

LOCATION: CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS
TIME: 7:30 P.M.

MEMBERS PRESENT: MAYOR SAVAGE
ALDERMEN SARTO, THOMPSON
BILLARD, MACFARLANE
CONNORS, LEVANDIER
RODGERS, MCCLUSKEY
PYE, WOODS, GREENOUGH
WALTON, HETHERINGTON

MEMBER ABSENT: ALD. HAWLEY (ILLNESS)

CITY ADMINISTRATOR: J. BURKE
CITY SOLICITOR: M. MOREASH
CITY CLERK-TREASURER: B. SMITH
DEPARTMENT HEADS & ASSISTANTS

INVOCATION

The meeting opened with the Invocation, led by Mayor Savage.

POINT OF PRIVILEGE

Ald. MacFarlane rose on a point of privilege to bring to the attention of Council, recent noise problems at the Top of the Cove lounge; he referred in particular to noise and disturbance from this establishment, which occurred on the night of April 1st. He asked that the Solicitor write to the lounge owners, advising them of the City's noise legislation, and their obligation to abide by it. He also asked if the Solicitor would check with the Liquor License Board on the license granted to the Top of the Cove lounge, to determine if it was for a piano bar only. He said the lounge operation has considerably exceeded a piano bar license.

POINT OF PRIVILEGE

Ald. Sarto asked that a letter of congratulations go out from the Mayor's office to the Prince Andrew Hockey team on their winning the provincial championship in Sydney on the weekend. A letter of congratulations will also go to the Dartmouth Moosehead Mounties.

1.0 APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MOTION: To approve the minutes of meetings held on March 7, 14 & 28th, with one correction:

The tender quotation on page 9 of the March 28th minutes should read \$146,526.

Moved: Ald. McCluskey
Second: Ald. Greenough
In Favour: All
Against: None
Motion Carried

2.0 BUSINESS ARISING OUT OF MINUTES

3.0 DELEGATIONS & HEARINGS OF PROTEST

4.0 ORIGINAL COMMUNICATIONS

5.0 PETITIONS

i) FOUR-WAY STOP - ELMWOOD & HESTER STREET

FOUR-WAY STOP:
ELMWOOD AND
HESTER STREET

A petition was before Council from residents of the Elmwood Ave/Hester Street area, requesting four-way Stop signs at that intersection. Area residents heard by Council in connection with the petition, were:

David Dillon, 18 Elmwood Ave.
Keith Moir, 9 Elmwood Ave.
Susan Jones, corner of Hester & Elmwood
Fred Moir, 7 Elmwood Ave.

Basically, they were all concerned about the excessive speeds travelled by cars on Elmwood Ave., and the danger to pedestrians, especially school children. They felt that a four-way Stop would help to lessen this danger, and their petition was supported by the two Ward 4 Aldermen.

MOTION: That a four-way Stop sign be installed at the intersection of Elmwood Ave. & Hester Street, as requested.

Moved: Ald. McCluskey
Second: Ald. Rodgers

The motion was subsequently amended to include a crosswalk at the same intersection, in conjunction with the four-way Stop sign.

Members tended to support the motion, with the exception of Ald. Levandier, who felt the T.M.G. should have an opportunity to comment on the petition, and to make a recommendation to Council before any decision is made on the Stop sign request.

When Mr. Bayer was asked for a comment, he explained

the staff procedures followed in assessing requests such as this one, and the analysis process behind T.M.G. recommendations. He noted that if the problem in this instance is one of short-cutting traffic at peak travel hours, the problem will only be moved from one residential street to another, when Stop signs are erected.

The vote was taken on the motion

In Favour: All members except
Against: Ald. Levandier
Motion Carried

6.0 PRESENTATION

i) PRESENTATION OF CERTIFICATES - VOLUNTEER WEEK

CERTIFICATES:
VOLUNTEER WEEK

In keeping with Volunteer Week, the Mayor recognized three community volunteers with appropriate certificates. Two of the volunteers being honored were present and the third is to receive her certificate at a later date.

Presented with certificates at this time were:

Marjorie Henman and Basil Patriquin
Connie Peters will receive her certificate later.

The Mayor reminded members of Council of the Dartmouth Book Award luncheon to be held on April 17th, when the award is to be presented for the first time to the winning author.

7.0 REPORTS

7.1 CITY ADMINISTRATOR

7.1.1 TENDER - CONTRACT 88504L, BURNSIDE IND. PARK

AWARD TENDER:
CONTRACT 88504L

Report from Mr. Burke (R. Fougere, E. Purdy) on the tenders received for Contract 88504L, B.I.P. services, Phase 8-4 and Lot L-35, recommending that the tender be awarded to the lowest bidder, Lakeport Contracting Ltd., with a bid price of \$355,640.72; completion time: 4 months.

MOTION: To award the tender for Contract 88504L (B.I.P. services) to the lowest bidder, Lakeport Contracting Ltd., in the amount of \$355,640.72, as recommended.

Moved: Ald. Hetherington
Second: Ald. Greenough
In Favour: All
Against: None
Motion Carried

8.0 MOTIONS8.1 ALD. BILLARD8.1.1 ENFORCEMENT OF REGULATIONS - GARBAGE BIN SERVICE COMPANIES

MOTION: WHEREAS the City has enacted a by-law to deal with the use, abuse and placement of large garbage bins; AND WHEREAS the by-law is only irregularly enforced and little heeded; BE IT RESOLVED that the City move toward stronger enforcement of regulations, and initiate immediate discussions with all garbage bin service companies, with an objective of having them assist in the compliance with the by-law.

Moved: Ald. Billard
Second: Ald. Hetherington

Circulated in connection with this motion, were copies of By-law C-652 (Collection & Disposal of Solid Waste), and a status report on the enforcement of Section 23 of this by-law, submitted by Mark Bernard.

Ald. Billard and other members speaking on the motion, were concerned about the continuing violation of the by-law, and its lack of enforcement. Mr. Burke explained the procedures that have to take place if the by-law is to be properly enforced, and he noted that existing staff do not have the time to do this effectively. He said that in order to be able to enforce this and other City by-laws, as Council wishes, the City will need a By-law Enforcement Officer. The Mayor later sought a response from Council to the inclusion in next year's budget of such a position. Members indicated a willingness to have the position included in next year's budget so that by-law enforcement in the City can be upgraded.

Ald. Billard, Woods and Pye gave specific examples of continuing violation of By-law C-652 in their respective wards. Ald. Billard requested an information report on the staff follow-up to his motion. Mr. Burke agreed to provide this information.

In Favour: All
Against: None
Motion Carried

8.2 ALD. LEVANDIER8.2.1 SCHOOL CONTRIBUTION GUIDELINE FOR 1990 & YEARS THEREAFTER

MOTION: WHEREAS the City of Dartmouth continues to give substantial financial support to the Dartmouth District School Board;
AND WHEREAS each year, the School Board presses City Council for an increase of funds beyond the average rate of inflation;
AND WHEREAS a substantial portion of the total financial package is made up of discretionary funding.

AND WHEREAS there is a need for the Council and the School Board to establish a reasonable financial guideline for the next year, well in advance;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that City Council meet (start dialogue) with the School Board, no later than Sept. 30th, to discuss a school contribution guideline for 1990 and each year thereafter. (The wording of the original motion was amended by deleting the words '. . . and agree upon', with the consent of the mover and seconder.).

Moved: Ald. Levandier

Second: Ald. Thompson

Ald. Rodgers noted that the School Board has embarked on a five-year business plan, commencing in the year 1989, and he and Ald. Connors felt this is a preferable approach to take toward a resolution of financial issues, rather than the course of action proposed in the motion. Other members tended to support the motion in its reworded form, on the understanding that some flexibility is to be expected in the discussion process with the School Board. The vote was taken on the motion.

In Favour: Ald. Levandier, McCluskey,
Sarto, Thompson, Woods
Walton, Hetherington
MacFarlane, Billard, Greenough

Against: Ald. Connors, Rodgers, Pye
Motion Carried

8.3 ALD. MACFARLANE8.3.1 COMMUNITY SERVICE ORDERS

MOTION: WHEREAS the Province of Nova Scotia is in the process of embarking on a fine option program;

AND WHEREAS this program will result in a substantial increase in community service orders;

AND WHEREAS these orders might have substantial benefit to the City of Dartmouth and other municipalities;

BE IT RESOLVED that the City of Dartmouth, through staff, in consultation with the Province, pursue the feasibility of developing avenues for community service orders through City departments.

The motion received the support of Council.

Moved: Ald. MacFarlane
Second: Ald. Connors
In Favour: All
Against: None
Motion Carried

8.4 ALD. CONNORS8.4.1 LAND - DARTMOUTH DISTRICT SOCCER ASSN.

MOTION: That ten to twelve acres of land in Burnside Industrial Park be committed for recreational soccer purposes, on the understanding that the District Soccer Assn. will present designs and financing plans to the City in the near future.

Moved: Ald. Connors
Second: Ald. Hetherington

Council agreed to hear Mr. Eber Serieys, on behalf members of the Soccer Assn. who were present for this item. He outlined the need for a soccer stadium and playing field in Dartmouth, in consideration of the large number of adults and children now participating in the sport. The Association would like to see a facility in Dartmouth with a three to five-thousand-

seat capacity; also, a lighted field so that play could take place into the evening hours.

Asked about the priority that would be given to professional (senior level) soccer, if a Canadian league is formed, Mr. Serieys said that preference would still be given by the local Association to the amateur teams first (ie. in field scheduling, etc.).

In general, members of Council were supportive of the Soccer Assn. request, but Ald. Greenough and Hetherington felt there should be no decision on the part of Council until a report has come from the Industrial Commission, in conjunction with Mr. Atkinson, who would in turn, seek a response from members of the Recreation Advisory Board.

MOTION: To refer the motion to the Industrial Commission and to Mr. Atkinson for report back to Council within a month's time.

Moved: Ald. Hetherington
Second: Ald. Greenough
In Favour: All members except for
Against: Ald. Billard
Motion Carried

Ald. Woods asked that consideration also be given to a section of the Albro Lake lands for use by the Soccer Assn.

With the concurrence of Ald. Rodgers, Council agreed to defer his motion on capital budget procedures until the April 25th meeting. He requested that a second motion, dealing with the control of ducks on City lakes, be included in the April 11th agenda.

Ald. Connors requested that the item 'Inquiries & Answers' be reinstated in the Council agenda, and that it appear in the April 11th Council agenda for this month.

9.0

NOTICES OF MOTION

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

Ald. Levandier

WHEREAS the City of Dartmouth has a Traffic Management Group;

AND WHEREAS Council should have the full benefit of professional opinions as it relates to traffic matters;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that all public petitions that relate to traffic matters (meaning parking and vehicular movement) be automatically referred to the T.M.G. for analysis and report, with recommendation, before Council gives a final decision on such matters.

Ald. Sarto

WHEREAS the preparatory engineering work has been completed for the upgrading of Woodlawn Road, from Mount Edward Road to Portland Street;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the following:

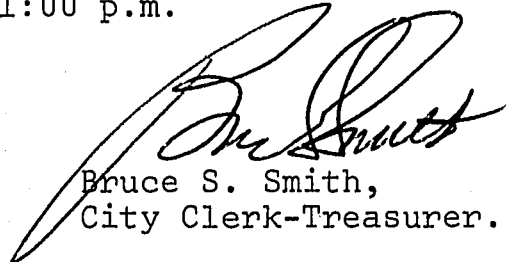
- 1) project be completed in three phases as opposed to one phase, thereby lessening the cost to the capital budget in one year;
- 2) Phase 1 project recommended for consideration in the 1990 capital budget:
 - (a) Phase One: Mount Edward Rd. to Ellenvale Ave.
 - (b) Phase Two: Ellenvale Ave. to Kelly Drive.
 - (c) Kelly Drive to Portland Street.

At 10:10 p.m., Council adjourned to meet in camera, on motion of Ald. McCluskey and Walton. After having reconvened in open meeting, the action taken in camera was ratified by Council.

MOTION: To ratify the action taken by Council in camera on this date.

Moved: Ald. Hetherington
Second: Ald. Pye
In Favour: All
Against: None
Motion Carried

Meeting adjourned at 11:00 p.m.



Bruce S. Smith,
City Clerk-Treasurer.

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DARTMOUTH CITY COUNCIL

APRIL 11, 1989

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MEMBERS PRESENT: MAYOR SAVAGE
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BILLARD, MACFARLANE
CONNORS, LEVANDIER
MCCLUSKEY, RODGERS
PYE, WOODS, HAWLEY
GREENOUGH, WALTON
HETHERINGTON

CITY ADMINISTRATOR: J. BURKE
CITY SOLICITOR: S. HOOD
DEPUTY CITY CLERK: G. D. BRADY
DEPARTMENT HEADS & ASSISTANTS

Deputy Mayor Levandier opened the meeting and expressed sympathy on Council's behalf to the family of Charlie Findlay, former City Fire Chief, whose death occurred on this date.

After the Mayor's arrival for the meeting, Deputy Mayor Levandier resumed his Council seat, and the remainder of the meeting was chaired by Mayor Savage.

POINTS OF PRIVILEGE

Members rose on points of privilege for the following:

- 1) Ald. Rodgers: requested that staff obtain a copy of the new Federal U.I.C. program, as soon as possible, and prepare an analysis of its implications for the City, to be brought back to Council in two weeks time.
- 2) Ald. Pye: asked that the Mayor convey his concerns about the reduced level of service on transit route #53 (reduction from half-hour to one hour service).
- 3) Ald. Greenough: made a similar request about the service reduction on transit route #55 (Breeze Drive to the City limits), and the change from half-hour to hourly service.

The Mayor advised that Mr. Prentice will be present for the April 25th Council meeting to discuss transit items.

- 4) Ald. Connors: further to the point of privilege raised by Ald. Connors at the March 14th meeting, and the subsequent report from Mr. Burke, in response to questions from Ald. Connors at that time, he objected to the inference that members of Council cannot be trusted with information to which staff members are privy, such as the W.D.C. information referred to in connection with the Little Nashville issue. He considered that such information should have been shared with Council, and he presented a notice of motion on the subject as follows:

NOTICE OF
MOTION: ALD. CONNORS

Staff shall not agree to requests from outsiders to keep information conveyed to staff, secret from Council.

1.0

ENQUIRIES & ANSWERS

Ald. Hawley requested that public statements be made by the Engineering Dept. to the effect that the City does not guarantee water pressure levels to consumers. The Mayor said he would have statements prepared by the Engineering Dept. for communication to the public. Ald. Hawley asked to be advised when the statements are to be publicized.

Ald. Billard asked about recent newspaper reports on the ability of the recycling company to handle the amount of paper they are receiving. The Mayor pointed out that the City has a contract with the company until the end of 1989 to accept 100 tons of paper per week, and the company is accepting paper collected in Dartmouth on that basis.

Ald. Thompson asked about the status of the project to realign the Woodlawn Road/Main Street intersection. Mr. Purdy advised that design work has been started and it is anticipated the project will go to tender this summer.

Ald. Walton asked if the City is making representation to the P.U.B. in connection with recently-approved power rate increases. Having been advised that Council did not request representation at the hearings, Ald. Walton presented a notice of motion to the effect that the City present an objection to the increase in power rates, to the P.U.B.

NOTICE OF
MOTION: ALD.
WALTON

2.0 PUBLIC HEARINGi) LICENSED TAXI CABS & LICENSED DRIVERS IN DARTMOUTHPUBLIC HEARING:
TAXI CABS

This date was set by Council for public hearing of a request from the Dartmouth Taxi Owners Assn. for a limitation on the number of taxicabs operating in the City of Dartmouth.

All members of Council were present for the public hearing, which the Mayor opened, calling for any speakers in favour of the request.

The main speaker in favour was Mike Flemming of 345 Prince Albert Road, President of the Dartmouth Taxi Owner Association. He has been a taxi driver for sixteen years. Copies of his submission, with other information and items of correspondence, have been circulated to all members of Council.

Mr. Flemming outlined to Council some of the present problems facing the taxi industry in Dartmouth, with the increasing number of cabs being operated, and what he described as a monopolistic ownership of three main cab companies - Bob's Taxi, Bluebell and Alex Taxi stands. He said these owners now control 79% of the taxis operating in the City, and he commented on the impact of stand rent increases imposed by them, along with additional charges for mobile radio rentals. He felt the increases are out of line and have only further added to the difficulty that taxi drivers have to make a decent living. He said that compared with the national average income figure of \$27,000., taxi drivers earn only \$17,430., and it was his opinion that this figure would be considerably less for Dartmouth drivers.

The Association he represents is seeking a limit on taxi owner licenses at 250 cars, or three cars per thousand of population, whichever is greater. In return, the Association is willing to upgrade the taxi industry generally in Dartmouth, and to undertake certain specific improvements, such as:

- 1) a fifty-cent discount on fares for senior citizens.
- 2) a phased-in age limit for cars being operated as taxis.

- 3) a recommendation that cabs be given two MVI inspections per year.

Also, the public will benefit from a more professional, career-minded approach to their work on the part of people in the taxi industry, with a greater emphasis on quality service and higher standards generally throughout the industry.

Reference was made to information that has been compiled by Cst. Gary MacDonald on municipalities across Canada where taxi owner licenses are presently limited. Mr. Flemming felt the experience of these other municipalities demonstrates the success of a limited entry system for taxis. He pointed out that the limitation proposed for Dartmouth (three cars per 1,000) is still considerably higher than most of the other municipalities from which information has been obtained.

Questions to Mr. Flemming from members of Council concerned the membership of his Association (125 members, four of whom are taxi drivers); the willingness of the Association to accept a formula for taxi limitation, to allow for additional licenses based on population growth (Mr. Flemming said the Association would agree); limited entry transferability; the eventual impact on the cost of licenses once they were restricted in number (ie. as in the case of licenses in the fishing industry). Mr. Flemming did not see this becoming a problem, although it was later stated in a submission opposed to the limited entry system, that such an artificial inflation of fees for licenses has already occurred in the city of Toronto.

Mr. Flemming stated to Council that his Association favors a one owner/one license situation for Dartmouth. He explained how a phasing out by attrition could be accomplished, until the number of cabs requested has been reached, and he did not see this process as a hardship on drivers. When additional information was sought by members of Council on the number of taxis presently registered and licensed, Cst. Gary MacDonald advised that there are 327 owner/driver files open, but the number of cars actually working is 246. The process for opening files and transferring licenses was outlined by Cst. MacDonald.

Basically, Mr. Flemming's position, throughout his presentation to Council, and in response to questions afterward, was that the citizens of Dartmouth and people in the taxi industry, will all be better served with a limited entry system, and as of this time, the Association he represents is prepared to accept the proposal that has been made to Council.

One other speaker, Mr. Elwood Hirtle, a driver with Bob's Taxi, was heard by Council in support of the Taxi Association request.

The Mayor then called for speakers opposed to the limited entry system proposal. Mr. Brian Newton of the firm Bailey & Associates, addressed Council on behalf of Bob's Taxi, Bluebell and Alex Taxi owners. He referred to documentation that has been circulated, setting out the position of these taxi owners, and he proceeded to elaborate further on the points in opposition to taxi license limitation, as they have been put forth in the letters of April 7/89 and April 11/89, addressed to Mayor Savage and the members of Council.

The concerns of the taxi companies represented by Mr. Newton are: a diminution in supervisory controls and procedures if there is a limitation of taxi licenses; an artificial inflation of the price of taxi licenses, as has occurred elsewhere when licenses were limited; a detrimental impact in terms of service to the public; a detrimental impact on commercial accounts. Mr. Newton said that ultimately, the limitation will result in license ownership by a few owners who can afford the inflated price for licenses, and an increase in the number of drivers. He referred to the city of Toronto as an example of his argument. In effect, the result will be a large number of drivers and a limited number of owners with money enough to acquire licenses at inflated prices. Mr. Newton compared this scenario to the present situation, in which he considered that the taxi industry has, in fact, regulated itself already.

Mr. Colpitts, the owner of Bob's and Bluebell Taxi, joined Mr. Newton to respond to questions from Council. He indicated that he would not be opposed to restrictions that might be placed upon stand owners with respect to the number of cabs they can have, etc., as the Taxi Commission could decide to recommend. Mr. Newton suggested that instead of limiting the number of taxi

licenses, Council would be better advised to look at ways of better regulating the taxi industry in Dartmouth, as it presently exists. He said every other avenue of control should be considered first.

There was one other speaker heard by Council at this time. He was Mr. Patrick Garrity, a Halifax taxi driver. He was not speaking either for or against the taxi limitation proposal, but he questioned whether the City can proceed with it under section 273 of the Motor Vehicle Act. He felt the City does not have authority to limit taxi licenses under that section of the act. He suggested that a Charter amendment would be required before Dartmouth could limit taxi licenses.

After the Mayor had called several more times for any speakers opposed to the license limitation, and when there were none, the hearing was declared to be closed. The Mayor asked for a show of hands from Council as to whether or not members wished to debate this issue now or at a future meeting. A tie vote of Council resulted, and the Mayor cast the deciding vote in favour of deferring debate until the April 25th Council meeting, in view of the lateness of the hour. This item will therefore be included in the April 25th agenda, but the public hearing will not be resumed, having been officially closed by the Mayor. The Mayor advised members of the public that the meeting will be open to anyone wishing to attend, but the debate will be for Council and there will not be any opportunity for public speakers, since the hearing has been closed.

4.0 REPORTS

4.1 CITY ADMINISTRATOR

4.1.1 G.I.S. JOINT STUDY WITH IBM CANADA

G.I.S. STUDY

The Mayor advised that the item, G.I.S. Joint Study will be deferred for the April 18th meeting, and will be dealt with as the first item on that agenda.

4.1.2 APPOINTMENT OF CITY OF DARTMOUTH NON-ELECTED OFFICIAL

APPOINTMENT:
CLEAN-UP
COMMITTEE

Report from Mr. Burke on the appointment of a non-elected official to serve as Dartmouth's representative on the Halifax Harbour Clean-up Committee & Corporation. The recommendation is that Mr. Burke, the City Administrator, be appointed in this capacity.

MOTION: To adopt the recommendation that Mr. Burke serve on the Halifax Harbour Clean-up Committee and Corporation, as Dartmouth's non-elected representative.

Moved: Ald. McCluskey
Second: Ald. MacFarlane
In Favour: All
Against: None
Motion Carried

4.1.3 CONTRACT 89-04: SILVER'S ROAD, SERVICES & PAVING

CONTRACT 89-04:
SILVER'S ROAD

Report from Mr. Burke on tenders received for Contract 89-04 (Silver's Road: water & sanitary sewer mains, and construction of concrete curbs and pavement). Acceptance of the low bid, from D. A. Lanthier Construction Co. Ltd., has been recommended in the amount of \$79,643.00; completion time: 8 weeks.

MOTION: To accept the recommendation that Contract 89-04 (Silver's Road) be awarded to the lowest bidder, D. A. Lanthier Construction Co. Ltd., with a bid price of \$79,643.00.

Moved: Ald. MacFarlane
Second: Ald. Connors
In Favour: All
Against: None
Motion Carried

4.2 SOLICITORS

4.2.1 LOT D-11 LYNGBY AVE.

LOT D-11
LYNGBY AVE.

Item 4.2.1 (Lot D-11, Lyngby Ave.) was deferred until the April 25th meeting, at the request of Ald. Rodgers

4.2.2 SEWER - 111 TACOMA DRIVE

SEWER:
111 TACOMA DR.

The Solicitor has submitted a report to Council on the property at 111 Tacoma Drive, presently served by a sub-service disposal system which has resulted in effluent draining across the property onto an adjacent one. This property (111) is not connected to City sewer at present, and since the property owner has not taken action requested of him, to connect to the City line, it has been recommended that the City make arrange-

ments to have sewer installed at this location, the cost of installation to be charged as a lien against the property.

MOTION: To adopt the recommendation of the Solicitor on the required installation of City sewer services at 111 Tacoma Drive - that is, that the City make arrangements to have the sewer installed at this location, the cost of installation to be charged as a lien against the property.

Moved: Ald. Thompson
Second: Ald. Sarto
In Favour: All
Against: None
Motion Carried

4.2.3 PRICING - BURNSIDE IND. PARK & CITY OF LAKES BUSINESS PARK

PRICING:
 BURNSIDE PARK

A schedule of price changes has been approved by the Industrial Commission for sites in the Burnside Industrial Park and the City of Lakes Business Park. The Commission has further approved a recommendation to Council that the increases would be effective Dec. 15/88, and would apply to all sites on which a non-refundable sixty-day, 10% deposit has not been received as of Dec. 15/88, with the exception of Site 205B, which is under an Agreement of Purchase & Sale.

By-law C-673 has been prepared by the Solicitor in this connection, and recommended to Council for approval

BY-LAW C-673

Council proceeded to give three readings to the by-law.

MOTION: That leave be given to introduce the said By-law C-673 and that it now be read a first time.

Moved: Ald. Hetherington
Second: Ald. McCluskey
In Favour: All
Against: None
Motion Carried

MOTION: That By-law C-673 be read a second time.

Moved: Ald. Greenough
Second: Ald. Thompson
In Favour: All
Against: None
Motion Carried

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

MOTION: That By-law C-673 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.

Moved: Ald. Greenough

Second: Ald. Pye

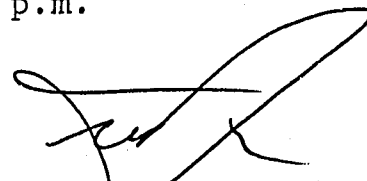
In Favour: All

Against: None

Motion Carried

Ald. Rodgers requested that the two motions of his, still remaining from this and previous meetings, appear as the first items of business on the April 25th agenda. Two reports from the Finance & Program Review Committee, not dealt with because of the length of the public hearing on this date, will also be deferred to the April 25th meeting. These are listed for April 11th as item 4.3.1 and item 4.3.2. The motions of Ald. Rodgers are on the subjects of: (1) the feeding of ducks on Lake Banook, and (2) procedures for the capital budget.

Meeting adjourned at 11:00 p.m.



G. D. Brady,
Deputy City Clerk.

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LOCATION: SENIOR CITIZENS SERVICE CENTRE
TIME: 7:30 P.M.

MEMBERS PRESENT: DEPUTY MAYOR LEVANDIER
ALDERMEN SARTO, THOMPSON
BILLARD, MACFARLANE
CONNORS, PYE, WOODS
RODGERS, MCCLUSKEY
GREENOUGH, WALTON
HETHERINGTON

MEMBER ABSENT: ALD. HAWLEY

CITY ADMINISTRATOR: J. BURKE
CITY SOLICITOR: M. MOREASH
DEPUTY CITY CLERK: G. D. BRADY
DEPARTMENT HEADS & ASSISTANTS

Following the Invocation, led by Ald. McCluskey, Deputy Mayor Levandier expressed Council's pleasure at being able to hold this Council meeting in the Senior Citizens Centre, a setting appropriate for the items on the agenda dealing with issues involving seniors.

Former Mayor Brownlow welcomed everyone to the meeting, and explained the procedures to be followed in presenting the senior citizen study report. The meeting then proceeded.

- 1.0 REPORTS
- 1.1 CITY ADMINISTRATOR
- 1.1.1 G.I.S. JOINT STUDY WITH IBM CANADA

G.I.S.
JOINT STUDY

Report from Mr. Burke on a proposed six-month G.I.S. (Geographic Information System) demonstration project, in which the City would participate with IBM Canada. The purpose of the study is to investigate the applicability of such a system in a municipal environment, using IBM equipment and software from ACDS, a Quebec firm specializing in G.I.S. applications. The area selected for purposes of the study would be Ward 5. Estimated cost to the City would be \$40,000.; existing funds would be redeployed to cover the expenditure and additional funds would therefore not be required.

Mr. Burke's recommendation is that Council approve participation in the study, and that the Mayor and City Clerk be authorized to enter into an Agreement with IBM/ACDS to conduct this demonstration project.

A video presentation was made to Council to give members some idea of the type of project involved, and Mr. Chuck Keith was present to answer questions about the project, at the conclusion of the video.

MOTION: To adopt the recommendation that Council approve participation in the G.I.S. study, and that the Mayor and City Clerk be authorized to enter into an Agreement with IBM/ACDS to conduct this demonstration project.

Moved: Ald. Woods
Second: Ald. Greenough

Questions to Mr. Keith and to Mr. Burke, pertained mainly to cost implications for the City, to the value and application of information that will be provided as a result of the project, to the tie-in with existing LRIS information, and to possible involvement of the Ward 5 study committee. Ald. Woods suggested that at least the terms of reference for the project could go to the committee for their information, and Mr. Burke agreed with the suggestion. Ald. Walton was opposed to the motion because of the cost factor involved, especially the major cost to the City if the project were to be later broadened after the initial demonstration stage.

The vote was taken on the motion.

In Favour: All members of Council except
Against: Ald. Walton
Motion Carried

1.2 STEERING COMMITTEE ON THE NEEDS & RESOURCES OF SENIOR
CITIZENS IN DARTMOUTH

1.2.1 STUDY OF THE NEEDS & RESOURCES OF SENIOR CITIZENS IN
THE CITY OF DARTMOUTH

STUDY OF NEEDS
& RESOURCES:
SENIOR CITIZENS

Members of Council have received copies of a major report, based on a seniors research project undertaken in Dartmouth, through the Steering Committee on Needs & Resources of Senior Citizens. Ald. Sarto, Chairman of the Steering Committee, gave an introductory preamble to the presentation of the report, and

acknowledged at this time, the work of the other Steering Committee members and of Ms. Janice Keefe, the Research Coordinator for the study. Other Committee members are: Tom Cleary, Dr. Fox, Dr. Allison, Jacquie Purcell, John A. MacKenzie, Connie Wenaus, and Dan Brownlow.

Following Ald. Sarto's opening remarks, Janice Keefe proceeded with the presentation of Phase 1 of the study report, involving the needs assessment aspect. She first presented statistics on the aging population in Dartmouth, indicating the significant increase that brought the percentage of people in Dartmouth, aged 65 years and older, up to 7.3 by 1986. It is projected that by 1996, seniors will make up approx. 9.9% of the Dartmouth population.

In view of this increasing trend toward an aging population, it becomes more necessary to have services and policies in place to meet the needs of seniors. To determine these needs, the study concentrated on such areas of their lives as: helping relationships, housing, transportation, finances, health, and social responsibility. The findings of the study in each of the categories noted, were explained in considerable detail by Ms. Keefe in her presentation. Specific relevant points which she emphasized in particular, were as follows:

- 1) the need for respite care and relief services for care-givers, such as family members who are looking after elderly parents or other relatives.
- 2) the importance of volunteers to assist with transportation and visiting needs.
- 3) the need for alternative housing options and zoning modifications that will permit the remodeling of the homes of seniors so that caregivers are able to live in the same dwelling with them.
- 4) the need for assistance with snow-shovelling in winter, and grass-cutting in summer, two problem areas identified by seniors who are attempting to stay in their own homes as long as possible.

- 5) the need for some type of review mechanism to identify quickly the number and kinds of medication seniors are taking, before prescriptions are re-filled and/or new prescriptions are filled. In conjunction with this, better education for seniors on the use of medication.
- 6) the qualification of medical equipment required by seniors, for payment under MSI.
- 7) the need for assistance in alleviating energy costs, identified along with taxes, as the most difficult for seniors to meet.
- 8) the need for education of family caregivers so they know what to do for elderly relatives in the home.

The presentation to Council concluded with a number of recommendations. A motion was put forward for their adoption.

MOTION: To adopt the recommendations from Phase 1 of the study report, which are:

- 1) that Phase 1 of the report on the needs and resources of seniors in Dartmouth, be adopted as presented.
- 2) that other researchers be permitted access to the data base provided by the study.
- 3) that a Home Care Advisory Board be established, as per the mandate outlined and circulated.
- 4) that suggested items for action be reviewed by the Home Care Advisory Board, with a view to establishing priorities for subsequent recommendation to Council.

Moved: Ald. Billard

Second: Ald. Sarto

Members of Council were able to ask questions about specific details from the presentation, and to make suggestions for consideration. Ald. Pye felt there should be a greater effort to make seniors aware of the City's tax deferral by-law and the assistance they can receive with municipal taxes, through the

by-law provisions. Ald. McCluskey suggested that information on property taxes, such as that provided on income tax, at the service centre, would also be worthwhile.

Ald. Billard noted that the National Utility Service, located in Halifax, could be approached on the matter of a group approach that could be taken by seniors to seek reductions in energy costs. He also suggested that the new Board, once it is formed, should give priority to zoning modifications required to permit 'granny flats' and other housing options that would permit seniors to stay in their own homes or to be cared for by their children in separate living accommodation attached to the children's homes.

Ald. Woods' concern for Ward 5 seniors had to do with the fact that they can't get downtown to make use of the service centre. Ms. Keefe commented on the outreach program being developed to address this need. The other possibility is to establish other senior centres in locations such as the north end of the City. Volunteer transportation would assist as well.

The general response from Council to the study and report was positive, and members commended both the Steering Committee and Ms. Keefe for the work that has gone into the project. The vote was taken on the motion.

In Favour: All
Against: None
Motion Carried

PHASE 2 REPORT

There was a break for coffee at this point in the meeting, following which a presentation of the Phase 2 report was given by Ms. Keefe.

Phase 2 dealt with home care services for seniors, the existing Dartmouth home care program, the new Provincial Coordinated home care program, and homes for special care. Statistics were provided to show the percentage of seniors able to be cared for through home care services and programs, and the percentage that require the services of homes for special care. The differences between light, medium and heavy-care categories, were explained, and the cost comparison between home care services and homes for special care were noted.

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As with the Phase 1 presentation, the Phase 2 summary concluded with several recommendations to Council.

MOTION: To adopt the recommendations from Phase 2 of the report, which are:

- 1) that the Phase 2 report be adopted as presented.
- 2) that support be indicated for the Mount St. Vincent U. research on the impact of the Coordinated Home Care Program and municipal home care on families.
- 3) that administrative support required for the Coordinated Home Care Program receive on-going assessment.

Moved: Ald. McCluskey
Second: Ald. Greenough
In Favour: All
Against: None
Motion Carried

1.2.2 PROVINCIAL CO-ORDINATED HOME CARE PROGRAM - DARTMOUTH IMPLEMENTATION & CITY OF DARTMOUTH HOME CARE PROGRAM

HOME CARE PROGRAMS

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In Favour: All
Against: None
Motion Carried

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MOTION: To adopt the reports prepared by Mr. Cleary on the Dartmouth Home Care Program and on the Coordinated Home Care Program, as submitted to Council.

Moved: Ald. Pye
Second: Ald. Connors
In Favour: All
Against: None
Motion Carried

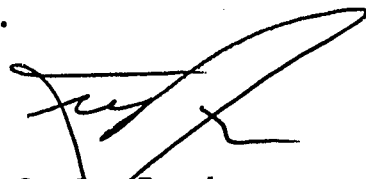
Deputy Mayor Levandier thanked the members of the Service Centre for their hospitality to Council, and for providing this opportunity for a meeting of Council to be held outside the Council Chamber. He also commended all those involved in the reports that have been made to Council, associated with the needs of seniors and services required by them in the community.

Council adjourned to meet in camera and later reconvened in open meeting to ratify the action taken while meeting in camera.

MOTION: To ratify the action taken while meeting in camera on this date.

Moved: Ald. Hetherington
Second: Ald. Greenough
In Favour: All
Against: None
Motion Carried

Meeting adjourned at 11:20 p.m.



G. D. Brady,
Deputy City Clerk.

ITEMS:

- 1.0 Reports, page 1.
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- 1.1.1 G.I.S. Joint Study with IBM Canada, page 1 & 2.
- 1.2 Steering Committee on the needs & resources of senior citizens in Dartmouth, page 2.
- 1.2.1 Study of the needs & resources of senior citizens in the City of Dartmouth, pg. 2 to 6 incl. Phase 2, page 5.
- 1.2.2 Provincial Co-ordinated Home Care Program - Dartmouth Implementation & City of Dartmouth Home Care Pgm., pg. 6. & 7.

LOCATION: CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS
TIME: 7:30 P.M.

MEMBERS PRESENT: MAYOR SAVAGE
ALDERMEN SARTO, THOMPSON
MACFARLANE, BILLARD
LEVANDIER, CONNORS
RODGERS, MCCLUSKEY
PYE, WOODS, HAWLEY
GREENOUGH, WALTON
HETHERINGTON

CITY ADMINISTRATOR: J. BURKE
CITY SOLICITOR: S. HOOD
DEPUTY CITY TREASURER: L. CORRIGAN
DEPARTMENT HEADS & ASSISTANTS

The Mayor introduced to Council and welcomed to the meeting, three visiting students from T.U.N.S., who were present to observe Council proceedings. Council then proceeded with the agenda.

1.0 MOTIONS - ALD. RODGERS

i) ENACTMENT OF A BY-LAW PROHIBITING FEEDING OF DUCKS OR ANY OTHER WATER BIRDS ON OR NEAR LAKE BANOOK

MOTIONS:
ALD. RODGERS

MOTION: WHEREAS the City of Dartmouth promotes itself as the City of Lakes;

AND WHEREAS our citizens have taken great pride over the years, in the cleanliness of our lake water;

AND WHEREAS considerable concern is now being expressed, with respect to the feeding and the substantial increase in the duck population on Lake Banook;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the City Solicitors enact a by-law which would prohibit the feeding of ducks, or any other water birds, on or near, Lake Banook.

Moved: Ald. Rodgers
Second: Ald. Thompson

Ald. Rodgers presented a petition bearing over 100 names of people who are in support of a by-law to prohibit the feeding of ducks or any other water birds on or near Lake Banook. Letters of support were also read from the Banook and Senobe Canoe Clubs.

Also circulated in connection with this item, was a report from the Lakes Advisory Board on the duck problem, particularly as it affects Lake Banook. The report contains four recommendations for Council to consider, involving a public information program; targeting of the City feeding program toward domestic waterfowl; monitoring of the waterfowl problem as part of a City-wide lake management program; and a liaison with the City of Halifax and the Town of Bedford, in seeking a solution to the problem of an overabundance of ducks in all three municipalities.

Members were generally in favour of the motion in its application to the Lake Banook problem, with the exception of Ald. Levandier, who questioned the effectiveness of a by-law and its enforceability. Mr. Atkinson was asked about the feeding of domestic waterfowl, concentrated mainly in the area of Sullivans Pond. He pointed out that the feeding of the domestic birds also tends to attract a large black duck population. Provision was proposed in the 1987 budget for a duck pen that would have made it possible to separate the domestic birds for feeding purposes, but the budget item was not approved, and this plan could not be followed through.

The Mayor suggested that in addition to the motion, Mr. Atkinson be asked for a report, recommending steps his department would see for a more permanent solution to the duck problem. Ald. Sarto asked that the recommendations of the Lakes Advisory Board be taken into consideration by Mr. Atkinson in preparing his report. Ald. Hetherington also requested that information on this subject, provided by Dr. MacLean, the Medical Health Officer, be included with the report to Council.

Ald. Billard asked that signs be posted immediately, indicating to the public that ducks should not be fed in the Lake Banook area, and that people known to be feeding ducks in the area, be approached informally about the problem they are creating and asked not to continue their bulk feeding of ducks at that location.

Council agreed to have a report at a future date from Mr. Atkinson, and in the meantime, to proceed with the motion and action proposed in it.

In Favour: All members except for
Against: Ald. Levandier
Motion Carried

ii) CAPITAL BUDGET

MOTION: WHEREAS the City of Dartmouth prepares a capital budget on an annual basis;
AND WHEREAS the previous format created many difficulties for some members of Council

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the City of Dartmouth adapt as a standard procedure, a format which has been used for the 1989 capital budget. This format would categorize expenditures as providing significant benefit to:

- (A) the city as a whole - examples: Collector roads, major sewer & water systems, major recreational facilities, major city building, services, etc.
- (B) individual wards - examples: local street paving and repaving, sidewalks, local recreational facilities, etc.

At Council's discretion, the funds allocated for the capital budget would be apportioned between sections A & B, with that portion allocated for section B, to be distributed amongst the wards on a fair and equitable basis.

In presenting his motion, Ald. Rodgers has noted that the listing of City-wide projects would be undertaken in the usual manner, based on recommendations from staff and Council members. The listing of ward projects would be requested on an annual basis by staff. Members of Council would provide a priority listing to staff in advance of the capital budget draft.

Moved Ald. Rodgers
Second: Ald. MacFarlane

Ald. Levandier felt the process outlined in the motion would restrict the management abilities of the City Administrator, and that Council should not make a decision one way or the other on the motion until it has been looked at more carefully by the Finance & Program Review Committee.

MOTION: To refer Ald. Rodgers' motion to the Finance & Program Review Committee, for report back to Council.

Moved: Ald. Levandier
Second: Ald. Billard

About half the members of Council were in favour of referral and half were not. Ald. Connors was opposed to both the main motion and to referral. He said that a fair division of capital funds does not mean an equitable division, since the ward populations vary and the assessment return to the City varies from ward to ward. Other members also questioned the term 'fair and equitable', as applied in the motion. Debate centered mainly around the allocation of capital funds according to City wards, and inequities, perceived or real, that are involved when capital funding divisions are made in this way.

The vote was taken on the motion to refer.

In Favour: Ald. Levandier, Greenough
Hawley, Billard, Walton
Hetherington, Thompson

Against: Ald. Woods, McCluskey, Pye
Rodgers, Connors
Sarto, MacFarlane

The Mayor voted in favour and the
Motion Carried

2.0 REPORTS

2.1 TAXI COMMISSION

2.1.1 LICENSED TAXI CABS & LICENSED DRIVERS IN DARTMOUTH

LICENSED TAXI
CABS & DRIVERS

A public hearing was held at the April 11th Council meeting, in connection with a request from the Dartmouth Taxi Owner Assn. for a limit to be placed on the number of taxicabs being operated in Dartmouth. The item was again before Council at this meeting for debate.

Ald. McCluskey and Pye indicated that they were prepared to support a taxicab limitation, on the basis that it would not be detrimental to the citizens of Dartmouth, and it would be beneficial to cab operators who are presently having difficulty in making a decent living because of the large number of cabs in Dartmouth, compared to the population ratio.

MOTION: WHEREAS the taxi industry has made representation to Dartmouth City Council;

AND WHEREAS Dartmouth City Council deems it desirable to have a limit on the number of taxi licenses issued;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that Dartmouth City Council approve in principle the reduction of taxi licenses in the City of Dartmouth to 250;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the legalities of the reduction and details of how to achieve it, be referred to the Taxi Commission for its consideration and for the preparation of the necessary amendment to the Taxi By-law;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the limitation on taxi licenses not operate so far as to prevent licensing a specified number of dual-purpose taxis.

Moved: Ald. Pye

Second: Ald. McCluskey

It was subsequently decided that the motion should first be referred to the City Solicitor for legal answers to a number of questions that have been raised about the City's authority to establish a limitation on the number of taxis, and procedures that will be required to accomplish the limitation.

Points that members asked to have addressed by the Taxi Commission, in their discussions, were:

- 1) the need for a provision requiring that the holder of a license will be the operator of the taxi.
- 2) the need for a grandfather clause (phasing out through attrition).
- 3) the need for a provision that will prevent the transfer of licenses (selling them for profit).
- 4) the limitation should stipulate both the figure 250/3 cars per 1,000 population, rather than just 250 as the motion stands.

Ald. Woods asked if a freeze can be put on the issuing of licenses until a by-law is in place, but the Solicitor explained why it is not possible to stop the issuing or renewing of licenses during that interim period.

Once the necessary legal advice has been prepared by the Legal Dept., the Taxi Commission will meet as soon as possible to deal with the matter. The Mayor requested that all members of Council be notified of the Commission meeting.

The vote was taken on the motion.

In Favour: All
Against: None
Motion Carried

(Ald. Connors left the meeting at this point.)

2.2 SOLICITORS

2.2.1 LOT D-11 LYNGBY AVE.

LOT D-11:
LYNGBY AVE.

Report from the Solicitor on the City-owned property Lot D-11 on Lyngby Ave., recently repurchased from Lorraine Horner, with a subsequent offer to purchase from Wm. J. Chisholm, in the amount of \$54,650. Resolution 89-17, authorizing the sale of Lot D-11 to Mr. Chisholm was before Council with the Solicitor's report on the item.

RESOLUTION 89-17

MOTION: To approve Resolution 89-17, authorizing the sale of Lot D-11 on Lyngby Ave. to Wm. J. Chisholm, in the amount of \$54,650.

Moved: Ald. Levandier
Second: Ald. Sarto
In Favour: All members except
Against: Ald. Pye
Motion Carried

2.3 FINANCE & PROGRAM REVIEW COMMITTEE

2.3.1 INTEREST ON OVERPAID TAXES - SUPPLEMENTARY REPORT

INTEREST ON
OVERPAID TAXES

As requested by Council, the Finance & Program Review Committee has considered a motion calling for the payment of interest on potential refunds of overpaid taxes in assessment appeal situations. A report has been submitted to Council from the Committee,

recommending that for the reasons outlined in the report, the City not seek a change in legislation and continue its present practice with regard to interest on overpaid taxes, that is, to pay no interest on a refund of overpaid taxes.

MOTION: To adopt the recommendation of the Finance & Program Review Committee that the City not seek a change in legislation, and continue its present practice with regard to interest on overpaid taxes.

Moved: Ald. Sarto
Second: Ald. Thompson

Ald. McCluskey did not agree that refunds are not warranted due to the insignificant amounts involved; she referred to several large appeals where the amount of interest, over an eighteen-month to two-year period, would have been significant. Mr. Corrigan was asked to comment and he pointed out that these instances are not many in number and the figures he has produced are based on an averaging out of typical cases, and therefore, typical interest payments the City would have to make. It was noted in discussion that the Assessment Act does not provide for the City to make such interest repayments to taxpayers.

Ald. McCluskey continued to be opposed to the recommendation of the Committee and indicated to Council that she could provide additional information to substantiate her arguments in favour of interest repayment.

In Favour: All members except
Against: Ald. Walton and McCluskey
Motion Carried

2.3.2 VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPT. - SUPPLEMENTARY REPORT

VOLUNTEER
FIRE DEPT.

A report from the Finance & Program Review Committee was before Council on the subject of the Volunteer Fire Dept., and a report presented some time ago on the phasing out of the volunteer force. That report contained four options, of which option four was favoured when the item was previously under consideration. The Committee has now recommended a number of

modifications to option four, recommending that option 4 be adopted by Council with those modifications.

MOTION: To adopt Option 4 of the City Administrator's report, dated June 20/88, on the phasing out of the Volunteer Fire Dept., with the following modifications:

- 1) All volunteer fire fighters are to be given honorary life membership, effective Jan. 1/89.
- 2) The Honorary Association will be able to hold their meetings at least twice monthly at the Woodside Fire Hall.
- 3) The honorary members are to receive the annual \$40. honorarium.
- 4) In lieu of the \$2,000. proposed for an annual dinner, a grant of \$2,000. to be made to the Honorary Association.
- 5) The U.P.C. group to be included under the same conditions, but their grant annually be \$400.

Moved: Ald. Greenough
Second: Ald. Thompson
In Favour: All members except
Against: Ald. Walton
Motion Carried

Ald. Greenough asked that an expression of thanks go out to the Volunteers and to the U.P.C., from the City, for their years of past service.

3.0 REPORTS

3.1 TRANSIT ADVISORY BOARD

3.1.1 VERBAL REPORT - CHRIS PRENTICE - METRO TRANSIT

VERBAL REPORT:
CHRIS PRENTICE

Mr. Prentice of Metro Transit was present to discuss transit matters with members of Council. He explained to Council the budget reductions that had to be made this year; otherwise, the participating municipalities would have been faced with a major increase in their cost-sharing (39.8%). Part of the reduction was accomplished through service changes on transit routes where it was felt that changes would impact least on

levels of service. Through these service changes, it was possible to achieve a saving in the area of \$400,000.

Ald. Pye and Woods objected to reduced service levels on routes 51 and 53 in the north end of the City, especially in view of the fact that these routes produce high rates of farebox return from their operation. Ald. Greenough also indicated his objection to the change to hourly service on route 55 in Ward 6. He said it has taken a long time to get this route operating to the point where it was satisfactory to residents, and now, with this service reduction, the gains that were made in improving service, have been lost.

At a subsequent point in the discussions with Mr. Prentice, a motion was presented in connection with the service changes on routes 51, 53, and 55.

MOTION: That the service reductions on transit routes 51, 53 and 55 be referred back to the Metropolitan Authority (Transit Division) for further consideration.

Moved: Ald. Pye
Second: Ald. Greenough
In Favour: All members except
Against: Ald. Levandier
Motion Carried

Ald. McCluskey referred to information she requested for Council on ridership statistics, and the Mayor asked that this print-out sheet, plus the Metro Route Review information, be provided to those members of Council who do not serve on the Transit Advisory Board. Members of the Board have already received the information referred to by Ald. McCluskey.

Mr. Prentice was asked to respond in writing to a number of questions from Ald. Rodgers and Ald. Hetherington. The questions raised by Ald. Rodgers are as follows:

- 1) a listing of general staff positions and the number of people in each of the original categories for the past five years, identifying any new positions for each of the five years.

- 2) the total payroll, salary and benefits, shown yearly, identifying the percentage of general increase for each of the categories requested in item 1.
- 3) staff turn-over: please advise on the number of staff turn-over in each of the past five years, categorize them in each category, as suggested in item 1.

Questions from Ald. Hetherington were as follows:

- 1) how many grievances against Metro Transit have there been in the past month, and what were the costs involved for adjudication.
- 2) how many of these have been won or lost by Metro Transit.
- 3) why is there such a large staff turn-over (within Metro Transit) and what is the estimated staff turn-over in the past twelve months.

Mr. Prentice was thanked for attending Council and for his discussion with the members.

(A motion was adopted to continue meeting beyond the hour of 11:00 p.m., moved by Ald. Woods and seconded by Ald. Pye.)

3.2 CITY ADMINISTRATOR

3.2.1 SPECIAL CONSTABLE STATUS - RES. 89-19

SPECIAL
CONSTABLE
RES. 89-19

Council was asked to approve Resolution 89-19, appointing Special Constables (John R. McManamy, Stephen K. John Dugie) to issue parking tickets for a twelve-month period. Mr. Burke has recommended approval of the resolution.

MOTION: To adopt Resolution 89-19, appointing Special Constables to issue parking tickets, as recommended.

Moved: Ald. McCluskey
Second: Ald. Greenough
In Favour: All
Against: None
Motion Carried

3.2.2 APPLICATION FOR DEVELOPMENT AGREEMENT - 6 & 8 FAIRBANKS ST.

APPLICATION:
6 & 8 FAIR-
BANKS ST.

Report to Council from Mr. Burke (D. Bayer, G. L'Esperance) on a Development Agreement application for 6 & 8 Fairbanks Street. The application is to permit a two-unit residential building to be constructed on an undersized lot. It has been recommended that Council set May 23rd as the date for public hearing of this application.

MOTION: That Council set May 23rd as the date for public hearing of a Development Agreement application for 6 and 8 Fairbanks Street, as recommended.

Moved: Ald. Levandier
Second: Ald. Walton
In Favour: All
Against: None
Motion Carried

3.2.3 APPLICATION, PLACE OF AMUSEMENT, FUN WORLD, PENHORN MALL

APPLICATION:
FUN WORLD
PENHORN MALL

Council has been asked to indicate any objection to the issuance of a license for a Place of Amusement (Kiddie Korner), submitted by Fun World, Penhorn Mall. A motion was presented by Ald. MacFarlane in connection with this application.

MOTION: That the City of Dartmouth not register objection to this application, on the understanding that this is to be a facility for young children, and on the specific condition that the City of Dartmouth will have an opportunity to review the license before it is renewed, which is to occur on an annual basis;

And further to this, that any reviews of the license would include consultation with the City of Dartmouth through the process currently utilized by the Amusement Board.

Moved: Ald. MacFarlane
Second: Ald. Thompson
In Favour: All
Against: None
Motion Carried

Council adjourned to meet in camera at 11:10 p.m.
and later reconvened in open meeting to ratify
the action taken in camera.

MOTION: To ratify the action taken
while meeting in camera on
this date.

Moved: Ald. Hetherington

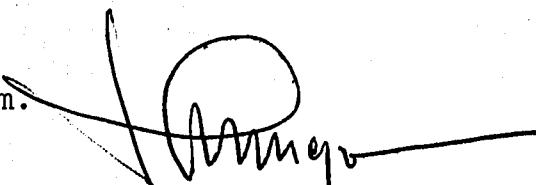
Second: Ald. MacFarlane

In Favour: All

Against: None

Motion Carried

Meeting adjourned at 11:35 p.m.



Larry Corrigan,
Deputy City Treasurer.

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