

later date, subject to the Environmental Control Council having a Public Hearing on the issue. It was Councillor Topple's opinion that the Environmental Control Council would handle the matter with more expediency than the Planning Appeal Board.

The Municipal Solicitor confirmed that a motion to defer would be in order.

Councillor Margeson was in support of having a Public Hearing at the Nova Scotia Environmental Control Council and as well felt there was a great deal of merit in having a monitoring committee composed of representatives from the Residents, the Developer and the Municipality.

Councillor Williams advised that in his District there is little Industry. There was a time when his District had no Industry and were first on the Social Assistance list; since acquiring a fish plant, they are now third on the list. He spoke at length in praise of Industry and the benefits it brings to the Districts it locates in. He also spoke in praise of Councillor Benjamin as representative of District 14 and also of his stand on this issue.

Councillor Williams advised that the tax dollars obtained from Industry pay for such things as Schooling, Recreation and the other needs of the Young People of today. He, therefore, urged Council to support the motion.

Councillor Baker as well spoke in favour of the motion, providing that some Environmental safeguards were built in. He advised that without the industry in his area (three fish plants) his District would be in serious financial difficulty.

Councillor Lichter advised that if the decision on the PUD Agreement was made this evening, he would be in support of it. He further advised that if passed, Council would not be passing a blank cheque but that this document has been carefully studied and documented and the project will continue to be studied and controlled by all the appropriate bodies.

It was moved by Councillor Topple, seconded by Deputy Warden Deveau:

"THAT Council defer its decision regarding the proposed Cobequid Industrial Park, pending recommendation from the Nova Scotia Environmental Control Council and that the Environmental Control Council be requested to carry out its study of the Environmental Impact of this Park with all due haste."  
Motion Carried.

#### ADJOURNMENT

It was moved by Councillor Gaetz:

"THAT the Public Hearing be adjourned."  
Motion Carried.

Therefore, the Public Hearing was adjourned at 12:00 P.M.

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COUNCIL SESSION

JUNE 2, 1981

PRESENT WERE:     Warden Lawrence, Chairman                     Councillor Smith  
                   Councillor Walker                                 Councillor McCabe  
                   Councillor Williams                               Councillor Lichter  
                   Deputy Warden Deveau                             Councillor Benjamin  
                   Councillor Baker                                       Councillor Margeson  
                   Councillor Poirier                                   Councillor MacKay  
                   Councillor Stewart                                   Councillor Eisenhauer  
                   Councillor Topple                                       Councillor MacDonald  
                   Councillor Adams                                       Councillor Wiseman  
                   Councillor Gaetz

ALSO PRESENT:     Mr. Ken Meech, Chief Administrative Officer  
                   Mr. Gerry Kelly, Municipal Clerk  
                   Mr. Bob Cragg, Municipal Solicitor  
                   Mr. Ken Wilson, Director of Finance  
                   Mr. Peter MacDonald  
                   Mr. Paul Nowlan

SECRETARY:         Mrs. Christine Harvey

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OPENING OF COUNCIL - LORD'S PRAYER

Warden Lawrence brought the Council session to order at 2:10 P.M. with the Lord's Prayer.

ROLL CALL

Mr. Kelly then called the roll.

APPOINTMENT OF RECORDING SECRETARY

It was moved by Councillor Margeson, seconded by Councillor Baker:

"THAT Mrs. Christine Harvey be appointed Recording Secretary."  
Motion Carried.

BEAVER BANK SCHOOLS - COUNCILLOR MARGESON

This item was contained under the heading, "Addition of Items", in ninth place on the agenda, however, it was agreed by Council to deal with it now as there were two people in the Gallery who wished to speak on the issue, Mr. Peter MacDonald and Mr. Paul Nowlan, as well as some Residents of the Beaver Bank area.

Councillor Margeson introduced the issue by outlining a memo he had written to the Warden Lawrence and members of Halifax County Council,

which summarized his reasons for wanting the Beaver Bank - Kinsac Junior High School, as it was presently entitled, located in the Beaver Bank area, District 15, rather than, as proposed by the School Board, in the Sackville area.

The following points were made by Councillor Margeson:

1. It is the wish of the Beaver Bank - Kinsac Residents to have a Junior High School built in Beaver Bank, and these people have worked toward such a goal, doing everything possible to get the school in Beaver Bank, only to have the School Board change its mind at the last minute and attempt to build it in Sackville where no work was done by the Residents there to encourage the building of a new Junior High School.
2. At a ratepayers meeting held in the spring of 1979, at which several School Board members were present, a motion was passed for a Junior High School in the area which request was passed by Halifax County Council and the Dept. of Education May 1980.
3. The Minister of Education approved the school, a capital construction cost of over \$2,000,000, and lifted the school from the monatorium with the understanding that it would be located in Beaver Bank and the school was, in fact, called the Beaver Bank School since the very beginning when it was first proposed.
4. The School, located in Beaver Bank, has the support of the local MLA, Mr. Malcolm MacKay, the local Councillor, the Halifax County Technical Staff and as previously mentioned the Minister of the Department of Education.
5. The R.C.M.P. traffic people have endorsed a location in District 15.
6. The District alongside District 15; Districts 20, 19 and 16, already have a Junior High School and it is now the needs of Beaver Bank - Kinsac Residents which should be considered.
7. Two Thirds of the feeder schools in the area would be from the Beaver Bank - Kinsac area and 290 almost half of the students who who would be attending the Junior High.

Councillor Margeson made these, and other points while outlining his memo and also in general discussion. Subsequent to which, it was moved by Councillor Margeson, seconded by Councillor Walker:

"THAT the motion made in regard to the Junior High School, during the May 21, 1981 Council Session be rescinded."

Several Councillors spoke on the motion. Councillors Williams, Topple and MacKay were in support of the motion to rescind the previous motion. Councillor Benjamin was in support of motion as well, stating that the previous method of selecting school sites as done by a Site Selection Committee of Council was, in his opinion, a better method

then used at present. Councillor Walker supported the motion to rescind as well as he felt that more investigation should be done on the matter, possibly by three nonpartisan Councillors who could bring a recommendation back to Council.

Councillor Wiseman spoke against the motion to rescind, as well as Councillor Stewart who felt the School Board had good reasons for wanting the location of the School in Sackville. Councillor Wiseman indicated what some of the rationale was behind the School Board's decision:

1. There would four areas that would be feeders into that school, the Beaver Bank - Kinsac School with a population of 381, the new Beaver Bank Elementary with a population of 279, the Beverley Hills area of Sackville and the area between Beaver Bank Road and the old Beaver Bank Road in Lower Sackville with a student population of 176 and Sycamore Lane with a population of 448, a total of 1284 students from those areas that would be feeding into that Junior High. 43% of that, the projected High School population of 552; 290 would come from Beaver Bank and 262 to come from the Lower Sackville area.
2. At present there are students in Beaver Bank being bussed, if the school were located in Glendale the students in Beaver Bank would have to continue to be bussed, regardless of the location in Beaver Bank the students would still have to be bussed. If built on the Glendale end of the Beaver Bank Road, all except for 16 of those 262 students from the Lower Sackville area would be within walking distance of the school.
3. The greatest concentration of students in Beaver Bank area would be in the Woodbine area, where there would be only 80 students who would not have to be bussed from Beaver Bank as compared to the 262 that would not have to be bussed from Sackville area.
4. According to Planners, Sackville has been determined to be the area having the most potential for future growth and development.

Councillor McCabe also spoke on the issue, expressing some indecision with regard to where this school should be located. He requested that he be exempted from the vote as he felt he would need additional time to go over both the presentation made by Councillor Margeson and his two speakers and to go over again the presentations made by the School Board. However, permission was denied for exemption from the vote.

At this point in the meeting Council agreed to hear the presentation of Mr. Peter MacDonald who was working on the Community School Concept.

Mr. MacDonald stated that several Councillors were at a point of indecision and he too felt they needed additional information on which to base their decision. He outlined several points which were contained in the package of information provided to all Council by Councillor Margeson which included a report dated April 1st which he, Mr. MacDonald and a Mrs. Sheehy, had prepared and submitted to Halifax



## County School Board.

He highlighted several points from the report which gave reasons why they felt both the Elementary and Junior High Schools should be located in Beaver Bank. These points relative to the Junior High were as follows:

1. The school had been called the Beaver Bank Junior High since 1979 when requested and therefore it was felt that it would and should be built in Beaver Bank.
2. The recommendation to build in Beaver Bank had the full support and endorsement of the Staff Technical Committee.
3. Approval for the school had been given in May 1980 by the Dept. of Education and Temporary Borrowing Resolutions for construction were passed by Halifax County Council.

Mr. MacDonald went on to give eight more reasons, in detail, why the school should be located in Beaver Bank, which can be summed up as follows: Beaver Bank Junior High School must be built in Beaver Bank, District 15, School Section Four, so that it will provide: extra curricular activities accessible to Beaver Bank students; support the Community School Concept; provide an education system in the County in the event that Sackville gains Town Status; so that a Junior High School will be provided for two thirds of the Feeder Schools located in the same School District; it will have its own Board of Trustees; it will provide a Community Identity; it will be a visible benefit for the tax payers of Beaver Bank; it will make use of available land in a favourable manner.

Mr. MacDonald further summed up his presentation by stating that the County of Halifax should be developing itself for the future, not only for today and he felt that the County should be using its foresight to plan for the future development and growth of the Beaver Bank area.

Mr. Paul Nowlan also made a presentation in support of having the Junior High School built in District 15.

He reemphasized the following points as discussed in Councillor Margeson's and Mr. MacDonald's presentations:

1. Beaver Bank had the backing of the local MLA, Mr. Malcolm MacKay.
2. The support and efforts of the local Councillor, Councillor Margeson.
3. The sympathy of the Minister of Education, the Hon. Terrance Donahue.
4. The definite endorsement of the proposed Beaver Bank location, by the County Staff Technical Committee, a Committee of Council.
5. The interest of the Management Committee.

6. The support of the Beaver Bank - Kinsac Community, several of these residents being present today in the Gallery.
7. Beaver Bank - Kinsac feel they do have the adequate student population to fill the Junior High School.
8. School Board should be looking to the future, as long as schools are built on the present requirements without looking to the future, Halifax County will continually be in a position of catching up, with regard to schools which means there will continue to be many portable classrooms etc.
9. Regarding the MDP for Halifax County, a discussion paper was recently prepared which endorsed the growth element, in the following quote, "there is a need to consider the long-term aspects of changing population and growth and their effect on the efficient provision of educational facilities."

Councillor MacDonald spoke on the issue stating, that although he supported the location of an Elementary School in Beaver Bank, he could not also support the location of a Junior High School.

Councillor Gaetz expressed his opinion that as this issue was being treated somewhat in the light of a Public Hearing, that no decision should be made without the other party involved, the School Board, present to make a presentation also.

Councillor Williams spoke again on the issue reiterating several of his previous remarks as well as asking the Solicitor what right had the Halifax County Council to debate this issue when it had been approved and removed from the monatorium by the Minister of Education, on the basis of the Beaver Bank identity. He stated that the Beaver Bank people have worked hard for that school and he felt the previous motion should be rescinded so that Council could reconsider and hand down, in his opinion the correct decision.

It was moved by Councillor Margeson, seconded by Councillor Walker:

"As previously written."  
Motion Defeated.

Several Councillors felt that an injustice had been done to the residents of Beaver Bank who worked so hard in order to get a Junior High School in their area. Among these was Councillor Walker, who moved, seconded by Councillor Poirier:

"THAT three nonpartisan members of Council be elected to investigate, in full, the entire issue of the location of the Beaver Bank Junior High School and report back to Council with a recommendation."

Several Councillors spoke in favour of this motion to elect three members of Council to investigate the matter further. Among these Councillors were Councillors Topple, Eisenhower, Wiseman and Williams

who advised that if the School Board did not locate this school in Beaver Bank he may retire from the School Board as a member.

Councillor Topple felt that the Municipality was in this situation because the School Board does not speak to the people when it comes to school planning and indicated that too much of this was going on in all areas. He proceeded to name some problems with decisions regarding the closures and additions to schools in his own area which he felt were very bad decisions on the School Board's part. He suggested that it was high time the people of Halifax County were being considered, he felt that the County had lost Bedford because it had refused to listen to their needs and added that the County was facing higher taxes this year because of it. He stated that because of these problems and the school problems in his area, that he is considering the idea himself of joining with the City of Dartmouth. He did not really wish to leave the County, but felt this would soon be his only alternative if the County continued to sacrifice the older areas of the County in order to build facilities in the politically popular areas of the County to accomodate new community citizens.

Councillor Eisenhauer although he was in favour of Councillor Walker's motion felt that, in keeping with Councillor Gaetz' previous suggestion, the School Board should be able to present its case again to the entire Council, instead of delegating this responsibility to only three members of Council. However, it was determined that since these three nonpartisan members as specified in Councillor Walker's motion were to report back to the Council and Council would then have an opportunity to make the final decision.

Councillor Stewart advised that it was the responsibility of the School Board to decide in what District a school should be located depending upon the population patterns, growth and all other issues which are taken into account. He further advised that the Management Committee was to select a physical site within the boundaries as specified by the School Board. He wished to amend the motion to include that this Committee also obtain clarification as to what the role of Council is in selecting sites in a broad area. It was determined, however, that these terms of reference would be encompassed in Councillor Walker's motion.

Councillor Smith also expressed concern along the same wave-length as did Councillor Stewart, regarding who was responsible for selecting a District for the school and the actual physical site.

Mr. Meech made clarifications, stating that the Council did technically and legally have jurisdiction with respect to the final selection of a school site and is also the body responsible for construction of the school which is conditional upon the approval of the Minister of Education. However, if the County does not agree with the recommendation of the School Board it can simply do nothing about it and refrain from building the school at all. He advised that in the case of this particular school, once all approvals had been received and the Council made a recommendation for the actual physical site, it was determined that the School Board had had a misunderstanding and had



really wanted the school to be located in Sackville.

Councillor Smith requested if additional information now should go back to the Minister since the school was now to be located in Sackville to which Mr. Meech replied this had already been taken care of by the School Board who have sent revised information to support their latest recommendation.

Councillor Smith summed up her remarks by making the observation that it was time the Policy Committee established a policy of what instructions should be laid out in cases such as this with regard to recommendations coming to Council for its information and approval. It was her feeling these things were getting out of hand.

Subsequent to further discussion of this issue a vote was taken on the motion, moved by Councillor Walker, seconded by Councillor Poirier:

"As written previously"  
Motion Carried.

Deputy Warden Deveau moved that Warden Lawrence appoint these nonpartisan members of the Committee which would investigate this issue further. However, the Warden declined this offer stating that she was not unbiased toward this issue.

Therefore, several members of Council were nominated as follows:

It was moved by Councillor Topple, seconded by Councillor Smith:

"THAT Councillor Lichter be nominated to this Committee."  
Motion Carried.

It was moved by Councillor Williams, seconded by Councillor Stewart:

"THAT Deputy Warden Deveau be nominated to this Committee."  
Motion Carried.

It was moved by Councillor Poirier, seconded by Councillor Gaetz:

"THAT Councillor Smith be nominated to this Committee."  
Motion Carried.

It was moved by Councillor Gaetz, seconded by Councillor MacDonald:

"THAT Councillor Stewart be nominated to this Committee."  
Motion Carried.

It was moved by Councillor Gaetz, seconded by Councillor Eisenhower:

"THAT nominations cease."  
Motion Carried.

Therefore, ballots were taken and when counted the following Councillors were voted in as members of the Committee to review and

investigate all issues regarding the placement of the Beaver Bank Junior High School, which would report back to Council.

Deputy Warden Deveau - Councillor Smith - Councillor Lichter

At this point in the Session there was a brief recess of 10 minutes.

#### APPROVAL OF MINUTES

It was moved by Councillor Gaetz, seconded by Councillor Wiseman:

"THAT the minutes of the December 15, 1980 Public Hearing, the minutes of the April 7, 1981 Regular Council Session and the April 21, 1981 Regular Council Session be approved."  
Motion Carried.

#### LETTERS AND CORRESPONDENCE

It was moved by Councillor Adams, seconded by Councillor Williams:

"THAT the Letters and Correspondence be received."  
Motion Carried.

The first item of correspondence was a letter to the Warden and members of Municipal Council, from Mr. Dale Reinhardt, Administrative Clerk, advising that the County had issued permits under the new Amendment to the Health Act, Section 38 (a), Subsection 5, for the following lots:

1. Lot 13, Kaizer Heights Subdivision, Porter's Lake
2. Lot 3, Harold Duggan Subdivision, Prospect
3. Lot 1, Glenn Richard Property, Prospect Bay

Mr. Reinhardt included a copy of the report on the issuance of each permit and the reasons for issuing the permits.

This letter was treated as information only.

The second letter from the Minister of the Department of Social Services to Warden Lawrence was in the nature of an invitation to the Municipality to join himself and the Premier of Nova Scotia in recognizing Senior Citizen's Week.

This letter was intended for information only as the Municipality had previously agreed to share in recognition of Senior Citizen's Week. However, the letter did initiate some discussion.

It was moved by Councillor Topple, seconded by Councillor Smith:

"THAT the idea of exempting all Senior Citizens over the age of 75 years from property tax be referred to the Policy Committee for investigation."  
Motion Carried.

Several Councillors spoke on this issue. The general consensus of

these Councillors who included Councillor Smith was that these people already had avenues to go to be exempted from taxation.

Mr. Meech advised that Council did have the authority to exempt persons from property tax providing that their incomes were not over a certain maximum of dollars as determined by a resolution of Council.

Councillor Poirier was not in agreement with the motion, as these Senior Citizens did have avenues to be exempted from taxes, while there were many young people, some with children, who could not even afford to build a home due to taxes and high interest rates.

#### REPORT OF THE PLANNING ADVISORY COMMITTEE

It was moved by Councillor Walker, seconded by Councillor Baker:

"THAT the Report of the Planning Advisory Committee be received."  
Motion Carried.

The first item in the Planning Advisory Committee Report was a request that a Public Hearing be held for Rezoning Application #6-81, to zone Lot 1, Gravel Pit Subdivision located at 939 Herring Cove, District 5 from C-2 (Commercial General Business Zone) to R-2 (Residential Two Family Dwelling Zone). The suggested date for this Public Hearing was June 22, 1981 at 7:00 P.M.

It was moved by Councillor Baker, seconded by Councillor Smith:

"THAT the above mentioned rezoning Public Hearing be held on June 22, 1981 at 7:00 as recommended in the Planning Advisory Report."  
Motion Carried.

Councillor Topple commented on this matter, stating that in regard to this particular rezoning, it was one where two lots were to be made into one to provide commercial zoning. At the time of the prior Public Hearing the Council turned down that request but the Planning Appeal Board overruled Council's decision granting the request, and now they wish to go back to what Council had already agreed with, which was splitting the lots in two with the exclusion of only one very small piece of land. He felt this had already cost Council a lot of money in the Public Hearing and the Appeal process.

The second item contained in the Report of the Planning Advisory Committee was a recommendation to give approval to six lots in the Colby Village Subdivision which were undersized lot located on a curve. This was application F-124-81-7.

It was moved by Councillor Topple, seconded by Councillor Gaetz:

"THAT the undersized lots located on a curve, application no. F-124-81-7, be approved as requested in the Planning Advisory Report."  
Motion Carried.



SUPPLEMENTARY PLANNING ADVISORY COMMITTEE REPORT

It was moved by Councillor Topple, seconded by Councillor Lichter:

"THAT the Supplementary Planning Advisory Report be received."  
Motion Carried.

The first item in the Supplementary Report was a request from the Planning Advisory Committee to hold a Public Hearing, June 22, 1981 at 7:00 P.M., re: rezoning application #5-81 to rezone lands of Paul York, Civic Number 14, Yorks Lane, Eastern Passage, Halifax Co., District 6 from R-2 (Residential Two Family Zone) to G (General Building Zone).

It was moved by Councillor Gaetz, seconded by Councillor Adams:

"THAT a Public Hearing be held June 22, 1981 at 7:00 P.M., for rezoning application #5-81 as requested in the Planning Advisory Report."  
Motion Carried.

The second item in the Supplementary Report was in regard to additional undersized lots located on a curve in the Colby Village Subdivision, application #F-189-81-7.

It was moved by Councillor Wiseman, seconded by Councillor Baker:

"THAT approval be given to the undersized lots included in application #F-189-81-7, as requested in the Supplementary Planning Advisory Report."  
Motion Carried.

The third item contained in the Supplementary Report was in regard Staff Reports regarding Subdivisions on Private Roads. It was the recommendation of the Planning Advisory Committee that the Staff Reports on "Subdivision of Private Roads" be forwarded to the Ministers of Transportation and Municipal Affairs with a request that the Ministers instruct their appropriate officials to meet with County Officials to develop a positive response to alleviate the problem of development on private roads and to present solutions for consideration within a two month period.

Councillor Topple advised he would make a motion to approve these recommendations with one revision that instead of saying to "present solutions for consideration within a two-month period", it state "before the end of July, 1981."

This was agreeable to Council.

It was moved by Councillor Topple, seconded by Councillor MacDonald:

"THAT the Staff Reports on "Subdivision on Private Roads" be forwarded to the Ministers of Transportation and Municipal Affairs with a request that the Ministers instruct their appropriate officials to meet with County Officials to develop a

positive response to alleviate the problem of development on private roads and to present solutions for consideration before the end of July 1981."

Motion Carried.

#### AUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

At this point in the Council Session, Mr. Ken Wilson, Director of Finance, distributed copies of audited financial statements to Council.

It was moved by Councillor Adams, seconded by Councillor Gaetz:

"THAT the audited financial statements be received."  
Motion Carried.

It was agreed by Council that this information would not be discussed today but that it be tabled only and be discussed at the next Council Session.

#### MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE REPORT

It was moved by Councillor Stewart, seconded by Councillor Gaetz:

"THAT the Report of the Management Committee be accepted."  
Motion Carried.

The first item contained in the Management Report was in regard to a loan request of the Westphal/Cole Harbour and Area Service Commission in the amount of \$127,000.00. The Committee reviewed the request from the Service Commission and recommended to Council for approval "that a loan of \$127,000.00 be advanced to the Service Commission on the basis of a three-year repayment term, plus interest at prevailing rates. Additionally Municipal Council reserves the right to levy an area rate to recover any outstanding balance of this loan."

In outlining this request, Mr. Meech pointed out that the loan was requested in order to construct an additional fire station in the area and that the past history of debt repayment to the Municipality from the Service Commission recommends approval of the loan.

Councillor Lichter requested whether any interest would be charged to the Service Commission to which Mr. Meech replied interest would be charged in accordance with the Municipality's present policy.

It was moved by Councillor Stewart, seconded by Councillor MacDonald:

"THAT Council approve the loan request of the Service Commission of \$127,000.00 for the construction of a second Fire Station and that this loan be repaid over a three year term, including interest and that Municipal Council reserves the right to levy an area rate to recover any outstanding balance of this loan."  
Motion Carried.

The second item in the Management Report was a request for approval of temporary borrowing resolution 80-1 of \$3,003,168.51 for the following schools:

Prospect Road Elementary School - \$1,400,000.00  
George Bissett, Forest Hills, Phase #3 - \$1,603,168.51

Councillor Lichter advised that he had not yet received an answer to his question put before Council some months ago regarding the temporary borrowing resolutions for Dutch Settlement School and the Hillside Park Elementary School, as to why these resolutions had not yet been renewed.

Mr. Kelly advised that he had looked into this matter for Councillor Lichter and had found out that these resolutions were still valid.

It was moved by Councillor Williams, seconded by Councillor Gaetz:

"THAT renewal of temporary borrowing resolution no. 80-1 in the amount of \$3,003,168,51 for the Prospect Road Elementary School and the George Bissett, Forest Hills, Phase # 3, be approved by Council."

Motion Carried.

The last item in the Report dealt with the Acoustics at Prospect Road Elementary School. As a result of a meeting with the Architect, Mr. Michael Barrie, who advised that there are no acoustical performance standards presently available, the Committee recommended to Council, "That the Department of Education be requested to establish and define the appropriate standards for acoustical treatment for all school facilities so these guidelines can be used in future school design."

It was moved by Councillor Williams, seconded by Councillor Stewart:

"THAT the Department of Education be requested to establish and define the appropriate standards for acoustical treatment for all school facilities so these guidelines could be used in future school design."

Motion Carried.

#### SUPPLEMENTARY MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE REPORT

It was moved by Councillor Poirier, seconded by Councillor MacKay:

"THAT the Supplementary Management Committee Report be received."  
Motion Carried.

The first item contained in the Supplementary Report of the Management Committee was in regard to Sidewalk Construction Agreement 6-T John Blackett Drive, Herring Cove.

Mr. Meech outlined the request stating that the cost for this sidewalk construction is approximately \$2,400 which would be recovered by an area rate levied in Herring Cove School section.

The recommendation of the Committee was "THAT Council approve this Sidewalk Construction Agreement."



It was moved by Councillor Baker, seconded by Councillor Williams:

"THAT Sidewalk Construction Agreement 6-T be approved by Council."  
Motion Carried.

The final item in the Management Supplement was in regard to School Area Rates.

Mr. Meech outlined this part of the Report advising that what was required was \$20,237 for Sir John A. MacDonald High School which would have to be recovered by the levy of an area rate in Districts 1, 2, 3, and 4 as well as any other area serviced by the school and \$30,000 for Suburban Dartmouth High School in Cole Harbour which would require the levy of an area rate in Districts 6, 7, and 7A as well as any other areas serviced by this school.

The Committee had approved a motion to defer this matter to Council for a decision respecting these school area rates for 1981.

Mr. Meech advised, in accordance with clarification from the Solicitor, that Council has the right to decide if it will or will not approve the levying of an area rate; he further advised that the opinion of the School Board solicitor was that Council did not have discretionary authority with respect to the levying of an area rate.

Subsequent to brief discussion of this matter:

It was moved by Councillor Topple, seconded by Councillor Walker:

"THAT discussion on this issue be deferred until the June 16 Session, pending the receipt of information from the Municipal School Board as to the proposed expenditures that would be incurred as a result of the levying of these area school rates and pending comments from the Municipal Solicitor."  
Motion Carried.

Councillor Topple questioned the Solicitor as to what constitutes a majority at an Annual Ratepayers Meeting, to which the Solicitor replied that, in accordance with section 57-1, a majority of the persons entitled to vote who are present at a regularly called school meeting.

It was moved by Councillor Topple, seconded by Councillor Benjamin

"THAT the Municipality request that the Minister of Education remove the school area rate section from the Education Act."

There was some opposition to this motion from several Councillors who felt they would have no way to raise money for whatever needs for any schools in the future. However, Councillor Topple replied that any Councillor has the right to levy a rate in his district at any time for any reason.

Councillor Benjamin clarified that a Councillor can call a Ratepayers meeting at any time and vote in an area rate if the majority agreed with it. However, Trustees could call meetings at several places at the same time and Councillors could not attend each and every one of these meetings which could result in an area rate on the Elementary level the Junior High level and at the Senior High Level which would create chaos. Therefore, he felt that if this was being controlled by Councillors then Council would have the ultimate control over these rates. For this reason he was in support of having the school area rates deleted from the Education Act.

Councillor Williams also spoke in favour of the motion to remove this Section from the Education Act.

Councillor Eisenhower, however, felt that having the right to set an area rate for schools was a good protection for a community in providing the level of education they desire.

Subsequent to these discussions a vote was taken on the motion:

It was moved by Councillor Topple, seconded by Councillor Benjamin:

"As previously written."  
Motion Carried.

It was moved by Councillor Walker:

"THAT Council adjourn for one hour for supper."  
Motion Defeated.

It was moved by Councillor Topple:

"THAT Council adjourn for one half hour for supper."  
Motion Carried.

Therefore, the Session adjourned for one half hour for supper.

Upon bringing the Session Back to order the Policy Committee Report was the next issue to be dealt with.

#### POLICY COMMITTEE REPORT

It was moved by Councillor Eisenhower, seconded by Councillor Stewart:

"THAT the Report of the Policy Committee be received."  
Motion Carried.

The first item on this report dealt with the Partial Tax Exemption By-Law where Council has the ability under the present legislation to reduce certain nonprofit organization from the commercial tax rate to the residential rate. The Policy Committee had reviewed this By-Law and recommended to Council, "That these applications continue to be processed in the same manner, i.e. the applications be considered by the Management Committee on an individual basis and if determined to be

elegible for tax reduction then recommendations be made to Council to have these organizations included in the Partial Tax Exemption By-Law."

It was moved by Councillor MacKay, seconded by Councillor Walker:

"THAT Council approve this Policy as recommended by the Policy Committee."  
Motion Carried.

Councillor MacKay requested whether an organization which meets the criteria that if an organization was registered under the Income Tax Law of Canada as a "Charitable Organization" and if they did service work within the Community and were registered under the Societies Act that they could be given total tax exemption, to which Mr. Meech advised that this provision is still available to Council when an organization meets that criteria.

Councillor Smith questioned whether the Municipality had received a request from the Board of Trade in Musquodoboit Harbour, to which she advised that Mr. Kelly had received a number of applications but as yet it was unknown if the Musquodoboit Board of Trade was among these. She was advised to check with Mr. Kelly on this matter.

#### SUPPLEMENTARY POLICY COMMITTEE REPORT

It was moved by Councillor Eisenhauer, seconded by Councillor Gaetz:

"THAT the Supplementary Policy Committee Report be received."  
Motion Carried.

The only item in the Supplementary Policy Report was in regard to Capital School Projects. Mr. Meech outlined these capital projects to the Councillors enlarging upon the final one recommended to Council for approval; the Middle Musquodoboit Rural High School. He gave a history of the project as approved both by Council and the Department of Education, as well as the proposed alterations to the renovation and expansion of the gymnasium, etc. which had also obtained all required approvals, and added further that additional renovations would be required which would raise the capital cost of this project to \$1,392,000.

The Policy Committee recommended to Council for approval the following school capital projects:

1. Sheet Harbour Elementary School Addition	\$ 637,500
2. Cole Harbour Elementary School	\$2,125,000
3. Atlantic Memorial Elementary School Addition	\$ 804,000
4. George P. Vanier Junior High School Addition	\$ 700,000
5. Musquodoboit Rural High School Renovations	\$1,392,000

Councillor Topple raised some questions at this point in regard to the William Ross, Humber Park Schools. He felt a decision was being held up deliberately until after other schools in the district were being approved. He wished to be put on record as showing his concern about



this matter.

Councillor Adams clarified, however, that these two schools were being held up until June 30 to decide in which school a gymnasium would be built. Warden Lawrence advised that no decision had been made to close either of the two schools, in fact, the School Board had rescinded an earlier decision there would be a School Board Staff Report to the Board sometime in July on this issue.

It was moved by Councillor Stewart, seconded by Councillor Eisenhower:

"THAT the School Capital Projects be approved as recommended in the Supplementary Policy Committee Report."  
Motion Carried.

#### ADDITION OF ITEMS

##### Beaver Bank Schools

This was the only addition of items on the agenda, and had been dealt with earlier.

##### Appointment of Industrial Commission Members

Mr. G. J. Kelly submitted a list of five existing members of the Industrial Commission whose appointments to the Commission were not for a specific period of time and advised that Municipal Council could reappoint these members or appoint new members to the Commission. The five listed were: Mr. Jack Bathurst, Mr. Duncan Crowell, Mr. Larry Gumbley, Mr. Douglas Leverman and Mr. Kenneth McGrail.

Several people were nominated to serve on the Industrial Commission.

It was moved by Councillor Benjamin, seconded by Councillor Lichter:

"THAT Larry Gumbley be nominated for reappointment to the Industrial Commission."  
Motion Carried.

It was moved by Councillor Williams, seconded by Councillor Walker:

"THAT Duncan Crowell be nominated for reappointment to the Industrial Commission."  
Motion Carried.

It was moved by Councillor MacKay, seconded by Councillor Wiseman:

"THAT Mr. Ron Barkhouse be nominated for appointment to the Industrial Commission."  
Motion Carried.

It was moved by Councillor Gaetz, seconded by Councillor MacDonald:

"THAT Councillor Smith be nominated for appointment to the

Industrial Commission."  
Motion Carried.

It was moved by Councillor Stewart, seconded by Councillor Topple:

"THAT Mr. Wayne Patterson be nominated for appointment to the Industrial Commission."  
Motion Carried.

It was moved by Councillor Poirier, seconded by Councillor Baker:

"THAT Mr. Kenneth McGrail be nominated for reappointment to the Industrial Commission."  
Motion Carried.

It was moved by Councillor Baker, seconded by Councillor Lichter:

"THAT nominations cease."  
Motion Carried.

Councillor MacKay spoke briefly on behalf of Mr. Ron Barkhouse.  
Councillor Stewart spoke briefly on behalf of Mr. Wayne Patterson.  
Councillor Baker spoke on behalf of Mr. McGrail.

Subsequent to this, ballots were taken and when counted the results were as follows:

1. Mr. Larry Gumbley
2. Mr. Duncan Crowell
3. Mr. Kenneth McGrail
4. Mr. Wayne Patterson
5. Mr. Ron Barkhouse

Building Inspectors Report, Re: Lesser Side Yard Clearances

This item also was not on the agenda but was dealt with at this time.

Approval was recommended for the following requests for lesser side yard clearances.

1. Application for lesser side yard clearance of 4.0', Property located at 20 Erondale Dr., Lower Sackville, Applicant Gary Flemming.
2. Application for lesser side yard clearance of 3.0', Lot 7, Markland Developments Limited Subdivision, Waverley, Applicant Robert W. Wheatley.
3. Application for lesser side yard clearance of 6.6', Lot 45, Willowdale Estates, Cole Harbour, Applicant Keswick Builders Limited.

It was moved by Councillor Eisenhauer, seconded by Councillor MacKay:

"THAT the three applications for lesser side yard clearance be approved as recommended in the Building Inspectors Report."  
Motion Carried.

#### NEW BUSINESS

##### Resolution to Defer Annual Council Session

It was moved by Councillor Eisenhauer, seconded by Councillor Walker:

"THAT the Annual Council Session be deferred until June 16, 1981."  
Motion Carried.

##### Councillor Lichter

Councillor Lichter introduced the final item of "New Business". He requested that Council support him in asking Mr. Meech to write a letter to the Minister of Transportation to ask him to resurface two Bridges in his district. 1) The Streach Bridge at Elderbank. 2) The Lantz Bridge which is at the Border of East Hants.

It was moved by Councillor Lichter, seconded by Councillor MacKay:

"THAT a letter be written to the Minister of Transportation, requesting repaving on the two Bridges specified by Councillor Lichter."  
Motion Carried.

Councillor Lichter indicated to Council that one of the Bridges has the surface completely worn down to the bare planks and the other was replanked recently and as a result of either neglect or improper maintenance there were five accidents on it within one week, two of which were serious accidents and he felt the motion was the only way in which he could achieve immediate action to alleviate this serious hazard.

This concluded the "New Business" items.

##### JUNE 16 REGULAR COUNCIL SESSION - AGENDA

Councillor MacKay advised that he would like to have the following items added to the agenda of the June 16 Session:

1. Transit
2. Centennial and Sackville Heights Elementary School

Councillor MacKay further requested that the School Board report on the progress of these two schools.

##### ADJOURNMENT

It was moved by Councillor Gaetz:

"THAT the June 2, 1981 Regular Council Session adjourn."  
Motion Carried.

Therefore, the Session was adjourned at 6:40 P.M.



REGULAR COUNCIL SESSION

JUNE 16, 1981

PRESENT WERE: Warden Lawrence, Chairman      Councillor Smith  
                 Councillor Williams      Councillor MacDonald  
                 Deputy Warden Deveau      Councillor McCabe  
                 Councillor Baker      Councillor Lichter  
                 Councillor Poirier      Councillor Benjamin  
                 Councillor Stewart      Councillor Margeson  
                 Councillor Topple      Councillor MacKay  
                 Councillor Adams      Councillor Eisenhauer  
                 Councillor Gaetz

ALSO PRESENT: Mr. K. R. Meech, Chief Administrative Officer  
                 Mr. Robert Cragg, Municipal Solicitor  
                 Mr. G. J. Kelly, Municipal Clerk  
                 Mr. Ed. Mason, Director of Social Services  
                 Mr. Keith Birch, Chief of Planning and Development  
                 Mr. John Markesino, Co-Ordinator of Recreation  
                 Mr. Lorne Denny, Industrial Commissioner  
                 Mr. Ed Wdowiak, Director of Engineering and Works  
                 Mr. J. W. Barry, Lawrencetown-Cole Harbour Kinsman Club  
                 Mr. Tom McKim, General Manager, M.T.C.  
                 Mr. Walter Jones, Director of Operations, M.T.C.

SECRETARY:      Mrs. Christine Harvey

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OPENING OF COUNCIL

Warden Lawrence brought the Regular Council Session to order at 5:30 P.M.

ROLL CALL

Roll Call had been called by Mr. Kelly at the beginning of the Annual Session; all those present at the Annual Session were still in attendance, as listed above.

APPOINTMENT OF RECORDING SECRETARY

The Recording Secretary had also been appointed at the Annual Session as follows:

It was moved by Deputy Warden Deveau, seconded by Councillor Eisenhauer:

"THAT Mrs. Christine Harvey be appointed Recording Secretary."  
Motion Carried.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

It was moved by Councillor Eisenhauer, seconded by Councillor Poirier:

"THAT the minutes of the April 30, 1981, Committee of the Whole Session be approved."

Motion Carried.

It was moved by Councillor MacDonald, seconded by Councillor Smith:

"THAT the minutes of the May 5, 1981 Regular Session, the May 19, 1981 Regular Session and the May 25, 1981 Public Hearing be approved and that the minutes of the June 2, 1981 Regular Session be Approved as amended."

Motion Carried.

LETTERS AND CORRESPONDENCE

None.

MEETING WITH OFFICIALS OF THE METROPOLITAN TRANSIT COMMISSION

Mr. Tom McKim, General Manager of the Commission and Mr. Walter Jones, Director of Operations of the Commission joined the meeting at this point.

Mr. McKim briefly gave some background information on the establishment of Transit in the City of Dartmouth and the City of Halifax, relating this information to the present situation in which the Municipality of the County of Halifax and the Town of Bedford now find themselves with regard to Transit.

He indicated the importance of Transit to the enjoyment of and the accessibility to Educational facilities, employment and entertainment.

He advised that the Metropolitan Transit Commission was available to provide a level of service requested but further advised that in decreasing or changing the service in any way, there must be a reasonable time frame allowed in which to implement such changes. Mr. McKim further indicated a desire to have the Warden of the County of Halifax and the Mayor of the Town of Bedford attend the next M.T.C. meeting in the hope of improving communications between the Municipalities and the Transit Commission. Subsequent to this Mr. McKim advised that he and Mr. Jones would be happy to note any other concerns that Council may have and then would deal with these concerns on a Commission level.

Councillor Baker suggested that he would like to see the Herring Cove Bus extend its route down the Ketch Harbour Road, make a left turn up Village Road and continue up Aberdeen Road back to the Herring Cove Road. He advised that the present bus stop was not easily accessible to older people. He felt that this extended route would encourage an increase in ridership and also advised Mr. McKim that the Village Road was now hardsurfaced.

Councillor Wiseman advised that Sackville does realize the value of Transit and depends on transit daily. However, she advised of the following three discrepancies with the service which had been realized in the past few days:

1. At a meeting held with the Sackville Councillors and the Amalgamated Transit Union on June 15, it was advised that there was a discrepancy with regard to the payment of fares. One person who had done an independent survey regarding ridership advised that in one instance where there were 71 riders on the Sackville Express Bus, Route 84, only two people had deposited the correct fare. It was later found that concerned Operators of these buses are warned not to question the riders regarding their fares.
2. Regarding revenues on the buses, Councillor Wiseman indicated that there was a further discrepancy between the figures supplied by the Transit Commission and recent estimates of the figures in Sackville. Route 84, the Sackville Express was given as one example of the large difference in the figures. The MTC had advised the yearly revenue for this route was approximately \$34,526. However, with 237 daily riders, which equals 1188 per week at \$1.25 per fare, a total of \$79,220 for 52 weeks (one year), of which approximately \$57,915 would apply for the period from April to December.
3. Indiscriminate use of transfers - Apparently for the cost of one fare per day a rider can use transit all day long.

Subsequent to making these points, Councillor Wiseman, advised that Sackville wants to see its Transit continue, improve and expand but that the cost is so high that reducing the service seems the only thing they can do at the present time. However, it was the opinion of the Sackville Councillors that there are additional efficiencies which can be met to reduce the cost of transit which would in turn permit the continued provision of the service which Sackville residents need and deserve to get.

In response to the above, Mr. McKim advised that there was no doubt there are many people who will take advantage of any system, including Transit but advised that M.T.C. had done their own surveys which indicate discrepancies more in the nature of 3%. He advised that it would not be possible to rigidly control the use of transfers, particularly in the peak hours of the day and further advised that the majority of the public approaches the Transit system honestly. In regard to the discrepancy between the revenue figures of the Transit Commission and the Sackville Councillor's estimation, he advised that the Commission would be pleased to sit down with the Councillors and go over the figures. He was confident that the figures were accurate as there have been numerous surveys done on the Sackville Transit System recently.

In response to a question from Councillor MacKay, Mr. McKim advised that it was not the policy of the M.T.C. to allow its drivers disregard



the amount of the fare deposited, but that, to the contrary, the drivers were requested to ensure that proper fare is paid.

In regard to the Sackville Councillor's request for a fare increase, Mr. McKim advised that the increase had not been approved but neither had it been rejected; he advised it was more a question of when to increase the fare. He also advised that the Commission had not received communication from the Council prior to its last meeting but that it would be dealt with at the next meeting.

Councillor Stewart questioned Mr. McKim about the extension of transit in his District, particularly in the area of Astral Drive, stating that he was looking forward to this extension in the near future.

Councillor MacDonald and Deputy Warden Deveaux spoke on behalf of the M.T.C. and advised that hopefully the upcoming meeting of the M.T.C. would resolve a lot of the problems caused by a lack of communication between the Municipality and the Metropolitan Transit Commission.

On behalf of Council, Warden Lawrence thanked Mr. McKim and Mr. Jones for their attendance, subsequent to which, both gentlemen retired from the meeting.

#### MEETING WITH DEPARTMENT HEADS

It was agreed to defer this item so that an item contained in the Policy Committee Report could be dealt with at this time.

#### POLICY COMMITTEE REPORT

It was moved by Councillor Eisenhower, seconded by Councillor Stewart:

"THAT the Policy Committee Report be received."  
Motion Carried.

The item brought forward was in regard to the proposed Kinsman Participark in the Water Course Area of Forest Hills. Mr. J. W. Barry of the Lawrencetown-Cole Harbour Kinsman Club was in attendance.

The Policy Committee recommended to Council for approval, that the Municipality enter into an agreement with the Lawrencetown-Cole Harbour Kinsman Club concerning the implementation and management of the Participark in the Water Course Park area of Forest Hills, with the concurrence of the Halifax County Recreation Department for approval prior to construction and further that the Municipality seek an agreement with the Kinsman Club regarding the ongoing maintenance of the Participark.

Councillor Stewart described the project in detail and advised that the local Kinsman Club desired to undertake the project subsequent to speaking with people in the area who agreed that it was a worthwhile project. The project has the support of the Nova Scotia Housing Commission and the Cole Harbour Recreation has advanced \$1,500 toward

the development of this Park; the Park would cost the Municipality no money but as the necessary land is part of that which is being taken over by the Municipality, it will be necessary for the Kinsman Club to enter into an agreement with the Municipality. In regard to the on-going maintenance, the Club is willing to carry out maintenance until such time as the County has implemented a maintenance policy, which will be looked at shortly within the Urban Study Recommendations.

It was moved by Councillor Stewart, seconded by Councillor Wiseman:

"THAT Council approve the recommendation of the Policy Committee in regard to the proposed Participark."

Councillor Wiseman supplied additional information in regard to the Kinsman Club's future plans regarding the on-going maintenance. It was their intention to provide maintenance for the Park by utilizing the Provincial Summer Employment Program during the summer months and twice yearly they intend to clean up the area, picking up paper, beer bottles and repairing all stations. The Kinsman also plan to continue to promote the Park. Councillor Wiseman also advised that this group is donating the necessary maintenance equipment.

Councillor Smith questioned who would be liable in case of an injury on this land and was advised that since it was County-owned land that it would be the County who had the ultimate liability but that any claims would go through the County's insurance.

Lengthy discussion followed in regard to who really did own this land and who would have to pay maintenance cost on the property. An attached letter which was intended as supporting information contained several clauses which concerned many of the Councillors. These clauses were pertaining to the Nova Scotia Housing Commission's apparent ownership of the land in question and their desire to be exempted from any maintenance responsibility. Many Councillors, including Councillors Williams, Poirier and Deputy Warden Deveau felt these clauses indicated that the Municipality was not the legal owner of the land.

Councillor Williams, based on this letter, was not in support of the Policy Committee recommendation, as it was his feeling that the Municipality should take no part in developments on any land which it did not own. He was also concerned that the Municipality would eventually be given the responsibility of maintaining the Park. Deputy Warden Deveau felt there was sufficient indication of the N.S.H.C. owning the land to be cautious in making any agreement but he felt that the Park was a worthy cause.

Councillor Poirier was extremely concerned about the maintenance of the Park. She felt that no agreement should be entered into until a maintenance policy was firmly established.

Mr. Meech and the Solicitor clarified that the Municipality was the legal owner of this land but that it had not signed and sent the

necessary legal documents to the Registry of Deeds.

Mr. Barry of the Kinsman Club advised that when the letter in question was written by Mr. Clark of the Nova Scotia Housing Commission, there was some doubt about who really owned the land and this is why there were clauses in the letter which indicated the Housing Commission's desire to be exempted from responsibility for maintenance. He did, however, also advise that it has since been determined that the Housing Commission does not own the land and that the Municipality is the legal and equitable owner, therefore, the undesirable clauses in the letter can be ignored.

Mr. Meech suggested that the wording of the motion be changed to better reflect the desires of the Council in regard to the maintenance agreement with the Kinsman Club in regard to this Participark. The mover and seconder of the motion agreed to reword it as follows:

It was moved by Councillor Stewart, seconded by Councillor Wiseman:

"THAT the Municipality enter into an agreement with the Lawrencetown - Cole Harbour Kinsman Club concerning the implementation and management of the Participark in the Water Course Park Area, Forest Hills, with the concurrence of the Halifax County Recreation Department for approval prior to construction, subject to the Municipality reaching an agreement with the Kinsman Club regarding on-going maintenance of the Participark."  
Motion Carried.

Prior to the motion being approved by Council, there was some further brief discussion on the part of Councillors MacDonald, MacKay and Eisenhower who summed up the discussion advising that the Kinsman Club was prepared to construct a beautiful facility which would be an asset to the County of Halifax and it was his feeling that the Municipality should be appreciative of this fact rather than try to tie the Club down with legal agreements for years to come.

Mr. Barry retired from the meeting.

It was moved by Councillor Gaetz:

"THAT Council adjourn for one half hour for supper."  
Motion Carried.

Therefore, Council did adjourn for one half hour.

#### MEETING WITH DEPARTMENT HEADS

##### Mr. Ed Mason, Director of Social Services

Mr. Mason outlined the reports contained within the agenda regarding the General Assistance Expenditures and Expenditure in Homes for Special Care up to and including the month of May, 1981. He advised that the Department is within its budget.



Councillor Wiseman, in accordance with the \$60,000 budget cut for the Department of Social Services, asked Mr. Mason where he felt this cut would occur, to which he replied it would probably be in the area of private nursing homes but he felt that in reviewing this area of expenditure it was quite possible that the Department would not need the original amount requested in September of last year. The reasons for this were that the Homemaker Program initiated in the fall of last year may begin to pay some dividends and he felt that there were many individuals being looked after at home on an occasional basis or more frequently which has meant that their placement in a special care facility was not necessary. He further advised Councillor Wiseman that the estimated net cost per year for maintaining an individual in a private nursing home was approximately \$10,000 per year with 66.75 % of that amount reimbursed to the County by the Province.

In comparing the caseloads for 1980 and 1981 Councillor Gaetz noted that costs were escalating yearly. Mr. Mason readily agreed with this statement.

At this time it was agreed to bring forward the Supplementary Management Committee Report as there were two items in it regarding the Department of Social Services.

It was moved by Councillor Smith, seconded by Councillor Adams:

"THAT the Supplementary Management Committee Report be received."  
Motion Carried.

#### SUPPLEMENTARY MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE REPORT

The first item dealt with was in regard to a request for funds from the Dartmouth Branch of the Canadian Association for the Mentally Retarded for a grant of \$11,565.

Mr. Ed Mason had advised the Management Committee that the grant was to be used directly for the operating expenses of the Association's Workshop (DASC Industries) which provides employment for sixty mentally retarded adults of which fifteen live in the County of Halifax.

The Committee recommends to Council approval of this grant to the Dartmouth Branch of the C.A.M.R. through the Department of Social Services, providing that the grant is cost-shared by the Province.

It was moved by Councillor MacKay, seconded by Deputy Warden Deveau:

"THAT Council approve a grant to the Dartmouth Branch, C.A.M.R. of \$11,565 through the Department of Social Services, provided the grant is cost-shared by the Province."

Councillor Lichter questioned whether or not the East Hants branch of the C.A.M.R. had asked for a grant this year as they had last year to which Mr. Mason advised they had made a request for 1981, and that this branch did have some of their residents in the workshop. However, he

advised that due to budget cut-backs these requests had not been granted.

In response to a question from Councillor Williams, Mr. Mason advised that a reply had not yet been received in regard to the cost-sharing but that there was every indication that it would be cost-shared by the Province.

It was moved by Councillor Lichter, seconded by Councillor Gaetz:

"THAT this issue be referred back to the Management Committee in order that all three requests of the C.A.M.R. branches in Dartmouth, Sackville and Enfield (East Hants) can be reviewed and that a recommendation can come back to Council."  
Motion Carried.

The next item dealt with which concerned Mr. Mason's Department was in regard to scale adjustments for food and shelter. Attached to the Supplementary Management Committee Report was a copy of Mr. Mason's Report which outlined the proposed scale adjustments.

The Management Committee recommended to Council that the proposed adjustment scales be approved as submitted by the Director of Social Services.

It was moved by Councillor Williams, seconded by Councillor Lichter:

"THAT the proposed scale adjustments for food and shelter be approved as submitted by the Director of Social Services."  
Motion Carried.

Councillor MacKay commented briefly stating that in his opinion the raise in scales may not be enough to which Mr. Mason advised that it is possible to have further adjustments in a case with special circumstances.

It was understood and agreed by Council that these adjustments would go into effect by July 1, 1981.

Mr. Mason retired from the meeting.

Mr. John Markesino, Co-Ordinator of Recreation

Mr. Markesino advised that as the Participark item had been dealt with he had no other business to discuss with Council but advised that if Council had any question for him with regard to his Department he would be happy to answer them at this time.

In response to a request from Councillor Wisemna, Mr. Markesino gave a report on the progress of the Tourist Bureau in Sackville.

Councillor Williams introduced an item of concern pertaining to a letter received from Mr. Howard Crosby, M.P., Halifax West, in regard to Summer Canada Student Education Program, which was a project proposed

by Mr. Markesino for the County of Halifax. He advised that the contents of the letter would indicate that portions of Halifax County would be deprived of any funding for this program.

Mr. Markesino advised that this would affect the County but advised that there were some available funds within the Recreation Department's budget which will be used within the County; however, he advised that the program would not be on as large a scale as was desired.

Councillor Williams advised that the letter was quite critical of Mr. Markesino and Councillor Poirier; he felt the letter should be answered by the Warden as it was not accurate in its criticism of either Mr. Markesino or Councillor Poirier.

Warden Lawrence advised that she had replied verbally to the letter.

Mr. Markesino advised that the letter was a response to an incident which had taken place in a previous year in which Mr. Markesino had questioned the fact that other Municipalities had received a much more sizeable grant than Halifax County and further advised that it was becoming more and more of a personal issue between himself and Mr. Crosby.

Councillor Poirier advised that she also had questioned the grants previously which had resulted in the criticism of herself. She further advised that she also would like to see the letter answered.

It was moved by Councillor Poirier, seconded by Councillor Gaetz:

"THAT the Municipality send a letter of protest to the Advisory Board, Mr. Crosby and to the Minister concerned, and that the Municipality also request in its letter, that at the next application, we receive some consideration with regard to the yearly grant."  
Motion Carried.

Mr. Markesino retired from the meeting.

Mr. Lorne Denny, Industrial Commissioner

Mr. Denny advised that it had now been four months since his office had been established and that they were progressing favourably with an average expenditure of approximately \$8,000 per month. He advised that the Commission has to date received 38 enquiries, Mr. Denny further advised that he has made one trip to Ontario which was resulting in three companies coming down to Halifax County to take a look around to determine whether or not it would be viable for them to open up in the County. He had met with all Provincial and Federal agencies connected with the Commission's type of work; D.R.E.E., I.E.L. and D.O.D.

Councillor Benjamin noted that Mr. Denny was promoting new industries coming into the County but asked whether any action had been taken in regard to encouraging large, existing Halifax County Industries to expand. However, he advised that to the contrary, several plants have