 could be deducted the Province's share of \$69,213.30 and from the Administration Costs the Province's share of approximately \$15,000.00. He said the amount expended last year for social assistance was approximately \$47,695.00.

Councillor Moser said he felt social assistance was being given out too freely. He said at least under the old system that Councillors exercised a considerable amount of control over social assistance expenditures. He said while he was not condemning Mr. Rooney's Department, he said he did feel welfare expenditures were becoming excessive and that there should be some control over them.

Councillor MacKenzie rose on a point of order and stated that the Report of the Welfare Officer was contained in the day's Agenda and that perhaps these matters could be taken up when the Report was dealt with.

Councillor Eld, in referring to the appended graph re Sources of Revenue, pointed out that of the County's total revenue only 3% was being derived from the Federal Government. He said if Council wanted to cut Education Costs, it should challenge the Provincial Government to increase its share as well as the Federal Government.

In reply to a question of Councillor Bell, the Municipal Clerk said the gauge for debt charges was between 20 to 25 percent of the value of the assessment.

Councillor McGrath said if Council were to hold the line on County taxes it should lay down a budget for each Department and that Departments should not exceed the budgeted amount. He said this could also apply to education.

Councillor Eld said Mr. Marriott was asked if X No. of Dollars could be laid down in the budget for education for the following year. He said Mr. Marriott replied no.

The Municipal Clerk said the County would be faced in future with an increase in student enrollment per year of 2,000 and that in order to accommodate these students it would be necessary to construct between 65 and 70 classrooms per year. He said not only would the Municipality incur the cost of the 70 classrooms, but also the cost of maintainence, the cost of teachers' salaries as well as pay increments to the present number of County teachers. He pointed out that the Education Costs per year far exceed the revenue from the increase in assessment for each year.

Councillor McGrath reiterated his former statement, and said Council should lay down a certain amount for education and not exceed that amount.

Councillor Hanrahan suggested that a solution to the problem would be to raise the present age limit of school children from 5 years to 6 years and also increase use of physical equipment supplied to the schools.

Councillor Baker concurred in Councillor Hanrahan's suggestion and said that if the age were to be raised, that the County would save on teachers and classrooms necessary to educate 5 year olds.

Councillor Eld said he did not think this to be a good solution as he said in later life it could mean a loss of a year when a student

reaches University level. Councillor Eld again stated that if the County were to cut Education Costs that it should challenge the Federal Government to increase its share in the cost of education.

Councillors Henley and MacKenzie moved:-

"THAT Council adjourn and reconvene as Committee of the whole." Motion carried.

Councillors Henley and Eld moved:-

"THAT Council reconvene from Committee of the whole." Motion carried.

Councillors Henley and Turner moved:-

"THAT

WHEREAS the growth in school population in this Municipality is increasing at a rate of almost 2,000 school children per year;

AND WHEREAS this increase in school population is resulting in a greatly increased budget each year for educational purposes;

AND WHEREAS it is of the opinion of this Council that the Tax Rate on Real Property is becoming excessive, because of these increased educational costs;

BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED THAT the Special Committee on Taxation arrange meetings with representatives of the City of Halifax and the City of Dartmouth immediately to investigate additional sources of revenue for educational purposes including, a 2% Sales Tax for Educational purposes, a tax on pari mutuels, ~~Educational Lottery~~, or any other source from which additional revenue may be obtained;

AND THAT copies of this resolution be forwarded to the Premier, the Minister of Municipal Affairs, and the members of the Legislature for Halifax County, and also to the Prime Minister, Minister of Finance, and the members for Halifax County in the Federal House." Motion carried.

Councillors Spears and Baker moved:-

"THAT Council adjourn until 7 p.m. this evening."

Those FOR: (11)    Those AGAINST: (12)

The Warden declared the motion lost.

Council agreed to adjourn until 10:00 a.m. tomorrow morning.

SEVENTH DAY MORNING

Council convened at 10:20 a.m. Warden George D. Burris in the Chair. The Municipal Clerk called the Roll.

The Municipal Clerk read a letter from the Waverley Volunteer Fire Department requesting a grant of \$500.00 to assist with their playground program.

**Councillor King-Myers** suggested that this be referred to the Parks and Public Lands Committee. Council agreed.

Councillors Baker and Myers moved:- (Amendment)

"THAT the local constables be paid the 50% of money collected through the sale of dog licenses as at the present time."

A breakdown of the amounts paid to local constables in each district was circulated to Councillors.

**Councillor Curren** asked about the counter commissions paid to local constables.

The Municipal Clerk explained counter commissions were paid to local constables to cover the amount of fees collected at the Tax Collection Office. He said in a lot of cases a dog owner not wanting to pay the fee directly to the Constable may be forced to pay the fee at the Building because of pressure brought to bear by that Constable.

**Councillor Curren** said he did not think payment of counter commissions to local constables was justifiable.

In reply to a question of Councillor Williams, the Municipal Clerk said revenue derived from the collection of dog license fees last year was \$19,579.00. He said the total amount paid to local constables for the same period was \$8,619.00. He said the total dog expense last year was \$12,848.90. He said this amount included fees paid to the specially appointed constables, pound fees, etc.

**Councillor Myers** said he felt local constables were doing an

excellent job and that the revenue derived from the collection of fees last year was a fair indication of that. He asked for a recorded vote on the resolution.

THOSE FOR: Districts: 6, 10, 13, 16, 18, 19, 20, 21, 24, 25, 26, 27. Total - (12)

THOSE AGAINST: Districts: 1, 3, 4, 5, 7, 8, 9, 11, 12, 14, 15, 22, Total - (12).

Council called on Warden Burris to cast the deciding vote.

Warden Burris voted against the Amendment. Amendment lost.

The Warden put the question for adoption of the Motion re Preliminary Report of the Finance and Executive Committee.

Those FOR: (13) Those AGAINST: (11). Motion Carried.

Councillor Hanrahan said he did not want to prolong the discussion re local constables, but he suggested that a possible solution would be if the Finance Committee were to consider hiring a permanent employee to effect some control over collection of dog license fees in the County.

Councillor Eld said he felt Councillor Hanrahan had an excellent suggestion.

Councillor MacKenzie said he would have to notify the two appointees in his district about Council's decision in regard to payment of fees to local constables, before he could make a final recommendation.

Councillor Daye said he did not think that he could get the constables in his district to accept the 25% reduction.

Councillor Baker said he concurred with Councillors Daye and MacKenzie.

Councillors McGrath and Roche moved:-

"THAT the Government of the Province of Nova Scotia be asked to pay Bounties, on raccoons, foxes, wildcats and bears out of the proposed new license fees for shooting small game if such license fee is imposed or reimburse this municipality for the amount of money paid out in such bounties or pay over to the Municipality the amount collected in Halifax County by the Government by way of collections of new licenses for the privilege of shooting small animals." Motion carried.

The Warden introduced the next item, which was the Report of the Regional Library Board.

The Municipal Clerk read the Report.

Councillors McGrath and Turner moved:-

"THAT the Report of the Regional Library Board be adopted."

Councillor Daye said he felt that the Report was a good Report on paper. He said it did not give a fair indication of the overall response to the services of the Regional Library. He said he felt the County was going beyond its means and that it was time Council cut such expenditures to a minimum. He said he would not support the Board's proposal of putting a third bookmobile into service.

Councillor Moser concurred in Councillor Daye's remarks. He said he did not think County taxpayers could afford the services of the Regional Library. He said he also felt it was time that Council drew the line on such expenditures. He asked for an explanation of recent press reports regarding a closed meeting held in connection with the dismissal of a Regional Library employee.

Councillor Eld said he felt this was one thing which Council was providing for the benefit of the whole County. He said he felt it was an excellent service, especially for the older residents of the County. He referred to the services of the Regional Library as excellent and said he would like to commend the Regional Library and the Board most highly for them.

Councillor Bell concurred in Councillor Eld's remarks and said he felt the Regional Library services were excellent. He said he felt the bookmobile services were assisting the pupils with grammar and helping to improve their reading. He said he felt it was a cheap means of education.

Councillor Myers also asked for an explanation of the closed meeting.

Councillor McGrath pointed out that in reality there was no closed meeting. He said it was merely a private discussion before the regular board meeting held to iron out differences of opinion between a Board member and the Chief Librarian, regarding the dismissal of a bookmobile driver. He explained that there was no meeting held excluding the press.

Councillor Myers asked why all Board members were not asked to attend the meeting.

Councillor McGrath pointed out that this matter was brought up at the regular meeting and that the press was in attendance. He said while it was reported in the press that the meeting was called for 2:00 p.m. the meeting notice would bear out the fact that it was called for 2:30 p.m.

Councillor Moser asked why the Chief Librarian wanted a Vote of Confidence.

The Warden said he did not think this to be a fair question.

Councillor McGrath again pointed out that this stemmed from differences of opinion over the dismissal of a bookmobile driver. He said one segment of the Board was opposed to the dismissal of this employee.

Mrs. Nyland said she felt Councillor McGrath had explained the matter fully, but added that she considered this matter to be an administrative responsibility and that she was forced to recommend the dismissal of the bookmobile driver. She said to support her cause, she asked for a Vote of Confidence.

Regarding the meeting prior to the regular Board meeting, Mrs. Nyland said it was merely a private discussion and not a called meeting.

Councillor MacKenzie pointed out that the bookmobile service was well received in his district and that he had received a number of letters of gratitude from ratepayers, commanding Council for the

establishment of the service. He said while he felt the Library was doing an excellent job and that the service itself was excellent, he said he would not support a proposal putting another bookmobile into service.

Councillor McGrath pointed out the Report was not recommending to Council that a third bookmobile be established. He pointed out that the Report only stated that if the circulation were to increase as it has over the past year, that it may be necessary to recommend to Council at a later date that this bookmobile be put into service.

Councillor Daye said he could not go along with Councillor Eld's remarks regarding service to the older residents of the County. He said he did not think for instance that the older people on the Eastern Shore were deriving any benefit from the service, because of their inability to get to the bookmobile stops. He said while he was 100% for education he did not think this to be an necessary means of educating the children of the County.

Councillors Baker pointed out that there was no rift between himself and the Librarian. He pointed out that he did disagree with the dismissal of the bookmobile driver, as he felt there were no complaints with this chap for a period of ten months and that he could see no reason why he should be dismissed after serving this period of time. He said while differences of opinion may not always appear to be desirable, he said they go along way to help make good government. He said on this occasion he would not resign from the Regional Library Board. Regarding the Vote of Confidence asked for by the Chief Librarian, he pointed out that it was an item on the agenda and was not asked for at the Board meeting. He said at a previous Board meeting when it was brought to the attention of Board members that the bookmobile driver had been dismissed, he proposed a resolution asking that the matter be dealt with by the Board and that the bookmobile driver be given a fair trial. He said, however, as he

did not want to prolong the meeting he withdrew his resolution which he said was supported by Councillor King-Myers and another member of the Board. He again, pointed out that as far as he was concerned there was no rift between himself and the Librarian and that he felt personally Mrs. Nyland was a most capable person and a most able person. He said, however, in this case he felt there was some outside influence. He said regarding the discussion between himself, the Chairman and Mrs. Nyland, that it came as a distinct surprise to him and that he was not aware that the meeting would be held. He pointed out that he had nothing to say at that meeting.

Councillor Myers asked how applications were being handled and if they were being handled by the Board.

The Municipal Clerk pointed out that applications were being dealt with by himself and the Assistant Municipal Clerk, Mr. Bensted. The Municipal Clerk stated that in most all cases applications were screened by himself and ~~the Assistant Municipal Clerk, Mr. Bensted.~~ He said when applications have been cut down to a workable number that they are then referred to the Board or Committee dealing with them. He said he did not think that Boards and Committees had sufficient time to deal with, for instance, 40 to 50 applications.

Councillor Henley expressed his sincere appreciation to Councillor McGrath as Chairman of the Board and also to the Chief Librarian, Mrs. Nyland.

Councillor Curren expressed his sincere appreciation, also, to the Board and to the Regional Library staff members, for what he termed a splendid job. He said that before the Library was established that he had received a number of letters from organizations asking that a Library be set up. He said to date he had received no complaints from people in his district and that he felt this was a fair indication of the excellence of the service provided by the Regional Library.

Councillor McGrath said that if "any bouquets" were to be passed out, they should be passed out to the Board as a whole and not to himself as an individual. . . . He invited Councillors to visit the Regional Library to see the increase in volumes and also the extensive reference library.

The Warden put the question for adoption of the Motion. Motion carried.

The Warden introduced the next item on the Agenda, which was the Report of the Committee on Low-Cost Housing.

The Municipal Clerk read the Report.

Councillors McGrath and Baker moved:-

"THAT the Report of the Committee on Low-Cost Housing be received."

Councillor Moser asked for an explanation of Low-Cost Housing.

The Municipal Clerk pointed out that such schemes were being provided by Municipalities across Canada. He pointed out that 75% of the cost of these projects was being shared in by the Federal and Provincial Governments.

. He said, however, it must be first established that such a housing project is required in a municipality before the Provincial and Federal Governments will share in it. He said while in some cases it may cater to those deriving social assistance, he said it was meant primarily for people in the low income bracket, who require a better standard of housing. He said this would assist greatly in the reduction and eventual abolishment of sub-standard dwellings in the County. He pointed out this would eventually mean an increase in tax revenue presently being derived from these people.

Councillor Bell said he felt Low-Cost Housing was a good thing. He said, however, he did not think it should be concentrated in one area, but should be spread over the whole of the County. He said it should cater primarily to people in the low income bracket.

Councillor Eld said that the Low-Cost Housing Committee had only met on two occasions and that at the last meeting C.M.H.C. officials were present. He said it was pointed out at that meeting that such a project would not only benefit those in the low income bracket, but would also be beneficial to the County as well in that more tax revenue could be derived from these people, than is being derived at present. He said he felt this matter was long overdue.

The Warden put the question for adoption of the Motion. Motion carried.

Councillors McGrath and Roche moved:-

"THAT this Council authorize the Special Committee on Low-Cost Housing, to approach the Government of the Province of Nova Scotia, to determine whether that Government and the Federal Government, might enter into a Low Cost Housing Scheme with this Municipality, if a need for such is determined."  
Motion carried.

The Municipal Clerk asked that Councillors in their spare time read the appended report to get a good background on the County's need for a Low-Cost Housing Scheme.

Councillors Daye and Moser moved:-

"THAT Council adjourn until 2:00 p.m."  
Motion carried.

SEVENTH DAY AFTERNOON

Council convened at 2:15 p.m. Warden George D. Burris in the Chair. The Municipal Clerk called the Roll.

The Warden introduced the first item, which was the Preliminary Report of the Finance and Executive Committee re Constables, etc.

The Municipal Clerk read the Report.

Deputy Warden Settle and Councillor Daye moved:-

"THAT the Preliminary Report of the Finance and Executive Committee, be adopted."

Councillor Baker said he felt the reduction of fees paid to local constables should apply as well to constables working out of the Municipal Office. He said constables working out of the office were being paid a salary plus a percent of the warrant fees and that local constables were not getting a salary. He said it looked as if Council were trying to make "meat of one, and fish of another".

Councillor Daye concurred in Councillor Baker's remarks. He pointed out that the job being done by the local constables was just as arduous as the job being done by the constables working out of the office. He said he would not go along with the Committee's recommendation.

In reply to a question by Councillor Williams, the Municipal Clerk pointed out that the 50% referred to in the Report was 50% of the total warrant fees, not the total amount of Poll Tax collections made by the constables. He pointed out that constables in actuality were entitled to the full amount of the warrant fees, but that the Committee agreed that depending on performance they should be paid in the form of a bonus up to 50% of the warrant fees, and that the other 50% go toward their expenses and mileage. He made it quite clear that 50% was not 50% of the total tax collections.

Councillor Daye said he felt that all constables should be

treated equally and that if Council approved a reduction in fees paid to local constables, they should also approve a reduction in fees paid to constables working out of the office.

Councillor Moser said he felt that fees from warrants issued in welfare cases, should be charged up to the Welfare Department and not to the Tax Collection Department as he said was being done at present. He said this way the Municipality would be able to take full advantage of the Provincial Government's share in Welfare expenditures.

The Municipal Clerk agreed this was a good suggestion, but he pointed out that the number of warrants issued in welfare cases was small. He suggested that perhaps this matter might be considered when the number of warrants issued in welfare cases show a decided increase.

Councillors Baker and Daye moved:- (Amendment)

"THAT the Report of the Finance Committee be amended so as to make the amount payable to Constables working out of the Municipal Office reduced to 25% of the Warrant Fees collected, rather than the maximum of 50% which is the case at the present time."

Regarding the meat inspection item, Councillor Baker said he felt that the Finance Committee undoubtedly had considered the matter carefully and weighed the pros and cons. He said, however, the Committee should have been more definite in its recommendation. He said he did not think that Council should sit by and wait for the Federal and Provincial Governments to take a hand in the matter.

Deputy Warden Settle said the Committee went into the matter quite carefully and that all were agreed with the fact that nothing further should be done until the Federal and Provincial Governments decide definitely what they plan to do in regards to meat inspection. He said that the Provincial Minister of Agriculture met in Ottawa regarding this matter, and that he said on return, there was some

discussion regarding the possibility of the Provincial Governments increasing inspection points and that the Federal Government could increase the number of inspectors to staff these inspection plants.

Councillor Williams said he felt that this matter should be dealt with by the Provincial Government in co-operation with the Federal Government. He said he was a 100 percent for meat inspection but not when the County taxpayer would have to pay for it.

Councillor Daye commended Councillor Baker for his efforts in regard to meat inspection and he said it was essential that something be done immediately.

Councillor McCabe said that he read in a recent edition of the Family Herald, that of the 2,000 to 3,000 packing plants in Canada not over 100 of these plants were producing inspected meat. He said that if the people wanted meat inspection that a recommendation setting up such a program should come from them and not from Council. He referred to the incident which occurred in Ontario recently, and stated that an amount of diseased meat had been sold with the Federal stamp on it.

Councillor Bell said if people wanted inspected meat, they could demand it. He said that perhaps through education people could be discouraged from eating uninspected meat.

Councillor Moser said he felt this was a Provincial responsibility and not a responsibility of Council.

In reply to a question of Councillor Williams, Councillor Baker said meat inspection has been in effect in District #10 for two months.

In reply to a second question of Councillor Williams, Councillor Baker said he was personally policing his District.

Councillor Williams asked if there were any uninspected meat in Councillor Baker's District.

Councillor Baker replied, not to his knowledge.

Asked if any violations of the By-Law were encountered in his District to date, Councillor Baker replied, one.

Councillor Williams said a person who purchases a roast of beef not bearing the inspector's stamp, has no guarantee that the roast or any other piece of meat as far as that goes, has been inspected.

Councillor Curren said this matter had been discussed a number of times in Council, and that a vote was taken and Council agreed to defer the matter until further action was taken by both the Provincial and Federal Governments.

The Warden put the question for adoption of the Amendment, re Constables. Those FOR: (6) Those AGAINST: (16).

The Warden declared the Amendment lost.

The Warden put the question for adoption of the Motion, re the Report. Motion carried.

Councillors Baker and McGrath moved:-

"THAT this Council appoint a Committee of three to meet with the Hon. Mr. Haliburton Minister of Agriculture and also representatives of the Federal Government, to discuss with them the matter of Meat Inspection."

The Warden put the question for adoption of the Motion.

Those FOR: (7) Those AGAINST: (16).

The Warden declared the Motion lost.

Councillors Curren and Moser moved:-

"THAT The Hon. Mr. Haliburton be invited to come before this Council to discuss the matter of meat inspection." Motion carried.

The Municipal Clerk read the Report of the Committee on Jury Lists.

Councillors McGrath and King-Myers moved:-

"THAT the Report of the Jury Lists Committee be adopted." Motion carried.

The Warden introduced the next item, which was approval of Area School Rates.

Councillors Curren and Hanrahan moved:-

"THAT this Council approve the schedule of Area Rates for school purposes, for the year 1962, and does hereby levy the rates as shown on the schedule."

Councillor Bell questioned the fact that Council should have to vote on the matter. He said the rates were pre-determined and that Council exercised no control over them.

The Municipal Clerk said area rates for school purposes are approved at Annual Meetings held in each school section. He said when Bill 66 came into effect in the County, that the power to levy rates for school purposes was taken from the school sections. He explained that the levy of area school rates must therefore be approved by Council. He said these rates are levied to raise funds for such things as additional school furniture, bonuses for teachers, books for school libraries, etc.

In reply to a question of Councillor Bell, the Municipal Solicitor pointed out that Council was obliged to approve these rates under the Education Act.

Councillor Bell again questioned the fact that Council should have to vote on the matter as it exercised no control over the levying of the rates.

The Municipal Clerk pointed out again that the school section did not have the power to levy area school rates and collect them and that therefore approval to levy the rates must be given by Council.

The Warden put the question for adoption of the Motion. Motion carried.

The Municipal Clerk read the Report of the Veterinary Assistance Board for Middle Musquodoboit Valley and East-Hants.

Councillors McGrath and Baker moved:-

"THAT a letter be written to K. F. Wells, Veterinary Director-General in Ottawa and ask that his Department have some representative appear before this Council on April 10, 1962 to discuss the pros and cons of meat inspection ."  
Motion carried.

Councillors Grant and Isenor moved:-

"THAT the Report of the Veterinary Assistance Board for Middle Musquodoboit Valley and East-Hants, be received."

Councillor Baker asked what the Board's purpose was.

Deputy Warden Settle said its purpose was to level out the mileage charges of veterinarians making calls in the Musquodoboit Valley - East Hants area, and also on the Eastern Shore.

Councillor Williams said he felt the service offered by the Board was excellent and that it helped to reduce the cost of veterinary service to the small farmer.

Deputy Warden Settle pointed out that while the Board levelled out the mileage charges of the veterinarians, the small farmer pays for the call and for any drugs used.

Councillor Grant said he had to call on the veterinarian and that he was not charged too much for the call. He pointed out that the mileage charge was very small also.

Councillor Baker pointed out that the statistics re diseases did not include serious diseases.

Deputy Warden Settle pointed out that serious diseases were being handled by the Federal Department of Agriculture.

The Warden put the question for adoption of the Motion. Motion carried.

Councillors Baker and McGrath moved:-

"THAT Council request serious diseases and infectious diseases of animals in Halifax County be listed each year by representatives of the Federal Department of Agriculture and reported to Council." Motion carried.

The Municipal Clerk read the Report of the Veterinary Assistance Board for Halifax East and West.

Deputy Warden Settle and Councillor Daye:-

"THAT the Report of the Veterinary Assistance Board for Halifax East and West be received." Motion carried.

Councillor King-Myers and Deputy Warden Settle moved:-

"THAT the Agriculture Representative, Mr. Peter Stewart be asked to attend the April Session of Council." Motion carried.

Councillors McGrath and Hanrahan moved:-

"THAT Council approve A By-Law to Amend Chapter 2 of the Revised By-Laws of the Municipality of the County of Halifax, 1957 the Municipal Council By-Law

1. Subsection (1) of Section 2 of Chapter 2 of the Revised By-Laws of the Municipality of the County of Halifax, 1957, The Municipal Council By-Law, is amended by striking out the words, "except that for the June, July, August and September meetings the council shall convene at seven o'clock in the afternoon of the first day of each meeting or so soon thereafter as circumstances permit."

Councillor Williams said he did not think that the evening sessions during summer months should be discontinued. He said it was the only real opportunity that ratepayers had of watching Council proceedings.

The Warden put the question for adoption of the Motion.

Those FOR: (13)    Those AGAINST: (9).

The Warden declared the Motion carried.

The Municipal Clerk read the Report of the Industrial Committee.

Deputy Warden Settle and Councillor Sellars moved:-

"THAT the Report of the Industrial Committee be adopted."

Councillor McGrath said this was the same type of Report that was coming into Council year after year. He said that Industrial Assessment had not increased appreciably over the past year and he doubted that if any increase in Industrial Assessment could be attributed to the efforts of the Industrial Committee. He pointed out that the expansion of plant facilities at Bedford was something that had been planned for some time.

Regarding the recommended expenditure of moneys for an Industrial Brochure, Councillor McGrath said he felt that the Committee was

putting the "cart before the horse". He said the Committee should first concentrate its efforts on a land assembly program and then perhaps recommend to Council an expenditure to cover the cost of publishing an Industrial Brochure. He said the County was lacking suitable industrial sites, that is sites properly serviced by water and sewer, rail, etc.

Regarding the Committee's meeting with Dr. Morrison of the Department of Education, he said the Report stated nothing about Dr. Morrison's findings in regard to the book binding industry.

Councillor Bell said the Committee agreed with the fact that a land assembly program was a prime requisite in the industrial promotion field. He said he felt that the Committee would work toward this end earnestly.

Councillor Myers pointed out that there was plenty of land which could be used for industrial purposes in District #13.

Councillor Daye asked what consideration was being given to the small lumber mill operator. He referred to one case in District #19, where a person had invested a considerable amount in a mill and yet could not get any amount for stumpage. He said that if this person were not assisted with his small industry, he would be forced to go out of business. He also stated that the Eastern Shore had no assurance that the proposed paper mill would be in operation in Sheet Harbour by 1964.

Councillor Henley said he could not share the same air of pessimism with Councillor Daye. He said he was sure that the mill would be in operation by 1964. Regarding the small lumber mill operators, he said he thought they would be in a better position in the not too distant future, as he explained the Provincial Government would be dealing with legislation which would assist the small lumber mill operators re Crownlands. He commended the Industrial Committee for its efforts in 1961 and also the efforts of the Industrial Promotion

Counsel. He said he felt the Report was a good indication of the activities of the Committee during 1961. He said he felt the meetings with the special speakers were most invaluable and that these speakers in most cases had indicated the industries which could be adaptable to Halifax County.

Councillor Daye said he was pleased to hear that the small lumber operator would have something to look forward to in the future and that his interests would be protected, as he explained most mill operators in the Eastern Shore were enduring a period of depression. He said the Industrial Committee and the County as a whole should do everything in their power to encourage these operators.

Councillor Williams commended the Industrial Committee for their Report. He said he felt great progress had been made during 1961 and that he was in a position to comment on this, being a former member of that Committee. He again commended the Committee for what he termed an excellent Report. He said he hoped that the Committee would continue the good work in 1962.

Regarding industrial sites, Councillor Williams said he felt that there were a number of industrial sites in the County and that if the Industrial Committee were to commence a program of land assembly, that it would be a step in the right direction. He said he concurred with the Report, the promotion of the tourist industry was most essential and that it tied in very closely with industrial promotion. He said the Committee was investigating the possibility of opening up a marine drive through the Eastern Passage area and through the Cole Harbour Dykes and back onto Trunk Highway No. 7. He said he felt that if a marine drive were opened in this section of the County, that it would go a long way to encourage tourists and help to bring more tourists to the Province and in particular the County.

Councillor McGrath said he felt the Committee was groping in the dark. He said that he was approached by a person from Western Canada

who indicated his interest in locating in Halifax County, but as he was unable to show the person any suitable industrial sites, he was forced to locate on an industrial site in Dartmouth. He said it would be essential first to service land and locate industrial sites in close proximity to rail, air and water. He said regarding the Industrial Brochure, that he again felt that it was "putting the cart before the horse" and that he felt in a lot of cases this Industrial Brochure would be merely "thrown in the waste-paper basket".

Councillor King-Myers said she felt that the Report was an excellent one. She said the Committee must have worked hard to turn out a Report of this nature. She said she would be prepared to support the work of the Industrial Committee.

Deputy Warden Settle said, regarding the Marine drive, that the Committee had been in touch with the Minister of Highways, and that the Minister of Highways expressed interest in the proposal. He explained that as the Department of Highways' funds were at present limited, that he could not foresee anything being done in this regard in the immediate future. He said that perhaps within the next few years and depending on funds available this matter would be given more careful study by the Department.

Councillors McGrath and Curren moved:- (Amendment)

"THAT the \$1,000.00 for an industrial brochure, be deleted from this Report."

Deputy Warden Settle pointed out that once the Planning Department has been revamped it will concentrate its efforts on the establishment of a land assembly program.

Councillor Henley said the Committee felt this would be a relatively cheap medium to advertise the County. He said, however, he did agree with Councillor McGrath regarding the Committee "putting the cart before the horse", but he explained that as the Cities of

Dartmouth and Halifax were interested at the present time, the Committee felt that a joint effort would help to reduce the cost of publishing such a brochure.

Councillor Williams said he felt that the Committee's recommendation re Industrial Brochure was an excellent one and that it would go a long way to entice industry. He said he felt that the expenditure of \$1,000.00 would be small in proportion to other expenditures and he said he felt it would go a long way to increase industrial assessment.

Councillor McGrath suggested that the \$1,000.00 be spend on a lighted sign which could be placed in front of the building and that this sign could advertise the Municipality as being a good place to live and that it could also advertise the services of the Industrial Promotion Committee, e.g. "Information on Industrial Sites available inside."

The Warden put the question for adoption of the Amendment.

Those FOR: (10)    Those AGAINST: (13)

The Warden declared the Amendment lost.

The Warden put the question for adoption of the Report.

Those FOR: (13)    Those AGAINST: (10).

The Warden declared the Motion carried.

Councillors Moser and McGrath moved:-

"THAT Council adjourn until Monday morning at 10:00 a.m."

Those FOR: (8)    Those AGAINST: (14).

The Warden declared the Motion lost.

In reply to a question of Councillor Williams, the Municipal Solicitor pointed out that a motion of adjournment requires a seconder. He pointed out however, that once a motion of adjournment has been put it is not debatable.

Councillors McGrath and Baker moved:-

"THAT Council adjourn now to reconvene at 7:00 p.m. this evening."

Those FOR: (9)    Those AGAINST: (13).

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The Warden declared the Motion lost.

Councillors Hanrahan and Williams moved:-

"THAT Council adjourn until 10:00 a.m.  
Tuesday Morning."

Those FOR: (13)    Those AGAINST: (9)

The Warden declared the Motion carried.

EIGHTH DAY MORNING

Council convened at 10:10 a.m. Warden George D. Burris in the Chair. The Municipal Clerk called the Roll.

The Municipal Clerk reported that there were no letters or communications.

Councillor Quigley said he received a number of observations regarding the resolution passed at the Sixth Day Session re possible sources of additional revenue to defray Education Costs. He said objections were raised against the use of the three words "an Educational lottery" and he said he would therefore be prepared to move a resolution deleting that section from the resolution.

Councillors Quigley and Curren moved:-

"THAT the three words "and Educational lottery" be deleted from the resolution passed relative to educational finance."

The Motion was put to a standing vote and was carried by (17) FOR; (2) AGAINST.

The Municipal Solicitor, Mr. Cox said there was one item of legislation still to be dealt with. He said if approved the legislation would protect the votes of shareholders in a cooperative housing scheme under the Nova Scotia Housing Commission.

In reply to a question of Deputy Warden Settle, the Municipal Solicitor pointed out that individual homeowners in a cooperative housing scheme were assessed for betterment charges.

Councillors Roche and Henley moved:-

"THAT the Legislation, permitting the assessment of properties being built under N. S. Housing Act, etc., in the name of the individual purchasing the property concerned, thus giving the person a vote in Municipal Elections, be approved by this Council, and that the Solicitor be authorized to have the same submitted to the Legislature, at this year's sitting of the Legislature." Motion carried.

The Warden said an invitation was extended to Council by the Halifax County Vocational High School Board, to attend a luncheon on

April 10th., at the School. He said that at the conclusion of the luncheon, a tour of the various classrooms would be arranged. He asked if Council wished to attend on this date. Council agreed.

Councillors Williams and Roche moved:-

"THAT the Minutes of Tuesday, March 20th and Wednesday, March 21st, be adopted."  
Motion carried.

The Report of the Municipal Collector was then read.

Councillors Spears and Baker moved:-

"THAT the Report of the Municipal Collector, be received."

Councillor Moser asked if expenses incurred by the constables issuing warrants in welfare cases were being charged up to the Welfare Department. He said if these expenses were charged up to the Welfare Department, the Provincial Government would share in them.

The Municipal Collector, Mr. Hope pointed out that constables were now preparing separate sheets to show mileage and other expenses incurred in the issuing of welfare warrants.

Councillor Bell said by subtracting the 1961 levy from the 1960 there was a difference of 3/4 of a million dollars and that this was due to amalgamation of County Districts with the Town of Dartmouth.

The Municipal Collector pointed out that this amount would be greater as the 1961 levy included the increase in last year's rate.

The Warden put the question for adoption of the Motion. Motion carried.

The Warden introduced the next item on the Agenda, which was approval of a By-Law to Amend the Zoning By-Law re "M" Zone.

The Municipal Solicitor reviewed with Council each clause as contained in the By-Law.

Councillors Curren and Roche moved:-

"THAT a By-Law to Amend the Zoning By-Law, to create a new "M" Zone be approved by this Council." Motion carried.

Councillor Curren and Deputy Warden Settle moved:-

"THAT Council give Notice of its Intention by advertisement in the usual manner to amend the Zoning By-Law by re-zoning the B. D. Stevens property at Birch Cove from R-1 Zone to M (Motel) Zone." Motion carried.

Councillor McGrath asked if Council wished to hear a few words from Mr. Kalu Okorie, Librarian from East Nigeria, present in the gallery. He explained Mr. Okorie would tour Canada libraries under the sponsorship of the Carnegie Institute of New York. He said his itinerary would include an inspection of the Halifax County Bookmobile Library. Council agreed.

Mr. Okorie extended thanks for the opportunity of addressing Council. He explained that his tour of library facilities throughout Canada would commence in Halifax and cover a number of centers in Nova Scotia. He said the welcome he received thus far in Halifax was a fair indication of Canada's interest in the development of affairs in his country. He said Canada has been a source of inspiration to Commonwealth nations over the past few years and acts as a beacon to other nations of the Commonwealth. He said the library system in Canada was closely related to the system being instituted in Nigeria. He said the system in Nigeria was being greatly assisted by UNESCO a branch organization of the United Nations. He pointed out that the library board in East Nigeria was six years old and that it was doing quite well. In fact he said, it was one of the best systems in effect in the East. He said he felt library service was most important to educational development and especially in Nigeria. He pointed out that while the politicians in his Country were not too enthusiastic about the institution of a library system, he said that since it has been in effect the politicians are now giving it great support. He said he was well assured that his tour of library facilities throughout Canada would be of great assistance to him and to the system already in effect in Nigeria. He said tours of this

nature would not only help to strengthen political ties between Canada and Nigeria, but also economic ties.

In conclusion, he expressed his thanks to Council for the opportunity of addressing them.

In return, Warden Burris expressed thanks to Mr. Okorie on behalf of Council, and said he hoped his tour would be an inspiration to him.

The Warden introduced the next item, re Financial Statements for the Municipality of the County of Halifax.

The Municipal Clerk reviewed the Statements.

Deputy Warden Settle and Councillor Turner moved:-

"THAT the financial statements of the Municipality including the Revenue and Expenditure Statements, the Balance Sheets, the Continuity of Surplus , the Joint Expenditure Statements and Trust Fund Balance Sheets, be approved." Motion carried.

The Municipal Clerk then read the Report of the Auditors for the year 1961.

Councillor Moser said regarding the Incinerator Deficit referred to in the Auditors Report, that he felt that it was high time Council took remedial steps. He said that the Incinerator has been a burden financially to Council, as it has not been functioning properly over the past couple of years. He suggested that perhaps the Municipality should negotiate with the City to see if some arrangement can be made in regard to garbage disposal.

The Municipal Clerk pointed out that this matter was a Public Works Committee responsibility and that this was one of the first projects embarked on by the new Municipal Engineer. He said the Municipal Engineer had given the Incinerator careful study and made certain recommendations in this regard. He pointed out that the increase in the burning rate would help to reduce the expenditure over the next few years and that the deficit would not reflect in the tax rate in Councillor Moser's District.

Councillor Hanrahan pointed out that this matter was brought up at a Public Works Meeting previously, and that minutes covering that meeting were sent out to all Councillors.

Councillor Bell suggested that the burning rate should have been increased years ago and that if it had been, the deficit might not have been as great.

The Warden put the question for adoption of the motion re Financial Statement of the Municipality of the County of Halifax.  
Motion carried.

Councillors McGrath and Curren moved:-

"THAT the Report of the Auditors be received."  
Motion carried.

The Report of the Director of Welfare was then read.

Councillors Daye and Moser moved:-

"THAT the Report of the Director of Welfare be received."

Councillor Curren asked that in future, the list of Welfare Expenditures in each District include as well the number of cases in each District.

Mr. Rooney replied that this would be done in future.

In referring to a statement made by the Director of Welfare, Mr. Rooney, Councillor Eld said he did not think that budgeted amounts for social assistance would be advisable.

Councillor Bell asked if County welfare expenditures were comparable with other Municipalities.

The Director of Welfare, Mr. Rooney replied yes, that welfare expenditures compared favourably with those Municipalities of the same size.

Councillor Smeltzer asked if a monthly report could be submitted to Council listing the names of welfare cases.

Mr. Rooney replied that it was not the policy of the Welfare Department to divulge welfare case names.

Councillor Smeltzer pointed out however, that if Councillors were more familiar with the cases in their Districts they would be able to render more assistance.

Councillor Moser said he felt the Welfare Department was doing a good job, but he suggested that perhaps it was doing too good a job. He said there were a number of Welfare cases coming in from other Municipalities and in particular Halifax City. Regarding social assistance, he said he felt welfare officers should exercise more control over social assistance expenditures. He said there were a number of people in his District deriving social assistance and yet they were perfectly able to work, but would not because they were subsisting on social assistance.

Councillor Curren asked if a family from another Municipality were to locate in the County, would they be eligible immediately for social assistance.

Mr. Rooney pointed out that they would be eligible for social assistance if the Department officers felt they were qualified. He said however for a period of one year 1/3 of the cost of providing assistance to a family from another Municipality was being charged back to that Municipality and that 2/3 of the cost was being shared in by the Provincial Government.

Councillor Williams asked if a person drawing unemployment insurance could qualify for social assistance.

Mr. Rooney pointed out that this depended in a lot of cases on the size of the family. He said if a person drawing unemployment insurance, was only drawing from \$26.00 to \$30.00 a week and had a family for an example of twelve children, then he could apply for supplementary assistance.

Councillor McGrath asked how many families were coming in from other Municipalities and in particular Cities, per year.

Mr. Rooney replied that he did not think that any more than

10 to 15 families were coming in from Municipalities per year, but he pointed out that the number of families locating in the County coming from the City of Halifax was increasing appreciably. He pointed out that last year, \$900.00 was charged back to the City. He said the increase was due mainly to the fact that families evicted from sub-standard dwellings, that of those families only one out of four accepts a unit in a low-cost housing project.

Councillor McCabe asked if the reason families were coming from the City of Halifax was that there existed a lack of housing in the City.

Mr. Rooney replied yes.

In reply to another question by Councillor McCabe, Mr. Rooney said that 1/3 of the cost of assisting a family from another Municipality was being charged back to that Municipality, but he pointed out that after a period of six months the activities of the family were being closely checked by the Welfare officers in his Department. He said several methods were being employed by his Department to exercise control over such cases. He said for example if a person claims social assistance because of ill health, he is taken to a Out-Patient Department of a general hospital for an examination or if a person claiming social assistance does so because of laziness a suit is brought against that person for non-support.

Councillor Bell said he did not think the City of Halifax was "playing ball". He said more pressure should be put on the Federal Government to provide more moneys to increase housing for families evicted from sub-standard dwellings within the City.

Councillor MacKenzie commended the Director of Welfare and his staff for the work being done. He said he felt that Mr. Rooney's Department was assisting greatly, people applying for unemployment insurance.

Councillor Baker commended Mr. Rooney and his staff for what he

tered an excellent job. He said he felt the Welfare program in the County was being handled in a most "humanitarian way".

Councillor Daye concurred in the remarks of Councillors Baker, MacKenzie, and said he felt Mr. Rooney and his staff members were doing an excellent job.

Deputy Warden Settle concurred with remarks made by other Councillors and that he felt a great amount of work was involved in the Community residence program. He said it was being handled most efficiently by Mr. Rooney's Department. He pointed out that of the 537 patients at the County Hospital only 175 were the responsibility of the County. He said in this regard he felt the Municipality in its welfare program was rendering service above and beyond the call of duty. He said he felt, however, that the Provincial Government should increase its share in Welfare expenditures and should assist more in the providing of professional welfare workers.

Regarding professional welfare workers, Mr. Rooney explained that there were three on his staff permanently and during the winter months one student had been allocated to the Department by the Maritime School of Social Work who was working toward his Master's degree. This student was working mainly at the County Hospital in connection with the Community residence program. He said that these cases from outside Municipalities had to be dropped for the time being because of mileage expenses incurred in their travels, which he said in all cases extended beyond the County and at the present time had to be paid by the County and were not being shared in by the Provincial Government. He said a meeting was arranged between Mr. McKinnon, Councillor Baker and Mr. Davies and himself to discuss this matter. He said however, nothing of great importance arose and that because the Provincial Government was not assisting in this phase of the program, activities of this Department were restricted with respect to patients at the County Hospital from outside Municipalities.

The Warden put the question for adoption of the Motion. Motion carried.

Eighth Day Morning  
Continued:-

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Councillors Smeltzer and Isenor moved:-

"THAT the Provincial Government be asked to request the Legislature to amend the Assessment Act, in such a manner as to entitle all persons seventy years old and over, to a similar exemption from assessment as that accorded to Widows."

Councillors Baker and Moser moved:- (Amendment)

"THAT debate on this resolution be deferred until after lunch."

The Warden pointed out that by moving a motion of Adjournment Council would automatically defer debate on this resolution to the Afternoon Session.

Councillors Baker and Moser moved:-

"THAT Council adjourn until 2:00 p.m."  
Motion carried.

EIGHTH DAY AFTERNOON

Council convened at 2:07 p.m. Deputy Warden Settle in the Chair. The Municipal Clerk called the Roll.

Deputy Warden Settle introduced the first item on the Afternoon's Agenda, which he said was a resolution passed by Councillors Smeltzer and Isenor, which was deferred at the Morning Session, pertaining to the possible exemption of all persons seventy years old and over from assessment as that accorded to Widows.

Councillor Baker said he was concerned with the fact that this legislation might apply to all persons over seventy years of age, therefore exemptions would have to be granted to persons regardless of income or personal wealth.

The Municipal Solicitor pointed out that this would merely set up the machinery similar to that in effect under the Assessment Act. He explained that it would not be mandatory.

Councillor Daye concurred in Councillor Baker's remarks and said that he would not support the resolution if it meant that the legislation would apply to all persons seventy years of age and over. He said this age group would include as well, old age pensioners and also those with sizeable bank accounts or other means of support.

Councillor Williams suggested that this be given more careful study.

Councillor Bell cited an example where an elderly couple requested exemption from assessment and that it was later discovered that they had saved a considerable amount of money in the vicinity of \$30,000.00.

Councillors Baker and Williams moved:- (Amendment)

"~~THAT~~ this matter be referred to the Finance and Executive Committee for further study."  
Amendment carried.

The Municipal Clerk reviewed the Financial Statements of the Halifax County Hospital.

In reply to a question of Councillor King-Myers, the Municipal Clerk said County patients at the County Hospital were being charged on a basis of \$20.00 per week and that outside patients from other Municipalities were being charged at the rate of \$5.00 per diem.

Councillor Hanrahan said he recalled Mr. Davies saying at the last Session that Council would be faced with a \$68,000.00 profit. He said he did not notice any such profit in the Financial Statements.

The Municipal Clerk said he was not sure of what Mr. Davies was referring to.

Councillor Hanrahan noticed that the light bulb expense was high. He asked for an explanation.

The Municipal Clerk replied that the Superintendent, Mr. Davies was paying more for bulbs now. He explained that a different type of bulb was being purchased, which was guaranteed for a considerable length of time.

Councillor McGrath asked how the figures re pork and beef were arrived at.

The Municipal Clerk explained that this was beef and pork being produced on the Farm and sold to the Hospital. He said the market price was set by the Nova Scotia Department of Agriculture.

Councillor McGrath asked if farm animals were still being slaughtered at the Abattoir and if an inspection were being carried out.

Councillor Baker replied yes, and said that Mr. Davies made it quite clear that he would not have uninspected meat sold to the Hospital.

Councillors Turner and Daye moved:-

"THAT the Financial Statements of the Halifax County Hospital, together with Estimates for 1962 be approved." Motion carried.

The Municipal Clerk then reviewed the Financial Statements of the Ocean View Municipal Home.

Councillor Baker and Deputy Warden Settle moved:-

"THAT the Financial Statements of Ocean View Home for the year 1961, together with estimates for 1962, be approved."

In reply to a question of Councillor King-Myers, the Municipal Clerk said patients at the Home were being charged at the per diem rate of \$5.00.

The Warden put the question for adoption of the Motion. Motion carried.

Councillor Myers asked for an explanation of the meat expense item and why the Home was not purchasing meat from the packing plants.

The Municipal Clerk replied that the present supplier submitted the lowest tender and the Committee awarded the Contract on that basis. He pointed out that when tenders were opened, Amherst Food Plan had included a bid.

Councillor MacKenzie said on a previous occasion packing plants were asked to submit bids, but that because of an apparent lack of interest, bids were extremely high.

Councillor Moser in referring to Ocean View Municipal Home, commended the work being done by both Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Lynch. He said this was one project that the County, the care of indigent patients, could be proud of.

Councillor Eld asked how often meat tenders were called.

The Municipal Clerk said depending on market conditions, roughly every six months. He said however, in a number of cases tenders were called at the end of a twelve month period.

Councillor Eld said he felt this period of time was too long.

Warden Burris who took the Chair shortly after commencement of the Afternoon's Agenda, introduced the next item re renewal of temporary borrowing resolutions.

Councillors Curren and Roche moved:-

"THAT Council approve a renewal of a temporary borrowing resolution in the amount of \$45,000.00 for School Capital Program purposes." Motion carried.

Councillors Curren and Roche moved:-

"THAT

Municipality of the County of  
Halifax - Renewal of Borrowing -  
\$45,000 - Schools.

WHEREAS the Municipality of the County of Halifax is authorized by law to borrow or raise by way of loan by the issue and sale of debentures of the Municipality a sum not exceeding Forty-five Thousand Dollars (\$45,000) for the purpose of erecting, acquiring, purchasing, altering, adding to, improving, furnishing, or equipping buildings for schools, garages, and other buildings for school purposes and acquiring or purchasing or improving land for such buildings.

AND WHEREAS the said municipality by resolution passed by the Council thereof on the 8th day of March A.D. 1960 and approved by the Minister of Municipal Affairs on the 25th day of March A.D. 1960 was authorized to postpone the issue of such debentures and borrow by way of loan on overdraft on the credit of the municipality such sum from the Royal Bank of Canada at Halifax for a period not exceeding 12 months;

AND WHEREAS the said municipality by resolution passed by the Council thereof on the 20th day of March A.D. 1961 and approved by the Minister of Municipal Affairs on the 10th day of April A.D. 1961 postponed the issue and sale of debentures for a further period not exceeding 12 months;

AND WHEREAS it is deemed expedient that the period of such borrowing from said Bank be further extended;

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED that subject to the approval of the Minister of Municipal Affairs the authorized period of such borrowing from said Bank be extended for a further period not exceeding 12 months from the date on which this resolution shall have been approved by the Minister of Municipal Affairs."

Motion carried.

Councillors Hanrahan and Eld moved:-

"THAT Council approve a renewal of a temporary borrowing resolution in the amount of \$143,500.00 for the purpose of Fairview Sewers." Motion carried.

Councillors Hanrahan and Myers moved:-

"THAT Council approve a renewal of a temporary borrowing resolution in the amount of \$275,000.00 for the purpose of Fairview Sewers." Motion carried.

Councillors Hanrahan and Curren moved:-

"THAT Council approve a renewal of a temporary borrowing resolution in the amount of \$33,000.00 for the purpose of Fairview Sewers." Motion carried.

Councillor Myers and Deputy Warden Settle moved:-

"THAT Council approve a renewal of a temporary borrowing resolution in the amount of \$66,500.00 for the purpose of Fairview Sewers." Motion carried.

Councillors McGrath and Curren moved:-

"THAT First Street in Bedford be billed at the rate of \$2.60."

By way of explanation, Councillor McGrath said this matter was brought before Council last year, and that it was in turn referred to the County Planning Board. He said, however, it was not brought back on the Council floor and that although the agreement re paving had been signed at the old rate of \$2.60, he said the abutters were billed at the rate of \$2.80. He pointed out that the \$2.60 rate would cover the cost of paving in this instance, because First Street is a narrow street.

Deputy Warden Settle explained that originally the agreement to pave First Street was signed and the rate set at \$2.60. He explained however, this was carried over for a period of time, and that in the interim period the rate was changed to \$2.80.

The Warden put the question for adoption of the Motion. Motion carried.

Councillors Hanrahan and Eld moved:-

"THAT

Municipality of the County of  
Halifax - Renewal of Borrowing -  
\$590,000 - Fairview High Pressure  
Area

WHEREAS the Municipality of the County of Halifax is authorized by law to borrow or raise by way of loan by the issue and sale of debentures of the Municipality a sum not exceeding Five Hundred Ninety Thousand Dollars (\$590,000) for the purpose of constructing, acquiring, altering, extending or improving the Fairview High Pressure Area and the Armdale-Fairview Main Trunk Sewer from Springvale Avenue to the underpass at Fairview in the Municipality of the County of Halifax and acquiring or purchasing materials, machinery, implements or plant deemed requisite or advisable therefore, and acquiring or purchasing or leasing land for such Municipal purposes;

AND WHEREAS the said Municipality by resolution passed by the Council thereof on the 2nd day of March A.D. 1960 and approved by the Minister of Municipal Affairs on the 25th day of March A.D. 1960 was authorized to postpone the issue of such debentures and borrow by way of loan on overdraft on the credit of the Municipality such sum from the Royal Bank of Canada at Halifax for a period not exceeding twelve months;

AND WHEREAS the said Municipality by resolution passed by the Council thereof on the 22nd day of April A.D. 1960 and approved by the Minister of Municipal Affairs on the 26th day of April A.D. 1960 was authorized to issue and sell debentures to the amount of Four Million Dollars (\$4,000,000) of which amount the sum of Two Hundred Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$250,000) was applied to the cost of constructing the aforesaid Trunk Sewer leaving the amount of Three Hundred Forty Thousand Dollars (\$340,000) still authorized to be borrowed for the aforesaid purpose;

AND WHEREAS pursuant to a resolution passed on the 11th day of April A.D. 1961 by the said Council, it was, with the approval of the Minister of Municipal Affairs, authorized to issue and sell debentures to the amount of Five Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$500,000) of which amount the sum of One Hundred and Ninety-six Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$196,500) is to be applied to the cost of the purpose aforesaid leaving the amount of One Hundred Forty-three Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$143,500) still authorized to be borrowed for the purpose aforesaid;

AND WHEREAS the said municipality by resolution passed by the Council Thereof on the 11th day of May 1961 and approved by the Minister of Municipal Affairs on the 31st day of October A.D. 1961 postponed the issue and sale of debentures for a further period not exceeding twelve months;

AND WHEREAS it is deemed expedient that the period of such borrowing from said Bank be extended;

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED that subject to the approval of the Minister of Municipal Affairs the authorized period of such borrowing from said Bank be extended for a further period not exceeding twelve months."

Motion carried.

Councillors Hanrahan and Myers moved:-

"THAT

Municipality of the County of Halifax  
Renewal of Borrowing - \$275,000 -  
Sewer - Armdale, Fairview Main Trunk

WHEREAS the Municipality of the County of Halifax is authorized by law to borrow or raise by way of loan by the issue and sale of debentures of the municipality a sum not exceeding Two Hundred and Seventy-five Thousand dollars (\$275,000) for the purpose of constructing, acquiring, altering, extending or improving public sewers or drains in the Armdale - Fairview Main Trunk Sewer section of the municipality and acquiring or purchasing materials, machinery, implements or plant deemed requisite or advisable therefor;

AND WHEREAS the said municipality by resolution passed by the Council thereof on the 30th day of October A.D. 1959 and approved by the Minister of Municipal Affairs on the 8th day of December A.D. 1960 was authorized to postpone the issue of such debentures and borrow by way of loan on overdraft on the credit of the municipality such sum from the Royal Bank of Canada at Halifax for a period not exceeding 12 months;

AND WHEREAS the said municipality by resolution passed by the Council thereof on the 8th day of March A.D. 1960 and approved by the Minister of Municipal Affairs on the 25th day of March A.D. 1960 was authorized to postpone the issue and sale of such debentures for a further period not exceeding twelve months;

AND WHEREAS the said municipality by resolution passed by the Council thereof on the 11th day of October A.D. 1960 and approved by the Minister of Municipal Affairs on the 10th day of April A.D. 1961 was authorized to postpone the issue and sale of such debentures for a further period not exceeding twelve months;

AND WHEREAS it is deemed expedient that the period of such borrowing from said Bank be further extended;

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED that subject to the approval of the Minister of Municipal Affairs the authorized period of such borrowing from said Bank be extended for a further period not exceeding twelve months from the date on which this resolution shall have been approved by the Minister of Municipal Affairs."

Motion carried.

Councillors Hanrahan and Curren moved:-

"THAT

Municipality of the County of Halifax  
Renewal of Borrowing - \$33,000 -  
Sewer-Extension-Fairview.

WHEREAS the Municipality of the County of Halifax is authorized by law to borrow or raise by way of loan by the issue and sale of debentures of the Municipality a sum not exceeding Thirty-three Thousand dollars (\$33,000) for the purpose of constructing, acquiring, altering, extending or improving public sewers or drains in the Fairview area of the municipality and acquiring or purchasing materials, machinery, implements or plant deemed requisite or advisable therefor;

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AND WHEREAS the said Municipality by resolution passed by the Council thereof on the 8th day of March A.D. 1960 and approved by the Minister of Municipal Affairs on the 25th day of March A.D. 1960 was authorized to postpone the issue of such debentures and borrow by way of loan on overdraft on the credit of the Municipality such sum from the Royal Bank of Canada at Halifax for a period not exceeding twelve months;

AND WHEREAS the said Municipality by resolution passed by the Council thereof on the 20th day of March, A.D. 1961 and approved by the Minister of Municipal Affairs on the 10th day of April A.D. 1961 was authorized to postpone the issue and sale of debentures for a further period not exceeding twelve months;

AND WHEREAS it is deemed expedient that the period of such borrowing from said Bank be further extended;

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED that subject to the approval of the Minister of Municipal Affairs the authorized period of such borrowing from said Bank be extended for a further period not exceeding twelve months from the date on which this resolution shall have been approved by the Minister of Municipal Affairs."

Motion carried.

Councillor Myers and Deputy Warden Settle moved:-

"THAT Municipality of the County of Halifax  
Renewal of Borrowing - \$66,500 -  
Sewer Extension - Fairview Overpass.

WHEREAS the Municipality of the County of Halifax is authorized by law to borrow or raise by way of loan by the issue and sale of debentures of the municipality a sum not exceeding Sixty-six Thousand Five Hundred dollars (\$66,500) for the purpose of constructing, acquiring, altering, extending or improving public sewers or drains under the Fairview Overpass section of the Municipality and acquiring or purchasing materials, machinery, implements or plant deemed requisite or advisable therefor;

AND WHEREAS the said municipality by resolution passed by the Council thereof on the 8th day of March A.D. 1960 and approved by the Minister of Municipal Affairs on the 24th day of March A.D. 1960 was authorized to postpone the issue of such debentures and borrow by way of loan on overdraft on the credit of the municipality such sum from the Royal Bank of Canada at Halifax for a period not exceeding twelve months;

AND WHEREAS the said municipality by resolution passed by the council thereof on the 20th day of March A.D. 1961 and approved by the Minister Affairs on the 10th day of April A.D. 1961 was authorized to postpone the issue and sale of said debentures for a further period not exceeding twelve months;

AND WHEREAS it is deemed expedient that the period of such borrowing from said Bank be further extended;

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED that subject to the approval of the Minister of Municipal Affairs the authorized period of such borrowing from said Bank be extended for a further period not exceeding twelve months from the date on which this resolution shall have been approved by the Minister of Municipal Affairs."

Motion carried.

The Municipal Clerk read the Reports of the Local Boards of Health.

Councillors McGrath and Eld moved:-

"THAT the Reports of the Local Boards of Health be received." Motion carried.

Councillor Moser asked for an explanation of the Local Board of Health, which was set up last year, and was comprised of representatives from Districts 11, 12, 10, 8, and 1.

The Municipal Clerk replied that this Committee was set up under a provision of the Public Health Act, which he said allows the setting up of a **combined** Board of Health to govern Districts in close proximity.

Councillors McGrath and Curren moved:-

"THAT the Visiting Committee at the Halifax County Hospital, be reappointed for the ensuing year." Motion carried.

Deputy Warden Settle and Councillor Daye moved:-

"THAT the Visiting Committee at the Ocean View Home, be reappointed for the ensuing year:-

Mrs. Frances Walker - Eastern Passage  
Rev. Eric Fullerton - Cole Harbour  
Rev. Father Heffler - Bedford."

Councillor Hanrahan said these Committees were not representative of the inner districts. He said if the inner Districts were represented on these visiting committees, it would be a good way of publicizing the work being done at these two institutions.

Councillor Baker said he would vouch for each member on both Committees and that he said all were doing an excellent job.

Councillor Hanrahan suggested that letters be sent to the members defining their duties, as he said they were recommending certain things which were not in their jurisdiction.

Councillor Baker explained that letters were sent to Committee members defining their jobs.

The Warden put the question for adoption of the Motion. Motion carried.

Councillors McGrath and Roche moved:-

"THAT the List of appointments to all Boards be placed on the desks of all Councillors on the opening day of the Annual Session." Motion carried.

Councillors Smeltzer and Henley moved:-

"THAT Mr. Ernest Barrett, Sackville  
Mr. Andrew Thomson, Glen Margaret  
Mr. Robert MacDonald, Sheet Harbour  
be appointed as members of the Municipal Building Board."

Councillor Spears asked as to the occupations of the Board members.

Regarding Robert MacDonald, Councillor Henley said that he had been a building superintendent for a number of years as well as District building and sanitary inspector. He said he felt Mr. MacDonald was well suited for the Committee.

Councillor Manahan said regarding the Building Board that he felt there should be better representation on it. He said he felt the inner Districts should be given a better representation.

Regarding Mr. Thomson, Chairman of the Board, Councillor Moser said he would stand behind him. He said that Mr. Thomson has never handed down a decision without first taking into consideration the Solicitor's advice. He said Mr. Thomson was a man of integrity and a man who knows his building districts.

Councillor Spears said he was not questioning the integrity of Board members, he merely wanted to know the occupations of each.

Councillor Smeltzer said Mr. Barrett of Sackville was a carpenter for a number of years and was employed for a period of time with the Department of Fisheries. He said he felt he was a most honourable and capable man.

The Warden put the question for adoption of the Motion. Motion carried.

Councillor Daye and Deputy Warden Settle moved:-

"THAT Mr. Havelock Erskine  
Mr. Austin MacKay  
be appointed as members of the Halifax-Musquodoboit Veterinary Assistance Boards."

Councillor McCabe said he knew one member quite well and that he was a farmer operating a large farm in the Musquodoboit area. He said he was not too sure of the other member.

The Warden put the question for adoption of the Motion. Motion carried.

Councillors Daye and Williams moved:-

"THAT Mr. Ross Kinney  
Mr. Nelson Gates  
be appointed as members of Halifax South-East  
Veterinary Assistance Board."

Councillor Daye said he felt that Mr. Gates was an excellent choice for the Board as well as being "a good Conservative".

Deputy Warden Settle said Mr. Kenney has been superintendent of the Farm at the Nova Scotia Home for Colored Children for a number of years.

The Warden put the question for adoption of the Motion. Motion carried.

Councillors Henley and Turner moved:-

"THAT Dr. Duncan MacMillan be appointed  
as Medical Health Officer for Halifax-East  
until the May Session of Council." Motion carried.

In reply to a question of Councillor Hanrahan, the Municipal Clerk said Dr. MacMillan was paid a salary of \$500.00 a year.

Councillors Baker and Hanrahan moved:-

"THAT Dr. Kevin Smith be appointed as  
Medical Health Officer for Halifax West  
until the May Session of Council." Motion carried.

Councillors Hanrahan and Daye moved:-

"THAT Dr. Kevin Smith be appointed as  
Jail Physician for the ensuing year."  
Motion carried.

Warden Burris introduced the next item re appointments to the Board of Appeal.

Councillors McGrath and Smeltzer proposed the name of R. F. Tolson.

Councillors MacKenzie and Daye proposed the name of Earl Laybolt.

Councillors Isenor and Grant proposed the name of Donald Hutchinson.

Councillors Moser and Baker proposed the name of Samuel Rhuda.

Councillors Hanrahan and Baker moved:-

"THAT the matter of the appointment of the Board of Appeal, be delayed until the April Session of Council."

Councillor Hanrahan said he proposed such a resolution because he felt the inner Districts should be better represented on this Board.

Councillor Daye said he felt this was Annual Session business and should be dealt with now.

Councillor Baker said he agreed with Councillor Hanrahan, and he felt it important that rather than railroad the appointments through that some consideration be given to new appointments.

The Warden put the question for adoption of the Motion.

Those FOR: (11) Those AGAINST: (13). Motion lost.

Deputy Warden Settle and Councillor Henley moved:-

"THAT Nominations for Board of Appeal be made up on the basis of Halifax-East, Halifax-West, Halifax Center." Motion carried.

Council agreed that the following Districts be included in each District as follows:-

Halifax - East - Districts 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22

Halifax - Center - Districts 6, 8, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27.

Halifax - West - Districts 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 7, 9, 10, 11, 12.

Councillor McGrath proposed the name of R. F. Tolson for Halifax - Center, seconded by Councillor Smeltzer.

Councillor Isenor proposed the name of Donald Hutchinson for Halifax - Center, seconded by Councillor Grant.

Councillors Williams and Eld moved:-

"THAT nominations cease." Motion carried.

The Warden appointed Councillors Smeltzer and Isenor as scrutineers and Mr. Hattie conducted the balloting.

Results of ballot:- Tolson - (14) Hutchinson - (10).

The Warden declared R. F. Tolson elected for Halifax - Center.

Councillor Mackenzie proposed the name of Earl Laybolt as member of the Board of Appeal for Halifax - East. Councillor Henley seconded the nomination.

Councillors Baker and Mackenzie moved:-

"THAT nominations cease." Motion carried.

Councillors McGrath and Henley moved:-

"THAT a ballot be deposited in favour of Mr. Laybolt as member of the Board of Appeal for Halifax - East." Motion carried.

Councillor Moser proposed the name of Samuel Rhuda as member of the Board for Halifax - West. Councillor Baker seconded the nomination.

Councillor Spears proposed the name of Fred Blom, Portuguese Cove, as member of the Board for Halifax - West. Councillor Hanrahan seconded the nomination.

Councillors McGrath and Eld moved:-

"THAT nominations cease." Motion carried.

Warden Burris appointed Councillors Spears and Baker as scrutineers.

Results of ballot:- Blom - (10) Rhuda - (14).

The Warden declared Samuel Rhuda elected as member of the Board of Appeal for Halifax - West.

Councillors McGrath and Curren moved:-

"THAT the firm of H. R. Doane and Company and Walter Stech, C.A. be appointed auditors for the ensuing year." Motion carried.

Deputy Warden Settle and Councillor Turner moved:-

"THAT the annual poll tax of thirty cents (\$0.30) for the support of the poor, as provided by Section 4 (3) of Chapter 100 of the Acts of Nova Scotia 1938, be not levied for the year 1962." Motion carried.

Councillors McGrath and Turner moved:-

"THAT the Municipal Clerk and Treasurer and the Warden or the Chairman of the Finance and Executive Committee be authorized to sign the Royal Bank of Canada forms re Safety Deposit Box and that the Clerk and Treasurer and the Warden or the Chairman of the Finance and Executive Committee have access to the said Safety Deposit Box." Motion carried.

Councillors Williams and Roche moved:-

"THAT the Municipal Clerk and Treasurer, or a person whom he delegates, be authorized to take delivery of paid coupons and bonds charged to the account operated in the name of the Municipality of the County of Halifax, Bond Redemption Accounts (both Municipal and School) in the Royal Bank of Canada." Motion carried.

Councillors McGrath and Baker moved:-

"THAT Roy St. C. Boehner be appointed a special constable in the County of Halifax." Motion carried.

Council agreed to defer appointment of Vincent J. Pettipas as a special constable until further information on Mr. Pettipas is available.

Councillors Daye and Turner moved:-

"THAT Council concur with the intention of the C.N.R. to retire the station at Chezzetcook, N. S. without replacement."

Councillor Moser said he did not think this matter should be dealt with until a representative was elected for District #17. He said that with this in mind he would be forced to oppose the resolution.

The Warden put the question for adoption of the Motion. Motion carried.

Councillors King-Myers and Williams moved:-

"THAT the Solicitors be and they are hereby authorized to make representation on behalf of the County, and take what steps are necessary to oppose the proposed closing of Wellington (Fletcher's) and Lakeview Stations and or Cobiquid Road by the Canadian National Railways on application to the Board of Transport Commissioners." Motion carried.

Councillors Curren and Hanrahan moved:-

"THAT Council concur with the intention of the C.N.R. to retire the station at Birch Cove, Halifax County, without replacement." Motion carried.

Councillors Hanrahan and Myers moved:-

"THAT the Warden and Clerk be and they are hereby authorized to enter into agreements with the Armdale Service Commission and the Minister of Highways relative to the Paving of Sidewalks." Motion carried.

Councillors Daye and Williams moved:-

"THAT the appointment to Committee vacancies be held over until the May Session of Council." Motion carried.

The Municipal Clerk reviewed the Joint Estimates.

Councillors Turner and Hanrahan moved:-

"THAT this Council approve the Joint Estimates including the Estimates of the Commissioners of the Court House Commission and the Halifax County Jail." Motion carried.

Councillors Henley and Daye moved:-

"THAT Council adjourn until 7 p.m."

Those FOR: (11) Those AGAINST: (8)

The Warden declared the Motion carried.

EIGHTH DAY EVENING

Council convened at 7:10 p.m. Warden George D. Burris presiding. The Municipal Clerk called the Roll.

Councillors Baker and Williams moved:-

"THAT a Vote of Thanks be tendered the Halifax Mail-Star and particularly Miss Dulcie Conrad, for the excellent reporting of proceedings of all sessions of this Council." Motion carried.

The Municipal Clerk read the Joint Report of the Planning Board the Public Works Committee.

Councillor Daye and Deputy Warden Settle moved:-

"THAT the Report of the Joint Committees - County Planning Board and Public Works Committee be adopted."

Councillor Eld said the Report gave him a great deal of personal satisfaction. He said he felt that both Mr. Jay and Mr. McGinn were doing an excellent job and that he felt it most appropriate that the Committee should recommend Mr. Jay be appointed Administrative Head of the Engineering Department.

Councillor Baker asked if this would mean an increase in Mr. Jay's salary.

The Municipal Clerk replied that if approved by Council that a new job description would be made up, that it would more than likely include a change in responsibilities. He said the matter would be referred to the rating committee and that he said it would probably mean a slight increase in Mr. Jay's salary.

Councillor Myers pointed out that this matter was discussed extensively at the Joint Meeting and that all members were in accord with the fact that with the increase in responsibilities in the job held by Mr. Jay, that he should be allotted a salary increase. He said, however, he did not think it would be excessive.

The Municipal Clerk said in reply to a question of Councillor Myers, that there would be no additional responsibility attached to

Mr. Jerram's job, but there would be jobs held by Mr. McGinn, Mr. Jay and Mr. Gallagher. He said new job descriptions would be drafted for these positions and would then be referred to the rating committee. He said there would more than likely be slight increases in the salaries paid to these employees.

Councillor Baker said he felt that Mr. Jerram was doing an excellent job and yet he was still held down to the position of Assistant Building Inspector. He said he did not consider this fair. He again, stated that he did not think that an increase should be made in Mr. Jay's salary.

The Warden pointed out that if there were any salary changes they would have to be approved by Council.

Councillor Bell said he sat in on the Joint Meeting and that as he remembered all members were in accord with the fact that the recommended set-up would be a good one for the time being. He said that both Committees assessed the matter very carefully and that all concurred in the fact that by placing Mr. Jay as Administrative Head over the Engineering Department it would effect and facilitate co-ordination between Departments.

Councillor Spears questioned the fact that the Planning Engineer would have to be directly responsible to the Municipal Clerk under the Town Planning Act.

The Municipal Clerk pointed out that this would merely facilitate Department discipline.

In reply to a question of Councillor King-Myers, the Municipal Clerk said under the existing Statute there was a provision for the appointment of a Building Inspector, an Assistant Building Inspector and for appointment of Building Inspectors in the field. He said, however, the Committee agreed that where the Building Inspector might become involved in Court cases with professional engineers, that it would be more desirable to have a professional engineer as Chief

Building Inspector. He said this was the prime reason for their recommendation in this regard.

In reply to a second question of Councillor King-Myers, the Municipal Clerk pointed out that the Joint Committee was recommending that an Administrative Head be appointed to co-ordinate the various engineering devices.

Councillor Baker said he would go along with the recommendations as contained in the Report, but that he would not go along with an increase in Mr. Jay's salary. He pointed out that no increase was allotted Mr. Reardon, when he served in the dual capacity of Planning Engineer and Chief Building Inspector. He said Council should pay particular attention and give the matter careful consideration.

The Municipal Clerk pointed out that any increases would not be appreciable and he pointed out that amounts to cover any increases had been budgeted for.

In reply to a statement made by Councillor Baker, Councillor Eld said he did not think that the amount of responsibility was the only reason that any salary increase should be allotted Mr. Jay. He said there were two other important factors "experience and intelligence".

In reply to a question of Councillor King-Myers, the Municipal Clerk pointed out that Mr. McGinn would head up subdivision control and that it would still be necessary to appoint a Planning Engineer.

Councillor Hanrahan said the Public Works Committee and other senior Municipal Officials were in accord with the fact that the Public Works Committee's choice of Mr. Jay as Municipal Engineer was a wise one and that he felt in Mr. Jay that the County had an excellent man. He said it would be ridiculous for Council to expect Mr. Jay to accept additional responsibilities without an increase in salary. He said if an increase were not allotted Mr. Jay, that the

County may run the risk of losing him.

Councillor Baker pointed out that Mr. Jay was not indispensable and could be replaced if necessary.

In reply to a question of Councillor Henley, the Municipal Clerk said Mr. Jay at present was at the lowest step in the salary scale and that his yearly salary was \$6,710.00.

Councillor Baker asked as to Mr. Jay's experience.

Mr. Jay who was seated in the gallery, said prior to his graduation he was employed by the City Works Department of Halifax for a period of two years and that he remained in their employ for roughly two and one-half years after graduation.

Councillor Baker said he did not think that Mr. Jay had sufficient experience to warrant an increase in salary.

Councillor Curren said as a member of the Public Works Committee he felt it most important that the County hire first class engineers. He said in Mr. Jay he felt the County had one of the best engineers employed by the County to date.

Councillor Myers again stated that this matter was assessed very carefully by the Public Works Committee and the Planning Board jointly. He said all members agreed with the fact that there was a dire need for an Administrative Head over the Engineering Department. He said he felt that the recommendation of the Joint Committees would result in more and better co-ordination between the branches of the Engineering Department.

Councillor Moser said Council was not living within its means. He said there was something "radically" wrong and that he felt it essential that the County live within its budget each year. He said if something were not done in this regard, that he would be forced to resign from Council.

The Warden put the question for adoption of the Motion.

Standing Vote:- Those FOR: (18) Those AGAINST: (2).

The Warden declared the Motion carried.

Councillors Baker and Moser moved:-

"THAT all Departments of the Municipality be assessed by the Finance and Executive Committee to determine whether they are over-staffed or under-staffed."

Councillor Eld asked to be excused from voting. He said if passed this would cast a reflection on the Municipal Clerk. He said he felt that a lot of thoughts expressed were good ones, but that he would not go along with this.

Councillor Baker said he did not think this would cast a reflection on the Clerk. He said that over the past number of weeks he has noticed a number of employees "floating around the Building". He said he did not think that the Municipal Clerk had sufficient time to circulate through the Building to watch such employees. He said this resolution if passed, would merely determine whether Departments are over-staffed or under-staffed.

Councillor Smeltzer asked who would be the judge in this matter. He said he felt that if a survey were to be carried out to determine the over-staffing or under-staffing of Departments that it should be carried out by an efficiency expert.

Regarding Councillor Eld's statement, Councillor Daye said he did not see why unless a Councillor was personally involved, he should abstain from voting on an issue.

Councillor Curren said he was surprised at comments made regarding the staffing of Departments. He said if a Department were over-staffed that it was up to the Committee responsible to take action and not Council.

In reply to a question of Councillor Daye, the Municipal Solicitor Mr. Rogers, read the By-Law re Voting in Council. He pointed out that any Councillor may withdraw from voting on an issue, if he convinces the Chair that his excuse for not voting is a reasonable one.

The Warden put the question for adoption of the Motion.

Councillor Eld again asked to be excused from voting.

The Warden said as Councillor Eld was not personally interested in the matter, that he could not excuse him from voting. He again put the question for adoption of the Motion. Motion lost by a vote of:- (9) FOR; (12) AGAINST.

The Warden introduced the next item, re detail of expenditure re District Funds.

Councillor Henley said he could not vote for this ..

as a whole, as there were discrepancies in the District #21 budget. He asked when adjustments in his budget could be made.

Mr. McMahon said it would not be possible to make adjustments in the 1961 budgets, but that if so desired, adjustments could be made now, in the 1962 budgets.

Councillors Curren and Turner moved:-

"THAT the Detail of District Expenditures for the year 1961 be approved." Motion carried.

The Warden introduced the next item, re Budgets for District Rates.

Councillors Henley and Daye moved:-

"THAT the District Rates as noted in the Budget for District Rates be approved and levied for the year 1962." Motion carried.

The Municipal Clerk read the Report of the Finance and Executive Committee re Special Area Rates.

Deputy Warden Settle and Councillor Curren moved:-

"THAT the Special Report of the Finance and Executive Committee re Special Area Rates be adopted."

Councillor Baker asked if a District wished to withdraw from garbage collection after the rate had been set, could the surplus if one occurred be credited to the garbage collection levy of the District concerned.

The Municipal Clerk replied yes.

Councillor Eld said he wanted to go record as considering the possibility of levying a rate for garbage collection this year for District #7. He said, however, he did not because he was not sure of the wishes of the majority of the people in his District,

A list of District Officers was then circulated to Council.

Councillors Henley and Williams moved:-

"THAT the District Officers, as named in the list circulated to Council, be appointed for the ensuing year." Motion carried.

Councillors Henley and Isenor moved:-

"THAT the Local Board of Health be appointed until the May Session of Council."

Councillor Baker asked if it were the intention of the suburban Districts to form a combined Board of Health as was in existence last year.

The Municipal Clerk pointed out that he suggested several times that Council consider this matter. He said he was not sure of what the suburban Councillors planned to do in this regard.

In reply to a question of Councillor Williams, the Municipal Clerk said he suggested the appointment of Local Boards of Health not be made until May to determine whether or not revisions will be made in the Public Health Act.

Councillor Eld concurred in a statement of Councillor Baker, regarding the Report. He said he did not think the Report was worth the paper it was written on, because he questioned what authority the Chairman of each Board had under the existing Public Health Act.

Councillor Henley said he could not agree with Councillors Eld and Baker in this regard. He said he felt the local Boards were performing important functions. He referred to an incident in District 21 where the Local Board in co-operation with Medical Health Officer closed schools, etc. to prevent the spread of contagious diseases.

Councillor MacKenzie said he agreed with Councillor Henley, and that he felt the functions performed by the Local Boards were most important. He said the Board in his District was called on in a similar circumstance.

Councillor Daye said a situation came up in his district where the Local Board of Health was called on to deal with the poisoning of cranberries.

Councillor Williams said that in his District the Local Board was performing its duties in a very efficient manner. He said to do away with the Local Boards would be "a grave mistake".

Councillor Thomas said also the Local Board in his District was carrying out its duties very well and was helping to control unsanitary conditions in his District.

Councillor Williams asked if Sanitary Inspectors who ~~are~~ Building Inspectors had the authority to carry out inspection in Districts not building districts.

The Municipal Solicitor, Mr. Rogers pointed out that Sanitary Inspectors were not restricted by building districts and that as Sanitary Inspectors they were appointed for the Municipality as a whole.

The Warden put the question for adoption of the Motion. Motion carried.

Councillors Turner and Henley moved:-

"THAT the following be appointed as Sanitary Inspectors:-

Alexander Romkey - Necum Teuch  
Harold Whitman - Port Dufferin." Motion carried.

Councillor Baker asked that the Municipal Solicitor pay close attention to what he was about to say.

He said that there was an acute situation existing in his District and that it was most apparent that some accommodations would have to be made available to teachers teaching at the ten classroom school in

his District. He said at the present time the Trustees were considering the possibility of constructing a teacherage. He said he met with the Trustees on several occasions and that they discussed the possibility of the Municipality selling bonds in the amount of \$15,000.00 to \$16,000.00 to cover the cost of construction and that this amount to be paid back by charging each teacher a weekly rental of approximately \$8.00. He said he would like to have an answer back from the Solicitor on this matter, as to the feasibility of it. He said the situation was most acute and that the teachers threatened to resign if accommodations were not provided.

In reply to a question of Councillor Eld, Councillor Baker said that any expenses in this project would be absorbed by the District and would not be an expense to the Municipality as a whole.

Councillor Henley said he discussed this matter with Councillor Baker and that he too felt that there was a problem existing in the District. He said that they discussed the financing of such a project and that both he and Councillor Baker agreed that if a weekly rental were charged, that the revenue derived from the rental would exceed the monthly expenses.

The Municipal Clerk said that he would be available to meet with the Trustees and he suggested that perhaps a representative of the Municipal School Board be included, as well as the Municipal Solicitor. He said that he would look after arranging this meeting.

Councillor Myers and Deputy Warden Settle moved:-

"THAT James Latter be appointed Sanitary Inspector for District #13." Motion carried.

Councillors Turner and Henley moved:-

"THAT a bounty of \$20.00 be placed on bears until such time as the Provincial Government sees fit to declare the bear a game animal, or cease to match the bounty to be paid by the Municipality." The Warden put the question for adoption of the Motion.

Those FOR:- (17) AGAINST:- (1).

The Warden declared the Motion carried.

The Municipal Clerk read the Final Report of the Finance and Executive Committee.

Deputy Warden Settle and Councillor Henley moved:-

"THAT the Final Report of the Finance and Executive Committee including the striking of the tax rate at \$2.75 for the year 1962, be adopted."

Councillor Baker said he felt that all Councillors should hang their heads in shame and said it was a definite disgrace.

Councillor Eld said he felt that Councillors should hold their heads high and endeavour in future to cut expenditures.

Councillor Moser said that Council should fix a budget for each year and not exceed the budgeted amount. He expressed concern over the fact that the rate increased so much.

Councillor Baker said Council was merely a rubber stamp for Committees. He blamed the increase in the rate on Educational Costs and in turn on the Committees who recommend that moneys be expended for school construction. He said he was not blaming Council entirely.

Councillor Daye said he did not think that Councillor Moser should reprimand Council at the last minute. He said that Councillor Moser was a member of the Finance and Executive who was fully aware of the budget which would be presented to Council. He said that if Councillor Moser wanted to reprimand Council, he should have done so a long time ago. He likened Council to a "sinking ship", but said that if a concerted effort were made to cut expenditures that this ship could be saved from sinking.

Councillor Henley said he felt it too late to conduct a post-mortem. He said that Council had committed itself to these expenditures. He said he felt, however, that the resolution regarding possible sources of additional revenue was a most appropriate one, and that if considered would assist the County in the future.

He commended Council for passing this resolution.

Councillor Curren said he was surprised to hear the remarks made by Councillor Baker and he said that Committees were in most cases compelled to recommend these expenditures for education, school construction, etc. He said that if Council were to approve the construction of teacherages in each District, that it could expect the tax rate to increase greatly.

Councillor Baker said regarding the proposed teacherage for District #10, that he was not asking for Council's assistance and that any expenses incurred would be incurred by the District. Again, he said, he felt the increase in the tax rate was due to the expenditures recommended by certain Standing Committees.

Councillor Williams pointed out that the increase in the tax rate included raises granted to County teachers last year, which could not be rated for last year and had to be paid for out of current revenue, last year. He concurred in Councillor Curren's remarks.

Councillor Baker again stated that he was not criticizing Council but that he was criticizing Committees who recommend excessive spending.

The Warden put the question for adoption of the Motion. Motion carried.

Councillor Henley pointed out that the Report of the Municipal School Board was tabled at a previous session until the estimates were brought in for consideration.

The Municipal Clerk pointed out that the original resolution was moved by Councillors Curren and Roche and that it read as follows:-

THAT the Report of the Municipal School Board  
be adopted.

He pointed out that there was an Amendment to that resolution and that it was moved by Councillors Moser and Turner:-

THAT the Report of the Municipal School Board  
be referred back to the Board for further  
consideration, and for a further report to  
Council at the April Session.

Councillor Curren asked if Council were justified in voting on the matter, with so many Councillors absent.

Councillor King-Myers said she felt it was the duty of every Councillor to attend all Council meetings and especially during the Annual Session.

Councillor Myers concurred in Councillor King-Myers remarks, and said if a Councillor cannot make an effort to attend all sessions unless he is ill, that he should resign from Council.

Councillor Baker asked if Councillors were paid for meetings not attended.

The Municipal Clerk replied yes, that remuneration was being paid in monthly installments.

Councillor Williams said he felt that a fine should be imposed on Councillors who are absent from meetings of Council, except for those who are absent because of illness.

Councillor Daye said as elected representatives, Councillors should endeavour to attend all sessions.

The Warden put the question for adoption of the Amendment.

Those FOR:- (9) Those AGAINST:- (7).

The Warden declared the Amendment carried.

The Minutes of the Morning Session and the Afternoon were read by Mr. Hattie.

Mr. Smith read the Evening Minutes.

Councillors Turner and Daye moved:-

"THAT the Minutes of Thursday, March 22nd. Session and Today's Session, March 27th., be adopted." Motion carried.

Councillors King-Myers and Baker moved:-

"THAT Council move a vote of thanks to Mr. Smith for the excellent reporting of the minutes of the Session." Motion carried.

Councillors Baker and Williams moved:-

"THAT Council Adjourn." Motion carried.

The Annual Session of Council adjourned with the singing of "THE QUEEN".