

In regard to the inclusion in the July 2, 1981 motion from Council, "...in all due haste.", Councillor Topple felt there was not much haste as it was now 1982, six months later. Councillor Topple suggested that should the old motion be rescinded and a new one passed, the new motion should include a definite time limit. He agreed with Mr. Birch's recommendation that Council take a position regarding this issue.

Councillor Wiseman's concern was that if Council approved in principal, the PUD Agreement, subject to the review of the Environmental Control Council, and there was no objection from the Environmental Control Council; Municipal Council would then be forced to accept the PUD Agreement without the opportunity for further review of the PUD and review of the recommendations and opinions of the ECC. She questioned whether Municipal Council would have the option to hold a further Public Hearing.

Mr. Birch advised the Councillor that the requirements of a Public Hearing have been met. The conclusion of that Hearing, had been that Council defer its decision subject to the ECC recommendations. He advised that once those recommendations are received, Council would then be in a position to make its decision without the necessity of holding another Public Hearing.

Solicitor Cragg indicated that the Public Portion of the Public Hearing had been closed technically but further Public consideration of the PUD Agreement can be held.

Councillor Smith requested some clarification from the Solicitor regarding the implications of approving the PUD Agreement in principal subject to the ECC recommendations. She was advised that by agreeing to something in principal the Municipal Council was only agreeing to the proposal in a very broad sense, without specifically accepting it, but indicating that on the surface it seems acceptable. The Municipality would not lose its final right to accept or reject the proposal.

Councillor Lichter advised it was his intention that Council should give some indication of how it felt on the Agreement today, thus, giving both the Government and the Developer some indication of whether or not to go ahead with the project.

Councillor Topple spoke again on this issue advising that at the last Council Session, this Council passed a motion which indicated that a decision would be made today. He advised that the previous motion should, therefore, be rescinded and a positive motion put on the floor to show the Public that Municipal Council does intend to deal with the issue, rather than to continue talking and procrastinating.

Councillor Eisenhauer requested clarification from Mr. Birch in regard to the following two issues:

1. Environmental Concerns - The Development could affect the Lakes and other Waterways in the area. However, Councillor Eisenhauer pointed out that even a Park in the area with Walkways built throughout, could cause siltation problems. He wondered how the ECC could make recommendations on the proposed Park when it is not known what Industries would go in the Park;
2. Interchange - Councillor Eisenhauer felt that the Interchange should not be a requirement before the Development is established, as there would be no need for it without the Development. He advised that with today's interest rates, the Department of Transportation would not construct the Interchange without first establishing the need.

He questioned why the Municipality should be requesting recommendations from the EEC when it is not known what will be happening with regard to the above.

Mr. Birch advised that the main reason the issue was being sent to the Environmental Control Council was to satisfy the concerns of the residents of the area, with regard to the Environmental Impact of the Park.

Deputy Warden MacKay indicated that he was in favour of the issue being studied further by the Environmental Control Council as it was his belief that Municipal Council did not have the necessary expertise to approve the PUD Agreement on the basis as it was presented to Council by the Municipal Planning Department. He did, however, feel that Municipal Council should reserve the right to hold another Public Hearing on the issue, with input from the two opposing sides, if desired.

It was his opinion that the previous motion made July 2nd, 1981 by Municipal Council should be left on the books as it presently stands and that the Environmental Control Council should pursue the issue as earlier requested. However, he felt a time limit should be imposed on the ECC in which to reply to Council.

Councillor Deveaux spoke briefly in support of the comments made by Deputy Warden MacKay.

The question was then called on the motion;

Moved by Councillor Lichter, seconded by Councillor Smith:

"THAT the motion passed by Municipal Council, July 2nd, 1981 regarding the Cobequid Industrial Park, be rescinded."
Motion Carried.

Warden Lawrence then advised that the motion which had just been rescinded had been a motion to defer and that there had been a previous motion with several amendments to it. She advised that this motion could either be voted on or withdrawn by the mover and seconder of the motion.

It was also the opinion of Solicitor Cragg that the motion and the amendments should be dealt with at this time.

Warden Lawrence advised that the amendment, which would have to be dealt with first, was moved by Councillor Deveaux and seconded by Deputy Warden MacKay.

Neither Councillor Deveaux nor Deputy Warden MacKay were prepared to withdraw thier amendment.

Councillor Lichter requested clarification from the Solicitor as to whether or not Council could make a motion to rescind the earlier motion so as to avoid the amendment altogether. He was advised by Solicitor Cragg that this was possible.

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

"THAT the motion on the bottom of page four of Mr. Birch's Report to Council which was placed at the July 2nd, 1981 Public Hearing and which was amended, then deferred, be rescinded by Municipal Council."

Motion Carried.

It was therefore determined that the previous motion was rescinded and the amendments attached to it were dead.

It was moved by Councillor Margeson:

"THAT a letter from Municipal Council be sent to the Minister of the Department of the Environment, thanking him for his assistance in this matter, and requesting him to arrange a Hearing into the Cobequid Industrial Park issue at the Environmental Control Council and further that a Report outlining the conclusion of the Hearing be brought to Municipal Council at its April 20th Session."

(Motion lost - no Seconder)

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

"THAT the Proposed Cobequid Industrial Park PUD Agreement be approved, in principal, by Municipal Council, subject to the six changes, as recommended in Mr. Birch's Report, and subject to the approval of the Environmental Control Council and Municipal Council's approval of the recommendations of the Environmental Control Council."

Deputy Warden MacKay agreed to second the motion, providing that Councillor McInroy was agreeable to amending section 6(a) of Mr. Birch's report from reading "The Developer" to the "Department of the Environment" in relation to environmental monitoring of the Site.

Mr. Birch felt this issue would be handled sufficiently by the fact that the PUD Agreement was going before the Environmental Control Council who would be investigating the adequacy of all the environmental issues in the agreement.

Councillors Wiseman, MacDonald and Deveaux also expressed some concern regarding the monitoring of the environment.

Solicitor Cragg suggested a change of wording of the motion on the floor. However, Deputy Warden MacKay was not prepared to withdraw his second of the motion so that the new motion could be put on the floor. Therefore, the question on the motion was called.

Moved by Councillor McInroy, seconded by Deputy Warden MacKay:

"As previously written."
Motion Defeated.

Councillor McInroy now advised that he had some concerns regarding section 2 of Mr. Birch's Report, respecting the requirement of the Interchange before Development of the Industrial Park and was not prepared at this time, to make an alternate motion.

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

"THAT the Municipality approve, in principal, the proposed Cobequid Industrial Park, Planned Unit Development Agreement, subject to the changes 1, 3, 4, 5 & 6, as recommended at the previous Public Hearing and subject to Council's receipt, not later than April 20, 1982 (90 days), and consideration of the recommendations of the Environmental Control Council."
(See motion to Amend)

It was amended by Deputy Warden MacKay, seconded Councillor Wiseman:

"THAT Section 2 of the recommendations of the Planning Department regarding the requirement of tender calls for the Interchange, be included in the motion to approve the PUD Agreement."
Amendment Defeated.

Prior to the defeat of the amendment, Deputy Warden MacKay, Councillor MacDonald and Councillor Wiseman advised that they would not be able to support the motion unless there was a requirement incorporated into the motion for the overpass to be included, due to the traffic problems which will be created in Sackville, by the Industrial Park.

Councillor Eisenhower was in agreement that the Park would cause traffic problems but he also advised that without the Park to create the need, the Department of Transportation would have no reason to construct an Interchange.

Subsequent to the defeat of the amendment the question was called on the main motion.

Moved by Councillor Benjamin, seconded by Councillor Lichter:

"As previously written."
Motion Carried.

MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE REPORT

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

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

Salary - The Administrator, Halifax County Rehab. Centre

Mr. Meech outlined this item, advising: The Committee received correspondence from Councillor Helena Poirier, Chairman of the Board of Management, respecting a salary increase for the Administrator of the Halifax County Rehab. Centre. The Board of Management recommended a salary increase of \$3,600 retroactive to April 1, 1981 to increase the present salary from \$35,054 to \$38,652.

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

"THAT Council approve that the salary of the Administrator of the Halifax County Rehabilitation Centre be increased by \$3,600 to \$38,654, retroactive to April 1, 1981."
Motion Carried.

Prior to the passing of the motion, Councillor Lichter questioned whether the increase of approximately 10.2% was a cost-of-living increase. He was advised by Mr. Meech that it was a cost-of-living increase for 1981. As well, Councillor Poirier advised that the raise should have come through earlier but had not.

Cost-Of-Living Increases - Municipal Non-Union Employees

Mr. Meech outlined this item advising that at the January 5, 1982 Council Session, the cost-of-living increases for non-union employees had been deferred to this date, pending receipt of additional information for Council's consideration. Mr. Meech indicated that this additional information was included in the Agenda. (Please refer to the Report in the Agenda for additional detail and clarification).

Mr. Meech further advised that the recommendation from the Management Committee, was that Council approve a 12% increase across the board for all non-union Municipal employees.

Warden Lawrence advised that prior to the motion to defer pending the receipt of additional information, there had been a motion on the floor to approve the 12% increases. Therefore, since the requested information had been received, it was Council's position to discuss the previous motion, as follows:

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

"THAT the cost-of-living adjustments to the salary scales for Non-Union Municipal Employees be 12%, effective January 1, 1982."

Councillor Lichter advised that he had requested the issue to be deferred, as he had a problem with the increase to certain "positions", not "individuals" on the pay scales. He felt it was unfair that there was such a huge discrepancy between the lowest paid and the highest paid positions on the Municipality's salary scale. Councillor Lichter supplied Council with figures which indicated that should across-the-board increases continue, there would be an \$89,000 difference between the highest and lowest paid positions, within five years. He advised that he would not oppose the increase this year, due to the fact that last year, an 8% to 12% spread had been approved on the grounds that it would be across-the-board this year. He wanted only to bring this information to Council's attention.

Councillor Deveaux spoke in support of Councillor Lichter's views and attempted to amend the motion as follows:

It was amended by Councillor Deveaux:

"THAT the 12% increase for Non-Union Employees, apply only to those Employees earning \$40,000 or less and that there be no cost-of-living increase for employees earning more than \$40,000."
(Amendment Lost - No Secunder).

Councillor Eisenhower agreed to support the 12% cost-of-living increases as he felt the positions in question were either in line with, or lower than, the corresponding position in Industry. He felt the Municipality had many experienced and well qualified people in its employ, who could be making more money elsewhere, especially if the increases were not approved. He would not like to see the Municipality loose its people.

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

"THAT Council discuss the Cost-Of-Living Increases In-Camera."
Motion Carried.

In-Camera discussion was then held, during which Councillors were informed of the method in which the Salary Scale was followed, in regard to the yearly evaluation of employees, etc. As well, there was some discussion relative to the Organizational Study which had been conducted in 1981 and which resulted in the formation of the new scales. As well, Councillor Lichter provided some additional financial information relative to the Municipality's Salary Budget.

Subsequent to the above discussion:

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

"THAT Council come Out-Of-Camera."
Motion Carried.

At this time, the question was called on the motion placed on the floor at the January 5, 1982 Council Session.

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

"THAT the cost-of-living adjustments to the salary scales for Non-Union employees be 12%, effective January 1, 1982."
Motion Carried.

Transit Demonstration Project - Harrietsfield-Sambro Area

Mr. Meech advised that the Management Committee had received a Report from Cassibo Buses Ltd. respecting a transit demonstration project for the Harrietsfield-Sambro area and a memorandum from himself, concerning the matter. (This information was included in the agenda for Council's review).

Subsequent to discussion of the material at the Management Committee, it was recommended that the demonstration project be discontinued as of February 27, 1982.

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

"THAT the Transit Demonstration Project for the Harrietsfield-Sambro Area be discontinued as of February 27, 1982, subject to the approval of the Public Utilities Board."
Motion Carried.

Prior to the passing of the motion, Councillor Baker spoke briefly advising that as Councillor of the area, he was in agreement with the discontinuance of the Project. He advised that he had worked on the project for nearly a year, and had obtained a petition from the Residents with 350 signatures, requesting the Service. Regretfully though, the Service was not utilized to its full capacity.

At this point in the Council Session, it was agreed to adjourn for one-half hour for Supper.

MOTION OF RECONSIDERATION - DEPUTY WARDEN MACKAY

Prior to putting forth his motion of reconsideration, Deputy Warden MacKay made the following motion in regard to the previously discussed, cost-of-living raises.

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

"THAT the Chief Administrative Officer be requested to prepare a report to the Policy Committee in regard to dealing with Staff Salaries in three categories; Union Employees, Non-Union Employees and Senior Management Employees."
Motion Carried.

It was determined that this Report would be helpful for the 1983 Salary Increases.
Motion of Reconsideration:

Deputy Warden MacKay advised that his Motion of Reconsideration was in regard to the motion passed at the last Council Session regarding a 12% Salary Increase for the Municipal Solicitor.

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

"THAT the motion passed at the last Council Session regarding the 12% Salary Increase for the Municipal Solicitor be reconsidered by Municipal Council."

Motion Defeated.

There was very little discussion of the above motion prior to its defeat, as a motion of reconsideration is non-debateable. As well, it was clarified that, in order to pass in Municipal Council, the response to the motion must be unanimous.

POLICY COMMITTEE REPORT

At this point in the Council Session, Deputy Warden Mackay assumed the role of Chairman, while Warden Lawrence temporarily retired from the meeting.

It was moved by Councillor Eisenhauer, seconded by Councillor Gaetz

"THAT the Policy Committee Report be received."

Motion Carried.

Meetings with Halifax County MLA's

Mr. Meech outlined this item, advising that a letter had been forwarded to all Halifax County MLA's requesting meetings between the MLA's and representatives of Municipal Council to discuss issues of mutual interest. He also advised a joint meeting between the MLA's and County Representatives was held last year and was determined to be useful.

Mr. Meech further advised that the recommendation from the Policy Committee was; six representatives from Municipal Council be authorized to attend such meetings and these be Warden Lawrence, Deputy Warden MacKay and four representatives of Municipal Council, one from each of the four County School Sub-systems and that these four Councillors be appointed by Council.

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

"THAT the Warden, Deputy Warden and four Council Representatives, one from each County School Sub-System, be appointed by Municipal Council to attend joint meetings between the MLA's and County Representatives, to discuss items of Mutual Interest."

Motion Carried.

Appointment of Representatives

Western Sub-System

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

"THAT Councillor Poirier be nominated to serve on the Committee to meet with the Halifax County MLA's"

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

"THAT Nominations Cease."
Motion Carried.

Councillor Poirier was therefore selected to be the Representative from the Western School Sub-System.

Sackville School Sub-System

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

"THAT Councillor Margeson be nominated to serve on the Committee to meet with the Halifax County MLA's"

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

"THAT Nominations Cease."
Motion Carried.

Councillor Margeson was therefore selected to be the Representative from the Sackville School Sub-System.

Dartmouth East School Sub-System

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

"THAT Councillor Adams be nominated to serve on the Committee to meet with the Halifax County MLA's"

It was moved by Councillor Wiseman, seconded by Councillor Eisenhower

"THAT Nominations Cease."
Motion Carried.

Councillor Adams was therefore chosen to be the Representative of the Dartmouth East Sub-System.

Eastern Shore School Sub-System

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

"THAT Councillor Smith be nominated to serve on the Committee to meet with the Halifax County MLA's."

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

"THAT Nominations Cease."
Motion Carried.

Therefore, Councillor Smith was appointed as the Representative from the Eastern Shore Sub-System.

It was determined that should any other Councillor have a concern, they should forward this concern to the Councillor chosen from their Sub-System.

Councillor Topple indicated his opinion that the meetings were not necessary, as any Councillor who has a problem is free to talk to his MLA in regard to it.

However, he was advised by Mr. Meech and Deputy Warden MacKay that the point of the meetings was to discuss items of concern to the entire Municipality rather than individual districts.

Request For Resolutions for 1982 Annual Conference, F.C.M.

Mr. Meech outlined this item which was essentially for Council's information only.

He advised that the Policy Committee had received a memorandum requesting all Municipal Units to submit resolutions for consideration at the 1982 Annual Conference to be held in Ottawa in June. These resolutions must be received by the F.C.M. National Office by March 1, 1982.

Mr. Meech urged that all Councillors give this matter their prompt consideration.

Councillor Topple questioned whether there was a membership fee to be paid to the F.C.M. on Council's behalf. He also questioned on what basis such a fee was paid.

He was advised by Mr. Meech that the Municipality did pay a fee for its membership in the F.C.M. and that this fee was based on population.

This was a concern to Councillor Topple as the County's fee was equal to that of the Cities of Halifax and Dartmouth and yet the County did not seem to carry as much weight at the FCM as the Cities.

Councillor Topple was advised by the Deputy Warden that he should bring this concern to either Mr. Meech or Warden Lawrence to be forwarded to the Policy Committee for discussion and subsequently back to Council.

Municipal Action Survey

Mr. Meech also outlined this item to Council advising that the Policy Committee had received correspondence from Mayor D. P. Brownlow, President of the F.C.M. which included a questionnaire entitled "Municipal Action Survey." Each Municipal Unit was requested to complete the Questionnaire and have it returned by February 1, 1982. A copy of this survey was included in the Council Agenda for Council's review and consideration.

The Committee had requested the Warden to complete the Questionnaire; Mr. Meech questioned if Council was agreeable to this procedure.

Subsequent to brief discussion:

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

"THAT the Municipal Action Survey be completed by Warden Lawrence on behalf of Municipal Council and that it be returned by the February 1st deadline." Motion Carried.

It was agreed that a copy of the Warden's completed questionnaire be distributed to all Councillors.

NEW BUSINESS

Land Expropriation - Mr. Meech

Mr. Meech advised that four parcels of land in Beechville-Lakeside-Timberlea were required by the Municipality in order to proceed with the installations of Water and Sewer in the area. He advised that in accordance with the Municipal Expropriation Act, the following Resolution would have to be passed in Council:

"Be it Resolved that the Municipality of the County of Halifax approves the expropriation of a certain lot of land of Dorothy Blanch Boyland of Lakeside, more particularly described in Schedule "A" annexed hereto for the purposes of water and sewer installations and the construction of a sewage pumping station in Lakeside, in the County of Halifax."

The above resolution related to only one of the four parcels, as Mr. Wdowiak had not yet obtained the property descriptions of the remaining three parcels. This parcel was the one which was immediately required for the work to continue.

Mr. Meech advised that the Municipality had offered a fair price for the land, while the land-owner requested an unreasonably high price. This had been confirmed by an appraiser for the Municipality.

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

"THAT it be resolved that the Municipality of the County of Halifax approves the expropriation of a certain lot of land of Dorothy Blanch Boylan of Lakeside, more particularly described in Schedule "A" annexed hereto, for the purposes of Water and Sewer installations and the construction of a Sewage Pumping Station in Lakeside, in the County of Halifax."
Motion Carried.

Prior to the passing of the motion, Solicitor Cragg confirmed the comments of the Chief Administrative Officer, advising: "The Municipality can take possession of the property almost immediately and commence work on it. The property owner is allowed thirty days to contest the compensation the Municipality has offered. This appeal can be lodged before the Compensation Board which is a Board with a very capable Membership and Chairman. The Municipality has done this in the past and has had no Appeals."

He also advised that the only appeal avenues open to them was to contest the compensation as outlined above, or to go to the Supreme Court indicating that what the Municipality has done is illegal,

immoral or done for a purpose other than a Municipal need or necessity. However, the land requirement is absolutely imperative according to the Director of Engineering and Works. He further advised that he was comfortable with the Resolution.

Subsequent to the above, Warden Lawrence returned and resumed her role as Chairman.

Transit Fare Increases - Warden Lawrence

Warden Lawrence advised that the proposed fare increases came to Metropolitan Authority this morning for approval and the Municipal Representatives were successful in persuading the Metropolitan Authority to defer approval for two weeks so that the Fares could be reviewed by Municipal Council.

At this time Councillor Deveaux, Vice-Chairman of the Metro Transit Commission, explained to Council the information which had been circulated to all Council Members in regard to the present and proposed fares.

(Please refer to information sheet for further clarification).

This item was discussed briefly, with the Sackville Councillors indicating some concern regarding the large transit deficits in their Districts and the inadequacy of the proposed fares to cover the deficit.

Subsequent to this discussion: It was agreed by Council that the discussion would continue at the upcoming Urban Services Committee Meeting.

As well:

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

"THAT MTC be requested to extend service into Herring Cove from where they presently stop on St. Paul's Avenue."
Motion Carried.

Senior Citizen's Housing - Councillor Benjamin

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

"THAT the Nova Scotia Housing Commission be requested to carry out a need and demand study for a Senior Citizen's Housing Complex in the Fall River, Waverley, Windsor Junction area."
Motion Carried.

Prior to the passing of the motion, Councillor Benjamin advised that the study has been going on for some time; however, the Nova Scotia Housing Commission had indicated to him that the above formal Resolution from Council was a necessity.

Halifax International Airport - Councillor Benjamin

Councillor Benjamin advised that during construction of a new heating system at the Airport, Salamander Heaters have been installed throughout the waiting and reception areas. These heaters were turned off at approximately 11:00 P.M. when the maintenance crews leave. He requested that the Municipality take steps to ensure that heat is available in the Airport throughout the entire evening as there were many people working during these late evening hours and several flights still arriving.

Councillor Benjamin also advised that nowhere in the Airport could a cup of coffee be found late at night. He realized that it would be a lot to ask to have the restaurant remain open for the few flights that come in during the evening hours; however, he felt that at least a coffee machine should be put in the Building.

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

"THAT a letter of authorization be forwarded to the Airport Advisory Committee requesting that they investigate the heating problem at the Airport and the inavailability of coffee refreshments during the evening hours."
Motion Carried.

Senior Citizens Housing, Beechville-Lakeside-Timberlea - Councillor Poirier

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

"THAT the Nova Scotia Housing Commission be requested to carry out a Need and Demand Study for Senior Citizen's Housing in Beechville-Lakeside-Timberlea."
Motion Carried.

News Reporting - Councillor Baker

Councillor Baker wished to be recorded as extending his thanks to the Sackville Reporter who took the time to recognize him in the Daily News for his activities during his Younger Days.

Dog Constables - Councillor Smith

Councillor Smith questioned when the appropriate time would be to appoint Dog Constables.

The Councillor was advised by Warden Lawrence that the names could be submitted to Mr. Kelly now and the Constables could be approved in March along with all other Officers.

Councillor Smith was uncertain if it was ethical to appoint the Constables now and let them take office at this time, prior to receiving Council's approval.

She was advised by Solicitor Cragg that the By-Law makes provision for the appointing of Constables, but it does not indicate that the appointment must be an annual one or that it has to supercede or overlap any other appointments. It was his opinion that if Councillor Smith wished to make an appointment this evening, she could do so. It was moved by Councillor Smith, seconded by Councillor Adams:

"THAT Mr. Harley Mills and Lyle Mitchell be appointed Dog Constables for the Western and Eastern sections respectively, for District 10."
Motion Carried.

Cars Purchased and Leased - Councillor Deveaux

Councillor Deveaux reminded Council that a motion had been made last Fall to purchase one car and lease one car for Municipal Employees in an effort to bring down the County's mileage costs. He requested that a Report be brought to Council near the end of March to advise Council of the saving the cars have made possible.

Mr. Meech advised that this was his intention; he also advised that the purchased car had only been purchased as of January 1, 1982 and the leased car had not been leased yet.

School Board Report - Councillor Deveaux

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

"THAT the School Board be requested to submit a Report to Council comparing the square footage available at the William Ross School and the Wellington School."
Motion Carried.

Schools Closing - Councillor Deveaux

Councillor Deveaux indicated that he had received many comments regarding the fact that the schools in the County had been closed for two consecutive days January 18th and 19th due to the cold. He questioned the logic behind not having school for the Junior High and High Schools. He felt it was unnecessary to have the Schools closed for these two days.

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

"THAT the School Board Staff submit to Council, a Report indicating their reasoning for closing the schools January 18 and 29, 1982."
Motion Defeated.

Councillors Smith and Margeson spoke in opposition to the motion. Councillor Smith advised, as a parent of children in Elementary and High Schools, that the School Board's decision was a very responsible one. Councillor Margeson indicated that some School Buses in his District would not start on the two record cold days. He also felt that School Board's decision was commendable.

School Area Rates - Councillor McInroy

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

"THAT School Area Rates - District 7, be added to the Agenda for the next Council Session, February 2nd and that information from the School Board be submitted to Council in this regard."
Motion Carried.

District School Board Status - Warden Lawrence

It was agreed by Council to go In-Camera to discuss District School Board Status.

During the discussion Warden Lawrence advised that a joint meeting of the two Councils would be held January 20, at 2:00 P.M. She also advised Council it had been brought to her attention that the Town of Bedford would be holding a referendum on the subject of District School Board Status on January 28th, 1982. In light of this development, Council reviewed its position on District School Board Status as opposed to Bedford's position.

Subsequent to discussion, the following two alternatives seemed to be the consensus of most Councillors:

1. Council would agree to a 15 member School Board with the excess education costs to be shared on the basis of student population;
2. Council would agree to an 18 member School Board with the excess education costs to be shared on the basis of assessment.

It was agreed that No. 1 would be the first position of Halifax County Council and No. 2 would be the alternate position, if Bedford found No. 1 non-acceptable.

Salary of Municipal Solicitor - Solicitor Cragg

This item was also discussed In-Camera. Solicitor Cragg clarified his position with regard to his Salary.

Councillor's Pay - Councillor Smith

Councillor Smith indicated that the Committee to investigate and make recommendations on Councillor's Salaries and Committee of the Whole Meetings which was composed of herself, Councillor Poirier and Councillor MacKenzie, had chosen Councillor MacKenzie as their Chairman. She advised that a meeting would be called in the near future.

ADJOURNMENT

It was moved by Councillor Gaetz:

"THAT the Regular Council Session adjourn."
Motion carried.

Therefore the Regular Council Session adjourned at 9:20 p.m.

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MEETING WITH STORM DRAINAGE TASK FORCE

FEBRUARY 1, 1982

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Councillor Poirier
Councillor Williams
Councillor Baker
Councillor Deveaux
Councillor McInroy
Councillor Topple
Councillor Adams
Councillor Gaetz
Councillor Smith
Councillor MacKenzie
Councillor Lichter
Councillor Benjamin
Councillor Eisenhauer
Councillor MacDonald
Councillor Wiseman

ALSO PRESENT: Mr. K. R. Meech, Chief Administrative Officer
Mr. Robert Cragg, Municipal Clerk
Mr. Keith Birch, Chief of Planning & Development
Mr. J. F. Jones, P. Eng., Dept. of Environment
Mr. W. J. D'Eon, P. Eng., Dept. of Health
Mr. G. Haverstock, P. Eng., Dept. of Municipal Affairs
Mr. M. Miller, P. Eng., Dept. of Transportation
Mr. Ed Wdowiak, P. Eng., Mun. Director of Engrg. & Works
Mr. R. E. Gough, Municipal Director of Development
Mr. L. M. Dursi, P. Eng., Town of Bedford
Mr. G. A. Isenor, P. Eng., H. J. Porter & Assoc. Ltd.
Dr. D. H. Waller, P. Eng., Specialist Advisor

SECRETARY: Christine E. Simmons

Warden Lawrence brought the Joint Session of Council and Storm Drainage Task Force to order at 7:05 P.M.

INTRODUCTION OF TASK FORCE MEMBERS AND OPENING REMARKS

Mr. John Jones, the Chairman of the Storm Drainage Task Force introduced the members of the Task Force as follows:

1. Mr. W. J. D'Eon, P. Eng., Nova Scotia Department of Health;
2. Mr. G. Haverstock, P. Eng., N.S. Department of Municipal Affairs;
3. Mr. M. Miller, P. Eng., N.S. Department of Transportation
4. Mr. Ed. Wdowiak, P. Eng. Director of Engineering & Works, Municipality of the County of Halifax;

5. Mr. R. E. Gough, Director of Development, Municipality of the County of Halifax;
6. Mr. L. M. Dursi, P. Eng., Town of Bedford;
7. Mr. G. A. Isenor, P. Eng., H. J. Porter & Associates Ltd.;
8. Dr. D. H. Waller, P. Eng., Department of Civil Engineering, Nova Scotia Technical College.

Mr. Jones advised that the presentation tonight was an accumulation of eighteen months of hard work, involving frank, outspoken discussions with a great deal of co-operation, not only among the members of the Task Force but also from neighbouring Municipalities who were helpful to the point of providing their information regarding technical matters and cost; this information had been useful in the Task Force deliberations.

Mr. Jones explained that the main Terms of Reference of the Task Force encompassed the following areas:

1. Identification of Storm Drainage Policies and Cost of Problems in Flood-Prone Areas (70 areas identified);
2. Consideration of Engineering & Design Criteria which could be used for the development of proper Storm Drainage Systems;
3. Practical considerations of the Administrative and Financial framework which must be implemented in order for the Task Force to proceed with the recommendations.

He also advised that part of the Storm Drainage Task Force recommendations was; there should be some form of a Master Storm Drainage Plan put in place with other types of Planning. He indicated the recommendations of the Storm Drainage Task Force would be helpful to other Municipalities in the Province, relative to Storm Drainage control.

He further advised that, if implemented, this Municipality would have a unique set of Policies and Engineering Design Criteria helpful to the Engineering Profession who could better serve the public with more effective solutions relative to Storm Drainage.

BRIEF HISTORY OF STORM DRAINAGE TASK FORCE

Mr. Gough advised Council that over the past several years there has been a growing public concern with the increasing number of flooding and erosion problems in the areas of urbanization within the Municipality.

He advised: "A citizen with a problem may call the Department of Transportation, Department of the Environment, Municipal Works Department and even Emergency Measures, thinking that one of these regulatory agencies may be able to help and sometimes there is very little help available from these sources."

He further advised that "in 1978 an Interim Task Force held several meetings to try and come to grips with the problem and as a result in 1980 an order in Council was approved by the Nova Scotia Drainage Task Force, made up with representatives from the Provincial Departments of Transportation, Health, Municipal Affairs and the Environment as well as the Town of Bedford, and the Municipality of the County of Halifax, including Engineering and Development.

The Task Force engaged the services of Mr. G. Isenor of H.J. Porter and Associates as Secretary and Technical Advisor and Dr. Don Waller as a Specialist Advisor.

One of the First projects of the Task Force was the identification of existing drainage problems with the urbanizing area; and a list was prepared and rates the problem areas as to intensity and degree of flooding anticipated in a particular area.

The Task Force examined a particular drainage problem in detail in the Astral Drive area of Cole Harbour. This was done as an example and a detailed report and costs are available for this particular area. The Task Force, recognizing the problems as a lack of prescribed standards for designs of Storm Drainage Systems, developed a Design Criteria Manual which is the manner in which designers and developers shall design and build storm water systems. This has constantly been revised by the Task Force, and the Technical University of Nova Scotia and the Department of the Environment jointly sponsored a workshop on this subject which was very successful.

The Task Force has reviewed needs for funding and cost sharing required to implement the proposed Stormwater Policies and has reviewed methods that might be adopted in Halifax County. Funding and cost sharing mechanisms will be required for the following reasons:

1. To reimburse downstream developers who oversize systems to accomodate anticipated upstream development;
2. To receive funds from upstream developers at the time of up stream development to reimburse costs of downstream oversizing or upgrading.
3. To finance costs of Drainage Master Plans.
4. To finance cost of solutions to existing drainage problems.
5. Administration.

The Task Force has developed a Stormwater Policy for use in Halifax County and it may also be used to form the basis for any community in the entire Province. This document has taken a great length of time to prepare and develop since there were no similar documents prepared in Eastern Canada. These Policies were developed based on the following:

1. Prevent loss of life and minimize property damage;
2. Control surface ponding and flooding inconveniences.
3. Minimize the long term effect of development of receiving water courses and or groundwater.
4. Avoid flooding and erosion downstream of the development.

5. Minimize pollution of watercourses.
6. Eliminate adverse effects of construction activities in receiving water courses.
7. Minimize the total cost of the drainage system and related works by using the latest design and construction techniques and methods.

Since drainage master plans are an essential ingredient of storm water policy and design criteria, it is possible to develop terms of reference for individual phases and parts of the plan as required under the following headings.

1. Definition of Objectives - such as quality, watercourse major and minor systems.
2. Definition of Performance Standards such as pipe sizes, open channels and storm frequency.
3. Acquisition of factual information such as:
 - a) topographic mapping;
 - b) soils investigation;
 - c) existing structures associated with drainage within the water shed.
4. Watershed plans.
5. Formation of alternatives.
6. Evaluation of alternatives.
7. Development of final alternatives.
8. Implement programs.
9. Preparation of Reports and Plans.

Your Task Force has met with the general public and various interested groups since its conception. Those meetings have been valuable for the exchange of ideas and local information. The Task Force has also met with various Government Agencies and our own Municipal Council on 2 occasions."

Mr. Gough further indicated his hope that the above information had provided a brief outline of the accomplishments of the Task Force and he urged that Council give serious consideration to the work of the Task Force.

RECAP OF PROBLEMS AND ESTIMATED COSTS OF SOLUTIONS

Mr. Wdowiak, the next speaker, showed slides to Council to bring attention to the primary reasons for the establishment of the Storm Drainage Task Force. He advised that with control and direction in Storm Water Management the problems and effects of storm drainage, presently being experienced, can be prevented in the future.

The slides shown to Council depicted problem areas in various Districts of the County throughout all Seasons.

Mr. Wdowiak commented periodically during the slide presentation and advised that the cost for remedial work which may be required to correct such problems shown, which have resulted from a lack of storm drainage policy and design criteria, were substantial. He advised that subdivision regulations in the serviceable areas require that storm sewers are installed; however, without an adequate design control and implementation of that design, storm facilities are constructed which are inadequate. Remedial work in one area that was actually investigated was \$1,500 per lot; this was in a drainage area of approximately 500 lots. This cost would cover only minimal improvements which would make the situation tolerable. He also noted that in a developed subdivision, if the proper design criteria had been used in evolving and constructing those systems, the actual cost for implementing storm drainage within subdivisions would be minimal; in the order of \$100 to \$200 per lot and this would be the higher range that the task force has investigated, as in some instances the cost would be less.

RECOMMENDATIONS OF TASK FORCE

At this time, Mr. Jones, the Chairman of the Task Force, referred Council to the Report prepared by the Task Force, entitled "Report To Province of Nova Scotia and Municipality of the County of Halifax, Recommendations and Stormwater Policy." (please refer to Report for additional information, if required).

He advised that in addition to this document an Engineering Design Manual would be prepared which would be available for use to Engineers, Developers and people interested in subdivisions, industry, etc., in fact to everyone in Province so that for the first time in Nova Scotia, there will be a good, consistent Design Manual available.

Mr. Jones went through the Report briefly in a skeletal fashion and requested that any Councillors who have not had an opportunity to read through the document, please do so. He then reviewed at slightly greater length the nine major recommendations which have been made with the co-operation of Private Consultants in the Engineering field, other Municipal Governments and people at large whose concerns and considerations were taken into account.

The Recommendations were as follows:

1. It is recommended: that the Municipality of the County of Halifax adopt the Stormwater Policies and Design Criteria proposed by the Task Force with the intent that they form the basis for Stormwater Management in the Municipality and that the Province of Nova Scotia adopt the Stormwater Policies and Design Criteria with the intent that they form the basis for Stormwater Management elsewhere in the Province.
2. It is recommended: that the Stormwater Policy be adopted directly or by reference in the Municipal Development Plans, but that it remains as a separate document that will be implemented through the Municipal Development Plan and through other instruments available to the Municipality, i.e. Building and Sewer Regulations, By-Laws, etc.

3. It is recommended: that the Municipality instruct Municipal Staff to recommend, in consultation with appropriate Provincial Officials, Amendments to Legislation, By-Laws and-or Regulations necessary to implement the Stormwater Policies and Design Criteria.
4. It is recommended: that the Province and the Municipality consider "Stormwater Funding and Cost Sharing Proposals" prepared by the Task Force.
5. It is recommended: that the Province and the Municipality adopt the "Statement of Responsibilities for Maintenance of Storm Drainage Systems".
6. It is recommended: that the Province of Nova Scotia develop and apply regulations and-or guidelines for Erosion and Sediment Control and Stormwater Treatment.
7. It is recommended: that the Department of Transportation utilize or specify the Stormwater Policies and Design Criteria in all future road construction street improvements and paving programs.
8. It is recommended: that the Province and the Municipality each provide the necessary Staff to implement the Stormwater Policy and Design Criteria.
9. It is recommended: that the Province adopt the Legislation and-or Regulations necessary to enable control of filling and development in floodplains.

In summation of his presentation, Mr. Jones, individually thanked all members of the Task Force.

COMMENTS FROM MUNICIPAL STAFF

Mr. Meech briefly indicated his viewpoint and the viewpoint of Senior Staff. He also thanked the Task Force Members for a very fine and comprehensive effort in attempting to cope with a problem that has been with the Municipality and the Province for some time.

In his view he felt that Council would be well advised to proceed as quickly as possible in the adoption of the Recommendations contained in the Storm Drainage Task Force Report.

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS FROM COUNCIL

Several Councillors indicated problem areas within their own Districts and asked questions of the Task Force members with respect to these problems. It was the consensus of most of these Councillors that the adoption of the Stormwater Policies, Design Criteria and recommendations in the Report would assist with the existing problems and arrest a great deal of potential future problems at the development stages.

Councillor Williams and Councillor Adams were concerned with drainage problems, some specifically in their Districts and others in general, which were allegedly caused by the Department of Transportation. They felt there were still some unanswered questions regarding the responsibility for these problems.

Mr. Jones referred these Councillors to Recommendation No. 7, which he felt would eliminate many of these types of problems in the future and advised that the present problems were being worked on.

Councillor MacDonald referred to general drainage problems in his District and welcomed the Report which he felt would decrease future problems of this nature.

Councillor Benjamin was concerned with the present Government Approval of Subdivision on Hillside without proper consideration to resulting run-off and drainage difficulties. This, particularly was a problem with the Silverside Subdivision which caused flooding problems on the Portobello Road.

He was advised by Mr. Gough that the Planning Department has been aware of these problems; however, to date there has been no legal mechanism by which to curtail this development.

Councillor Benjamin also expressed his reservations regarding landfilling on lakes and water courses, done by individuals and industry, which he felt was a method of land-grabbing. He questioned whether any controls over this activity would be established.

Mr. Jones advised him that this was a Planning Matter. He agreed that it was a somewhat grey area that the Province was hoping to control. He did, however, advise that infilling of water courses was a violation of the Water Act, if done without a permit. Councillor Benjamin had also expressed concern regarding development on floodplains, which Mr. Jones also advised was a Planning Matter.

Councillor Deveaux congratulated the members of the Task Force on the formulation of the comprehensive Report and sound recommendations. He expressed regret that the recommendations were too late for some existing problems but advised they would be extremely useful in curtailing future unsatisfactory development.

Councillor Topple was in agreement with Councillor Deveaux and also indicated his pleasure that the fine Report had not cost the Municipality a great deal.

Mr. Jones agreed that the Report had been one of the most cost-effective reports he had been involved in and felt this was due largely to the Consultants who assisted in its formulation.

Councillor Topple also indicated his understanding, from reading the Report, that the Department of Transportation would, in future, be consulting with the Municipality prior to doing new roadwork. He questioned whether this was correct.

Mr. Wdowiak advised that it was correct and that there would also be consultation between developers and the Municipality.

Councillor Tople also indicated his agreement with the recommendation that reference should be made to Stormwater Management in the Municipal Development Plans.

Councillor Wiseman was in general pleased with the Report; however she expressed her concern in several areas. The following were some of these areas of concern:

1. There is representation on the Task Force from five Government Agencies but none from the Nova Scotia Housing Commission.
2. She was concerned with Overlapping jurisdiction of Municipalities and Watersheds, (boundaries , etc.)
3. Concerned with ponding areas, fencing and storage.
4. Siltation and Mud Run-Off, etc.

Mr. Jones offered solutions to some of the above, referring to the recommendations and the appendices of the Report. In regard to the non-representation of the Nova Scotia Housing Commission, he advised that they had been given opportunity to comment and through their submissions to the Storm Drainage Task Force, they had been recognized through the process.

Councillor McInroy advised that the Municipality had been waiting for this Report for some time and expressed his opinion that it was indeed a sound and comprehensive document of great value.

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

"Be It Resolved that the Municipality of the County of Halifax adopt the Stormwater Policies and the Maintenance Statement recommended by the Storm Drainage Task Force, and that the Municipal Staff be instructed, (a) to recommend, in consultation with appropriate Provincial Agencies, Amendments to Legislation, By-Laws, and-or Regulations necessary to implement the Policies and Criteria, (b) to review, in consultation with appropriate Provincial Agencies, the Stormwater Funding and Cost Sharing mechanisms, (c) to prepare recommendations regarding Staffing implications of implementing the Stormwater Policies."

Councillor Poirier questioned whether the recommendations of the Task Force would have any effect on the servicing underway in Lakeside.

Mr. Wdowiak indicated his opinion that it would not affect the Lakeside Servicing right now. He advised that the system going into Lakeside is a Clearwater System and not a Stormwater System.

Councillor Lichter expressed his reservations with a possible immediate approval of this document. Some of these were:

1. Staffing to implement the Recommendations and for the continued maintenance;

2. Cost-Sharing; the document made mention of cost-sharing but it pointed out that existing problems will be remedied by costs shared between the Municipality and those people affected by the problems. Provincial assistance was mentioned only briefly, as a possibility only. He questioned whether any of the Ministers of the Government Departments who had input into the Task Force recommendations, had committed their Departments to a percentage of cost-sharing.
3. He felt the Rural Areas would be greatly affected with the cost implications, in spite of comment in the document to the contrary.

It was Councillor Lichter's suggestion that Councillors should look at the document in further detail and return at a future date to debate all the implications of the document. He urged that Council proceed with caution and advised that he would be unable to support the recommendations at this time.

Deputy Warden MacKay spoke next on the issue; he spoke at great length in support of the Storm Drainage Task Force Recommendations, indicating the requirement for the document and advising of numerous flooding problems in his District for which, at present, there seems to be no responsible body. The Deputy Warden wholeheartedly supported the adoption of the Stormwater Management Policies and Criteria and in regard to cost, it was his opinion that the Municipality could not afford, not to accept the recommendations of the Storm Drainage Task Force.

Subsequent to further discussion, the question was called.

Moved by Councillor McInroy, seconded by Deputy Warden MacKay:

"As previously written."
Motion Carried.

On behalf of Council, Warden Lawrence thanked all members of the Storm Drainage Task Force, indicating Council's appreciation for the many months of hard work put into the document presented to Council this evening.

ADJOURNMENT

It was moved by Councillor Baker:

"THAT the Special Joint Meeting of Council and the Storm Drainage Task Force adjourn."
Motion Carried.

Therefore, the Special Joint Session adjourned at 9:55 P.M.

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REGULAR COUNCIL SESSION

FEBRUARY 2, 1982

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

ALSO PRESENT: Mr. K. R. Meech, Chief Administrative Officer
Mr. G. J. Kelly, Municipal Clerk
Mr. Robert Cragg, Municipal Solicitor
Mr. Keith Birch, Chief of Planning & Development
Mr. Lloyd Gillis, Superintendent, Municipal School Board
Mr. Albert Iceton, Fall River
Mrs. K. Patterson, Sec., Eastern Suburban High School,
District Board of Trustees
Mrs. Lassaline, Chairman, Eastern Suburban High School,
District Board of Trustees

SECRETARY: Christine E. Simmons

OPENING OF COUNCIL - THE LORD'S PRAYER

Warden Lawrence opened the Council Session 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 Benjamin, seconded by Councillor MacDonald

"THAT Christine E. Simmons be appointed Recording Secretary."
Motion Carried.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

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

"THAT the minutes of the January 5, 1982 Regular Council Session be approved."
Motion Carried.

LETTERS & CORRESPONDENCE

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

"THAT the Letters & Correspondence be Received."
Motion Carried.

Letter From Metro Aggregates Limited

Mr. Meech read to Council, the first letter, from Metro Aggregates Limited, which advised: "In accordance with the Planned Unit Development By-Law for the Municipality of the County of Halifax, and various other development regulations, we are pleased to submit our PUD application for an aggregate operation in the Rocky Lake area, District of Waverley."

The letter further advised that Metro Aggregates had held discussions with Mr. Keith Birch in regard to this proposal.

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

"THAT the PUD application from Metro Aggregates Limited be forwarded to the PAC Committee."
Motion Carried.

Prior to the passing of the motion, Mr. Meech explained that this letter was presented for Council's information only, and that the normal procedure for Staff is to have the matter placed before the PAC Committee for negotiation.

Letter From the Union of Nova Scotia Municipalities

Mr. Meech outlined this letter from the Union of Nova Scotia Municipalities which requested that the Municipality nominate its representative on the Conference Planning Committee, so that they could start on their proposal to have early Sessions dealing with the Off-Shore issue of Oil and Gas.

Warden Lawrence advised that Councillor Wiseman had been the representative of Municipal Council for the past several years on this Committee.

Subsequent to brief explanation of the duties of the Halifax County Representative on the Conference Planning Committee:

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

"THAT Councillor Wiseman be nominated for re-appointment to the Conference Planning Committee for the Union of Nova Scotia Municipalities."

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

"THAT Nominations Cease."
Motion Carried.

Therefore, Councillor Wiseman was re-appointed to the Conference Planning Committee of the Nova Scotia Municipalities for another one-year term.

Letter From Eastern Suburban High School District Board of Trustees

Mr. Meech advised that this next correspondence was directed to the Warden and members of Council from the Eastern Suburban High School District Board of Trustees. He advised that this letter was relative to Area School Rates and indicated that the Trustees at their Annual Meeting on October 19, 1981 had passed a motion, "That a sum of \$30,000 (as close to \$.01 per \$100 assessed value as possible) be levied on all those areas served by Cole Harbour High School and Gordon Bell High School to assist in funding extra-curricular activities at Gordon Bell High School and Cole Harbour High School".

He further advised that in light of the controversy that has encompassed the issue of School Area Rates in 1981, the Board of Trustees have requested an opportunity to address Council on this issue.

Warden Lawrence then advised that Mrs. Kathryn Patterson, Secretary of the Board of Trustees and Mrs. Lassaline, Chairman of the Board of Trustees were in the Council Gallery and would like to take this opportunity to speak to Council, relative to the School Area Rates.

It was agreed by Council to hear the presentation by the Chairman of the Eastern Suburban High School District Board of Trustees, Mrs. Lassaline.

Councillor Poirier requested clarification regarding whether Municipal Council also had the intention to speak to the Minister of Education in regard to this issue. Warden Lawrence advised this was so and further advised that a communication had been received from the Municipal School Board as well on this issue.

Mrs. Lassaline reiterated the motion passed at the October 19, 1981 Annual Meeting of the Trustees which had been previously stated by Mr. Meech. She also advised that during the discussion on this motion which had been passed, 40 in favour and 4 opposed (of which Councillor Topple was one), Mr. McKenna who acted as Chairman referred to Section 504 of the Education Act which states: "A majority of persons entitled to vote who are present at a regularly called School Meeting of a School Section or a School District may determine the amount required

by the Board of Trustees of the Section of the District over and above the amount provided by the Municipal School Board, for; provision of books for the School Library, maps, apparatus, equipment and supplies." The use of the area rate for extra-curricular activities was made very clear to all present. She advised that it was also made very clear in the advertising for The Annual Meeting and was explained to the Trustees that equipment, apparatus and supplies were expenses which would be covered.

Mrs. Lassaline further advised it was the understanding of the Trustees that the Physical Education program is considered to be educational and it is used as a credit course. In view of this fact, it was her feeling, that monies expended from the area rate were an extension of the Educational Program. During the 1980-1981 School Year, she advised that the following activities were assisted by the area rate:

1. The French Student Exchange Program;
2. The Astronomy Club, children belonging to the club built a telescope for the Astronomy Program;
3. The Drama Festival was assisted, a credit course at the School;
4. Student Exchange Program to Manitoba;
5. A writing competition;
6. A poetry Contest;
7. The purchase of uniforms for various teams;

Mrs. Lassaline indicated it had been suggested that students should be out fund-raising for these activities. She advised Council that it was the opinion of the Board of Trustees that this time could be better spent in School, especially in view of the combined daily operating costs of the two Schools, approximately \$10,000 a day.

Mrs. Lassaline summed up her presentation by advising that should the School Area Rate be rejected this year, the School Education System would certainly suffer.

Subsequent to Mrs. Lassaline's presentation, Council launched into a lengthy debate on the merits and disadvantages of implementing School Area Rates.

Councillor Topple advised, if the Trustees felt so strongly that the above-noted extra-curricular activities were important to the Education System, they should then attempt to convince the Department of Education to fund these activities through the School Board. He also questioned the eligibility of some of the persons in attendance at the Annual Ratepayer's Meeting, to vote on the motion that had been passed at that meeting.

Councillor Smith requested clarification on the manner in which the School Area Rate had assisted the French Student Exchange Program, mentioned by Mrs. Lassaline in her presentation. She was advised by Mrs. Lassaline that the money would have been used for transportation costs and for events which were arranged for the entertainment of the Exchange Students.