SPECIAL COUNCIL PUBLIC HEARING M I N U T E S

Council Chamber City Hall Halifax, Nova Scotia January 6, 1988 7:30 P. M.

A special meeting of City Council (Public Hearings) was held on the above date.

The meeting was called to order with members of Council, led by Alderman Deborah Grant, joining in the recitation of the Lord's Prayer.

PRESENT: His Worship Mayor Wallace, Chairman; Deputy Mayor J. Albert Walker; and Aldermen Deborah Grant, Cromwell, Downey, Meagher, O'Malley, Dewell, Richard Grant, and Flynn.

ALSO PRESENT: Mr. M. Purcell, Mr. C. Reddy, and Mr. W.B. Campbell, all of the Development and Planning Department; City Manager; Mr. W. Anstey, representing the City Solicitor; K. Swim, representing the City Clerk, and other members of City staff.

#### ADDED ITEMS

Ms. Karen Swim, on behalf of the City Clerk, advised Council of the following added item which had been referred to this meeting from the Committee of the Whole Council held earlier this date:

Proposed Amendment to the MPS and LUB (Peninsula and Mainland Areas) - Neighborhood Commercial Uses (Planning Advisory Committee Report

MOVED by Alderman O'Malley, seconded by Deputy Mayor Walker that, as recommended by the City Planning Committee, a public hearing be scheduled to consider Plan and Land Use Bylaw amendments as proposed by Alderman Cromwell and as described in more detail in the Appendix and advertisement attached to the staff report dated January 4, 1988.

Motion passed.

Ms. Swim advised that the date for the public hearing would be scheduled for Wednesday, February 17, 1988 in the Council Chamber, Halifax City Hall, beginning at 7:30 p.m.

7:45 p.m. - Alderman Cromwell enters the meeting.

#### Case No. 5484 - Development Agreement: 1546 Barrington Street

 $\lambda$  public hearing into the above matter was held at this time.

Mr. M. Purcell of the Development and Planning Department, with the aid of plans and diagrams, outlined the application for a development agreement to permit the construction of a five-storey addition to an existing registered heritage building at 1546 Barrington Street (as illustrated in the staff report dated November 23, 1987).

Mr. John Dobbs, architect for the project, addressed Council advising that the applicant has tried very hard in this development to make sure that the existing heritage building is maintained and restored as much as possible. He further advised that the new portion of the building has been designed for modern use, noting that an effort has been made to keep it in context with the rest of the building. Mr. Dobbs indicated that the height of the building has been kept the same as the existing building in order to maintain the scale and proportion of the building.

Mr. Michael Watson, owner of an adjacent property, addressed Council in support of the proposed development. He noted that the staff report on the matter had addressed many of the pertinent points relating to the heritage aspects of the property in question including the scale of the development and the overall aspects of the project's presentation.

There were no further persons present wishing to address Council on this matter.

MOVED by Alderman Downey, seconded by Alderman D. Grant that this item be forwarded to Council without recommendation.

Motion passed.

### Case No. 5376 - Development Agreement: 2093 Creighton Street

A public hearing into the above matter was held at this time.

A report, dated December 3, 1987, from the Chairman of the Planning Advisory Committee (a copy of which is contained in the official file of this meeting) was submitted.

Mr. Chris Reddy of the Development and Planning Department, using maps and diagrams of the area in question,

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outlined the application for a contract development pursuant to Schedule "C", Section 83 of the Land Use Bylaw (Peninsula Area), as illustrated by the staff report dated November 6, 1987. In his remarks, Mr. Reddy advised that the application is intended to permit the construction of a multiple- unit dwelling containing four apartment units at 2093 Creighton Street on the eastern side between Falkland and Cornwallis Streets.

Alderman Downey expressed concern with respect to the type of development before Council, and urged staff to reexamine the matter. In his remarks, the Alderman expressed concern with regard to the possibility that the proposed four- unit apartment building will overcrowd the available land space, and requested a report to have this property down-zoned from four units.

Mr. Christopher Von Maltzahn, applicant, addressed Council displaying plans of his proposal. He read and submitted a report dated January 6, 1988 (a copy of which is contained in the official file of this meeting).

In response to a question from Alderman Cromwell, Mr. Von Maltzahn commented that he had been advised by staff that, owing to the necessity for privacy, he would not be permitted to construct windows on the south side of the building.

With reference to Mr. Von Maltzahn's comments, Mr. Reddy clarified that windows on the south side of the proposed building would have a major impact on the privacy of the adjacent lot although, he admitted, that lot is vacant at the moment. He emphasized, however, that the position of the windows on Mr. Von Maltzahn's building would dictate how the adjacent lot would have to be developed at some future point in time.

Responding to a further question from Alderman Cromwell, Mr. Reddy advised that, in addition to various provisions in the National Building Code, the policies of the proposed Peninsula North Secondary Planning Strategy recommend that a development should not have a negative impact on the privacy of adjacent properties. He further advised that Peninsula North Strategy could come before Council (to set a date for a public hearing) prior to the appeal period ending on the Creighton Street application in which case, he suggested that no development permit could subsequently be issued.

A discussion ensued with respect to the question of the location of the proposed windows. Responding to further questions from members of Council, Mr. Reddy noted that the thrust of the policy statement in the Peninsula North Strategy suggests that the organization of buildings on a lot should be such that they do not "view down" into an adjacent lot. He advised that the tradition

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(as illustrated by existing structures on Creighton Street) has been more of a "cross street" view.

8:20 p.m. - Alderman Leiper enters the meeting.

Responding to a question from Alderman Richard Grant, Mr. Anstey referred Council to that provision of the Planning Act which states that no development permit may be issued which is or may be inconsistent with a proposed Planning strategy. He went on to note that there is a possibility (if Council were to state in their motion that these windows were not in violation of the policies of the proposed Plan) that there may not be a conflict if the contract was approved. Mr. Anstey agreed to report on this matter prior to the next regular meeting of City Council.

Mr. Lawrence Hampden, residing at 2101 Creighton Street, addressed Council, and read and submitted a letter dated January 6, 1988 in opposition to the proposed development (a copy of which is included in the official file of this meeting).

Alderman Dewell expressed concern with regard to the fact that the previous speaker's comments seem to hinge on down zoning. He commented that, if the contract were approved, it would not effect the zoning in any way.

Mr. Brian MacKay-Lyons, residing at 2005 Bauer Street, addressed Council advising that he is the resident, architect, and developer of the site directly across the street from the property in question, adding that his development was approved by contract in the same manner that this project is hoping to be approved. Mr. MacKay-Lyons clarified points with respect to the urban design compatibility of this project with the surrounding neighbourhood, suggesting that the application, as proposed, is in keeping with the pattern of massing in the neighbourhood, both in terms of overall bulk and of the portion of the site that the structure is proposed to occupy. He further suggested that the project avoids potential problems of privacy, is in keeping with existing heights, setbacks and the percentage of lot coverage in the neighbourhood, and that the density is the same as other heritage architecture in the immediate vicinity.

In terms of architectural styling, Mr. MacKay-Lyons suggested that Council should not get too specific about the project because, in his opinion, it was not reasonable to expect Mr. Von Maltzahn to design an historical replica in order to be sympathetic. He further suggested that the application is a "positive" one in that the developer is proposing to add accommodation to the centre of the City.

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A gentleman residing at 2104 Gottingen Street addressed Council advising that his residence is located behind the property in question and requested information as to how access to the parking proposed for 2093 Creighton Street is to be provided.

Mr. Stephen Townsend, 2039 Creighton Street, addressed Council suggesting that the proposed building fits in well with the neighbourhood. He advised that the majority of people he has spoken to about the application appear to think that the density is appropriate. He concluded that he is supportive of the building indicating that, in his opinion, the owner is being creative in his design and in utilization of the lot.

Mr. Peter Greer, a resident of Creighton Street, addressed Council suggesting that the density is too high, and expressed concern that the proposed development may not blend in appropriately with the rest of the street.

There were no further persons present wishing to address Council on this matter.

Alderman O'Malley noted that the staff report, dated November 6, 1987, as well as the December 3, 1987 Planning Advisory Committee report, do not include either a positive or a negative recommendation with regard to this application. He suggested that this matter be referred to staff for an opinion in this regard.

The City Manager advised that staff have presented as much information as is available and have left it to Council to decide (based upon input received from the public at tonight's public hearing) whether or not such a development would be appropriate for this area.

MOVED by Alderman Downey, seconded by Alderman O'Malley that this matter be forwarded to Council without recommendation.

Motion passed.

9:00 p.m. - His Worship Mayor Wallace retires from the meeting with Deputy Mayor J. Albert Walker assuming the Chair.

Case No. 5340 - Contract Development: 6331 and 6335-6337 Pepperell Street

A public hearing into the above matter was held at this time.

Mr. Angus E. Schaffenburg, Development and Planning Department, outlined the application for a development agreement

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proposed for 6331 and 6335-37 Pepperell Street, as contained in the staff report dated October 15, 1987. He noted that the applicant, Edwards Fine Foods Limited, operates a Kentucky Fried Chicken restaurant on the abutting property at 6310 Quinpool Road. Mr. Schaffenburg further noted that the purpose of the development agreement is to permit the subject properties to be used for customer parking, loading and unloading, and vehicular access from the restaurant operations.

Mr. Bill Frank, Edwards Fine Food Limited, addressed Council, emphasizing that this project is the result of a fiveyear process. He explained that his company began with the Quinpool Road detailed area planning scenario and worked very diligently with area residents to reach a compromise.

There were no further persons present wishing to address Council on this matter.

Alderman Meagher commented that the plan brought forward by Mr. Frank was a delightful one and suggested that it will be a credit to Quinpool Road.

MOVED by Alderman Cromwell, seconded by Alderman Meagher

(a) pursuant to Section 16AB(g) of the Land Use Bylaw (Peninsula Area), City Council approve the proposed commercial parking at 6331 and 6335-37 Pepperell Street, provided it is built in substantial conformity with Plan No. P200/16018 and the provisions of the development agreement; and

(b) the contract shall be signed within 120 days or any extension thereof by Council on request of the applicant from the date of final approval by Halifax City Council and any other bodies as necessary, whichever approval is later, including any applicable appeal periods; otherwise, this contract approval will be void and obligations arising hereunder shall be at an end.

The motion was put and passed.

that:

9:05 p.m. His Worship Mayor Ron Wallace returns to the meeting, with Deputy Mayor Walker assuming his usual seat on Council.

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Intention to Amend the Land Use Bylaw, Peninsula Area Respecting Multiple-Building Development in the R-2 (General Residential) Zone

A public hearing into the above matter was held at this time.

Mr. W.B. Campbell, Senior Planner with the Development and Planning Department, gave a brief overview of the application, advising that a previous hearing had been held on this matter and that this second hearing resulted from a difficulty with the advertisement. He explained that the amendment is intended to remove the provision for allowing two buildings on a lot within the R-2 zone.

Mr. Philip Pacey, 6269 Yukon Street, addressed Council and indicated his support for the Bylaw amendment.

There were no further persons present wishing to address Council on this matter.

MOVED by Alderman O'Malley, seconded by Alderman Dewell that Council adopt the following resolution:

Amend the Land Use Bylaw, Peninsula Area, to amend Subsection 10(3) as follows, to delete the reference to R-2:

10(3) Notwithstanding the provisions of subsections (1) and (2) hereof, more than one residential building excluding single family, semi-detached and duplex buildings may be constructed on a lot in an R-2A or an R-3 Zone, provided that:

Subsections 10(3)(a), 10(3)(b) and 10(3)(c) to be retained as they are at present.

Motion passed.

Intention to Amend the Land Use Bylaw, Peninsula Area Respecting the Rezoning of Properties on Union Street Immediate Vicinity from General Residential (R-2) Zone to Single Family (R-1) Zone

A public hearing into the above matter was held at this time.

Mr. W.B. Campbell, Senior Planner with the Development and Planning Department, advised that this particular request for

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Mr. Richard Lawrence, a resident of Union Street, addressed Council indicating that he was one of the originators of the petition. He advised that the purpose of the petition was to maintain the area as R-1 (single family) and to retain the existing nature of the neighbourhood.

Ms. Jo-Anne Fitz, a resident of Albert Street, addressed Council indicating that she has lived in Halifax for 2 1/2 years. She explained that during her first six months of residency in the City, she had spent a considerable amount of time selecting an area in which she wished to live. She went on to advise that she felt fortunate in purchasing a house in the Union Street area, and spoke in favour of the proposal to rezone to R-1. She expressed concern with regard to the fact that she lives next door to a duplex that is rented to a rapidly changing number of residents, and suggested that there are often as many as twenty people living in this three- bedroom unit. Ms. Fitz advised that this exceptional unit does cause problems in terms of congestion, noise, and other difficulties between neighbors.

Mr. Graham Hicks, 5335 Young Street, addressed Council advising that he is not really in favour of the change but suggested that, if the change is to occur, it should be different from what is proposed.

Mr. Norval Collins, a resident of 3247 Union Street, addressed Council advising that he is a planner by profession. He emphasized that while he does not have any vested interest in whether Union Street or the area defined is rezoned, he has attempted to analyze the information put forward by staff.

He recommended that staff seriously consider what the rezoning of Union Street could mean in relation to the City of Halifax, noting that the question of the steep topography on Union Street has been inadequately addressed in terms of its effect on potential development in the area. Mr. Collins urged Council to consider referring the matter to the PAC so that perhaps some of these questions could be addressed in more detail, and requested Council to consider what the actual issues are and what kinds of effects a decision of rezoning one R-2 area to R-1 could have in relation to the other R-2 areas in the City. In conclusion, Mr. Collins suggested that greater attention should be paid to the issue of non-conforming use.

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that he chose this neighbourhood in which to live because of its characteristics, and suggested that if R-2 development is allowed to continue, it will destroy the desirable characteristics of the neighbourhood as well as its stability.

Ms. G. Salsbury, 3193 Union Street, addressed Council advising that she had attended the public meeting and responded to the questionnaire respecting this issue. She indicated that she is in complete agreement with staff's recommendation to Council, and urged Council to adopt the report.

Mr. T. J. Khattar, 3189 Union Street, addressed Council and reiterated the comments made previously by Ms. Salsbury.

There were no further persons present wishing to address Council on this matter.

<u>MOVED by Alderman O'Malley, seconded by Alderman R.</u> <u>Grant that</u> this matter be forwarded to Council without recommendation.

Motion passed.

The following correspondence was received with respect to this item:

 A letter dated December 28, 1987 from Mr. Norval H. Collins;

2. A letter dated December 9, 1987 from Elizabeth M. Lane.

There being no further business to be discussed, the meeting was adjourned at 9:35 p.m.

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## HEADLINES

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## HIS WORSHIP MAYOR RON WALLACE CHAIRMAN

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CITY COUNCIL M I N U T E S

> Council Chamber City Hall Halifax, Nova Scotia January 14, 1988 8:00 P. M.

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A regular meeting of Halifax City Council was held on the above date.

The meeting was called to order with members of City Council, led by Alderman Ronald Cromwell, joining in the recitation of the Lord's Prayer.

PRESENT: His Worship Mayor Ron Wallace, Chairman; Deputy Mayor J. Albert Walker; and Aldermen Deborah Grant, Cromwell, Downey, Meagher, O'Malley, Richard Grant, Jeffrey, Leiper, Flynn, and Hamshaw.

ALSO PRESENT: City Manager; City Solicitor; City Clerk; and other members of City staff.

Before moving to the formal agenda, His Worship Mayor Wallace expressed condolences, on behalf of members of Halifax City Council, to Senator Henry Hicks on the recent passing of his wife.

### MINUTES

Minutes of the regular meeting of City Council held on December 17, 1987 and of a special meeting (public hearings) held on Wednesday, January 6, 1988 were approved on a motion by Alderman Cromwell, seconded by Alderman Hamshaw.

### APPROVAL OF THE ORDER OF BUSINESS, ADDITIONS & DELETIONS

At the request of the City Clerk, Council agreed to rename Item 7.2 as "Rezoning - 38 Vimy Avenue" and to consider it on the agenda as Item 5.4.

At the request of the City Clerk, Council also agreed to

add:

20.1 Appointments

At the request of Deputy Mayor Walker, Council agreed to

add:

20.2 Metro Transit

At the request of Alderman Richard Grant, Council agreed to add: 20.3 Acquisition - 17 Levis Street

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add:

20.4 City Snow Clearance Program

At the request of Alderman Downey, Council agreed to

At the request of Alderman O'Malley, Council agreed to

add:

20.5 Adsum House

MOVED by Alderman Cromwell, seconded by Alderman Hamshaw that the agenda, as amended, by approved.

Motion carried.

#### DEPERRED ITEMS

## Case No. 5484 - Development Agreement: 1546 Barrington Street

A public hearing was held concerning this matter on Wednesday, January 6, 1988.

Correspondence, dated January 14, 1988, was received from Mrs. Elizabeth Pacey, Vice President, Heritage Trust of Nova Scotia.

MOVED by Alderman Downey, seconded by Alderman Cromwell

that:

- (a) pursuant to Section 84, Schedule "F" of the Land Use Bylaw, City Council approve the proposed five-storey building at 1546 Barrington Street, provided that it is built in substantial conformity with Plans No. P200/16243, 16245, 16309, 16310, 16247-51, and 16253-55 inclusive;
- (b) the contract shall be signed within 120 days or any extension thereof by Council on request of the applicant from the date of final approval by Halifax City Council and any other bodies as necessary whichever approval is later, including any applicable appeal periods; otherwise, this contract approval will be void and obligations arising hereunder shall be at an end.

The motion was put and passed, with Aldermen Jeffrey, Leiper, and Hamshaw abstaining owing to non-attendance at the January 6 public hearing.

Development Agreement - 2093 Creighton Street (Case No.5376)

A public hearing into this matter was held on Wednesday, January 6, 1988.

A supplementary report, dated January 11, 1988, was submitted together with correspondence, dated January 11, 1988, from the applicant in question, Mr. Christopher von Maltzahn.

In view of the recent submission of both the supplementary report and the letter from the applicant, Mr. von Maltzahn, <u>it was moved by Alderman Downey</u>, seconded by Alderman <u>Deborah Grant that</u> the matter be deferred to the next regular meeting of Halifax City Council scheduled for Thursday, January 28, 1988.

The motion to defer was put and passed.

8:10 p.m. - Alderman Randy Dewell enters the meeting.

Amendment to the Land Use Bylaw (Peninsula Area): Rezoning of Properties on Union Street from General Residential (R-2) to Single-Family (R-1) Zone

A public hearing into this matter was held on Wednesday, January 6, 1988.

Alderman O'Malley referred briefly to the extensive studies carried out on this matter by the City's Development and Planning Department, and to the considerable support given to the rezoning proposal by area residents. With reference to remarks made by a gentleman during the January 6 public hearing, the Alderman assured Council that staff had paid particular attention to the unique topography of the Union Street area, and had subsequently recommended a low-density zoning classification as being more appropriate to the neighbourhood than R-2.

It was subsequently moved by Alderman O'Malley, seconded by Alderman Richard Grant that Needham Street and parts of Union, Albert, Young and Kaye Streets (as shown on Map P200/16242, and described in the staff report of October 30, 1987) be rezoned from R-2 (General Residential Zone) to R-1 (Single-Family Zone).

The motion was put and passed with Aldermen Jeffrey and Hamshaw abstaining owing to their non-attendance at the January 6 public hearing.

#### **REPORT - CITY PLANNING COMMITTEE**

#### Case No. 5270 - Fairmount Subdivision

At the request of Alderman Jeffrey and in deference to a number of interested members of the public present in the Council

Chamber, Council agreed to consider "Case No. 5270 - Fairmount Subdivision" at this point in the meeting's agenda.

#### MOVED by Alderman Jeffrey, seconded by Alderman Deborah

Grant that, as recommended by the City Planning Committee, the recommendation, as contained in the December 17, 1987 staff report (i.e., that City Council approve the construction of a connecting roadway between Milsom Avenue and the Northwest Arm Drive, as outlined in the April 1984 report by C.B.C.L. Limited), be denied; and further, that area residents be advised before any future item pertaining to additional development in the Fairmount Subdivision (that would affect the connector) comes before Council, or as soon as a development permit in this regard is applied for.

#### The motion was put and passed.

The following correspondence was received with reference to this matter:

- Mr. and Mrs. Paul Cable, 4 Milsom Avenue, Halifax: Opposition to the proposed Northwest Arm Drive Connector (Telephoned);

-Letter, dated January 7, 1988, from Mrs. Cathy Lively, Co-Chairman, Springvale-Fairmount Residents Association;

-Letter, dated January 12, 1988, from Mr. Willard B. Reed, 31 Doull Avenue, Halifax;

-Letter, dated January 12, 1988, from Mr. Peter L. Coulthard (Kenneth A. MacInnis Associates, Barristers and Solicitors), 1809 Barrington Street, Halifax;

-Letter, dated January 12, 1988, from W. J. Gibbons, 8 Piers Avenue, Halifax;

- Letter, dated January 13, 1988, from Deborah A. Kaetz, 15 Springvale Avenue, Halifax;

- Letter, dated January 13, 1988, from Mr. J. Bruce MacDonald, 10 Botany Terrace.

#### MOTIONS OF RESCISSION

Motion Alderman Jeffrey Re: Motion to Rescind Council's Resolution of December 17, 1987: Widening of Dutch Village Road, Titus Street and Alma Crescent

A Notice of Motion to Rescind (with regard to Council's motion on the matter of December 17, 1987) was given by Alderman Jeffrey during a regular meeting of Halifax City Council held on Thursday, December 17, 1987.

MOVED by Alderman Jeffrey, seconded by Alderman O'Malley that Council rescind its resolution of December 17, 1987 regarding the widening of Dutch Village Road, Titus Street and Alma Crescent

(i.e., "that Council authorize the widening of Titus Street, Alma Crescent, and a section of Dutch Village Road, and that staff be instructed to prepare costs for inclusion in the 1988 Budget").

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Referring to comments made during Council's previous deliberations on this matter, Alderman Jeffrey indicated that he had recently received a letter from two Vice Principals of Halifax West High School in which they expressed their concern that the proposed widening of Titus Street and Dutch Village Road would add to the existing traffic problems directly in front of the High School, thereby diminishing the potential for student and staff safety.

Alderman Jeffrey added that he had also received a letter from the School's Principal concurring with the views expressed previously by his Vice Principals. Quoting from that letter, the Alderman advised that concern was expressed regarding the difficulties experienced both by pedestrians and motorists in entering or exiting the School property because of the presence of the extremely busy Titus Street/Dutch Village Road intersection almost directly in front of the School building. The Principal also made reference to the heavily-used service station located on Dutch Village Road just below Halifax West High School which poses difficulties for pedestrians because of a very slippery grade and the absence of sidewalks. The letter concluded by stating that the Principal could not support the proposal to widen Titus Street at this location if it would mean increased traffic volumes which in turn would increase the hazardous conditions as well as the noise levels directly in front of School property.

Alderman Jeffrey subsequently submitted a petition signed by approximately 80 residents of the Joseph Howe Drive area (including Scot Street, Rowe Avenue, and Desmond Avenue) in opposition to the proposed widening, as well as a petition from residents of Titus Street. Also submitted by the Alderman were petitions from 35 students of the Halifax West High School and from 51 patrons of area businesses (and from the business owners themselves), all in opposition to the proposed street widening.

Alderman Richard Grant expressed concern that the proposed widening of Titus Street will not appropriately address the problem of vehicular traffic flows onto the Peninsula from the Mainland, emphasizing that, in his opinion, Council has not had an opportunity to review all the options. On that basis, Alderman Grant indicated that he would be supporting the motion to rescind.

Alderman O'Malley indicated that a good portion of the Halifax West High School student population reside in Ward Five and expressed concern on their behalf regarding the hazards posed for pedestrians by the considerable amount of vehicular traffic projected for the Titus Street/Dutch Village Road intersection should the proposed widening proceed. He noted that since no

proposal has been made to reduce vehicular speed from 50 kilometers/hour to 30 if the roadway is widened to four lanes, he would support the motion to rescind currently on the floor.

Alderman Leiper, referring to her comments on the matter made during the December 17 meeting, emphasized that the statistics quoted by her at that time had been provided by the City's Traffic Engineering Division. Referring to concerns raised concerning the possibility of accidents in the vicinity of the Halifax West High School, the Alderman advised that, according to the Traffic Authority, there has been only one accident involving a pedestrian and a vehicle reported at that intersection (in 1986); she added that records show the accident was almost certainly caused by adverse weather conditions.

Referring to a recent conversation held with the Principal of the Halifax West High School, Alderman Leiper advised that, in the interests of safety, she is very much in favor of the installation of traffic lights at the street intersection with the School property, adding that she had suggested that representatives of the School Board discuss this possibility further with members of the City's Engineering and Works Department.

In conclusion, Alderman Leiper emphasized that she had brought this matter before Council only out of a desire to improve the traffic situation in the Dutch Village Road area, reiterating that the proposed widening had also been recommended by the City's Traffic Authority for a number of years.

After some further discussion, the motion was put, resulting in a tie (6 - 6) vote.

His Worship Mayor Wallace addressed the matter, noting that he had supported the concept of this widening project (as put forward by City staff) for some years, believing it to be a partial solution to the traffic problems characteristic of Mainland North.

So saying, the Chairman cast his vote in opposition and declared the motion to be lost.

#### DEFERRED ITEMS

## Case No. 5323 - Rezoning: 38 Vimy Avenue

With Council's concurrence, this matter was renamed as Item 5.4 during the setting of the meeting's agenda.

The City Solicitor advised that, in actuality, discussion of this matter did not constitute a "Motion of

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\*AMENDED BY CITY COUNCIL RESOLUTION OF FEBRUARY 11, 1988\*

Council January 14, 1988

Rescission" owing to the fact that definitive action had merely been deferred during a regular meeting of City Council held on October 1, 1987.

<u>MOVED by Alderman Jeffrey, seconded by Alderman</u> \*Meagher\* that Council approve the application for the rezoning of Lot "M," Vimy Avenue from R-2P to R-2AM in order to permit the construction of a 12-unit apartment building.

In addressing this matter, Alderman Jeffrey emphasized that, according to the June 19, 1987 staff report, the lot in question is deficient only in terms of lot frontage requirements, adding that, in his opinion, the proposed structure would be in conformance with other buildings in the immediate vicinity.

Alderman Leiper indicated that she had discussed the matter with area residents who had expressed concern that, with the addition of another apartment building, the "family" character of the area would be diminished. In bringing this information before Council, the Alderman also made reference to statements made during the September 23, 1987 public hearing, at which time a real estate agent had indicated that she was intending to sell the lot adjacent to Lot "M" for future development. Alderman Leiper further referred to staff's concerns that the sewer capacity in this area is limited, and urged Council to vote in opposition to the proposed rezoning.

The City Clerk advised that His Worship Mayor Wallace and Aldermen O'Malley and Walker had not been present during the September 23, 1987 public hearing.

The motion was put and passed with Aldermen O'Malley and Walker abstaining.

#### PUBLIC HEARINGS, HEARINGS, ETC.

Case No. 5328 - Appeal of Minor Variance Refusal: 2107 Oxford Street

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Rescission" owing to the fact that definitive action had merely e.e. been deferred during a regular meeting of City Council held on  $\frac{e.e.}{\pi t b.u|88}$ October 1, 1987.

MOVED by Alderman Jeffrey, seconded by Alderman-O'Malley that Council approve the application for the rezoning of Lot "M," Vimy Avenue from R-2P to R-2AM in order to permit the construction of a l2-unit apartment building.

In addressing this matter, Alderman Jeffrey emphasized that, according to the June 19, 1987 staff report, the lot in question is deficient only in terms of lot frontage requirements, adding that, in his opinion, the proposed structure would be in conformance with other buildings in the immediate vicinity.

Alderman Leiper indicated that she had discussed the matter with area residents who had expressed concern that, with the addition of another apartment building, the "family" character of the area would be diminished. In bringing this information before Council, the Alderman also made reference to statements made during the September 23, 1987 public hearing, at which time a real estate agent had indicated that she was intending to sell the lot adjacent to Lot "M" for future development. Alderman Leiper further referred to staff's concerns that the sewer capacity in this area is limited, and urged Council to vote in opposition to the proposed reconing.

The City Clerk advised that His Worship Mayor Wallace and Aldermen O'Malley and Walker had not been present during the September 23, 1987 public hearing.

The motion was put and passed with Aldermen O'Malley and Walker abstaining.

### PUBLIC HEARINGS, HEARINGS, ETC.

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MOVED by Alderman Meagher, seconded by Alderman O'Malley that the matter be deferred until the Peninsula North Secondary Planning Strategy is approved.

In making this motion of deferral, Alderman Meagher noted that, should the Peninsula North Strategy be approved, the applicant will be authorized to proceed with his project as of right.

After some discussion and questioning of the City Solicitor, the motion to defer was put and passed.

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### PETITIONS

Petition Alderman Richard Grant Re: Residents of Thornhill Park -Elizabeth Sutherland School Stairway/Walkway

Alderman Richard Grant submitted a petition signed by approximately 42 residents of Thornhill Park opposed to a decision to construct a stairway, walkway or some combination thereof from Tartan Avenue to Elizabeth Sutherland School.

Petition Alderman Deborah Grant Re: Residents of Joseph Howe Manor - "Special Transit" Bus Service

Alderman Deborah Grant submitted a petition signed by approximately 153 residents of Joseph Howe Manor (located at 5515 Victoria Road) requesting Council's assistance in ensuring that the "Special Transit" bus service to that Manor is continued.

In submitting this petition, the Alderman noted that Manor residents have asked that the present route be slightly changed to include stops at Sears and The Bay.

Referring to Alderman Grant's petition, Alderman Downey brought to Council's attention that a similar petition had been presented over 1 1/2 years ago by the residents of the Gordon B. Isnor Manor.

Petition Deputy Mayor J. Albert Walker Re: Residents of Herring Cove Road - Snow Removal

Deputy Mayor Walker presented a petition signed by approximately 60 residents of Herring Cove Road concerning snow removal problems (particularly with regard to sidewalk clearance and the lack of a buffer area for snow to be deposited).

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Petition Deputy Mayor J. Albert Walker Re: Transit Bus Number 15, \_\_\_\_\_Purcell's Cove Road

Deputy Mayor Walker submitted a petition from approximately 333 City residents with reference to proposed changes in the scheduling of the Number 15 Transit Bus currently servicing the Purcell's Cove Road area.

#### **REPORT - FINANCE AND EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE**

Council considered the report of the Finance and Executive Committee from its meeting held on January 6, 1988 as follows:

Report: Tax Concessions and Grants Committee - Neptune Theatre, Buskers Festival, Halifax Winter Carnival and Art Allocation Committee

#### (A) Neptune Theatre

After some considerable discussion, it was moved by Alderman Flynn, seconded by Alderman D. Grant that, as recommended by the Finance and Executive Committee, a special grant of \$10,000 (towards the cost of roof replacement) be awarded to Neptune Theatre.

The motion was put and passed.

## (B) Buskers Pestival

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MOVED by Alderman Flynn, seconded by Alderman D. Grant that, as recommended by the Finance and Executive Committee, a grant of \$7,500 for start-up costs be awarded to the Buskers Festival.

The motion was put and passed.

#### (C) Halifax Winter Carnival

MOVED by Alderman Meagher, seconded by Alderman Flynn that, as recommended by the Finance and Executive Committee, a grant of \$1,500 be awarded to the Halifax Winter Carnival.

The motion was put and passed.

## (D) Art Allocation Committee

MOVED by Alderman Meagher, seconded by Alderman D. Grant that, as recommended by the Finance and Executive Committee, a grant of \$650.00 be awarded to the Art Allocation Committee.

## The motion was put and passed.

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10:00 p.m. - The meeting adjourned for a brief recess.

10:15 p.m. - The meeting reconvened with the same members being present.

#### Metro Transit

This matter was added to the agenda at the request of Deputy Mayor J. Albert Walker.

At the request of Deputy Mayor Walker (who made reference to a number of spectators in the public gallery with an interest in this matter), Council agreed to consider "Metro Transit" at this point in the meeting's agenda.

Referring to the petition submitted earlier in the evening from 333 City residents served by the Purcell's Cove bus, it was moved by Deputy Mayor Walker, seconded by Alderman Jeffrey that the City of Halifax request the Metropolitan Authority to continue service on the routes pertaining to Purcell's Cove, Wedgewood, the seniors manors, and Springvale, pending completion of the route review (based on the letter, dated December 16, 1987 from Mr. Mort Jackson of the Metropolitan Authority to Alderman A. Hamshaw).

His Worship Mayor Wallace advised that, owing to various provisions of the Halifax City Charter relating to the commitment of funds, a motion of this nature cannot be dealt with in the absence of a staff report. He recommended instead that the Deputy Mayor bring this matter forward under either "Notices of Motion" or as a request for a staff report and recommendation.

A discussion ensued regarding the urgency of the matter under discussion, with Alderman Deborah Grant suggesting that approval in principle of the Deputy Mayor's motion would be sufficient to ensure that the routes in question are maintained (past the proposed February 18 termination date) until Council has had sufficient opportunity to fully discuss the matter.

The City Manager expressed concern regarding the second part of the Deputy Mayor's motion, emphasizing that, in his opinion, it commits the City to an expenditure of funds for a chartered bus service. He added that this is a decision with a potential for far-reaching implications for the City of Halifax in general, and one which he felt deserves greater consideration.

Alderman Dewell, speaking as one of the City's representatives on the Metropolitan Authority, advised that, rightly or wrongly, the Authority has resolved to terminate the routes in question as of February 18. He emphasized that, in his

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opinion, in order to ensure that these buses are left in place and that residents of this area are not inconvenienced in any way, Council must find a method of interim financing until the matter can be resolved on a more permanent basis.

On the recommendation of the City Manager, the Deputy Mayor withdrew his original motion.

It was subsequently moved by Deputy Mayor Walker, seconded by Alderman Jeffrey that the City of Halifax request the Metropolitan Authority to continue service on the routes pertaining to Purcell's Cove, Wedgewood, the seniors manors, and Springvale until June 30, 1988.

Alderman Richard Grant expressed concern that the Metropolitan Authority would resolve to terminate essential bus routes without any prior consultation with area residents, particularly (as in the case of Purcell's Cove) when such bus service has been provided for a long period of time. He emphasized that, in his opinion, Council should be given a detailed explanation of such decisions and should be kept well advised concerning any public meetings on such matters.

Referring, in particular, to the bus routes under discussion this evening, Alderman Grant recommended that Council's concerns should be brought to the attention of the Executive Director and the members of the Metropolitan Authority as quickly as possible with a request that a response be received by Council prior to the next regular meeting of Committee of the Whole Council scheduled for Wednesday, January 20.

Referring to the motion presently on the floor, Alderman Flynn stated that, in his opinion, the only way Council's directive in this matter will be followed is for the City to agree (as part of the motion) to pay the additional \$245,862 required by the Authority to continue these four bus routes. He emphasized that, at this point in time, the routes in question have been deleted from Metro Transit's budget; he pointed out that, should Council agree to pay the additional amount, Council can be assured that the routes will be maintained until December 31, 1988 or until the route review process has been completed.

Alderman Flynn took exception to the designation of the routes in question as "charters," emphasizing that, in his opinion, they should be continued as regular Metro Transit bus routes with the rights and privileges of all other bus routes operating in the City of Halifax.

Alderman O'Malley noted that he is of the understanding that the four routes in question are being cancelled because they have not been able to meet the 40 percent requirement; i.e., a 40 percent return on cost, minus the revenue generated by the toll

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box. In making this assumption, Alderman O'Malley questioned why the City does not have the alternative of paying the difference required to bring these routes up to the 40 percent requirement, rather than paying 100 percent of the costs required to provide buses as a "chartered" service.

Alderman O'Malley also requested information as to the average revenue return incurred by the four municipalities participating in the Metropolitan Authority i.e., the average revenue in toll boxes from the City of Halifax compared to the other municipal partners.

With reference to a suggestion from Alderman O'Malley, His Worship Mayor Wallace indicated that this matter would be added to the agenda of the next regular meeting of Committee of the Whole Council (scheduled for Wednesday, January 20, 1988); and further, that a request would be made to representatives of the Metropolitan Authority to attend in order to respond to questions from members of Council and to provide Alderman O'Malley with the requested financial analysis.

After a lengthy discussion, the motion was put and passed with Alderman Deborah Grant voting in opposition.

#### Task Force on Approaches to Full Employment

MOVED by Alderman Downey, seconded by Alderman Leiper that, as recommended by the Finance and Executive Committee, the formation of a Task Force on Full Employment subtitle "A Critical Review of Income Support Programs in Metro" be approved by Halifax City Council, as described in the Terms of Reference attached to the December 23, 1987 staff report and further that the expenses for the Task Force are available in the Rehabilitation Fund and will be cost-shared by the Province of Nova Scotia.

Motion passed.

Encroachment License - 1558 Argyle Street

This matter was forwarded to Council without recommendation.

MOVED by Alderman Downey, seconded by Alderman Meagher that Transeastern Properties Ltd. be granted an Encroachment License to allow the roof of Civic # 1558 Argyle Street to overhang the street line.

Motion passed.

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Alderman Cromwell referred to the fact that the remaining items listed on the agenda under the Report of the Finance and Executive Committee had not been fully discussed and <u>MOVEd by Alderman Cromwell, seconded by Alderman Dewell that</u> the balance of the agenda items listed on the Report of the Finance and Executive Committee, as follows, be deferred to the next meeting of the Committee of the Whole Council to be held on January 20, 1988.

Endorsement of Resolution from the Canadian Association of Housing School Board Letter on Wilson Tax Formula Commonwealth Games Street Vendors Amendments to Ordinance 121 - Retail Store Hours Commission on City Government Recommendations Application - the Nova Scotia Hotel re: Permission to Fly City of Halifax Flag Preservation Agreement - Old Fire Station - 1679 Bedford Row Power Outage - Lieblin Park, Fairview and Rockingstone Park Thorne, Ernst & Whinney Report - Pay as you Go Transinfo - Go-Time Report

Parking Meters Around Hospital Zones

The motion was put resulting in a tie vote. His Worship cast his vote in favour of the motion to defer and declared the motion to be passed.

#### **REPORT - COMMITTEE ON WORKS**

Council considered the report of the Committee on Works from its meeting held on January 6, 1988, as follows:

Traffic Improvements - Herring Cove Road, Phase III (Sussex Street to Sylvia Avenue)

Alderman R. Grant addressed the matter indicating that he would be moving the recommendation of the Committee of the Whole Council including his request at the Committee of the Whole that the small portion of Herring Cove Road on the east side between McMullen Road and Cherry Lane also be considered in the proposed design.

MOVED by Alderman R. Grant, seconded by Deputy Mayor Walker that City Council award a contract for the design and preparation of Plans and Specifications for Improvements to Herring Cove Road from Sussex Street to Sylvia Avenue at an estimated cost of \$200,000.00 and, that the Mayor and City Clerk be authorized to sign the Contractual Agreement (funds for this project are available in Capital Account Number CJ012) and further that the small portion of Herring Cove Road on the east

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side between McMullen Road and Cherry Lane also be considered in the proposed design.

## Motion passed.

Alderman Leiper addressed the matter indicating that like those items deferred to Committee of the Whole Council from the Report of the Finance and Executive Committee, the remaining agenda items listed under the Report of the Committee on Works had not been discussed at the Committee of the Whole.

MOVED by Alderman Leiper, seconded by Alderman Cromwell that the balance of the agenda items listed on the Report of the Committee on Works, as follows, be deferred to the next meeting of the Committee of the Whole Council to be held on January 20, 1988.

Trapping in the City of Halifax Petition: Renewal of Sidewalk (Claymore Avenue) Tender #87-45 - Bridgeview Playground Tennis Court and Basketball Court Renewal

Stormwater Management Study, Phase II - Preparation of Storm Drainage Master Plans (Mainland South Area)

Building Sewer Connections - Sewer Main Street Line

The motion was put resulting in a tie vote. His Worship cast his vote in favour of the motion to defer and declared the motion to be passed.

REPORT - COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE COUNCIL, BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS:

Administrative Order #16 - Private Sewers Blocked by Roots of City Trees - SECOND READING

MOVED by Alderman Flynn, seconded by Alderman D. Grant that, as recommended by the Committee on Works, the amendments to Administrative Order #16, Respecting Private Sewer Blocked by Roots of City Trees (as follows), be given SECOND READING:

> In any case in which it cannot be definitely determined whether the roots causing the problem are those of a City-owned tree, the Director may contribute to such portion of the cost of correction of the problem as is fair in the circumstances.

Motion passed.

Report - Advisory Committee on Concerns of Aging Re Property Tax \_\_\_\_\_Exemption for Seniors\_\_\_\_\_

A report dated January 14, 1988 from Margaret Cragg, Chairman, Advisory Committee on the Concerns of Aging, was submitted.

Alderman D. Grant addressed the matter and noted that this matter had not yet been before a Committee of the Whole and suggested that it should be deferred to the next meeting of the Committee of the Whole Council. Alderman D. Grant went on to note that she felt a staff report with regard to the recommendation from the Advisory Committee on Concerns of Aging in relation to tax exemptions for seniors would be required.

MOVED by Alderman D. Grant, seconded by Alderman Cromwell that this matter be deferred to the next meeting of the Committee of the Whole Council and that staff prepare a report in relation to the recommendation contained with the January 4, 1988 report from the Advisory Committee on Concerns of Aging for that meeting.

Motion passed.

## **REPORT - CITY PLANNING COMMITTEE**

Council considered the report of the City Planning Committee from its meeting held on January 6, 1988, as follows:

### R-1 (Single-Family Dwelling) Zone: In-Law Suites

<u>MOVED by Alderman R. Grant, seconded by Alderman D.</u> <u>Grant that</u>, as recommended by the City Planning Committee, the investigation as to the application of "inlaw suites" or extended family uses on a City wide basis, rather than merely as an amendment to the R-1 (or any other zoning) provisions be continued, and that a staff report be submitted to the Planning Advisory Committee for review and recommendation.

#### Motion passed.

Case No. 5078 - Discharge of Agreement: 3-7 Dentith Road

MOVED by Alderman R. Grant, seconded by Alderman Walker that, as recommended by the City Planning Committee, City Council discharge the contract development agreement dated October 7, 1981 and filed at the Registry of Deeds in Book 3529, Page 204; and also, discharge the amendment to the agreement dated April 15, 1987 and filed at the Registry of Deeds in Book 4374, Page 549.

Motion passed.

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## Case No. 5270 - Fairmount Subdivision

This matter was dealt with earlier in the meeting.

## Chebucto Landing/Fisherman's Market Area

MOVED by Alderman O'Malley, seconded by Alderman D. Grant that, as recommended by the City Planning Committee, Council authorize staff to develop the concept of leasing space under the covered pedestrian walkway with Mr. Lindthaler (See Map 2, Note B and Figure 1 of the November 10, 1987 staff report), and present the results to Council for review and public discussion prior to entering into negotiations for a development and lease agreement; and further, to continue discussion with the various interested parties on the location of the Fisherman's Market.

### Motion passed.

#### MOTIONS

Motion Alderman R. Cromwell re: Amendments to Ordinance Number 182, Respecting the Barrington Street Business District Improvement District Commission - FIRST READING

Alderman Cromwell gave Notice of Motion at the December 17, 1987 meeting of City Council of his intention to move First Reading of amendments to Ordinance 182, Respecting the Barrington Street Business Improvement District Commission, the purpose of which will be to change the name of the Commission from the "Barrington Street Business Improvement District Commission" to the "Downtown Halifax Business Improvement District Commission".

A confidential staff report dated December 8, 1987 from Donald F. Murphy, Q. C., City Solicitor was submitted.

MOVED by Alderman Cromwell, seconded by Alderman Downey that the amendments to Ordinance 182 attached as Appendix "A" to the December 8, 1987 confidential report from the City Solicitor be given FIRST READING and referred to the Committee of the Whole Council for discussion and report.

Motion passed.

Motion Alderman Meagher re: Amendment to Ordinance Number 188 - the Streets Ordinance - First Reading

Alderman Meagher gave Notice of Motion at the December 17, 1987 meeting of Council of his intention to introduce an amendment to Ordinance 180, the Streets Ordinance, the purpose of which is to place a responsibility on the condominium corporation

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to clear the sidewalks in front of buildings which have been registered as condominiums under the Condominium Property Act.

## MOVED by Alderman Meagher, seconded by Alderman Cromwell

that the amendment to Ordinance 180, as follows, be given FIRST READING and referred back to the Committee of the Whole Council for discussion and report:

BE IT ENACTED that Ordinance 180, the Streets Ordinance be amended as follows:

1. Subsection (1) of Section 2 of said Ordinance 180 be amended by adding immediately after the word "street" in the last line thereof a comma and the words "and where the premises or lot has been registered as a condominium under the Condominium Property Act includes the condominium corporation which manages the premises or lot".

Motion passed.

#### Motion Alderman D. Grant re: Design Advisory Committee

Alderman D. Grant gave Notice of Motion at the December 17, 1987 meeting of City Council of her intention to introduce a motion to the effect that the Design Advisory Committee become an advisory committee to Council.

Alderman D. Grant addressed the matter noting that she had indicated at the time of giving the Notice that she would have information to be distributed to Council. Alderman D. Grant went on to note that an information report January 8, 1988 had just been received from the City Solicitor on the matter. Alderman D. Grant indicated that all of the information was not yet available to her and MOVED, seconded by Alderman Cromwell that this matter be deferred to the next meeting of the Committee of the Whole Council to be held on Wednesday, January 20, 1988 at which time a full discussion will be held in relation to this matter.

#### Motion passed.

Proposed Amendment to the MPS and LUB (Peninsula and Mainland Areas) - Neighbourhood Commercial Uses - Time for Public Hearing

This matter was last dealt with at a Special meeting of Halifax City Council held on January 6, 1988.

Alderman Cromwell addressed the matter noting that February 17, 1988 at 7:30 p.m. had been set as the date and time for the public hearing into the above matter. Alderman Cromwell

indicated that it now appears that this will be the only public hearing on that evening and <u>MOVED</u>, seconded by Alderman Meagher that the time for this public hearing be changed to allow that the Public Hearing be held at 6:00 p.m. on February 17, 1988.

## Motion passed.

(Note Please See Added Items Section of Agenda in Relation to the Above matter)

### QUESTIONS

Question Alderman Jeffrey re: Legal Status - Northcliffe and Centennial Pool Roofs

Alderman Jeffrey requested that staff bring forth a report within the next two weeks regarding the legal status of the situation regarding the Northcliffe and Centennial Pools. Alderman Jeffrey noted that he had requested this information some time ago and it had not yet been received. Alderman Jeffrey went on to note that it was his understanding the Northcliffe Pool was presently closed as a result of problems with the roof.

Question Alderman Jeffrey re: Repair of Fence as a Result of Storm Sewer Construction

Alderman Jeffrey referred to certain storm sewer construction which had been undertaken in his Ward during the summer and noted that during this construction the fence on a particular property in his Ward had been damaged. Alderman Jeffrey went on to note that although the contractor had repaired the fence after completing the storm sewer work, the fence has since fallen back down and the property owner has had to have the entire fence rebuilt.

Alderman Jeffrey went on to note that the individuals involved were seniors and could not afford to rebuild this fence. Alderman Jeffrey requested that staff look into this matter and determine how much the residents in question had to pay to have the fence rebuilt, why it happened in the first place, and why the contractor did not replace the fence properly. Alderman Jeffrey indicated that he would like to have a report in this regard with a view to compensating the residents involved for the cost of rebuilding the fence.

His Worship retires from the meeting and Deputy Mayor Walker takes the Chair.

# Question Alderman R. Grant re: Legal Non-Conforming Uses

Alderman R. Grant indicated that he had a number of legal non-conforming uses in his area that were in existence prior

to annexation. Alderman R. Grant indicated that he would like staff of the Legal Department to approach the Province in relation to the laws governing non-conforming uses. Alderman R. Grant went on to note that some of these uses dated back to 1950 and situations such as an auto body shop in the middle of a residential area now exist. Alderman R. Grant indicated that it was often difficult to determine if the use has been discontinued and it appeared that many of these uses would go on forever.

Alderman R. Grant indicated based on the lack of success in enforcing the laws in relation to discontinuance of use, he would like some sort of regulations developed to deal with nonconforming uses. Alderman R. Grant indicated that he would like the Legal Department to come back with a report regarding possible regulations which might include such requirements as a 10 foot fence with painted designs. Alderman R. Grant requested that the Legal Department come back with a report outlining how far the City can go in terms of regulations, if possible, within two months or so.

### Question Alderman R. Grant re: Uses Permitted in C-2A Zones

Alderman R. Grant referred to the uses permitted in a C-2A Zone and noted that a service station was permitted in a C-2A Zone while an autobody repair shop was not. Alderman R. Grant went on to note that such things as a muffler, brake or windshield repair shop are not permitted in the C-2A zone while a service station, capable of doing all these repairs, is permitted. Alderman R. Grant requested that staff prepare a report outlining what Council could do to accommodate auto repair businesses such as he has outlined in the C-2A zone.

## Question Alderman R. Grant re: Municipal Liability

Alderman R. Grant referred to two recent issues of the magazine 'Civil Works' noting that these issues had carried articles regarding municipal liability in Canada. Alderman R. Grant indicated that the articles dealt with cases that have been handled through the courts in Canada and noted that he would like staff to have a look at this matter. Alderman R. Grant suggested that it would be beneficial to Council to be distributed with these articles and indicated that he would like a report in this regard providing Council with information regarding just what steps would be necessary in relation to future municipal liability.

Question Alderman D. Grant re: Re-Advertisement - Public Hearing Canadian Cancer Society and Implementation Policy #10

Alderman D. Grant asked whether it would be possible to re-advertise the public hearings scheduled for February 3, 1988 in relation to the Canadian Cancer Society and Implementation Policy

#10. Alderman D. Grant indicated that additional information in relation to these matters was required and indicated that she would like the public hearing to be held on a later date.

The City Manager indicated that if it were agreeable to Council, the Alderman could, later on in the agenda, put forward a motion that the public hearings be held on a different date.

At the request of Alderman D. Grant, <u>Council agreed that</u> this matter could be dealt with later in the meeting.

His Worship returns to the meeting and Deputy Mayor Walker takes his seat in Council.

Question Alderman Downey re: Flooding of Egg Pond - Halifax Commons

Alderman Downey asked if it would be possible to flood the Egg Pond at the Halifax Commons to allow residents an opportunity to skate.

His Worship indicated that staff would bring back a report in this regard noting that the Egg Pond had a number of cracks which might cause some difficulties.

#### Question Alderman Downey re: Snow at Intersections

Alderman Downey referred to the build up of snow at a number of intersections throughout the City and asked if it would be possible for the Traffic Authority to place traffic warning or yield signs at these intersections.

His Worship noted that a program of snow removal at intersections where a large amount of snow has accumulated is ongoing.

## Question Alderman Downey re: Harbour City Homes

Alderman Downey referred to the difficulties being experienced by Harbour City Homes noting that the Board would be meeting later this week. Alderman Downey indicated that he hoped staff would be looking into this matter and noted that he was very much surprised that this new building on Barrington Street was experiencing difficulties so soon after opening.

Alderman Downey went on to note that he had received a number of calls with regard to this matter and had made certain statements in this regard. Alderman Downey further indicated that three levels of government had shared in the cost of developing this building and suggested that the other levels of government should be advised of the situation and make their own

statements, particularly in regard to where the residents of this building will be relocated.

Alderman Dewell referred to the great amount of snow which has fallen in the City over the past two months and noted that those individuals with sight impairment and/or required to use a wheelchair or crutches to get around were having some difficulty maneuvering around corners. Alderman Dewell went on to note that although the abutting residents do clear the corners, the City's work in relation to cutting back the snowbanks fill these corners in once more. Alderman Dewell indicated that this often results in a large amount of snow being deposited on the corner and many seniors and the disabled are unable to cross the street at this point. Alderman Dewell asked for a report regarding the cost of extra equipment to remove snow from intersections. Alderman Dewell indicated that he did not intend to suggest that the City should begin to clear sidewalks.

Alderman Dewell then referred to snow clearing at bus stops noting that the bus stops had been cleared after the most recent snow storm. Alderman Dewell noted that he had several complaints regarding the difficulty in getting up over snowbanks to access the stop itself. Alderman Dewell went on to advise that he did have one call from a parent who's youngster slid under the bus. Alderman Dewell noted that fortunately the child was able to crawl out before the bus began moving. Alderman Dewell suggested that the City was exposing itself to a degree of liability if the bus stops were not cleared properly.

## Question Alderman Cromwell re: Harbour City Homes

Alderman Cromwell referred to Alderman Downey's comments regarding the relocation of certain residents of the Harbour City Homes building on Barrington Street and asked who was to be responsible for the costs involved in this relocation. Alderman Cromwell further asked if the contractor was liable in this case in light of the fact that it was a structural problem with the building. Alderman Cromwell further asked if these families were responsible for finding their own accommodation or are they being looked after through insurance from the contractor. Alderman Cromwell indicated that he felt this was a matter that should be looked into very quickly.

His Worship indicated that housing for the families involved would be arranged and then the question of liability would be addressed.

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Alderman Meagher referred to the recent meeting held with regard to the Peninsula North Secondary Planning Strategy and noted that discussion on the matter had not been completed. Alderman Meagher went on to note that he believed the next meeting was to be held on January 27, 1987 beginning at 4:00 p.m. and requested that Council members attend this meeting with a view to completing the discussion.

Question Alderman Meagher re: Use of Front End Loaders on Residential Streets

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Alderman Meagher referred to a meeting held some time ago with regard to snowplowing noting that at that meeting the Director of Engineering and Works had indicated to residents that the City would attempt to use front end loaders on residential streets. Alderman Meagher indicated that this would provide for the removal of snow from a corner during plowing. Alderman Meagher indicated that at the present time the City is using winged plows which cannot achieve what a front end loader can in terms of the corners. Alderman Meagher asked if staff could look into using front end loaders on residential streets.

His Worship indicated that staff would look into this matter.

#### NOTICES OF MOTION

Notice of Motion Alderman Meagher re: Amendment to Ordinance Number 54, the Going-out-of-Business Sales Ordinance

Alderman Meagher gave Notice of Motion that at the next regular meeting of City Council to be held on January 28, 1988 he intends to introduce for first reading an amendment to Ordinance Number 54, The Going-out of Business Sales Ordinance, the purpose of which is to increase the cost of licenses issued under that Ordinance.

Notice of Motion Alderman Cromwell re: Amendment to Ordinance Number 19, the Bill Posters Ordinance

Alderman Cromwell gave Notice of Motion that at the next regular meeting of City Council to be held on January 28, 1988 he intends to introduce for first reading an amendment to Ordinance Number 19, The Bill Posters Ordinance, the purpose of which is to increase the cost of licenses issued under that Ordinance.

Notice of Motion Alderman R. Grant re: Amendment to Ordinance Number 132, the Plumbing Ordinance

Alderman R. Grant gave Notice of Motion that at the next regular meeting of City Council to be held on January 28, 1988 he intends to introduce for first reading an amendment to Ordinance Number 132, The Plumbing Ordinance, the purpose of which is to increase the cost of the issuance and renewal of Plumbing Contractor's licenses.

Notice of Motion Deputy Mayor A. Walker re: Amendment to Ordinance Number 138, the Tax Certificate Ordinance

Deputy Mayor A. Walker gave Notice of Motion that at the next regular meeting of City Council to be held on January 28, 1988 he intends to introduce for first reading an amendment to Ordinance Number 138, The Tax Certificate Ordinance, the purpose of which is to increase the cost to be charged for a tax certificate from \$20.00 to \$30.00.

Notice of Motion Alderman Jeffrey re: Amendment to Ordinance Number 146, the Auctioneer's Ordinance

Alderman Jeffrey gave Notice of Motion that at the next regular meeting of City Council to be held on January 28, 1988 he intends to introduce for first reading an amendment to Ordinance Number 146, The Auctioneer's Ordinance, the purpose of which is to increase the cost of licenses issued under that Ordinance.

Notice of Motion Alderman Leiper re: Amendment to Ordinance Number 149, the Petty Trades Ordinance

Alderman Leiper gave Notice of Motion that at the next regular meeting of City Council to be held on January 28, 1988 he intends to introduce for first reading an amendment to Ordinance Number 149, The Petty Trades Ordinance, the purpose of which is to increase the cost of licenses issued under that Ordinance.

Notice of Motion Alderman Flynn re: Amendment to Ordinance Number 151, the Automatic Machines Ordinance

Alderman Flynn gave Notice of Motion that at the next regular meeting of City Council to be held on January 28, 1988 he intends to introduce for first reading an amendment to Ordinance Number 151, The Automatic Machines Ordinance, the purpose of which is to increase the cost of licenses issued under that Ordinance.

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Notice of Motion Alderman Dewell re: Amendment to Ordinance <u>Number 130, the Electrical</u> Ordinance

Alderman Dewell gave Notice of Motion that at the next regular meeting of City Council to be held on January 28, 1988 he intends to introduce for first reading an amendment to Ordinance Number 151, The Automatic Machines Ordinance, the purpose of which is to increase the cost of licenses issued under that Ordinance.

Notice of Motion Alderman Downey re: Amendment to Ordinance Number 43, the Pawnbrokers Ordinance

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Notice of Motion Alderman D. Grant re: Amendment to Ordinance Number 17, the Junk Dealers Ordinance

Alderman D. Grant gave Notice of Motion that at the next regular meeting of City Council to be held on January 28, 1988 he intends to introduce for first reading an amendment to Ordinance Number 17, The Junk Dealers Ordinance, the purpose of which is to increase the cost of licenses issued under that Ordinance.

#### ADDED ITEMS

#### Appointments

A report dated January 14, 1988 from His Worship Mayor Ron Wallace was submitted.

MOVED by Deputy Mayor Walker, seconded by Alderman Flynn that, the appointments as recommended by His Worship Mayor Ron Wallace in his report of January 14, 1988, as follows, be approved:

AUDIT COMMITTEE Alderman R. Cromwell Alderman R. Grant Alderman N. Meagher Alderman G. O'Malley Alderman M. Leiper

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METROPOLITAN AUTHORITY Alderman D. Grant Alderman M. Leiper

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HALIFAX ATHLETIC COMMISSION Deputy Mayor J. Albert Walker Alderman R. Grant

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### HALIFAX-DARTMOUTH PORT DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION Tom Traynor

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#### Motion passed.

#### Metro Transit - Deputy Mayor Walker

This matter was dealt with earlier in the meeting.

## Acquisition - Civic No. 17 Levis Street - Alderman R. Grant

This matter was added to the agenda at the request of Alderman R. Grant.

Alderman R. Grant addressed the matter noting that this matter had been before Council on November 27, 1987 and had also been discussed at last weeks Committee of the Whole Council. Alderman R. Grant indicated that he was intending to move the recommendation made by staff in this regard; however, he noted that he had not received a response to certain questions he had put forward in this regard. Alderman R. Grant went on to indicate that he understood staff's position in this situation and that he would be following up the matter at some later time.

MOVED by Alderman R. Grant, seconded by Deputy Mayor Walker that the land designated as Parcel "A" on Plan P200/16162 be acquired from Mr. Thomas Davage for \$4,400 as settlement in full and further that funds are available in Account No. K019 (Sundry Land Acquisition)

Motion passed.

#### City Snow Clearance Program - Alderman G. O'Malley

This matter was added to the agenda at the request of Alderman O'Malley.

Alderman O'Malley addressed the matter indicating that as this matter was not discussed at Committee of the Whole, he would defer the matter to the next meeting of the Committee of the Whole. Alderman O'Malley requested a staff report regarding all matters related to the establishment of a Snow Committee including when such a Committee had been established, where it had been established, under what circumstances the Committee had been established and the mandate of this Committee.

MOVED by Alderman O'Malley, seconded by Alderman Meagher that this matter be deferred to the next meeting of the Committee of the Whole Council at which time the requested report be available to members of Council. Motion passed.

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#### Adsum House - Alderman Downey

This matter was added to the agenda at the request of Alderman Downey.

Alderman Downey addressed the matter referring to a request received from the Adsum House for a grant of \$5,000. Alderman Downey indicated that Adsum House was in great need and noted that as a shelter for women, Adsum House provided a very essential service provided. Alderman Downey indicated that over 400 women had been sheltered at Adsum House over the past year and that the extremely high caseload was the reason for the request for a grant.

MOVED by Alderman Downey, seconded by Alderman D. Grant that this matter be forwarded to the Tax and Grants Committee for review and recommendation to Council.

Alderman Meagher addressed the matter indicating that he believed there were monies available as a result of investment of the monies in relation to the Abbey Lane Hospital. Alderman Meagher suggested that such a grant would be a fitting use of these funds.

His Worship indicated that he felt such a recommendation should come forward from the Tax and Grants Committee.

Alderman Meagher addressed the matter indicating that he felt an amendment should be made to the motion providing that Mr. Crowell, Director of Social Planning, look into the possibility of obtaining the requested amount from the fund established as a result of the sale of the Abbey Lane Hospital.

A further short discussion ensued and the Motion was put and passed.

Re-advertisement - Public Hearings - Case No. 5221 - 5820-5830 South Street - (Canadian Cancer Society) and Land Use Bylaw Amendment - Implementation Policy No. 10

This matter was added to the agenda by Alderman D. Grant during the Question Period.

MOVED by Alderman D. Grant, seconded by Alderman Cromwell that, due to a requirement for additional information, the public hearings in relation to Case No. 5221 - 5820-5830 South Street (Canadian Cancer Society) and the Land Use Bylaw Amendment, Implementation Policy No. 10 be re-advertised and scheduled to be held on Wednesday, February 17, 1988 beginning at 7:30 p.m.

Motion passed.

Proposed Amendment to the MPS and LUB (Peninsula and Mainland Areas) - Neighbourhood Commercial Uses - Time for Public \_\_\_\_\_\_ Hearing

MOVED by Alderman Cromwell, seconded by Alderman D. Grant that, in light of the resolution approved by Council that public hearings be rescheduled to February 17, 1988 beginning at 7:30 p.m., the public hearing into the above matter be scheduled to be held at the 7:30 p.m. rather than the previously approved 6:00 p.m.

#### Motion passed.

12:30 p.m. The meeting adjourned.

HIS WORSHIP MAYOR RON WALLACE DEPUTY MAYOR J. ALBERT WALKER CHAIRMEN

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