

MOTION CARRIED

It was moved by Councillor Rankin, seconded by Councillor Meade:

"THAT A LETTER BE WRITTEN TO THE MINISTER OF EDUCATION, WITH A COPY TO THE SCHOOL BOARD AND HALIFAX COUNTY MLA'S, STATING HALIFAX COUNTY'S APPRECIATION FOR THE RESPONSE AND ARE ENCOURAGED THAT SUCH A REVIEW OF THE EXISTING PRIORITIES WILL ALLOW CONSIDERATION FOR THE DRAMATIC GROWTH IN AREAS OF THE COUNTY SUCH AS THE TIMBERLEA/HAMMONDS PLAINS AREA AND FURTHER WE LOOK FORWARD TO THE SOUGHT FOR RECOGNITION IN THIS REGARD"

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SUPPLEMENTARY LETTERS AND CORRESPONDENCE

1. Mr. Reinhardt outlined a letter from the Mayor of the City of Toronto requesting council to consider funding for the Energy Probe group to defray the costs of conducting a constitutional challenge to certain provision of the Nuclear Liability Act.

It was moved by Councillor Randall, seconded by Councillor Giffin:

"THAT THE LETTER BE RECEIVED"

MOTION CARRIED

2. Mr. Reinhardt outlined a letter from the Department of Justice in response to council's concern with regards to the derelict vessel the Arctic Trader.

It was moved by Councillor Taylor, seconded by Councillor Giffin:

"THAT THE LETTER BE RECEIVED"

MOTION CARRIED

Councillor McInroy asked if the letter had been followed up to get any information on the status of the vessel. He said it seems that the correspondence was referring Halifax County to Mr. Muzzatti. He said he would suggest that the gentleman be contacted for a report.

Council agreed that Mr. Reinhardt would contact Mr. Muzzatti for an update on the status of the ship.

MINOR VARIANCE APPEAL MVS-17-93-21

The staff report was outlined by Gail Bower. She said the application was to build a two car garage. She said the proposal was made to go four feet from the right side property line. She

said eight feet is required under the Sackville Land Use By-law. She said the property is zoned R1 and it contains a single unit dwelling. The lot is approximately 19000 square feet. The garage will be placed on the right side and it will be 24 feet wide. There is not enough room on the left side of the building to permit the construction of this garage. She outlined the restrictions under the Planning Act. She said after the site visit and upon reviewing the application, it was determined that the proposal was minor and did not violate the intent of the Land Use By-laws. She said these factors resulted in the decision to approve the Minor Variance application. She said as this decision was appealed it is now up to council.

QUESTIONS FROM COUNCIL

Councillor Harvey asked what the purpose of the eight foot setback on the sideline.

Staff replied that the setback is required under the Land Use By-law. She said she does not know when and how this was determined.

Mayor Lichter said since it was council that actually created the Land Use By-law with the assistance of the public it would have been the intent to keep as much clearance as possible both for privacy and also to ensure fire protection vehicles can approach dwellings.

Councillor Harvey asked if the elevation of the applicant's property is higher than the neighbouring property.

Staff replied that it was. She said there is a wall around the property.

Councillor Harvey asked if the proposed addition would make that property more or less compatible with the surrounding homes.

Staff replied that in her opinion it did not present a planning problem.

Councillor Brill asked if any consideration has been given to putting the addition on the back and thereby using the existing driveway to go around.

Staff replied there was none given by her and she is not aware of whether or not the applicant has considered this.

Councillor Hendsbee asked if the trees and the stone wall would have to be removed.

Staff said the proposal is not to go through the stone wall but to bring the driveway around from their existing driveway in front of the dwelling and into the garage. She said they are not disturbing

the wall at all. She said the garage is attached to the side of the house and the bedroom is above the garage.

Councillor Giffin asked how close the house is to the neighbours boundary line.

Staff said it is quite far away, there is quite a lot of land there.

Councillor Giffin said that it was his understanding that there was a difference of one foot from the corner of the house to that boundary line.

Staff said she believes it is 20 feet in the front of the dwelling but then it narrows out in the back to less. She said it narrows at the back so that the existing dwelling is closer to the back property line.

SPEAKERS IN FAVOUR OF THE APPEAL

Mr. Arthur Harpell spoke in favour of the appeal. He said his property is approximately five feet lower. He said he has a rock garden up to the line and in his opinion if this is approved that garden will be ruined. He said the snow will also drift in there and it will back up and block up more. He said he also feels the property value will decline.

Councillor Harvey asked Mr. Harpell how long he has lived at his present address.

Mr. Harpell stated he has lived there for 39 years.

Councillor Harvey asked Mr. Harpell if this was built by right within eight feet of the line would it make a significant difference to his objections.

Mr. Harpell said that if it goes back to eight feet he has no objections.

SPEAKERS IN OPPOSITION TO THE APPEAL

Mr. Steve Craig, the applicant, spoke in opposition to the appeal. He said his wife and her parents moved into the home in 1955. He said they tried to go to the left hand side of the property however, and the neighbour is not willing to sell any of her property. He said they moved from a larger home and to date have finished the basement, renovated the kitchen, upgraded the electrical, and are presently using what was the living room as a master bedroom. He said they have been storing boats in the backyard. He said they had considered putting the garage around to the back however, that would not work for them. He said they intend to renovate the home. He said they want to redo the whole

building in a Cape Cod style. He said with the renovations neither the rock wall nor the oak tree will be disturbed. He said the house will be split level so that the roof over the garage comes down and will be at less of a height than the existing structure. He said they would prefer to go on the left hand side but do not see any option. He said they have explored everything and gone through everything. He said it is a fact of life that snow does go in that driveway.

Councillor Snow had Mr. Craig clarify the properties and the proposed changes from the slides provided. He asked how deep Mr. Craig was proposing to dig.

Mr. Craig said they were proposing to put in frost foundation. He said that his intent was not to destroy Mr. Harpneil's flower bed. He said they have talked with the contractor and he will put boards up and fix anything should it occur.

Councillor Snow asked if Mr. Craig will drain the property.

Mr. Craig said the draining will be better than it is now because all the drainage will go into the storm sewer.

Councillor Sutherland said by right Mr. Craig has the authority to extend 20 feet. He asked if he had looked at designs other than the one that is being proposed. He said it seems to him that the combination of an extension to the right of the building and in addition to the rear of the building would provide the same floor space as this design will provide. He asked if he had looked at alternatives.

Mr. Craig said they have and the best one they can put on the property and make it look pleasing etc. is what they are proposing.

Councillor Sutherland asked if his design enters anywhere to the back of the existing property. He asked how far back the addition will go.

Mr. Craig said it will go back 36 feet.

Councillor Harvey said the staff report said "it has to be 24 feet wide". He asked Mr. Craig to elaborate on this.

Mr. Craig said it does not have to be at least 24 feet wide. The intent here is that they have two vehicles and a boat. He said their intent is to take the boat and store it in the winter.

Councillor Harvey that he feels a 20 foot addition, which he can build by right, would give him a two bay garage. He asked if this could not accommodate what he wants to do.

Mr. Craig said it probably would if you are talking two vehicles

but when you are talking about the beam of a boat, probably not. He said he and his wife plan on staying here and passing it on to their family. He said the other option they have is to conform to the eight feet. He said they do not go to within four feet but actually to about five feet because it is eight feet from the front of the property and they are taking the garage back a bit. He said if they go to eight feet in the front then they can also widen the garage, as they go back, in keeping with the line which does not go perpendicular with the street and it doesn't go parallel with the house. He said they could have a narrower lot size and still conform with the By-law's in the front and could increase it towards the back and could make the extra room there. He said he does not know how nice this would look but it could be done to accommodate a number of people.

Councillor Barnet asked Mr. Craig, with reference to pictures presented to council, if he had measured the garages in proportion to the house.

Mr. Craig said he has a computer drawing to scale which gives him an idea of the proportionate looks.

Councillor Barnet asked if the proposed addition was simply a garage and a master bedroom.

Mr. Craig said there is a proposed patio to be off the master bedroom. He said the lower level will be all garage. He said the master bedroom will be approximately 400 square feet and the actual footage for the garage area is 850 square feet.

Deputy Mayor Bates said Mr. Craig had a right to go 20 feet and he not only wants that right but he also wants to take away four feet to the right of the next property. He said it seems to him that Mr. Craig wants to do a lot. He said he has twenty feet, which most people find large enough to accommodate two garages. He said Halifax County makes rules and regulations for a purpose and this would be asking to destroy a part of the neighbours property to accommodate a boat.

Mr. Craig he said he would not give precedence of a boat over goodwill of neighbours. He said the flower bed is already on his property. The distance from the neighbour's house to the property line is roughly 27 feet. The rock wall was erected and is owned by Halifax County. He said he has no intention of sacrificing rights. He said the intent he does not feel that the intent asked of the by-law was truly answered. He said his understanding that the eight feet on either side was to allow fire vehicles on the property. He said eight feet on his side of the property won't allow for this because of the wall. He said from the wall over to Mr. Harpell's building is twenty feet.

Councillor Merrigan said the variance is four feet at the beginning

of the property, in the middle its approximately seven feet and he said he would assume that there is no variance in the back portion of the garage. He asked Mr. Craig what the depth of his house was.

Mr. Craig replied that it was 26 feet.

Councillor Merrigan said in essence he is talking a variance from four feet in the front of the house, back twenty six feet to a one foot variance and no variance from there back.

Councillor Cooper asked what was the reason Mr. Craig didn't decide to put it on the left hand side of the house as facing from the front.

Mr. Craig said on the left hand side of the house, where the driveway is, the corner of that driveway, up at the top, is actually a little bit on the neighbours property. He said he has roughly fourteen feet just to the property line. He said if he is taking eight feet he has six feet to build a garage and it narrows as you go back and on the other side it widens as you go back.

Councillor Cooper asked if he had 30 feet at the front between the house and the property line on that left side.

Mr. Craig said he did not believe so.

Councillor Cooper said, even allowing for the angle on the street, the property line across the front of the house should be approximately eighty feet wide. He said he should have almost thirty feet to the left side of the house looking from the street.

Mr. Craig said he if it was straight line and parallel it would be twenty seven feet. He said then taking off eight feet would leave nineteen feet to the property line. He said on the other side he has twenty eight feet. He said he has to apply for a minor variance if he wants fifteen feet to build a double wide garage and he does not feel this would be sufficient to build a double wide garage and that would have to narrow as he went further up the property line.

Councillor Mitchell asked how long the boat was.

Mr. Craig said it was eighteen feet.

Councillor Mitchell suggested if Mr. Craig made the garage wider at the back of the house he would be able to store his boat and have room for two cars as well. He said if he made it twenty four feet at the back overlapping the back of the house and have the front twenty feet.

DECISION OF COUNCIL

Councillor Harvey said he had hoped a private resolution could have been found for this matter. He said the Craigs have conducted this properly and they have a true minor variance which does not exceed, at any point, half the distance of the setback. He said they have not put in their footings and built half their extension and then come in to council and said it would be a terrible hardship if they had to tear it out. He said the Harpell's also have a right to their privacy and they thought they were protected from structures eight feet from their sideline. He said there have been some options suggested by people who are knowledgeable in this matter and he feels there are possibilities in the options presented to accommodate the addition requirements that the Craigs wish to have on their property.

It was moved by Councillor Harvey, seconded by Councillor Sutherland:

"THAT THE APPEAL BE UPHELD AND THE MINOR VARIANCE NOT GRANTED"

Councillor Sutherland said from his point of view there is nothing in this application that leads him to believe council should support the minor variance. He said he feels there are alternatives as it is a large lot and it is level.

Councillor Merrigan said he feels this is a very minor variance and he will not be supporting the motion.

Councillor Cooper said he feels this proposed structure would not look right and there would be too much intrusion on the neighbours use of their property. He said there are a number of options that would alleviate the problem and because there are a number of options available to Mr. Craig and because the obstruction that would take place to Mr. Harpell he will be supporting the motion.

MOTION CARRIED
15 IN FAVOUR
9 AGAINST

MINOR VARIANCE APPEAL MV-13-02-93

Linda Malloy made the staff presentation. She said she approved the minor variance for subdivision of lot 28A, Greenwood Heights, into two lots. She said there is provision under the Land Use By-law for Timberlea to allow a lot that is less than 120 feet to be subdivided into two lots with each having 50 feet of frontage and 5,000 square feet. She said this lot meets these requirements. She said there is an existing house on this property and the request was for four feet from the existing line rather than the required eight feet. She said she approved this variance under Section 4.7(b) of the Land Use By-law. She said the Department of Transportation and Engineering and works have both replied

favourably to this. She said this lot could be subdivided regardless of whether the minor variance is upheld or not. She said the proposed structure will fit on the lot and leave eight feet on either side.

QUESTIONS FROM COUNCIL

Councillor Sutherland asked if the house could be built and the land subdivided even without the minor variance.

Mr. Malloy said it could be divided but it would make the property narrower.

Councillor Peters asked if the proposed dwelling could be moved back as to eliminate the little jog in the plan.

Ms. Malloy said because of where the house is sitting the jog has to go there.

Councillor McInroy asked what the setback would be of the neighbour's dwelling.

Ms. Malloy said it would have to be 30 feet.

Councillor McInroy said he has concerns that the county may be unable to control where a dwelling unit was placed on a lot and also unable to control the height of it. He said the dwelling could be built in what would be the area of the backyard of the other two and a dwelling may be built that would not be in keeping with the present dwellings.

Ms. Malloy said the proposed building is going to be a split entry.

Councillor McInroy asked if two dwelling units could be built on this new lot.

Ms. Malloy said yes it could be.

Councillor McInroy said there is the potential for a two storey side by side semi detached units. He said he knows this is not what has been presented.

Councillor Hendsbee asked if the lot could be narrower.

Ms. Malloy said it could be narrower and the house could be still built but the fifty foot of frontage is still necessary.

Mayor Lichter said regardless of how the line is drawn when eventually the building permit is applied for you still need the minor variance to locate the building. He said if the lot is made narrower it will bring the line closer to the side of the house.

SPEAKER IN FAVOUR OF THE APPEAL

No speakers.

Mayor Lichter indicated the letter from Mr. Frances indicating his reasons for the appeal.

SPEAKERS IN OPPOSITION TO THE APPEAL

Karen Vigiani spoke in opposition to the appeal. She said she and her husband recently moved and her mother in law has offered to subdivide her property to allow them to build a home. She said they will be building a single family dwelling on the new lot. She said the new house will conform with homes presently on the street.

QUESTIONS FROM COUNCIL

None.

DECISION OF COUNCIL

It was moved by Councillor Rankin, seconded by Councillor Giffin:

"THAT THE DECISION OF THE DEVELOPMENT OFFICER BE UPHELD
AND THE MINOR VARIANCE BE GRANTED"

MOTION CARRIED

SUPPLEMENTARY LETTERS AND CORRESPONDENCE

1. Mr. Reinhardt outlined a letter from the Department of Municipal Affairs advising council of the unpaid furlough.

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

"THAT THE LETTER BE RECEIVED"

MOTION CARRIED

Deputy Mayor Bates said he agrees with the protests that have been lodged by the City of Halifax. He said from his perspective municipal council has to be consistent in what it does. He said that Halifax County has consistently protested downloading of taxes. He said in this view this is an extreme. He said he finds this difficult to accept and he does not agree with this way of taxation. He said this is a significant drain on people who are on lower salaries and he feels this is unjust. He said to be fair he feels this should be spread out over all the people not just some.

It was moved by Deputy Mayor Bates, seconded by Councillor Fralick:

"THAT A LETTER BE WRITTEN TO THE PROVINCE SAYING THAT HALIFAX COUNTY PROTESTS THE "LEAVE WITHOUT PAY" BECAUSE OF THE UNFAIR BURDEN THAT THIS WILL PLACE ON A SELECT SEGMENT OF THE POPULATION"

Councillor Sutherland said employees have already had a two year freeze and now the same employees is being hit again.

Councillor Cooper said everyone does recognize the difficulties the province is in but it seems clear in peoples minds that to fight this type of thing it should be done on a fair basis. He said the present methods, in his opinion, is just a claw back of monies the municipality could have used for the benefit of its residents. He said and this is coming from a very small portion of the municipality's employees and it is going to hurt them. He said he does not see this to be just or fair.

Councillor Giffin said everyone feels strongly about this. He said he feels it is an unfair method of getting back funds. He said he feels it should be done in a more equitable way. He said he feels this is the message that should be sent back to the province. He said instead of taking back two percent from a certain group, take it from everyone in the province.

Councillor Hendsbee said he feels the two percent is necessary and he also believes the twenty two thousand is much too low.

Councillor Boutilier said he feels council should strongly voice its objection.

Councillor Meade what would this two percent cost Halifax County to replace workers who are off as a result of this furlough.

Mayor Lichter said he has received the legislation and essential services may be treated differently. He said once it has been studied properly then the impact can be calculated. He said there is no question that it is going to cost money for every municipality. He said it will cost more for cities and towns than it is going to cost for rural municipalities. He said it is going to be an additional cost. He advised that the four mayors have tried to persuade the minister of municipal affairs that this is not the right way to go because of the additional costs and hardships this creates for all the employees. He said the government has the number of sitting members to be determined and to stick with it. He said he will have no difficulty making the strongest possible representation at the legislative committee but he does not feel he will have an impact because the law amendments committee has to be made up by over eighty percent of government members. He said it has to be stated that Halifax County does not agree with the method that is being used or the fact that this comes on top of a two year freeze.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

It was moved by Councillor Sutherland, seconded by Deputy Mayor Bates:

"THAT HALIFAX COUNTY APPEAR BEFORE THE LAW AMENDMENTS AND OPPOSE THE PROPOSED BILL 41 IN SUPPORT OF THE EMPLOYEES"

MOTION CARRIED

2. Mr. Reinhardt outlined a letter from the Halifax Water Commission advising of the sale of Halifax Water Commission property in the Goodwood/Hatchett Lake area.

It was moved by Councillor Mitchell, seconded by Councillor Giffin:

"THAT THE LETTER BE RECEIVED"

MOTION CARRIED

Councillor Ball said it is his understanding that the district 4 fire department sits on the Halifax Water Commission property. He said he is asking if this is the property in question because if it is up for sale it may have an impact because the fire department may not have a home.

Mr. Meech said he would review this at the staff level.

3. Mr. Reinhardt outlined a letter from the Dartmouth General Hospital requesting appointments to the Hospital Commission.

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

"THAT THE LETTER BE RECEIVED"

MOTION CARRIED

4. Mr. Reinhardt outlined a letter from Strait and Area Mayors and Wardens asking council's support in their efforts to obtain an extension of the deadline imposed with regards to the stringent environmental requirements for the pulp and paper industry.

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

"THAT THE LETTER BE RECEIVED"

MOTION CARRIED

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

"THAT THE RESOLUTION BE REWORDED SENT TO THE APPROPRIATE

DEPARTMENTS OF THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT/PROVINCIAL
GOVERNMENT"

MOTION CARRIED

FIRST READING - A BY-LAW RESPECTING THE AMALGAMATION OF THE
DARTMOUTH FERRY SYSTEM WITH METRO TRANSIT

It was moved by Councillor Ball, seconded by Councillor Rankin:

"THAT FIRST READING BE GIVEN TO A BY-LAW RESPECTING THE
AMALGAMATION OF THE DARTMOUTH FERRY SYSTEM WITH METRO
TRANSIT"

MOTION CARRIED

SECOND AND THIRD READING - A BY-LAW TO AMEND BY-LAW 58, THE CHARGE
FOR WATER SERVICES BY-LAW

Mayor Lichter asked if there was anyone present who wished to speak
either in favour or against this By-law before second and third
reading was given.

No speakers came forward.

It was moved by Councillor Giffin, seconded by Councillor Hendsbee:

"THAT SECOND READING BE GIVEN TO A BY-LAW TO AMEND BY-LAW
58, THE CHARGE FOR WATER SERVICES BY-LAW"

MOTION CARRIED

It was moved by Councillor Sutherland, seconded by Councillor
Hendsbee:

"THAT THIRD READING BE GIVEN TO A BY-LAW TO AMEND BY-LAW
58, THE CHARGE FOR WATER SERVICES BY-LAW"

MOTION CARRIED

SECOND AND THIRD READING - A BY-LAW RESPECTING SEWER TAXES

Mayor Lichter asked for speakers in favour or in opposition to come
forward and make a presentation.

Mr. Barry Zwicker made a presentation to council on behalf of the
Armoyan Group. He said this issue is not related to lots that are
potentially developable as R1 single family lots of 6,000 sq. ft.
He said there is no objection with regards to the charge related to
the charge for water services or the sanitary sewer service. He
said the Armoyan Group has a parcel of land along Caldwell Road
that has 36 single family lots that front on Caldwell Road which

will all be subject to the charges being put in place. He said there is no objection with respect to those 36. He said there is a parcel of land in behind those 36 and the issue at hand is how that parcel of land gets charged. He said the proposal in the By-law would see the lots developed on this land being charged at approximately \$7,900. per lot. He said they are suggesting charging the normal rate of \$500 per lot or, at some time in the future, give consideration to changing the serviceable boundary and at that time charge \$500 per lot for the smaller lots that might be created. He said they are opposed to that element in the by-law that will see these lots being charged at a rate of equal to \$7,900 each where all other lots in the proposal are being charged at a rate of \$500 apiece.

Councillor Peters asked if what they were proposing was if these lots are for a single family dwelling they be charged at the \$500 as opposed to the square foot charge.

Mr. Zwicker said this was correct. He said, to their understanding, this is the only parcel of land that is outside of the serviceable boundary but included within the this by-law.

Councillor Peters asked if what he was saying was if they cannot get this land included within the serviceable boundary they would like to have the option to be able to sell them as single family dwellings with on site services at \$500 per lot.

Mr. Zwicker confirmed this.

Councillor Ball said if the serviceable boundary was extended to include those five lots what would take place, would it be \$500 per lot or would it be subject to the \$7,900.

Mr. Meech said his interpretation would be that if the by-law is passed in the present form it is going to come out to 7.9 cents per square foot on these lands. If the by-law remained then it would be \$7,900 for 100,000 square feet so, in fact, there wouldn't be any change. He said what has been stated in terms of looking at the storm sewer costs in isolation he cannot disagree with anything that has been put forward. He said looking at it on the basis of lot per lot you raise the question as to why it is fair and equitable. He said you also have to have the benefit of the background that has gone in the development of this by-law.

Councillor McInroy said this has gone through community council and municipal council should not be coming back proposing something should be changed. He said this is the first implementation of its kind in Halifax County where a particular storm drainage area has been designated as the area that contributes to final piped system that has to transfer the storm water off to the lake or wherever it ultimately goes. He said it was not conceivable to go back to the residents who have lived in the area for approximately thirty years

and say that a one time charge of \$500 is going to be levied for that system. He said there was the situation of the people who lived across the street from the single family lots who had been living there for the same amount of time, on well and septic systems, and if you could subdivide under today's regulations they paid the double charge. He said the particular circumstance was put in place for the lots up to 44,000 sq. ft. of being charged one \$500 lot charge was on the condition that they not be subdividable under today's current regulations. He said it is his understanding that should subdivision occur there would be the liability for that additional charge. He said he supports something other than what is currently in place or what is currently proposed for that. He said he supports the idea of trying to recover from developers the costs of installation of trunk lines for storm sewer but it became difficult to try and be fair in every situation. He said he feels this is a situation where this developer isn't being treated fairly. He said he feels this situation deserves some reconsideration.

Councillor Cooper said this has been a long process and because it has been so long and many accommodations have been made that what is before council is probably the best that is going to be achieved. He said it is included in the serviceable boundary and given that you only receive six or seven lots per 100,000 square feet then it is close to what they are paying. If they are not to pay then maybe those lots should be designated as undividable and/or, as the same basis as across the street, any division under these present zoning by-laws or any future ones, no matter how many subdivisions, get charged \$500 per lot. The present 7.9 cents per square foot is quite reasonable down the line with the charges that are there. He said taking into consideration the difficulty to accommodate the people involved he feels the present by-laws should be there. He said that particular piece of property should never be developed on septic in that particular area. He said he would suggest the developers bring as much pressure as possible to see that it is serviced, in those areas, as soon as possible. He said he feels the present by-law before council should be left as is unless there are more and fairly substantial reasons brought to change it.

Councillor Ball said he would like to see if there is some way this can be referred to Mr. Crooks to come up with some wording that can be more equitable. He said there should be something put in the by-law that if this gets subdivided into six thousand square foot lots within the serviceable boundary that the \$500 charge be applied.

Mr. Meech said it has been estimated there is going to be "x" amount of dollars recovered from the land owners. If the by-law is changed and suggest they are only going to pay \$500 a lot it means that another \$31,000, which was intended to be generated, has to be found. He said when this proposal was originally started the

charge was calculated on the basis of so many cents per acre. He said as a result of this being put forward and discussed in the community and as the result of representation, there were accommodations made. He said as a result of those accommodations, you now end up with something that somebody can challenge as to whether or not it is equitable. He said the only way it could be equitable, within reason, would be to charge everybody so many cents per square foot across the board.

Councillor Ball said to him this would be more equitable. He said if the land became serviced and it was \$500 per six thousand square feet, could Halifax County still achieve the same goal.

Mr. Meech said if it was going to be subdivided or placed in the serviceable boundary the \$7,900 would achieve essentially the same thing. He said he would not suggest that it be made conditional on the outcome of the expansion to the serviceable boundary because this could take a long period of time.

Councillor Merrigan asked if there was an application presently in front of staff to change that serviceable boundary.

Mr. Meech said he believes there is. He said he is not sure where it presently sits in the process.

Councillor Cooper said the application is there but it is still in it's extremely preliminary stages with discussions to be held and recommendations to the community council from the advisory committee.

Councillor Merrigan asked if the by-law passes how is the money to be paid.

Mr. Meech said he believes it can be amortized over a period of ten years with interest.

Councillor Peters asked if it is passed the way it reads and the Armoyan Group makes the application to be included in the serviceable boundary is turned down she feels its wrong to have the developer penalized because he has extra large lots, demanded by the Board of Health, that he has to pay for.

Mayor Lichter said he believes what would happen would be that there would have to be a notice of motion, a first reading, advertising, and then second and third reading in order to make an amendment at a future time.

Councillor Peters asked if Armoyan was charged the \$7,900 per lot they were then able to be approved for servicing and subdivided would they then be charged again or would their fees have already been paid for.

Mr. Meech said their fees would have already been paid. He said there is only going to be one charge whatever that would end up to be in the final form of the by-law.

Councillor Peters said if the Board of Health said you have to have these extra large lots because of drainage it does not seem right to her that the developer is made to pay regardless of the funding arrangements.

Councillor McInroy said the county should look realistically at the potential for that land to be included in the serviceable boundary. He does not see a lot of potential for that to happen. He said he feels that those lands should be developed with full central services.

Mr. Tam said the \$500 per lot is based on an average area of 6,000 square foot. Initially they were going to charge based on 7.9 cents per square foot regardless of lot size. Most of the lots are in the area of 6,000 square feet and there are a number of lots that are over that but not by very much. He said from administration wise it is going to make very much difference whether county uses 7.9 cents per square foot or \$500 per lot. The initial area that was chosen as the demarkation between \$500 per lot and 7.9 cents per square foot is 11,000 square feet. During a number of community meeting residents pointed out that they had a lot larger than the eleven thousand so they increased it to one acre. He said they found out there are two more properties that is twenty square feet exceeding the one acre. To accommodate those they determined they are going to have a cut off point somewhere. It was decided that 44,000 square feet was the cut off point. Anything above that will be based on 7.9 cents per square foot. He said in isolation when you look at the 100,000 square foot lot at the 7.9 cents it is very excessive but when you look at the entire project, the Armoian Group has total bulk land of 15 acres and out of that 15 acres, five acres abuts on Caldwell Road and has been subdivided into 6,000 square foot lots. The sanitary sewer betterment charge on those 36 lots is \$27,750. There was a betterment charge for those lots. These 36 lots abutting Caldwell Road at \$500 each is \$18,000 and the remaining ten acres assuming five lots have a recovery of \$34,412 based on the current proposal. He said a total of betterment charge of \$140,572 from the Armoians on this 15 acre parcel. He said if you add the 36 lots to the five it would give you 41 lots and the average cost per lot on a betterment charge is \$2,794. He said when you take the entire picture looking at the sanitary storm and water plus the county putting in a lateral from the main to the property line, overall, in his opinion, it is not a bad deal.

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

"THAT THE DEVELOPERS IN QUESTION BE CHARGED \$1,200 PER LOT SUBJECT TO IF AND WHEN THOSE COME WITHIN THE

SERVICEABLE BOUNDARY AND DEVELOP FOR SMALLER SIZE LOTS
THAT THEY BE CHARGED \$500 FOR THOSE LOTS"

Deputy Mayor Bates said he would like to speak against the motion. He said in the one instance there were exceptions made for people who have been there for approximately thirty years and had a lot with square footage of approximately 44,000 square feet. \$500 was charged on those. He said if you look at the whole package and the whole range of services put in place by the county and the benefits that the developer received from those services and look at the average amount that they are paying per lot they are paying \$2,794 in betterment charges for those lots. He said if council agrees with the motion then the money will have to be charged to someone else. If the developer is not going to pay then some of the other people that have already been levied will have to come up with the money. He said he would be voting against the motion and supporting what is in place already.

Councillor Cooper said he does not feel that anyone is being treated unfairly. The lots won't be charged an extra \$500 or subdivided when they come within the serviceable boundary. The lots at 44,000 square feet are being charged the \$500. They are not subdividable and if they are, they are going to be charged per lot. He said everybody is being treated equally. He said the figures may look unequal but the fact is that if everybody can get the maximum number of lots out of any piece of land they are being charged for them. He said he feels it should be left as is and if council decides not to then the whole process will have to be redone.

Mayor Lichter said he has some difficulty with what he is hearing with regards to, if council decides to change anything, then it ought to go back to the community council. He said under the Charter second and third reading is to give an opportunity to individuals to make presentation and for council to have the ability to listen to those presentations. If the forgone conclusion is that because it has gone through some other body and that other body has already decided then he said maybe the charter should be changed so that it doesn't oblige council to go through the three readings, inviting the public to speak but then not be able to do anything. He said if Councillor Deveaux's motion passes then it is not a second reading of what was before council at the last session for first reading. It would be now a changed package and so it would have to go back for a first reading.

Mr. Crooks said if council were to support Councillor Deveaux's motion the Caldwell Road portion of Schedule A could not be considered amended or dealt with under the public notice which has been issued because that notice is very specific about the charges which would be levied and the basis for the charge. If the By-law was going to be dealt with on the basis of second and third reading tonight it would have to be without including Caldwell Road

sections of Schedule A.

Mayor Lichter asked if it means that council is not at all to make any change between first and second reading.

Mr. Crooks said there is not a lot of latitude for changes to be made. He said if there were some minor changes it could be concluded that if those changes were acceptable to council they would not be sufficiently significant that it would require the giving of new notice. The concept of giving notice, especially in the case of a taxing by-law, of the specific charges and the methods of calculation is so that the public is entitled to come out or not to come out, as they see fit, on the basis of what the notice says. There is a very limited opportunity for altering the proposed charges or the basis for calculating the charges under the notice that exists.

Mr. Meech said, with respect to the motion on the floor, in his opinion it is incomplete because you cannot proceed to move to make this adjustment without at least making a determination to where the shortage of funds that were to be recovered through the application of the by-law are going to come from. He said you can't make a change without identifying where the additional dollars are to be recovered from as a result of this change. He said one of the reasonings behind the decision to accommodate existing property owners, in particular with existing homes, was that most of these people have been paying the environmental services rate for a number of years on the basis of the value of their home. He said the environmental services rate has been tapped from time to time to pay for storm sewerage. Part of the cost of the funding for this particular project is to be generated from the environmental services rate. That was one of the other reasons why there was some accommodation to existing property owners because it was recognized that they had been making a contribution over the years to the environmental services rate on the basis of the value of their properties. He said this total program was subsidized by both municipal and provincial dollars. He said to look at it in it's proper perspective you have to look at it in terms of the total servicing because, in fact, the sanitary sewer, the water line extension and in particular the storm sewer program was all heavily subsidized with provincial and municipal dollars.

Councillor Merrigan asked if this was the only parcel, in this position, that would be charged by the by-law.

Mr. Tam said the lands owned by the indian band is also charged 7.9 cents per square acre.

Councillor Merrigan said if a change is made here this could also be looking at making a change on that land as well.

Councillor McInroy said it is his understanding that the indian band has some right to develop those lands on central services.

Mayor Lichter said there may be a solution to the problem that does not require altering the present by-law.

Councillor Deveaux withdrew his motion, seconder agreed to the withdrawal.

Mayor Lichter said taking everything into consideration what he is looking at is on the one hand someone saying that \$7,900 on a 100,000 square foot lot is not really out of line with the number of serviced lots that could be developed on 6,000 square foot lots at \$500 each. He said he has also heard that it does not really make sense to have this piece of land developed on septic tank disposal field because of the environmental concerns. He said he realizes that it will take time to have negotiations between Eastern Passage and Westphal/Cole Harbour over the 50/50 split. He said there probably can be some flexibility found there. He said he would suggest if the by-law could be left as is but defer the payment for this particular land (the \$7,900) by taking a lien against the property, with interest, and have that all become payable at the time when and if it can be subdivided because it is within the serviceable boundary. He said with that one doesn't make a commitment that it will happen rather with that, financing can be done as many other things are financed. He said his understanding was that even those who are paying \$500. can be amortized over a number of years with interest. He said if one of those individuals does not pay he is going to owe the municipality \$500 plus interest. He said why shouldn't that option be there for the Armoian's to owe \$7,900 for each of these potential lots plus interest until the time when the serviceable boundary is adjusted, if it is going to be adjusted. He said the only thing that would be required is passing the by-law, as is, and having a motion afterwards, on the books, that this is the way the Armoian situation is going to be treated.

Mr. Meech said he would have concern if, in fact, there is no will, in the end, to extend the serviceable boundary and the Armoian Group then decides they want to develop on site services what happens to the charges.

Mayor Lichter said they pay it.

Mr. Crooks said he understood that the charge would be conditional on the lands being included in the service boundary. Once this tax is levied, it is levied and it can't be revoked, amended or adjusted except in accordance with the provisions of the assessment act. He said, in his opinion, there may be provisions under which the collection of the tax could be deferred beyond the collection of an annual payment once every year for ten years. He said he would want to review this before being in a position to provide the

council with an opinion on that.

It was moved by Deputy Mayor Bates, seconded by Councillor Cooper:

"THAT SECOND READING BE GIVEN TO A BY-LAW RESPECTING
SEWER TAXES"

MOTION DEFEATED

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13 AGAINST

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

"THAT THIS BE REFERRED BACK TO THE SOLICITOR TO TRY TO
MAKE APPROPRIATE CHANGES IN LINE WITH THAT RECOMMENDED BY
THE MAYOR"

MOTION CARRIED

SECOND AND THIRD READING - A BY-LAW TO AMEND BY-LAW NO. 29, THE
MOBILE HOME PARK BY-LAW

It was moved by Councillor Rankin, seconded by Councillor Randall:

"THAT SECOND READING BE GIVEN TO A BY-LAW TO AMEND BY-LAW
NO. 29, THE MOBILE HOME PARK BY-LAW"

MOTION CARRIED

It was moved by Councillor Giffin, seconded by Councillor Ball:

"THAT THIRD READING BE GIVEN TO A BY-LAW TO AMEND BY-LAW
NO. 29, THE MOBILE HOME PARK BY-LAW"

MOTION CARRIED

BEAVERBANK SERVICING PROGRAM

Mayor Lichter said his understanding of this report is that it contains mainly information with the only recommendation being for council to give approval to an additional expenditure of \$516,000 for the simultaneous installation of the water transmission main.

Mr. Meech said this is correct because it would have to be considered at the time when council deals with the capital projects.

It was moved by Councillor Merrigan, seconded by Councillor Hendsbee:

"THAT COUNCIL APPROVE AN ADDITIONAL EXPENDITURE OF

\$516,000 FOR THE SIMULTANEOUS INSTALLATION OF THE WATER TRANSMISSION MAIN"

MOTION CARRIED

Councillor Merrigan said he has some concern with the report. He said the first page indicates that there are 220 acres which would allow servicing of the various subdivisions outlined in the report. He asked how many properties would be in that 220 acres.

Mr. Wdowiak said there would be approximately 525.

Councillor Merrigan said the report made reference to a trunk on the Beaverbank Road, down the Beaverbank Road to connect into the Little Sackville River. He asked where this was coming from.

Mr. Wdowiak said it will be intercepting where Halifax County is presently connecting into local collector sewers on the Beaverbank Road. He said presently they can accommodate local, small diameter infrastructure. He said there will be a requirement to extend from the large diameter main in the first phase of Beaverbank which is 18 to 21 inches. He said it is presently being discharged through a local collector sewer. It will require a trunk sewer down Millwood Drive or a large trunk sewer down the Beaverbank Road towards Glendale to the trunk sewer there.

Councillor Merrigan asked if a sewer pipe was brought up from Glendale up the Beaverbank Road.

Mr. Wdowiak confirmed that this had been done. He said it was a small section of approximately 900 feet between Glendale and Sunnyvale. He said the water that is being recommended here would go from Stokil to Woodbine.

Councillor Merrigan made reference to page 3, year 5, paragraph 2. He said he has a problem with this because if he understands it correctly it is saying that when the twinning is put in for the trunk line for Sackville and expand the Mill Cove treatment plant and make these various changes, when it hasn't yet been determined how it is going to be billed out to the residents of Beaverbank. He said is not usually billed out to the people who are hooked up but, if it is, he is prepared to make a motion that the agreement that was negotiated with Mr. Havill be struck down. He said he is not prepared to allow Mr. Havill to have the capacity for 650 homes and the people in Beaverbank pick up a major portion of the cost.

Mayor Lichter asked Councillor Merrigan if he was saying that unless somehow the costs can be reallocated and the whole Woodbine hooked up costs go to Mr. Havill forget about Woodbine. He said the Mr. Wdowiak stated that any sewer treatment plant building or extension is recovered by the environmental rate. The extension costs will be significant to everybody but it is not going to be a

matter of the people of Beaverbank having to pay for it.

Mr. Meech said once Woodbine connects to the system they will either be paying the environmental services rate, which is the present method of cost recovery, or will be paying the surcharge on their water which is intended to be implemented next year. He said because Beaverbank is not part of the serviceable boundary at the present time and in that expansion there is going to be capacity allocated for Beaverbank they will not start paying until they actually connected.

Councillor Merrigan said he wants to know that council is going to treat the rest of Beaverbank the same way it is going to treat the private operator.

Mayor Lichter said there will be a meeting with the Minister of Municipal Affairs to find out what kind of funding assistance Halifax County may be able to get for Mill Cove.

Councillor Bayers said it would be his recommendation that this be referred to the Service Standards with the engineers and Councillor Merrigan there to get some finalization and then bring it back to council.

It was moved by Councillor Merrigan, seconded by Councillor Brill:

"THAT THE REST OF THE COMMUNITY OF BEAVERBANK, WHEN THEY ARE PROVIDED THE SERVICES, WILL BE TREATED THE SAME AS THAT OF WOODBINE"

Councillor Merrigan said that is not to say the foot frontage charges would be the same price but that they would not pay for these extra costs if Woodbine is not paying.

It was moved by Councillor Bayers, seconded by Councillor Ball:

"THAT THE ISSUE BE REFERRED TO THE SERVICE STANDARDS COMMITTEE WITH THE ENGINEERS AND COUNCILLOR MERRIGAN THERE TO GET SOME FINALIZATION AND THEN BRING IT BACK TO COUNCIL"

REFERRAL MOTION CARRIED

Councillor Merrigan said he does not have a problem with it being referred to the Service Standards Committee but in the interim he would like to have the agreement with Mr. Havill put on hold until this is worked out.

Mayor Lichter said he would suggest if he wants to do this he should put it in the form of a motion to have the record show exactly where council stands.

It was moved by Councillor Merrigan, seconded by Councillor Brill:

"THAT UNTIL THIS IS SOLVED HALIFAX COUNTY NOT SIGN THE AGREEMENT"

Mayor Lichter said with the changing political scene and the tight dollars that are being experienced daily, it could be that a year from now this council is going to have to take a look at its policy and decide that capital projects can no longer be funded the way it was funded up until now. He said provincial dollars are just not coming and a lot more user pay will have to be paid. He said this is a project that could take six years that is why he cannot commit himself to saying "we will treat you exactly the same as we are treating Woodbine".

Councillor Merrigan said this was in the UMA report which indicated to proportion a part of the expenses to the expansion of Mill Cove and this trunk sewer to the community of Beavercreek. He said based on today's policy that paragraph shouldn't be in there.

Councillor Merrigan withdrew his motion, seconder agreed.

REPORT RE: DEVELOPMENT OF WATER SERVICES DISTRICTS - COLE HARBOUR, WESTPHAL, EASTERN PASSAGE

Councillor Cooper asked if any replies had been received from the City of Dartmouth.

Mr. Meech said there have been no replies to date.

Councillor Cooper said if they do not reply what would be the plan of action.

Mr. Meech said unless he gets some information that indicates otherwise is that Halifax County would proceed to develop the information as indicated in the report.

Mayor Lichter asked Councillor Cooper if it would be satisfactory for the both of them and Mr. Meech to seek a meeting with the Mayor, City Manager and the Chief Engineer of the City of Dartmouth.

It was moved by Councillor Cooper, seconded by Councillor Hendsbee:

"THAT THIS REPORT BE ADOPTED AND FURTHER THAT A MEETING BE SET UP WITH THE CITY OF DARTMOUTH"

MOTION CARRIED

RATIFICATION OF APPROVED DISTRICT CAPITAL GRANTS

It was moved by Councillor Ball, seconded by Councillor Meade:

"THAT THE APPROVED DISTRICT CAPITAL GRANTS BE RATIFIED"

MOTION CARRIED

SUPPLEMENTARY PLANNING ADVISORY COMMITTEE REPORT

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

"THAT MONDAY, NOVEMBER 22, 1993 AT 6:00 P.M. BE THE DATE AND TIME FOR THE PUBLIC HEARING FOR FILE NO. CDD-EP/CB-01-88-06"

MOTION CARRIED

It was moved by Councillor Deveaux, seconded by Deputy Mayor Bates:

"THAT THE MEETING BE HELD IN EASTERN PASSAGE"

MOTION DEFEATED

SUPPLEMENTARY EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPORT

Revised Interest Rate Charge Out Schedule Re: District Loan Advances and Betterment Charges

It was moved by Deputy Mayor Bates, seconded by Councillor Harvey:

"THAT THE RECOMMENDATIONS AS OUTLINED IN THE STAFF REPORT 9 SEPTEMBER 1993 BE APPROVED"

MOTION CARRIED

Tender - Stream Upgrade, Caldwell Road to Morris Lake

It was moved by Deputy Mayor Bates, seconded by Councillor Bayers:

"THAT THE AWARDING OF THE TENDER GO TO W. ERIC WHEBBY LTD., IN THE AMOUNT OF \$139,500.00 AS THE LOWEST BID MEETING SPECIFICATIONS"

MOTION CARRIED

Report Re: Tax File #6325

It was moved by Deputy Mayor Bates, seconded by Councillor Hendsbee:

"THAT COUNCIL APPROVE THE WRITE OFF OF PRINCIPAL, INTEREST AND EXPENSES IN THE AMOUNT OF \$3,285.24 TO ALLOW A CERTIFICATE OF TITLE TO BE ISSUED"

MOTION CARRIED

Capital Grant Requests

It was moved by Councillor Harvey, seconded by Councillor Sutherland:

"THAT GENERAL PARKLAND GRANT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$7,000.00 FOR CONSTRUCTION OF A BASKETBALL COURT AT THE SACKVILLE SPORTS STADIUM BE APPROVED"

MOTION CARRIED

Borrowing Resolutions

It was moved by Councillor Snow, seconded Deputy Mayor Bates:

THAT BORROWING RESOLUTION 93/94-06, TRUNK SEWER (BEAVERBANK), IN THE AMOUNT OF \$950,000 BE APPROVED"

MOTION CARRIED

It was moved by Councillor Harvey, seconded by Councillor Barnet:

"THAT BORROWING RESOLUTION 93/94-07, SANITARY SEWER (FIRST STREET), IN THE AMOUNT OF \$44,000 BE APPROVED"

MOTION CARRIED

Library Funding

It was moved by Deputy Mayor Bates, seconded by Councillor Mitchell:

"THAT COUNCIL SET A DATE FOR A MEETING WITH THE TOWN OF BEDFORD TO FURTHER DISCUSS THE FUNDING FOR THE HALIFAX COUNTY REGIONAL LIBRARY"

MOTION CARRIED

Information Services Department - Proposed Restructuring Details

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

"THAT COUNCIL APPROVE AND ADOPT THE STAFF REPORT ON RESTRUCTURING INFORMATION SERVICES DIVISION AND PROVIDE SUPPLEMENTARY BUDGET APPROVAL OF \$50,000.00 FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 1993/94"

MOTION CARRIED

SERVICE STANDARDS COMMITTEE REPORT

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

"THAT THE RECOMMENDATION AS OUTLINED IN THE REPORT BE APPROVED"

MOTION CARRIED

UNSM DUES

Mayor Lichter said council had gone on record that until UNSM does make and adjustment in its fee structure Halifax County would pay the dues monthly. He said that UNSM voted in favour of a fairer system of fees and as a result Halifax County is paying less.

It was moved by Councillor Deveaux, seconded by Deputy Mayor Bates:

"THAT THE DUES BE PAID WHEN DUE"

MOTION CARRIED

HALLOWE'EN

Mayor Lichter said petitions had been requested to change the date for Hallowe'en from Sunday to Saturday. He said in discussing this with the other Mayors in the metro area is that Bedford, Dartmouth and Halifax are not changing the day.

Councillor Snow said he has received numerous calls from both residents and churches in his district who would like to have it changed from Sunday to Saturday.

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

"THAT THE CELEBRATION OF HALLOWE'EN BE CHANGED FROM SUNDAY TO SATURDAY NIGHT IN HALIFAX COUNTY"

MOTION DEFEATED

URGENT AGENDA ITEMS

Traffic Lights - Councillor Deveaux

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

"THAT A LETTER BE WRITTEN TO THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION, WITH A COPY TO THE MLA, REQUESTING TRAFFIC LIGHTS BE INSTALLED AT QUIGLEY'S CORNER"

MOTION CARRIED

Crosswalks - Councillor Deveaux

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

"THAT A LETTER BE WRITTEN TO THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION, WITH A COPY TO THE MLA, REQUESTING THAT CROSSWALKS BE INSTALLED - OCEAN VIEW SCHOOL DRIVE AND CALDWELL ROAD; GARRISON DRIVE AND COW BAY ROAD AND HOWARD AVENUE AND THE MAIN HIGHWAY"

MOTION CARRIED

Petition - Councillor Taylor

Councillor Sutherland said he had a petition he wished to present on behalf of Councillor Taylor from the residents of McWilliams Road and Carrolls Corner with regards to the condition of a one way bridge located on the road. He said apparently there is a very narrow bridge there that is used by large trucks, snow plows, etc. He said the weight restriction use to be thirty tons but this was recently reduced to twelve tons. He said the community is very concerned about the condition of the bridge.

It was moved by Councillor Sutherland, seconded by Councillor Brill:

"THAT COUNCIL SUPPORT THE PETITION AND FORWARD IT TO THE MINISTER OF TRANSPORTATION, WITH A COPY TO THE LOCAL SUPERINTENDENT OF DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION AND THE NEW MLA, REQUESTING SOME IMPROVEMENTS TO THE BRIDGE"

MOTION CARRIED

Water, Lucasville Road - Councillor Giffin

Councillor Giffin said there is now the problem of no water. He said there is the Timber Trails park with approximately 1,000 people. He said they have been running out of water in the evenings for the last two or three weeks. He said at one time there was talk about taking from the main line which crosses Lucasville Road and running a line into Timber Trails to solve that problem as a short gap. He said he is now asking that this be done as Phase 1 of the Lucasville extension.

Mayor Lichter said since the meeting with Tom McInnis and Mr. Heffler this has been on the books. He said Mr. Meech is working on this and will have an answer shortly.

Mr. Meech said staff have studied this and he will provide something as soon as possible.

ADDITION OF ITEMS TO THE NOVEMBER 2 COUNCIL SESSION

Halifax County Appointments to the Watershed Association and Development Enterprises - Councillor Hendsbee

Area School Rates - Councillor Ball

Beaverbank Servicing - Councillor Merrigan

Canadian National - Councillor Rankin

Landfill - Councillor Barnet

Mayor Lichter gave an update on the FCM Initiative for the Federal Election Strategy.

ADJOURNMENT

It was moved by Councillor Meade:

"THAT THE MEETING BE ADJOURNED"

MOTION CARRIED

NOTE:

Re: Unpaid Furlough - Public Sector Employees

Councillor McInory did not participate during discussion nor vote on motions with regards to the above issue.

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November 1, 1993

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Councillor Ball
Deputy Mayor Bates
Councillor Hendsbee
Councillor Randall
Councillor Bayers
Councillor Peters
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Councillor Barnet
Councillor Boutilier
Councillor Harvey
Councillor Sutherland
Councillor Turner
Councillor McInroy
Councillor Cooper

ALSO PRESENT: K.R. Meech, Chief Administrative Officer
Julia Horncastle, Recording Secretary
Dale Reinhardt, Acting Municipal Clerk

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PRESENTATION - MT&T

Mayor Lichter welcomed Mrs. Stokes and Mr. Pollard of MT&T to chambers. They made a presentation to council on the process of Vote By Phone. Council agreed that this was for information purposes only at this time.

PRESENTATION - R.C.M.P.

Mayor Lichter said the long range plan for RCMP was before council at which time a vote was taken which indicated that Halifax County was not able to afford the money required for eleven officers for the following fiscal year. He said the issue was sent to the Service Standards Committee to examine and the Committee recommended a Committee of the Whole Council Session.

Assistant Commissioner Burchill said they had worked out a five year plan for resourcing. He said he feels it is something that should be done in conjunction with Halifax County. He said the five year plan was for ten additional police officers each year. He said that had left open the idea of support. He said one decision which had to be made was whether to continue with federal public servants or whether Halifax County wanted to hire municipal

public servants. He said once that decision was made, then work together to see what each detachment would require for support staff.

Mr. Meech said after the report was developed and presented there had been a number of recommendations that council was being asked to concur with. He made reference to the recommendations on page two of the report.

Mayor Lichter asked Assistant Commissioner Burchill if he had held a meeting with the Minister of Municipal Affairs concerning the possibility of one police force being created for the entire Metro Area.

Assistant Commissioner Burchill said they had not contacted him.

The RCMP showed overheads of Halifax County identifying the population and some different scenarios at each detachment with regards to police to population ratios.

Councillor Ball asked what the coverage areas are for the Halifax Detachment.

He was informed that the boundaries were from the Halifax City Limits out to the Lunenburg County line excluding the Village of Hubbards and Chester.

Mayor Lichter asked council if it could concentrate on asking for information that could assist in making decisions on the recommendations outlined in the report.

Councillor Brill said there are the additional services provided which are not included in the stats such as forensic, narcotics, dog teams etc.

Councillor Merrigan said in his opinion Halifax County cannot afford, at this point in time, a ratio of 1:750. He said Halifax County should look at the requirements needed to get to 1:950 and look at bringing that in over a five year period and after that look at getting to the other stage.

Mr. Meech said it is his understanding that when you look at the Halifax detachment with the seventeen it does not include the highway patrol people that are in the numbers for the Sackville detachment but, in fact, are actually assigned to the Halifax detachment. He said this is making the Sackville detachment look like it is better staffed than it actually is and making the Halifax detachment look worse.

Councillor Merrigan said discrepancies in the numbers is not a concern but the principle in finding a direction as to where we are going is as well as deciding, as a group, where Halifax County is going and how to get there.