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DARTMOUTH CITY COUNCIL
AGENDA

* TUES., MAR. 03/92 *
* 7:30 PM *
* COUNCIL CHAMBER *
* IN CAMERA SESSION *
* 10:00 PM *

Proclamation - Mayor Savage - National Liver Month (March)

1. INVOCATION
2. APPROVE THE MINUTES FROM THE MEETINGS: Feb. 4, 11, & 18, 1992.
3. BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES
4. PRESENTATION TO MAYOR AND COUNCIL
 - i) Violence Against Women Task Force - Moira Legere
(to be circulated)
5. DELEGATIONS & HEARINGS OF PROTEST
6. ORIGINAL COMMUNICATIONS
7. PUBLIC HEARING
8. CONCERNS OF COUNCIL MEMBERS OR QUESTIONS (15 MINUTE MAXIMUM)
9. PETITION
10. REPORTS
 - 10.1 CITY ADMINISTRATOR
 - 10.1.1 Application for Development Agreement - Proposed Day Care - 81 Spring Avenue (set date for Public Hearing)
 - 10.1.2 Application, Retail Video Outlet, Cascade Video and Variety
 - 10.1.3 Contract 91-19, Storm Drainage - Osborne Avenue to Trunk 111
 - 10.2 INVESTMENT COMMITTEE
 - 10.2.1 Amendment to Investment Policy - Parent Company Guarantees

LOCATION: CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS

TIME: 7:30 P.M.

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

CITY ADMINISTRATOR: J. BURKE

MEMBER ABSENT: ALD. MCCLUSKEY

CITY SOLICITOR: M. MOREASH

ASST. CITY CLERK: V. CARMICHAEL

DEPARTMENT HEADS & ASSISTANTS

1.0 INVOCATION

Mayor Savage opened the Council meeting with the Invocation.

He then proclaimed the month of March, 1992 as National Liver Month, in the fight against liver disease; a copy of the proclamation was circulated with the agenda for this meeting.

2.0 APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MOTION: To approve the minutes of Council meetings held on Feb. 4, 11, and 18th.

Moved: Ald. Thompson

Second: Ald. Sarto

In Favour: All

Against: None

Motion Carried

3.0 BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

4.0 PRESENTATION TO MAYOR AND COUNCIL

i) VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN TASK FORCE - MOIRA LEGERE

TASK FORCE REPORT Prior to the Task Force presentation on Violence Against Women, Council commemorated the death of Jane Hurshman-Corkum. The Mayor read from the dedication given by her sister at the memorial service in Halifax, after which a minute of silence was observed by Council. Tribute was later paid by Ms. Legere to the efforts of Ms. Hurshman-Corkum, on behalf of abused women, following her own personal experiences.

The first copy of the Task Force report was presented by Ms. Legere to Mayor Savage, after which copies were distributed to all members of Council, the press, and others present in the gallery for this item, including

the MLA's for Dartmouth East and Dartmouth North, Ms. Sheri Gates from the office of the Status of Women, and representatives from the Provincial Dept. of Community Services. Mayor Savage acknowledged the attendance of all these people, and including Task Force members, who were also present.

In her introductory remarks, Ms. Legere named the members of the Task Force and commended their work and assistance as members. She made note of the overwhelming response to the Task Force questionnaire, by a total of 4,100 citizens and the attendance of 430 people at the public meetings, a clear indication of the concerns in the community about the issue of violence against women.

She stressed the importance of immediate action by the City, in order to access funds available for programs and services, from other government levels, and of cooperation and coordination of all the government levels and with community-based groups, if progress is to be made with the recommendations from the Task Force report. Recommended, first of all, is the establishment of a committee, to include representation from the three levels of government (plus representation from the organizations listed on page 5 of the report), to act as a 'focal point and springboard for community action'. Further, that this committee, in cooperation with the City, immediately lobby and pursue funding for a coordinator for the committee, on a contract basis, to pursue the mandate and objectives of the committee.

Other recommendations highlighted, dealt with the current erosion of court facilities available to Dartmouth residents (page 9),; the establishment of a Metro Crisis Intervention Team (page 11); the use of a different model as a community based project, whereby the victim and children would be encouraged to remain in the home and the alleged perpetrator evicted (ie. as opposed to the establishment of a transition home in Dartmouth); establishment of a Safety Audit Committee for the City, to address street lighting, bus stops, parking areas and parking lots, for safety factors.

Other recommendations are applicable to the Police Dept., the Education system, the churches, the legal system, to legislative matters, to services, and to the category 'Other' (ie. Business/Workplace/Media/Research. It was suggested by Ald. Thompson that the School Board and staff should receive copies of the Task Force report. The Mayor agreed to see that this is done.

Members of Council who spoke following the presentation, acknowledged with thanks the work that has been undertaken by the Task Force. In general, the reaction of Council to

their report was favourable, although there were questions raised about specific statements and about areas that individual members felt could have been addressed and were not, one of these being the point raised by Ald. Pye about the root causes of violence. Ms. Legere responded by noting the documents referred to on page 4 of the report, which were used by the Task Force as a foundation basis. Also, she made reference again to basic need for women to be treated equally and with dignity in our society, a primary requirement that should start in the beginning with elementary-school-age children. In his comments at a later point, Ald. Hawley noted that children may learn these values in school, but they are not necessarily followed in the homes of children, once they leave the school setting.

Ald. Hetherington and MacFarlane introduced a tabling motion, and Ald. Hetherington suggested that Deputy Mayor McCluskey should be asked to serve on the committee recommended in the report. Ald. Rodgers indicated that he would also be willing to serve on the committee, and Ald. Hawley recommended that Ms. Legere try to serve as a member, if she has the time.

MOTION: To table the Task Force report
on Violence Against Women.

Moved: Ald. Hetherington

Second: Ald. MacFarlane

Ald. May asked if it would not be possible to have the items designated for a Safety Audit Committee, referred to existing City committees, such as the Public Works & Safety Committee or the Police Commission (or both). He discussed with Ms. Legere his points about mandatory gender training, as it applies to our school system, and recommendations relative to education (page 21 of the report and onward). Ald. May asked how soon there will be a serious debate of the recommendations from the report. The Mayor said it would be his intention to have two members of Council and staff members meet, to bring back a report within two weeks time on the course of action that should begin, the first step being to set up the committee recommended.

The vote was taken on the motion, after which Mayor Savage thanked Ms. Legere and the other Task Force members for their major contribution to the City in carrying out the work of the Task Force.

In Favour: All

Against: None

Motion Carried

- 5.0 DELEGATIONS & HEARINGS OF PROTEST
- 6.0 ORIGINAL COMMUNICATIONS
- 7.0 PUBLIC HEARING
- 8.0 CONCERNS OF COUNCIL MEMBERS OR QUESTIONS

ALD. HETHERINGTON Ald. Hetherington asked that the Provincial Dept. of Environment be contacted about the cause of the black soot from the Nova Scotia Hospital smokestack. Ald. Walton advised that Mark Bernard is doing that, and Ald. Hetherington said he would like to see a letter come back, explaining what will be done to improve the situation.

ALD. GREENOUGH Ald. Greenough inquired on behalf of several Ward 6 residents, whose assessments are being appealed by the City. Mr. Smith explained that the City does undertake some appeals, where it is felt they are based on justifiable reasons, as a means of making sure that assessment information on certain properties is accurate. Residents are subsequently advised if the appeal is being dropped. Ald. Greenough asked what residents are able to do on their own, and the Mayor suggested that they contact Mr. Smith's office individually if they want additional information or to discuss their own situation with him.

Ald. Greenough's second inquiry was on behalf of condo owners living on Lombardy Lane, whose street has not been plowed by the City when other streets around them were plowed. He said he would direct a letter about this matter to Mr. Burke for a written response.

ALD. LEVANDIER Ald. Levandier asked if a policy could be drafted, covering the removal of snow from the downtown area, following major storms, even though a decision was taken to delete the snow removal item from the budget to save money. Ald. May said his concern was more for the seniors who live in the downtown, rather than for the business owners, and that snow removal should be looked at from that point of view. After both Mr. Burke and Mr. Fougere had commented on the present policy (of not removing snow), Ald. Levandier requested that Council at least think about his request.

ALD. WALTON Ald. Walton was concerned that the elevator at the Sportsplex is out of order and there are no funds to have it repaired. He asked that Mr. Burke take this concern up further with Mr. Bagnell, to see what can be done to have it repaired.

Ald. Walton requested that the Mayor write to the Provincial Traffic Authority on the subject of designating handicapped parking spaces with blue lines, a suggestion he brought forward at a previous meeting.

ALD. THOMPSON

Ald. Thompson asked about the report he requested on street openings and their cost (ie. as compared with the cost in Halifax). Mr. Fougere said he hoped to have the report ready for next Tuesday's meeting.

ALD. RODGERS

The points of concern raised by Ald. Rodgers had to do with snow in front of the main post office building downtown, which has been pushed back onto the sidewalk by a private contractor, and about the abuse of the fifteen-minute parking zone in front of the post office property. He asked to have violations of this parking area, monitored.

ALD. MAY

Referring to a memo received from Bill Stevens, regarding fees charged for the use of playing fields, Ald. May questioned the authority of staff to set fees (under our present legislation), and the Mayor suggested information from the Solicitor on the point raised by Ald. May.

Ald. May felt that property owners should take some responsibility for snow removal from sidewalks, and that our existing policy should be changed accordingly. The Mayor suggested that Ald. May give notice of motion, to have this kind of policy change looked at by the Solicitor.

Ald. May commented on his very satisfactory experience with City staff and on their cooperation to date, since he has come on City Council.

9.0

PETITION

10.0

REPORTS

10.1

CITY ADMINISTRATOR

✓10.1.1

APPLICATION FOR DEVELOPMENT AGREEMENT - PROPOSED DAY CARE
81 SPRING AVE.

DEVELOPMENT
AGREEMENT:
81 SPRING AVE.

Council has been asked to set the date for public hearing in connection with a Development Agreement, to permit the operation of a day care facility at 81 Spring Ave. The date being recommended is April 7/92.

MOTION: To set April 7/92 as the date for public hearing in connection with a Development Agreement application (day care operation) for 81 Spring Ave.

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

Ald. Thompson requested a plan for the driveway by the time this application comes to Council for public hearing.

✓ 10.1.2 APPLICATION, RETAIL VIDEO OUTLET - CASCADE VIDEO & VARIETY

VIDEO OUTLET: Council was asked to indicate any objection to a retail
 95 MONTEBELLO DR. video outlet application for Cascade Video & Variety,
 95 Montebello Drive.

MOTION: To indicate no objection to the
 retail video outlet application
 for Cascade Video & Variety, 95
 Montebello Drive,

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

✓ 10.1.3 CONTRACT 91-19, STORM DRAINAGE - OSBORNE AVE. TO TRUNK 111

AWARD TENDER: Report from Mr. Burke (R. Fougere, G.M. Boyd) on tenders
 CONTRACT 91-19 received for Contract 91-19, storm drainage, Osborne Ave.
 to Trunk 111, recommending that the tender be awarded to
 the lowest bidder, Harbour Construction Ltd., with a bid
 price of \$126,634.50.

MOTION: To award the tender for Contract
 91-19 to the lowest bidder, Harbour
 Construction Ltd., in the amount of
 \$126,634.50, as recommended.

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

10.2 INVESTMENT COMMITTEE

✓ 10.2.1 AMENDMENT TO INVESTMENT POLICY - PARENT COMPANY GUARANTEES

AMENDMENT: The Investment Committee has recommended an amendment to
 INVESTMENT POLICY the City Investment Policy, with respect to Parent Company
 Guarantees; a re-drafted page 4, amending the Policy and the
 previous guarantee requirement, was before Council, with the
 report from the Chairman of the Investment Committee.

Ms. Lisa Foster, Financial Services Co-ordinator, and Mr. Smith, were available to provide information on the amendment and to answer questions from members of Council. Ald. Rodgers had a number of questions which he discussed with them.

MOTION: To approve the recommended amendment to the City Investment Policy, with respect to Parent Company Guarantees, and the re-drafted page 4 of the Policy statement.

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

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

11.0 MOTIONS

12.0 NOTICES OF MOTION

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MOTION

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

Ald. Levandier/MacFarlane

WHEREAS the cost of delivering municipal services is becoming increasingly difficult from a financial point of view;

AND WHEREAS the opportunity may exist to deliver better service to the public through regional amalgamation of services;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that through the Mayor's office, talks be initiated with our sister City, Halifax, with a view towards the possible amalgamation of services, such as Police, Fire, Purchasing, Engineering, etc.

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that talks start immediately.

Ald. May

WHEREAS clean safe drinking water is essential for human existence;

AND WHEREAS the efficient operation of the Water Utility is essential in delivering clean, safe water;

AND WHEREAS it is generally acknowledged that private enterprise utilities are more efficient than publicly-operated utilities;

BE IT RESOLVED that the City staff prepare a call for proposals for consultants to evaluate the feasibility of privatizing the Dartmouth Water Utility.

Ald. MacFarlane

WHEREAS some funds were available in the Parks & Recreation Reserve account, for developing a tot lot on Vacant lands at Joffre Street;

AND WHEREAS the land in question was sold by Council, on the recommendation of the City Solicitor, due to a claim of adverse possession;

AND WHEREAS allocated funds were insufficient for the tot lot, and whereas residents are upset with the decision of Council in this regard;

BE IT RESOLVED that Council support the alternate site of Maynard Lake playground, and the allocation of an additional \$11,115. from the Reserve fund, to proceed with this project. this having been developed in consultation with the Mayor, residents, various staff, and not of consequence to the operating budget.

Council went in camera at 9:40 p.m., on motion of Ald. MacFarlane and Thompson. Council 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. Thompson
Second: Ald. Greenough
In Favour: All
Against: None
Motion Carried

Meeting adjourned at 10:50 p.m.

V. Carmichael
V. Carmichael,
Asst. City Clerk.

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1. CONCERNS OF COUNCIL MEMBERS OR QUESTIONS (15 MINUTE MAXIMUM)
2. REPORTS
 - 2.1 CITY ADMINISTRATOR
 - 2.1.1 Metropolitan Authority Guarantee Resolution
 - 2.1.2 Street Opening Reinstatement Policy
 - 2.1.3 User Fees Outdoor Athletic Fields
 - 2.1.4 Renovation - 5 Brule Street

LOCATION: CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS

TIME: 7:30 P.M.

MEMBERS PRESENT: MAYOR SAVAGE
ALDERMEN SARTO, THOMPSON
CUNNINGHAM, WALTON
RODGERS, MCCLUSKEY
MAY, LEVANDIER
PYE, WOODS, HAWLEY
GREENOUGH

MEMBERS ABSENT: ALD. MACFARLANE, HETHERINGTON (ATTENDING MEETING)

CITY ADMINISTRATOR: J. BURKE
CITY SOLICITOR: S. HOOD
ASST. CITY CLERK: V. CARMICHAEL
DEPARTMENT HEADS & ASSISTANTS

Mayor Savage welcomed to the meeting, the Second Port Wallis Girl Guides, present in the Chamber with their Leaders.

1.0 CONCERNS OF COUNCIL MEMBERS OR QUESTIONS

ALD. MCCLUSKEY

Ald. McCluskey said she has received complaints about the ferry side entrance to Alderney Gate being locked on Sundays, which means that library patrons cannot get in by that entrance and have to go all the way around to the front of the complex. Mr. Burke will take this matter up with the owners.

Ald. McCluskey requested a merge sign at the point where two lanes of traffic become one, on entering Woodland Ave. She said the present sign is not adequate and there will be an accident in this area if motorists are not alerted with better signage than presently exists.

ALD. PYE

Ald. Pye was concerned about the flooding problems at the CN overpass on Windmill Road. Mr. Fougere pointed out that this problem has existed for the past twenty years, and he would be open to any suggestions for dealing with it, and above all the efforts that have been made up to now. Ald. Pye recommended that a report come to Council on the problem and the cost of correcting it.

ALD. WALTON

Ald. Walton requested that the monthly animal control reports, which are being sent out separately in the regular mail, could be included with reports in the City system and postage saved in this way. His request was noted.

Ald. Walton referred to an information article circulated by Mr. Burke, entitled "The Buck Stops Here"; the article includes information on the cost of Aldermanic representation in municipalities, specifically a municipality in

Quebec. He said that at 23 cents per capita for Dartmouth, the present cost of fourteen Aldermen, is very reasonable.

ALD. HAWLEY

Ald. Hawley stated his concerns about an application to erect a bungee-jumping tower at a location at Sunrise Beach, in an area presently zoned C-3. His specific concerns were about traffic on Locks Road, noise from the operation, drinking & food (canteen services on the site), potential pollution problems, and general disruption of the local residential neighbourhood. He was advised that there will be a meeting with the City Solicitor, on this application, tomorrow.

ALD. GREENOUGH

As the other Alderman for the area, Ald. Greenough also indicated his reservations about the location of this kind of operation at an unsuitable location, such as the one proposed. He said this should be a matter requiring Council approval, and he also requested a full staff report, including input from the City Administrator.

Ald. Cunningham later gave a report to Council on the consideration given this item when it came before the Lakes Advisory Board, and lake-protection requirements were discussed. At that time, Mr. Lanctôt, who made the presentation to the Board, was asked to meet with Mark Bernard to work out details of the lake-protection package agreed to by him.

ALD. THOMPSON

Ald. Thompson asked about the status of the School Board budget and whether a deficit for this year is expected. Mr. Burke confirmed that there will be a School Board deficit, but he has not yet received 92/93 estimates from the Supt. of Schools, for inclusion in the budget, which has a cut-off date of March 13th. Ald. Thompson felt the school budget implications could be serious, and suggested that Mr. Burke contact Supt. Harrison about them.

Ald. Thompson requested that the painting of crosswalks be given some priority, once the weather is favourable for this work. Two locations at which he asked to have crosswalks painted, were Spring Ave. & Dorothea Dr., and at Piper Street.

ALD. CUNNINGHAM

Ald. Cunningham's inquiry was about the sale of ferry passes and the fact that they were sold out when someone tried to purchase one on March 2nd. Mr. Smith advised that this problem was with the concessionaire and not with any City policy applicable to selling passes.

ALD. MAY

Ald. May asked about the status of a petition he submitted for a crosswalk on Park Ave., and requested a follow-up on his inquiry.

Ald. May asked that the Mayor consider staying until such time as the budget has been completed; he referred to MPS and strategy-planning sessions where the Mayor's leadership would be appreciated as well.

2.0 REPORTS2.1 CITY ADMINISTRATOR✓ 2.1.1 METROPOLITAN AUTHORITY GUARANTEE RESOLUTION

RESOLUTION 92-06: It has been recommended to Council by Mr. Burke (B. Smith, M.A. GUARANTEE D. McBain) that Council approve a guarantee resolution, required by the Metropolitan Authority, in the amount of \$12,722,000. for Solid Waste.

MOTION: To approve Resolution 92-06
as recommended.

Moved: Ald. Levandier

Second: Ald. Sarto

There were several questions about approval of the resolution when it has not yet been adopted by the City of Halifax or the Town of Bedford. Mr. Burke said the resolution does not have life unless it has been passed by all four participating municipalities. Mr. Burke also informed Council that he has seen the itemized list making up the 12-million-dollar total, and is satisfied that the expenditures are legitimate. Ald. Pye requested that members be provided with the list, and suggested that in future, it might be advisable to circulate the list with the report when it goes out to Council.

In Favour: All members except

Against: Ald. Pye

Motion Carried

✓ 2.1.2

STREET OPENING REINSTATEMENT POLICYSTREET OPENING
POLICY

A report from Mr. Burke (R. Fougere), under the heading 'Street Opening Reinstatement Policy', was before Council, with recommendations that would take effect as of April 1st, 1992, if approved by Council. A motion was presented for approval of the recommendations.

MOTION: To adopt the following recommendations:

That effective April 1/92, the City of Dartmouth Street Opening Permit policy be modified to allow the applicant to choose between two options, as follows:

1) Reinstatement by the City

The existing rates for reinstatement work will apply, including the future settlement charge. When the City accepts the trench as backfilled, the applicant will be relieved of responsibility for the reinstatement or future problems associated with the trench.

2) Reinstatement by the Applicant

(a) The applicant will be required to make a refundable deposit based on current rates and estimated quantity of work. In addition, a non-refundable charge of 15% of this deposit will be levied to cover the cost of repairing trench settlements which occur beyond one year from completion of the work. (Further provisions, as per page 4 of report.)

(b) In lieu of cash deposits, the applicant may provide a \$10,000. letter of credit from a bank or other acceptable financial institution, guaranteeing the performance of the work and fulfillment of all obligations of the applicant to the City. The letter of credit can be called at any time to satisfy costs incurred by the City, in relation to the work of the applicant.

The non-refundable deposits and permit fees must be paid in full before a permit is issued.

Moved: Ald. Greenough

Second: Ald. McCluskey

In Favour: All

Against: None

Motion Carried

2.1.3

USER FEES, OUTDOOR ATHLETIC FIELDS

USER FEES FOR
FIELDS

Council dealt with a report from Mr. Burke (W. Stevens) on user fees being recommended for outdoor athletic fields in the City, effective as of May, 1992; details of these fees are as set out on page 2 of the report.

MOTION: To approve the user fees recommended for outdoor athletic fields, effective as of May, 1992, as per page 2 of the report dated March 5/92.

Moved: Ald. Cunningham

Second: Ald. Woods

Ald. May asked if the various sports organizations were consulted about the fees. Mr. Stevens said the fee increases were expected by the user groups and they did not voice objections for that reason.

Ald. May was concerned about the amount of use that soccer fields receive, and the effect this has on their condition. He asked if people in the soccer organization would be allowed to assist in keeping the fields in condition and with lining the fields, etc. Mr. Stevens advised that there have been a number of cooperative ventures like this, in conjunction with the soccer people already. Ald. Walton felt that the teams who play slow-pitch games are being treated unfairly with the \$10. per game fee, since they are able to play up to three games per evening, and would then be charged accordingly. He asked to have this point considered further.

In Favour: All

Against: None

Motion Carried

✓ 2.1.4

RESIDENT MEMBERS - WYSE ROAD B.I.D.C.

RESIDENT
MEMBERS: B.I.D.C

The agenda item originally listed as 2.1.4. (Renovation, 5 Brule Street) was withdrawn, and at the request of Mayor Savage, Council agreed to deal with the proposed appointment of resident members to the Wyse Road B.I.D.C., in place of business members who are unable to get to meetings and make up a quorum for purposes of conducting the business required. He expressed particular concern about a possible loss of funding for the Wyse Road project, if a meeting of the Wyse Road B.I.D.C. is not able to be held this Friday, March 13th.

The name of Ms. Helen Murphy of 9 Symonds Street has been put forward by Ald. McCluskey, and Ald. May said he had two citizens in mind for nomination, but has not had the opportunity to consult with them, to determine their willingness to serve on the Committee. In view of the urgency of the Friday meeting, Ald. May and Levandier were willing to attend, to make up a quorum, and in the meantime, the other possible citizen representatives will be contacted about their willingness to serve. With this arrangement, a quorum will be insured for the meeting this week, where it is required.

3.0 FINANCE & PROGRAM REVIEW COMMITTEE3.1 COMMITTEE REPORT - FERRY SYSTEM✓ 3.1.1 RECOMMENDATION TO NEGOTIATE WITH METROPOLITAN AUTHORITY
FOR TAKEOVERRECOMMENDATION:
FERRY TAKEOVER

In addition to Mr. Burke's original report on the Ferry system and its operation, dated Feb. 28/92, members of Council received at this time, a second report, on the outcome of the Finance & Program Review Committee discussions and opportunity for public input, with the first recommendation from Committee to Council, that negotiations commence immediately with the Metropolitan Authority, for a full takeover of the Ferry system.

MOTION: That the recommendation of the Committee be adopted.

Moved: Ald. Greenough

Second: Ald. Thompson

There was general support for the recommendation, based on the present deficit position of the ferry operation, and on the fact that Dartmouth taxpayers cannot continue bearing the brunt of this regional transportation link, when in fact, it is serving people in the whole metro area. The feeling was that the City has no other alternative than to apply to have the ferry system included with other Metro Transit services. Ald. Rodgers said it should be possible to have this item on the next Metro. Authority agenda, since he has given a notice of motion to this effect already.

In Favour: All

Against: None

Motion Carried

3.1.2 REPORT - CITY ADMINISTRATOR RE: FARE & REVENUE RECOMMENDATIONFARE & REVENUE
RECOMMENDATION

Council continued with consideration of the same report, from item 3.1.1, but this time, dealing with Mr. Burke's recommendation for adopting the Option 1 Fare Structure and Advertising proposal for the ferry operation, as presented in his report to Council (page 2 of the report). Mr. Burke gave an overview of Options 1 and 2, explaining to Council why Option 1 is being recommended, to try and recoup \$370,000. of the \$460,000. revenue shortfall anticipated for the ferry service in the year 1992/93.

MOTION: To approve Option 1 Fare Structure & Advertising, as recommended.

Moved: Ald. Thompson
Second: Ald. Greenough

The details of Option 1 are as follows:

- 1) Full fare - 75¢
- 2) Seniors - 75¢
- 3) Children (age 5 to 12) - 75¢
- 4) Advertising - revenue figure projected, \$50,000.

With the exception of Ald. Levandier and Pye, Council supported the fare increases, although several members were reluctant to set the fare for children, age five to twelve, at 75¢, considering 50¢ to be a fairer rate. There were other members who questioned whether \$50,000. is a realistic figure to expect for advertising, and Ald. Levandier was not in favour of advertising on the ferries at all. It was pointed out during debate, that there is advertising on the buses, both inside and out, and the public has not reacted adversely where the buses are concerned.

Ald. May proposed that the fare for children, age five to twelve, be reduced to 50¢, and put this reduction in the form of an amendment to Option 1, as presented.

AMENDMENT: That the fare for children, age five to twelve, be set at 50¢, instead of 75¢, as recommended in Option 1.

Moved: Ald. May
Second: Ald. Rodgers
In Favour: All members except
Against: Ald. Pye
Amendment Carried

Ald. Cunningham proposed that the revenue loss represented by the amendment, be offset by a 5¢ increase in the fares for adults and seniors, to 80¢, from the 75¢ fare being recommended. He proposed an amendment to increase fares to 80¢ for adults and seniors, but the amendment did not receive a seconder. The vote was then taken on the motion, as amended.

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

**** Addendum,
page 8.

At 9:45 p.m., Council went in camera, on motion of Ald. Levandier and Sarto. Adjournment was from the in camera meeting, since there were no motions in camera, requiring

ratification. Final adjournment of the meeting was at 10:55 p.m.

V. Carmichael

V. Carmichael,
Asst. City Clerk.

ITEMS:

- 1.0 Concerns of Council members or questions, page 1 to 3 incl.
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Ald. Walton requested that Mr. Burke and Mr. Smith give consideration to the two points made in a Transport 2000 communication received from Mr. John Pearce of 40 Lorne Ave., President of Transport 2000 Atlantic; these are:

- 1) there should be a discount ferry fare of (say) 50¢ for all passengers who carry a valid Metro Transit pass or transfer.
 - 2) there should be a discount ferry pass of (say) \$17. for all who hold a valid Metro Transit pass valid for the same month.
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DARTMOUTH CITY COUNCIL
AGENDA

* TUES., MAR. 24/92 *
* 7:30 PM *
* COUNCIL CHAMBER *
* IN CAMERA SESSION *
* 10:00 PM *

1. CONCERNS OF COUNCIL MEMBERS OR QUESTIONS (15 MINUTE MAXIMUM)

2. REPORTS

2.1 CITY ADMINISTRATOR

2.1.1 Residential Solid Waste and Recyclables
Collection

2.1.2 Tax Exemption Request: Army, Navy & Air Force
Veterans in Canada

2.2 SOLICITORS

2.2.1 Healthy Dartmouth Committee

3. TABLING OF 1992/93 OPERATING BUDGET

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

PRESENT: MAYOR SAVAGE
ALDERMEN THOMPSON, SARTO
MACFARLANE, MCCLUSKEY
CUNNINGHAM, WOODS, PYE
LEVANDIER, MAY, HAWLEY
GREENOUGH, WALTON, HETHERINGTON

CITY ADMINISTRATOR: J. BURKE
CITY SOLICITOR: S. HOOD
ASST. CITY CLERK: V. CARMICHAEL
DEPARTMENT HEADS & ASSISTANTS

MEMBER ABSENT: ALD. RODGERS
DUE TO ILLNESS

1.0 CONCERNS OF COUNCIL MEMBERS OR QUESTIONS

ALD. MCCLUSKEY Ald. McCluskey asked about any regulation applicable to the hours when trucks are permitted to empty the large garbage containers throughout the City; she referred specifically to early-morning hours. The Solicitor will check on any relevant section of the Noise By-law that may be applicable.

ALD. PYE Ald. Pye asked if it is true that all garbage collected will go to Site H, the waste-to-energy plant location, prior to transportation to the landfill site. The Mayor advised that a final decision about a transfer station point, has still not been made by Metro Authority.

The possibility of a plebiscite in Dartmouth, before a final decision on the waste-to-energy plant, was raised by Ald. Pye. The Mayor noted that any such decision would be that of Council, but at this point, the decision would be rather late.

Ald. Pye requested a copy of the draft guidelines for the environmental assessment study in connection with the Site H in Burnside, for the waste-to-energy facility.

Ald. Pye said he wished to thank the Bridge Commission for opening additional gates at the bridge, which are speeding up the traffic flow considerably.

ALD. SARTO Ald. Sarto inquired about a meeting with Transportation Dept. staff, to discuss the Carver/Settle Street traffic patterns. Mr. Purdy advised that the meeting will take place at 9:00 a.m., on March 25th. Both Ald. Sarto and Thompson can attend the meeting, if they wish to do so.

ALD. GREENOUGH Ald. Greenough expressed appreciation to staff for the report he has received on the permit application for a bungee-jumping tower on land that is zoned C-3 in the area of Sunrise Beach. Since the land is appropriately zoned, there is nothing further than can be done about the

application, but he requested a monitoring of the operation for noise or disturbance, in view of the concerns expressed by area residents. Ald. Hawley also extended thanks to staff for their report.

ALD. LEVANDIER

Ald. Levandier's concern was about the recent mugging of three young hockey players from Yarmouth, here for the hockey tournament on the weekend; the mugging occurred in the area of the Dartmouth Shopping Centre. Chief Cole advised that the police were called to investigate, and the investigation is continuing. Patrols in this area are as frequent as his department can make them, and officers are getting out of their cars and walking through the shopping centre as well.

ALD. MAY

Ald. May also stated his concerns about the incidence of crime in this same area and the need for police attention to what has become a long-standing problem.

Ald. May asked if Council's position on the environmental assessment study for Site H, as articulated in condition #4 of the report adopted, has been communicated clearly to the Metro. Authority. The Mayor agreed to take Ald. May's point up further with the Authority, even though they have received the report with the conditions referred to by the Alderman.

Further to a question from Ald. May about any possible 10% royalty for communities located in the same area as the proposed landfill site, the Mayor said that such conditions have not yet been discussed.

ALD. HETHERINGTON

Ald. Hetherington inquired about street lighting improvements, which do not seem significant to date. Mr. Fougere noted that this is a four-year program that only got started in November of 1991. He will prepare an update review of the program at this point, for members of Council.

Ald. Hetherington asked for information on the Power Corp. night crews who used to check on burned-out lights needing replacement.

Ald. Hetherington circulated a picture recently taken by a Lynn Drive area resident, of a coyote in the back yard of a property near to the Southdale School. He was concerned for the safety of children, because of the sighting of coyotes and the potential danger from them, in a residential neighborhood. He said he has been trying to have the matter dealt with by Lands & Forests Dept., but without success to date.

ALD. THOMPSON Ald. Thompson's inquiry concerned the ferry, now in drydock and out of operation. Mr. Burke said the parts required for repairs have to come from Germany, and while waiting for these, it was felt the time would be opportune for the ferry to go into drydock, as scheduled.

ALD. HAWLEY Ald. Hawley requested that something be done about the cars that are parking on the sidewalk at the Tim Horton outlet on Waverley Road. He has received a number of complaints about the situation and was concerned that people are being prevented from walking on the sidewalk when the cars are parked there.

ALD. MACFARLANE Ald. MacFarlane requested an update on the status of enforcement of the Solid Waste Management By-law; he referred to instances of by-law violations, involving businesses in the City, and on City property.

2.0 REPORTS

2.1 CITY ADMINISTRATOR

2.1.1 RESIDENTIAL SOLID WASTE & RECYCLABLES COLLECTION

WARD TENDER:
WASTE COLLECTION Report from Mr. Burke (R. Fougere, M. Bernard) on the tenders received for the City's Residential Solid Waste & Recyclables Collection Contract, recommending that the tender be awarded to the low bidder, Dewolfe Trucking Ltd., in the amount of \$3,608,243.52, for a five-year contract, commencing on April 1, 1992.

MOTION: To award the tender for Solid Waste & Recyclable Collection, to the low bidder, Dewolfe Trucking Ltd., in the amount of \$3,608,243.52, as recommended.

Moved: Ald. Sarto

Second: Ald. Woods

Mr. Bernard was present to answer questions about contract details, particularly sections of Appendix A dealing with the number of garbage containers that can be put out for collection, the collection of recyclables, etc. Ald. Woods asked about the protection of the company's interests (Dewolfe Trucking), and Mr. Bernard said that staff and the company will be working out these provisions between them.

In Favour: All

Against: None

Motion Carried

✓2.1.2 TAX EXEMPTION REQUEST - ARMY, NAVY & AIR FORCE VETERANSTAX EXEMPTION
REQUEST

A tax exemption request has been received from the Dartmouth Unit 349 Army, Navy & Air Force Veterans in Canada, for their property at 137 Main Street. Such requests are normally referred to the Finance & Program Review Committee, by Council.

MOTION: To refer the tax exemption request from the Dartmouth Unit 349 Army, Navy & Air Force Veterans in Canada, to the Finance & Program Review Committee, for recommendation back to Council.

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

2.2 SOLICITORS2.2.1 HEALTHY DARTMOUTH COMMITTEEHEALTHY DART.
COMMITTEE

Terms of reference for the Healthy Dartmouth Committee have been drafted by the Solicitor, based on the recommendation that the Healthy Dartmouth Committee be established as a Committee of Council and the terms of reference approved accordingly. (Previously, it was a sub-committee of the Board of Health.)

MOTION: To approve the terms of reference proposed for the Healthy Dartmouth Committee, to be established as a Committee of Council.

Moved: Ald. Hetherington
Second: Ald. Sarto

Ald. May and Hawley stated reservations they have about the terms of reference as presently drafted. Ald. Hawley felt they should be more specific in relation to areas of responsibility, and he proposed deferral for further consideration and redrafting. A motion to defer, seconded by Ald. May, was later withdrawn, after the Solicitor responded to a question from Ald. Hawley, by advising that the terms of reference could be brought up and reconsidered again by Council, at a later time, if members wished to do so. After the motion to defer was withdrawn, the vote was taken on the main motion.

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

3.0 TABLING OF 1992/93 OPERATING BUDGET

TABLING: 1992/93 OPERATING BUDGET Members of Council received their folders, containing copies of the proposed 1992/93 operating budget, and a motion to table the budget was adopted.

MOTION: To table the 1992/93 operating budget, received by Council.

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

Mr. Burke proceeded with a budget presentation, in which he outlined the major adjustments that will be required, in both services and staff, to come in with a 2% tax increase, taking into account the revenue considerations and the \$3.1 million-dollar deficit from 1991/92, that has to be funded through the tax rate. Even with a 0% increase in departmental budgets, there is a shortfall of four million dollars, which means there is no alternative but to reduce City services and to reduce staff levels.

It is being proposed that for this one-time injection of funds, an amount of \$300,000. be taken from the parkland reserve, and \$200,000., from a general reserve, providing half-a-million-dollars to help ease the financial burden. An early retirement program is also being proposed for members of staff who would be eligible, and in addition to the 44.5 full-time staff positions being eliminated, there will be overtime reductions in Engineering, Police, Fire and Recreation Departments.

Service reductions highlights include: the elimination of ten crosswalk guards, elimination of the Lake Safety Patrol, elimination of sidewalk plowing, playground closings, elimination of the Housing Dept. and Tourism, reductions in funding to the School Board, the Library and the Museum, elimination of special events such as Natal Day, and numerous reductions in most areas of service to the public.

Mr. Burke explained to Council the serious implications of continually decreasing grants and transfers from other levels of government, particularly in the areas of Social Services and Education, as more and more of the financial responsibility has been shifted onto the municipality, with less and less assistance in the form of cost-sharing from the Province and/or the Federal Government. The severe impact of this diminished level of financial assistance is now being felt acutely by the City, in attempting to provide municipal services.

The other areas covered by Mr. Burke in his presentation, included: employee development and budget provisions, the effect of a 2% tax increase on typical residential and commercial properties, tax rate comparisons with other metro municipalities, the impact of debt charges (now and in future years), the reduced Machinery Tax implications, etc.

The Mayor asked for an expression of opinion from Council as to when members preferred to begin the budget meetings, and a concensus showed that a majority were in favour of having a few days to study the estimates, and then to start meeting as of Monday, March 30th, at 7:00 p.m. Meetings would go on from that date, until the budget has been completed, for as many days as necessary.

Prior to the budget presentation, Mayor Savage and Council acknowledged Christine Soucie, reporter for the Halifax Mail-Star, in Dartmouth, who will be transferring to the Halifax office. The Mayor said her fair-minded reporting will be missed. He presented her with a gift, on behalf of Council.

At 10:40 p.m., Council went in camera, on motion of Ald. Thompson and Hetherington. 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. Thompson
Second: Ald. Levandier
In Favour: All
Against: None
Motion Carried

Meeting adjourned at 11:15 p.m.

V. Carmichael
V. Carmichael,
Asst. City Clerk.

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DARTMOUTH CITY COUNCIL
AGENDA

* MON., MAR. 30/92 *
* 7:00 PM *
* COUNCIL CHAMBER *
* IN CAMERA SESSION *
* 10:00 PM *

1. 1992/93 OPERATING BUDGET DELIBERATIONS.

** PLEASE NOTE - THIS MEETING WILL COMMENCE AT 7:00 PM **

BUDGET SCHEDULE

MARCH 30, 1992

7:00 P.M.

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| 1. Revenue | 7:00 - 8:00 p.m. |
| 2. Sportsplex | 8:00 - 8:30 p.m. |
| 3. Library | 8:30 - 9:00 p.m. |
| 4. Museum | 9:00 - 9:30 p.m. |
| 5. EMO/EE | 9:30 - 9:45 p.m. |
| 6. C.A.O. | 9:45 - 10:00 p.m. |

MARCH 31, 1992

7:00 P.M.

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| 1. Fire | 7:00 - 7:45 p.m. |
| 2. Police | 7:45 - 8:30 p.m. |
| 3. Planning & Development | 8:30 - 9:00 p.m. |
| 4. C.C.T. (Purchasing & Stores) | 9:00 - 9:45 p.m. |
| 5. Legal | 9:45 - 10:00 p.m. |
| 6. Housing | 10:00 - 10:15 p.m. |

APRIL 1, 1992

7:00 P.M.

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| 1. Social Services | 7:00 - 8:30 p.m. |
| 2. School Board | 8:30 - 10:00 p.m. |
| 3. Transfers to Agencies | 10:00 - 10:15 p.m. |

APRIL 2, 1992

7:00 P.M.

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| 1. Engineering & Works | 7:00 - 8:00 p.m. |
| 2. Parks & Recreation | 8:00 - 9:00 p.m. |
| 3. Legislative | 9:00 - 9:30 p.m. |
| 4. Human Resources | 9:30 - 9:45 p.m. |
| 5. Other | 9:45 - 10:00 p.m. |
| 6. Economic Development | 10:00 - 10:30 p.m. |

Set Tax Rate

LOCATION: CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS

TIME: 7:00 P.M.

PRESENT: MAYOR SAVAGE

ALDERMEN SARTO, THOMPSON

MACFARLANE, CUNNINGHAM

LEVANDIER, MAY, RODGERS

MCCLUSKEY, PYE, WOODS

HAWLEY, GREENOUGH

WALTON, HETHERINGTON

CITY ADMINISTRATOR: J. BURKE

ASST. CITY CLERK: V. CARMICHAEL

DEPARTMENT HEADS & ASSISTANTS

1.0 1992/93 OPERATING BUDGET DELIBERATIONS

BUDGET
DELIBERATIONS

Mayor Savage reviewed with Council the proposed meeting schedule for dealing with the budget throughout the rest of this week. Ald. May felt that meetings on every night of the week are too demanding, and that it is unrealistic to think about setting the tax rate by Thurs., April 2nd. By a show of hands, the majority of Council members indicated a willingness to continue meeting every night, including Friday night, and into the weekend (Saturday only), to try and complete the budget. The majority vote was eight in favour, six against.

Ald. Pye questioned the public consultation process followed, in allowing citizens to voice their opinions on the budget, at daytime sessions such as the one chaired by Deputy Mayor McCluskey on this date. Members were advised that the session held today was taped for the benefit of members of Council and can be played at any time one or more members want to listen to it. Also, comments on the budget, received by the Mayor's office, have been logged, and a record of the calls circulated to all members of Council. Ald. Greenough suggested setting aside an evening meeting of Council, for the express purpose of hearing from the public; his suggestion was noted. Ald. Greenough also commented on the format of the budget document itself, and the lack of detail it contains. He said this lack of detail makes it difficult to come to grips with what has been retained in the estimates for the various departments.

REVENUE

REVENUE

The Revenue presentation to Council was made by Mr. Smith; copies of the overheads he reviewed with Council, were circulated. In general, the revenue figures for the City are down in all areas, the one exception being a proposed increase in tax certificates, from \$30. to \$50., estimated to produce a revenue increase of \$33,000. Otherwise, revenue decreases are reflected in all the categories Mr. Smith

indicated, including the Provincial operating grant to the City, which is zero for 1992. For purposes of comparison, it was pointed out that the operating grant from the Province was \$3,500,000. in 1982. (**See pg. 4)

Ald. Levandier felt that the present rate of our Deed Transfer Tax may be having a negative impact on the purchase of homes in Dartmouth, as compared with the other metro municipalities. Ald. Pye said it may be worth looking at information on a municipal-wide basis, to try and assess any possible impact on residential sales in Dartmouth, as suggested by Ald. Levandier.

The parking fees paid by City employees received some discussion, and Ald. Rodgers questioned the legality of the contractual obligation, covering this provision, in City collective agreements. He requested a legal opinion on this point, and additionally, information on the last parking rate increase, on the average payroll increase per year, annualized since the last parking rate increase, and what it would be if it were compounded on an annual basis, today.

In connection with investment income, Ald. May said he would like to see the idea of a pooling of funds available for investment, through the M.F.C., on the part of all the metro municipalities, given some consideration.

RESOLUTION
92-08

Council was asked to approve Resolution 92-08, extending the date for approving the budget estimates, beyond the March 31st deadline.

MOTION: To approve Resolution 92-08, extending the date for approving the 1992 budget estimates and setting the tax rate.

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

SPORTSPLEX

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Present for the Sportsplex estimates were: Mr. John Guildford, Mr. Glen Bagnell and Mr. Bob Quigley. Mr. Guildford made the presentation on behalf of the Sportsplex Commission; Mr. Chris Dean, one of the Commissioners was in the gallery for this meeting.

There were questions from Council about all aspects of the Sportsplex operation, from staff reductions (6)

to the financial implications of the projected deficit for 1992/93 (\$250,000.), and the impact of not receiving this support from the City. Mr. Guildford stated that it is the position of the Commission that no further expenditure cuts can be made and the next step would be to close the doors of the Sportsplex. It was pointed out that any further increase in membership fees will have a negative effect on Sportsplex revenue, as will a reduction in programs offered to the public. Mr. Bagnell provided information on the venture initiatives being proposed by the Sportsplex Commission, to try and promote arena events during those periods of the year when it is free for bookings.

In response to questions about hockey revenues, Mr. Bagnell gave a report on the status of currently outstanding accounts owed by both the senior and junior-hockey level teams, plus , the outstanding swimming club account. All of these organizations attempt to meet their commitments, over time, but at present, these accounts represent revenue still not received for 1992.

Ald. McCluskey referred to the adverse impact of financial items over which the Sportsplex has no control, itemized on page 2 of the submission circulated, such as the pollution control charges, loss in revenue due to cancellation of the City school aquatic program, etc. Ald. Levandier questioned the application of the pollution control charge for water used in City-related facilities, such as the Sportsplex, schools, etc. The Mayor suggested that this matter could be addressed separately at another time, aside from the present budget considerations.

Ald. Rodgers gave a review of the result of the MBA study of the Sportsplex, in which he has been participating. These results have been positive, both in terms of staffing and of value, as a community facility. Ald. Hetherington asked about an integration of the Sportsplex with Parks & Rec. Department, to achieve overall economies for both. The Mayor agreed that this possibility could be looked at, but an act of the legislature would be required first, since the Sportsplex is administered through a Commission established by Provincial legislation. Ald. MacFarlane asked if Cole Harbour Place receives a Provincial grant. Ald. Hawley advised that the Library facility, which is part of Cole Harbour Place, may have been receiving the regular start-up funding for a new library facility.

The feasibility of bingo operations at the Sportsplex, to improve revenue projections, was discussed. Mr. Bagnell explained some of the problems involved, in that there is ice in the arena most of the year, and the Sportsplex is a non-smoking building. The non-smoking regulation also affects wrestling card possibilities as well.

Ald. Greenough felt that in light of the City's overall financial situation, and in consideration of other budget decisions that will have to be made, the Sportsplex estimates should be referred back to the Commission for further assessment and review, to identify the ramifications of reducing their budget further, to the point where no additional funding is required from the City. The report of the Commission would come back to Council by the Friday meeting.

MOTION: That the Sportsplex estimates be referred back to the Sportsplex Commission, for further assessment and review, to identify the ramifications of reducing their budget further, to the point where no additional funding is required from the City; this report from the Commission to come back to Council by the Friday budget meeting.

Moved: Ald. Greenough
Second: Ald. Hetherington
In Favour: Majority of members
Against: Minority
Motion Carried

Since the hour of adjournment for budget meetings has been set at 10:00 p.m., Council adjourned without proceeding to the other departments scheduled for consideration at this time. The March 31st meeting will therefore begin with the Library budget.

Meeting adjourned.

V. Carmichael
V. Carmichael,
Asst. City Clerk.

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- 1.0 1992/93 Operating Budget deliberations, page 1 to 4.
Revenue, page 1 & 2.
Resolution 92-08, page 2.
Sportsplex, page 2 to 4 incl.

** Insertion from page 2:

Particular note was made by Mr. Smith of the inclusion in the budget of an increase in the rate of interest charged on overdue accounts, to 4% over prime, resulting in an increase in the interest collected by \$157,000. Members had the opportunity to comment and ask questions about this item.

DARTMOUTH CITY COUNCIL

MARCH 31, 1992

LOCATION: CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS

TIME: 7:00 P.M.

MEMBERS PRESENT: MAYOR SAVAGE

ALDERMEN: WALTON, PYE, MCCLUSKEY
HETHERINGTON, LEVANDIER
GREENOUGH, HAWLEY, THOMPSON,
SARTO, MACFARLANE, CUNNINGHAM,
MAY, RODGERS, WOODS

CITY ADMINISTRATOR: J. BURKE

1992/93
OPERATING
BUDGET
DELIBERATIONS

At the commencement of the meeting, Ald. Pye sought clarification as to whether a decision was made, at last night's meeting, to set aside an evening to hear presentations from groups, who will be affected by the proposed budget. The Mayor indicated no decision was made.

The following motion was made by Ald. Pye.

MOTION: That an evening be set aside for organizations to have an opportunity to explain to Council the affect the proposed budget will have on them.

Moved: Ald. Pye
Second: Ald. May
In Favour: Ald. Pye, May and Walton
Against: All other members
Motion Defeated

LIBRARY

Ms. Aileen Lewis, Chief Librarian and Mr. David Oxner, Manager Finance and Administration, were present to explain the proposed Operating Budget of the Library and answer questions from Council. Copies of their slide presentation were distributed to Council.

Reference was made to a special Saturday Board meeting at which it was decided to increase revenues by \$30,000, by increasing fees charged and several budget cutting strategies were decided upon. The reductions of \$204,800, represent a 7.4% below zero increase.

It was emphasized that the closure of Woodlawn Branch is not being proposed, however the closure of both branches, one day a week, is proposed. Ald. Greenough suggested that the Woodlawn Branch and Main Library not be closed on the same day.

Ald. Rodgers sought additional information re peak periods of operation and staff scheduling.

Particular reference was made to the impact of losing the Provincial Special Operating Grant of \$143,000 and the fact that the City isn't prepared to finance this amount.

During Ald. Hawley, Library Board Chairman's presentation, it was explained to Council that a leasing arrangement for the Woodlawn Branch has been negotiated. The rent proposed is \$54,000 annually for five years. Six months free rent is included, plus the right to continue the lease for an additional five years at the same annual rate. The contract must be signed by the end of April. There is no escape clause in the contract. Ald. Hawley sought a commitment from Council that Library funding would remain the same for the next two years.

There was a discussion of the wages and benefits paid to Library staff. It was emphasized that the Library's wage scales are approximately 20% less than comparable jobs in the City of Dartmouth.

Ald. Rodgers questioned whether a membership fee could be charged. Ms. Lewis explained why this method of generating revenue isn't feasible.

Concern was expressed re an apparent discrepancy in figures contained in the City's budget and the presentation made by Library staff, i.e. a total of \$2,607,300 in the Library's presentation versus \$2,704,000 in the City's budget document. This would appear to indicate \$97,000 additional funds for the Library.

Mayor Savage concluded this portion of the budget deliberation by remarking that the Library appears to be a well run organization and the Library Board is doing a fine job.

Although no guarantee was made by Council, Mayor Savage felt the lease should be signed and he was sure Council would give favourable consideration to the Library's budget next year.

MUSEUM

Dr. Richard Henning Field, Director, Dartmouth Heritage Museum, explained to Council the important role the Museum plays in preserving the history and heritage of Dartmouth. Particular reference was made to the 40,000 objects in the collection, which makes it the second largest collection in Nova Scotia.

He explained why and how he has reorganized the Museum's budget this year. The total budget of \$325,000 represents a 3% decrease from last year. He proposes to increase revenues in several ways, particularly through corporate sponsorships.

In light of the current economic conditions, Ald. Levandier felt that the time has come to mothball the Museum, thereby saving \$325,000, which could be applied toward retaining vital staff positions of importance to the community, i.e. fire and police. A motion to this effect was proposed but not seconded.

During discussion of the above, it was noted that a saving of \$325,000 would not be achieved, as Evergreen, Quaker House, two storage facilities and the Museum would still have to be maintained at an estimated cost of \$200,000. Dr. Field cautioned that after 12 to 24 months, the collection would be beyond restoration.

If further cuts are required, consideration would have to be given to reducing the number of hours of operation and reducing the number of part-time staff.

In closing, Dr. Field expressed confidence that with the level of funding proposed, he can make the Museum work, within the guidelines he had presented.

Concern was expressed by Ald. May regarding the lack of detail provided in the budget; not just this department's budget, but all City departments. Mr. Burke explained why this budget is different from ones provided in the past and assured Council if there is any additional information required, it will be provided.

Mayor Savage called for a show of hands to determine who would like additional information circulated to them. Ald. May, Greenough and Pye indicated their desire to receive additional information.

**E.M.O. &
EMPLOYMENT
EQUITY**

Ms. Gillian Osborne, Employment Equity Officer and E.M.O. Coordinator, gave a slide presentation on both programs. She noted that 65% of her position is charged to Employment Equity and the balance to E.M.O.

Reference was made to 1990 legislation re E.M.O. and the fact that the City of Dartmouth is in compliance with that law.

A 13.9% reduction in expenses over last year is budgeted for. The operating budget is \$42,000 for 1992/93.

The Employment Equity Program has a budget of \$46,000 for 1992/93. This represents a 36.1% decrease from last year.

Copies of the slides for both presentations are available.

Ald. May suggested that this sort of in-depth presentation would be best given to Council during the regular meeting schedule, rather than during budget deliberations in future.

RESOLUTION
92-08

Although a resolution was passed at the previous meeting, to extend the time for setting the tax rate, the date was omitted. The date selected was April 15th.

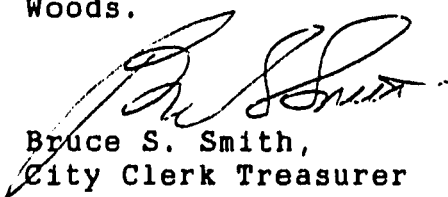
MOTION: That Resolution 92-08 be passed,
with the date April 15th indicated as
the deadline for approval of estimates.

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

At 10:00 p.m., it was moved by Ald. Hetherington and Ald. McCluskey to go in camera to deal with amendments required to the City of Dartmouth Home Care Policy.

Upon reconvening at 10:30 p.m., the action taken in camera was ratified on motion of Ald. Hetherington and Ald. McCluskey.

Meeting adjourned on motion of Ald. Walton and Ald. Woods.


Bruce S. Smith,
City Clerk Treasurer

City Council Meeting, March 31, 1992

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 - EMO & Employment Equity, pages 3 & 4
- 2) Resolution 92-08, page 4

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