

Dartmouth, N. S.

December 6/83.

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

Present - Mayor Brownlow

Ald. Romkey	Sarto
Beeler	Peters
Crawford	Levandier
DeMont	Withers
Stubbs	Greenwood
Hawley	Greenough
Bregante	Hetherington
City Solicitor, S. Hood	
Acting City Administrator, R. Fougere	
Deputy City Clerk, G. Brady.	

Mayor Brownlow acknowledged the attendance of members of the First Dartmouth Girl Guide company, with their leader, Mrs. Gordon.

At the the suggestion of the Mayor, Council agreed to dispense with the December 20th meeting in order to have a two-week break (also on Dec. 27th) over the Christmas season.

MINUTES

On motion of Ald. Romkey and Bregante, Council approved the minutes of meetings held on Nov. 1, 3, 8 (2), 15, 16, 22 and 29.

LETTER: TOWN OF
BEDFORD RE
MEDIACOM SHELTERS

A letter has been received from the Town of Bedford, advising Council of a resolution adopted with respect to tobacco advertising on the Mediacom bus shelters and the impact of this advertising on children using the shelters. The letter was received and filed by Council, on motion of Ald. Levandier and Hetherington.

MOTION: Moved by Ald. Levandier & Hetherington that a letter from the Town of Bedford, dated Nov. 17/83, with respect to tobacco advertising on the Mediacom bus shelters, be received and filed.

LETTER: ATLANTIC
CANADA PLUS ASSN.

The Atlantic Canada Plus Assn. has forwarded a letter to Council in connection with Ald. Levandier's recent proposal for the City of Dartmouth to adopt a Canadian Purchasing Policy. The Association asks that Council consider adopting a 'Choose Atlantic/Shop Canadian' policy as well. Ald. Greenough suggested that basically, the City is following the policy referred to by the Association, and the letter from them was therefore received and filed, on motion of Ald. Crawford and Romkey.

Ald. Levandier asked that a letter go from the Mayor's office in response to the letter from Atlantic Plus, in acknowledgement of their comments.

MOTION: Moved by Ald. Crawford and Romkey that the letter from Atlantic Canada Plus Assn., dated Oct. 27/83, with respect to the action of Council in adopting a Canadian Purchasing Policy, be received and filed.

LETTER RE
LAWN BOWLING

A letter has been received from Mr. Harvey Hodgins, on behalf of a group of people interested in lawn bowling facilities for the City of Dartmouth. Since this matter has already been referred to the Parks & Recreation Dept. for their consideration, Council tabled the letter from Mr. Hodgins pending the staff report on this subject. The motion to table, moved by Ald. Crawford and Greenwood, carried.

MOTION: Moved by Ald. Crawford and Greenwood that a letter received from Mr. H. Hodgins re lawn bowling in Dartmouth, be tabled pending receipt of the staff report from Recreation Dept. on this subject.

PUBLIC HEARING:
146 BRAEMAR DR.

On motion of Ald. Greenough and Greenwood, Council set January 10th, prior to the Committee-of-the-Whole meeting, as the date for a nuisance complaint hearing, initiated by Mrs. Joan MacDonald of 146 Braemar Drive. A report from Mr. Moir, accompanied by a letter from Mrs. MacDonald, has been circulated with the agenda for the meeting of this date.

MOTION: Moved by Ald. Greenough & Greenwood that Council set Jan. 10th, prior to the Committee meeting of that date, for a nuisance complaint hearing, initiated by Mrs. Joan MacDonald of 146 Braemar Drive.

REQUEST: MARKET
MALLS DEVELOPMENT

On motion of Ald. Greenwood and Beeler, Council set January 17th as the date for public hearing of a request from Market Malls Canada Ltd. for (a) an amendment to the Municipal Planning Strategy, and (b) a rezoning application for Phase 1 of a development proposed by them for lands adjacent to Highway 111 in north Dartmouth. Ald. Stubbs asked about a review by Council of the development proposal for these lands, and Mr. Bayer advised that information on the proposal will be presented

at both the voluntary public meeting in the area, and when the official public hearing takes place at Council.

MOTION: Moved by Ald. Greenwood and Beeler that January 17th be set by Council as the date for public hearing of a request from Market Malls Canada Ltd. for (a) an amendment to the Municipal Planning Strategy, and (b) a rezoning application for Phase 1 of a development proposed for lands adjacent to Highway 111 in north Dartmouth.

ROOF PROBLEM:
LIBRARY/MUSEUM
BUILDING

Council has been provided with information on the roof and rain-water problem at the Library/Museum building, discussed recently at a meeting of the Museum Board. A report from Mr. Moir on this item was accompanied by a letter from Ledaire, Morris & Associates Ltd., with additional information on the problem and efforts to deal with it. The report was received and filed by Council, on motion of Ald. Greenough and Crawford.

MOTION: Moved by Ald. Greenough and Crawford that Council receive and file a report provided by Mr. Moir, with accompanying letter from Ledaire, Morris & Associates Ltd., on the roof problem at the Library/Museum building.

MOTIONS:
ALD. BREGANTE

Notice of motion having been duly given, the following motions were introduced for the consideration of Council:

1) It was moved by Ald. Bregante and Withers that:

WHEREAS the present ward boundaries in Dartmouth have not been looked at or altered since 1974;
THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that this Council set up a committee of two Aldermen and one staff person, to bring back recommendations for altering our present ward boundaries from seven wards to fourteen wards, with each ward consisting of one Alderman, this being accomplished within six months.

Ald. Bregante said it is ten years since the ward distribution has been looked at and a number of major population changes have taken place since then; also, more changes are pending with new developments that are planned. For these reasons, a study of the ward boundaries is warranted before the next municipal election.

Ald. Greenough favoured a review of the ward boundaries without specifying any definite number in the motion. He moved in amendment that a review of the ward boundaries be undertaken, without reference to any

specific number of wards that might be created as a result; the amendment was seconded by Ald. Greenwood.

Ald. Beeler supported the idea of a ward boundary review, but felt that the present strength of Council should be maintained in order to be able to deal with an increasing workload on the members of Council as the City continues to grow. If the number of Aldermen were to be reduced, their salaries would have to be increased proportionately to compensate for the additional workload that would have to be assumed.

The amendment and the motion received the general support of Council and carried, with Ald. Levandier and DeMont voting against.

MOTION: Moved by Ald. Bregante and Withers; text on page 3 of these minutes.

2) Ald. Bregante moved referral of the following resolution to the Transit Advisory Board for consideration, seconded by Ald. Greenough:

WHEREAS students who are over the age of sixteen years have to pay the adult rate on all Metro Transit buses while going to and from school;
THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that we set up a fare of 30¢ for students going to and from school.

The Transit Advisory Board are requested to look into the cost implications of the motion as well. The motion carried.

MOTION: Moved by Ald. Bregante and Greenough that the above motion be referred to the Transit Advisory Board for consideration of the cost implications.

ALD. CRAWFORD

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

WHEREAS the cost of keeping senior citizens in nursing homes has now attained the sum of \$55. per diem, or approx. \$18,500. per year, with the senior citizen population increasing;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that a committee comprising Aldermen and Social Services staff, be formed to examine ways and means for reduction of costs.

Ald. Crawford referred to a meeting held with Mr. McNeil of the Social Services Dept. to discuss the increasing cost of senior citizens being cared for in nursing homes such as Oakwood Manor. He said it is necessary to find ways of keeping senior citizens in their homes in order to lessen what is becoming a costly burden to the City.

The composition proposed for the committee would be one Alderman from each ward (to be determined by the members themselves), plus Mr. McNeil and Mr. Tom Cleary. The vote was taken on the motion and it carried.

MOTION: Moved by Ald. Crawford and Greenwood; text on page 4 of these minutes.

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

WHEREAS the City of Dartmouth contributes vast sums of money to the operation of the school system, and many items with respect to expenditures are only made known to City Council at budget time;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Supt. of Schools be requested to appear before Dartmouth City Council on a quarterly basis to report on aspects of the schools operation wherein the City's finances are concerned.

Ald. Crawford said it is important for Council to be kept informed throughout the year about expenditures associated with the operation of the school system, and not to just simply receive this kind of information at budget time. When the vote was taken on the motion, it carried.

MOTION: Moved by Ald. Crawford and Levandier; text of the motion as stated above.

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

WHEREAS the minutes of Committee-of-the-Whole and Council meetings are of the utmost importance in reflecting what was said by members of Council and at times, the general public;

AND WHEREAS our present system does not reflect verbatim what was said at Committee and Council;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that a committee be set to determine the use of dictaphone or recording devices similar to those in use in the Provincial judicial system, to be implemented in Dartmouth Council Chamber to support our present stenographic services.

Ald. Crawford felt there is a need for this kind of back-up system so that verification can be provided through the tapes in the case of controversial items where there may be a difference of opinion as to what was said in debate. He did not propose that the tapes be transcribed, but that they be catalogued and retained for reference as required.

Ald. Hawley said that some policy decisions will be required as to the use of the tapes once they have been produced, and he suggested that this aspect should be looked at by the committee, besides the feasibility of setting up a recording procedure. Members agreed that this question should be addressed by the committee. The vote was taken on the motion and it carried.

MOTION: Moved by Ald. Crawford and Greenough; text of the motion on page 5 of these minutes.

ALD. HETHERINGTON

With the concurrence of Council, Ald. Hetherington withdrew the motion proposed by him, for introduction at another meeting of Council.

NOTICES OF MOTION:

ALD. WITHERS

The following notices of motion were given for the next regular Council meeting:

1) Ald. Withers:

WHEREAS the City of Dartmouth owns a parcel of land which runs between Alayter and Sheridan Streets. This parcel of land is approx. 20 ft. wide and the City has installed a storm sewer over it, which is the discharge from Little Albro Lake;

AND WHEREAS the property owners fronting on Symonds Street and Moira Street, have shown an interest in acquiring this land by way of lease, from the City of Dartmouth;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that this land be leased to the property owners fronting on Moira and Symonds Streets, who show an interest in acquiring the property by way of lease. Under the terms of the lease, the property owners will be required to landscape the property, reserving the right to the City to enter the property for any storm sewer maintenance with the cost of restoration, should entry be necessary, to be the responsibility of the property owners.

ALD. SARTO

2) Ald. Sarto:

BE IT RESOLVED that staff be instructed to investigate the feasibility and advise accordingly, of a fire sub-station in the Woodlawn/Mount Edward and Forest Hills area.

INQUIRIES:

ALD. WITHERS

The following inquiries were made by Ald. Withers:

- 1) asked to have a report from Social Services Dept. on able-bodied unemployed, back on a Council agenda for consideration.
- 2) asked that the attention of the Building Inspection Dept. be given to renovations taking place on the buildings at 230/232/234 Victoria Road, without any permit having been issued.

- 3) asked about the resurfacing of Shamrock Street; Mr. Fougere advised that an item in the capital budget for street reconstruction could include this street along with others in the same category.
- 4) asked for information from the Engineering Dept. on the clearance that is now available at the Windmill Road underpass, since the street construction project there has been completed.
- 5) asked that the Parks & Recreation Dept. look at the possibility of having protective cages for the lights in the Northbrook NIP park, so they will not continue to be broken in this area.

ALD. CRAWFORD

The following inquiries were made by Ald. Crawford:

- 1) asked if the Mayor has any additional information for Council on the 107 By-pass alignment. No new information was presented.
- 2) Ald. Crawford indicated the concerns that have been expressed to him by contractors about the weight limits on the Angus L. MacDonald Bridge, which means that trucks have to go around via Bedford at considerable additional cost to the companies. The Mayor agreed to invite Mr. Kay of the Bridge Commission to a meeting of Council for a full discussion and to hear his explanation about the weight restrictions and the necessity for them. Ald. Crawford asked that at the same time, the apparent difference in scales and weights recorded on them, also be discussed.
- 3) asked if any word has been received from Dell Holdings as to when they plan to begin development; Mr. Bayer said he has not heard anything back from them to date.
- 4) asked about the status of the Gaston Road slip-off ramp; Mr. Bayer advised that the Dept. of Transportation staff are working on the engineering drawings, but they are not ready to call tenders as yet.
- 5) asked if the Country View documentation has come back to the City offices yet; Mr. Brady to check on this inquiry in the main office.
- 6) asked that consideration be given to the need for signalization at the access point from the new subdivision off Windmill Road.

ALD. GREENWOOD

Ald. Greenwood's first inquiry pertained to the junk yard being operated at 391/392 Windmill Road, without a license. He asked to have the matter referred to the City Solicitor for action.

He also requested that the Solicitor look at the insurance policy changes which now exclude from coverage the damage caused to vehicles by chemical fallout. This change is affecting residents in his ward who live in the area of the Tufts Cove generating plant.

ALD. BREGANTE

The following inquiries were made by Ald. Bregante:

- 1) asked about the delay in the installation of crosswalk lights at the two locations proposed on Pleasant Street. Mr. Bayer said the delay is a result of the strike by electricians, which has just recently been resolved.
- 2) asked if the City's property insurance goes out to tender; Mr. Brady advised that it does.
- 3) asked about the initiation of action in connection with the vacant lots owned by the Hampstead Group on Marvin & Renfrew Streets. Mr. Turner advised that the ten days notice required will be up on Friday, the 9th.

ALD. HETHERINGTON

Inquiries made by Ald. Hetherington were as follows:

- 1) asked that attention be given to the need for better lighting in the Prince Arthur Dr/Portland Street area.
- 2) asked if something has been done about the car bodies on the property at the end of McKenzie St. Mr. Turner reported that action is being taken under the Minimum Standards By-law.
- 3) asked about the traffic lights going in at the Moirs' plant/Woodside Industrial Park location. Mr. Bayer advised that provision for traffic signals at this point was included in conjunction with the Pleasant St. widening project.
- 4) asked to have the Transit Advisory Board look at the need for a bus shelter between Belmont and Carleton Streets.

ALD. SARTO

Ald. Sarto requested that the Engineering Dept. look at the need for gabion walls to stop the erosion in the back yards of properties on Christopher Ave. which abut the Woodlawn brook system. (Property numbers 12 to 18.)

Ald. Sarto also asked that staff consider the need for sidewalks on Spring Ave. between Grandview Drive and Portland Street.

ALD. PETERS

Ald. Peters asked when Council will deal with the report circulated on the City Water Utility. The Mayor said a meeting will be scheduled early in the new year when arrangements can be made to have Mr. Hayward present.

ALD. LEVANDIER

Ald. Levandier's inquiry concerned the overhead crosswalk sign for the area of Craythorne Manor. Mr. Bayer said it is on the list, but has also been delayed by the electricians' strike.


ALD. ROMKEY

Ald. Romkey asked to have the Engineering staff check on a problem being caused with the sewer connection at #7 Daye Ave., where the manhole appears to be shifting.

ALD. HAWLEY

Ald. Hawley's inquiry concerned a hole in the pavement behind the Sportsplex and responsibility for having it repaired. Mr. Fougere said he has arranged for repairs to be made, but responsibility for this parking area rests with Dartmouth Recreation Ltd.

Meeting adjourned.



G. D. Brady,
Deputy City Clerk.

City Council, Dec. 6/83

ITEMS:

- 1) Letter: Town of Bedford, page 1.
- 2) Letter: Atlantic Canada Plus Assn., page 1.
- 3) Letter re lawn bowling, page 2.
- 4) Public hearing: 146 Bradmar Dr., page 2.
- 5) Request: Market Malls development, page 2.
- 6) Roof problem: Library/Museum bldg., page 3.
- 7) Motions: Ald. Bregante, page 3 & 4.
Crawford, page 4 to 6.
- 8) Notices of Motion: Ald. Withers)page 6.
Sarto
- 9) Inquiries, page 6 to 9 incl.

Dartmouth, N. S.

December 13/83.

Regularly called meeting of City Council held
this date at 5:30 p.m.

Present - Mayor Brownlow

Ald. Beeler	Peters
Crawford	Levandier
Withers	DeMont
Stubbs	Greenwood
Hawley	Greenough
Bregante	Hetherington
Romkey	
City Solicitor, M. Moreash	
City Administrator, C. A. Moir	
City Clerk-Treasurer, B. Smith.	

PRESENTATION:
WATER UTILITY
STUDY

Members of the Doane Raymond firm, Mr. Bill Hayward, Mr. Gordon Thompson, and Mr. Peter Weedon, were in attendance to present their report prepared in response to question raised by Ald. Peters about the financial arrangements associated with the extension of City water services into County areas in Cole Harbour and environs.

Mr. Hayward began a review of the questions and the answers provided by Doane Raymond, but at the end of the first response, further questions were forthcoming from Ald. Peters and Ald. Stubbs about costs associated with the extension of the 14" water line to Hugh Allen Drive, the extension of the 24" main from the Mount Edward reservoir to Cole Harbour Road, and the connecting line between these two (ie. between the 14" line at Hugh Allen Drive and the 24" main at the Forest Hills Expressway). Ald. Stubbs suggested that a major scam is involved in the case of the initial 14" extension, which she said did not terminate at Hugh Allen Drive, but entered the front of property owned by Mr. Ina Settle, making development of those lands feasible. Ald. Greenough felt that if something improper has taken place in connection with the water extension, it should now be brought out in the open for resolution at this time. The Mayor asked that any such impropriety be placed before Council for complete discussion with the Doane Raymond representatives.

Mr. Hayward provided as much information as he had available on the water extension approvals and the costs associated with them. He said that to the best of his

recollection, the extension in question from Hugh Allen Drive to connect up with the 24" main at the Forest Hills Expressway, would have been undertaken by the County under a DREE agreement and would therefore not have come to Dartmouth City Council for approval. It would have been approved, however, by the PUB as an addition to the Dartmouth Water Utility plant. Records of the other two extensions having been authorized by City Council, were included in the Doane Raymond report, with direct quotes from the minutes of July 15/69 (extension of the 14" line into Cole Harbour) and Sept. 1/70 (for the 24" main from the reservoir to Cole Harbour Road). meetings of Council.

Reference was made by Mr. Hayward to the fact that the City of Dartmouth received a lump-sum payment from the County in the spring of 1982, considered by the City to be sufficient in amount to offset the amortized cost of the incremental debt incurred. Mr. Hayward was questioned about the adequacy of this payment in offsetting the loss incurred when sharing was not received through an M.S.A. grant. He said that by some interpretations, the City came off a bit better than simply recovering all of the amount owing.

Ald. Crawford asked if in his investigation, Mr. Hayward has found any indication of any type of wrongdoing. His second question pertained to the lump-sum payment made by the County and the adequacy of the \$125,000. amount the City received. Mr. Hayward's comment on this point has been noted in the previous paragraph of these minutes. With respect to the first question from Ald. Crawford, Mr. Hayward stated that his company has not found, in their investigation of Water Utility, Council minutes or documentation from PUB hearings, an indication of wrongdoing. He wished to bring three main points to the attention of Council, however, in making this statement: (1) it has not been possible to find the actual PUB approval for the 24" main extension to Cole Harbour; (2) two projects

did not receive cost-sharing under M.S.A. grants, for which they should have been eligible; and (3) fire rates were charged to the County (as per the schedule on page 11 of the report) without PUB approval during the period from 1969 to 1976. Taking into account the revenue that the City received through these rates, plus the lump-sum payment made to the City by the County, Mr. Hayward considered that the City has been satisfactorily compensated and that the taxpayers of Dartmouth have not had to bear any additional costs that would have been associated with the extension of City water services to County areas.

Based on the information received and in consideration of the answers provided by the Doane Raymond firm, Council proceeded to receive and file their report, on motion of Ald. Crawford and Greenough.

MOTION: Moved by Ald. Crawford and Greenough that Council receive and file the Doane Raymond report, dated Dec. 2/83, on the Dartmouth Water Utility extensions of service into County areas in Cole Harbour.

Ald. Greenough inquired about the cost of the investigation carried out by Doane Raymond and the Mayor agreed to have this information provided when it is available.

RESTRICTIONS:
BRIDGE COMMISSION

Mr. Kay, of the Halifax-Dartmouth Bridge Commission, was not able to be present to discuss the weight restrictions placed on trucks using the A. Murray MacKay Bridge. The Mayor quoted from a letter received by him from Mr. Hugh McManus of the Dartmouth Chamber of Commerce, on this subject, and advised that he will make copies of the letter available to all members of Council. He went on to explain the structural features of the A. Murray MacKay Bridge, which make certain weight restrictions necessary in order to prevent damage to it. The bridge is not capable of accommodating heavier loads than are now being permitted on it. Ald. Crawford commented on the problems caused for trucking firms as a result of these restrictions, and suggested that they represent

a viable arguement in favour of a second transfer station being located in Dartmouth.

Further discussion with Mr. Kay will take place at another time when he can be present and the letter from Mr. McManus will be circulated in the meantime.

LAND: CANAL
DEVELOPMENT

Mr. Moir has submitted a report on a request for removal of four City-owned buildings from properties located in the Lake Banook/Sullivan's Pond area included in the Phase 1 development proposal for the Shubenacadie Canal. The properties in question are:

119 Hawthorne Street
150, 152, 152½ Prince Albert Rd.
Small garage on Nowlan Street, with the property
at 150 Prince Albert Rd.

There is a difference of opinion between staff members and Mr. Moir about the need for removal of the house at 119 Hawthorne Street, and he he has indicated in his report to Council that he cannot at this time, recommend the demolition of the building at this address. A plan of the pathway system and landscaping proposed in this portion of the Phase 1 development, was available for viewing by the members of Council, but a decision was made not to proceed with any approvals for demolition of buildings until a full presentation has been made to Council and to the Canal Commission, explaining in detail the plans for the area. A motion to this effect, moved by Ald. Crawford and seconded by Ald. Hetherington, was adopted.

MOTION: Moved by Ald. Crawford & Hetherington that a decision not be made on the disposition of buildings owned by the City in the Lake Banook/Sullivan's Pond area, until a full presentation of the Phase 1 plan for this section, has been made to Council and to the Canal Commission.

AWARD TENDER:
CONTRACT #83-07
GABION WALL
MEDFORD ST.

Tenders have been received as follows for construction of a gabion retaining wall on the west side of Medford Street, between Wyndholme Ave. and Canterbury Street:

Stewiacke Construction Ltd.	\$ 56,130.
Seaport Contractors Ltd.	59,800.
Edmonds Bros. Landscape Services	62,700.
L.J. Casavechia Contracting Ltd.	69,760.
Woodlawn Construction Ltd.	79,135.
Harbour Construction Ltd.	113,950.

Acceptance of the low tender, received from Stewiacke Construction Ltd., has been recommended to Council by Mr. Purdy, with Mr. Moir's concurrence, and Council awarded the tender as recommended, on motion of Ald. Peters and Hetherington.

MOTION: Moved by Ald. Peters & Hetherington that the low tender received from Stewiacke Construction Ltd., be accepted for Contract #83-07, gabion retaining wall, Medford Street, as recommended.

On motion of Ald. Stubbs and Crawford, Council deferred the appointment of Deputy City Treasurer, to be dealt with in camera at the end of this meeting.

MOTION: Moved by Ald. Stubbs and Crawford that the item on the appointment of a Deputy City Treasurer, be deferred and dealt with in camera at the end of this meeting.

SURPLUS PORTABLE
CLASSROOMS

The Dartmouth District School Board has advised that three portable classrooms have been declared surplus for their use, and are being returned to the City for disposition. In a report to Council on this item, Mr. Moir has advised that the City Works Dept. could make use of two of the classrooms, and the Parks & Recreation Dept. could use one. It is therefore recommended that all three portables be used by the City of Dartmouth for City purposes. The recommendation was adopted, on motion of Ald. Greenwood and Romkey. Questions from Ald. Stubbs about possible sale of the classrooms to recover money for the City, were discussed with Mr. Moir. It was noted that an approach has been made by service clubs interested in having the portables for nominal sums only.

MOTION: Moved by Ald. Greenwood and Romkey that Mr. Moir's recommendation on the use of three surplus portable classrooms for City purposes, be adopted.

FIRE & SECURITY
ALARM SYSTEMS

Council considered a report from Mr. Moir on fire and security alarm systems for the City, proposals having been called for an upgrading of the existing Fire and Police Dept. alarm systems. The general staff recommendation is that the City divest itself from the alarm-monitoring business and contract for it's own requirement, to a properly established monitoring station operated in

the private sector. Existing subscribers to the City panel may choose their own provider of service from the marketplace.

A proposal has been received from the firm, Evidence Research Associates, which would entail setting up an Underwriter's Approved monitoring station suitable for the requirement, and it is therefore recommended:

- 1) that Council approve the entering into of detailed negotiations with the company for the City's own service.
- 2) that after such negotiations are successfully concluded, the City give three months notice to its existing subscribers that the present service will be terminated.
- 3) that a by-law be drafted to cover such eventualities as constant false alarms from systems beyond the City's control.

Ald. Crawford and Romkey moved the adoption of these recommendations, but Ald. Hawley considered the costs involved to be excessive, and felt that consideration should be given to the alternate arrangement of having the City set up its own alarm system strictly for our own 64 alarms involved. Ald. Peters said he has been approached by two separate companies in the alarm system business, and the quotes he received from each of these were considerably below those received from Evidence Research Associates. Based on the points raised by Ald. Hawley and Ald. Peters, Council referred this item back to staff for a look at possible cost reductions that may be achieved with our own system and/or with the lower quotes from other companies, referred to by Ald. Peters. A motion to refer, moved by Ald. Peters and DeMont, carried.

MOTION: Moved by Ald. Peters and DeMont that the fire and security alarm systems item be referred back to staff for a look at the points raised in debate by Ald. Hawley and Peters, as noted above.

REZONING REQUEST:
107 ALBRO LAKE RD.

At the hour of 7:30 p.m., Council proceeded to the rezoning request for 107 Albro Lake Road, this date having been set by Council for public hearing of the application. The Planning Dept. originally recommended that the request not be permitted on the basis that it

would be in conflict with the Municipal Planning Strategy, but at that time, Council agreed to set Dec. 13th as the public hearing date.

In a subsequent report to Council, Mr. Lukan of the Planning Dept. has advised that in order to comply with requirements of the new Planning Act, it will be necessary to cancel this present hearing and set a new date so that proper documentation can be prepared, as outlined in his report of Dec. 8/83. Specifically, it is recommended that if Council wishes to proceed further, they should:

- 1) cancel the public hearing scheduled for Dec. 13/83, for 107 Albro Lake Road.
- 2) set a new date of Jan. 17/84 for public hearing for:
 - (a) Municipal Planning Strategy Amendment (By-law C-507).
 - (b) Land Use By-law Amendment (By-law C-508)
 - (c) Contract Agreement for 107 Albro Lake Road (Res. #83-59).

Ald. Greenwood and Greenough moved the adoption of the above recommendations, setting the date for public hearing for January 17/84. Ald. Withers was concerned about the length of time that has been taken by the Planning Dept. in dealing with this application, which came to them in August of 1983 and was not presented to Council until October. He said that a description of the structure as a two-storey building has raised the concern of the Paraplegic Association needlessly, and he was generally displeased with the work of the Planning Dept. on all aspects of this application, resulting in further delay and rescheduling of a new public hearing to a later date.

Ald. Crawford pointed out that there are several major considerations involved here, including the fact that the M.P.S. amendment required will be applicable to all residential areas of the City and not just this one. He felt that the delay of the hearing is warranted in view of the importance of these considerations. When the vote was taken on the motion on the floor, it carried.

A letter from the Canadian Paraplegic Assn., indicating their concerns about access to the building for paraplegics, was deferred for consideration in conjunction with the public hearing on Jan. 17th, on motion of Ald. Greenough and Romkey.

MOTIONS: (1) Moved by Ald. Greenwood and Greenough that the recommendations of the Planning Dept., with respect to the application for 107 Albro Lake Road, be adopted, including the setting of the date for public hearing for Jan.17/84

(2) Moved by Ald. Greenough and Romkey that the letter from the Cdn. Paraplegic Assn., in connection with the above item, be deferred for consideration in conjunction with the public hearing set for Jan. 17th.

MONTHLY REPORTS

Monthly reports before Council were approved as follows:

1) Social Services (Caseload & Expenditures, Nov.): adopted on motion of Ald. Greenwood & Romkey.
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2) Social Services (Request: Scale increase, 1984): revised rental scales for social assistance recipients, proposed for introduction as of Jan. 1/84, were approved as recommended, on motion of Ald. Greenough and Hetherington.

Ald. Hawley suggested that increases should also be considered in the food scales which are very minimal in the light of continually-rising prices.

** (Under item 1, Ald. Crawford asked about the formation of the committee that will be looking into nursing home costs. The Mayor suggested that the other seven members of Council not presently serving on the Police Headquarters Committee, could comprise the nursing home committee, along with staff members involved.)

3) Social Services (Client Employment): Moved by Ald. Levandier and Bregante that the report from Mr. McNeil on this matter, be received and filed.

This additional report from Mr. McNeil, prepared in response to concerns expressed by Ald. Withers about the increase in able-bodied unemployed people on social assistance in 1983 over 1982, explains that under the Canada Assistance Act, it is not possible to assign work projects to such people as a means of justifying the assistance they receive.

Ald. Withers again spoke on the subject of his previous inquiries, maintaining that social assistance recipients should earn their keep and that full advantage must be taken by the Social Services Dept. of all the job-created programs that are offered by other government levels. Where the City qualifies for personnel under these programs, positions should be filled with people on social assistance who are able to work. He also felt that a full-time investigator should be hired by the Dept. to stamp out abuses in the system that go undetected at present with

the heavy caseload being carried by workers in the Department.

Ald. Hetherington agreed with the idea of hiring an investigator, but Ald. Levandier & Greenough were opposed to it. Ald. Stubbs considered the problem to be broader in scope than has been considered, and felt it has to be approached as such; she referred to the change in moral standards and attitudes in society and the impact these changes have had on welfare systems generally.

When the vote was taken on the motion to receive and file the report from Mr. McNeil, it carried with Ald. Withers voting against.

- 4) Development Officer (Nov.): adopted on motion of Ald. Greenwood and Romkey.
Ald. Withers requested further information from the Solicitor on the status of the zoning violation at 6 Hester Street.
- 5) Minimum Standards (Nov.): adopted on motion of Ald. Greenough and Bregante.
Ald. Stubbs asked about 105 Pinecrest Drive, and Mr. Turner noted that this item will be coming before the Board of Health meeting scheduled for Dec. 16th.
- 6) Building Inspection (Nov.): adopted on motion of Ald. Hetherington & Greenwood.
- 7) Fire Chief (Nov.): adopted on motion of Ald. Withers and Romkey.
- 8) Dog Control (Nov.): adopted on motion of Ald. Hetherington and Bregante.
- 9) Tourism Director (Dartmouth & the motor coach tour bus industry): adopted on motion of Ald. Withers and Bregante.
- 10) Summary of Revenue & Expenditures (to Dec. 7/83): received and filed, on motion of Ald. Hetherington and Greenough.

MOTIONS: To approve monthly reports, as detailed above.

ACT: DARTMOUTH
SPORTSPLEX
COMMISSION

RESOLUTION #83-58

The City Solicitor has prepared a proposed Sportsplex Commission Act for the consideration of Council. This Act would establish a statutory commission that would be composed of twelve commissioners appointed by Council to operate the Sportsplex, presently being operated by Dartmouth Recreation Ltd. under contract to the City. It is recommended that Council approve Resolution #83-58 to accomplish the establishment of the Sportsplex Commission, which Act will be forwarded to the next sitting of the Provincial Legislature.

Ald. Withers and Greenwood moved the approval of Resolution #83-58, as recommended. During debate on the motion, the following amendments were introduced

and approved:

- 1) Moved in amendment by Ald. Greenough & Withers that the Mayor be included as an Ex officio member of the Commission. The amendment carried.
- 2) Moved in amendment by Ald. Stubbs and Crawford that six members of the Commission shall be Aldermen (ie. in addition to the Mayor). The amendment carried by a vote of 8 to 5. Ald. Hawley spoke against this amendment.
- 3) Moved in amendment by Ald. Levandier and Withers that the City Administrator be a voting member of the Commission. The amendment carried.
- 4) Moved in amendment by Ald. Hawley & Crawford that terms of appointment to the Commission be for one year rather than three. The amendment carried.
- 5) Moved in amendment by Ald. Hawley & Hetherington that a commissioner shall not be eligible for reappointment after three consecutive terms. The amendment carried.

The vote was then taken on the amended motion and it carried.

MOTION: Moved by Ald. Withers and Greenwood that Council approve Resolution #83-58, which will establish the Sportsplex Commission for the City of Dartmouth.

AMENDMENTS: As detailed above: five in number.

DOWNTOWN
REVITALIZATION
COMMITTEE

As requested by Council, the Solicitor has reviewed the functions of the Downtown Revitalization Committee, in relation to other committees and bodies involved in the Dartmouth downtown revitalization process. Mr. Moreash has given the opinion that the Committee does not duplicate the functions of the other groups, even though the Committee may share some of the concerns of those organizations. Further detail is provided in the report on the various functions carried out by the other groups concerned.

Ald. Crawford was concerned about a recent newspaper article which has misinterpreted the intent of Council in deferring the appointment of two citizens to the Committee, at the November 8th meeting. He quoted from the minutes of that meeting for clarification of the action taken by Council, and said that now that the opinion of the Solicitor has been received, it is in order to proceed with the two appointments in question. On his motion, seconded by Ald. Romkey, Council confirmed the appointment of Mrs. Mim Fraser and Mrs. Dorothy Birks as members of the Committee, representing the Downtown Residents Assn.

Other appointments to the Committee do not expire until 1984 and therefore did not require ratification at this time.

MOTION: Moved by Ald. Crawford and Romkey that Council confirm the appointment of Mrs. Mim Fraser and Mrs. Dorothy Birks to the Downtown Revitalization Committee, as representatives of the Downtown Residents' Association.

MOUNT HERMON
CEMETERY

In response to a request from Council for a report on the possibility of using Green Road for an extension of Mount Hermon Cemetery (or for car parking), and on the type of fencing that should be considered to replace the stone fence around the property, Mr. Lukan has submitted a report and plan for the proposed extension of the cemetery, which makes the following recommendations.

- 1) that the portion of Green Road nearest to Nantucket Ave. be used for expansion of Mount Hermon Cemetery.
- 2) that the remainder of Green Road (up to the electrical substation behind Nova Court) be used as expansion of the adjoining playground.
- 3) that the amount of \$150,500. or \$176,500. (depending on the type of fence approved) be allocated to the Recreation Dept. in the 1984 Capital Budget, for the required construction of the cemetery expansion and the walkway.
- 4) that staff be authorized to prepare the necessary documents for closing Green Road.
- 5) that Council not set the date for the required public hearing, until after the necessary documents are prepared.

Ald. Crawford and Greenwood moved the adoption of the above recommendations. Ald. Levandier declared a conflict of interest on this item, in view of his association with an undertaking business, and withdrew from his seat to sit in the gallery.

Discussion followed as to the alternate types of fencing that could be installed and the cost factors involved if one is chosen over the other. Questions were raised about future maintenance costs in both cases and how the initial installation costs are to be funded. Members felt that additional information is required on the cost factors and the allocation of funds, and on motion of Ald. Crawford and Greenwood, the item was

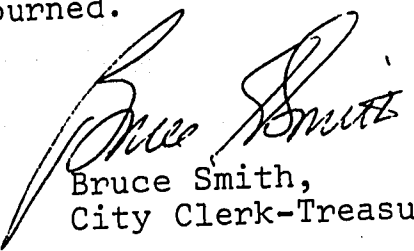
therefore referred to the City Administrator for a further report on these aspects.

MOTION: Moved by Ald. Crawford & Greenwood that the report on Mount Hermon Cemetery be referred to a further report on the cost factors of Mr. Moir for the two alternate fencing proposals and the allocation of funds for this project.

On motion of Ald. Crawford and Greenwood, Council went in camera to deal with the item on the appointment of a Deputy City Treasurer.

After reconvening in open meeting, the action taken in camera was ratified by Council, on motion of Ald. Greenough and Crawford.

The meeting then adjourned.


Bruce Smith,
City Clerk-Treasurer.

City Council, Dec. 13/83

ITEMS:

- 1) Presentation: Water Utility Study, page 1 to 3 incl.
- 2) Restrictions: Bridge Commission, page 3.
- 3) Land: Canal development, page 4.
- 4) Award Tender: Contract #83-07, page 4.
- 5) Surplus portable classrooms, page 5.
- 6) Fire & security alarm systems, page 5 & 6.
- 7) Rezoning request: 107 Albro Lake Rd., page 6 & 7.
- 8) Monthly reports, page 8 & 9.
- 9) Act: Dart. Sportsplex Commission, page 9 & 10.
Resolution #83-58, page 9.
- 10) Downtown Revitalization Committee, page 10.
- 11) Mount Hermon Cemetery, page 11.