

Councillor Deveaux addressed Council at length expressing his hope that if and when any further moves of this type are initiated that the Municipal and Provincial Governments will stick together in opposition to any such relocations.

Letter From the Atlantic Child Guidance Centre

A letter from the Atlantic Child Guidance Centre was included in the agenda along with a covering memo from Mr. G. J. Kelly. Mr. Kelly's memo advised that the letter from the Centre was in respect to the appointment of a representative from the County of Halifax to the Board of Directors of the Atlantic Child Guidance Centre. This appointment would be to replace the late Councillor Williams who was a member of the Board for several years.

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

"THAT Councillor Baker be nominated for appointment to the Board of the Atlantic Child Guidance Centre."

It was moved by Deputy Warden Margeson, seconded by Councillor Snow:

"THAT Nominations Cease."
Motion Carried.

Therefore, Councillor Baker was declared nominated to the Board of the Atlantic Child Guidance Centre.

Letter From the Dartmouth General Hospital

A letter had been received from the Dartmouth General Hospital advising that Councillors Wiseman and Benjamin had served their full terms on the Dartmouth Hospital Commission. The letter requested that Council meet and nominate Councillors to fill these vacancies.

It was noted that these vacancies had been filled at the November 8, 1982 Special Council Session at which time Councillors Adams and DeRoche had been appointed.

REPORT OF THE DIRECTOR OF DEVELOPMENT

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

"THAT the Report of the Director of Development be received."
Motion Carried.

MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE REPORT

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

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

Renewal of Temporary Borrowing Resolutions

Mr. Meech outlined to Council the renewal of the following temporary borrowing resolutions which are approved annually for a one-year period.

81-2(R)	Waverley Water Job #170-W-7	\$3,500,000.00
81-2(R)	Lakeside-Timberlea Sewers	\$2,600,000.00
80-3(R)	Lakeside-Timberlea Water	\$1,700,000.00
81-2(R)	Westphal Highway # 7 Job #185-E-81 Water	\$ 200,000.00
81-1(R)	Humber Park Job #183-E-80 Sewer	\$ 185,000.00
81-1 R	Elkins Barracks Eastern Passage Sewer	\$ 100,000.00
81-1 R	Decant Pollution Control Eastern Passage	\$ 160,000.00

It was the recommendation of the Management Committee that the above Temporary Borrowing Resolutions be approved by Council.

It was moved by Deputy Warden Margeson, seconded by Councillor Wiseman:

"THAT the Temporary Borrowing Resolution No. 81-2(R) for the Waverley Water Job No. 170-W-78 be approved in the amount of \$3,500,000.00."
Motion Carried.

The above motion was approved subsequent to a lengthy up-date on the status of the job.

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

"THAT the Temporary Borrowing Resolution, No. 81-2(R) for the Lakeside-Timberlea Sewer be approved in the amount of \$2,600,000.00."
Motion Carried.

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

"THAT the Temporary Borrowing Resolution, No. 80-3(R) for the Lakeside-Timberlea Water be approved in the amount of \$1,700,000.00."
Motion Carried.

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

"THAT the Temporary Borrowing Resolution, No. 81-2(R) for the Westphal Highway No. 7, Job No. 185-E-81 be approved in the amount of \$200,000.00."
Motion Carried.

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

"THAT the Temporary Borrowing Resolution, No. 81-1(R) for the Humber Park Job No. 183-E-80 Sewer, be approved in the amount of \$185,000.00."
Motion Carried.

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

"THAT the Temporary Borrowing Resolution, No. 81-1 R, for the Elkins Barracks Eastern Passage Sewer be approved in the amount of \$100,000.00."
Motion Carried.

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

"THAT the Temporary Borrowing Resolution, No. 81-1 R, for the Decant Pollution Control Eastern Passage be approved in the amount of \$160,000.00."
Motion Carried.

SUPPLEMENTARY AGENDA

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

"THAT the Supplementary Agenda be received."
Motion Carried.

Municipality of the County of Halifax - Issuing Resolution

Mr. Meech outlined Issuing Resolution, File No. 81-1R, in the total amount of \$4,956,940.71, with an amount of issue of \$941,000 for the Dutch Settlement School. He advised that the amount of \$4,956,940.71 was the amount the Municipality was authorized to borrow by law for its remaining school capital projects and the \$941,000 was the amount required to complete the Dutch Settlement School Project.

A formal copy of the Resolution was included with the Supplementary Agenda to be approved by Municipal Council. (Please refer to Resolution for clarification).

it was moved by Councillor McInroy, seconded by Councillor Wiseman:

"THAT Issuring Resolution, File No. 87-1R in the amount of \$4,956,940.71 be approved."
(See Motion To Defer)

Councillor Lichter expressed his doubt that this Issuing Resolution was for the Dutch Settlement School as the amount to be borrowed to complete this school was approximately \$1,675,000.00. He also indicated his understanding that since the implementation of the Walker Commission Report recommendations, the Provincial Government was supposed to have taken over all capital debts for school construction.

Mr. Meech advised that the Municipality still had the responsibility of borrowing the money for its schools; however, the Province was to reimburse the Municipality annually for money expended in both principal and interest payments throughout the length of the amortization period. He advised that new school construction undertaken by the Halifax County-Bedford District School Board, would be funded by the District School Board, who would then be reimbursed by the Province in the same manner.

Mr. Meech indicated he could check with the Accounting Department to confirm which school this issuing resolution was for.

Councillor MacKay questioned how the District School Board could become responsible for long term financing when they were without collateral and had no powers of taxation. However, Mr. Meech advised that the Board was authorized to borrow money under the amendments to the Education Act.

Councillor MacKay then felt that if the Province would not be reimbursing Municipalities or the School Boards for borrowing for a year, then it was likely they may not be showing any expenditures for school construction, on their financial statements until as late as 1985. He felt this information could be used by the Municipality and the School Board to argue constructively in opposition to the moratoriums recently placed on school construction.

It was agreed that this matter would be deferred temporarily for staff to gather additional information and that the agenda would be proceeded with in the meantime.

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

"THAT the Issuing Resolution be deferred until additional information is received from Staff."
Motion Carried.

Prior to the passing of the above motion, it had already been confirmed from Mr. Ken Wilson, Director of Finance, that the school in question was the Dutch Settlement School.

Report, Re: Interest on Tax Arrears

Mr. Meech advised that a Staff recommendation has been received with respect to changing the interest rate for overdue taxes. It is being brought before Council today so that it can be implemented before December 1st, and today's Session is the last before December 1st.

The recommendation was that the interest rate be lowered to 15% per annum from the present rate of 18% per annum.

It was moved by Deputy Warden Margeson, seconded by Councillor Larsen:

"THAT the interest rate charged on overdue tax accounts be lowered to 15% per annum from the present rate of 18% per annum."
Motion Carried.

Purchase of Municipally-Owned Vehicles

Mr. Meech advised that as a result of lengthy discussion at the last Council Session, the action previously taken by the Management Committee, relative to the purchase of vehicles, has been brought to Council in the form of a recommendation to purchase three vehicles, one for the Unsightly Premises Inspector, one for the Building Inspector and One for the Sewer Maintenance Department.

The third vehicle for the Sewer Maintenance Department was intended as a maintenance truck due to the nature of the function.

Mr. Meech indicated his endorsement of this recommendation.

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

"THAT three additional vehicles be purchased by the Municipality, one for the Unsightly Premises Inspector, one for the Building Inspector and a maintenance truck for the Sewer Maintenance Department."

During the lengthy debate which followed the above motion, Mr. Ken Wilson came forward to answer questions relative to the cost saving expected by the purchase of three additional vehicles.

Councillors Lichter, DeRoche, and MacKay also questioned Mr. Wilson at length with their concerns regarding maintenance, possible employee abuse of vehicles and personal usage.

Councillors Eisenhauer and Lichter spoke at length indicating their opposition to the purchase of additional vehicles based on the minimal saving and the maintenance problems, etc. which could be encountered.

Councillors Baker and Deveaux indicated their support of the motion due to the cost saving expected by staff in lieu of high mileage.

Subsequent to the above, Councillor Adams initiated brief discussion when he questioned whether the purchase of these vehicles would go to Public Tender.

Mr. Wilson advised that tenders were invited as a much better price can be achieved through this method.

However, both Councillor Adams and Councillor Bayers felt that the vehicles should go to Public Tender and requested that they do so.

Subsequent to debate on this issue, it was agreed by the mover and seconder of the motion to incorporate this request into their motion. The question was then called on the motion.

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

"THAT three additional vehicles be purchased by the Municipality, one for the Unsightly Premises Inspector, one for the Building Inspector, and a maintenance truck for the Sewer Maintenance Department and further that the purchasing of these vehicles be done through Public Tender."
Motion Carried.

ADDITION TO AGENDA

Purchasing Policy

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

"THAT the Policy Committee consider the establishment of a Purchasing Policy by Public Tender."
Motion Carried.

Subsequent to brief discussion of this memo, during which Councillor Wiseman indicated her opposition based on the fact that Public Tender removed the Municipality's ability to negotiate, the motion was passed.

Issuing Resolution

At this time Council returned to the discussion of the Issuing Resolution as the requested information had now been received from Staff.

This information confirmed that the amount of \$941,000 from the Issuing Resolution was for the Dutch Settlement School. It also confirmed that for this project and other school projects which are the responsibility of the Municipality, the Municipality is responsible for the issuing of bonds, to raise the funds while the Province is to reimburse the Municipality annually. As well, for future projects which will be the responsibility of the District School Board, the School Board itself will be responsible for the borrowing of money to be reimbursed by the Province annually, both interest and principal.

Subsequent to further discussion relative to this issue, the question was called on the motion:

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

"THAT Issuing Resolution, File No. 81-1R in the amount of \$4,956,940.71 be approved."
Motion Carried.

Subsequent to above, Council recessed for 10 minutes.

Appointments to Metropolitan Authority and Metropolitan Transit Commission

Mr. Meech advised that there has been a memorandum circulated from his office advising of the legislative requirements with respect to appointments to both the Metropolitan Authority and the Metropolitan Transit Commission. He advised that this information had not been brought to the attention of the Nominating Committee prior to their initial report which was accepted by Council November 8, 1982.

The memorandum from Mr. Meech read:

"I am advised by Mort Jackson, Executive Director, Metropolitan Authority, that representation on the above-noted Boards is provided by legislation which states that three members of Council shall be appointed to Metropolitan Authority, one of which shall be the Warden and secondly, that Council shall nominate two Council Representatives for appointment to the Metropolitan Transit Commission however the actual appointments would be made by the Metropolitan Authority. Additionally, it has been clarified that one of the members appointed to the Metropolitan Transit Commission must also be a member of the Metropolitan Authority.

Mr. Meech advised, that the Nominating Committee met yesterday and now has a recommendation to be made to Council.

Councillor MacKay, Chairman of the Nominating Committee reported the following recommendation to Council:

That he (Councillor MacKay) be removed from the Metropolitan Authority and be replaced by Councillor MacDonald who is presently sitting on the Metropolitan Transit Commission, and that Councillor MacDonald be removed from the Board of Ocean View Manor and be replaced by Councillor MacKay.

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

"THAT Councillor MacKay be taken off the Metropolitan Authority and be replaced by Councillor MacDonald and further that Councillor MacDonald be taken off the Board of Oceanview Manor and be replaced by Councillor MacKay."
Motion Carried.

Dempster Crescent Drainage Problem

Warden MacKenzie indicated his intention to discuss this item later in the agenda and to proceed now with the Policy Committee Report.

POLICY COMMITTEE REPORT

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

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

Swimming Pool By-Law

Mr. Meech outlined the Policy Committee Report relative to this item, advising that the The Policy Committee has considered for some time, the need to have a swimming pool by-law in the Municipality of the County of Halifax. (A draft copy of the proposed by-law was included in the Council agenda - Please refer to by-law) .

It was the recommendation of the Policy Committee that this By-Law be approved by Municipal Council.

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

"THAT the Swimming Pool By-Law, as prepared by the Municipal Solicitor and recommended by the Policy Committee be approved by Municipal Council."
(See Motion to Defer)

During the lengthy debate which ensued the following concerns were discussed:

1. The By-Law did not specify any minimum height for the required fence; also with regard to the fence, it was noted that it should not be required to go around the entire pool, if the pool is bordered on one side by a building.
2. It was also felt by some Councillors that the fencing should apply to both In-Ground and Above-Ground Pools.
3. Councillors Reid and Lichter did not feel that the By-Law should apply in the Rural areas of the Municipality.

Several Policy Committee Members felt that the By-Law proposed today was not exactly as they had intended it. Subsequently, it was requested that the By-Law be sent back to the Committee for further discussion.

It was moved by Councillor DeRoche, seconded by Councillor Snow:

"THAT the draft Swimming Pool By-Law be referred back to the Policy Committee for further discussion and that a recommendation be brought back to Council at a later date."
Motion Carried.

Canada Ports Corporation

Mr. Meech advised that the Policy Committee had discussed the establishment of a Canada Ports Corporation. A letter had been received by Warden MacKenzie from the Chairman of the Halifax Port Authority in regard to the Canada Ports Corporation. This letter had advised that a Bill, No. C-92 entitled the "Canada Ports Corporation Act" was passed by Parliament on July 26, 1982, and received Royal Assent on August 4, 1982. It was expected that the proclamation date for this Bill would be January 1, 1983.

The letter further indicated that the purpose of this Bill was to give effect to a Ports Policy which offers greater participation in regional and national port planning and a high degree of autonomy to ports that are financially self-sufficient.

The letter also advised: "Local Port Corporations may be established at those Ports electing to seek a high degree of autonomy in their operations and management. This would be done through application to the Minister of Transport, through the Board of Canada Ports Corporation, following the proclamation of the legislation.

The criteria set out in Section 6.1(1) of the Act for the establishment of a local port corporation are:-

- a) the port is of national and regional significance;
- b) there is a demonstrated local interest in the management of the port; and,
- c) the port will likely be financially self-sufficient.

Upon the proclamation of the Act, the present four members of the National Harbours Board will be replaced with a Board of Directors comprised of a Chairman, Vice-Chairman and the President and not less

than eight but not more than fourteen directors appointed by the Governor in General pursuant to the Act.

All existing Port Authorities as of December 31, 1982, will cease to exist. The Port General Manager for an interim period between then and the establishment of Local Port Corporations or Local Advisory Committees would operate under direction from the Canada Ports Corporation in Ottawa."

In addition to this letter, the agenda also included the following information: (Please refer to agenda for details).

1. Objectives of the National Ports Policy;
2. Establishment of the Canada Ports Corporation;
3. Appointment to the Canada Ports Corporation;
4. Responsibilities of the Canada Ports Corporation;
5. Establishment of Local Port Corporations;
6. Appointments to the Local Port Corporation;
7. Responsibilities of the Local Port Corporation.

It was the recommendation of the Policy Committee that the Municipality agree in principal with the establishment of a Ports Corporation at the Port of Halifax.

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

"THAT the Municipality of the County of Halifax agree in principle with the establishment of a Ports Corporation at the Port of Halifax."
Motion Carried.

The above motion was carried subsequent to brief discussion in which Councillor MacKay expressed his reservations with regard to the criteria of the establishment of a Port Corporation which indicated: "the port will likely be financially self-sufficient." The Councillor's concern was that the Municipality may be expected to contribute financially to the Corporation. However, the Councillor was willing to agree "in principle".

Residential Rehabilitation Assistance Program

The Policy Committee had discussed the possibility of the Municipality of the County of Halifax becoming the Delivery Agent for the Residential Rehabilitation Assistance Program. (A Report from Keith Birch, Chief of Planning and Development was attached to the agenda - Please refer to Report for details).

It was the recommendation of the Policy Committee, subsequent to discussion of the information presented, that the Municipal Council aggressively pursue becoming the Delivery Agent for the Residential Rehabilitation Assistance Program for the County of Halifax.

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

"THAT the Municipality of the County of Halifax aggressively pursue becoming the Delivery Agent for the RRAP Program of C.M.H.C. in the County of Halifax."
(See Motion to Amend.)

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

"THAT the Municipality also pursue becoming the Delivery Agent for the Urban Rehabilitation Assistance Program."
Amendment Carried.

The question was then called on the motion as amended.

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

"THAT the Municipality of the County of Halifax aggressively pursue becoming the Delivery Agent for the Rural Rehabilitation Assistance Program of C.M.H.C. and further that the Municipality also pursue becoming the Delivery Agent for the Urban Rehabilitation Assistance Program."
Motion Carried.

ADDITION OF ITEMS - COUNCILLOR MACKAY

Response From Minister of Municipal Affairs, Re: Municipal Board Investigating all Facets of Metropolitan Authority

Mr. Meech had received a written response from the Minister and has since that time had a number of consultations with the Deputy Minister. He advised that as recently as Friday of last week the information was that the Minister is in the process of putting before Cabinet a recommendation that some body, whether it be the Municipal Board or an independent Judge or Commissioner, be appointed to examine the Metropolitan Authority. However, Mr. Meech's information from the Deputy Minister, is that the Minister at this point still feels that it would be better to proceed on the specific matter of representation initially without expanding it to the other areas such as composition, jurisdiction, etc.

Subsequent to brief discussion:

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

"THAT a letter be directed to the Minister of Municipal Affairs requesting that the Municipal Board examine the Metropolitan Authority in its entirety."
Motion Carried.

Remuneration of Deputy Warden

Councillor MacKay had also suggested that the matter of the Deputy Warden's remuneration be placed on the agenda. He felt that at the time when Councillors had been given their 12% cost-of-living increase, effective after the 1982 Municipal Election, the honorarium of \$2,000 allocated to the Deputy Warden had been mistakenly overlooked.

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

"THAT the 12% cost-of-living increase, to Councillor's base salary also be applied to the \$2,000 honorarium afforded to the Deputy Warden."

Motion Withdrawn.

The motion was withdrawn in deference to Deputy Warden Margeson who expressed his opinion that the honorarium should be left as is; he felt that it was sufficient that the Deputy Warden also received 12% on the base salary and indicated his feeling that it had not been Council's intent, when the increment was approved, that it also apply to the honorarium.

This opinion was shared by Councillors Eisenhauer, Wiseman, and Deveaux who also spoke in regard to the motion.

NEW BUSINESS

Scott Paper Labour Strike - Councillor Reid

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

"THAT a letter be written to the Premier of the Province of Nova Scotia requesting that he take immediate action towards the resolution of the labour strike at the Scott Pulp and Paper Mill, Abercrombie, N.S."

Motion Carried.

School Bus Service - Councillor Snow

Councillor Snow advised that an elementary school-aged child had been struck and killed in the past week in front of the G. P. Vanier School. He felt this had some bearing on the lack of sidewalk facilities and adequate bus service in the area.

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

"THAT a letter be written to the Halifax County-Bedford District School Board requesting that School Bus Service be reinstated from Swartzwald Subdivision to George P. Vanier School until such time as sidewalks and road construction are completed."

Motion Carried.

Hazardous Walking Conditions for School Children - Councillor Gaetz

Councillor Gaetz indicated that hazardous Walking Conditions were also a problem for elementary-aged children in his District, particularly at the junction of the Porter's Lake Station on Highway No. 7 where it intersects with Highway No. 107.

Councillor DeRoche indicated that there was also a severe problem of the same nature in front of the William Ross School where the four-lane Highway intersects.

Councillor Adams was concerned with the speed limit in the area, advising that all along the No. 7 Highway drivers are exceeding the speed limit while on route to the cities.

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

"THAT a letter be written to the Department of Transportation requesting that a survey of the student traffic and vehicular traffic along the No. 7 Highway be undertaken with a view to reducing the speed limit at certain hours, i.e. school opening and closing."

Motion Carried.

Transit - Councillor Baker

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

"THAT a letter be written to the Metropolitan Transit Commission requesting a response to the Municipality's previous correspondence which requested an extension of Transit Services to the "Look Off" from where it presently stops on the Herring Cove Road."

Motion Carried.

Report, Re: Dempster Crescent Drainage Problem - Councillor Adams

This item was left over from the Supplementary Agenda but was dealt with under New Business.

Mr. Meech advised that a Report had been received from Staff relative to the Drainage Problem at Dempster Crescent which indicates staff's opinion that the drainage problems are not a result of paving of the Roadway by the Department of Transportation. Staff felt that the problem was a result of a high water table.

Councillor Adams advised that he found the Report of Staff unacceptable; and made the following motion:

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

"THAT the Staff Report be rejected and that Staff address itself to the last paragraph of the Report."
(Motion Withdrawn).

The last paragraph of the Report contained the following: "It would be more desirable to accurately determine the source of the high ground-water table and determine what solution, if any, exists which could be recommended in order to remedy the existing problem."

However, upon the recommendation of Mr. Meech to refer the matter back to the Management Committee for further investigation, Councillor Adams and Councillor DeRoche agreed to withdraw the motion and placed the following motion on the floor.

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

"THAT the Report, Re: Drainage Problems at Dempster Crescent be referred back to the Management Committee and at which time the matter is discussed, both Mr. Tam and Councillor Adams be invited to sit with the Committee."
Motion Carried.

District Grant Funding - Councillor Deveaux

Councillor Deveaux advised that he had requested a month or so ago, funding from his District Capital Grant to prepare a Recreation area in his District. He advised that this grant was approved by the Policy Committee last Friday; although it was not on the agenda today, he requested that Council approve this grant today in the amount of \$3,500.00 so that work could begin before weather conditions prohibit the development of this Recreation Area.

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

"THAT a District Grant from District No. 6 be allocated for the development of a Recreation Area in the Islandview Sub-division, Eastern Passage, in the amount of \$3,500.00."
Motion Carried.

Addition to Next Council Agenda - Councillor MacKay

Councillor MacKay requested that the following item be placed on the next Council agenda: Time of Council Sessions.

ADJOURNMENT

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

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

Therefore, there being no further business the Council Session adjourned at 6:05 p.m.

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DECEMBER 7, 1982

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Deputy Warden Margeson
Councillor Walker
Councillor Poirier
Councillor Larsen
Councillor Gaudet
Councillor Baker
Councillor Deveaux
Councillor DeRoche
Councillor Adams
Councillor Gaetz
Councillor Bayers
Councillor Reid
Councillor Lichter
Councillor Snow
Councillor MacKay
Councillor McInroy
Councillor Eisenhauer
Councillor MacDonald
Councillor Wiseman
Councillor Mont

ALSO PRESENT: Mr. K. R. Meech, Chief Administrative Officer
Mr. G. J. Kelly, Municipal Clerk
Mr. Bob Cragg, Municipal Solicitor
Mr. Lloyd Gillis, Chief Executive Officer, - Halifax
County-Bedford District School Board
Mr. Keith Birch, Chief of Planning & Development
Mr. Ed Wdowiak, Director of Engineering
Mr. Brant Wishart, Staff Planner

SECRETARY: Christine E. Simmons

OPENING OF COUNCIL - THE LORD'S PRAYER

Warden MacKenzie brought the Regular 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 DeRoche, seconded by Councillor Baker:

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

ADDITION TO AGENDAHerring Cove Junior High - Christmas Daddies

Warden MacKenzie introduced to Council Mr. Kenneth Kilvert, Principal of Herring Cove Junior High School and Heidi Reyno, President of the School's Student Council.

Warden MacKenzie advised the Councillors that the Herring Cove Junior High School had raised \$7,500 for the Christmas Daddies this year and had retained the Rubber Duck Award for doing so. This School had raised approximately \$25,000 for the show in the past five years.

Mr. Kilvert spoke to Council indicating his pride in the school, a small school having only 263 students, and also his pride in the community which had responded so well to the student's cause.

Miss Reyno as well indicated her thanks to those who helped to make the project a success.

Councillor Baker, the area's Council representative advised that the work the students had put into this project was a display of true Christianity and was what Christmas was all about.

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

"THAT a Halifax County Plaque be issued to the Herring Cove Junior High School and further that this Plaque be presented to the Student Body by Councillor Baker."
Motion Carried.

Mr. Kilvert and Miss Reyno retired from the Council Session.

Motion, Re: 107 By-Pass

Mr. Meech advised that the adhoc Committee set up to discuss the issue of the proposed 107 By-Pass had met and prepared a resolution to be communicated to the Premier and the Minister of Transportation. The resolution was also to be communicated to the City of Dartmouth to be discussed by their Council.

The resolution was as follows:

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

"THAT the Municipal Council support the proposed 107 By-Pass (Port Wallace route) and further that this decision be communicated to the Mayor and Council members of Dartmouth City and further that this decision be communicated to the Premier and the Minister of Transportation."
Motion Carried.

MEETING WITH MR. LLOYD GILLIS, CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER - HALIFAX COUNTY-BEDFORD DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD

Mr. Lloyd Gillis of the Halifax County-Bedford District School Board was present to discuss with Council the first of the quarterly reports of the School Board.

Copies of this Report were distributed to Council and contained information relative to the Education Program, Teaching Staff and School Capital Construction. (Please refer to the Report for detailed information).

Most of the Council debate centered around the section of the Report entitled "Capital Construction".

The Report identified the following projects currently lifted from under the moratorium:

1. Hillside Park - completed Sept. 1982 with one major deficiency;
2. Dutch Settlement - Under construction, completion projected for January, 1983;
3. Cole Harbour Elementary - Site purchased by Province and preliminary planning in progress. Construction to begin after April, 1983;
4. Beaverbank Jr. High - Approval to finalize site selection granted on Nov. 29, 1982. Plans to be prepared immediately;
5. Beaverbank Elementary - Approval granted to purchase site. Plans to be prepared so that construction can commence during 1983-1984 Provincial Fiscal Year;
6. Lower Sackville Elementary - Approval granted to allow planning and construction also in 1983-1984 fiscal year. Concern, Re: the construction of a Primary to six or Primary to nine will be discussed with the Minister of Education on December 15, 1982;
7. Musquodoboit Rural High School - Approval granted by Cabinet to proceed with plans for major capital improvements after April, 1983. However, correspondence has been received from the Minister of Education which makes the project unclear. (correspondence attached)

The Report also indicated that the following projects had been formerly lifted from the moratorium and are presently on hold:

1. Sheet Harbour Consolidated School Addition & Renovations.
2. Humber Park School Addition and Renovations.
3. Bell Park Academic Centre Addition.

As well the Report identified schools for which applications are filed with the Department of Education and to which no response has yet been received. (Please refer to Report).

The Report advised: "At its most recent meeting, the District Board established school site committees for Bedford-Sackville-Waverley and Eastern Suburban and these Committees will work closely with the Department of Education and Government Services to oversee the development of facilities presently approved for these areas.

The Board also has a meeting scheduled with the Minister of Education for Wednesday, December 15, at which time school capital construction will form a major part of the agenda."

Councillor Reid questioned Mr. Gillis as to whether or not the Musquodoboit Rural High School has been placed under the moratorium again; he advised that from reading the letter from Terrance Donahue which had been attached to the School Board Report, this appeared to be the case.

Mr. Gillis could not answer this question at the present time and advised that it would be brought up in the up-coming discussion with the Minister at the meeting which is scheduled for December 15, 1982.

Councillor Walker questioned whether the Sir John A. Gymnasium had been completed.

Mr. Gillis advised that this project had been on the Province's Capital Maintenance Budget so, if approved, it would have been undertaken next year. However, it had been taken out of the budget due to Provincial Cut-Backs in that budget.

Councillor Walker then indicated that he had been at a School Area Rate Meeting last week for this school and had been shocked at the items they were trying to raise a school area rate for. He felt these items, (learning equipment), should have been supplied by the School Board.

Mr. Gillis indicated his awareness that the School had been trying to replace large amounts of equipment which they felt were no longer satisfactory.

Councillor Walker advised that the residents at the meeting were amazed that the equipment they were asking for and could not have supplied by the School Board, was the same equipment that some other Schools in the Municipality had in plenty.

Mr. Gillis indicated that they are comparing their allocation of equipment to schools that have been built more recently. He indicated that there has not been provision in the School Board's Budget or in the Department of Education funding up until this time, to handle large scale replacement of equipment. They have been replacing some equipment but have only been able to replace a small amount in relation to what the total need is. However, he indicated that the School Board is attempting to replace as much out of date equipment as possible.

He also advised that one provision which the Board now has which they did not have before is the 2% allowance of the value of the dollars generated by the funding formula for capital equipment or improvement to buildings. He advised that the District Board was allocated 2% of approximately \$50,000,000.00 which means that approximately \$1,000,000.00 was put into the Board's budget to handle the replacement and repair of equipment and furniture, the improvements to school building, etc.

He advised that last year was the first time that the Board had the guarantee that this funding was available. He advised that prior to that the Municipality received from the Board, a list of capital goods which they wished to buy every year. Council would approve this but there was no guarantee that once approved by Council it would be approved in full by the Province. He advised that the School Board should be able to do a better job of replacing equipment with this new guarantee of funding.

Councillor DeRoche requested some indication from Mr. Gillis, on the basis of his on-going meetings and conversations with the Provincial Department of Education, as to what he feels the projection would be for School Capital Projects on hold and School Capital Projects which are on file with the Province for 1983.

Mr. Gillis advised that the prognosis is not very good at this time, because the normal channels through which these facilities and projects were processed have been closed.

Councillor Adams requested clarification of a letter contained in the agenda from the Minister of Education, received by the Chief Administrative Officer, October 5, 1982.

Mr. Meech advised that this correspondence was included in the Agenda today to bring to Council's attention that a response has been received from the Minister relative to Council's decision that the Municipality would agree, in co-operation with the Department of Education, to transfer entire responsibility for all School Capital Projects which had begun to the District School Board for their action; however, in the motion of Council in which this decision was made there was an exemption of the Beaverbank Elementary School. As a result of this the Minister responded requesting that Council reconsider exempting this School.

The Deputy Warden explained that he had initiated the exemption of the Beaverbank Elementary School from the motion as he had felt that the Municipality was far enough along with the School to complete it on our own.

It was agreed by Council to defer any further discussion of this correspondence until it can be dealt with under "Letters and Correspondence".

Councillors Deveaux, McInroy and Wiseman expressed their appreciation of the quarterly report from Mr. Gillis. Councillor Deveaux also indicated he was looking forward to working with Mr. Gillis as he was now a new member of School Board. Councillor Wiseman also added, with respect to the remarks of Councillor Walker regarding the replacement of equipment, that in consideration of the amount of money the School Board had at its disposal, a great deal of progress has been made in replacing equipment and implementing new programs.

Councillor Gaudet questioned Mr. Gillis as to what happened to the Atlantic Memorial School as it was not on the list in the quarterly report. Mr. Gillis advised that he would have to investigate this matter and get back to the Councillor; he did, however, express some doubt that this application had ever gone down to the Minister subsequent to being discussed at the School Board level.

Councillor Poirier advised that the floor of the gymnasium at the Sir John A. MacDonald School was dangerous to those children using the gym; she questioned what the outlook for next year would be with regard to the floor.

Mr. Gillis advised that last year was the first time this problem had been brought to the attention of the Board; a consultants report was prepared which indicated there was a fault in the floor with a large differential of one and one-half inch between the high and the low spots on the floor. He advised that this difficulty was in the floor at the time it was constructed. Mr. Gillis could not say where this project fits within priorities of the other projects which had to be completed in this same school. However, he advised that this item would be brought forward again by Staff and discussed at budget time.

Deputy Warden Margeson thanked Mr. Gillis as well for the Report brought forward this afternoon. He also advised in regard to the noise and vibration problems experienced at the Hillside Park School which Mr. Gillis had touched on in his initial review of the Report, that this will be discussed at an upcoming Management Committee Meeting at which the Architect will be in attendance.

Warden MacKenzie also thanked Mr. Gillis on behalf of Council, subsequent to which Mr. Gillis retired from the Council Session.

PRESENTATION FROM THE YOUTH ALTERNATIVE PROJECT

Ms. Cheryl Pycard, Executive Director of the Youth Alternative Society, Ms. Mary Meisener, President of the Society, Judge Paul S. Niedermayer, Family Court of P.N.S., Mr. Peter Roberts, Treasurer of the Youth Alternative Society and Superintendent Calvin A. J. Bungay of the Halifax Subdivision of the R.C.M.P. joined Council at this time to make a presentation relative to the Youth Alternative Program.

A comprehensive Report regarding the Youth Alternative Program which included information regarding the Society's background, statistics and financial information was distributed to all Councillors for their perusal. As well Ms. Mary Meisener made the following presentation to Council.

She advised:

"The Youth Alternative Society began in November of 1978, as a three year demonstration project under the auspices and financial support of the Federal Department of the Solicitor General and the Provincial Department of Social Services. This project attempted to explore the

possibility of using a community to solve the problems of young offenders and victims and to demonstrate the feasibility of implementing a post-charge, pre-trial, screening agency as an alternative to Court.

The project reflected many of the proposed changes to be incorporated into the Young Offenders Act and was developed purposely to experiment with these changes.

In October of 1981 the demonstration grant expired and the Province of Nova Scotia agreed to fund the project until March of 1982. The project's Management Committee, at the time felt that the program should continue as a private, non-profit organization and therefore, the project was incorporated under the Societies Act of Nova Scotia on September 25, 1981. A Board of Directors was elected and they are responsible for the program's development and management. At the present time, the services of the Society are in the County of Halifax, the Town of Bedford and the City of Dartmouth. It's objectives are three-fold as the Society is dealing with three characters.

1. To involve the Youth in taking responsibility for their behaviour and actively participating in the resolution of the problems created by their offence;
2. To involve the victim in the process to ensure their concerns and needs are considered in reaching an appropriate resolution;
3. To involve the community in resolution of minor legal difficulties of the young person.

The present eligibility criteria are first that the Youth be between the ages of 8 and 15 inclusive and charges with an offence under the Juvenile Delinquents Act. The crime committed must be of a non-violent nature, i.e. shoplifting, break and enter or theft. The youth must be referred by the Police or other informant. Family Court Judges can also refer youth as a sentencing option.

There is considerable volunteer involvement with the program; the Board of Directors comprises a variety of professions some of which include Police, Legal, Judiciary, Social Services, Correction and School Personnel. In addition, there are the mediators or volunteers and these persons are responsible for conducting the Hearings between the Victims and the Youths. Training for this is provided on an on-going basis.

The funding for the Society as it exists today since the fiscal year April 1982 to March 1983 has come from four sources:

1. The Nova Scotia Law Foundation;
2. The Nova Scotia Department of Social Services;
3. Town of Bedford;
4. Membership Fees.

There have been several developments with regard to the Society, the first is the anticipated implementation of the Young Offender's Act, which speaks to alternative measures. The second is the consideration

of a pre-charge component, a new aspect of the program for which the Society has sought funding from the Solicitor General. The third new development of the program is opening branch offices and already a branch has been opened in the Town of Bridgewater. The Society has also approached various Towns in the Valley with regard to branches there."

Subsequent to the above presentation, Ms. Meisener advised that the Society was requesting funding in the amount of \$4,000.00 for the fiscal year 1983 to 1984.

At this time, the Society Representatives proceeded with the slide presentation which depicted the program in various stages; i.e. a Hearing at which the Youth, his parents, the victim, the arresting Officer, etc. were present.

Upon completion of the slides, Superintendent Bungay was requested for his views with respect to the program. He advised that the Department was extremely enthusiastic about the program for the following reasons:

1. The program is effective, having an extremely high success rate. The rate of success is gaged by the amount of times a crime is repeated. He indicated to Council that there have been few, if any, cases of repetition.
2. The program is economically advantageous as it requires Police Officers to spend less time in Court.
3. To be eligible for the program the Youth must acknowledge his crime, which the Department feels is necessary in breaking criminal patterns.

Deputy Warden Margeson, Councillor MacDonald, Councillor Gaetz and Councillor Adams spoke enthusiastically in support of the program as well.

Subsequent to further questioning in which it was clarified that the City of Halifax does not participate in the program as they have their own, somewhat similar program in effect, the following motion was made:

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

"THAT the Council of the Municipality of the County of Halifax go on record as endorsing the work of the Youth Alternative Society in Halifax County."
Motion Carried.

Warden MacKenzie advised the group to submit their request for a grant in writing to the Municipality so that it could be considered along with other grant requests when they are dealt with in 1983.

Subsequently, the representatives from the Society retired from the Council Chambers.

SHEET HARBOUR MAINSTREET PROGRAM

The following Gentlemen joined Council for the discussion of this item:

1. Mr. Paul Dares, Business Improvement District Committee;
2. Mr. Mike Broomfield, Director of Tourism, Eastern Shore;
3. Mr. Brian Smith, Sheet Harbour Board of Trade;
4. Mr. Blois Smith, Sheet Harbour Board of Trade;
5. Mr. David Gammon, Business Improvement District Committee;
6. Mr. Ed Goguen, Goguen Sperry MacLellan & Associates;
7. Mr. Tom McInnis, Minister of Municipal Affairs and MLA for Halifax - Eastern Shore;
8. Mr. Brant Wishart, Staff Planner.

Mr. Brant Wishart advised Council that last year the Municipality had approved a \$600 grant (in addition to \$3,000 from the Province), for the first phase of the Sheet Harbour Mainstreet Program, in order to complete a beautification design study. This study was undertaken by Goguen Sperry MacLellan & Associates who provided the Municipality with a Conceptual Plan.

Mr. Brian Smith of the Sheet Harbour Board of Trade and a member of the Business Improvement District Committee, advised that they were here today to request further financial assistance for the second phase of the program to up-date the Down-Town core and help strengthen the businesses for residents and Tourists.

A slide presentation was presented to Council at this time which depicted the Sheet Harbour Business Area as it was and how it would be once the Mainstreet Program was implemented.

Subsequent to the presentation, Mr. McInnis was asked for his comments in regard to the project. He advised:

"The Mainstreet Program is a large program in other areas of the Province, although it has not been taken advantage of in Halifax County. It is similar to the Waterfront Development Program which is a great Tourist Attraction. The Sheet Harbour Mainstreet Program is expected to become a Tourist Attraction on a smaller scale.

In Sheet Harbour there is 20% to 25% unemployment. We have to draw on the resources of the Tourist Industry and this program is a prelude to developing the Tourism Industry in Sheet Harbour.

We do not have all the capital costs associated with the project as yet, but we do intend to draw on every possible program such as Provincial and Federal Make-Work Programs.

The Minister of the Department of Development was in Sheet Harbour and endorsed it publicly. The Minister sees the need to take advantage of the potential Tourist Industry in Sheet Harbour.

I encourage you to look upon the Sheet Harbour Mainstreet Program favourably; Sheet Harbour is a Beautiful Community, much more so than the Slides could show. There are lands in Sheet Harbour held by the Province which are ripe for Tourist attractions and Tourism Facilities. This will assist in curing a chronic unemployment problem."

Subsequent to the above, the Minister requested that Municipal Council endorse the Mainstreet Concept with a view to participating financially in the 1983 Fiscal Year.

Mr. Michael Broomfield also spoke to Council briefly with regard to Sheet Harbour's Tourism potential with the implementation of the Mainstreet Program.

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

"THAT the Municipality of the County of Halifax approve, in principle, the second phase of the Sheet Harbour Mainstreet Program."
Motion Carried.

Subsequently, Mr. McInnis, Mr. Broomfield, Mr. Dares, Mr. Gammon, Mr. Brian Smith, Mr. Goguen, Mr. Blois Smith and Mr. Wishart retired from the Council Chambers.

At this point in the meeting Deputy Warden Margeson temporarily assumed the Role of Chairman of the Council Session as the Warden was excused to attend another matter.

MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE REPORT

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

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

Seabright Surplus School Property

Mr. Meech read the Management Committee's recommendation relative to the disposal of this School Property, as follows:

"That the Seabright surplus school property be leased to the St. Margaret's Bay Community at a price of \$1.00 per year, subject to the discontinuance of the listing agreement with the Real Estate Agent and further that the community also be responsible for the maintenance and the operational costs of the property."

Councillor Larsen advised that at the time the Seabright School was declared surplus and advertised for lease by community groups, there was no interest expressed in it by the community because they were unaware of it. They also missed the advertisement in the paper for a bid on the property. At that time, there was a small youth program in the community, operated by Mrs. Jackie Depew out of her home. However, her residence proved to be too small to handle the project and she had been forced to discontinue it.

Since then Mr. Mel Boutlier has been attempting to begin a new Youth program in the St. Margaret's Bay area. This would be an organized, youth-oriented program where community adults and young people can work together to help each other create worthwhile activities to provide recreation, entertainment, community help projects and assist in the development of a sense of community togetherness. Mr. Boutlier was requesting that the Surplus School Property be made available to the Organization.

Since no acceptable offers were received when the property was advertised for sale by public tender, it was listed with a Real Estate Agent. Two offers were received, both well below the appraised value of \$37,600.00.

Mr. Meech advised that the Management Committee had determined that both offers could be rejected as they were significantly below the appraised value and subsequently the property could be leased to the community when the listing agreement with the Real Estate Agent runs out or the Real Estate Agent could be requested by the Municipality to drop the listing on the basis that the same agent would be used for future listings and appraisals. Mr. Meech advised that staff has received a satisfactory agreement with the Agent and he has agreed to drop the listing. Therefore, the Municipality is free to lease the property to the St. Margaret's Bay Community for use as a Youth Centre.

It was moved by Councillor Larsen, seconded by Councillor MacDonald.

"THAT the Seabright surplus School Property be leased to the St. Margaret's Bay Christian Youth Association at a price of \$1.00 per year, and further that the community also be responsible for the maintenance and the operational costs of the property."
Motion Carried.

As noted in the above motion, the name selected for the Organization at a recent meeting was the St. Margaret's Bay Christian Youth Association.

Councillor Larsen introduced the members of the Organization who were present in the Council Chambers prior to their retiring from the Chambers.

He also advised Council, in response to brief questioning, that the Organization estimates a cost of \$4,200 per year to operate and maintain the centre.

Brookside School Property

Mr. Meech outlined the Management Committee recommendation relative to this surplus school property. The recommendation was moved and seconded as follows:

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

"THAT the Brookside School Surplus property be sold to Ross MacDonald for the purchase price of \$24,500. for use as a medical clinic and pharmacy."
Motion Carried.

Councillor MacKay questioned what had happened relative to the Partridge River School; "did the Organization which was given 30 days to come forward with the money, do so? "

Mr. Meech could not answer the question at this time, but took it under advisement and indicated that he would get back to the Councillor as soon as possible with the information.

SUPPLEMENTARY ITEM

It was agreed by Council to deal at this time with a Supplementary Item.

Resolution, Re: Debenture Issue 82-D-1 - \$559,000.00

Mr. Meech advised that a resolution was required to approve Debenture No. 82-D-1 in the total amount of \$559,000.00 to fund the following projects:

<u>Job #</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Amount</u>
184-W-80	Looping Water Mains, Connolly Road, Sackville	\$ 22,146.94
188-W-81	Uplands Park Water Ext.	\$ 73,300.41
170-W-78	Waverley Water	\$125,552.65
142-137-138-L78A	Lakeside Water	<u>\$338,000.00</u>
<u>Total amount of Debenture</u>		<u>\$559,000.00</u>

Mr. Meech advised that the interest rate to be charged for this debenture would be 12.92%, an extremely low rate, which is why it is recommended that the Municipality take advantage of this rate at this time.

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

"THAT the Debenture Issue, No. 82-D-1 in the amount of \$559,000.00 be approved at the rate of 12.92%."
Motion Carried.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

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

"THAT the Minutes of the November 2, 1982 Regular Council Session be approved."
Motion Carried.

GUARANTEE RESOLUTION, METROPOLITAN AUTHORITY

Mr. Meech outlined to Council a Guarantee Resolution in the agenda; this resolution for the Metropolitan Authority was in the amount of \$1,238,900, of which less than 25% was guaranteed to be raised by the Municipality with the remaining funds to be raised by the other Municipalities participating in the Metropolitan Authority.

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

"Whereas the Metropolitan Authority of Halifax, Dartmouth and the Municipality of the County of Halifax was constituted a body corporate under the provisions of Part I of the Metropolitan Authority of Halifax, Dartmouth and the Municipality of the County of Halifax being Chapter 9 of the Acts of 1978; And Whereas the Metropolitan Authority pursuant to Section 25 of the Act, has determined to borrow the aggregate principal amount of One Million Two Hundred Thirty-eight Thousand Nine Hundred Dollars (\$1,238,900) and has applied to the City of Halifax, City of Dartmouth and the Municipality of the County of Halifax for its guarantee of the principal and interest to which the borrowing relates; And Whereas Section 26 provides that the Municipality of the County of Halifax is empowered to guarantee unconditionally repayment of every borrowing by the Metropolitan Authority and the Metropolitan Authority shall obtain the approval of the Minister of Municipal Affairs; And Whereas Section 6 of the Municipal Act provides that no guarantee of a borrowing by a Municipal Unit shall have effect unless the Minister has approved of the proposed debentures and of the proposed guarantee by said Section 26 of the Act respecting the Metropolitan Authority of Halifax, Dartmouth and the County of Halifax, applies to any guarantee by the Metropolitan Authority; Be It Therefore Resolved That the Municipality of the County of Halifax do hereby guarantee the borrowing by the Authority of One Million Two Hundred Thirty-Eight Thousand Nine Hundred Dollars (\$1,238,900); That subject to the approval of the Minister of Municipal Affairs, the guarantee repayment of the principal and interest of the borrowing so made; That the Warden and Clerk of the Municipality of the County of Halifax do sign the guarantee attached to each of the debentures and affix thereto the corporate seal of the Municipality."
Motion Carried.

It was moved by Councillor Mont, seconded by Councillor Snow:

"THAT the Policy Committee consider and recommend to Council a definition of the role of Council Members on the Metropolitan Authority and their role in Reporting to Council."
Motion Carried.

SUPPER ADJOURNMENT

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

"THAT Council adjourn for twenty minutes for Supper."
Motion Carried.

LETTERS AND CORRESPONDENCE

At this time in the Council Session, Warden MacKenzie resumed his role as Chairman.

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

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

Letter From the Minister of the Department of Transportation

A letter was received from the Minister of Transportation in response to the Municipality's letter of November 4, 1982, requesting examples of situations where relaxations of the Department Subdivision Specifications have occurred in Halifax County.

Please refer to letter for clarification.

Councillor Lichter asked for the status of the staff report which was requested at the September 21, 1982 Regular Council Session, relative to this issue.

Mr. Meech advised that the Report is not completed yet but will be shortly. He indicated that this Report will either be directed to the Planning Advisory Committee or directly to Council.

Letter From the Attorney General

A letter dated December 2, 1982 from the Attorney General of Nova Scotia, Harry W. Howe, had been received by Warden MacKenzie. This letter, distributed to all Councillors, read as follows:

"I am pleased to advise that the Executive Council has authorized me to enter into negotiations with each of the municipalities respecting a proposal for assumption by the Province of Nova Scotia of the responsibility for the operation, management and maintenance of correctional institutions and county jails as of April 1, 1984. Under the proposal, if accepted by the owners of such facilities, the Province would assume financial responsibility on a phased-in, cost shared basis commencing April 1, 1984.

...I would be in a position to commence these negotiations with you early in the New Year and, hopefully, reach agreement on the terms of the provincial offer with you and the other municipalities affected prior to March 31, 1983 so that, where agreement is reached, the necessary steps can be taken to effect the takeover as of April 1, 1984."

Council Members were pleased with this news; however, Councillors MacKay and Wiseman expressed concern over possible pending lay-offs in security personnel at the Halifax County Correction Centre. The following motion was made:

It was moved by Councillor MacKay, seconded by Councillor Wiseman:
"THAT the Council of the Municipality of the County of Halifax express concern to to the Metropolitan Authority that we do not want the security at the Halifax County Correction Centre to be decreased until all avenues are explored including a request from all participant members of the Metropolitan Authority for funding and that a full report be given to the Council of the Municipality of the County of Halifax in this regard." Motion Carried.

Letter From the Department of Transportation

A letter was received from the Minister of the Department of Transportation in reply to the Municipality's letter of Nov. 3, 1982, relative to a motion approved by Council requesting that he consult with the Councils and communities directly affected by Highway 107 as it traverses Districts 7 and 8 and further that all activity with respect to the development of the by-pass be held in abeyance, pending consultation and agreement on its location.

The letter advised: "If and when Highway 107 is extended from its present terminus to Highway 118, the last phase to be constructed would be the section from its present terminus to a point near the head of Lake Loon. Further activity is now in abeyance and is not contemplated for some time."

Mr. Meech advised that the above information had been made available to an adhoc committee who then passed a resolution which Council has already endorsed. He advised that there is information and suggestions in this letter which staff want to explore and would like to review before coming back to Council.

Council agreed to the above suggestions relative to the Minister's letter.

Letter From Minister of Fisheries

Mr. Meech read to Council a letter which had been sent directly to Councillor Snow from the Minister of Fisheries, Mr. Ken Streach. The letter advised:

"You probably are already aware that I mentioned in my letter to parents concerned about the safety of students using the Fall River road that I would be working with you and the County to seek their support and their share of the costs to proceed with improvements and sidewalk construction.

I recently met with the Honourable Ronald C. Giffin, Minister of Transportation, and we toured the area at which time he announced approval in principle for the upgrading of approximately four miles of roadway in the Fall River area, including the Old Waverley Road from Fort Scenic through to the Waverley interchange. This upgrading will include widening of shoulders, subdivision turnoff lanes, straightening of highway in some instances and the Province's share for construction of sidewalks. The first step is now underway with a complete survey of the area, which will take the best part of the winter to complete.