

Dartmouth, N. S.

January 5/82.

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
Fredericks	
City Solicitor, S. Hood	
Asst. to the City Administrator, T. Rath	
Deputy City Clerk, G. D. Brady	

At the opening of the meeting, the Mayor acknowledged the attendance of the Fourth Westphal Scout Troop in the Council Chamber.

MINUTES

On motion of Ald. Fredericks and Ibsen, Council approved the minutes of meetings held on December 1st, 8th and 15th.

MONTHLY REPORTS

Monthly reports, forwarded from Committee without recommendation, were adopted as follows:

- 1) Social Services (Nov./81): adopted on motion of Ald. Greenough and Sarto.

Ald. Williams inquired about the payment of the City's 1981 grant to Help Line, and was advised by Mr. Greene that it has already been paid. Ald. Williams expressed his reservations about this organization, in view of the recent controversy associated with their operation. He also commented on the response which callers received from the Social Services Dept. when they tried to obtain information about the organization.

- 2) Development Officer (Nov./81): adopted on motion of Ald. Fredericks and Greenough.
- 3) Building Inspection (Nov./81): adopted on motion of Ald. Greenough and Hart.
- 4) Minimum Standards (Nov./81): adopted on motion of Ald. Hart and Ibsen.
- 5) Fire Chief (Nov./81): adopted on motion of Ald. Ibsen and Hart.
- 6) Animal Control (Nov./81): adopted on motion of Ald. Sarto and Withers.

Ald. Valardo said he has been receiving complaints about cats and suggested the need for a by-law to control these animals in the same way that dogs are controlled. The Solicitor noted that the City can enact a similar by-law applicable to cats, and the Mayor suggested that it would be helpful for the Solicitor to secure copies of workable by-laws in effect in other cities for this purpose.

Ald. Hart asked that attention be given to problems with dogs running at large on Leaman Drive, in the area of 40 Jackson Road and on Albro Lake Road. She noted, with reference to the problem with cats, that the Bid-A-While animal shelter may be of some assistance.

Ald. Greenough asked that the pound operator be provided with information as to just where the City limits extend on Waverley Road, so that the area of jurisdiction for pound services is understood.

- 7) Ferry Supt. (Nov./81): adopted on motion of Ald. Ibsen and Sarto.

Ald. Hawley asked if there was a recent accident with the ferry, involving damage to the jetty on the Dartmouth side. The Mayor said he was not aware of an accident, but would inquire further about it.

PERMIT TO BUILD:
E. S. MARTIN
PROPERTIES INC.

On motion of Ald. Crawford and Sarto, Council approved an application for permit to build on Lot 78-A Joseph Zatzman Drive, submitted by E. S. Martin Properties Inc. (building for light industrial warehousing). Approval is subject to compliance with City requirements, as outlined in the staff report to Council, dated Dec. 3/81.

MOTION: Moved by Ald. Crawford and Sarto that a permit to build be granted to E. S. Martin Properties Inc. for Lot 78-A Joseph Zatzman Drive, subject to compliance with City requirements as outlined in the staff report to Council.

UPDATE: PROPOSED
LIBRARY/CULTURAL
COMPLEX

Members of Council have been provided with an update report from Ald. Fredericks, Chairman of the Library/Cultural Steering Committee. Ald. Ibsen and Cunningham moved that the report be received and filed for information. Ald. Valardo raised several questions about funding provisions for such a project and these were responded to by Ald. Fredericks before the vote was taken on the motion. The motion carried.

MOTION: Moved by Ald. Ibsen and Cunningham that an update report on the proposed library/cultural complex be received and filed for information.

EXPENDITURES
& REVENUE TO
NOV. 30/81

A summary of expenditures & revenue to Nov. 30/81 has been circulated and it was moved by Ald. Cunningham and Sarto that the report be received and filed. Ald. Brennan asked for additional information on: (a) the transfer of funds to Metropolitan Transit (over the projected estimate); (b) the decrease in revenue from deed transfer tax; and

(c) the decrease in revenue from rents & concessions.

Ald. Brennan also referred to previous requests he has made for audited statements for 1980 and 1981 for M.T.C., plus the proposed budget estimates for M.T.C. for the coming year and regular management reports. Ald. Crawford noted that he has asked the Mayor for a briefing session with Council to discuss these items, especially the budget projections for transit.

Ald. Ibsen asked for clarification of the figures shown under Grants in Lieu of Taxes, from the Province of Nova Scotia, with a bracketed figure indicating what appears to be a deficit when in fact the revenue figure exceeds the estimate of \$250,000. The motion to receive and file carried.

MOTION: Moved by Ald. Cunningham and Sarto that the summary report of expenditures & revenue to Nov. 30/81, be received and filed.

DART.RECCOMMISSION:
RECREATION COMPLEX

Council has given first and second readings to By-law C-444, which would establish the Dartmouth Recreation Center Commission, in accordance with a recommendation from Dartmouth Recreation Ltd. previously adopted by Council.

The Solicitor has requested specific direction with regard to three questions raised during the debate on second reading, the first being in reference to the length of time that the Interim Commission will continue to be in existence. It was moved by Ald. Valardo and Fredericks that the Interim Commission remain in existence until March 31st of 1983, on the understanding that three months prior to the termination date, a permanent Commission will be appointed and put in place. Ald. Brennan was concerned about what he felt would be the lack of control that Council will have over the operating budget for the complex under the structure of the Interim Commission. It was pointed out that the budget for the complex will have to come to Council for approval, and staff at the complex will come under the jurisdiction of the City. Other members of Council tended to agree that a continuity will be maintained if the Interim Commission operates the complex initially while it is in the various stages of being completed. The motion on the first question carried.

The second question posed by the Solicitor concerned the status of Aldermen serving on the Commission if they cease to be Aldermen. Ald. Williams and Ibsen moved that Aldermen who cease to be Aldermen shall no longer serve on the Commission. This motion also carried.

The third question from the Solicitor was more complicated, involving the status of members on the Interim Commission who cease to be D.R.L. Directors, one example being Ald. Withers who recently resigned from D.R.L. as a Director, but still continues to be a shareholder in the Company. Ald. Williams and Cunningham moved that Ald. Withers be a member of the Interim Commission, but other members of Council questioned the possible area of conflict that may exist on the Commission which will be comprised of the same members who were serving when Ald. Withers resigned from the Board of Directors of D.R.L. Ald. Withers said he felt that he would have a good rapport with these members and could work in harmony with them, in view of the length of time he previously served on the Board while the complex was being constructed. Ald. Hart felt that it would be preferable to clarify the situation by calling for nominations from Council, at which time Ald. Withers' name could be placed in nomination along with any other Aldermen. Ald. Valardo favoured a provision whereby Commission members who cease to be D.R.L. Directors can be replaced by appointments that would be made by Council. In attempting to clarify Council's position on this question further, it was decided that a decision on Ald. Withers' status on the Commission should be deferred until the by-law is again before Council in its redrafted form. A motion to defer for this reason, moved by Ald. Hart and Greenough, was adopted.

Ald. Valardo then moved, seconded by Ald. Sarto, that the Directors of Dartmouth Recreation Ltd. be members of the Interim Commission, and that Council appoint one additional member to serve on the Interim Commission; further, should any of the Directors of D.R.L. resign, they will be replaced by an individual of Council's choice.

Ald. Brennan and Ibsen moved in amendment that Council appoint two additional members instead of one, for a total complement of 12 members on the Interim Commission. The amendment carried and the amended motion carried.

- MOTIONS:
- (1) Moved by Ald. Valardo & Fredericks that the Interim Commission remain in existence until March 31st of 1983 (based on the understanding that three months prior to the termination date, a permanent Commission will be appointed).
 - (2) Moved by Ald. Williams and Ibsen that Aldermen who cease to be Aldermen shall no longer serve on the Commission.
 - (3) Moved by Ald. Williams & Cunningham that Ald. Withers be a member of the Interim Commission.
 - (4) Moved by Ald. Hart & Greenough that a decision on Ald. Withers' appointment to the Commission be deferred until the by-law is again considered by Council in its redrafted form.
 - (5) Moved by Ald. Valardo & Sarto that the Directors of Dartmouth Recreation Ltd. be members of the Interim Commission, and that Council appoint one additional member to serve on the Interim Commission; further, should any of the Directors of D.R.L. resign, they will be replaced by an individual of Council's choice.

AMENDMENT: Moved in amendment by Ald. Brennan & Ibsen that Council appoint two additional members instead of one, for a total complement of 12 members on the Interim Commission.

DEMANDS: DART.
FERRY EMPLOYEES

Mr. Moir has forwarded a report to Council on the status of negotiations with Dartmouth ferry employees for a new contract, involving a number of other points relative to the administration of the ferry operation. It was moved by Ald. Greenough and Cunningham that the report from Mr. Moir be received and filed.

Ald. Fredericks made reference to the last paragraph in Mr. Moir's report, which pertains to the ferry deficit and suggests that every effort should be made to see that the deficit is paid directly to the City (ie. and not to M.T.C.). Ald. Fredericks agreed with this point and felt that Council should communicate it to the Provincial minister responsible in the strongest possible terms. Reference was also made to the five-year agreement with the Province for the ferry deficit, and to the per capita grant in relation

to the deficit. Ald. Hart requested that the portions of Mr. Moir's report dealing with the ferry deficit and with the M.T.C. take-over of the operation of the ferry system, be placed on Council's continuing agenda so that both items continue to be brought to the attention of the members on an on-going basis.

In view of the additional questions raised about the five-year agreement with the Province to pick up the ferry deficit, the Mayor asked Mr. Brady to take the matter up further with Mr. Moir and review the file on the agreement. The motion to receive and file carried.

MOTION: Moved by Ald. Greenough and Cunningham that Mr. Moir's report to Council on the status of negotiations with Dartmouth ferry employees for a new contract (dated Dec. 7/81), be received and filed.

FURNACE ROOM:
MAITLAND ST.
GARAGE

Mr. Moir has reported to Council on the requirement for construction of a furnace room at the Maitland Street garage. This room will enclose the existing boiler, thereby complying with existing regulations and should make the building safer from a fire safety point of view. The cost of this work is \$4,000., and it is recommended that Council authorize the work to be carried out immediately, with the \$4,000. to be included in the 1982 budget for school bus operation. Ald. Crawford and Greenwood moved the adoption of Mr. Moir's recommendation.

Ald. Brennan asked if the maintenance of these school buses could not be consolidated with Works Dept. vehicles or done at the M.T.C. garage. Mr. Rath and Mr. Fougere explained why in the opinion of staff, it is considered that existing maintenance arrangements for the school buses should be continued. Ald. Crawford said that contracting the maintenance out to M.T.C. would be more costly for the City. The motion on the floor carried.

MOTION: Moved by Ald. Crawford and Greenwood that Mr. Moir's recommendation on the construction of a furnace room at the Maitland Street garage, be adopted; this expenditure to be included in the 1982 budget for school bus operation.

DRAINAGE PROBLEM:
BROOKSIDE AVE.

A report from Mr. Moir was considered on a drainage problem in the area of Civic Nos. 3 and 5 Brookside Ave. The Engineering Dept. has prepared a plan and cost estimate for the work required to alleviate the problem, estimated to cost \$11,000. The recommendation is that Council authorize this project, the funds to be allocated from the 1981 Small Drainage budget. Ald. Crawford and Brennan moved the adoption of the recommendation.

Ald. Fredericks asked why NIP funds were not allocated for this work, but Ald. Crawford pointed out that it was not designated as a project under the NIP program for that area. Mr. Fougere said it has been a long-standing problem that has continued to recur, but it was not identified initially for inclusion in the NIP program. Ald. Crawford maintained that it is really a City problem and not the responsibility of NIP funding to correct. The motion carried.

MOTION: Moved by Ald. Crawford and Brennan that Mr. Moir's recommendation on the correction of a drainage problem in the Brookside Ave. area, be adopted, with funding for the project to come from the budget allocation for 1981 Small Drainage projects.

CITY LAND AT
650 PORTLAND ST.

Council next considered a report submitted by Mr. Moir on the termination of negotiations with Wedgeport Plaza Ltd. (Mr. Pothier) for the sale of City lands located at 650 Portland Street. Mr. Moir recommends at this time, that the property not be advertised for sale, but that the City retain possession of it for a period of time to see just what takes place in the way of development in that area. It is staff's opinion that this parcel of land should not be sold in isolation, but should become part of an overall development for the larger land holdings in that area. Ald. Hart and Greenwood moved the adoption of Mr. Moir's recommendation.

The Solicitor responded to questions about the termination of negotiations with Mr. Pothier and advised that there has been no cost involved to the City during the period of time they were in progress. The motion carried.

MOTION: Moved by Ald. Hart and Greenwood that Mr. Moir's recommendation be adopted on the termination of negotiations with Wedgeport Plaza Ltd., for City lands situated at 650 Portland Street, and that at this time, the property not be advertised for sale, but instead retained by the City for a period of time to see what takes place in the way of development in that area.

Y-LAW C-446

Proposed By-law C-446 was before Council for consideration; this by-law would amend By-law C-47 with respect to the administration of licences for mobile home parks, transferring this authority from the City Clerk's office to the Building Inspection Dept.

It was moved by Ald. Crawford and Brennan and carried that leave be given to introduce the said By-law C-446 and that it now be read a first time.

It was moved by Ald. Greenough and Ibsen and carried that By-law C-446 be read a second time.

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

It was moved by Ald. Greenough and Valardo and carried that By-law C-446 be read a third time and that the Mayor and the City Clerk be authorized to sign and seal the said by-law on behalf of the City.

MOTIONS: Three readings given to By-law C-446, as detailed above.

ATES: QUEEN ST.
ARKING LOT

Mr. Lukan of the Planning Dept. has reported to Council on a request from the Business Improvement District Committee for funding under the Mainstreet Program for automatic gates for the Queen Street parking lot. The City's share of the \$6,000. amount involved, would be \$2,400. and it would come from the Downtown Program Capital Budget. The recommendation is that the request from the B.I.D.C. be approved by Council, and that City staff be authorized to make application to the Provincial Dept. of Development's Mainstreet Program for the remaining \$3,600. required for the cost of the automatic gates. Ald. Brennan and Greenough moved the adoption of the recommendation.

Ald. Valardo raised a number of questions about the ownership of this parking lot and whether the City will recover the monies that have been spent to upgrade it, including the amount being requested at this time. Ald. Greenough agreed that it would be worthwhile to have information brought back to Council on the inquiries made by Ald. Valardo and including information on just who owns the parking lot, how much has been expended by the City so far on it, who pays the taxes on it. Ald. Crawford spoke in favour of the motion, which carried.

MOTION: Moved by Ald. Brennan and Greenough that Mr. Lukan's recommendation be adopted on the City's participation in the cost of providing automatic gates for the Queen Street parking lot, as requested by the B.I.D.C. The City's share in the total cost of \$6,000. would be \$2,400., with the remaining \$3,600. coming from the Mainstreet Program.

CONSTRUCTION
AGREEMENT No. 4-X

Council has been asked by the City Engineer to authorize the signing of Construction Agreement No. 4-X, between the City and the Minister of Transportation, with respect to the reconstruction of portions of Wyse Road and Nantucket Ave. A copy of the agreement accompanied Mr. Fougere's report to Council. Ald. Sarto and Valardo moved the adoption of the recommendation.

Ald. Crawford noted that the median strip on Wyse Road is adversely affecting the business of the Texaco service station operator located across the street from the new recreation complex. He discussed this problem further with Mr. Purdy and asked if something could not be done to provide an opening in the median that would permit traffic to turn into the station as it previously was able to do, without having to go up to the access point in front of the Holiday Inn. After the vote was taken on the motion on the floor, which carried, Ald. Crawford proceeded to move that the Engineering Dept. bring back a report on the provision of an opening in the median that would facilitate access and egress for the Texaco station concerned. The motion was seconded by Ald. Valardo and it carried.

MOTIONS: Moved by Ald. Sarto and Valardo that Council authorize the Construction Agreement No. 4-X, between the City and the Minister of Transportation, as recommended by the City Engineer.

(2) Moved by Ald. Crawford and Valardo that the Engineering Dept. bring back a report on the provision of an opening in the median on Wyse Road that would facilitate access and egress for the Texaco station located opp. the new recreation complex.

NAME FOR COMPLEX

The Board of Directors of Dartmouth Recreation Ltd. has recommended a name for the new complex for Council's consideration. The name being recommended is the 'Dartmouth Recreation & Exhibition Complex'. Ald. Valardo and Greenwood moved that this name be approved as recommended.

Ald. Crawford said he would like to have seen four or five names suggested for Council's decision on one of them. Other members considered the name to be too long and complicated and not interesting enough for the type of building involved. Ald. Valardo explained why the Board of D.R.L. wanted to include the words 'recreation' and 'exhibition' in the name for promotional purposes in other parts of Canada and the U.S., so that the full potential of the complex will be widely advertised. Council's general opinion was that the matter should be referred back to D.R.L. for further consideration and possibly a name contest, if necessary, to assist in the selection of a better name. Ald. Crawford and one or two other members, felt that some reference to the Princess Diana would be appropriate in naming the complex, particularly if arrangements could be made to have her attend the official opening of the complex. On motion of Ald. Crawford and Fredericks, the matter was referred back to D.R.L. for further consideration and recommendation back to Council (Ald. Valardo and Withers voting against).

MOTION: Moved by Ald. Crawford and Fredericks that the naming of the new recreation complex be referred back to D.R.L. for further consideration and another recommendation for Council to consider.

RECOMMENDATION:
JOINT COMMITTEE

A report was before Council from the Joint Committee of Council and the School Board appointed to review the recommendations contained in the Walker Commission report. The Committee, in conjunction with the City Solicitor, has reviewed the tentative Agreement that would be entered into by the Municipality and the Minister of Education in forming a District Board, and in conclusion, has recommended to Council that they defer signing the document until legislation is enacted in the Provincial Legislature in connection with the Walker Commission recommendations. Ald. Greenough and Cunningham moved the adoption of the recommendation.

Ald. Hawley and Hart expressed their concerns about a delay on the part of Council in signing the Agreement, since it has been indicated by the Province that municipalities will only have until the end of January to enter into their agreements on the formation of District Boards, to be eligible for total funding. Ald. Fredericks felt that Council should communicate to the Premier and the Minister of Education, our understanding that the composition of the Board would be based on 50/50 representation rather than the one-third composition under which School Boards are presently constituted. He wanted to see the entire matter referred back to the School Board for further discussion at that level.

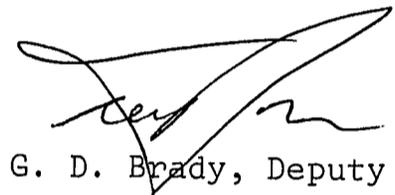
Ald. Greenough felt that it is up to the Province to adopt or reject recommendations from the Walker Commission report, as they wish. He said he did not object to the present composition of School Board on the existing one-third basis, and felt that the interests of Council will be adequately protected with reference to budgetary approvals. In view of the questions as to the urgency of signing an agreement with the Minister (as opposed to just making application for District Board status), Ald. Greenough and Crawford moved referral to staff for clarification as to the funding ramifications should we not sign the formal agreement within the stipulated time. Ald. Brennan said he would also like the Solicitor to look at the legal status

and the legislative authority for the one-third representation decision by the Province, also the legal requirement for signing of the agreement and/or our application only.

Ald. Hart suggested that the report from staff should come back to Council as quickly as possible in view of the time constraints involved. She also felt that it would be useful for Council to have copies of the presentations that have been made on the subject of the Walker Commission report, by the Union of N. S. Municipalities. When the vote was taken on the motion to refer, it carried.

Ald. Fredericks indicated his wish to introduce another motion in connection with this item, but Council did not agree to add a further motion after the hour of 11:00 p.m.

Meeting adjourned.



G. D. Brady, Deputy City Clerk.

City Council, Jan. 5/82.

ITEMS:

- 1) Monthly reports, page 1 & 2.
 - 2) Permit to build, E.S. Martin Properties, page 2.
 - 3) Update report, library/cultural complex, page 2.
 - 4) Expenditures & Revenue (Nov. 30/81), page 2 & 3.
 - 5) Commission, Recreation Complex, page 3 to 5 incl.
 - 6) Demands, Dart. ferry employees, page 5.
 - 7) Furnace room, Maitland St. garage, page 6.
 - 8) Drainage problem, Brookside Ave., page 6.
 - 9) City property, 650 Portland St., page 6.
 - 10) By-law C-446, page 7.
 - 11) Gates, Queen St. parking lot, page 7.
 - 12) Construction Agreement No. 4-X, page 8.
 - 13) Name for rec. complex, page 9.
 - 14) Recommendation, Joint Committee, pages 10 & 11.
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Dartmouth, N. S.

January 12/82.

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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	

Council met to continue with the January 5th agenda. At the request of the Mayor, Council agreed to add two further items, one dealing with MAPC membership, and the second, with non-unionized City employees and the policy applicable to them.

At the Nov. 25/81 meeting of the Business Improvement District Committee, the following motion was adopted:

BE IT RESOLVED that representation be made to officials of the Mainstreet Program, recommending a change in the present cost-sharing formula for the private sector of the Program, from 30% funding from the Province, with a maximum of \$2,500. per view side, to 60% funding from the Province, with a maximum of \$3,500. per view side.

Council has been asked to endorse this motion and to recommend it to the Provincial Dept. of Development, with whom the Mainstreet Program originates. Ald. Crawford and Brennan moved Council's endorsement of the motion for recommendation to the Dept. of Development, as requested by the B.I.D.C., in concurrence with the Downtown Dartmouth Corp. Ltd. Both Aldermen commented on the intent of the motion that has been referred to Council, and Mr. Morrissey, the Exec. Director of the Downtown Corp., was present to respond to questions about the existing subsidy arrangement for the improvement of buildings within the Mainstreet boundaries, depending as the funding provision presently does on the number of view sides involved in each building being renovated. Ald. Valardo had reservations about the motion and did not support it. Other members considered the recommendation to the Dept. of Development to be in order, as a means of encouraging more business owners to

COST-SHARING
FORMULA: MAIN-
STREET PROGRAM

take full advantage of the Mainstreet Program under an improved cost-sharing formula. The motion carried with Ald. Valardo voting against.

PROPOSED B.I.D.C.
BOUNDARIES

MOTION: See page 1.
Proposed new B.I.D.C. boundaries, under the Mainstreet Program, have been recommended to Council for approval and recommendation to the Provincial Dept. of Development; the recommendation comes from the Business Improvement District Committee, in concurrence with the the Downtown Dartmouth Corp. Ald. Brennan and Ritchie moved the approval of the new boundary alignment, as indicated on the plan which accompanied the report from the B.I.D.C., for recommendation by Council to the Dept. of Development.

Ald. Brennan commented on the intent of the recommendation, which is to broaden the base for the Mainstreet Program, so that the cost-sharing agreement under this program can become applicable to more commercial businesses than are presently included under the existing boundary. The recommendation from the B.I.D.C. received the support of Council and the motion to approve it carried.

MOTION: Moved by Ald. Brennan and Ritchie that the proposed new B.I.D.C. boundary alignment under the Mainstreet Program, be approved and recommended to the Provincial Dept. of Development, as per the recommendation to Council from the Business Improvement District Committee.

MOTIONS:

ALD. WITHERS

Motions presented, in accordance with Notice of Motion previously given by the members, were as follows:

1) It was moved by Ald. Withers, seconded by Ald. Crawford:

That staff be directed to examine the problems created by amusement & pinball machines, and provide Council with a recommendation as to how these problems can be dealt with.

Ald. Withers spoke about the problems that are being created at various locations throughout the City by the operation of pinball and video game operations, which become hang-outs for young people and attract undesirable elements in the community, including drug trafficking and disturbance of area residents generally.

Members of Council who spoke on the motion recognized the problem areas referred to by Ald. Withers, but felt that some of the operations involved are being conducted properly by the owners, with the necessary supervision and restrictions being maintained. Letters have been circulated from the owners of two local companies involved in this type of business, namely, Galaxy Video Amusements Ltd. and Vidmac Holdings Ltd., and Council felt that staff consultation with these company representatives would assist in trying to draft requirements that would bring all such operations in the City up to an acceptable standard. Reference was made by the Solicitor to the difficulties posed in trying to regulate an age restriction that would prevent younger children from frequenting these establishments.

Ald. Hawley did not consider that the motion adequately covers all the amusement operations that should be looked at by staff, and moved in amendment that the motion be broadened to read '. . . gaming establishments such as amusement centres, pool halls, pinball machine operations and bowling alleys (ie. where video games are also located in some cases).' The amendment was seconded by Ald. Williams but it was opposed by Ald. Crawford who questioned in particular the reference to bowling alleys and suggested that if these operations are to be included, then why not bingo halls and so on. Ald. Ibsen said he would prefer to have a report from staff, including the Police Dept., on the existing problems and their scope, before proceeding further with the motion. When the vote was taken, the amendment carried (Ald. Ibsen & Crawford voting against) and the amended motion carried (Ald. Crawford voting against). Staff were asked to consult with the representatives from whom letters were received (as previously noted in the minutes), and it was noted that they will also have an opportunity to speak to Council at a later date when the item comes back in the form of a staff report.

MOTION: Re amusement & pinball machines, as set out on page 2, moved by Ald. Withers and Crawford.

AMENDMENT: Moved in amendment by Ald. Hawley & Williams that the motion be changed to read ' . . . gaming establishments, such as amusement centres, pool halls, pinball machine operations and bowling alleys.

ALD. FREDERICKS

2) It was moved by Ald. Fredericks, seconded by

Ald. Brennan:

That the City of Dartmouth Tourist Commission undertake to inform themselves of the tourism potential of the Shubenacadie Canal and the Regional Park, and thereafter, to press for restoration and development of this proposed park and historic area.

In presenting his first motion, Ald. Fredericks' remarks centered around the potential of the Shubenacadie Canal system as a tourism feature to attract visitors to Dartmouth and as such, warranting the involvement of the City's Tourist Commission. Ald. Cunningham, Chairman of the Commission, did not feel the Commission is in a position to carry out a study of the Canal potential from a tourism point of view, but rather, suggested that the Shubenacadie Canal Commission itself could forward a report for consideration at any time they wish to. Ald. Brennan suggested that perhaps a joint meeting of the two Commissions would be in order, in a cooperative effort to complement the work of each, and Ald. Greenough subsequently moved referral to both Commissions, on the understanding that a joint meeting will be arranged to exchange information and ideas as to how the intent of the motion might be addressed. A report would come back to Council for any action deemed necessary as an outcome of the joint meeting. The motion to refer was seconded by Ald. Ibsen, but it did not receive the general support of Council and was defeated. Ald. Cunningham said it would be preferable to invite the Chairman of the Canal Commission to a Tourist Commission meeting in the future, and Ald. Fredericks, Chairman of the Canal Commission, said he would be willing to attend any Tourist Commission meeting to which he might be invited. The vote was taken on the main motion and it was also defeated.

3) It was moved by Ald. Fredericks, seconded by Ald. Crawford:

That the City of Dartmouth Tourist Commission undertake a study to inform themselves of the need for and advantage of a new hotel in downtown Dartmouth, and to pursue the same on behalf of the City.

Speaking on the motion, Ald. Cunningham pointed out that some studies along these lines have already been conducted by private interests and while the Tourist Commission could attempt to avail themselves of this information, it would not be practical for the Commission to proceed with a study on their own. Ald. Crawford and Greenwood therefore moved in amendment that the words 'a study' be deleted from the motion, in order to indicate that the Commission will simply take advantage of other information that has already been secured and is being compiled through privately-conducted studies.

Ald. Crawford spoke in favour of directing more efforts toward attracting a major hotel facility to Dartmouth, and Ald. Valardo said that the City itself should be pursuing this possibility actively rather than delegating the responsibility to the Tourist Commission. Ald. Brennan did not agree with this opinion and said he considered the Commission to be the right group to provide leadership and initiative in the promotion of a tourism infrastructure for the City. Ald. Cunningham was in favour of referring the motion to City staff for recommendations to the Tourist Commission to consider, and he moved referral to staff for this purpose. The motion was seconded by Ald. Valardo and it carried.

MOTION: Moved by Ald. Cunningham and Valardo that the motion presented by Ald. Fredericks on the subject of a new hotel facility for downtown Dartmouth, be referred to City staff for recommendations to the Tourist Commission for further consideration.

4) It was moved by Ald. Fredericks, seconded by Ald. Crawford:

That the City of Dartmouth Tourist Commission obtain a copy of the Dept. of Development Green Paper on development with reference to tourism, and to liaise with the Provincial Dept. of Tourism on their plans for tourism so that Dartmouth may take full advantage of working in concert with these two departments of the Province.

Ald. Cunningham referred to this motion as redundant, in view of the fact that members of the Tourist Commission have already received copies of the Green Paper and the City's Tourist Director is in communication with the Provincial Tourism Dept. on a regular basis with respect to upcoming programs and plans for tourist promotion that the City can tie in with as it proceeds. Ald. Crawford suggested that perhaps it would be helpful if Council could be briefed from time to time on the work of the Commission, so that members are more aware of what is being done on a continuing basis; he said this applies to other Boards and Commissions as well. The motion was put and carried.

MOTION: Re the Green Paper on tourism development and liaison with Provincial Tourism Dept., as detailed on page 5 , moved by Ald. Fredericks and seconded by Ald. Crawford.

5) It was moved by Ald. Fredericks, seconded by Ald. Crawford that:

WHEREAS the cost of servicing building lots is quite high and affects the final cost of a home;

AND WHEREAS individual builders and developers must adhere to the standards set by the City;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Planning and Engineering Departments prepare a report and recommendations for Council on servicing standards for housing lots, a cost-effective study with a view of lowering of these costs; this would include sewers, streets, curbs, etc. (A cost-effective strategy is used in several cities in Ontario).

Ald. Fredericks commented on the concerns he has about high costs of housing and the efforts that must be directed by the City toward some lowering of these costs in order to alleviate the present housing crisis.

Ald. Brennan said he could agree with the intent of the motion, but he wondered if some of this kind of information may not already be available in the report prepared for the former Housing Task Force by staff and other similar material that is available, rather than having staff carry out a time-consuming in-depth study unnecessarily. He said he would prefer to see staff bring back a preliminary report on existing material and the terms of reference required for

such a study before it proceeds. The motion was put and carried.

MOTION: Re servicing costs and a report on the same, moved by Ald. Fredericks and seconded by Ald. Crawford; complete text of motion set out on page 6.

6) It was moved by Ald. Fredericks, seconded by Ald. Crawford that:

WHEREAS there is a shortage of social housing in Dartmouth, both senior and low-rental;

AND WHEREAS the City is subsidizing social housing;

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED that staff prepare a report on the City's involvement in social housing, its cost, the number of units now in the City, expected costs without social housing, the number of units required, and what Council should be acting on in the near term and the long term, to provide the needed number of units, (should the City purchase lots of land and housing at tax sales, etc. for social housing) in cooperation with the Dartmouth Housing Commission.

Ald. Fredericks said he would like to see some kind of cost comparison between Dartmouth and Halifax as to what each unit is costing. Ald. Withers was in favour of the motion and Ald. Brennan said he supported the thrust of it, but wondered what the City could do independently without participation by the other government levels. Both he and Ald. Hart felt that the most effective approach is to increase the City's pressure on other senior government levels to increase the number of housing units required in Dartmouth and to speed up their implementation. Ald. Hart said that pressure must be applied on the Minister of Housing and that is really the answer to what we are trying to accomplish. Ald. Fredericks referred to the seriousness of the housing situation in Dartmouth and said the City must be able to take a look at it from our own point of view, besides pressing for additional units through the other government levels. The vote was taken on the motion and it carried with Ald. Hart voting against:

MOTION: Re social housing and the City's involvement, moved by Ald. Fredericks and seconded by Ald. Crawford; text of motion stated above.

7) It was moved by Ald. Fredericks, seconded by Ald. Crawford that:

WHEREAS there are very few homes or apartments being built;

WHEREAS there is a grave shortage of housing in Dartmouth and other areas of the country;

WHEREAS unemployment is high;

AND WHEREAS the lack of new housing affects many other businesses such as lumbering, sawmills, building and furniture stores, appliance manufacturing, etc.;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that this Council write to the Minister of Finance & the Minister of Housing, to urge them to immediately lower the interest rate on all housing mortgages to 10%, either by action through CMHC or by ordering the banks to use part of their loans for housing mortgages (or both these avenues).

Ald. Fredericks said it is important for local councils to take a stand on the interest rate issue, in view of its effect on people everywhere in the country. He suggested that in adopting his resolution, Council should also seek to have it endorsed by other municipalities as well, in an effort to bring to the attention of the Federal Government, the serious impact that high interest rates are having on the building industry and businesses related to it. Ald. Crawford considered that the F.C.M. would be the proper forum for consideration of such a resolution, also the Union of N. S. Municipalities. As an amendment to the motion, the resolution was also referred to the F.C.M. and the Union of N. S. Municipalities, on motion of Ald. Crawford, seconded by Ald. Hawley. Ald. Ibsen suggested that it would be more practical to have these bodies seeking a reduction in the tax on building materials, as a more practical approach to the overall building and housing problem. The amendment to refer to F.C.M. and the Union of Municipalities, carried and the amended motion carried.

MOTION: Re interest rates on mortgages, moved by Ald. Fredericks and seconded by Ald. Crawford; text of motion stated above.

AMENDMENT: Moved in amendment by Ald. Crawford and Hawley that the motion also be referred to the F.C.M. and to the Union of N. S. Municipalities.

8) It was moved by Ald. Fredericks, seconded by Ald. Crawford:

That staff be requested to prepare a plan and cost estimate to visually upgrade Pleasant Street from Renfrew St. to Cameron Street; (this area requires tree-planting and sodding of areas between curb & sidewalk, etc.) - and that this be included in the 1982 budget.

Council did not oppose the motion, but it was felt that specific reference should not be to inclusion of this project in the 1982 budget at the present time. Ald. Hart and Hawley moved in amendment that the wording of the motion be changed to read '. . . for possible inclusion in the 1982 budget', replacing the wording presented in the original motion. The amendment carried and the amended motion also carried.

MOTION: Re plan and cost estimate for Pleasant Street, moved by Ald. Fredericks and seconded by Ald. Crawford; text of the motion above.

AMENDMENT: Moved in amendment by Ald. Hart & Hawley that the wording of the motion be changed to read '. . . for possible inclusion in the 1982 budget', replacing the original wording '. . . and that this be included in the 1982 budget'.

ALD. GREENWOOD

9) It was moved by Ald. Greenwood, seconded by Ald. Valardo:

That Yorkshire Ave. be extended from Springhill Road through to Trinity Ave., a distance of approx. 200 feet, with a width thereof of 22 feet, as per calculations and cost factors in the report of the City Engineering Dept. of April, 1981, to be considered in the 1982 capital budget.

Ald. Greenwood spoke on his motion, explaining why Yorkshire Ave. should be extended and improved as proposed by him, and he made reference to the cost estimates that have been provided in the Engineering Dept. report, projected at two levels of construction, the lesser one to cost \$59,400. for the project. Land ownership questions are also involved and would have to be resolved before the project could proceed. Ald. Hart felt that the extension should only go ahead on the basis of the higher estimate and asked that both cost projections be available for Council to consider at budget time. When the vote was

taken on the motion, it carried.

MOTION: Re a proposed extension of Yorkshire Ave., moved by Ald. Greenwood and seconded by Ald. Valardo; text of the motion on page 9.

ALD. SARTO

10) It was moved by Ald. Sarto, seconded by Ald.

Valardo that:

WHEREAS several home owners residing on Carr St. and Pauline Crescent, are subject to frequent sewer back-ups;

AND WHEREAS such back-ups are of a serious nature and seemingly are caused by lack of proper or inadequate storm sewer and drainage in said areas;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that Council request staff to carry out a study to identify the cause of the problem and to formulate a solution for each which is physically and economically feasible, along with a preliminary cost estimate.

Ald. Sarto outlined what is needed to correct both the flooding problems concerned in his motion, and the motion carried.

MOTION: Re sewer back-up problems on Carr St. and Pauline Crescent, moved by Ald. Sarto and seconded by Ald. Valardo. Text of the motion above.

ALD. HART

11) It was moved by Ald. Hart, seconded by Ald.

Crawford that:

Council direct the City Administrator to contact the Human Rights Commission, with a view to encouraging them to conduct workshops with City employees at all levels regarding the Human Rights Act;

That following the workshops, the City Administrator bring forward a recommendation regarding the establishment of a Dartmouth City Staff Assn. within City Hall, the members to be coopted from existing staff members.

In presenting her motion, Ald. Hart outlined why she felt that City staff members should have the kind of intermediary committee proposed in the motion, to whom they can take concerns involving human rights issues. The committee, in turn, would communicate such concerns to the City Administrator so that problems can be resolved through this process.

Members of Council who spoke on the motion tended to agree with the first section of it, but not with the second part. There were objections to the name suggested for the staff committee, and on an amendment made by Ald.

Crawford and seconded by Ald. Withers, the name was changed to read 'the City Staff Committee to deal with Human Rights'.

Ald. Valardo opposed the motion in its entirety, but Ald. Hawley was in favour of it and said there is much to be gained by employees of any organization through a broader understanding of fundamental human rights values. Ald. Ibsen supported only the first section of the motion and Ald. Greenough said he would be prepared to go along with the educational aspect as well. He felt that Council should not have to hurry through the debate on such an important subject, and due to the lateness of the hour, moved deferral of the item until the next meeting when members will again have the opportunity to resume debate. The motion to defer was seconded by Ald. Sarto and it carried.

MOTION: Moved by Ald. Greenough and Sarto that Ald. Hart's motion on the floor be deferred until the next meeting of Council when members will have further opportunity for debate.

On motion of Ald. Greenough and Cunningham, Council then adjourned to meet in camera to deal with an additional item of business. Having reconvened in open Council after dealing with the item, the action taken in cameras was ratified, on motion of Ald. Hart and Valardo.

Meeting adjourned.


Bruce Smith,
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City Council, Jan. 12/82.

ITEMS:

- 1) Cost-sharing formula, Mainstreet Pgm., page 1.
- 2) Proposed B.I.D.C. boundaries, page 2.
- 3) Motions: Ald. Withers, page 2 & 3.
Fredericks, pages 4 to 9 incl.
Greenwood, page 9.
Sarto, page 10.
Hart, page 10 & 11.

Dartmouth, N. S.

January 19/82.

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
Fredericks	
City Solicitor, S. Hood	
City Administrator, C. A. Moir	
City Clerk-Treasurer, B. Smith	

Council met to complete the January 5th agenda.
An item was added to the agenda dealing with District
School Board status for the City.

MOTION: ALD. HART

At the conclusion of the January 12th meeting,
a motion introduced by Ald. Hart was still on the floor
and was deferred at the hour of 11:00 p.m., to give members
a further opportunity for debate on the motion at this
meeting. Debate therefore resumed from the point where
it left off, with Ald. Fredericks speaking in favour of the
first half of the motion, but wanting to see the second
paragraph deleted with reference to the proposed establish-
ment of a City Staff Human Rights Committee, following the
Human Rights workshops referred to in paragraph one. Ald.
Greenough had a similar opinion and moved in amendment that
part two of the motion, beginning with the words "That
following the workshops, the City Administrator bring
forward . . .", be deleted altogether; the amendment was
seconded by Ald. Fredericks. Ald. Hart, Crawford and
Hawley spoke against the amendment and did not see the
staff committee as a problem in the City Hall structure,
unlike some of the other members who felt that problems
could be created for the City Administrator by what they
considered to be a third staff level acting in an inter-
mediary capacity between City staff and Mr. Moir.

When the vote was taken on the amendment, it
was defeated with five members voting in favour and eight
against.

Ald. Sarto

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AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that these standards be put into effect so that existing industries will have to upgrade gradually to meet those standards by a certain date in the future.

ALD. IBSEN

- 3) Ald. Ibsen: (a) That a special meeting of City Council be called to discuss all policies relating to sick leave benefits and cash payments to all City employees.

(b) That Bruce Smith, City Clerk-Treasurer, be reprimanded by Dartmouth City Council for insubordination to an Alderman.

ALD. BRENNAN

- 4) Ald. Brennan: (a) That Council request staff to provide projections as to future costs of education which must be borne directly by the property taxpayers of this City, and bring forward a report, including alternative funding formulae related to student enrollments and various levels of educational service and quality.

(b) WHEREAS the City of Dartmouth requires the payment of taxes on or before the first day of February and the first day of June in a given year;

AND WHEREAS property taxpayers are faced with the heavy burden of the high cost of fuel bills in the winter months;

BE IT RESOLVED that Council direct staff to provide a feasibility study for altering the billing dates for taxes, to make tax payments due during off-peak energy months of the year.

ALD. FREDERICKS

- Ald. Fredericks: (a) That staff investigate the feasibility of a cover for the upper level of the ferry, thereby increasing the seating capacity, especially in the winter.

(b) If further funds are available for metro transit, that Dartmouth's contribution would be limited to \$1. per head and not more.

ALD. GREENOUGH

- Ald. Greenough: WHEREAS the decision by Council to postpone improvements to Main Street has been made, I will move that some of the funds that would have been directed towards that project be used to upgrade and improve the section of Braemar Drive from the Rotary to Red Bridge.

ALD. VALARDO

- Ald. Valardo: That the items, Motions, Notices of Motion and Inquiries & Answers, be put at the first of Council agendas.

INQUIRIES:

ALD. BRENNAN

The following inquiries were made by Ald. Brennan:

- 1) what is the status of the staff report requested as a response to the presentation from the Forest Hills Residents Assn. with regard to possible amalgamation of their area with the City?
Mr. Bayer explained that his staff are working on the report as time permits, but it has not been given a high priority. The report will possibly be ready within two months time, but work on it could be expedited if Council so directs. The other point noted by Mr. Bayer is that his staff are also waiting for Statistics Canada figures they need.
- 2) with respect to the minutes of the Metro. Authority meeting of Oct. 27/81 and in particular, the financial statements, there appear to be some irregularities about which Ald. Hart and the Mayor expressed concern, as the City's representatives. Ald. Brennan requested further information and the Mayor said he would attempt to provide this.
- 3) asked about the results of the water rates study approved in June of 1980. Mr. Smith advised that a rate increase is not required at present and the outcome of the study will be brought back to Council at such time as a rate increase appears to be necessary.
- 4) Ald. Brennan was concerned that the City did not have an opportunity for more input into the Regional Plan review process. He considered the implications of the review to be significant for Dartmouth and made particular reference to a portion of the review that has been completed in connection with a regional sewage system, involving a major treatment plant for affluent that drains to the harbour. He commented on the costs that would be involved and the associated impact on the City. His inquiry was discussed at some length with Mr. Fougere and with Mr. Moir, who are participating in the review process.

ALD. HART

Ald. Hart asked if there is any further information about the decision of the Province on a 107 by-pass. The Mayor said he will be contacted by the Minister of Transportation, after there has been further discussion at the cabinet level.

Ald. Hart asked if there has been any subsequent response from the Minister of Municipal Affairs, from the meeting with him regarding transit demonstration grants. The Mayor said he has heard nothing further to date.

ALD. WILLIAMS

Ald. Williams asked if a sign could be put on the door to the Alderman's room, indicating that it is for the private use of the Aldermen only and not for other people.

ALD. WITHERS

Ald. Withers asked if there is anything further on the transfer of the easement between Symonds & Moira Streets. Mr. Fougere said he has had no word from the property owner

concerned as yet.

Ald. Withers asked if there is a policy pertaining to the owners of businesses, who push snow from their properties out onto the sidewalks. Mr. Fougere said there is no specific policy at the present time, but a by-law is being drafted that will include some provisions to cover such situations. The Solicitor suggested that they may also be covered under the Motor Vehicle Act in extreme situations.

Ald. Withers asked Mr. Fougere to give attention to the salting or sanding of Crichton Ave. Extension.

ALD. HAWLEY

Ald. Hawley expressed concern about the damage to curbs during snow plowing operations; he discussed this matter with the City Engineer and felt that there is not enough care on the part of plow operators in many cases.

Ald. Hawley said that the dog pound operators are uncertain about the interpretation of the section of the Dog By-law which pertains to the apprehension of dogs on their own property. He asked the Solicitor to sit down with the pound operators and clarify the legal interpretation of this section of the by-law.

ALD. FREDERICKS

The following inquiries were made by Ald. Fredericks:

- 1) asked what has happened to the police contract comparison report he requested; Mr. Moir to check with Tom Rath on the report.
- 2) Ald. Fredericks was concerned about the dangerous slippery condition of the steps to the upper level of the ferry; Mr. Moir said it is planned to paint the steps with an abrasive paint as soon as this can be done.
- 3) inquired about watershed lands being taxed and Mr. Smith advised that this was a change in the Assessment Act.
- 4) Ald. Fredericks discussed with Mr. Smith several points pertaining to the water rate study, with reference to management fees and also, the capital that the City has put into the utility.

ALD. GREENWOOD

Ald. Greenwood asked if staff could give attention to having cars that are parked on sidewalk areas in front of car lots, moved back onto the lots so that people are not forced to walk out in the street to get around them.

ALD. CRAWFORD

The following inquiries were made by Ald. Crawford:

- 1) asked when a meeting of Council can be held for a briefing session on metro transit. On motion of Ald. Valardo and Sarto, Council set the date for the briefing for Sat., Jan. 23rd at 9:30 a.m.
- 2) asked that staff prepare a report on the need for and possible location of a garbage compactor/transfer station in the City of Dartmouth.
- 3) discussed with Mr. Fougere the subject of flooding problems on Rose and Maple Streets. He asked that information on this situation be compiled in a report for him.
- 4) asked that the wheelchair ramp be replaced in the hallway of the lower plaza at City Hall.
- 5) Ald. Crawford noted that the old medical centre on Portland Street has been demolished and asked what is planned for the site. Mr. Moir said he thought the plans for a new building on the site would be coming to Council shortly.
- 6) asked about the possibility of Feb. tax payments being deferred from the first to the end of the month in the case of senior citizens, so they do not lose interest on their money that may be invested in the bank. Mr. Smith explained that the only provision for senior citizens at present is the tax deferral program, and Mr. Moir went on to explain the problems that occur when we try to make such concessions for any one segment of the population.
- 7) asked about the ticketing of cars on Johnston Ave. when the vehicles concerned were off the road completely; Mr. Moir said the matter has been looked into and in fact, the cars were on the City street in this case.
- 8) asked the Asst. Social Services Director to check on a situation at 32 Fairbanks Street, where social assistance recipients have not been given sufficient money to purchase oil for heating during the current cold weather.
- 9) Ald. Crawford advised that the recent problem with a bus not arriving to pick up senior citizens on time, has been raised at M.T.C. and action is being taken and the senior citizens informed accordingly.

ALD. SARTO

Ald. Sarto asked to have staff look at the possibility of having steps and a handrail installed in the steep bank at one of the two approaches to the Mount Edward Road playground.

ALD. GREENOUGH

Ald. Greenough asked if we intend to follow up further on the requested meeting with the Premier on the subject of the Rotary and a by-pass highway. The Mayor advised that the Minister of Transportation is taking the matter up with other members of the cabinet.

Ald. Greenough asked to have the T.M.G. look at

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NON-UNIONIZED
EMPLOYEES

An item added to the January 12th agenda was before Council, with reports from the Mayor and the Solicitor on salary and benefit policies for non-unionized employees, and the Mayor explained why the reports have been prepared for Council's consideration, in connection with points raised in a submission received from Ald. Ibsen. Ald. Valardo said that a sensitive and controversial item of this nature should be dealt with at a separate Council meeting, when there is more time for discussion. He therefore moved deferral of the item to a meeting when it can be dealt with separately, and requested that the Solicitor provide copies of the 1974 minutes referred to in her report. The motion to defer was seconded by Ald. Hart.

Ald. Fredericks wanted to have the item dealt with by Council at this time, so that what he called the hidden innuendos and reference to a cover-up, can be clarified without further reflection being cast on the Mayor and members of Council. When the vote was taken, the motion carried and Council set January 26th at 5:30 p.m. as the date and time for the meeting, to be followed at 7:30 p.m. by the rest of the Committee and Council agenda that has not yet been completed from this meeting.

MAPC MEMBERSHIP

Another item added from the January 12th meeting was the appointment of a second Council representative from the City to MAPC, one of the members being Mayor Brownlow. On a nomination put forward by Ald. Williams and seconded by Ald. Hart, Council chose Ald. Brennan to serve as the second representative of the City on MAPC.

APPLICATION TO
SUBDIVIDE:
FERGUSON RD.

At Ald. Hart's request and on motion of Ald. Crawford and Greenwood, Council agreed to move one item up from the Committee agenda so it could be dealt with immediately.

The item was a Planning Dept. report on a request to subdivide a lot containing two existing homes on Ferguson Road (Civic # 9 and #13), submitted by the heirs of Mrs. Rose Cooley. While the request does not meet all the necessary subdivision regulations, the Planning Dept. has recommended approval as in other situations in the past, on the following basis:

- 1) That the situation is an existing one.
- 2) That there is a common agreement among the land-owners.
- 3) Where a hardship is overcome.

Council approved the subdivisions request, as recommended by the Development Officer, on motion of Ald. Brennan and Greenwood.

MOTION: Moved by Ald. Brennan and Greenwood that Council approve a subdivision request involving a lot containing two existing homes on Ferguson Road, at Civic #9 and 13, as recommended by the Development Officer in his report of Dec. 11/81.

MUNICIPAL FINANCE
CORP: DEBT ISSUE

Council considered a report from Mr. Smith, advising that funds are available to the City of Dartmouth from the Municipal Finance Corp. in the amount of \$3,792,500. on Jan. 28/82, for General Purpose long-term funding. The debenture would have a ten-year term, maturing Jan. 28, 1992, with the lender having no call provision. It would carry an interest rate of 15.75% payable semi-annually, and would be sold at a rate of \$99.52 per \$100. The resulting cost of money would be 15.875%.

Issuing Resolution #82-04 has been prepared in this connection and accompanied Mr. Smith's report. It was moved by Ald. Brennan and Fredericks that Resolution #82-04 be approved, as attached. Mr. Smith made the presentation of his report and responded to questions from the members about the debenture and the funding provisions through the Municipal Finance Corp. The vote was then taken and the motion on the floor carried.

MOTION: Moved by Ald. Brennan and Fredericks that approved be given to the attached Resolution #82-04, providing authorization for long-term funding through the Municipal Development Corp. in the amount of \$3,792,500.

DISTRICT SCHOOL
BOARD STATUS

As requested by Council, clarification has been provided in a report from Mr. Smith on the funding ramifications of proceeding or not proceeding with the District School Board agreement between the City and the Province, by the January 31st deadline that has been specified by the Minister of Education. Mr. Smith's report also contains two recommendations from the Joint Committee of School Board and Council members, as set out in the following motions:

- 1) the Committee recommends to our parent bodies the signing of the Agreement, subject to the question of legal technicalities being investigated by the City Solicitor;
- 2) that the Board continue to be a twelve-member Board.

Ald. Fredericks and Sarto moved the adoption of these motions as recommended, thereby authorizing the signing of the Agreement between the City and the Province. Mrs. Worth, Chairman of the School Board, was present for the meeting and indicated the concurrence of Board members with the report presented by Mr. Smith.

The Solicitor commented on two areas of concern where legal technicalities are involved, the first being in Section 3 of the Agreement, with respect to employees. On the advice of the Solicitor and on motion of Ald. Brennan and Hawley, an amendment was introduced to indicate the intent that employees will become employees of the District Board at a later time, and not as presently set out in the existing Section 3.

The second amendment pertained to Section 5 (Rights and Powers) and was intended to indicate that the Dartmouth Board of School Commissioners would be known as the Interim District School Board. This amendment, presented by Ald. Ibsen and Hart, carried.

With regard to recommendation #2, as set out in the second motion adopted by the Joint Committee, it is Council's understanding that in definition Section (E) of the Agreement, the reference should be to 12 members ' . . . as follows: etc.'

A third amendment, introduced by Ald. Brennan and seconded by Ald. Crawford, read as follows:

That the Agreement be approved, subject to negotiations with the Province for clarification or deletion of paragraph 2, Schedule A, and that the City of Dartmouth is thereby committed by this Agreement to provide only the minimum municipal contribution of 38¢ per \$100. of assessment.

It was understood that in making this amendment, Ald. Brennan did not intend any delay in the Agreement that would put it beyond the January 31st deadline, but that negotiation can be continued with the Province even though the Agreement has been consummated. Members of Council generally supported the amendment on this understanding that the negotiations and clarification is important, provided we do not risk losing Provincial funding by going beyond the deadline date for signing. On this basis, the amendment was adopted and Ald. Valardo suggested that in carrying it out, the Mayor and Ald. Brennan should be delegated to meet with the Minister. Other members of Council agreed. The amended motion carried.

MOTION: Moved by Ald. Fredericks and Sarto that Council adopt the two motions from the Joint Committee, as recommended, and set out in Mr. Smith's report to Council of Jan. 19/82.

AMENDMENT: Moved in amendment by Ald. Brennan and Hawley that it be indicated that the intent in Section 3 of the Agreement is that employees will become employees of the District Board at a later time, and not as presently set out in the section.

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Meeting adjourned.


Bruce Smith,
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City Council, Jan. 19/82.

ITEMS:

- 1) Continuation: Motion, Ald. Hart, pages 1 & 2.
- 2) Notices of motion, pages 2 & 3.
- 3) Inquiries, pages 4 to 8 incl.
- 4) Non-unionized employees, page 8.
- 5) MAPC membership, page 8.
- 6) Subdivision application: Ferguson Rd., page 9.
- 7) Debt issue, Finance Corp, page 9.
- 8) Agreement: District School Board, page 10 & 11.

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Brennan	Crawford
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Hawley	Greenough
Ritchie	Fredericks
City Solicitor, S. Hood	
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and on May 24/77, as a basis for substantiating the opinion to Council from the Solicitor that Council has in fact, ' . . . approved a policy of treating union employees the same as non-union employees . . . and in particular, approved the payment of 50% of the value of accumulated sick leave on death or retirement at its May 24/77 Council meeting'. Throughout the debate, there was considerable controversy as to whether or not the action of previous Councils, as recorded in the minutes of the two meetings noted, can be considered to constitute the establishment of a policy on sick leave benefits for non-union staff. Ald. Crawford said that members of Council do not have copies of the staff reports adopted at those two meetings, and Ald. Ibsen maintained throughout the debate that a policy has never been adopted as such. It was pointed out by the Mayor and some members of Council, however, that it was clearly intended by the Council of the day that non-union staff should not be treated any differently than union staff, and following union contracts signed in 1975, with the sick leave provision in them, the fringe benefits for non-union staff were changed accordingly to bring them in line with the union benefits, as reflected in the action taken by Council at the May 24/77 meeting. Ald. Ibsen did not agree with this interpretation and remained unconvinced throughout the debate that a policy decision was ever made in the case of non-unionized staff.

Ald. Fredericks took exception to the manner in which this item has been raised and said that it should have come before Council as a motion to be introduced through due process. Ald. Greenough also expressed his concerns about the light in which Council has been placed by this controversy and the concerns that have been generated by the reference to millions of dollars in expenditures for the City if the sick leave policy for non-unionized staff were to be adhered to. He was in favour of clarifying the actual costs that are involved to provide the sick leave benefit for non-union staff and considered this to be the

important point at issue and requiring additional information at this point. Ald. Fredericks and Ritchie were of the opinion that the sick leave policy is in effect now, without Council having to take further action to authorize it. Other members who agreed with this position did not feel that it would be necessary to go through the Mayor's report to approve the separate items in it, when a policy covering them is already in existence.

Based on the points made by him about a complete clarification of the cost implications and whether or not figures such as twenty-million dollars and sixty-million dollars are involved to cover the 349 non-union employees on staff at present, Ald. Greenough moved referral of the matter to the Salaries Committee to study the financial implications and report back to Council; the motion to refer was seconded by Ald. Hawley and debated by Ald. Fredericks said he would support the motion on the understanding that there is presently a policy in place and that is not the reason for referral (ie. to investigate the existence of a policy). The Mayor asked for clarification of the intent of the motion and Ald. Greenough stated that it is to clarify the financial implications to the City so that Council is aware of the costs involved. This was the understanding on which the vote was subsequently taken.

Ald. Valardo said he was willing to support referral, but it should be to a committee consisting of five members of Council, one of whom would be Ald. Ibsen. He therefore moved in amendment that referral be to a five-member committee of Council, one of whom is to be Ald. Ibsen. The amendment was seconded by Ald. Crawford. Ald. Hart spoke against the amendment and felt that if there is to be a referral, it should be to the Finance & Program Review Committee, with assistance from a management consultant for additional advice. Ald. Ibsen said he would want to be sure that the committee has the right to call upon Mr. Moir and other staff members who may be required. Ald. Greenough and Valardo noted that all committees of Council are able to do this without having

such details spelled out in the motion.

When the vote was taken on the amendment, it carried by a vote of 8 to 6. The amended motion to refer carried with Ald. Hart, Williams, Ritchie and Fredericks voting against.

MOTION: Moved by Ald. Greenough and Hawley that the matter be referred to the Salaries Committee to study the financial implications and report back to Council.

AMENDMENT: Moved by Ald. Valardo and Crawford that referral be to a five-member committee of Council, one of whom is to be Ald. Ibsen.

At a later point in the meeting, Ald. Ritchie and Cunningham moved that the Mayor appoint the committee called for in the amended motion. Ald. Crawford felt that nominations should come from the floor and he voted against the motion, which carried. Ald. Hart suggested that it would be a good idea to assess the workload of the individual Aldermen before making the appointments, so that those with heavy commitments already do not have another committee added to their responsibilities.

DISTRICT
SCHOOL BOARD

A further report was given to Council on the subject of the District School Board agreement with the Province and the concerns communicated from the Council meeting of January 19th. The Minister has not concurred with the amendments discussed and approved at that time and they have not resulted in any changes being agreed to by the Province in the agreement to be signed. Ald. Greenough and Fredericks therefore moved that the contract between the City and the Province be signed, authorizing the formation of a District School Board for the City of Dartmouth. In response to Ald. Crawford's request for an expression of opinion on the signing, the Mayor said he would be prepared to support the signing of the document. The vote was then taken on the motion and it carried.

MOTION: Moved by Ald. Greenough and Fredericks that Council authorize the signing of the District School Board contract between the City and the Province.

CITY HALL
RENOVATIONS

A report from Mr. Moir was considered on a number of extra items involved in the City Hall renovations, totalling in cost, \$33,187.; the fifteen items are detailed in the report. Mr. Moir indicated to Council that this would not be the last of the extras required and that some further items will have to be brought for approval later. (During this item, the Mayor left the meeting and the remainder of the meeting was chaired by the Deputy Mayor.)

Council approved the \$33,187. amount required for the fifteen extra items listed, as recommended in Mr. Moir's report, on motion of Ald. Ritchie and Withers.

MOTION: Moved by Ald. Ritchie and Withers that Council approve the expenditure of \$33,187. for the extra items involved in the City Hall renovations, as recommended in Mr. Moir's report of Jan. 4/82.

PARKING: PORTLAND ST.
MAITLAND TO PLEASANT

A recommendation has been made by the T.M.G. to help alleviate congestion on Portland Street, from Pleasant Street (Five Corners) to Alderney Drive, during the afternoon peak traffic hours, by recommending that parking be removed from the south side of Portland Street, from Maitland St. to Pleasant Street, between the hours of 4:00 to 6:00 p.m., Monday to Friday. Ald. Ritchie and Sarto moved the adoption of the recommendation, but Ald. Brennan was concerned about the impact of such a parking restriction on the merchants who operate businesses along this section of Portland Street. He wanted to see the impact assessed and given some consideration before a final decision is made on the recommendation, and moved referral to the next Committee meeting to determine whether or not the parking restriction will have a detrimental effect on the merchants and what other possible parking alternatives could be provided for them. The motion to refer was seconded by Ald. Crawford. Ald. Fredericks and Ritchie spoke against referral, noting that the restriction is necessary to improve the traffic flow at this point on Portland Street during the afternoon rush hours between 4:00 and 6:00 p.m. Ald. Greenough considered the motion to be in order and supported it. The motion carried with Ald. Fredericks, Ritchie and Withers voting against.

MOTION: Moved by Ald. Brennan and Crawford that a recommendation from the T.M.G. with respect to a proposed parking restriction on the south side of Portland Street, from Maitland Street to Pleasant St., during the hours between 4:00 & 6:00 p.m., Monday to Friday, be referred to Committee for assessment of the impact on the merchants along this section and to see what other possible parking alternatives could be provided.

ADDITIONS: STREET
PAINTING CONTRACT

The T.M.G. has submitted a list of additions to the street painting contract, based on requests received from various Aldermen since completion of the 1981 program. It is proposed that these additions be done during the winter months, as weather permits, or, if weather does not allow, all of the items will be added to the 1982 Street Painting Contract. It was moved by Ald. Greenough and Cunningham that the list be approved as submitted.

Ald. Withers and Sarto moved in amendment that the intersection at Windmill Road and Henry Street be added to the list presented. The amendment carried and the amended motion carried. Ald. Crawford asked that staff given consideration to a crosswalk above Nantucket, where people are crossing Victoria Road, with the idea of having it included in the street painting next summer.

MOTION: Moved by Ald. Greenough & Cunningham that the list of additions to the street painting contract, submitted by the T.M.G., be approved by Council.

AMENDMENT: Moved in amendment by Ald. Withers & Sarto that the intersection at Windmill Road and Henry Street be added to the list.

NO LEFT TURNS:
MAYNARD AT PORTLAND

In an attempt to relieve the problem of cars using Erskine, Summit and Maynard Streets to shortcut traffic line-ups on Portland Street, especially during the 4:00 to 6:00 p.m. peak hours, the T.M.G. has recommended that left turns from Maynard Street onto Portland Street be restricted between the hours of 4:00 p.m. and 6:00 p.m., Monday through Friday. Ald. Williams and Cunningham moved the adoption of the recommendation, but Ald. Fredericks questioned these kinds of recommendations on what he called an ad hoc basis, rather than through a systematic program. He said all the restriction does is take traffic off one street and channel it onto another. Mr. Moir said this

is a particularly dangerous situation because the visibility on the corner is reduced by the corner store located there. When the vote was taken, the motion carried.

MOTION: Moved by Ald. Williams & Cunningham that a recommendation from the T.M.G. be adopted with respect to the restriction of left turns from Maynard onto Portland Street between the hours of 4:00 p.m. and 6:00 p.m., Monday through Friday.

QUEEN STREET/
WENTWORTH ST.:
FOUR-WAY STOP

In response to a request from the Downtown Dartmouth Corp. Ltd., the T.M.G. has recommended that a four-way Stop sign be installed at the intersection of Queen & Wentworth Streets. Ald. Withers and Ritchie moved the adoption of the recommendation, but Ald. Fredericks questioned the necessity for another four-way Stop just one block away from the King Street intersection where there is also one and moved referral to Committee for a further explanation as to why it has been recommended. He said that some member of the T.M.G. should have been present at this time to answer questions from members of Council about their recommendations. He suggested that in fact, four-way Stop signs are illegal. The motion to refer was seconded by Ald. Greenough, but it was defeated. The main motion carried with Ald. Fredericks voting against.

MOTION : Moved by Ald. Withers and Ritchie that Council adopt a recommendation from the T.M.G. with respect to the installation of a four-way Stop sign at the intersection of Wentworth and Queen Streets.

OVERHEAD
CROSSWALK LIGHTS

The T.M.G. has recommended the installation of overhead crosswalk lights at the following locations and for inclusion in the 1982 budget estimates:

- 1) Waverley Road at Locks Road
- 2) Portland Street at Lakefront Road
- 3) Portland Street at Jersey Drive
- 4) Portland Street at Spring Ave.

The recommendation was adopted on motion of Ald. Greenough and Sarto.

MOTION: Moved by Ald. Greenough and Sarto that Council approve a recommendation from the T.M.G. for the installation of overhead crosswalk lights at the locations listed above and for inclusion in the 1982 budget estimates.

TERMS OF REFERENCE:
FINANCE & PROGRAM
REVIEW COMMITTEE

Terms of reference have been presented by the City Clerk-Treasurer on behalf of the sub-committee that has been working for some time on them, for the proposed Finance & Program Review Committee which originated with a motion presented by Ald. Valardo in 1980. Ald. Valardo and Ibsen moved the adoption of the terms of reference as presented.

Ald. Fredericks spoke against the formation of such a committee, suggesting that it will interfere with the ZBB budgeting process under which staff is now working to prepare City budgets, that it will be time-consuming and will therefore rule out a number of Aldermen from being able to serve on the committee, and that it will circumvent a full discussion of budget items that all members of Council should participate in and not just a few. Instead, he favoured a full activation of the Planning Committee he proposed some time ago, to meet on a regular basis and serve in the capacity of the new committee being recommended.

Ald. Valardo agreed that the workload of the new committee would be heavy, but the attention that would be given to financial matters and programs would benefit the total operation of the City; he said this kind of detailed attention is especially important and relevant at this point in time and with the economic pressures that are on municipal councils in the present economic situation.

Ald. Brennan considered the objectives of the committee to be worthwhile, as did other members, but he likened the structure and potential problems with it to the former two-committee system where at any given time, half of Council was well informed on specific items, while the other half had to continually seek additional information which they did not have the benefit of from original committee meetings. Ald. Ritchie also saw this as a problem. Ald. Greenough was concerned that Council could be placed in the position of abdicating responsibility for major decisions to a small committee, and he questioned whether members of Council want to assign this kind of responsibility

to a few members. Similar concerns were expressed by other members who did not support the motion. Those who did, such as Ald. Ibsen and Withers, felt the committee would be advantageous to Council and would do much of the detailed work that members do not have time for at present. Ald. Withers and Valardo moved in amendment that the membership section of the terms of reference be amended to provide for two alternates from Council in case the regular members are unable to make up a quorum for a meeting. The amendment was defeated.

Debate continued for some time on the main motion, with Ald. Crawford speaking in favour and pointing out that it should be kept in mind that all of the decisions of the Committee will have to come back to Council for final ratification, thereby including all members of Council in the decision-making process. When the vote was taken on the motion, it resulted in a tie vote and was declared to be carried with Deputy Mayor Hart voting in favour. Ald. Hawley had left the meeting before the item was completed and was therefore not present for the vote. Members voting against were: Ald. Ritchie, Greenough, Brennan, Fredericks, Sarto and Cunningham.

Ald. Brennan and Fredericks gave notice of reconsideration.

MOTION: Moved by Ald. Valardo and Ibsen that Council adopt the terms of reference presented for the proposed Finance & Program Review Committee.

RECONSIDERATION: Given by Ald. Brennan and seconded by Ald. Fredericks.

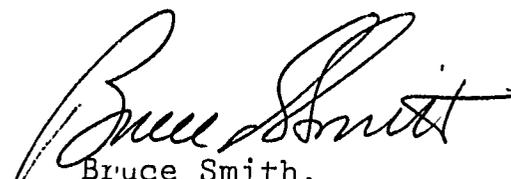
On motion of Ald. Crawford and Sarto, Council adjourned to meet as Committee-of-the-Whole in camera for several additional items of business.

After reconvening in open meeting as Council, the action taken in camera was ratified, on motion of Ald. Brennan and Greenough. Ald. Crawford and Sarto then gave notice of reconsideration of an in camera item pertaining to the position of Director of Parks & Recreation and the motion adopted by Committee in camera and subsequently

ratified at this time.

RECONSIDERATION: Given by Ald. Crawford and seconded by Ald. Sarto, with reference to an in camera item pertaining to the position of Director of Parks & Recreation.

Meeting adjourned.


Bruce Smith,
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ITEMS:

- 1) Sick-leave policy, non-union staff, pages 1 to 4.
- 2) District School Board, page 4.
- 3) City Hall renovations, page 5.
- 4) Parking, Portland: Maitland to Pleasant St., page 5.
- 5) Additions, street painting contract, page 6.
- 6) No left turns: Maynard at Portland St., page 6.
- 7) Queen St/Wentworth St: Four-way Stop, page 7.
- 8) Overhead crosswalk lights, page 7.
- 9) Terms of reference: Finance & Pgm. Review Committee, pages 8 & 9.