Councillor DeRoche indicated his opinion that the SC Zone depends entirely on one's definition of Mobile Home. He also advised that, since there was no urgency in getting this new zone through, as it was initiated by the Department of Planning and Development and there was no particular application, whose approval depended on the SC Zone, he agreed that the matter should be deferred to give Staff further time to research it.

This concluded the discussion, relative to the SC Zone.

Speakers in Favour of the Amendment

None.

Speakers in Opposition to the Amendment

None.

Motion and Discussion of Council

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

"THAT the proposed amendment to the Municipality's Zoning By-Law No. 24, to create the SC (Seasonal Campground) Zone be referred to Planning Advisory Committee, for further research."

Motion Carried.

ADJOURNMENT

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

"THAT the Public Hearing adjourn." Motion Carried.

Therefore, there being no further business, the Public Hearing adjourned at 8:30 P.M.

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

OCTOBER 24, 1983

PRESENT WERE: Warden MacKenzie, Chairman

Deputy Warden Margeson

Councillor Poirier Councillor Larsen Councillor Gaudet Councillor Baker 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. R. G. Cragg, Municipal Clerk

SECRETARY: Christine E. Simmons

OPENING OF COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING - THE LORD'S PRAYER

Warden MacKenzie brought the Committee of the Whole Meeting to order at 7:10 P.M. with The Lord's Prayer.

ROLL CALL

Mr. Meech then called the Roll.

APPOINTMENT OF RECORDING SECRETARY

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

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

SIDEWALK MAINTENANCE

Mr. Ed Wdowiak approached Council to outline his report regarding Sidewalk Maintenance. This Report read as follows:

"The Sidewalk Maintenance Agreement is one in which the Municipality agrees to maintain sidewalks constructed by the Department of Transportation under a cost shared formula. At present the Municipality has 28.8 miles of sidewalk, with construction agreements for an additional 2.7 miles.

Under the agreement, the following are specified as being the total responsibility of the Municipality with no cost sharing from the Department of Transportation:

- 1. Snow Removal;
- Ice Control;
- Lighting;
- 4. Maintenance or repairs to items not cost-shared in the construction of the sidewalk.

Provision of cost sharing of other repairs and maintenance works have been included in the contract, and these although not specified would include sharing by Transportation of the costs of necessary repairs. The provisions are:

- Submission to the Regional Manager for Halifax specifications and each item of work required.
- 2. Receipt of written consent from the Regional Manager or Division Engineer to such work including the estimated cost of each item.
- 3. The cost of any work which exceeds the original approved total estimated cost by 10% or more must receive additional approval.

Enclosed for your information is a tabulation of yearly maintenance costs. You will note that grass cutting, including clean-up, fertilizer, and repairs to sods have been instituted by the County in 1983.

To date, no repairs have been carried out to the sidewalk surfaces. It is not anticipated that the concrete walks will require repairs for some time. However, the asphalt sidewalks will soon require repairs, and a detailed survey will be carried out in the spring to determine the estimated costs, and the applications for cost sharing will be prepared and submitted to the Department of Transportation.

The maintenance agreement has been reviewed by Mr. Cragg and he concludes that the agreement appears reasonable and no changes are required.

Current maintenance costs are projected at \$44,000.00 for the 1983 year. It is noted that as additional sidewalks are constructed, the same maintenance agreement will apply with the corresponding expense recovered from the sidewalk area rate applicable to the district serviced."

Attached to the above was a table of sidewalk maintenance - accumulated statistics which included such things as the number of snowfalls, total snowfall, length of sidewalk maintained, cost per mile of plowing and salting, total cost of plowing and salting, number of cuts of grass medians, cost per mile of grass mowing per cut, total cost of grass mowing and total yearly maintenance.

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The total yearly maintenance for 1980 - 1981, 1981 - 1982 and 1982 - 1983 was as follows:

1980 - 1981

1981 - 1982

1982 - 1983

\$25,896.13

\$40,294.33

\$43,774.44

The above completed the Report of Mr. Wdowiak.

Questions From Council

Councillor MacKay questioned where all the grass mowing and fertilizing had been done and was advised by Mr. Wdowiak that it was done in Sack-ville along Glendale Drive, the Main Highway and the side streets and in a similar manner in Eastern Passage and Cole Harbour. He advised that there were six actual cuts throughout the year.

Councillor MacKay then questioned how this had been done without authorization. He advised that he was not aware of any meetings that transpired relative to mowing of grass, where such approvals were given.

Mr. Wdowiak did not realize that any approval was required; it was his understanding that on several occassions concern was expressed relative to a requirement for mowing and it was on that basis and direction that Staff made the appropriate arrangements to carry this out.

Councillor MacKay indicated his opinion that this issue would again resurface at such time as the budget deliberations are carried out.

Councillor McInroy indicated his understanding that it was the Parks-Maintenance Division of the Municipality's Department of Recreation which looks after the mowing of the grass medians, etc.

Mr. Wdowiak first advised that the definition of sidewalks for the purpose of discussion this evening are those which have been constructed and would be alongside travelled roads as opposed to what is referred to as walkways which may have been constructed, without the agreement of the Department of Transportation and would not necessarily be adjacent to and alongside roads but would be through subdivisions, to and from schools etc. He then advised that the walkways would be maintained by the Department of Recreation while sidewalks adjacent to roadways would be maintained by the Department of Engineering and Works.

Councillor McInroy then indicated his opinion and that of some of the residents in his district that the Municipality should not be mowing the grass medians alongside private homes, when the homeowner could do that. He felt that tax money could then be saved by having the homeowner do this chore; he also indicated that this was also the opinion of the homeowners, some of whom had spoken to him in this regard.

He also advised that there were some medians which should be mowed as they are not adjacent to private property but are in an area less accessible to a homeowner cutting his grass; this he agreed should be done by the Municipality.

Councillor McInroy summarized his statements advising that such work should be kept to a minimum.

Mr. Wdowiak advised that the institution of a By-Law which would give adjacent homeowners the responsibility of cutting grass medians was discussed some years ago; however, it had been the opinion that since it would be a County By-Law, it would be difficult to enforce.

Councillor McInroy also indicated his opinion that the Department of Transportation should utilize more common sense in where they place medians which have to be fertilized and mowed repeatedly. He felt it was more sensible to install completely concrete medians which did not require extensive maintenance.

Councillor MacDonald advised that maintenance was required on some of the sidewalks in Sackville, where there are many extremely bad holes in them causing danger to pedestrians, particularly at night. He questioned whether it would be possible to do this maintenance in the summer time when the NEED Grants can be utilized.

This suggestion was taken under advisement by Staff.

Councillor DeRoche questioned whether the grass cutting, and fertilizing, etc. was done under contract. He was advised by Mr. Wdowiak that it was not on a formal contract but was by invitation to a Contractor, named Cow Bay Landscaping Limited.

Councillor DeRoche then indicated that there was no evidence of any maintenance carried out in District No. 7. He advised that, although the Municipality had paid a good sum for this service, it was not done in District No. 7.

Mr. Wdowiak advised that the information provided to him by his Staff would indicate that the service was provided in that District. He advised that he could make available to Councillor DeRoche, the statistics at a future meeting.

Councillor DeRoche reiterated his opinion that no work was done in District No. 7 along Highway No. 7. In fact, he advised that he had a number of residents, along the Montaque Road go out with their own mowers to make sure the median was mowed before it got so high that it interfered with vehicular traffic. Councillor DeRoche further advised that he had been surpirsed to arrive this evening and receive a report which indicated that the Municipality was supposedly doing grass cutting this year, as it was an embarrassment to himself, as the District Councillor, that on the Saturday Morning that the Black Cultural Centre was officially opened, to find the grass exceedingly long, along both sides of the sidewalk along the Number 7 Highway.

Councillor Gaetz requested clarification on how to proceed to have sidewalks installed.

The Councillor was advised by Mr. Wdowiak that the usual procedure was that the request is made through the District Councillor and referred to the Executive Office or the Engineering Office.

Mr. Meech added that an application for sidewalk installation was an application by a Municipality on behalf of a specific area. He advised that the Municipality would enter into a contractual arrangement with the Department of Transportation and the cost sharing is 78% Provincial and 22% Municipal. He further advised that the Policy of the Municipality is that the 22% would be the responsibility of Halifax County but is translated into an area rate to the area where the sidewalk is to be installed. The Department of Transportation, according to the agreement, designs and installs the sidewalk and the amount the Municipality is responsible for is then recovered by the levying of an area rate.

Councillor MacKay indicated his understanding that when the Municipality requests engineering costs for sidewalks in a particular area, if those sidewalks are constructed then the cost is included in the costs for the sidewalks and prorated for the cost sharing agreement but if construction does not go ahead, then the Municipality and in turn that area, pays for that engineering study. He advised that this was new ruling implemented by the Department of Transportation in 1982.

Councillor MacKay also indicated his opinion that, unless there are extenuating circumstances, that the Municipality should not consider any asphalt sidewalks in any area. The reason for this is that the asphalt sidewalks on the main highway through Sackville, which was installed when the roadway was widened from two lanes to four lanes and was incorporated into the overall design and paid for 100% by the Department of Transportation will now cost the Municipality a good deal of money to go back and properly repair or reconstruct these sidewalks. He advised that this was discussed at a meeting regarding the re-activation of the Mainstreet Program.

He advised that there is no comparison between the concrete sidewalks which are installed on some of the side streets and the asphalt sidewalks, both in appearance and durability.

Councillor MacKay also advised that the communities of Sackville were paying for sidewalk maintenance on their area rates; he felt that the approval for this maintenance should have been sought from the Urban Services Committee. He advised that there was a budget for the sidewalk maintenance and he suggested that this work would have gone over the budgeted amount.

Councillor Mont echoed the comments of Councillor McInroy previously, relative to mowing the small strips of highway medians.

Councillor Lichter then questioned whether any of the \$43,774.00 came out of the 271 account, which was the Parkland Maintenance account. He was advised by Mr. Wdowiak that none of the cost for sidewalk maintenance came out of this account.

Councillor Lichter then questioned Mr. Meech as to how many employees were paid through that account; it was his understanding that there were three or four full time employees there. Mr. Meech advised that there were four full-time employees in the Parkland Maintenance Division plus some additional people which are obtained under the NEED program.

Councillor Lichter then indicated his understanding that there was a budget of \$114,400.00 in that account. He questioned how many months of the year, those four people can be employed with that sum of money, in parkland maintenance between when the first snow starts until it goes; he did not see how they could get any parkland maintenance done between those times unless they did snow removal or salting.

Mr. Meech advised that in the winter season, the Recreation Department is responsible for the snow removal on the walkways.

Councillor Lichter then questioed whether these employees had equipment to do this walkway maintenance with and was advised by Mr. Meech that they did.

Councillor Lichter was concerned that someone else was then hired to do snow removal on sidewalks merely because they are not walkways.

Mr. Meech indicated his understanding that the Recreation Department does not have the type of equipment or the time to do the snowplowing on sidewalks in addition to looking after the walkways.

Councillor Lichter indicated his puzzlement that the Municipality could do snow removal and salting, grass cutting and fertilizing on 28.8 miles of sidewalks for the cost of \$43,774 when for one-half a year, the parkland maintenance department is employed to plow snow on walk-ways which must be less mileage at a cost of \$57,000.00.

Mr. Meech indicated that the service performed and provided through the Maintenance and Recreation Group goes far beyond plowing snow or cutting grass; he advised that it included responsibility under an agreement, for which revenue is received back, for looking after school properties in terms of grass cutting and fertilizing as well as maintaining school playground equipment on various school properties and other properties owned by the Municipality such as playgrounds, etc.

Councillor Lichter then questioned whether this work takes place during the winter period. Mr. Meech advised that some of this work does take place during the winter months, especially the repairs on equipment which is one of the reasons there is a need for a workshop and a storage area.

Councillor Lichter suggested that a good look be taken at the possibility of having the Municipality's own people in the Parkland Maintenance Division look after snow plowing and maybe the equipment required for this should be obtained in order to enable the Municipality to take over this function.

Councillor Lichter indicated his doubt that there was not sufficient time for these four employees to carry out this additional function.

Councillor Wiseman advised, in regard to walkways, that the length of walkways in the Sackville and Cole Harbour areas combined would probably equal or surpass the length of the sidewalks. She advised that the number of walkways in the Sackville area alone is tremendous. She also indicated that there is considerable urgency to have both sidewalks and walkways cleared after a snow fall. She felt that if a priority was committed to one, then the other would suffer. She also indicated her opinion that the walkways were more time consuming to maintain as some of them had steps and some of them were on hills where the snowplow cannot even go and they consequently have to be cleared manually. In addition, she advised that each time a short walkway has been cleaned, the snowplow has to be on and off loaded from the truck. The

the snowplow has to be on and off loaded from the truck. The Councillor reiterated her opinion that the length of all the walkways in the Municipality would be equal or more than that of the sidewalks.

Councillor McInroy agreed with Counicllor Wiseman relative to her above comments; however, it was his opinion that the Parks Maintenance Division of the Municipality's Department of Recreation could adequately cope with the mowing of grass on the medians where it is required in the Municipality, especially if they were doing this for the school properties in the Municipality.

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

"THAT the Municipality make arrangement for 1984 that any fertilizing, mowing or clean-up of grass median areas, be done by the Parks Maintenance Division of the Municipality's Department of Recreation."

Motion Carried.

Prior to the passing of the above motion, Councillor McInroy clarified his intent that the above would not apply to snowplowing and further that it would apply only to public medians that would not be attended by abutting property owners.

Councillor MacDonald had also indicated his opinion that it would be cheaper to have this work carried out by contract or to utilize the NEED Programs for such work. Councillor McInroy agreed that utilization of the NEED Program would be helpful to assist in implementing the maintenance work.

Subsequently, the above motion was carried by Council.

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

"THAT the Municipality sign the Sidewalk Maintenance Agreement with the Department of Transportation."
Motion Carried.

OPERATING GRANTS

Mr. Gary Smith, Chief Accountant, joined Council for the discussion of this item.

However, Mr. Meech began the discussion referring to the Staff Study relative to the Operating Grant Allocation.

The Background of this study advised:

"The Management Committee and Council requested staff to undertake a study to examine an alternative approach to allocating operating grants. Council's basic concern, it appears, is to arrive at an equitable formula for the purpose of this allocation.

To establish a basis for the study, the history of grants paid by the Province was reviewed. In essence, the operating grants currently provided by the Province replace the grants previously provided for street lighting, garbage collection and disposal, fire hydrant protection and fire fighting protection.

Also our study took into consideration the capital grants and the basis of their allocation by the County. The history of capital grants paid by the Province was previously submitted to the Policy Committee. It states capital grants were originally paid for the purpose of installing infrastructure in the urbanized areas. When the original capital grant procedure was replaced by the current up-front funding formula, County Council allocated 25% of the capital grant funds received for district uses. In particular, the rural districts have now been allocated a portion of the capital grant funds which the province never provided to them in the past. The capital funds can be utilized for fire department and recreation capital items or for any capital purpose to which the regulations apply. This is an important point to remember in attempting to arrive at a formula for allocating the operating grants."

The report then listed the following recommendations:

1. The County establish an annual area service operating grant of \$1,000,000., an increase from the present \$962,100.

 The services covered by the grants continue to be limited to garbage collection and disposal, street lighting, fire hydrant protection and fire fighting.

3. Retain the garbage collection and disposal common rate and increase the grant from the present \$274,400 to \$300,000 per annum or 34% of the provincial grant received, whichever is greater.

4. County Council consider a common street lighting area rate for the serviced area and reduce the current street lighting operating grant from the present \$201,800 to \$22,000 per annum or 16% of the provincial grant received, whichever is greater.

5. The combined fire hydrant protection and fire fighting grants be increased from the present \$485,900 to \$500,000, and remain at that amount until such time as 50% of the total operating grants

received from the Province exceeds \$500,000.

6. The area service grants for fire hydrant protection be set at \$169,300. This is based on \$153 per fire hydrant which presently exists in the County. The total amount would not increase until the condition in recommendation No. 5 is met.

- 7. Area service grants for fire fighting in Class IV (urban areas) be set at \$225,700 per annum. This \$225,700 would be allocated to electoral districts on the basis of Class IV dwelling units within electoral districts.
- 8. Area service grants for fire fighting in class V (rural) areas be set at \$105,000 per annum. The \$105,000 would be allocated to electoral districts on the basis of Class V dwelling units within the electoral districts.
- 9. The total grants to electoral districts for fire fighting would be allocated to fire departments within the electoral district on the basis of the number of dwelling units by each fire department.
- 10. These recommendations remain in effect for a three year period commencing in 1984 but be reviewed on an annual basis to determine if any major changes have occured in the data used for allocation.

The study then included schedules which measured the effect of the above recommendations on garbage, street lighting, fire hydrant protection and fire departments as well as an analysis of various data considered in the review of allocation of operating grants.

Mr. Meech felt that all Council Members had already had the opportunity to review the report and he suggested that Council proceed by dealing with each recommendation one at a time or that some general discussion take place before dealing with the individual recommendations

He advised that there was nothing to restrict Council from having a program of allocating money to various area services that does not relate exactly to the amount received from the Province. He indicated that the Province, at the present time, allocated operating and capital grants on the basis of a formula by which they distribute them across the Province; those funds are then allocated to individual Municipalities on the basis of that formula and when the monies are received by the Municipalities it is up to them as to how they allocate the money.

Councillor DeRoche indicated that several months ago the Provincial Government had announced reductions in the Operating and Capital Grants to Municipalities; subsequent to that he advised there had been an announcement by the Premier that the grants would be restored. He questioned whether there would then be any re-working of the figures. He suspected from the previous comment of Mr. Meech that there would not be any re-working of the figures but that there would be a difference in how much would go into the pot from the County General Fund as opposed to that coming from the Province under grants.

Mr. Meech agreed that the above was essentially correct; as a result of the recent announcement referred to by Councillor DeRoche it was expected that in the year 1984 the fund would be replentished back to approximately the \$1,000,000 so there would be no funds available for additional allocation.

Councillor Bayers indicated it had been his hope that a more equitable formula would have been arrived at for distributing the County Grants to the street lighting, fire departments, etc. He reiterated the previous point made by Mr. Meech who had indicated that it is up to the Municipalities as to how they distribute the grants from the Province as they do not have to follow the formula set out by the Province.

Councillor Bayers then cited some examples of unfair distribution for street lighting, garbage, fire fighting, etc., comparing various districts within the Municipality.

These examples of inequities in the grant allocations were discussed at length by Council and many other Council members indicated similar examples in their own districts.

Councillor Reid indicated his opinion that any district which would loose money based on the recommendations in the staff study, should be permitted to remain the same as they are at present which would cost the Municipality approximately \$30,000. It was his suggestion that these districts could gradually be phased into the new formula over a number of years.

Councillor MacKay indicated that under the old Provincial formula, the funds are generated by the more populated areas which are the Urban areas.

Council discussed the Operating Grant Study further, resulting in the following:

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

"THAT the Operating Grants be allocated on the District Basis from which they were derrived as per the Provincial Formula, and that it be up to the individual Districts to allocate the funds towards their respective services, subject to the approval of Council." (See Motion to Defer).

Councillor Lichter spoke in opposition to the above motion, advising that it defeated fiscal justice, the term used by the Province in 1979. He felt that fiscal justice should include consideration for the entire Municipality whether a house be in a Class IV or Class V category.

Councillor Lichter indicated that he did not feel the Provincial formula was just, therefore, he would not support a motion which endorsed that formula. He indicated that there should not be any special or different class homes; it was his opinion that all homes within the Municipality and should be considered equally.

Deputy Warden Margeson suggested that the Provincial Grants should be accepted and put into the tax rate and that every District should pay the same rate.

Councillor DeRoche indicated his opposition to the above motion advising that it perpetuated parochialism.

Subsequent to still further discussion,

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

"THAT the issue of Operating Grants be deferred until a time when Councillors have submitted their own recommendations to the Accounting Department and they have investigated these recommendations and further that Accounting Staff come back to Council with further recommendations."

Motion Carried.

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

"THAT if an acceptable Operating Grant Allocation Formula has not been approved by Budgeting Time, 1984, that the existing formula be applied."
Motion Carried.

ADJOURNMENT

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

"THAT the Committee of the Whole Meeting adjourn." Motion Carried.

Therefore, there being no further business, the Committee of the Whole Meeting adjourned at 10:10 P.M.

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REGULAR COUNCIL SESSION

OCTOBER 4, 1983

Warden MacKenzie, Chairman PRESENT WERE:

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. Robert Cragg, Municipal Solicitor

Christine E. Simmons SECRETARY:

OPENING OF COUNCIL - THE LORD'S PRAYER

Warden MacKenzie brought the Council Session to order with The Lord's Prayer at 6:07 P.M.

ROLL CALL

Mr. Kelly then called the Roll.

APPOINTMENT OF RECORDING SECRETARY

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

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

At this time Warden MacKenzie introduced to Council, and welcomed to the Council Chambers, The Sackville First and Second Girl Guide Group and their leaders Lil Pitman, Anne Robichaud, Anne DeLong, Shelly Laurette and Anne DeLorey.

Also, from Middle Musquodoboit three members of the Middle Musquodoboit Boy Scout Troup, who were working on their last badge for the Chief Scout Award; these were Kim Jones, Shawn Fraser and Shane Briggs.

On behalf of the Girl Guides Councillor MacDonald advised that these young ladies were from the Harry Hamilton School area of District No. 19 area and were in attendance this evening working towards their Citizenship Badges. To receive this Badge they had to observe some part of Political Life, on which they would have quizs, etc. on the workings of Municipal Government.

On behalf of the Middle Musquodoboit Boy Scouts, Councillor Reid indicated that the award they were working toward tonight, is the last award available to a Boy Scout, from which they move on to Ventures and Leadership Courses. He congratulated these Scouts and expressed his hope that they derrive something of interest from the meeting this evening.

Councillor MacDonald advised that he had some County Pins which he would like to give to both the Girl Guides and Boy Scouts before they leave the Council Chambers this evening as a remembrance of their visit to the Council Chambers.

ADDITION TO AGENDA ITEMS

Warden MacKenzie questioned whether any Councillors had any items of an emergency nature which they would like to add to this evening's agenda. The following items were added:

- 1. Lakeside Industrial Park Councillor Poirier
- 2. Curfew on School Property Councillor Deveaux
- RRAP Program Councillor Baker

At this time, Mr. Kelly pointed out that agenda item no. 13 on this evening's agenda was in error and could be deleted. This was a Public Hearing which had been held the previous evening and was accidentally placed on tonight's agenda.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

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

"THAT the Minutes of the September 6, 1983 Regular Council Session be approved."
Motion Carried.

LETTERS AND CORRESPONDENCE

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

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

Letter From St. John Ambulance

A letter had been received from the St. John Ambulance Association in appreciation of the Municipality's recent letter of congratulations to the Association for 100th Anniversary and the Municipality's thanks for the work they have done in the County of Halifax.

This letter was for Council's information only.

MEETING WITH LLOYD GILLIS, CEO, HALIFAX COUNTY - BEDFORD DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD

Mr. Lloyd Gillis, Chief Executive Officer, of the Halifax County Bedford District School Board, joined Council at this time to outline the School Board's quarterly report to Council, which had already been distributed to each Council Member and to answer any questions Council may have, relative to the Report or to Schools in general.

Mr. Gillis referred to the Report, which he suggested that all Councillors read on their own and simply explained several items from the Report which he felt were of significance, as follows:

He advised that enrollments were showing signs of growth and there was an indication that this enrollment will exceed last year's enrollment by between 250 and 300 students. He advised that the anniversary date they go by is September 30th. The Report is not yet completed but by looking at notes on his desk tonight that the School Board has over 27,620 students; he advised that by the time enrollments are tallied for September 30th, it should be approximately 27,650 students.

He advised that in a budgetary sense, the impact of this is very significant, as each one of those students represent student units, which in turn, represent dollars in terms of the present provincial funding arrangements.

He advised that it is also of significance that the increased number of students has a direct impact on the School Board's ability to provide satisfactory education programs for our children. In particular, this year he advised it was the high schools that are feeling the impact of the growth as most of the increase is in the high school itself. He advised that the increased enrollment is a product of students remaining in school longer.

He advised that primary enrollments are slightly lower than last year but our grade 10, 11 and 12 enrollments were very strong. He advised this happening because there are only minimal students leaving school early in order to take jobs.

He advised that this unavailabilty of finding jobs is also having an impact on getting students into Vocational School because Vocational Schools are getting applications now from people with two or three years of University and even graduates of Universities who are applying and being accepted to Vocational Schools rather than secondary students.

He advised that Vocational Schools are now becomming Post Secondary Institutions and are not viewed as Secondary High Schools any longer.

Mr. Gillis advised that because of the growth, there have been adjustments to make to staffing. He advised that there has been a steady growth in enrollment of about 400 pupils in the last four years and in that same time there has been a decline in Staff of about 45 positions. He advised that the impact of this is that the average size class in the secondary school level has increased; there are even some classes with in excess of 35 students. He advised that the School Board is intending to hire additional teachers this week to help in that area. He advised that if all non-teaching personnel were removed from the school, extreme demands are not being put on the teachers.

Mr. Gillis did wish to make note of the fact the Municipality is one of the few School Districts who have had increased enrollments over the past few years and yet have had a decrease in teaching staff.

Mr. Gillis advised that the Halifax County - Bedford District School Board has fewer "one of a kind" courses being offerred this year, this would be a course such as Astronomy which was being offerred at Cole Harbour High last year and which is no longer offerred; this was due to the fact that there were only 12 students who indicated an interest in that course.

He further advised that following the Board's Core Program Guidelines, that would not permit the School Board to offer that course. He advised that the adjustments which were made in Staffing over the past few years has been accomplished by reducing the number of small sections that they had.

Mr. Gillis advised that in this same period of time, the School Board has maintained their Special Education Program, although there has been no expansion. They have expanded their program in Music, in Elementary French and protected the level of service for secondary guidance, library service and administrative service for schools.

Mr. Gillis advised that under Educational Programs there was an interesting Summer Computer Program for 609 pupils who registered in the summer camps and received a week of instruction at a cost of \$25.00 per pupil. He advised that through this charge the Board was able to pay salaries to Staff who were giving leadership and still break even without incurring additional expenditure.

Mr. Gillis indicated his hope that Defensive Driver Education would move into a summer school type of program next year on a user-pay type of arrangement because it was hard to meet the demand in the schools at the present time. He advised that this was being looked at now at Staff level and is yet to be approved by the Board.

Mr. Gillis also referred to a hand-out from the Community School and Continuing Education Department which gave an indication of the range of courses being offerred by the School Board at the present time.

This pamphlet had been distributed to all Councillors previously. He advised that there was a tremendous growth and interest and enthusiasm in this Field whereby 5800 adults have registered in this program this year. He advised that this number will likely increase. This increased the utilization of the school facilities as well. He advised that Sackville High School was a good example of this as the night registration in that school last year was approximately 320 people per night.

With regard to School Capital Construction, Mr. Gillis advised that the Cole Harbour Elementary School was progressing well and that it was likely that the Spring Completion deadline would be met for this school. He advised that the Ground was being broken and footings being poured this week at the Bell Park Academic Centre. He advised that renovation work went on throughout the summer to make that addition possible and accessible to the rest of the building. He advised that the Atlantic View Project which was released and funded by the Cabinet, last Spring is progressing now. He advised that he has been called to attend a meeting tommorrow to discuss the project.

With regard to Beaverbank Junior High School, Mr. Gillis advised that tenders have been called and the closing date for those tenders is during the third week of October; hopefully, activity will occurr at that site soon after that third week of October. With regard to Beaverbank Elementary School, three sites have been selected by the Board and recommended for consideration to the Department of Education and the Department of Education has requested Government Services to investigate the sites and come back with a suitable site for the School.

Mr. Gillis indicated that with regard to the Lower Sackville Elementary School he just learned yesterday that the Architectural Firm of Fouler, Bald and Mitchell have been identified to carry out and conduct the planning aspect of this school and the site has already been selected. He advised that he had also learned yesterday that there are conceptual plans available to be looked at tomorrow.

Mr. Gillis then advised, with regard to Musquodoboit Rural High School, the exterior work is progressing favourably and although there is a lot of interruption at that school site, the contractor has worked hard to keep this interruption to a minimum and things are working well and progress is being seen in improvements to the exterior of the building. He advised that the Fundy Contracting Firm has been awarded the tender for interior renovations and he expects work to start there soon with an anticipated completion date early in 1984.

This completed Mr. Gillis' report to Council and he invited questions from Council at this time.

Councillor Poirier questioned whether Mr. Gillis had an advance Capital Project List or a list which includes schools that will be dealt with next in the future.

Mr. Gillis advised that the School Board has reviewed its activity in this area in late November, early December and that will be done again this year so there will be an opportunity to look at the existing list and to consider additions to that list. He advised that there was a proposal which may, and probably will, come forward to the Board this year for consideration in Councillor Poirier's District. He also advised that compared with the rest of the Province, the Halifax County - Bedford District School Board is doing extremely well with support it is getting for School Capital Projects.

To clarify her concern, for Council's information, Councillor Poirier advised that there were three Elementary Schools in District No. 2, which are all reasonably old. She advised that the community is growing very rapidly and rather than add on to these old schools there is a demand now to put one good Elementary School in the District.

Councillor Reid asked when the Contract to Fundy Contracting was awarded and what the total amount was.

Mr. Gillis advised that the Contract was awarded late last week; however, he was unsure of the exact amount, at this point. He advised that a call to Government Services would probably be necessary to obtain that information.

Councillor Reid then questioned whether the tender was an advertised tender.

Mr. Gillis was unable to answer that question, although he indicated that the tender for the interior work was on an invitational basis and not advertised.

Councillor DeRoche advised that back in the Spring at the Ground breaking at Cole Harbour ELementary, there was a suggestion made that one of the items that had been placed on hold could be announced for the future; this was the extension to the Humber Park School. He advised that there has been no announcement on that. He questioned whether Mr. Gillis had any further information on that at the present time.

Mr. Gillis advised that he was unaware of any announcement being made on that to this point; however, he indicated that last week the Board was invited for the first time to start looking at plans. That probably meant that there was an announcement pending.

Councillor DeRoche indicated that he was happy about the announcement in the newspaper a few weeks ago by Gordon Michael with respect to a community school being established by September 1984 at Graham Creighton. He advised that he had been working toward this for some prior to joining Council.

Councillor DeRoche then referred to the Computer Program and questioned why computers are available in Elementary Schools, and not available at the Junior High Level.

Mr. Gillis advised that the School Board's thrust in computer technology began two years ago at the Senior High School level with the purchase of approximately \$100,000 worth of equipment which was distributed among the High Schools. He advised that at that point in time, they were offerring computer programs for secondary students in terms of courses as well experiencial types of arrangements which were not giving students credits. He advised that this past year, the Board approved in its budget a sum of money to purchase computers for the Junior High and there will be a purchase in the month of September to install computers in Junior Highs. He advised that in certain schools, there has already been a certain amount of activity at both the Junior High and the Elementary Level. He advised that in this year's budget, the Board would be attempting to place money for the purchase of equipment for Elementarys. He advised that in Councillor DeRoche's area there is an Elementary School which does have a computer and he knew that there were two Junior High Schools in the area where there are no computers; however, he advised that they would be receiving them and they would be a getting a large percentage of those computers being purchased by the Board this year. He advised that there were other areas that had already gotten computers through area rate funds and other means.

Councillor DeRoche then indicated his opinion that School Crossing Guards and the cost related to them should be included in the School Board budget and that the people who are manning the Crossing Walks should be subject to supervision and the control of the School Board administration. He advised that it is a problem now with regard to Supervision and manning of crosswalks.

Mr. Gillis suggested that Council and Councillors make an approach to the District School Board on that subject. He advised, however, that he could not commit the Board to any action or expenditure of funds but he agreed that the activity should be supervised by the Board and its Staff. He advised that this service evolved as it has because of the voice of the Community and its demand on the Councillors of the areas but he agreed it was logical that this service be an extension of the School Board.

Councillor Gaetz indicated that a meeting was being held tomorrow in Lawrencetown and questioned who would be attending that meeting. He expressed a desire to be invited to the meeting.

Mr. Gillis advised that those in attendance would consist of representatives of Government Services and the Department of Education. He advised that it was a Staff Meeting to look at the size of the School project and to have input into that topic.

Deputy Warden Margeson questioned the situation relative to text books at the present time.

Mr. Gillis advised that the Board is following the Provincial Guidelines as it pertains to textbooks. He indicated that the complication they have is that in about 1968, the Province determined that in order to put a greater variety of texbook materials and resource print material in the hands of teachers and students, they must back away from their old practice of supplying a copy of every single item on the text book list of every student. He advised that the consequence of this is that there are situations where teachers are working from a variety of resource materials but do not have one textbook that they would call a Social Studies Book for example. The other incident that occurs is that students work from Class Sets of books; in other words a teacher is able to have a set of Novels which she uses with one Class in one term and another Class in another term and this is another example where students would not have a text book. He advised that what they were encountering is that they had at one time in the County, a serious inventory problem which he felt did not exist today. However, he advised that there were some courses where they may want to purchase a textbook but would be unable to get a textbook and there were other courses where only Class Sets were available and they would not be able to get one.

The Deputy Warden then asked for an up-date on Vocational Schools and particularly High Technology Vocational Schools, with particular reference to Sackville.

Mr. Gillis advised that he did not have a current report on that although he was aware that a proposal for a Vocational School in Sackville and the Programs it is to contain went from the Staff of the Department of Education to the Minister's Office; however, he did not know where this well-developed proposal was at the moment.

The Deputy Warden felt this issue would be a good one to be forwarded to the MacDonald Commission on future Economic Expansion in the Maritimes. He wondered whether the District School Board had taken this forward to the Department of Education for consideration and questioned whether Mr. Gillis would have any information relative to this.

Mr. Gillis had no information on any submissions to the MacDonald Commission. He could only state the School Board's position is that this School is very definitely needed from the point of view of facilites and space for students in Sackville. He advised that enrollment at Sackville High and others has grown again.

The Deputy Warden then advised that the Community of Beaverbank was interested in sidewalks, adjacent to the Woodbine Trailer Park for school children. He advised that the Engineering Department in forming a proposal for this could certainly use some input from the School Board. He requested that Mr. Gillis assist in this information.

Councillor MacDonald questioned whether any discussions have taken place with regard to renovations for Sackville Heights Elementary and Centennial School.

Mr. Gillis advised that those projects were in the original proposals that went down town; however, they have to be revisited this year by the Board who will have to prepare a revised list for the Department and he hoped the list would go forward in December.

Councillor MacDonald then advised, relative to computers, that the Harry Hamilton School had six computers which had since gone to Sack-ville Heights Junior High School. He expressed his hope that these computers can be replaced next year when the School Board gets its budget allocation for computers.

Councillor Eisenhauer indicated his concern since the budget was established, regarding excess costs. He advised that a special committee was formed at budget time to investigate this matter and he had not heard anything back from this Committee. He questioned what would be coming forth in the 1984 budget term in regards to the excess. He indicated his concern, as well, that the reserve is running out, as it has been used to keep the tax rate down.

Mr. Gillis advised that the Committee has been meeting and is meeting again next week. He advised that he could not speak to the future as to the impact the Board's budget will have on the tax rate. He indicated his understanding that the formula review Committee of the Province which sets the rates for Education has placed its report in the hands of the Minister of Education and he did not know when that Report would be released or when the new rates for 1984 year will be He advised that they were supposed to be set by September 30; however, the Board is accustomed to waiting beyond that point for the Report. With regard to any possible change in the proportion of the budget that is expected from the Municipality as opposed to the Province, he has no information on that at all. In terms of operation this year, he felt the School Board will be operating within budget. There was one area of difficulty which was the cost of Substitute Teachers. He advised that this cost had been cut back this year and the year before and there was a good struggle to keeping within that budget. He advised that in other areas of the budget, they have maintained control and were getting good service for the money that is there to be spent. With regard to the percentage of the budget that would be excess next year, there were many influencing factors so he did not know whether the Board would be requesting greater excess funding this year than last or not.

Councillor Eisenhauer indicated that a greater concern was with property services; the Province allowed \$1.40 per square foot, yet the Board was over four million dollars over what they were allowed for expenditure. He questioned whether anyone had taken a look at why there was such a large gap between what the Province was allowing for property services and what was actually being spent.

Mr. Gillis advised that this is exactly what is being studied and expressed the hope the report being brought back to Council will contain this information.

Councillor Eisenhauer questioned whether, if there is something in the Report that was recognisable, would the School Board then approach the Province to point that out.

Mr. Gillis advised that in June, the Board submitted a Report to the Formula Review Committee of the Province and in making the Board's requests to the Province they spoke to a number of situations which they felt caused an imbalance to their budget. One was the fact that the School Board did not get full credit for all of its students; it was a growing unit and yet was basing the enrollment on the average of the September 30th figures for the last two years rather than on the current enrollment. He advised that this factor cost the Board last year a lost revenue of about \$200,000 from the Province. He advised that the School Board requested this be adjusted this year so that they would have the benefit of its full enrollment.

Mr. Gillis also advised that the Board looked for funding for the Intermediate Industrial Education Pupils on a higher level. He advised for example that Intermediate Industrial Education pupils in some parts of the Province are educated in Vocational Schools in Colchester-East Hants. If they are in that Vocational School they receive for every one student, a credit of 2.5; he advised that the Halifax County - Bedford District School Board received 1.2. He advised the Board is asking for a better deal in terms of these students.

Mr. Gillis advised that the School Board is also looking for improvements in the Special Education Funding. He advised that the Municipality is retaining pupils in its system because of the service it is able to offer that other systems are not able to supply. In fact Social Services would be handling it in a group home, yet the Municipality of the County of Halifax would be incurring an expenditure.

He advised that with regard to property services, they were looking for a formula adjustment to allow for the maintenance of schools in sparsely populated sections of the Municipality. He advised that the per pupil cost for property services is excellent in our suburban communities; however, in the rural areas, there are large facilities being operated for a small number of students and the Board runs into great problems there; however, this was not a problem only of Halifax County but all over Nova Scotia.

He advised that the above were some of the things that the Halifax County - Bedford District School Board were seeking adjustments in; he did not know how successful the Board's presentation has been but they would know when the Minister of Education announces the review of the formula rates for 1984. Mr. Gillis also attempted to impress upon the Council that the Board is trying to make a more equitable distribution of costs for the operating of its schools. It is in the Board's best interest to have a greater percentage of costs born by the general taxpayer of the Province because it is that which is mandatory and it allows the Board greater control over its own decisions. He advised that it was very important that the School Board have the best possible share of funds from the Province. On the other hand, he suggested that it was also important that the Municipality continue to recognize that there are services being offerred in this Municipality that are not being offerred anywhere and those services cost Municipal Taxpayers additional money; he advised that this point cannot be underestimated.

Councillor Eisenhauer advised that the last thing he would attempt to do, would be to cut the expenses of the School Board, especially when it comes to Education. However, he was concerned that the School Board at least identify the class of the Education.

Councillor Adams advised that the teacher-student ratios, particularly in the Cole Harbour District High School required improvement.

Mr. Gillis advised, that beginning this week, there would be two additional teachers being employed there. These would be a math and an English teacher.

Councillor MacKay advised, with regard to the availability of text-books, that a book for every student for every course was in the past. However, he brought to Mr. Gillis' attention the fact that in the Sackville area there were three Junior High Schools feeding into one High School and each of these three Junior High Schools could be offer-ring a different course level than the other; as evidence of this, he advised that last year he had a daughter in grade 7 and a son in grade 12 and they were both using the same text. He was concerned that there was such a diversity of education levels.

Councillor MacKay was also concerned that education was becomming more standardized on the elementary level and broader on the Junior High level; he was concerned that there would be problems when these students reach the High School Level.

Mr. Gillis advised that the standardization that the School Board is attempting to achieve in the Elementary relates mainly to the Language Arts programs, reading programs where there has been a situation over the past several years where there were two or more programs being used and the sequencial development of skills in those programs meant that they did not mesh well and you could run into difficulties moving from one school to another school where a different reading program was being enforced. He advised that there has been an effort to make sure that each school family is following the same program.

Mr. Gillis advised with regard to the Junior High situation to the Senior High he would like to investigate before making any comment.

Councillor MacKay then advised that it was suggested by one of the Trustees at a meeting last evening that there was approximately, from information that he had been given, 40 students from the Sackville area that were attending St. Pat's High School in Halifax by using the address of a relative and enrolling in the School. Councillor MacKay questioned how that affected funding.

Mr. Gillis advised that it is lost revenue to the County. He further advised that he first learned of this today and has not had an opportunity to investigate it further. He advised that it is not correct that these children are registered there. He advised that the law requires that a child be educated in a school in an area of their place of residence and using the address of a relative in another area does not get around that rule. He advised that from the point of view

of the City of Halifax, they would benefit from the presence of the students to the extent that would receive funding for those students from the Province. He advised that the City of Halifax' percentage of excess is much greater than that of the Municipality and it also means that they would presumably, if they knew the students were from the County, would apply to the County for tuition to offsett that excess. Mr. Gillis advised that he would investigate this issue further to find out, for certain if they are there and if it is known by the City of Halifax that they are there. If it is known by them and the School Board is going to be asked to fund it, he was certain that the Board's response would be to advise the students of the schools they should be attending.

Councillor MacKay then referred to another item circulated to Council from Mr. Gillis, in regards to the Health program. One of the items was to develop an understanding that drugs can be beneficial or harmful depending on how they are used. He questioned whether this was in conjunction with the person that was retained near the conclusion of the last school year.

Mr. Gillis replied that this was a regular part of the health curriculum and further that the individual mentioned would be supporting the teachers in providing leadership and in-service with teachers but the responsibility for the program will rest with the class room teacher.

Councillor MacKay commended the Board for this program.

With regard to the Acadia School and any possibility that it could be closed, Councillor MacKay advised that an area has just been surveyed for a major subdivision plan for 116 homes; therefore, he indicated that there would be no requirement to close that school.

Councillor Lichter questioned whether the School Board had considered at any time having the Dutch Settlement School declared a Community School.

Mr. Gillis advised that this was considered; however, there was very rapid development in this area this year and the Board had to be very selective as to which schools were to be considered community schools.

Councillor Lichter indicated his understanding relative to Janitorial or Custodian Services are concerned, one Janitor is assigned to a certain amount of square space. This observation was related to the high cost of property services. He suggested that if it is a common practice for one Janitor to be hired in one school and this Janitor cannot do the job, and must be paid overtime at the rate of time and one half rather than hiring a part time Janitor who could be paid regular money, then another Janitor should be hired part time. He advised that this other Janitor could be a bus driver who is not putting in very much time on the road.

Mr. Gillis advised that several of these areas were under investigation this Fall and in one area an adjustment has been made. However, he advised that the School Board has a formula that is followed and it dictates the numer of employees the Board can have in any given facility for maintenance purposes. He advised that in some instances there is a short period of time where this problem exists and then works itself out.

There were no further questions for Mr. Gillis.

On behalf of Council, Warden MacKenzie thanked Mr. Gillis for attending the Council Session.

Subsequently, Mr. Gillis retired from the Council Session.

PLANNING ADVISORY COMMITTEE REPORT AND SUPPLEMENTARY AGENDA

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

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

Public Participation in Plan Amendments

Mr. Kelly outlined to Council, a resolution which the Planning Advisory Committee recommended be adopted by Council, relative to Public Participation in Plan Amendments. In accordance with this recommendation;

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

"THAT in accordance with the provisions of the Planning Act, being Chapter 9 of the Acts of 1983, Be it Resolved That the Planning Advisory Committee shall, prior to making any final recommendation to Council with regard to any amendment to a Municipal Planning Strategy, provide an opportunity to members of the Public to give opinions with respect to the proposed amendment. This opportunity may be provided in the manner which the Committee considers most appropriate to the amendment and may involve distributing written information and accepting written submissions, or advertising discussion of the proposed amendment to be held at regularly scheduled Committee Meetings, or communicating directly with affected property owners, community representatives or groups, or any other means which the Planning Advisory Committee considers as befitting in terms of the intent, content and application of the Amendment being proposed." Motion Carried.

Parkland Acquisition

Mr. Kelly outlined this item from the Planning Advisory Committee Report advising:

"The Planning Advisory Committee recommends that the following parcel of recreational lands being donated to the Municipality under the provisions of the Planning Act, be accepted as parkland by County Council. The Municipal Solicitor reports that the parkland in question is free and clear of all encumbrances and County Council is therefore in a position where it can accept title to the land. Sackville Town Centre Limited, one parcel, Lot 2F, Application No. F-816-77.

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

"THAT the Municipality accept, under the provisions of the Planning Act, as parkland, recreational land of Sackville Town Centre Limited, one parcel, Lot 2F, Application No. F-816-77."
Motion Carried.

Undersized Lot Legislation

Mr. Kelly outlined this item advising that there was a request for final approval of Lot R-2 and R-1 as one Lot R Subdivision Lands of D. G. Robinson, French Village, File No. F-604-83-3. He advised that at the October 3rd meeting of PAC, the Committee reviewed this request for lot approval under the Undersized Lot Legislation and, subsequent to discussion, recommended that Council set a public hearing date to consider approval of this request. The suggested date was at the November 1st, Regular Council Session.

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

"THAT a Public Hearing be held November 1, 1983 at 7:00 P.M. during the First Regular Council Session to deal with Undersized Lot Application, File No. F-604-83-3."
Motion Carried.

Rezoning Application No. RA-TLB-37-83-02

Mr. Kelly advised that Rezoning Application No. RA-TLB-37-83-02 was a request by the Nova Scotia Housing Commission to rezone Parcel 1AR of the lands of Helena Doris Poirier, located on Elm Grove Avenue at Timberlea, Halifax County from R-1 (Single Unit Dwelling) Zone to R-4 (Multi-Unit Dwelling) Zone.

He further advised that the Committee heard a staff presentation on the above-noted rezoning application at its October 3rd Meeting at which time, it was stated that the purpose of the rezoning application was to permit the construction of 15 unit Senior Citizen's Housing Complex. It was the recommendation of Planning and Development Staff that this application be rejected; however, subsequent to discussion, the Committee recommended approval of this application and requested that a Public Hearing be scheduled to deal with the application. The suggested date for the Hearing was October 31, 1983 at 7:00 P.M.

At this time, Councillor Poirier requested that she be excused from the Council Chambers, and that she be exempted from discussion and vote on the issue as it would represent a Conflict of Interest.

As well, Councillor McInroy, requested that he be exempted from discussion and vote on this issue as it would represent a conflict of interest.

Warden MacKenzie agreed that both Councillors be exempted from discussion and vote on this issue.

Subsequently, Councillor Poirier retired from the Council Chambers while Councillor McInroy retired to the back of the Chambers.

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

"THAT a Public Hearing be held October 31, 1983 at 7:00 P.M. to deal with rezoning application no. RA-TLB37-83-02." (See Motion to Amend).

As there was great difficulty in establishing a date convenient to all Councillors and many Councillors did not wish to be away from their homes on October 31st, which was Halloween Night, the following motions and amendments were proposed:

It was amended by Deputy Warden Margeson, seconded by Councillor Eisenhauer:

"THAT the Public Hearing to deal with Rezoning Application No. RA-TLB-37-83-02 be scheduled for November 7, 1983 at 7:00 P.M. Amendment Defeated.

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

Application No. RA-TLB-37-83-02 be scheduled for October 31, 1983 at 6:00 P.M."

Amendment Defeated.

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

"THAT the Public Hearing to deal with Rezoning Application No. RA-TLB-37-83-02 be scheduled for October 31, 1983 at 2:00 P.M." (Amendment Withdrawn).

The above amendment was withdrawn as Councillor Lichter advised that a Planning Advisory Committee meeting was being held at that same time, that this meeting was advertised in the newspaper, the same as Public Hearings, and that as Chairman of that group, he would not cancel the PAC Meeting and all Councillors on that Committee would not be in attendance at the Public Hearing.

The Mover and seconder of the amendment withdrew the above amendment and replaced it with the following:

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

"THAT the Public Hearing to deal with Rezoning Application No. RA-TLB-37-83-02 be scheduled for October 31, 1983 at 10:00 A.M." Amendment Defeated.