

DARTMOUTH CITY COUNCIL

DECEMBER 5, 1989

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

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

MEMBER ABSENT: ALD. MCCLUSKEY

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

INVOCATION

The Invocation was led by Deputy Mayor Thompson, to open the meeting.

POINTS OF PRIVILEGE

Further to a request made by Ald. Hetherington, for a commissionaire at Alderney Manor, he extended his thanks to the Dartmouth Housing Authority for engaging a commissionaire to be on duty there during the night-time hours.

Ald. Hawley and other members, expressed their concern that No Left Turn signs have been erected on Victoria Road at Tulip and Dahlia Streets. Ald. Hawley asked that a flashing left-turn signal be considered for this location, by the T.M.G., and Ald. Billard said the T.M.G. should be required to meet immediately to deal with this problem.

Ald. MacFarlane did not feel the traffic change was publicized as it should have been, resulting in the many traffic violation charges, which he considered to be unfair under the circumstances. Mr. Burke explained some of the difficulties faced by the T.M.G. in attempting to deal with what are major traffic problem decisions. He proposed a meeting of the T.M.G. with the two ward Aldermen for the area, to try and resolve the concerns raised by members. Ald. Levandier indicated that he is prepared to stand by the No Left Turn decision, in order to alleviate some of the heavy traffic on residential streets in this section of the city. He noted that a petition from Dahlia and Tulip Street residents was presented at Council some time ago, requesting the No Left Turn

signs on those streets.

1.0 APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MOTION: To approve the minutes of meetings held on Nov. 7, 14, 21, and 28th, with the following corrections:

- 1) Nov. 7th minutes, page 10: final paragraph should read Pinecrest and Albro Lake Road instead of the present wording.
- 2) Nov. 28th, page 9: Ald. Rodgers asked for cost information on the complete facility, including the cost of land for all the high priority sites, so that Council could be made aware of the cost of all locations.

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

2.0 BUSINESS ARISING OUT OF MINUTES

Further to the inquiry made by Ald. Hetherington at the Nov. 28th meeting, regarding money that is owed to Dartmouth by other municipalities, he asked for a breakdown by municipality of the \$438,000. figure provided since that meeting.

3.0 DELEGATIONS & HEARINGS OF PROTEST

4.0 ORIGINAL COMMUNICATIONS

5.0 PETITIONS

6.0 PRESENTATION

7.0 REPORTS

7.1 CITY ADMINISTRATOR

7.1.1 WATER SYSTEM EXTENSIONS

WATER SYSTEM
EXTENSIONS

Report from Mr. Burke (R. Fougere, E. Purdy) on three applications from the County of Halifax for water system extensions to Carlisle Place, Dianne Plains Subdivision, and Montague Estates. It is recommended that the applications be given tentative approval, which will permit the respective developers

to proceed with final design.

MOTION: To approve the recommendation that tentative approval be given for water system extensions to Carlisle Place, Dianne Plains Subdivision, and Montague Estates.

Moved: Ald. Greenough
Second: Ald. Hetherington

Concerns raised by Ald. Hetherington about the sizing of pipes, were discussed with Mr. Purdy. Mr. Purdy said these concerns will be addressed by requesting that pipe sizes be shown on the plans when they come in to the Engineering Dept.

Ald. Woods asked about meetings between City and County Planning staff, and when Council can expect a report from those meetings. Mr. Burke agreed to have a report within the next week or two.

Questions from Ald. Pye about the production capability of the City water system, were responded to by Mr. Burke. He also provided information on the present status of the water depreciation fund and its adequacy to look after the existing water system, but not a new filtration plant for the system. The vote was taken on the motion.

In Favour: All
Against: None
Motion Carried

7.2 DARTMOUTH HOUSING COMMITTEE

7.2.1 PROPOSAL FOR A NINE-UNIT HOUSING PROJECT

PROPOSAL:
HOUSING PROJECT

A report from the Dartmouth Housing Committee was before Council on nine units of housing being proposed in conjunction with the Dartmouth Non-Profit Housing Society, to include the provision of some housing for post-mentally ill people. Two recommendations have been made to Council in connection with this item.

MOTION: To approve the two following recommendations to Council on nine housing units being proposed by the Dartmouth Housing Committee:

- 1) that Council approve a grant of up to \$200,000. for the acquisition and renovation of up to nine units of housing, of which three will be operated by the Dartmouth Non-Profit Housing Society, and six will be operated by the Crystal Heights Housing Co-operative, a non-profit co-operative housing association developed under the direction of the Dartmouth Non-Profit Housing Society, the Dartmouth Housing Co-ordinator, and Cornerstone Housing Society.
- 2) further, that funds be granted, subject to the signing of the project operating agreements (attached to the report to Council) between the City and the non-profit housing organizations; and that funds returned to the City under the terms of these agreements, be allocated for a special fund to be used for the development of affordable housing in Dartmouth.

Moved: Ald. Hetherington

Second: Ald. Sarto

Ald. Pye asked that in future, before decisions such as this one are made on housing units for north-end locations, both he and Ald. Woods should be informed of the proposal and recommendations. Questions from Ald. Rodgers about the procedures involved in housing co-op/Non-Profit projects such as this one, were responded to by Ald. Hetherington, Chairman of the Dartmouth Non-Profit Housing Society, and Mr. Duke, the Housing Coordinator, who was present for this item. The vote was taken on the motion.

In Favour: All

Against: None

Motion Carried

7.3 FINANCE & PROGRAM REVIEW COMMITTEE

7.3.1 TAX EXEMPTION - NOVA SCOTIA SOCIETY FOR THE PREVENTION OF CRUELTY

TAX EXEMPTION:
SOCIETY FOR THE
PREVENTION OF
CRUELTY

The Finance & Program Review Committee has reported to Council on a tax exemption request from the N. S. Society for the Prevention of Cruelty, for their proposed facility on Scarfe Court in the Burnside Park. The Committee recommends that the request be denied.

MOTION: To adopt the recommendation of the Finance & Program Review Committee that the tax exemption request from the N. S. Society for the Prevention of Cruelty, be denied.

Moved: Ald. Levandier
Second: Ald. Hetherington

(Ald. Connors was present from this point in the meeting.)

Ald. Woods suggested that perhaps the request deserves further consideration, in exchange for a possible stray cat service the SPC might be willing to undertake. He was willing to look at the request further in that light. Ald. Greenough noted that tenders would have to be called in the regular way for stray cat services, rather than designating the SPC and giving them an exemption in return for services. The vote was taken on the motion.

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

8.0 MOTIONS

8.1 ALD. BILLARD

8.1.1 STIPENDS FOR ALL MEMBERS OF SCHOOL BOARD

MOTION: WHEREAS Aldermen appointees carry as heavy a work-load as any other members of the School Board, but do not receive a stipend similar to all other members.

BE IT RESOLVED that Dartmouth City Council request of the Dartmouth District School Board, that stipends be made available to all serving members, including Aldermen.

Moved: Ald. Billard
Second: Ald. Pye

Ald. Billard felt that it is discriminatory to expect Aldermen to serve on the School Board, in the same capacity as other members, and to assume the same duties, but without the remuneration received by other members.

Members who spoke on the motion, recognized the heavy workload that School Board members have, but in spite of that fact, did not tend to support the motion, especially in view of the committee structure review presently in progress and the implications of Board and Committee revisions that can be expected from the review. Ald. MacFarlane suggested deferral of the motion presented until the report of the Finance & Program Review Committee is received.

MOTION: To defer the motion presented by Ald. Billard until such time as the report of the Finance & Program Review Committee, on the structure of Boards and Committees, is received.

Moved: Ald. MacFarlane

Second: Ald. Walton

In Favour: All members except

Against: Ald. Rodgers & Billard

Motion Carried

8.2 ALD. MACFARLANE

8.2.1 DEED TRANSFER RATE - HOME OWNERSHIP ASSISTANCE PRINCIPLE

MOTION: WHEREAS the current deed transfer tax is set at 1.25%, regardless of property value;

AND WHEREAS this poses an additional burden on those purchasing homes for less than \$100,000.;

AND WHEREAS it is important that the City of Dartmouth assist new home buyers who comprise a significant majority of the market for homes under \$100,000.;

AND WHEREAS other municipalities such as the Town of Bedford, have adopted a deed transfer of 1% for homes under \$100,000.;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Finance & Program Review Committee consider this matter, using the home ownership assistance principle as a basis for its deliberations, with a final recommendation to Council in time to make revenue adjustments for the 1990 budget.

Moved: Ald. MacFarlane
Second: Ald. Pye

Members in favour of the motion felt that the deed transfer tax is regressive, in that it delivers no service in return, and may in fact, be discouraging growth within the City. Ald. Pye said the tax is a double form of taxation. Members opposed, noted that this source of revenue would have to be replaced with something else, if a decision were made to collect it only on homes over the \$100,000. figure quoted.

It was suggested that the Committee consider:

- 1) some alternative kind of financial incentive for first-time home buyers for family use, that would assist them in place of the tax.
- 2) the feasibility of deleting the 1.25% tax altogether, from homes both over and under \$100,000.
- 3) the feasibility of a deed transfer tax deferral.
- 4) the possible targeting of certain areas of the City in which to solidify residential development possibilities.

The vote was taken on the motion.

In Favour: All members except
Against: Ald. Greenough, Hawley, Hetherington
Motion Carried

9.0

ENQUIRIES & ANSWERS

ALD. SARTO

Ald. Sarto made the following enquiries:

- 1) asked if Council would be willing to consider not only the payment of principle, but accumulated interest as well, in the case of betterment charges that were paid prior to the decision taken to exempt those charges. Mr. Burke to look into this enquiry.
- 2) requested a report for the first meeting in January, from the T.M.G., on the requested installation of Stop signs at Spring Ave. and Mount Edward Road; a petition in this connection was previously tabled and referred to the T.M.G.

ALD. PYE

Ald. Pye asked that the Bridge Commission be contacted and requested to improve the left-turn signage on Wyse Road, at the Angus L. MacDonald bridgehead.

He also requested information from the Bridge Commission on their policy with respect to towing services for vehicles involved in accidents on the bridges; how long do they wait before towing vehicles?

ALD. BILLARD

Ald. Billard commended the Engineering Dept. for information circulated on snow removal, the area designations and cost per area, etc. He said the Department should be encouraged to continue with this kind of information dissemination through the winter.

ALD. WALTON

Ald. Walton asked why the City's share of funding for the Metropolitan Authority appears to have decreased, as projected. Mr. Burke agreed to provide information in response to the enquiry.

ALD. LEVANDIER

Ald. Levandier asked about a letter forwarded by the Chairman of the Commons Committee to the Sportsplex Commission, on the subject of the grassing of the upper parking lot behind the Sportsplex, and possible cost-sharing with the Sportsplex in such a project. He asked whether this item should not have first come to Council, and whether, in fact, the Committee can by-pass Council in making such a proposal. The Solicitor agreed to provide a report on the structure of the Commons Committee and its jurisdictional authority. (Ald. Hawley requested a copy of the correspondence referred to by Ald. Levandier.)

ALD. CONNORS

Ald. Connors requested further information on charges that may be levied on any vehicle taking garbage to the transfer station to dispose of it (ie. other than commercial garbage vehicles). Further, in this connection, he asked if there is a particular use being designated for monies generated by this means.

10.0

NOTICES OF MOTION

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

1) Ald. Hetherington

WHEREAS the corner of Blink Bonnie Terrace and Old Ferry Road has a problem every time it rains, with the property of 29 Blink Bonnie Terrace washing away;

BE IT SO RESOLVED that the Engineering Dept. look at a solution to the problem and try to correct it.

Ald. Rogers

2) WHEREAS elected officials (Aldermen and Mayor), appointed to the Metropolitan Authority and the Bridge Commission, receive a stipend over and above their regular City stipend;

AND WHEREAS a large number of Aldermen do not support a similar stipend suggested by Ald. Billard for Aldermen serving on the Dartmouth School Board;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that Dartmouth City Council review the various stipends and other benefits that accrue to some elected members, to insure that the City is consistent in its policy;

AND FURTHER, BE IT RESOLVED that the City Charter be amended as necessary to comply with Council's decision on this notice of motion.

3) Ald. MacFarlane

WHEREAS progressive recycling practice includes municipal programs for composting of leaves;

AND WHEREAS other municipalities in the country have established effective programs in this regard;

BE IT RESOLVED that staff investigate the feasibility of applying this concept in the City of Dartmouth, with a recommendation to Council, detailing a program model, predicted costs and benefits, anticipated community response, and potential impact on the City's gardening requirements.

CAPITAL BUDGET - 1990

Members were provided with their capital budget estimates for 1990, and a motion to table the capital budget was presented.

MOTION: To table the 1990 capital budget estimates. Capital budget discussions to begin next Tuesday night, Dec. 12th.

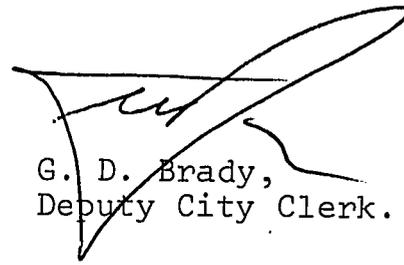
Moved: Ald. Levandier
Second: Ald. Hetherington
In Favour: All
Against: None
Motion Carried

Council then went in camera, on motion of Ald. Sarto and Levandier. After reconvening in open meeting, the action taken in camera was ratified, on motion of Ald. Hetherington and Billard.

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

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

Meeting adjourned at 10:30 p.m.



G. D. Brady,
Deputy City Clerk.

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DECEMBER 12, 1989

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TIME: 7:30 P.M.

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

CITY ADMINISTRATOR: J. BURKE
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OBSERVANCE OF SILENCE

At the opening of the meeting, Council observed a minute of silence in remembrance of the fourteen women students killed in Montreal, followed by a minute of silence in memory of Dr. Helen Creighton, whose death occurred today.

The Mayor informed Council that a grant is being made to Bryony House by the City, in memory of the students, and he also advised that planning for a Festival of Folk Music, associated with the life-work of Dr. Creighton, is going forward.

POINTS OF PRIVILEGE

Points of privilege raised by members were as follows:

- 1) Ald. Hetherington - asked what course of action can begin to be pursued by the City to try and collect money owed to Dartmouth by other municipalities, amounting in total to \$483,000. Ald. Hetherington did not want to see these debts written off, and felt that the City must actively pursue their collection this time. As a preliminary step to doing this, he requested information from staff on which of the accounts are long-standing, as opposed to more recent accounts owing by the City and County of Halifax, which we can expect to have paid. Ald. McCluskey later expressed similar concerns about this issue.
- 2) Ald. Connors - asked that the Mayor intercede in trying to have direct bus service reinstated for the convenience of people living at 1 Oak Street and at Eastwood Manor, many of whom are senior citizens. He outlined the problems these people

are having with the transfer system introduced during the recent transit route change, describing the present situation as completely unsatisfactory.

- 3) Ald. Pye - commented on the interest indicated by TUNS in relocating, and said he hoped the City would make some overture toward the President and/or the Board of Directors, regarding the possibility of their relocating in Dartmouth.
- 4) Ald. Hawley - brought to the attention of Council, the fact that for the first time, the City has gone over the figure of 100 million in new construction, for the year 1989. He commented on the significance of this information for the City.

1.0

1990 CAPITAL BUDGET1990 CAPITAL
BUDGET

Mr. Burke proceeded with the presentation of the 1990 Capital Budget and capital projections to 1992 ('94). In making his presentation to Council, he first reviewed the policy followed from the early '80's of restricting capital expenditures in any given year to the amount of the previous year's debt retirement, plus the current capital grant received from the Province. There was a deviation from this policy for 1989 to provide for the civic centre complex and library, and Mr. Burke is recommending a similar deviation for the 1990 budget, to provide for a new police station. This deviation will also be required in 1991 and 1992, to cover the financing for the police station over that three-year period.

Mr. Burke advised Council that the budget has been structured along the A,B,C budget lines proposed last year by Ald. Rodgers, "A" being the reference to City-wide projects, "B", the local or ward projects, and "C", the new police station. In net dollar terms, the breakdown is:

"A" - \$3,208,000.
"B" - 4,567,100.
"C" - 2,500,000.

Council was advised that a specific funding recommendation for the Akerley Blvd. extension is being held in abeyance at this time, based on the 1989 experience with tenders for Burnside projects, many of which came in under budget and thereby made available additional funding for Burnside, not foreseen at budget time last year.

Mr. Burke also explained why the amount of \$30,000. is not being recommended for location of the Tourist Bureau in the Museum building. Instead, an expenditure of \$10,000. is recommended for signage, to direct tourists to other information sites, and additionally, \$15,000. has also been included as a recommended expenditure, for a tourist information kiosk in the Alderney Gate complex.

The sections of the budget which include the Water Utility, Burnside, and the School Bus Garage are treated separately, since they are financed other than through debenture financing. While the Water Utility projects (capital) are recommended for funding from the depreciation fund, Mr. Burke brought to Council's attention, that it will become necessary to start providing for water treatment plant improvements that will have to be carried out in the future.

In the final portion of his presentation, Mr. Burke provided information to show Council the effect of net debt charges on the City's operating budget. He pointed out that when we incur 2.5 million dollars in capital debt, it adds \$437,500. to the operating budget in debt charges, or 1.6¢ on the tax rate.

The total capital budget for the City, being recommended for the year 1990 (net cost) is in the amount of \$10,275,100., or 2.5 million higher than the established policy from previous years for debt servicing.

Members of Council were given the opportunity to make general statements on the budget, and to raise general questions, before getting into the individual sections in a detailed review. Specific points that came out of this question period were as follows:

- 1) Ald. Greenough felt that a fire station site for east Dartmouth should be identified, and some provision made for land acquisition. He requested an updated briefing on the sites under consideration, so that Council is made aware of this information.
- 2) Ald. Thompson asked why the Tobin Drive/Wanda Lane brook-gabion wall project has not been included with the list of projects to be carried on beyond 1989. Mr. Fougere said the item was overlooked and should be included, in the amount of \$81,000.

- 3) Ald. Levandier felt that Council should be looking at other ways of financing the police station, rather than funding it entirely through the City's capital budget. He discussed this point with Mr. Burke.
- 4) Ald. Connors was concerned that with the present capital budget scenario, we are in fact, not providing sufficient funding to maintain our infrastructure and continue necessary improvements to our capital assets. He said it is time for a more sophisticated analysis of capital spending procedures in this light. One or two other members shared this concern, but it was balanced with a caution that projects have to be absolutely required and there is a need to maintain the City's debt load at the lowest possible point.

(Ald. MacFarlane was present from this point in the meeting.)

- 5) An item that received particular attention was the condition of the library-museum building, its usefulness for a Museum, and the opinion of several members that the Tourist Bureau should be located in this building in preference to the information sites recommended, such as the one at MicMac Mall. The item received further attention when Council got into the review of individual budget sections.
- 6) Further to comments made by Mr. Burke, about the impact of the GST, that can be expected in future years, the Mayor advised that accountants will be coming to a meeting of Council in January, to provide additional information. Members agreed this would be worthwhile.

The general response of Council to the capital budget was positive, aside from some individual changes that members may want to make, and some additions or deletions that may be decided during the review process.

After returning from a short break, Council began a section-by-section review of the capital budget.

A motion was placed on the floor to approve the capital budget.

MOTION: To approve the 1990 Capital Budget with accompanying projections to 1992 ('94).

Moved: Ald. Billard
Second: Ald. Rodgers

Section 2 - Equipment & Vehicles

Ald. Connors questioned the deletion of Sportsplex items (page 2-19), and was advised by Mr. Burke that these will be provided for in capital out of revenue instead.

Mr. Rath responded to questions from Ald. Hawley about assistance with entrance signs to the City. He said he has been contacted by the Dartmouth East Rotary Club, about their interest in assisting.

Section 3 - Buildings

** Ald. Connors requested that the Quaker House renovations (page 3-4) be reconsidered for funding in 1990, so that the building will not continue to deteriorate before they can be completed. This item noted for further attention. (\$72,000.)

** Ald. Connors proposed that the \$10,000. projection for Tourist Bureau signage (page 3-28) be moved up for inclusion with the Museum renovations item (page 3-5), for a total of \$60,000., in order to include the Tourist Bureau in the Museum building. Ald. Rodgers felt the \$15,000. projection for a Tourist Information Kiosk (page 3-29) should also be transferred for inclusion with the Museum renovations (page 3-5) for the same purpose. It was requested that consideration be given to these changes.

The Mayor noted that it would be advisable to hear from the Tourist Commission on their recommended choice of site for the Tourist Bureau, if funds are to be transferred to locate it in the Museum building.

- ** Ald. Sarto requested reconsideration of the item Metal Overhead Doors for Arenas (page 3-22). This item noted for further attention. (\$6,500.)

With reference to the item Recolouring, Dartmouth & Halifax ferry terminals (page 3-25), Ald. Connors requested that Council be provided with a report if a color scheme is planned for the coordination of all civic buildings in this downtown location.

Ald. McCluskey indicated concerns about the cost of work required on the City Hall building, the Findlay Community Centre, and the Crichton Ave. Community Centre. She considered these costs to be excessive in all cases, considering the amount of work that has been done already on the three of them. Discussed with Mr. Burke.

Section 4 - Data Processing

No questions or requests for reconsideration.

Section 5 - Traffic Improvement

There were quite a number of questions about the priority determination on which projects have been recommended in this section. Mr. Bayer explained the role of the T.M.G. in making these recommendations, and the final selection, based on traffic counts and warrants that determine the safety requirements for a particular intersection and/or street location.

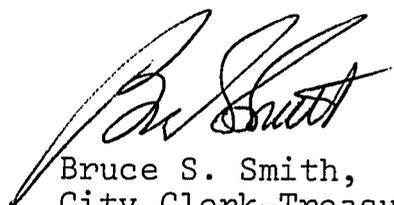
Ald. Sarto was particularly concerned about item Portland Street/Regal Road signals (page 5-3), which he discussed with Mr. Bayer at some length. Mr. Bayer explained why the street widening is considered necessary at this location, to provide for holding lanes, before traffic lights could be safely installed. This opinion of the T.M.G. is also shared by the Transportation Dept. Ald. Sarto commented on the number of accidents that have already occurred at this location, and the Mayor suggested that the Police Dept. be requested to provide information first on the actual number of accidents recorded. Then Ald. Sarto can proceed further with the item from there, if he wishes to do so.

** Ald. Pye requested that the item Traffic Signals, Windmill Road/Princess Margaret Blvd. (page 5-10) be moved forward from 1992 to 1991. He asked for further consideration of this request.

Ald. Woods referred to several projects listed for the years 1991 and 1992, that he felt should be brought forward as well. The Mayor asked Ald. Woods to put his request in a letter to Mr. Bayer, for further consideration.

Concerns raised by Ald. Billard about the Portland Street/Manor Park lights, the Portland Street/Prince Arthur Ave. traffic signals, and the traffic signals at Victoria Road & Thistle Street, were discussed with Mr. Bayer. Mr. Bayer noted that the recommendation of his department (the T.M.G.) has always been in favour of the lights for Portland Street & Prince Arthur, over the Portland St/Gaston Road location. The requested modification to the Portland Street/Manor Park lights, will come from capital out of revenue.

At the hour of 11:00 p.m., Council adjourned, at the completion of the review of Section 5. Further capital budget discussions will resume at the Dec. 19th Council meeting.


Bruce S. Smith,
City Clerk-Treasurer.

ITEMS:

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WALTON, HETHERINGTON

MEMBER ABSENT: ALD. LEVANDIER

CITY ADMINISTRATOR: J. BURKE
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WELCOME - SCOUT TROOP

Mayor Savage welcomed to the meeting, four members of the Eighth Dartmouth Scout troop, present with their leader for the meeting.

POINTS OF PRIVILEGE

Points of privilege raised were as follows:

- 1) Ald. Billard - asked that the vendor at the Woodside ferry concession be requested to discontinue using foam cups for coffee, since many of these are ending up in the harbour waters.
- 2) Ald. MacFarlane - commended the Parks & Recreation Dept. for organizing the carol sing held on Dec. 18th as a special event for the Christmas season.
- 3) Ald. Pye - informed Council that the selection of best-decorated properties will take place again this year. Aldermen are asked to view the properties in their wards on Dec. 26th and to report to the committee (Ald. McCluskey, Pye and Thompson) by Dec. 28th. The committee will view the properties on Dec. 29th and 30th. Presentation of the awards to winners will be scheduled for the second Council meeting in January.
- 4) Ald. McCluskey - commended the Parks & Recreation Dept. for their quick response in erecting 'Thin Ice' signs on Little Albro Lake, after being contacted by a resident of 35 Limardo Drive.

1.0 REPORTS
1.1 CITY ADMINISTRATOR
1.1.1 TENDER - TANDEM AXLE TRUCK

TENDER:
AXEL TRUCK

Report from Mr. Burke (Harry George) on tenders received for a tandem axle truck, recommending that the tender be awarded to Nova Enterprises at a total tendered price of \$84,900., with no trade.

MOTION: To award the tender for a tandem axel truck to Nova Enterprises, at a total tendered price of \$84,900., as recommended.

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

1.1.2 TENDER - FUEL CONTROL SYSTEM

TENDER: FUEL
CONTROL SYSTEM

Report from Mr. Burke (Harry George) on tenders received for a fuel control system, recommending that the tender be awarded to RNG Equipment Ltd., for the total tendered price of \$39,095.70.

MOTION: To award the tender for a fuel control system to RNG Equipment Ltd., for the total tender price of \$39,095.70.

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

1.1.3 APPLICATION TO AMEND LAND USE BY-LAW - 43 DAWSON ST.

APPLICATION:
43 DAWSON ST.

A report was before Council from Mr. Burke (D. Bayer, G. L'Esperance) on an application to rezone property at 43 Dawson Street from R-2 Zone to C-2 Zone, recommending that January 23/90 be set as the date for public hearing of this application.

MOTION: To set Jan. 23/90 as the date for public hearing of an application to rezone property at 43 Dawson St. from R-2 Zone to C-2 Zone.

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

1.1.4 APPLICATION, RETAIL VIDEO OUTLET, 176 PORTLAND ST.

APPLICATION:
VIDEO OUTLET
176 PORTLAND ST.

Council was asked to indicate any objection to an application for a retail video outlet at the Shoppers Drug Mart, 176 Portland Street. This use is in a General Commercial Zone and the Police Dept. have expressed no concerns to this application.

MOTION: To indicate no objection to the application for a retail video outlet at the Shoppers Drug Mart, 176 Portland Street.

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

Ald. Hetherington requested copies of the letter sent by the Mayor to the Minister of Consumer Affairs, and the Police Dept. statements that were also sent, pertaining to the objections of Council to arcade licenses, as discussed at previous meetings.

1.1.5 UNCOLLECTIBLE ACCOUNTS RECEIVABLE

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A report from Mr. Burke (B. Smith, L. Corrigan) on uncollectible accounts receivable, to be written off by the City, has been submitted. The report recommends that Council authorize the write-off of accounts listed in the report, totalling \$249,196.59.

MOTION: To adopt the recommendation that Council authorize the write-off of uncollectible accounts totalling \$249,196.59.

Moved: Ald. Sarto
Second: Ald. Hetherington

Ald. McCluskey again requested that consideration be given to the water deposit requirement she suggested previously, and also, a listing by the Assessment Dept. of the owner's name, in the case of limited companies. Mr. Corrigan advised that this latter request was made to the Assessment Dept., and Mr. Burke said he would take the water deposit requirement under advisement.

Ald. McCluskey also asked that in future listings of accounts outstanding, indicate the length of time they have been owing to the City. Other members felt this information would be helpful.

In attempting to address some of the concerns raised by members of Council about collection procedures and the City's rate of success in collecting outstanding accounts, Mr. Corrigan gave an information presentation, copies of which were circulated to all members. This presentation included information on steps that have been taken to improve the collection of business occupancy taxes. Ald. Rodgers requested further information on the effectiveness of the collection firm the City uses, including the time frame during which they were retained and the value of receivables before being turned over to the firm.

The vote was taken on the motion

In Favour: All

Against: None

Motion Carried

1.1.6

ALDERNEY GATE/FERRY TERMINAL FIT-UP

ALDERNEY GATE/
FERRY TERMINAL
FIT-UP

Mr. Burke has submitted a report on the proposed fit-up of the ferry terminal office area for an upset price of \$70,000., to be carried out in conjunction with the 'fit-up' work being conducted in the Civic Centre/Alderney Gate project. This will allow the Social Services Dept. to move into the ferry terminal space and allow Planning & Development and Engineering to move into the new Centre. Two recommendations have been made in this connection.

MOTION: To adopt the two recommendations on the fit-up of Alderney Gate/Ferry Terminal, as follows:

- 1) the City authorize the owner of City Centre Ltd. to proceed with fitting up the ferry terminal office area to suit the tenancy of the Social Services Dept. for an upset price of \$70,000.
- 2) the funds to support the cost be provided through a reallocation of the \$1,000,000. budget for library furniture, fixturing & equipment, leaving a next year's budget of \$930,000. and \$70,000. for ferry terminal offices.

Moved: Ald. Greenough
Second: Ald. Sarto

There were questions from members about the possible rental of the ferry terminal space to tenants other than a City department, at a higher rate for what is considered to be prime office space. Also, it was felt that the rental rate for Queen Square, under a new lease for Social Services, should be checked out, for comparison with the ferry terminal rental rate, to determine any saving. Ald. Connors wished to have this item deferred for additional information on the points raised in debate.

MOTION: To defer this item until the next Council meeting (Jan. 2nd) for additional information on rental rates and any areas of possible saving to the City involved.

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

Having completed the items on the agenda for this meeting, Council proceeded on to the Capital Budget review.

Council continued with the review and discussion of the 1990 Capital Budget.

Section 6

Ald. McCluskey inquired if the cost of the Woodland Avenue and Kingston Crescent sewer (page 6-6) included the easements. Mr. Fougere replied that there is normally no cost for easements.

Ald. Hetherington questioned the effects of not completing the Old Ferry Road Trunk Sewer - Phase 4 (page 6-7). Mr. Purdy replied that they have to wait to determine the effects of the harbour cleanup on this project.

Ald. Walton inquired as to why the Belmont Avenue Sewage Treatment Plant (Page 6-3) was not treated as a ward project and not a city project. The Engineering Department replied this was due to the fact that the project is strictly in Ward 7.

The memo regarding the tourist and visitor information centre from Mr. Tom Rath addressed to Mr. Burke was discussed. Ald. Billard questioned how the estimate for the renovations could double from \$30,000 to \$70,000 in one week. Mr. Rath explained that the \$30,000 included only the basic interior improvements and the additional amount included things such as signage, equipment, furnishings, etc. Ald. Billard inquired as to why these additions were not included in the first estimate. He expressed concerns as to budget figures throughout the budget debate not being the same as the actual figures.

Ald. Sarto expressed concerns regarding the Portland Street/Regal Road Signals (page 5-3). The Chief of Police reported that the intersection of Caldwell Road and Portland Street has road signals and the same number of accidents have occurred as at the Portland Street/Regal Road intersection. He felt that road signals would not be a guaranteed solution to this problem. Mr. Bayer also agreed that road signals are not the only thing necessary to solve this problem. Ald. Thompson echoed Ald. Sarto's concerns and asked Mr. Bayer if anything was happening with the acquisition of land to widen the road. Mr. Bayer replied that the City already owned the necessary land. Ald. Sarto asked the Council to approve the installation of road signals at the Portland Street/Regal Road intersection if there was a surplus of approximately \$50,000 in the capital budget. This was voted on and met with agreement with the Council.

Section 7

Ald. Connors questioned the North Dartmouth Shore Drainage System and its necessity in being completed this year and why this would

not have been funded under the Burnside account. Mr. Burke explained that it was a necessary project and the Burnside account did not have the funds necessary for this particular work. Ald. Connors suggested that this item be left on the budget but it deserves more attention than could be given at this meeting. He suggested that a report from staff should be completed to justify this project and that Council have more time to discuss this item.

Ald. Pye expressed concerns regarding the Ditch (Princess Margaret Boulevard from Baffin to Iroquois) (Page 7-8) as he felt that this item was of such importance that it should be dealt with today. He noted that Ald. Woods made adjustments to the Ward 5 allocation so that this item will come in the 1990 budget rather than 1991. Council and the Engineering Department agreed to this reallocation.

Ald. Billard questioned the item of the reconstruction on Chittick Avenue. He stated that he would like to come back to this item later.

Ald. Hetherington discussed the North Dartmouth Storm Drainage System (Page 7-9) with Mr. Fougere. Ald. Hetherington stated that he would like to see the Engineering reports regarding Highfield Park. He would also like to see the design of what is there now and what is being proposed. Mr. Fougere said this would be possible.

Ald. Walton inquired about the Drainage Project for Osborne Avenue to Irving Street (Page 7-4). He was asking about the difference in the estimates. Mr. Fougere explained that this was due to the fact that the project is now longer.

SECTION 8

Ald. Rodgers inquired as to why the combined estimates for the Collector Woodlawn Road (Mount Edward Rd. to Portland St.) (Page 8-18) have gone down from last year. Mr. Fougere explained that this was because the Woodlawn Road estimates were more refined this year than last year. Ald. Rodgers expressed concerns regarding the estimates and not knowing if they are going to above or below budget. He inquired of the City Administrator if comparisons of estimates from last year's budget. Mr. Burke explained that they A budget was over by \$200,000 and the B budget was under by \$300,000.

Ald. Billard expressed concerns with estimates in this section in particular with Sections 8-29, 8-30 and 8-31. He also expressed concerns with estimates in previous budgets. Engineering was unable to comment on the previous budgets as they did not have that information with them. Ald. Billard stated that he was not prepared to accept Section 8.

Ald. Hetherington discussed the Street Reconstruction - Gaston Road (Portland Street to End) and stated that he would like to have this deferred this year and split the money to other sections with the wards concerned. He felt that 8-33 to 8-36 were necessary projects and would also like to change the Ward 7 allocation to include Hilltop Terrace and Renfrew Street. This would involve an additional amount of \$38,500 which would be made up in the tendering process. Council agreed to this.

Ald. MacFarlane stated that he shared the concerns of the other aldermen regarding the estimates. He noted that he would like to make some reallocation with regards to the Engineering projects affecting Ward 2. Since there was no change in the dollar amount it was approved by Council.

Ald. Hawley stated that he felt that the Engineering project regarding Sutherland Terr., Creelman Dr., Wyndcrest Dr., Islandview Dr. should be moved up in priority. (Page 8-6) Also, the Breeze Drive/Waverley Road project. Ald. Greenough agreed with this request.

SECTION 9

This section was agreed upon.

SECTION 10

Ald. Rodgers asked if the Bedford Street Playground project (10-42) in the amount of \$30,000 could be included in this year's budget. Council agreed on this.

Ald. Hawley asked if the Upgrading of Maybank Soccer Field project (page 10-34) could be added to this year's budget. After discussion of this item with Mr. Atkinson, Council agreed on the addition of this project in the amount of \$52,500.

Ald. Thompson inquired about the Langdon Drive Park project (Page 10-27). He would like this item to be included in the budget. This was discussed and it was decided to approach NASCAD for funding and then if this was not successful then use the special reserve fund.

Ald. Sarto inquired if the Tennis Court - Landrace Park (Page 10-31) could be added to the budget. Council did not approve this.

Ald. Walton discussed the fact that there are no recreation facilities in Portland Estates which is mentioned on page 10-22. It was decided to follow the NASCAD route as for the Langdon Drive Park project.

Ald. Billard inquired as to the possibility of having the Land Development - Dartmouth Common Enhancement Plan (Page 10-5 being added to this year's budget. After discussion of this item, Council agreed not to add it this year.

The Land Development Project on Page 10-8 was discussed and it was noted that there could be some cost sharing with the Wyse Road Mainstreet Program. It was decided that the member of Council who is also a member of this project will report back on this idea.

Ald. Hawley expressed concerns regarding the parking of cars on the Common land. It was decided to leave this item with the Chief of Police for his recommendation in writing regarding this item.

SECTION 11

This Section was approved by Council.

Page 11-18 was distributed to Council since it was left out of the original document. This item deals with the Water Treatment Plant and is in the amount of \$825,000. Ald. Connors strongly objected to having this item submitted at this time as it was a violation of Council's privilege in having a complete document and ample time to review it. Mayor Savage stated that this item should be dealt with at a separate Council meeting and ruled that this item was out of order.

Ald. Billard brought up the Water Transmission Mains Prince Albert Road (Curley Drive to Ochterloney Street) (Page 11-14). He stated that he would discuss this with the Engineering Department.

Ald. MacFarlane asked if the Engineering project regarding Cleary Drive (Page 8-4) could be added to the budget. Council agreed on this.

AT 11:00 p.m. it was moved by Ald. Thompson to move in camera. Seconded by Ald. Hetherington. Motion carried.

Moved by Ald. Hetherington to ratify what was decided in camera. Seconded by Ald. Thompson. Motion carried.

A brief discussion followed regarding the offices to be located in the new Civic Center. Council agreed to allow the City Administrator to instruct the developer to begin the office layout in the new Civic Center to include Planning and Development, Engineering and Works, Parks and Recreation and Fire Administration.

Moved by Ald. Hetherington to adjourn. Seconded by Ald. Thompson. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned 11:50 p.m.


for Bruce S. Smith.
City Clerk-Treasurer.

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