

Dartmouth, N. S.

January 8/89.

Regularly called meeting of City Council  
held this date at 7:30 p.m.

Present - Mayor Brownlow

Ald. Ibsen	Sarto
Williams	Cunningham
Brennan	Crawford
Withers	Valardo
Hart	Greenwood
Hawley	Greenough
Ritchie	Fredericks
City Solicitor, M. Moreash	
City Administrator, C. A. Moir	
City Clerk-Treasurer, B. Smith	

Ald. Ibsen asked permission to add two items to the agenda, concerning (a) a grant to the Dartmouth Boys Club, and (b) a grant to Dartmouth Community Contact; Council concurred with the request.

On motion of Ald. Greenough and Ibsen, Council approved the minutes of meetings held on November 27, December 4th, 11th and 18th, 1979.

Under Business Arising from the Minutes, Council considered a staff report prepared in response to the discussion paper previously circulated, entitled 'Heritage Protection in Nova Scotia'. A number of points relating to the paper have been set out in the staff report by Mr. Gosley, the Museum Director, and by Mr. John Lukan of the Planning Dept. The report concludes with the recommendations that Council be prepared to contribute to Heritage Protection & Conservation both financially and technically, and further, that the Provincial Government be strongly urged to accept its responsibility with both financial and technical contributions as well as becoming registrar of heritage buildings.

Mr. Lukan was present for the meeting and he commented on the highlights of the discussion paper and on the importance of establishing conservation areas, as proposed in the Downtown study; also, the City and the Province should expect to make some financial and technical commitments in order to carry out the aims of the discussion paper. Ald.

MINUTES

HERITAGE PAPER

Fredericks and Ritchie moved the adoption of the staff report for submission to the Policy Board drafting heritage legislation.

Ald. Crawford questioned the extent to which the City would have to become involved financially and said he had reservations about this aspect of the recommendations. Ald. Greenough noted that the City is not being asked for any specific financial commitment at this time, but only to support the concept of the discussion paper so that legislation can be prepared. There was no further opposition to the motion and it carried.

PETITION: MTN. AVE.

Ald. Greenough presented a petition on behalf of Mountain Ave. residents who have asked that their street be considered as a priority item for paving in this year's street construction program. On motion of Ald. Greenough and Fredericks, the petition was received and tabled for consideration with the 1980 budget.

MOTIONS:  
ALD. HART

Notice of motion having been previously given, the following motions were presented for Council's consideration at this time:

1) Ald. Hart moved, seconded by Ald. Crawford, that Council approve an expenditure of \$5,000. to make and erect wooden street signs. Speaking on her motion, Ald. Hart said it was unfortunate that the street sign item was deleted from the 1979 budget because of the problems that have been created in areas throughout the City where street signs are down and/or required to give proper direction for residents, fire vehicles, ambulances, etc. Ald. Greenough agreed that there is a real need for street signs and for reinstatement of this program, but he felt it would be more effectively implemented over a three-year period and using metal signs instead of wooden ones. He moved referral to staff (Works Dept.) for a report back on the feasibility of a three-year program for erecting

metal signs; the motion to refer was seconded by Ald. Cunningham.

Members who spoke against referral were opposed to any delay in getting the street signs up as quickly as possible, but Ald. Valardo felt that metal signs should be considered and would outlast wooden ones for durability. He referred to a report prepared for him by the City Engineer, indicating that at present in the City, there are 121 intersections without signs; he wanted to see all of these provided with metal ones. The vote was taken on the motion to refer and it was defeated. Ald. Valardo then moved in amendment, seconded by Ald. Brennan, that an expenditure of \$10,000. be approved for metal signs at all of the 121 intersections where they are required. Ald. Hart considered the amendment to be contrary to her motion and felt that a delay will be caused by it. The Mayor ruled the amendment to be in order, on the advice of the Solicitor, and it was put and carried (Ald. Hart and Crawford voting against). The amended motion carried.

ALD. RITCHIE

2) Ald. Ritchie moved, seconded by Ald. Fredericks, that letters be forwarded to the Dept. of Development, Public Works and IEL, to acquire land (as outlined in red on the plan presented - located between Mount Hope Ave. and Atlantic Street) to be used for a future green belt (to take the place of the Acadia ballfield).

Ald. Ritchie stated that this land will be made available to the City for \$1. and confirmation has been given by Provincial officials with whom he has been in contact. The motion received Council's support and it carried.

ALD. CRAWFORD

3) Ald. Crawford moved, seconded by Ald. Brennan, that senior citizens of the age of 65 and over, residing in their own homes and living on a fixed income, be allowed a residential tax relief of 50%, until their demise or they give up their home. Ald. Crawford provided Council with statistics on the serious financial situation facing senior citizens on fixed

incomes, with continuing inflationary costs for basic necessities such as food and heat. He said that many of these people are now living at or below the national poverty level and should have help with their property taxes as one means of assistance to them. He went on to point out that only between 300 and 400 homes would be involved and the impact on the tax rate would amount to one cent or two cents to offset the loss in revenue to the City.

Ald. Fredericks was not opposed to the idea of providing help for senior citizens who need it, but he felt that their property taxes are only one aspect of a larger problem that should be receiving attention at the Provincial and Federal levels of government. He said that Council should know what the financial ramifications are for the City if the proposed tax relief measures were to be implemented, and he moved referral to staff for a report on the cost implications, information on existing assistance programs for senior citizens with respect to tax exemptions, both municipal and provincial, and any other relevant material that would assist Council in coming to a decision on the motion presented by Ald. Crawford. The motion to refer was seconded by Ald. Cunningham and debated.

Ald. Brennan suggested that the City's existing by-laws, intended to provide tax relief for senior citizens, are not effective because of the welfare stigma attached and the fact that these people are reluctant to take advantage of anything with a welfare connotation. Most members speaking during the debate were in favour of referral to see what the actual costs involved would be for the City if the additional tax relief were provided for the homes of senior citizens. Ald. Fredericks commented on the senior citizen housing units proposed for Dartmouth and the delay on the part of the Housing Commission in proceeding with these. He asked that efforts be made on the City's behalf to

have these additional units expedited, in view of the waiting list that presently exists for housing space over and above the complexes that are already filled. Ald. Crawford indicated his willingness to work with staff in preparing their report for Council, if he can be of assistance. The vote was taken on the motion to refer and it carried.

ALD. BRENNAN

4) Ald. Brennan moved, seconded by Ald. Crawford, that Council re-establish the Ferry Commission by by-law, the Commission to review and make recommendations to Council on all aspects of the ferry operation. The Commission to consist of two members of Council, four citizens-at-large, and appropriate advisory non-voting staff members. Ald. Brennan presented a number of complaints and concerns relating to the ferry operation at the present time, suggesting that Dartmouth residents should have some local body that would respond to their problems with the ferry system and be responsible for dealing with long-range aspects of the ferry operation such as the co-ordination of service with the total metropolitan transportation system, charters for purposes of tourism, the leasing of terminal space, etc. Mr. Moir explained some of the problems that are being experienced in trying to operate the service during the present construction period and the efforts being made to accommodate the public on a temporary basis until the terminals are completed. Both he and the Mayor made mention of the fact that the management and operation of the ferry service has been transferred by legislation to the Metropolitan Transit Commission, although the assets of the system are retained by the City. For this reason, it would not be possible to reinstate the Ferry Commission or give such a body authority to operate the ferries as the Commission did in the past. It would be possible, however, to have an existing body such as the Transit Advisory Board deal with the concerns brought before Council

by Ald. Brennan, as the Board is already doing with the DTS operation.

As the debate on the motion continued, a concensus of opinion was expressed in favour of having the Transit Advisory Board designated as the body to fulfill the intent of the motion, and it was moved by Ald. Greenough and Hart that the matters raised by Ald. Brennan be referred to the Transit Advisory Board for the necessary action. Besides the specific areas of concern brought forward by Ald. Brennan, the Board was also asked to recommend to Council on the question of whether or not it should have citizens-at-large representation, as proposed in Ald. Brennan's original motion. On this basis, the motion to refer to the Transit Advisory Board as the designated body was put and carried.

Areas of concern on the part of ferry patrons included: a lack of heat in the terminal, difficulty in buying tokens, muddy walkways leading to the terminal facility, lack of co-ordination with the bus schedules, lack of washroom facilities, closing of the canteen service, wet seats on the ferry, concern about the adequacy of certain safety features involving the ferries themselves and loading procedures, etc.

ALD. CUNNINGHAM

5) Ald. Cunningham moved, seconded by Ald. Williams, that staff be directed to study the possibilities for beautification of the landscape on both sides of Prince Albert Road, from Nowlan Street to Celtic Drive, and to give a cost analysis of suggested improvements. Ald. Cunningham did not feel that such a project would involve a major expenditure for the City, and suggested that work could be carried out through the M.E.P. program. The motion received Council's support and it carried.

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bringing back to Council an updated recommended by-law pertaining to the licensing and regulating and proposed fees of taxicabs, companies and taxi drivers in the City of Dartmouth, at the earliest possible time.

Ald. Valardo listed specific areas of concern he would like to have looked at by a committee, including the need for more stringent standards for vehicles being operated as taxis, the appearance of taxi drivers, the problem of bootlegging, etc. After the vote was taken and the motion carried, the Mayor proceeded to have the committee named by Council. Ald. Valardo was appointed on the committee, on motion of Ald. Hart and Brennan. Ald. Crawford was appointed as the second aldermanic member, on motion of Ald. Williams and Greenough, and Mr. Moir was requested to name the staff appointment and the appointment from the Taxi Inspection Division, on motion of Ald. Crawford and Greenough.

7) Ald. Valardo moved, seconded by Ald. Crawford, that Council approve a study to be conducted immediately by staff and a report to be brought back within six weeks on a by-law governing the operation of rooming houses, boarding houses, and one-room apartments in the City of Dartmouth, with the aim of controlling by licensing of said establishments for standards, occupancy, safety, and also, to recommend a penalty for violation and a recommendation of a license fee.

Ald. Valardo explained the intent of his motion and the situations it is meant to deal with, in areas where the City does not presently have sufficient control over standards of safety and quality of accommodation in the categories to which the motion applies. Ald. Fredericks asked that the Solicitor have input into the staff study and that the study look at what other cities are doing to regulate these kinds of units. The vote was taken and the motion carried.



8) Ald. Valardo moved, seconded by Ald. Crawford, that Council petition the Federal Minister of Justice to amend the Criminal Code of Canada, that those people convicted of forceable rape and forceable sex acts to children, which after psychiatric examination are found to be sane, be subject to the lash, as well as a compulsory jail term and psychiatric treatment; and further, that Council solicit the support of the N. S. Union of Municipalities, as well as the Canadian Federation of Municipalities, in their fight toward achieving this goal.

Ald. Valardo informed Council that fifteen cases of rape and seventeen sex assaults were reported in Dartmouth in 1979; thirty-three cases of rape were reported in the City of Halifax in 1979. He suggested that the present penalties for sex-related crimes are not severe enough, and only a small percentage of the rape cases in Canada even come before the courts. He said that society in general has not addressed itself sufficiently to this problem and people are reluctant to deal with it because it is an unpleasant subject they do not want to face. He considered that use of the lash is a much more effective deterrent in dealing with rape offenders than the time they spend in prison, an opinion also expressed by Ald. Crawford. Both referred to specific instances where this fact has been reported by persons who served terms in prison for rape charges. Ald. Ibsen said there has to be a better way of dealing with these offenders than proposed in the motion. He maintained that the banning of pornographic material and creating a better moral attitude generally in society would help to prevent crimes of the type being discussed. Ald. Hart and Fredericks also considered that preventive means such as sex education in the schools (Ald. Hart's suggestion) and an approach which gives each person a sense of self-worth. (

self-worth (Ald. Fredericks' idea), are more progressive ways to approach the problem of sex offenders than to revert back to the use of a form of punishment that has already been rejected and is no longer permitted.

Except for Ald. Valardo and Crawford, the general reaction of Council to the motion was negative. Ald. Withers said he would have preferred to see the subject handled with a resolution, expressing Council's concern to the Federal authorities and recommending if necessary, that consideration be given to harsher punishment for sex crimes. This opinion was also shared by Ald. Greenough. Ald. Crawford spoke in support of the motion and took the position that more punitive measures are required for crimes of violence in order to reduce their number. At the conclusion of the debate, the vote was taken on the motion and it was defeated. (Ald. Valardo & Crawford voting in favour)

RESOLUTION #80-1

On motion of Ald. Fredericks and Greenough, Council adopted the attached Resolution #80-1, appointing Special Constables as listed.

BY-LAW C-379

Proposed By-law C-379, which would amend By-law C-106 by permitting a lien against properties connected to sewer lines by the City, was before Council with Mr. Moir's report and recommendation that it be approved.

It was moved by Ald. Greenough and Ritchie and carried that leave be given to introduce the said By-law C-379 and that it now be read a first time.

It was moved by Ald. Greenough and Ritchie and carried that By-law C-379 be read a second time.

Unanimous consent was given by Council for third reading of the by-law.

It was moved by Ald. Ibsen and Greenough and carried that By-law C-379 be read a third time and that the Mayor and the City Clerk be authorized to sign and seal the by-law on behalf of the City.

PARKING LOT:  
QUEEN ST.

A report from Mr. Moir was considered on the subject of the Downtown Merchants' Parking Lot on Queen Street and improvements proposed for it under the Mainstreet Program. Because public funds cannot be expended on privately-owned property, it will be necessary to have the parking lot leased to the City before the improvements can be carried out, and it is Mr. Moir's recommendation that a five-year lease arrangement be entered into between the City and the Downtown Merchants' Parking Lot Committee. Responsibility for the management of the parking lot would continue to be that of the Downtown Merchants. Also, the plan for improvements proposed would be presented to and approved by Council before any funds are expended. A letter received from the President of Downtown Parking Ltd. indicates that they are prepared to enter into such a leasing arrangement with the City for the Queen St. parking lot. Mr. Moir's recommendation was approved by Council, on motion of Ald. Williams and Greenough. Concerns expressed by Ald. Brennan were discussed with Mr. Moir prior to the vote being taken on the motion.

On motion of Ald. Brennan and Greenough, Council agreed to continue meeting beyond the hour of 11:00 p.m. to deal with several more items requiring attention.

IMPROVEMENTS: LOT 41U

Mr. Moir has reported to Council on improvements required on Lot 41U in the Burnside Industrial Park, this being the acreage purchased by Simpson's Ltd. for their warehouse facilities. A volume of peat moss material has to be removed from the site and replaced with other material; the site will also have to be dewatered. Casavechia Contracting Ltd., the company already doing work for the City on lands adjacent to the Simpson's site, would take on the Lot 41U project for approx. \$135,000., and there would be an additional cost of \$20,000. for the digging of test pits and bore holes. The Industrial

Commission recommends to Council that a contract be entered into with L. J. Casavechia Contracting Ltd. for the work on Lot 41U, as detailed in Mr. Moir's report of this date. Council adopted the recommendation, on motion of Ald. Valardo and Greenough.

SCALE INCREASE:  
SOCIAL SERVICES

On motion of Ald. Valardo and Greenough, Council approved a request from the Director of Social Services for an increase in the scales for rents and groceries by 7% for the recipients of social assistance.

RAIL EXTENSION:  
SITES 77 & 78

A report from Mr. Rath was considered on a recommendation to Council from the Industrial Commission for extending rail service in the Burnside Industrial Park to Sites 77(owned by the City) and 78 (owned by Heritage Cedar Homes), at a cost to the City of \$10,000. and to Heritage Cedar Homes of \$5,400. Details of the proposed agreement with CN Rail in this connection are set out in Mr. Rath's report, which was adopted as presented, on motion of Ald. Valardo and Ibsen.

GRANT: COMMUNITY  
CONTACT

The Grants Committee has given consideration to a request from Dartmouth Community Contact for an \$11,000. grant to keep the organization in operation for the remainder of their fiscal year, and has recommended that Council approve the request, in order to carry the organization until the end of March, at the end of which time, the City no longer be involved in funding this project. If this results in the termination of the agency, Council should then give serious consideration to maintaining these services through the City's Social Services Dept. Ald. Ibsen and Greenwood moved the adoption of the Committee's recommendation.

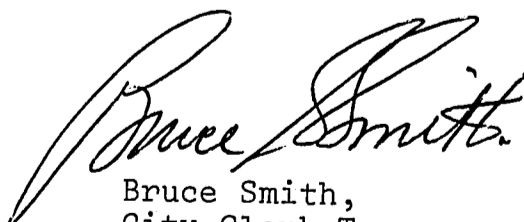
Ald. Hart said she would not be prepared to authorize this amount for Community Contact without some tangible proof that the organization is making a genuine effort to improve their operation; other members of Council tended to share her viewpoint.

Mr. Brian Kasouff, Chairman of the Board of Directors for Community Contact, explained some of the financial difficulties facing the agency, and advised that there are not sufficient funds to meet this week's payroll; also, it was necessary to borrow \$2100. from the bank for previous commitments. Mr. McNeil was asked to comment on the services provided by Community Contact and the possibility of having these come under the Social Services Dept. if the organization ceases to operate due to a lack of funding. He said that his department could provide the same services, but that he would want to determine cost-sharing provisions with the Province in order to determine the assistance that would be available. Ald. Fredericks and Greenough moved in amendment that the City expend up to \$5,000. to assist Community Contact financially (control of the allocation to rest with the City) and that Mr. McNeil submit a report for the next Council meeting on the feasibility of their services being taken over by the Social Services Dept. and provided through that means. The amendment carried and the amended motion carried.

GRANTS BOYS' CLUB

On motion of Ald. Fredericks and Sarto, Council authorized a \$4,000. per month grant to the Dartmouth Boys' Club until such time as their grant is established for this year. This allocation would represent an advance from the grant they will later receive and would not be in addition to the grant.

Meeting adjourned.

  
Bruce Smith,  
City Clerk-Treasurer.

January, 1980

RESOLUTION #80-1

RESOLVED that the following be and are hereby appointed  
SPECIAL CONSTABLES in and for the City of Dartmouth:

Graham Cecil Power

Stanley R. Daniels

Harold B. Dixon

L. Foote

G. E. Bellefontaine

M. Ingram

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Withers	Valardo
Hart	Greenwood
Hawley	Greenough
Ritchie	Fredericks
City Solicitor, S. Hood	
City Administrator, C. A. Moir	
Deputy City Clerk, G. Brady	

Council met to complete the January 8th agenda,  
and the Mayor asked to have two items added: one, dealing  
with the EPA application to the Canadian Transport Commis-  
sion and the second, a recommendation from the Site  
Selection Committee for an agricultural & trade exhibition  
facility. Council agreed to add the two items.

EPA APPLICATION

Mr. Steele, the President of Eastern Provincial  
Airways, was heard by Council in connection with his  
company's application to the Canadian Transport Commission  
for a direct Halifax/Toronto flight twice daily and return.  
EPA's application will be in competition with CP Air for  
the same service, and Mr. Steele sought the support of  
Council for his application, based on the fact that EPA  
is already the regional carrier, employing Atlantic  
residents and using Atlantic products. He explained the  
financial significance of the Halifax/Toronto run in  
terms of improving EPA's revenue picture, and provided  
a fact sheet for Council's information, showing the  
benefits the Atlantic region receives (and the Halifax-  
Dartmouth area in particular) as a result of the money  
spent by EPA in the region for goods and services.

Ald. Ritchie and Fredericks moved that Council  
support the EPA application to the C.T.C. for a direct  
Halifax/Toronto flight. Ald. Fredericks said it is  
important to carry the Atlantic Plus program through  
to include EPA, since they are the regional carrier  
and have been providing service in the Atlantic region

and contributing to our economy for some time. Several other members of Council shared this opinion, including Ald. Cunningham, Valardo, and Greenough. Ald. Crawford and Brennan did not think it would be fair, however, to make a decision on the EPA request for support without first giving an equal hearing to representatives from CP Air who are also making application for the same run to the C.T.C. They moved deferral until Council has an opportunity to also hear representation from CP Air, before coming to any decision. The motion to defer did not receive the general support of Council, most members wanting to see a decision one way or the other made at this time, especially in view of the fact that the C.T.C. hearings begin on Monday, January 21st. Ald. Hart and Ibsen did not consider this to be a decision that should be influenced by local councils and preferred to have the matter left with the C.T.C. as the body most qualified to decide which application will best serve the region. The motion to defer was defeated, and Ald. Crawford suggested that it would be advisable for Council to have a five-minute recess, in order to assess the information on the EPA application and to give it consideration before being asked to vote on the main motion. A negative response was indicated by Council to the suggested five-minute recess. There was further debate on the motion to endorse the EPA application, after which the vote was taken. The motion carried with Ald. Ibsen, Crawford, Brennan and Hart voting against and Ald. Sarto abstaining from the vote.

DRAINAGE PROBLEM:  
RODNEY ROAD

On motion of Ald. Hart and Ibsen, Council referred to the 1980 budget, a report from the City Engineer, with cost estimates, to carry out work required to alleviate a drainage problem on Rodney Road. Estimated cost of the project is \$44,000.

USE OF ARENAS FOR  
ROLLER SKATING

As requested by Council, a report has been submitted by the Recreation Director on the feasibility of offering roller skating in the City arenas; the report was accompanied with other related information



on the subject and recommendations from the Recreation Advisory Board. The recommendations to Council are:

- 1) that roller skating not be offered as a commercial venture in 1980 in the Dartmouth arenas.
- 2) that an arena be opened one or more nights a week during the summer and that a number of activities, including roller skating, be programmed under the supervision of the Department.
- 3) that the Department investigate locations suitable for outdoor roller skating and that suitable times be programmed and publicized.

Ald. Williams and Brennan moved the adoption of these recommendations. Ald. Sarto commented on a poll he has taken among junior high school students, indicating considerable interest in roller skating as an activity for that age level, and Ald. Fredericks and Ibsen also spoke about the value that would come from having facilities available for young people to roller skate as a sport and hobby for them. The concensus was that every effort should be made to accommodate this activity through the use of City facilities. The motion carried.

BOARDING HOUSES  
& ROOMING HOUSES

A report from Mr. Turner, the Building Inspector, has been submitted in response to a request from Council, on the subject of boarding and rooming-house units being created in buildings and associated problems with these situations. Ald. Brennan and Greenough moved that the report be received and filed, but Ald. Valardo felt that there should be further consideration given to some of the points brought out in the report. Both he and Ald. Brennan favoured a closer liaison among various City departments with the efforts of the Building Inspection Dept. in attempting to keep track of what is happening in some of our older buildings where conversions to rooming and board-house units are taking place. They suggested that such units could be noted when Fire Inspections are being carried out and when workers from the Social Services Dept. are making calls on social assistance recipients. In other words, there should be

a co-ordination of departmental efforts channeled toward a resolution of the overall problem being experienced with these units. Mr. Moir agreed to have the subject discussed in further depth at the next staff meeting and to bring forward the points raised in the debate.

At Mr. Moir's suggestion and on motion of Ald. Valardo and Crawford, the report from Mr. Turner was referred to the committee set up to look at a by-law for regulating boarding and rooming houses. Ald. Brennan suggested that planning considerations and appropriate by-laws (other than simply a building permit requirement) should be looked at by the committee.

ELECTIONS ACT REVIEW

Selections indicated on a questionnaire, in connection with a review of the new Election Act, have been recommended to Council by Mr. Brady, the Returning Officer for Dartmouth, and these received approval on motion of Ald. Greenough and Cunningham. With reference to revisions previously submitted as recommendations on Council's behalf, Ald. Hawley asked that the new members of Council be provided with copies of that submission.

Council concurred with Ald. Hart's request that emphasis be placed on the City's preference for holding municipal elections on Saturday rather than on any other day of the week; this preference will be indicated when the questionnaire is returned to the Review Committee.

SITE SELECTION:  
EXHIBITION FACILITY

Council was asked to consider a recommendation from the Site Selection committee appointed by Mayor Brownlow to look at possible sites in Dartmouth for an exhibition, trade & agricultural centre being proposed by the Province as a facility that would accommodate the needs of the Atlantic Winter Fair. A report from the Mayor on the committee's recommendation, with an accompanying report from Mr. Bayer and minutes of the two committee meetings, have been circulated. The Mayor explained the preliminary nature of these reports at this point in time and noted that the City is not making any kind of financial commitment in recommending a site in Dartmouth. The site

proposed and designated as Site #1, is located in north Dartmouth, adjacent to the Burnside Expressway, and Ald. Fredericks expressed concern that land required for industrial development in conjunction with our Burnside Park would be taken up for the facility, to the City's disadvantage. Ald. Greenough considered that a trade centre would compliment north Dartmouth industrial development and moved the adoption of the committee's recommendation in favour of the north-end site; the motion was seconded by Ald. Ritchie.

Ald. Valardo agreed with the opinions expressed by Ald. Greenough, and Ald. Ritchie spoke in support of the motion. Ald. Brennan felt that the Industrial Commission should have been consulted on this item, and he also suggested that consideration should be given to McNab's Island as a possible site for this type of facility. In this way, the potential of the island could start to be realized and future additional development would be encouraged. In response to questions from Ald. Fredericks, Mr. Bayer explained the benefits that could be derived by the City from a trade & agricultural centre that would attract exhibits and people from all over the Province and not just from the metropolitan region. He pointed out, however, that an arena/stadium type of complex that would be in competition with the Metro Centre and our own proposed complex on Wyse Road, would have a detrimental effect and would draw too heavily on a market that can only serve a certain number of similar facilities. Ald. Withers spoke in favour of the site being recommended, and Ald. Hawley made reference to the educational value for the community in having the Atlantic Winter Fair take place where it is close enough for children to visit.

In general, Council's reaction to the motion was favourable and it carried.

INQUIRIES:

ALD. IBSSEN

Inquiries made by Ald. Ibsen were about:

- 1) the timing of the lights at the Gaston Road/Portland Street intersection at rush hours, to overcome traffic backing up on Portland St. Mr. Bayer said it will not be possible to regulate the lights as required until the new controller is available. Ald. Ibsen asked if a police officer could be placed on duty for the control of rush hour traffic. He also asked if it would be possible to have signs erected to alert motorists to the fact that lights are ahead at that particular intersection.
- 2) the Continuing Agenda and the possibility of having a chance to review the items on it; the Mayor suggested that Mr. Moir bring a status report on the items forward to be considered at the next meeting.

The Mayor advised members of Council that March 3rd is the deadline for submitting resolutions for the CFM conference in the spring.

ALD. BRENNAN

Ald. Brennan's inquiries were as follows:

- 1) concerning provision for exemption from deed transfer tax when family transactions are involved; discussed with the City Solicitor.
- 2) problems associated with the ferry service have not been resolved; specific reference was made to the mud that users of the service have to walk through on the Halifax side. Mr. Moir said he would see that the situation is improved.
- 3) Mr. Moir agreed to check on Ald. Brennan's third inquiry with regard to a Stop sign to replace the Yield sign at the corner of Hawthorne Street and Crichton Ave.
- 4) asked to have the synchronization of traffic lights on Alderney Drive looked at, this being one of the Downtown planning recommendations.
- 5) asked if the City has taken over the maintenance of Christ Church Cemetery; Mr. Moir said a grant is paid by the City to Christ Church toward the upkeep costs.

ALD. HART

Ald. Hart inquired concerning:

- 1) complaints that bus drivers in the Shannon Park area are not picking up some children going to school in the mornings; she asked Mr. Russell to look into the situation and take the matter up with the drivers.
- 2) asked to have a drainage problem looked at on Princess Margaret Blvd., where a culvert is not collecting sufficient drainage, near the bridge overpass.
- 3) concerns are being expressed that children from John MacNeil School will be moved to John Martin; she requested further information on this possibility.

ALD. RITCHIE

Ald. Ritchie's first inquiry concerned the three letters requested to be forwarded to Provincial departments re the land available in south Dartmouth. Mr. Moir said the City Clerk will be sending these letters out from his office and Ald. Ritchie asked for copies.

Ald. Ritchie asked about the study into the lighting of ballfields; Mr. Moir said it is underway as authorized.

ALD. WITHERS

Ald. Withers made an inquiry relating to a property under the Minimum Standards By-law; the Mayor suggested that the property involved be brought to the attention of the Committee-of-the-Whole when the December/79 report is presented for approval.

His second question had to do with blasting damage, involving an excavating contractor unable to cover the \$1,000. deductible for protection of residents' properties. Mr. Moir asked Ald. Withers to discuss this matter with him in his office.

ALD. HAWLEY

Ald. Hawley's inquiry was with regard to a street requiring a police patrol; Mr. Moir suggested that Ald. Hawley contact the Traffic Division (Sgt. Manning) of the Police Dept. or call him about this item.

ALD. FREDERICKS

Inquiries made by Ald. Fredericks:

- 1) asked if it would be possible to have a sign on Windmill Road directing motorists to the A. Murray Mackay Bridge.
- 2) asked if the tax on machinery is to be paid by the Province from now on; Mr. Moir said a portion of it will be.
- 3) asked for an update on the co-ordination of the ferry service with the busses and how the whole operation is to tie in together.
- 4) asked when Council will meet again to discuss the '20% or . . .' report; Mr. Moir said it will be as soon as possible.
- 5) asked if there is anything further on the MicMac Rotary or the 107 By-pass; Mr. Moir said this committee will be submitting a report within two weeks time.
- 6) asked if work has been halted on the Burnside Expressway; Mr. Moir said that to his knowledge it has not.
- 7) asked about the status of the City's energy-saving program and the fact that Council has not received a report.

Mr. Moir said this has been an on-going program and he commented on some of the steps that have been taken to improve energy efficiency in City buildings. He noted that there was a report to Council on the subject some time ago.

- 8) will the Planning Dept. be giving Council a run-down on the new municipal services program; Mr. Bayer advised that a report on this subject is now in draft form.
- 9) what is happening with the lights approved for the Caldwell Road/Portland Street intersection; Mr. Purdy reported that we will be going to tender for them shortly.
- 10) asked who will be attending the three-day seminar on the impact of offshore gas & oil development; Mr. Moir said the seminar will be attended by the Mayor, Mr. Rath, Ald. Brennan, Mr. Fougere and Mr. Bayer.

ALD. GREENWOOD

Ald. Greenwood asked about the trees that are being cut in the area of Birch Cove; Mr. Atkinson said that dead trees are being removed, along with underbrush clearing.

Ald. Greenwood's second inquiry was about the possibility of No Parking signs on Basinview Drive; discussed with Mr. Moir.

ALD. CRAWFORD

Inquiries made by Ald. Crawford:

- 1) asked about the grant made yearly to Christ Church for the upkeep of their cemetery, and brought to Council's attention an existing situation where one of the graves has been dug up and left that way. Mr. Moir said he will contact one of the people from the church about this matter immediately.
- 2) asked what stage negotiations are in with solicitors for the City; Mr. Moir said a report will be coming in before the end of Jan.
- 3) also asked for information on the confirmation of the appointment of the Fire Chief and Deputy Chief; Mr. Moir indicated that this report will come to Council by the end of the month as well.
- 4) what is the status of the report on the beautification of Windmill Road; Mr. Moir noted that Ald. Hart has met with the City Engineer to discuss this item. Ald. Hart advised that it will be before Council at capital budget time.
- 5) expressed concern that a drive-in theatre proposed for the Industrial Park was turned down by the Industrial Commission; he requested a copy of the minutes of that particular meeting and a copy of the letter to the prospective developer, advising him of the Commission's decision.

- 6) expressed concern about a number of streets in Ward 5 that were not paved under last year's program; Mr. Bayer noted that the streets referred to are private ones and not in the ownership of the City.
- 7) asked if the City will receive additional revenue on the storage tanks Imperial Oil is constructing; Mr. Moir said that we will.
- 8) asked about the status of the report on skateboarding; Mr. Atkinson said the report was submitted by him about ten days ago.
- 9) asked if the Police Commission meeting on January 17th is open to the public; the Mayor advised that it is.

ALD. SARTO

Inquiries made by Ald. Sarto:

- 1) asked if there has been a meeting of the Transit Advisory Board; Mr. Moir said it has not been possible to set up a meeting of this board as yet.
- 2) asked why it takes such a long period of time for the lights to be installed at Caldwell Road and Portland Street; Mr. Moir explained that it is because of the length of time to have the controller manufactured.
- 3) asked if it would be possible to have a light installed at the walkway between Piper Street and Spring Ave; Mr. Moir said he would have it looked into.
- 4) referred to the non-conforming use of the property owned by Dean's Metals at 93 Woodlawn Road and asked to have the current uses by the owner checked out with the Planning Dept. and the Solicitor.
- 5) asked if employees from the make-work program could be allocated to clear out some of the underbrush and trees around the Eric Graves School.

ALD. VALARDO

Inquiries made by Ald. Valardo:

- 1) asked that attention be given to a broken light at the corner of Lawnsdale Ave. and Kingston Cres.
- 2) noted that former Alderman Jim Irvine is in hospital and suggested that the members might wish to visit him.
- 3) asked why the grubbing project has stopped in back of Kingston Crescent; Mr. Atkinson said that as far as he knew, the project has been completed.
- 4) suggested that the directory cards should go to the printers as soon as possible so there is no further delay with them.
- 5) asked if keys could be provided so that the Aldermen could lock their desk drawers; Mr. Moir to look into the possibility of providing keys.

- 6) asked that the Police Dept. be directed to take action about drug trafficking at the pool hall located on Wyse Road.

NOTICES OF MOTION:


ALD. WILLIAMS

Notices of motion were given as follows for the next regular Council meeting:

- 1) Ald. Williams: to introduce a motion to amend Section 26 (2) of By-law C-247, with respect to the sequence of the agenda of Dartmouth City Council - "Renumbering Reports to No. 6 and Motions to No. 7".
- 2) Ald. Hart: (a) to introduce a motion seeking Council's approval for the establishment of a Shubenacadie Canal Commission.  
b) to introduce a motion seeking Council's approval to direct staff to examine the traffic problem at the Wyse Road/Albro Lake Road intersection.

ALD. HART

On motion of Ald. Greenough and Valardo,  
Council adjourned to meet as Committee-of-the-Whole.



G. D. Brady,  
Deputy City Clerk.



Dartmouth, N. S.

January 22/80.

Regularly called meeting of City Council  
held this date at 7:30 p.m.

Present - Mayor Brownlow

Ald. Sarto	Ibsen
Williams	Cunningham
Brennan	Crawford
Withers	Valardo
Hart	Greenwood
Hawley	Greenough
Ritchie	Fredericks
City Solicitor, M. Moreash	
City Administrator, C. A. Moir	
City Clerk-Treasurer, B. Smith	

RESOLUTIONS:  
F.C.M. CONFERENCE

The first item on the agenda was a communication from the Executive Director of the F.C.M., to remind the members that resolutions for the 1980 conference must be received in the F.C.M. national office by March 3/80.

RESOLUTION #80-2

On motion of Ald. Greenough and Sarto, Council approved the attached Resolution #80-2, authorizing bank borrowing by the City Clerk-Treasurer on behalf of the City as required for current expenditures.

RESOLUTION #80-3

Resolution #80-3, appointing Special Constables as listed, was also adopted, on motion of Ald. Greenough and Cunningham. A copy of the resolution is attached. Ald. Valardo asked if it would be possible to have a resume on the persons being appointed in future (ie. if they are new people and not on City staff).

REPORTS

Reports recommended from Committee were approved as follows:

- 1) Building Inspector (Dec.): adopted on motion of Ald. Valardo and Greenough.
- 2) Minimum Standards (Dec.): adopted on motion of Ald. Ritchie and Valardo.
- 3) Plumbing Report (Nov. & Dec.): adopted on motion of Ald. Valardo and Greenough.
- 4) V.O.N. (Nov./79): adopted on motion of Ald. Valardo and Crawford.
- 5) Fire Chief (Dec.): adopted on motion of Ald. Crawford and Greenough.
- 6) Social Services (Dec.): adopted on motion of Ald. Greenough and Cunningham.
- 7) Ferry Supt. (Dec.): adopted on motion of Ald. Valardo and Ibsen.

- 8) Transit Operations (Dec.): adopted on motion of Ald. Williams and Brennan.
- 9) Development Officer (Dec.): adopted on motion of Ald. Ibsen and Cunningham.

PERMIT TO BUILD:  
TRANSIT GARAGE

On motion of Ald. Valardo and Brennan, Council approved an application for permit to build the Metro. Transit Commission garage facility, to be constructed on Ilsley Ave., subject to compliance with City requirements, as recommended from Committee.

PERMIT TO BUILD:  
624 PORTLAND ST.

On motion of Ald. Ritchie and Williams, a permit to build was granted by Council for a sports store and professional offices, to be constructed at 624 Portland Street; approval is subject to compliance with the requirements set out in the staff report, as recommended from Committee.

RESOLUTION #80-4

Resolution #80-4 was presented for Council's consideration, being a resolution setting the interest rate on overdue taxes owing the City at 17%. The resolution was accompanied by a report recommending (a) that Council authorize the charging of 17% interest, as set out in the resolution, and (b) that Council accept the establishment of a minimum 2.0% spread over the prime interest rates charged by commercial lending institutions, whether prime rates are increased or decreased, subject to approval of a resolution of Council. Ald. Greenough and Cunningham moved the adoption of the recommendations and of Resolution #80-4, a copy of which is attached. Ald. Crawford spoke against the motion, saying it will hurt people on low and fixed incomes who find it difficult to pay their taxes. He discussed his concerns with Mr. Moir, after which the vote was taken and the motion carried (Ald. Crawford voting against).

ISSUING RESOLUTION  
DEBENTURE ISSUE

Council was asked to approve an Issuing Resolution and Debenture Issue from the Nova Scotia Municipal Finance Corp. for \$6,865,000., with a twenty-year serial redemption at an interest rate of 11½%, at an issue price of \$98.25, producing a yield (net cost) of 11.54%. The Resolution was accompanied by a report from Mr. Moir, recommending

approval of the Issuing Resolution and the related agreements, copies of which are attached. Council approved the Resolution and agreements on motion of Ald. Greenough and Ibsen. Questions from Ald. Brennan with respect to the N. S. Municipal Finance Corp. and the benefit the City will derive from this agency, were discussed by him with Mr. Moir and the Mayor before the vote was taken on the motion.

APPOINTMENT: PORT  
COMMISSION

On motion of Ald. Ibsen and Crawford, Council approved a recommendation that Mr. Phillip McGavney be appointed to the Halifax-Dartmouth Port Commission to represent the City of Dartmouth, as requested by the Dartmouth Chamber of Commerce; Mayor Brownlow is the other City representative on the Commission.

REPORT: DAY CARE

As requested at Council, the Social Services Dept. has provided a comprehensive report on the subject of day care services in the City, with recommendations on what is required to improve these services and make them available to more people who need them. Ms. Charlotte Wright, who prepared the report, was present to discuss it with the members and to respond to questions. She commented on the need to keep existing facilities in operation rather than to provide additional facilities. She also referred to the need for facilities for children under two years of age and for the care of children after school and lunch-time when both parents or a single parent are working.

Ald. Brennan, who originally requested the report, said he was pleased with it and wanted to see it given careful consideration. He favoured a referral of the report to Committee for a study of the contents and to review the implications of the recommendations contained in it. He therefore moved referral to Committee, seconded by Ald. Williams. Several members of Council indicated they would like to have had an opportunity to raise questions at this time before referral. Mr. McNeil was present and

indicated to Council that he and members of his staff would be willing to receive any questions from the members or to discuss aspects of the report before it comes back to Committee. The motion to refer carried with Ald. Hart voting against.

SKATEBOARD FACILITIES

A report requested on skateboarding facilities, from the Recreation Director, with other related material and information, was before Council. The recommendation in the report is that the City not consider, at this time, the construction of a municipally-operated skateboarding facility, but should, if the opportunity arises, encourage the operation of a private commercial venture. The adoption of the report was moved by Ald. Fredericks, seconded by Ald. Ibsen. Ald. Crawford requested that a copy of the report and other material be forwarded to Dr. Reed, who was interested in seeing a facility such as this established in Dartmouth. The motion carried.

DRAINAGE PROBLEM:  
MANOR PARK

The Solicitor has provided a legal opinion on the drainage problem in Manor Park, indicating that in her opinion, the City has no responsibility for this problem, rather that it is the responsibility of the builders of the homes to rectify the situation. Her report points out that in the Engineering Dept. report (previously circulated) an existing storm manhole is indicated on Colburn Walk, which would serve these lots concerned if the grade were such that water drained that way rather than to the rear of the homes. Ald. Valardo and Ritchie moved the adoption of the report, but Ald. Fredericks felt that it should be referred to the Engineering Dept. to see if some solution could be provided (along the lines of the point made in the Solicitor's last paragraph) and carried out from the remainder of the budget item for small drainage projects. He moved referral for this purpose, seconded by Ald. Brennan.

Ald. Valardo felt that Council would be setting a precedent with what is essentially a civil matter

and he spoke against referral, as did several other members. The motion to refer was defeated and the main motion carried, with Ald. Fredericks voting against.

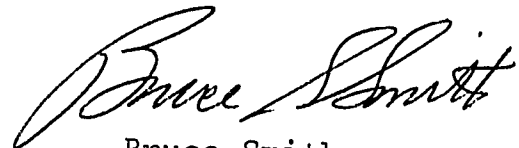
SMALL DRAINAGE PROJECTS

On motion of Ald. Greenough and Valardo, Council received and filed an information report requested on the status of the budget item, 'Small Drainage Projects' and the expenditures that have been charged to this item.

Council adjourned to meet in camera as Committee-of-the Whole, on motion of Ald. Hart and Williams.

Having reconvened in open Council, following the completion of the in camera session, the action taken in camera was ratified on motion of Ald. Fredericks and Williams.

The meeting then adjourned.



Bruce Smith,  
City Clerk-Treasurer.

January, 1980

RESOLUTION #80-2

WHEREAS Section 272 (1) of the Dartmouth City Charter, as amended, provides that Council may authorize the City Clerk-Treasurer to borrow from time to time such sums, not at any time to exceed fifty percent of the taxes levied in the previous year, as may be required by the City for its current expenditures and obligations;

AND WHEREAS the taxes for the year 1979 were \$24,347,400;

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED THAT -

1. The City Clerk-Treasurer is authorized to borrow from any person or bank, in the calendar year 1980, sums of money not exceeding in the aggregate of \$12,173,700; and
2. The City Clerk-Treasurer is authorized to sign on behalf of the City, Promissory Notes with respect to such borrowings.

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Mayor

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City Clerk

January, 1980

RESOLUTION #80-3

RESOLVED that the following be and are hereby appointed  
SPECIAL CONSTABLES in and for the City of Dartmouth:

Weldon Arnold

Allison Gordon

Clarence Barkhouse

Ralph McCarthy

Michael R. Currie

January, 1980

RESOLUTION #80-4

WHEREAS the Assessment Act, Revised Statutes of Nova Scotia 1967, Chapter 14, as amended, provides that Dartmouth City Council may impose an additional charge for interest at a rate determined by Council for non-payment of taxes by a date set by Council;

AND WHEREAS the Assessment Act further provides that Dartmouth City Council may set a date on or before which taxes shall be paid;

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED that all taxes which are due and payable on the 1st day of March in each year, and all taxes which are due and payable on the 31st day of May of each year, shall be subject to the payment of interest at the rate of eighteen percent (18%) per annum from the first day of March or the 31st day of May, respectively as the case may be, to and including the date of payment with respect to such amount of taxes as may from time to time remain unpaid.

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that subject to the provisions of By-law C-374, as amended, Dartmouth City Council sets May 31st of each year as the due date for tax payments.

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Mayor

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City Clerk