

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

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

MEMBER ABSENT: ALD. HETHERINGTON

ACTING CITY ADMINISTRATOR: T. RATH
CITY SOLICITOR: M. MOREASH
CITY CLERK-TREASURER: B. SMITH
DEPARTMENT HEADS & ASSISTANTS

INVOCATION

The Mayor opened the meeting with the Invocation.

STATEMENT - BILINGUALISM

Ald. Billard made a statement to Council in English and in French on the issue of bilingualism, and of Dartmouth maintaining a positive and open approach to all nationalities in the community.

WATER/POLLUTION CONTROL/WASTE WATER BILLING PROCEDURES

Ald. Greenough commended the staff report that has been prepared for Council, in response to concerns about water billing procedures, raised at the Jan. 23rd Council meeting.

The report from Mr. Burke (B. Smith, L. Corrigan) advises that the following actions are to be implemented, to address the areas of concern raised by members of Council:

- 1) the Water Dept. will credit the accounts of all customers who have been charged the 1990 rate during the first quarter of the year. This credit will be placed on their next invoice.
- 2) the Water Dept. placed a hold on approx. 2,000 bills which were due to be mailed. These bills will be cancelled and re-billed using the appropriate rates.
- 3) the PCC and WMMC rates will be charged in the computer on April 1, 1990. Bills issued after that date will be subject to the new rates.

MOTION: To accept the report submitted,
with thanks to staff for the prompt
response to the areas of concern noted.

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

Ald. Hawley suggested that in future, the intent of any changes in water billings should be explained more fully, and he asked that consideration be given to four regular meter readings, with no estimate, even if additional costs are required to carry out the four readings.

WELCOME - SCOUT TROOP

The Mayor welcomed to the meeting, members of the Second Woodlawn Scout troop, present with their leaders.

VOLUNTEER PRESENTATION

A Volunteer presentation was then made by Mayor Savage to Mr. Cyril Smith, a resident and photographer whose work includes a slide and information presentation of his concept for a Golden Acres park encompassing the lands around Martin's Lake. Mr. Smith has dedicated much of his time and effort to the promotion of this project, as a means of preserving a natural wilderness area for the future, and he was commended by the Mayor for his continuing efforts. A plaque, recognizing Mr. Smith as the Volunteer of the Month, was presented by the Mayor.

1.0

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MOTION: To approve the minutes of meetings
held on January 2, 9, 16, 23, & 30th, 1990.

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

2.0 BUSINESS ARISING OUT OF MINUTES

Ald. McCluskey requested a response to the enquiry she made at the January 2nd meeting, with regard to legal fees for the Markborough Properties case. Mr. Rath noted her request.

3.0 DELEGATIONS & HEARINGS OF PROTEST4.0 ORIGINAL COMMUNICATIONS5.0 PETITIONS6.0 PRESENTATIONi) DOWNTOWN DARTMOUTH CORP. - RECYCLING PROPOSAL & LONG-TERM
BUDGETARY PROPOSALPRESENTATION:
DOWNTOWN DART.
CORPORATION

Members of Council have received copies of a proposal from the Downtown Dartmouth Corp. for a recycling and litter abatement program in the downtown commercial area, to be undertaken under the Environmental Partners Fund, a program of Environment Canada. A presentation was made to Council at this time by Mr. Mike Montgomery and Mr. Bruce McLaughlin.

A series of slides were shown to illustrate the projects that have been successfully completed in Downtown Dartmouth during recent years, and initiatives involving the Downtown Dartmouth Corp. were noted. Details of the latest project they are now proposing were outlined to Council, and funding requirements were explained. Funds in the amount of \$63,700. are able to be secured through the Federal program, and there will be assistance from the private sector in various ways, such as provision of a van, office space, phone lines, etc. Funding assistance in the amount of \$123,307., over a three-year period, is being sought from the City, as a partner in the preservation project. A further funding assistance request involved the allocation of net revenue from parking meters in the downtown, for the use of the Corporation.

It was pointed out by the Mayor that any decision on the funding request of \$123,307. will have to be made in conjunction with the 1990 operating budget, and therefore, the Corporation can expect to receive due consideration, based on the presentation and submission they have made to Council.

Members generally agreed with the Mayor's statement, but the Corporation's proposal was commended as being

very much in keeping with discussions at Council about the need for a litter abatement program in the downtown. Ald. Billard said that even if the program has to be modified somewhat, due to budget constraints, it should go ahead in some form. Ald. Greenough asked if municipal participation is required in order to secure federal funding. Mr. Montgomery advised that it is.

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

At the conclusion of questions and comments from members of Council, the Mayor thanked the Corporation representatives for their presentation and gave assurance that it will be considered further at the time of the budget discussions.

7.0

REPORTS

7.1

CITY ADMINISTRATOR

7.1.1

PINECREST SECONDARY PLANNING STUDYPINECREST
PLANNING STUDY

A report was before Council from Mr. Burke (D. Bayer) on the four submissions received from consultants, to carry out the Pinecrest Secondary Planning Study, in accordance with the terms of reference previously approved by Council.

It is recommended to Council that the City accept the proposal submitted by Sperry/MacLennan, Architects & Planners, in association with Griffith, Muecke Associates, and J. Philip Vaughan Engineering, and proceed with the study.

MOTION: To approve the recommendation on the acceptance of the Sperry/MacLennan proposal for the Pinecrest Secondary Planning Study.

Moved: Ald. Pye
Second: Ald. Woods

Ald. Woods felt this study is already twelve months late, and said he wanted complete staff support for the project, including the cooperation of all City departments. If four months is not long enough for the project, he asked to have the item come back to Council. Ald. Connors asked for information on the public participation program, and Mr. Bayer agreed to have circulated, copies of that particular section of the proposal.

Some concerns were indicated by members who spoke on the motion, about a down-zoning of properties owned for a number of years by people who have planned multiple-unit development on them. Ald. Levandier said he hoped this would be a completely independent report from the consultants, based on their findings and assessment. The Mayor said this intent is inherent in proposal calls by the City for consulting services.

The vote was taken on the motion.

In Favour: All
Against: None
Motion Carried

7.1.2 APPLICATION, RETAIL VIDEO OUTLET - KHAN ENTERPRISES
99 WOODLAWN ROAD

APPLICATION:
 VIDEO OUTLET
 99 WOODLAWN RD.

Council has been asked to indicate any objection to an application for a retail video outlet at 99 Woodlawn Road, submitted by Khan Enterprises.

MOTION: To indicate no objection to the application for a retail video outlet at 99 Woodlawn Road (Khan Enterprises).

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

7.2 TRAFFIC MANAGEMENT GROUP

7.2.1 FOUR-WAY STOP - CHAPPELL & CHAPMAN STREETS

FOUR-WAY STOP:
 CHAPPELL &
 CHAPMAN STREETS

The Chairman of the Traffic Management Group has submitted a report to Council on the four-way Stop sign requested at the intersection of Chappell and Chapman Streets.

The T.M.G. has recommended that a four-way Stop sign not be installed at this intersection, for the reasons noted in the report. Ald. McCluskey did not agree with the recommendation, and presented a motion to have the Stop sign installed as requested.

MOTION: That Council support the residents in their request for a four-way Stop sign at the Chappell/Chapman Street intersection.

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

7.2.2 THREE-WAY STOP - MOUNT EDWARD RD. & SPRING AVE.

THREE-WAY
STOP: MOUNT
EDWARD RD.

A second report from the Chairman of the Traffic Management Group, on a request for a three-way Stop sign at the intersection of Mount Edward Road and Spring Ave., was also before Council.

The T.M.G has recommended that a three-way Stop not be approved for this intersection, and further, that any move to install a three-way Stop should be preceded by a study of the intersection by experts, to determine if there are sufficient warrants for such action.

MOTION: To approve the installation of a three-way Stop sign at the intersection of Mount Edward Road and Spring Ave.

Moved: Ald. Sarto
Second: Ald. Thompson

Some members had concerns about a Stop sign on Mount Edward Road, at the foot of a hill, and traffic conditions that are likely to result as vehicles observe a Stop sign at Spring Ave. It was suggested that perhaps the need for traffic signals at this point should be considered. An amendment was presented, calling for a study of the need for traffic signals, in place of Stop signs, at the intersection.

AMENDMENT: That along with the installation of a three-way Stop, an independent study be undertaken to determine whether or not this intersection should be signalized.

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

The vote was taken on the motion, as amended.

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

Members concurred with a suggestion from the Mayor that after the budget discussions are over, the Transportation Report should be brought forward for Council's further consideration, to try and deal with some of the overall traffic problems leading to the individual requests from Aldermen, as a City-wide approach to the total traffic situation (ie. rather than continuing to deal with separate requests from members out of context).

REQUEST: HALIFAX-DARTMOUTH & DISTRICT LABOUR COUNCIL C.L.C.

C.L.C. REQUEST

An item added to the agenda was a letter to the Mayor and Council from the Halifax/Dartmouth & District Labour Council C.L.C., in connection with a rally to be held at Canso, N. S. on Saturday, Feb. 17th. The Council is seeking attendance at the rally and a \$2,000. donation to the Nova Scotia Federation of Labour, to pay for the cost of chartering a bus to take people to Canso.

MOTION: That a letter be forwarded to the C.L.C. from the office of the Mayor, advising that the City is not in a financial position to provide funding toward rallies such as the one being planned.

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

8.0

MOTIONS

8.1

ALD. LEVANDIER

8.1.1

PARKING LOT - FORMER PARK SCHOOL PROPERTY

PARKING LOT:
 PARK SCHOOL
 PROPERTY

MOTION: WHEREAS the parking lot adjacent to the former Park School property serves a much-needed community parking need;
 AND WHEREAS this need was recognized during the N.I.P. program in the Harbourview area;

AND WHEREAS the residents of this area have indicated to me that they wish the City to honor this commitment; THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that this lot be temporarily recognized as a community lot;

The words '. . . AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that permits be issued to local residents to avoid future confusion' were withdrawn from the motion, after its introduction. Also, the word 'officially' was changed to read 'temporarily'.

Moved: Ald. Levandier
Second: Ald. Connors

Members in favour of the motion, such as the Aldermen for the area, felt that area residents should continue to be allowed to park on land that has traditionally been considered as non-conforming for quite a number of years past. Other members questioned the precedent involved, if people are allowed to park on Commons land, when other requests for use of Common lands have been denied. It was noted, however, that parking is already being permitted at the Sportsplex and at other locations that fall within the Commons designation.

Ald. Rodgers and Billard were in favour of having the motion referred to the Commons Committee for further consideration, prior to the Commons plan being presented to Council on Feb. 20th.

MOTION: To refer the motion to the Commons Committee for their consideration.

Moved: Ald. Rodgers
Second: Ald. Billard
In Favour: Ald. Walton, Billard, Rodgers
Woods, Connors.
Against: All other members
Motion Defeated

The vote was taken on the main motion.

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Motion Carried (as per revised wording)

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10.0 NOTICES OF MOTION

Notices of motion were given as follows for the first regular Council meeting in March:

1) Ald. Walton

WHEREAS snowmobiles create a noise nuisance when operated in residential areas of the City;

AND WHEREAS the City of Dartmouth already has a snowmobile by-law stating where snowmobiles may be operated on public lands, but does not address the problem of snowmobiles used in residential areas;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that our Solicitors' Department review By-law S-1100, with a view to making an amendment or addition to this by-law regarding the use of snowmobiles in residential areas of the City.

2) Ald. Rodgers

WHEREAS the Dartmouth City Council has an excessive number of in camera sessions.

AND WHEREAS these in camera sessions are usually held between 10:00 and 11:00 p.m. and have, on occasion, lasted until near midnight, when one may consider decision-making not to be at its best;

AND WHEREAS these matters usually deal with staff or finances, two areas which deserve a more timely consideration from Council;

AND WHEREAS members of Council have to date, been deprived an opportunity to review the subject and reflect on the options available;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that in camera sessions be held prior to the regular Council meeting.

AND FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED that every effort be made to provide information to Council prior to in camera sessions, when time permits.

3) Ald. Woods

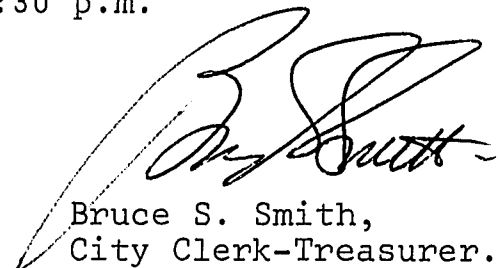
WHEREAS the subject of traffic light installations is a matter for capital budget consideration;

AND WHEREAS the intersection of Windmill Road at Princess Margaret Blvd. serves as a major connector, particularly during rush-hour periods;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Traffic Management Group study traffic counts at this intersection, and report back to Council on the sense of urgency with which traffic lights should be installed.

The item Enquiries & Answers will be left for the Feb. 13th agenda. Members of Council received their operating budget binders at the conclusion of this meeting, and budget meetings will begin to be scheduled in about two or three weeks time.

Meeting adjourned at 10:30 p.m.



Bruce S. Smith,
City Clerk-Treasurer.

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1.0 REPORTS

1.1 CITY ADMINISTRATOR

1.1.1 TENDER - POLICE VEHICLE INSPECTIONS & MAINTENANCE

TENDER: POLICE VEHICLE INSPECTIONS & MAINTENANCE A report from Mr. Burke (H. George, R. MacDonald) was before Council on the subject of police vehicle inspections and maintenance, recommending that the contract for these services be awarded for a two-year period to the lowest evaluated bidder, Canadian Tire Corp. The report outlines a number of reasons for this recommendation and for contracting out police vehicle inspections and maintenance services.

MOTION: To adopt Mr. Burke's recommendation that police vehicle inspections and maintenance services be awarded for a two-year period to the lowest evaluated bidder, Canadian Tire Corp.

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

Mr. Burke provided additional information on the merits of contracting out these services, in response to a concern raised by Ald. Levandier that we are not making use of our own central garage.

1.1.2 APPLICATION, RETAIL VIDEO OUTLET, 10 HIGHFIELD PARK DR.

VIDEO OUTLET
APPLICATION

Council was requested to indicate any objection to an

application for a retail video outlet, received from Dick Hodge's Ultramar, 10 Highfield Park Dr.

MOTION: That Council indicate no objection to the application for a retail video outlet, as submitted by Dick Hodge's Ultramar, 10 Highfield Park Drive.

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

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While staff have recommended against the request, Mr. Burke has suggested in his report to Council, that staff be directed to hold an information meeting in order to provide an opportunity for the industrial community to become familiar with the proposal and present their views on items of concern.

MOTION: To direct staff to proceed with an information meeting in connection with the rezoning request for 60 Simmonds Drive.

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

1.1.4

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MOTION: To adopt Mr. Burke's recommendation on the granting of permission for an Air Mail commemoration ceremony involving the use of City land at Graham's Grove, subject to practical details being worked out with City staff.

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

2.0

ENQUIRIES & ANSWERS

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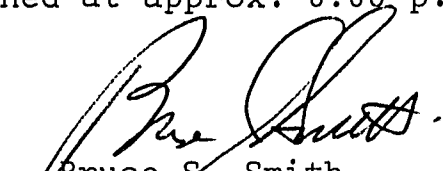
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There being no further items of business on the agenda, Council adjourned at approx. 8:00 p.m.


Bruce S. Smith,
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POINT OF PRIVILEGE

Ald. Hetherington rose to indicate concerns he has about the need for protection and control mechanisms relative to residential community care services. He noted that there is presently no legislation in place applicable to these residences, and he requested that a draft report prepared on the subject be given the attention it merits so the need for legislation can be pursued further with the Provincial Minister responsible. At the suggestion of the Mayor, Ald. Hetherington agreed to discuss his concerns further with Mr. Burke and to bring a recommendation back to Council for consideration.

COMMENDATION - MUSCULAR DYSTROPHY

Deputy Mayor Thompson, who recently attended the 35th Anniversary Awards for the Muscular Dystrophy Assn. of Canada, commended three Dartmouth citizens who received awards on that occasion; they were: Pat Brownlow, Joan Levangie, and Robert Walsh, a member of the Fire Dept. staff. These commendations were acknowledged by the Mayor and Council.

HERITAGE PROCLAMATION

The Mayor read at this time, the Proclamation of Heritage Week in Dartmouth, which began on Monday, Feb. 19th.

1.0 PRESENTATIONi) DOANE RAYMOND - GOODS & SERVICES TAX

GST PRESENTATION A presentation on the Goods & Services Tax and its effect on the public sector, was given by Mr. Ian Crowe of Doane Raymond; Mr. John Mallowney was also in attendance to assist with the presentation.

The main emphasis of the information presented, was directed toward the impact of the GST on municipalities, and the implications of the new tax for municipalities, their boards and commissions. The GST was identified as being a value added tax aimed directly at the user of goods and/or services - the consumer. It is intended to replace the present Federal Sales Tax, now applicable to a much narrower range of goods, for which municipal exemptions are now provided. Rebates only up to 80% will be available to municipalities in the case of the GST.

Using an example commodity, Mr. Crowe explained how the GST will be applied throughout the process from basic initial production stage, through the wholesale and retail process, up to the consumer. He listed for Council the tax-free goods such as groceries, prescription drugs, exports, medical devices, etc. , and tax exempt services, such as health care, legal aid, education, day care, residential rents, and existing housing.

Municipalities will be subject to the payment of the GST on taxable purchases for non-commercial use, for which a rebate will be given, based on a formula yet to be determined. The rebate percentages are intended to refund all GST paid in excess of the Federal Sales Tax that would have been payable under the present system. Taxable supplies purchased for a commercial activity will be subject to the tax. GST paid for purchases related to taxable and tax-free supplies, will be eligible for input tax credits, but will not be eligible for the rebate.

The GST will not be applicable in the case of standard residential garbage collection services, water and sewerage services, road building and clearing, snow removal, municipal transit service, children's recreational programs if they are primarily for children under 14 years of age, Meals on Wheels programs, property taxes, etc. Services provided to the municipality by contract will be subject to the

tax, however, including the contracting for legal services, consultants, accounting (auditing) services, garbage collection, etc. Boards and commissions which have the City perform accounting and other services for them, will have to pay the GST tax on those services. The rebate percentage allowed in these cases, whether higher or lower than the municipality, is not yet known.

Mr. Crowe presented the following issues as being worthy of consideration for the City in relation to implementation of the GST:

- 1) the ability to generate documentation required for supply of taxable goods and services.
- 2) identification of items of supply which will be taxable.
- 3) maximum of input credits allocated to taxable supply.
- 4) ability to capture tax paid to maximize rebate.
- 5) evaluation of inter-organization charges to assess potential revenue.
- 6) identification of all separate legal entities which may wish to be designated as municipalities.
- 7) effect on cash flow-budgeting increased cost of positions vs. subsequent rebate.
- 8) self-supply vs. contracting out.

A question period followed, and members' questions to Mr. Crowe reflected a general concern about the administration of the GST and associated costs for the City, plus the cost implications generally of such an all-encompassing additional tax, for which full rebate will not be allowed to ease the burden on municipalities. Ald. Woods suggested that there should be some effort, in conjunction with other municipalities throughout the province, to approach the new procedures required in a co-ordinated way. Ald. MacFarlane described the administrative process involved as a nightmare. Other members stated similar opinions they have about another level of bureaucracy evolving, with the introduction of the GST.

The Mayor explained what is being done by the FCM Task Force established to make objection to the GST on behalf of Canadian municipalities. Several members felt that a more direct approach, at the provincial level, should be made by Nova Scotian municipalities, such as Dartmouth.

Ald. Connors stated his opposition to the GST, suggesting other avenues the federal government could pursue in attempting to deal with the national deficit, such as a lowering of interest rates, additional privatization of crown corporations, etc. He considered these other alternatives to be preferable to a regressive sales tax such as the GST. A motion was presented by Ald. Connors, to indicate Council's objection to the GST.

MOTION: That this municipality express to the Government of Canada, its complete opposition to the GST, and urge the Government of Canada to consider other alternatives.

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

Mr. Mallowney and Mr. Crowe were thanked by Mayor Savage for their attendance and presentation to Council.

- 2.0 REPORTS
- 2.1 CITY ADMINISTRATOR
- 2.1.1 TENDERS, SUPPLY OF JANITORIAL SERVICES

AWARD TENDER:
JANITORIAL
SERVICES

Report from Mr. Burke on tenders received for janitorial services for a two-year period, beginning March 1/90. The report recommends that the contract for janitorial services be awarded to Modern Building Cleaning, for the tender price of \$188,712.00.

MOTION: To approve the recommendation that the contract for janitorial services be awarded to Modern Building Cleaning, for the tender price of \$188,712.00.

Moved: Ald. Hetherington
Second: Ald. Thompson
In Favour: All members except
Against: Ald. Pye
Motion Carried

Ald. Billard requested that the company being awarded the tender, be asked to consider hiring people who are presently working at City Hall. Mr. Burke made note of this request.

The Mayor made special mention of a stand for raising and lowering the projector in the Council Chamber, provided by Mr. Cyril Smith and brought in by him at an earlier point in the evening. A letter of thanks will go to Mr. Smith for making this stand.

2.2 DARTMOUTH COMMON COMMITTEE

2.2.1 DARTMOUTH COMMON ENHANCEMENT PLAN

DARTMOUTH COMMON
ENHANCEMENT PLAN

Members of Council have received copies of the Dartmouth Common Enhancement Plan, prepared by Sperry/MacLennan Architects & Planners Ltd., for the Common Committee. Presentation of the Plan proceeded at this time, with introductory remarks being made by Committee members Joan Payzant, Tom Gribbon, and Marijke Simons. They provided historical information on the Common and commended its significance as the core of the City, with potential as a welcoming entrance point to the City and as a preserved open space with amenities for the enjoyment of citizens generally.

Mr. Peter Klynstra showed a series of slides to illustrate what can be done in the way of enhancing the Common, and what has been done in other cities where major parks have been developed as part of city centres. Mr. Drew Sperry summarized the thinking behind the enhancement plan his firm has prepared, and commented further on the ideas it encompasses.

The Mayor and other members of Council congratulated the Committee and Mr. Sperry on the plan presented. There were reservations indicated, however, about the proposed closure of Thistle Street and about the funding required to carry out the Plan. Ald. Connors pointed out that some projects in the Plan are likely to qualify for funding through various

programs already in progress, such as the Wyse Road Mainstreet program. Also, application can be made for funding assistance through other government levels.

Ald. McCluskey said she had problems with restrictions that the Dartmouth Commons Act places on land around existing facilities such as the Sportsplex. Ald. Greenough noted that a parcel of land within the Commons designation, was purchased by the City from Trizec at considerable cost, on the understanding that it would be used specifically for purposes ancilliary to the adjoining school property. He proposed that the Plan be referred to staff for recommendations back to Council.

MOTION: That the Enhancement Plan be referred to staff and to the Common Committee, for assessment and recommendations back to Council on the most practical ways to proceed, in terms of funding; also, to determine what other sources of funding are available for purposes of the Plan.

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

Ald. Connors proposed that approval in principle for the Plan be included in the motion, but the mover and seconder did not agree with this addition. Ald. Billard and the Mayor both thanked the Common Committee for the work and effort they have put into this project. Ald. Billard was also in favour of giving approval in principle to the Plan.

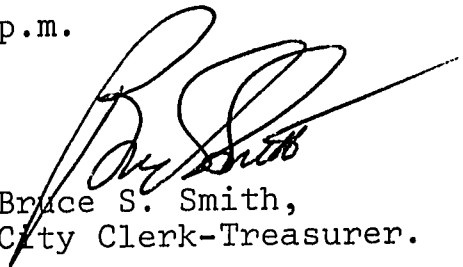
On motion of Ald. Thompson and Walton, Council agreed to continue meeting beyond the hour of 11:00 p.m. Council then went in camera, at 11:00 p.m., on motion of Ald. Connors and Pye.

After having reconvened in open meeting, the action taken in camera was ratified by Council.

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

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

Meeting adjourned at 11:20 p.m.



Bruce S. Smith,
City Clerk-Treasurer.

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

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

MEMBER ABSENT: ALD. MCCLUSKEY

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

POINT OF INFORMATION

Ald. Hetherington requested information on an application to rezone land in Woodside, at the back of the Business & Technology Centre, to permit residential development on eleven acres of land at that location. He questioned the selling price for the land, and what is intended in the way of residential development in a part of the Woodside Industrial Park. The Mayor will have an inquiry made in response to Ald. Hetherington's questions.

POINT OF PRIVILEGE

Ald. Rodgers rose on a point of privilege to indicate his concerns about the number of assessment appeals filed in Dartmouth and the impact on the City's tax revenue at a time when Council is just starting to deal with the 1990 operating budget. He suggested that Rick Colborne of the Assessment Dept. should be asked back for further discussions with Council. Other members felt that responsibility for assessment should be assumed again by the City, if it is possible to do so.

Ald. Levandier said that in recommending a 1½-million dollar valuation allowance for the City, the Assessment Dept. had already recognized the degree of error in their assessment process. Because about one-third of the City's assessment roll will be under appeal, and considering the seriousness of these implications for the City, Ald. Greenough proposed a meeting of the Mayor with the Minister and/or Deputy Minister, to express Council's concerns, and request that an in-depth

look be taken at the assessment process and the results it has produced in our case.

MOTION: That the Mayor and whoever else he may select, seek a meeting at the most senior level, to express our concerns, and request that an in-depth look be taken at the assessment process, to determine if the assessment figures produced are a fair basis on which to base our tax rate.

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

1.0 REPORTS

1.1 FINANCE & PROGRAM REVIEW COMMITTEE

1.1.1 REVIEW OF STIPENDS TO ELECTED OFFICIALS

REVIEW OF
STIPENDS

The Finance & Program Review Committee has dealt with a motion referred from Council on the subject of stipends received by elected officials, and has made a recommendation back to Council, considered at this point in the meeting.

MOTION: To adopt the recommendation of the Committee, which is to carry out a review of the current stipends and allowances paid to the Mayor, the Deputy Mayor, and Aldermen, to include an investigation of any benefits as well; this review to be carried out by an independent outside body. Further, that nothing be implemented from that report (of the independent outside body) until after the next municipal election, and, in the interim, the present method of payment to members of Boards and Commissions, Aldermen, the Deputy Mayor and the Mayor, be continued.

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

(Ald. Connors was present for the vote on this motion and from this point onward in the meeting.)

Ald. Sarto requested that consideration be given to a group of volunteers for purposes of the stipend review, before any outside consulting firms are considered. The Mayor noted that when this approach was tried some years ago, it did not prove to be very successful and the recommendations of the volunteer committee were rejected by Council.

1.1.2 REVIEW OF LEGAL SERVICES

REVIEW OF
LEGAL SERVICES

A report from the Finance & Program Review Committee was before Council in connection with the review of the City's legal services, and the report prepared by Peat Marwick Stevenson & Kellogg. The Committee has recommended the adoption of three recommendations from Mr. Burke, considered in conjunction with the Peat Marwick report.

MOTION: To adopt Mr. Burke's recommendations on City legal services, as per the recommendation of the Finance & Program Review Committee; these are as follows:

- 1) that the City make no change in its current contractual arrangement with Huestis Holm for legal services.
- 2) that the City extend the term of said services until Dec. 31/92.
- 3) that the City undertake another review of legal services no later than June 30, 1992, so that the necessary information is available prior to the end of 1992. (By then the City will have one full year and a major portion of a second year, under G.S.T. rules.)

Moved: Ald. Greenough
Second: Ald. MacFarlane

Ald. Pye felt the City can get better legal services at a lower rate through other arrangements. Ald. Woods said the Legal Dept. has to get more aggressive in solving problems before they become major ones, and that in this connection, there should be more interaction between the solicitors and the support staff to department heads. Generally, the Legal Dept. should become more assertive in their approach.

The vote was taken on the motion.

In Favour: All
Against: None
Motion Carried

1.1.3 DEED TRANSFER TAX RATE, HOME OWNERSHIP ASSISTANCE PRINCIPLE

DEED
TRANSFER TAX

Council has referred to the Finance & Program Review Committee, a motion proposing a possible deed transfer tax reduction to 1% for homes under \$100,000., as a first-home assistance incentive.

The Committee has recommended that there be no change in the method of applying deed transfer tax, and that it be applied to all transactions on a fair and equal basis in the present way.

MOTION: To adopt the recommendation of the Finance & Program Review Committee to the effect that there be no change in the method of applying deed transfer tax, and that it be applied to all transactions on a fair and equal basis in the present way.

Moved: Ald. Connors
Second: Ald. Greenough

Ald. MacFarlane was opposed to the motion and to the recommendation of the Committee. He felt the item should be looked at more thoroughly by the Committee before Council accepts their recommendation. Ald. Connors explained in more detail the discussion that took place at Committee, and the several considerations taken into account in making this recommendation back to Council. The Committee did not feel that a deed transfer tax reduction in one segment of the home-buying market, will have the effect of stimulating new home construction and ownership.

The vote was taken on the motion.

In Favour: All members except
Against: Ald. MacFarlane & Pye
Motion Carried

2.0 REPORTS

2.1 CITY ADMINISTRATOR

2.1.1 APPLICATION - RETAIL VIDEO OUTLET, 525 PLEASANT ST.

APPLICATION:
VIDEO OUTLET

Council was asked to indicate any objection to an

application for a retail video outlet at 525 Pleasant Street (Astro Video). The Police Dept. have expressed no concerns about this application.

MOTION: To indicate no objection to the application for a retail video outlet at 525 Pleasant Street, Astro Video.

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

2.1.2

EXTENSION OF WATER SERVICE - WILLOWDALE ESTATES SUBDIVISIONWATER SERVICE
EXTENSION

Report from Mr. Burke (R. Fougere, E. Purdy) on a water service request for 25 lots in Willowdale Estates Sub-division, recommending that tentative approval be given for this water extension into Cole Harbour in the County.

MOTION: To adopt the recommendation of Mr. Burke that tentative approval be given for the extension of water service on Willowdale Drive in Cole Harbour, to service 25 lots in Phase 1 of the Willowdale Estates Subdivision.

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

2.1.3

APPOINTMENT OF CITY PENSION PLAN ACTUARYAPPOINTMENT
OF ACTUARY

Report from Mr. Burke on the appointment of a City Pension Plan actuary from the three proposals received for providing these services. All three firms have appeared before the Corporate Planning Group, and Mr. Burke has subsequently recommended that the firm of Wm. M. Mercer Ltd. be appointed as the City's Pension Plan actuaries, effective immediately, until Dec. 31/92.

MOTION: To approve the appointment of the firm Wm. M. Mercer Ltd. as the City's Pension Plan actuaries, effective immediately, until Dec. 31/92, as recommended by Mr. Burke.

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

2.2 CITY SOLICITOR2.2.1 BY-LAWS TO BE REPEALED

BY-LAW C-684:
BY-LAWS TO BE
REPEALED

The City Solicitor has recommended that Council give approval to proposed By-law C-684, which will repeal certain spent and unnecessary City by-laws, as they have been listed.

Ald. Connors felt that Council should first have the names of all the by-laws, with some indication of their uses, before acting to repeal them.

MOTION: To defer By-law C-684 for one week, in order for Council to receive information on the by-laws being proposed for repeal.

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

2.2.2 FIRE DEPT. BY-LAW

FIRE DEPT. BY-LAW: Proposed By-law F-101, which amends and consolidates the Fire Dept. By-law, originally passed in 1962, was presented by the Solicitor, with a recommendation for its approval. Members were provided at this time with a redrafted page 7, for incorporation in the new by-law, replacing page 7 of the original draft.

MOTION: That leave be given to introduce the said By-law F-101 and that it now be read a first time.

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

MOTION: That By-law F-101 be read a second time.

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

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

MOTION: That By-law F-101 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. Hetherington
Second: Ald. Thompson
In Favour: All
Against: None
Motion Carried

3.0

1990 OPERATING BUDGET1990 OPERATING
BUDGET

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A tax rate increase of 5.3% is being recommended for both residential and commercial properties; this represents also the rate of inflation for 1989, in the metropolitan Dartmouth area. The resulting tax rate would be \$1.39 on residential properties and \$2.99 on commercial properties.

Mr. Burke outlined factors that have impacted on this year's tax rate, including a 2-million-dollar deficit from 1989, payroll costs, and the new library and civic centre office space. This latter factor represents a new level of service to City residents and additional costs were understood in conjunction with Council's approval of the Alderney Gate development.

Other factors that affect the budget are: (1) a three-year Federal grant reduction (1987 to 1989); (2) re-classifications (including Police) (1987 to 1989); (3) the snow & ice program (additional cost in December of 1989); (4) Social Services (net), the Sportsplex deficit, and Various, in the amount of \$98,700.

MOTION: That By-law F-101 be read a second time.

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

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In Favour: All
Against: None
Motion Carried

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Mr. Burke explained the budget implications of the anticipated lifting of the Provincial cap on General Assistance cost-sharing, by April 1/90, which will have the net effect of raising Social Services funding by \$570,000. He also commented on the \$500,000. provision for 1990 assessment appeals, noting that this projection now appears to be somewhat optimistic in light of the information received to the effect that one third of the City's assessment roll is under appeal.

Information on level 2 budget cuts being proposed and level 3 initiatives not being recommended, was also referred to by Mr. Burke. The relevant listing of activities has been included in his report to Council, dated Feb. 5/90; this report accompanied the main budget document.

The final section of Mr. Burke's presentation consisted of a series of graphs, intended to give Council certain financial comparison information, in order to better understand our current financial situation in relation to previous years. Also, to indicate to Council budget allocations on a departmental basis and funding allocation by the City in relation to school enrollment figures.

Members agreed to begin the budget discussions by next Tuesday's Council meeting, and to proceed with them whenever possible, at regular Tuesday meetings. If the discussions have not progressed far enough by a later point in March, then additional meetings will be scheduled. There was general concurrence with this approach to the budget meetings.

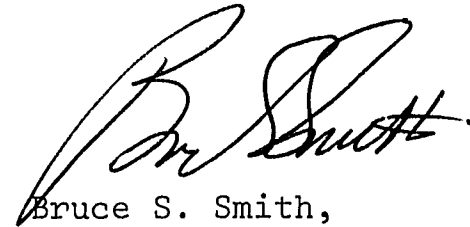
At 10:20 p.m., Council adjourned to meet in camera, on motion of Ald. Hetherington and Thompson.

After reconvening in open meeting, the action taken in camera was ratified.

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

The meeting adjourned at 10:35 p.m.



Bruce S. Smith,
City Clerk-Treasurer.

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