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CITY COUNCIL M I N U T E S

> Council Chamber City Hall Halifax, Nova Scotia October 27, 1988 8:00 P.M.

A regular meeting of Halifax City Council was held at this time.

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

ALSO PRESENT: Peter S. Connell, P.Eng., Acting City Manager; W. Anstey, representing the City Solicitor; City Clerk; and other members of City staff.

The meeting was called to order, with the Reverend John W. Gilbert of the Seventh-day Adventist Church, 2063 Parker Street, leading members of Council and those in the public gallery in the recitation of the Lord's Prayer.

### MINUTES

Minutes of the regular meeting of Halifax City Council held on Thursday, October 13, 1988, and of a Special Meeting held on Wednesday, October 19, 1988, were approved on a motion by Deputy Mayor Walker, seconded by Alderman Hamshaw.

# APPROVAL OF THE ORDER OF BUSINESS, ADDITIONS AND DELETIONS

At the request of the City Clerk, Council agreed to add:

- 14.3 Recommendations Tax Concessions and Grants Committee
- 20.1 Claim for Damages Smith's Field Manor Development Limited v. City of Halifax

At the request of Alderman Richard Grant, Council agreed

to add:

# 20.2 Appointment of the City Auditor General

At the request of Alderman Meagher, Council agreed to

add:

20.3 Capital Budget

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# MOVED by Alderman Cromwell, seconded by Deputy Mayor Walker that the agenda, as amended, be approved.

Motion passed.

#### ADDED ITEMS

# Appointment of the City Auditor General

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At the request of His Worship Mayor Wallace, it was agreed that the above matter would be considered at this point in the meeting's agenda.

MOVED by Alderman Richard Grant, seconded by Alderman Jeffrey that, as recommended by the City's Audit Committee, Mr. Edward P. Kirby, C.A. be appointed City Auditor General.

# The motion was put and passed.

Mayor Wallace congratulated Mr. Kirby on his appointment and promised him the full cooperation in his endeavors of all members of Halifax City Council.

Mr. Kirby thanked the members of the Audit Committee and Halifax City Council for the opportunity to serve the City as its Auditor General, and indicated that he and his staff will be most pleased to assist Council in any way they can.

(Correspondence, dated October 24, 1988, was submitted from Mr. Edward P. Kirby, C.A.)

#### REPORT - FINANCE AND EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Council considered the report of the Finance and Executive Committee from its meeting held on Wednesday, October 19, 1988, as follows:

#### Halifax Natal Day

MOVED by Alderman Richard Grant, seconded by Alderman Deborah Grant that, as recommended by the Finance and Executive Committee:

- the report received on October 18, 1988 from the Natal Day Committee be tabled;
- 2) the City, under Section 201(1) of the City Charter, cover the deficit of the Natal Day Committee; and further, that

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any additional funds received by the Natal Day Committee be forwarded to the City's Finance Committee;

- 3) the Natal Day Committee prepare a budget for the 1989 Natal Day Festivities for submission, review and acceptance during the City's regular budgetary process; and
- 4) staff supply at least one person (to be assigned to the Committee as a non-voting member) to act as the financial officer for the Committee and possibly to liaise with Parks and Grounds.

Alderman Downey expressed concern that Council would consider approval of a cost-overrun for the Natal Day Festivities while refusing (several months ago) to provide funding for the festival planned by the Gottingen Street Merchants Association. He emphasized that he would not be supporting this motion because he also believes the \$20,000 in question could be better spent on other activities and programs, particularly those in demand in Ward 3.

Alderman Leiper drew Council's attention to the fact that part of the reason for the cost-overrun is said to have been the scheduling of various events on Spring Garden Road. She emphasized that, despite the costs involved, Council had been assured by the Natal Day Committee that they had obtained sufficient sponsors for these events and that an alternate site (i.e., Victoria Road) was not necessary despite the fact that that location would have been available free of charge. Alderman Leiper also noted the expenses attributed to the rescheduling of the fireworks, and asked whether staff advice had first been sought with regard to cost estimates.

In making these comments, Alderman Leiper expressed concern that other City boards and commissions might get the false impression that Council would (through approval of the motion presently on the floor) have no difficulty in providing additional funds to cover cost-overruns. In this context, it was moved by <u>Alderman Leiper, seconded by Alderman Downey that</u> the matter be deferred until a report could be prepared by staff indicating the nature and scope of advice given to the Natal Day Committee with regard to these expenditures; and further, that, in the interim, the Committee make every effort to recoup its losses through appeals to its corporate sponsors.

# The motion to defer was put and lost.

Alderman Flynn, while concurring with many of Alderman Leiper's comments, expressed concern that by delaying the approval of the requested funding, bills incurred by the Natal Day

Committee would be left unpaid. He emphasized, however, that City Council (and its boards and committees) is accountable to the residents of Halifax for all public expenditures, and urged that, in future, greater care be taken in matters of this nature.

Alderman Flynn referred to Item (3) of the motion and moved in amendment, seconded by Alderman Richard Grant that the words "and acceptance" be deleted.

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# The amendment to the motion was put and passed.

Alderman Richard Grant emphasized that the scale of the 1988 Natal Day Festivities was a "first" for Halifax, adding that the Committee will now be able to prepare more accurate estimates with regard to its 1989 proposals. With regard to Alderman Leiper's previously expressed concerns pertaining to the fireworks event, the Alderman indicated that the Committee (having had the fireworks donated to them) had little alternative but to reschedule the event; in addition, he noted that various (and unforeseen) safety regulations introduced by the Federal Government immediately preceding the Labor Day Weekend had also led to certain unavoidable additional expenses.

Concurring with the requests for greater accountability on the part of the Natal Day Committee, Alderman Richard Grant referred Council to Item (4) of his motion, noting that a staff member of the City's Finance Department will in future be appointed as a non-voting member.

# The motion, as amended, was put and passed.

# Revenue Review

It had been the recommendation from the October 19 meeting of the Finance and Executive Committee that the staff report dated September 29, 1988, entitled "Revenue Review," be tabled.

Alderman Leiper drew Council's attention to the fact that, in outlining various ways in which the City's revenues could be supplemented, staff have also asked for direction as to how members of Council wish to proceed. She therefore suggested that a further staff report be submitted regarding these revenue options (referring, in particular, to the sale of non-used City land and to the various capital projects which could be delayed in order to decrease the City's shortfall for the 1988 fiscal period).

It was moved by Alderman Leiper, seconded by Alderman Flynn that the matter be deferred to the next regular meeting of Committee of the Whole Council (scheduled for Wednesday,

November 9, 1988) pending receipt of a supplementary staff report; and further, that the staff report of September 29, 1988 be recirculated for the benefit of the incoming members of Council.

The motion to defer was put and passed.

# Amendment to Ordinance 147, the Dog Ordinance

This matter was last discussed at a meeting of the Finance and Executive Committee held on October 19, 1988 at which time a request was made for a staff report to include a breakdown of the costs relating to the proposed amendments to Ordinance 147.

Noting that the requested report had not yet been received, it was moved by Alderman Jeffrey, seconded by Alderman Flynn that the matter be deferred to the next regular meeting of Committee of the Whole Council (scheduled for Wednesday, November 9, 1988).

The motion to defer was put and passed.

## Ordinance 183, Waste Water Discharge

MOVED by Alderman Leiper, seconded by Alderman Flynn that, as recommended by the Finance and Executive Committee, City Council approve the amendments to Ordinance 183, the Waste Water Discharge Ordinance, approved by the Minister of Municipal Affairs on June 2, 1988.

The motion was put and passed.

# Naming of Art Gallery Complex - The Elizabeth S. Nutt Gallery

MOVED by Alderman Deborah Grant, seconded by Alderman Downey that, as recommended by the Finance and Executive Committee, City Council endorse the naming of one of the salons within the Art Gallery complex "The Elizabeth S. Nutt Gallery;" and further, that this resolution be forwarded to the Province of Nova Scotia for consideration.

The motion was put and passed.

Encroachment License: Civic Number 1715-21 Brunswick Street

MOVED by Alderman Flynn, seconded by Alderman Leiper that, as recommended by the Finance and Executive Committee, an

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Encroachment License be approved for the proposed lighting at Civic Number 1715-21 Brunswick Street.

The motion was put and passed.

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

Council considered the report from the Committee on Works from its meeting held on Wednesday, October 19, 1988 as follows:

# Appeal - Driveway Ramp: 6280 Chebucto Road

This matter was last discussed during a meeting of the Committee on Works held on October 19 at which time it was recommended that discussion be deferred until such time as the proposed amendments to the Ordinance have been considered by Council.

Alderman Meagher indicated that staff have been requested to bring forward a report pertaining to recommended amendments to Ordinance 180, the Streets Ordinance.

Noting that this report has not yet been submitted, it was moved by Alderman Meagher, seconded by Alderman Downey that the matter be deferred to the next regular meeting of Committee of the Whole Council (scheduled for Wednesday, November 9, 1988).

The motion to defer was put and passed.

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

Amendment to Ordinance 163, Respecting Zoning Bylaw Advertiging Costs - SECOND READING

This matter was given First Reading during a regular meeting of Halifax City Council held on October 13, 1988, and was further considered during a meeting of the Finance and Executive Committee held on October 19, 1988.

MOVED by Alderman Flynn, seconded by Alderman Leiper that Council give SECOND READING to the repeal of Ordinance 163, Respecting Zoning Bylaw ADvertising Costs, as follows:

> BE IT ENACTED by the City Council of the City of Halifax that Ordinance 163, the Cost of Advertising Ordinance, as enacted and approved

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by the Governor-in-Council, as amended, be and the same is hereby amended as follows:

1. Ordinance 163 is hereby repealed.

The motion was put and passed.

Amendment to Ordinance 180, the Streets Ordinance - SECOND READING

This matter was given First Reading during a regular meeting of Halifax City Council held on October 13, 1988, and was further considered during a meeting of the Finance and Executive Committee held on October 19, 1988.

MOVED by Alderman Flynn, seconded by Alderman Leiper that City Council give SECOND READING to the proposed amendments to Ordinance Number 180, the Streets Ordinance (as found in Appendix "A" of the September 26, 1988 report from the City Solicitor submitted to the October 13, 1988 City Council meeting and as corrected in the September 26, 1988 report from the City Solicitor submitted to the October 19, 1988 meeting of the Finance and Executive Committee), the purpose of which is to provide for the licensing and regulation of the placement of newspaper boxes on City streets.

The motion was put and passed.

# Recommendations - Tax Concessions and Grants Committee

A report, dated October 27, 1988, was submitted from Alderman Nicholas P. Meagher, Chairman of the Tax Concessions and Grants Committee.

MOVED by Alderman Meagher, seconded by Alderman Deborah Grant that, as recommended by the Tax Concessions and Grants Committee, the following grants be approved:

Alexandra Day Care	\$ 9,500.00
Children's Co-Op	5,000.00
Children's Development	
Centre	4,000.00
Rockinghorse Academy	Ø
St. Joseph's Day Care	1,300.00
South End Day Care	8,200.00
Wee Care Day Care	2,000.00
Spencer House	155.05
Coalition Supportive Service	328.00

and further, that, with reference to the Nova Scotia Tattoo and to the Buskers Festival, in future, appropriate funding (representing the City of Halifax contributions) be allocated in the annual operating budget of Tourism Halifax; and that the Director of Finance be requested to participate in the preliminary decisionmaking process.

Alderman Cromwell referred to his previous remarks made during the October 19 meeting of the Finance and Executive Committee regarding the feasibility of an additional grant to the Chebucto Orchestral Society, and asked for a written report from the Director of Finance as to why a recommendation in this regard had not been forthcoming.

Alderman Leiper asked for comments from staff as to why a grant for the Rockinghorse Academy had not been recommended.

The motion was put and passed.

## **REPORT - CITY PLANNING COMMITTEE**

Council considered the report of the City Planning Committee from its meeting held on Wednesday, October 19, 1988, as follows:

#### Review of the Planning Advisory Committee

MOVED by Alderman Leiper, seconded by Deputy Mayor Walker that, as recommended by the City Planning Committee, the appointments to the Planning Advisory Committee be delayed until the format of this Committee has been reviewed.

Responding to a question from Alderman Richard Grant, His Worship Mayor Wallace clarified that the intention is to have the existing membership of the PAC continue until the requested review is completed.

After some further discussion, the motion was put and passed with Alderman Richard Grant voting in opposition.

### MOTIONS

Motion - Alderman Jeffrey Re: Amendments to Ordinance Number 156, the Pollution Control Charge Ordinance

Notice of Motion regarding this matter was given by Alderman Jeffrey during a regular meeting of Halifax City Council held on October 13, 1988.

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<u>MOVED by Alderman Jeffrey, seconded by Alderman Richard</u> <u>Grant that</u> Council give **FIRST READING** to amendments proposed for Ordinance Number 156, the Pollution Control Charge Ordinance, for the purpose of changing the reference in Section 4(1) of the Ordinance from "gallons" to "volume" to enable Council to set the rate in metric measurements rather than in Imperial to conform with the billing procedures of the Halifax Water Commission; and <u>further, that</u> the matter be forwarded to the next regular meeting of Committee of the Whole Council (scheduled for Wednesday, November 9, 1988) for consideration and report.

The motion was put and passed.

Motion - Alderman Richard Grant Re: Amendments to Various Ordinances

Notice of Motion regarding this matter was given by Alderman Richard Grant during a regular meeting of Halifax City Council held on October 13, 1988.

MOVED by Alderman Richard Grant, seconded by Alderman Leiper that Council give FIRST READING to amendments proposed for various Ordinances, the purpose being to make provision for the increase in various fees approved in principle by City Council on September 29, 1988; and further, that the matter be forwarded to the next regular meeting of Committee of the Whole Council (scheduled for Wednesday, November 9, 1988) for consideration and report.

The motion was put and passed.

Motion - Alderman Richard Grant Re: Naming of Ball Diamond -Hartlen Playground

Notice of Motion regarding this matter was given by Alderman Richard Grant during a regular meeting of Halifax City Council held on October 13, 1988.

MOVED by Alderman Richard Grant, seconded by Alderman Flynn that Council approve the proposal to name one of the ball diamonds located on the Hartlen Playground the "Harold Cuvelier Ball Diamond," the purpose of which is to recognize the more than 40 years of service Mr. Cuvelier has dedicated to the young people of Spryfield by promoting minor baseball.

While concurring with the intent of Alderman Grant's motion, Alderman Flynn suggested that staff be asked to develop a policy for Council's consideration concerning the naming of City-owned property.

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# The motion was put and passed.

# MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS

# Settlement of Court Action - Negus and DeYoung

A private and confidential staff report, dated October 21, 1988, was submitted from Mr. Wayne Anstey, Q.C., Acting City Solicitor.

MOVED by Alderman Jeffrey, seconded by Alderman Flynn that, for the reasons stated in the private and confidential staff report of October 21, 1988, Halifax City Council authorize the City Solicitor to settle the action by the City of Halifax against the Estate of Arthur Francis Negus and Joanne Marie DeYoung for \$8,000.00, all inclusive.

The motion was put and passed.

#### Naming of Two Streets in Bayers Lake Park Court

A staff report, dated October 5, 1988, was submitted.

MOVED by Alderman Flynn, seconded by Alderman Leiper that, in accordance with Section 352 of the Halifax City Charter, City Council authorize the naming of Cul-de-Sac 2 as Lovett Lake Court and Cul-de-Sac 3 as Otter Lake Court.

The motion was put and passed.

#### QUESTIONS

# Question Alderman Cromwell Re: 1988 Mardi Gras

Responding to a question from Alderman Cromwell, His Worship Mayor Wallace advised that while Olands Breweries had offered to supply the Argyle Street drinking establishments with plastic drinking glasses to be used during Mardi Gras celebrations, the Liquor Licensing Board would not grant its permission on the grounds that the practice would encourage patrons to carry their drinks out into the streets. His Worship emphasized that, as an alternative, extra precautions will be taken during the festivities to ensure that glasses and bottles are restricted to indoor drinking establishments.

# Question Alderman Cromwell Re: Recycling Program

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Responding to a further question from Alderman Cromwell, His Worship Mayor Wallace indicated that he and the Director of Engineering had met with the owner of a recycling plant, who has offered to accept a variety of materials (e.g., cardboard, paper, glass, tin) for recycling purposes which the City might produce. He noted, however, that a City recycling program has not yet been developed and that, in any case, the facility which would be used for this purpose would be a matter for public tendering.

9:05 p.m. - His Worship Mayor Wallace retires from the meeting, with Deputy Mayor J. Albert Walker assuming the Chair.

### Question Alderman Flynn Re: Utility Poles

Alderman Flynn advised that earlier in the year there had been a problem pertaining to the extremely high utility poles on Connaught Avenue from Chebucto Road to Jubilee. He noted that while the urgency of the situation has now passed, it is his opinion that, with the coming of Spring, the problem will resurface. The Alderman therefore asked for a staff report as to whether there have been any further meetings with representatives of the utility companies, whether the underground wiring policy for the City is now being reviewed, and whether specific information in this regard could be made available for Council's consideration during its annual budget deliberations.

# Question Alderman Richard Grant Re: Emergency Services

Alderman Richard Grant referred to a recent course of action adopted by one of the City's hospitals, adding that residents of Ward 7 are concerned that appropriate emergency services are consequently no longer available to them. He noted that the Ward 7 neighborhood is approximately 25 minutes away from the hospital in question and asked for information as to what contingency plan is in place to ensure that adequate emergency services remain available. He also asked for information from staff (e.g., the Fire Department, or members of the Emergency Measures Organization) as to whether there is a way of ensuring that such emergency services are not decreased by actions taken either by one or a group of local hospitals.

# Question Alderman Richard Grant Re: "Free-Standing Signage"

Alderman Richard Grant requested that staff members of the City's Development and Planning Department research any legislation which may presently exist regarding "free-standing

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signage" as a precursor to a meeting which he proposes to hold with them on this matter in three weeks' time.

# Question Alderman Richard Grant Re: Crosswalks

Alderman Richard Grant requested that staff of the City's Traffic Engineering Division be asked to investigate the possibility of installing two school crosswalks, one for the Elizabeth Sutherland School at the intersection of Ardwell and Rockingstone Road (on Ardwell); the other being a school crosswalk at the driveway of the Central Spryfield School crossing Pinegrove Drive.

# Question Alderman Richard Grant Re: Stop Sign

Alderman Richard Grant asked that the City's Traffic Authority look at the possibility of installing some form of "stop" signage at the intersection of Rockingstone Road and Ardwell Avenue (specifically to address the traffic travelling on Rockingstone Road). He indicated that he would appreciate receiving a report on this matter before the end of November, if at all possible.

# Question Alderman Richard Grant Re: Computer Advisory Committee

Alderman Richard Grant referred to Council's earlier endorsement of a "Computer Advisory Committee" and asked for an information report as to the status of this group. In his remarks, the Alderman suggested that, if appropriate, appointments to the Computer Advisory Committee could be made in conjunction with the appointments to other City boards and committees made by Council during the month of November.

# Question Alderman Leiper Re: Separation of Garbage

Responding to a question from Alderman Leiper, Mr. Peter Connell, Acting City Manager and Director of Engineering and Works, advised that a report on the feasibility of garbage separation has been prepared by the Metropolitan Authority and will be presented for discussion purposes at the Authority's next regular meeting. In addition, Mr. Connell noted that another report on this matter has been developed by the Provincial Department of the Environment which is also scheduled to be released shortly.

In this context, Mr. Connell noted that City staff had been awaiting the publication of these two reports before submitting their own comments on the matter to members of Council.

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# Question Alderman Leiper Re: City of Toronto Ban on CFC's

Alderman Leiper referred to a report recently received from the City of Toronto concerning a proposal to ban the distribution of items which contain CFC's and halons.

She indicated that she would like to have a copy of that document circulated to members of staff for their comments as to the application of such a ban in Halifax.

# Question Alderman Leiper Re: Drainage Grates

Alderman Leiper noted that she had recently received complaints from bicyclists whose tires frequently catch in the grids of local drainage grates. She added that one of these individuals has provided her with information concerning a "grate cover" which is purported to eliminate this problem, and asked for comments from staff as to the cost of introducing such mechanisms to the City as a safety precaution.

### Question Alderman Jeffrey Re: Northwest Interceptor Sewer System

Alderman Jeffrey made reference to the many problems occasioned by the northwest interceptor sewer contract, mentioning, in particular, blasting damage, damage done to cars, water leaking into basements, and the hazardous conditions posed to school children by the absence of sidewalks. Under the circumstances, the Alderman urged that staff do everything in its power to ensure that, in future, contractors (such as that responsible for this particular project) are made more accountable for the damage done to surrounding neighborhoods as a result of ongoing construction, and asked if a report could be submitted with regard to this recommendation.

On the same matter, Alderman Jeffrey emphasized that a number of streets in Ward 9 (such as Convoy Avenue, Rosedale Avenue, Willett Street, and Adelaide Avenue) have been under construction for the last several months. He noted that paving has yet to commence, and asked for information as to when residents might expect this work to be completed.

9:15 p.m. - His Worship Mayor Wallace returns to the meeting, with Deputy Mayor J. Albert Walker assuming his usual seat on Council.

# Question Alderman Jeffrey Re: Hazardous Wastes Day Project

Responding to a question from Alderman Jeffrey, Mr. Connell advised that St. Stephen's School had been designated as a drop-off point for hazardous household products during the recent event owing to the security measures in effect for the Parks and Grounds site.

Alderman Jeffrey asked for a written report as to the members of the Hazardous Wastes Day Committee and the rationale behind the selection of the St. Stephen's School for this purpose.

# Question Alderman Deborah Grant Re: Farmers Market Relocation

Alderman Deborah Grant noted that several months ago Council had agreed to establish a committee to review various options for the permanent relocation of the City's Farmers Market. In this context, the Alderman asked whether the Committee has indeed been formed, and, if so, the names of the members of this Committee and the action that has been taken to date.

# Question Alderman Deborah Grant Re: Ecology Action

Referring to the success of the recent Hazardous Household Wastes Day, Alderman Deborah Grant recommended that a letter be forwarded on behalf of the Mayor and members of Council to Ecology Action congratulating them on their initiative in undertaking this event.

# Question Alderman Deborah Grant Re: City Policy on AIDS

Alderman Deborah Grant requested that a report be made available with regard to the City's policy pertaining to AIDS.

# Question Alderman Deborah Grant Re: Press Room

Referring to her previous question on this topic, Alderman Deborah Grant asked for information as to the planned provision for a press room now that the former facility has been abolished.

# Question Alderman Downey Re: Lay-Offs of Seasonal Employees

Alderman Downey advised that many of the individuals employed by the City's Engineering and Works Department on a seasonal basis have been laid off earlier than usual this year, and expressed concern that such a decision would have been made when leaf-clearing operations in many parts of the City have not yet been completed.

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Responding to Alderman Downey's comments, Mr. Peter Connell, Acting City Manager and Director of Engineering and Works, advised that such lay-offs had been necessary owing to budgetary restraints.

Question Alderman Meagher Re: Overhead Crosswalk Light - Corner of Robie and Welsford Streets

At the request of Alderman Meagher, Mr. Peter Connell, Acting City Manager and Director of Engineering and Works, advised that because appropriate signs were not yet available through the Provincial Department of Transportation, arrangements have recently been concluded for several similar signs to be shipped to Halifax from the Municipality of Ottawa-Carleton. He added that it is anticipated that these signs will be installed within the next several weeks.

In this context, Alderman Meagher asked for a report from the City's Traffic Authority as to whether an amber flashing light (to operate between 7-9 a.m. and 4-6 p.m.) could be installed at the intersection of Robie and Welsford to draw additional attention to this very hazardous location.

In addition, the Alderman asked that the Halifax Police Department be requested to monitor this and other major crosswalks for a short-term period so as to promote the observance of crosswalk regulations.

# Question Alderman Meagher Re: Sidewalk Repairs

Alderman Meagher made mention of the fact that four locations (i.e., 6183 Summit Street; 2775 Pacific Street; 2575 Connaught Avenue, and 6229 Duncan Street) in his ward are in need of temporary repairs to their sidewalks. To this end, he requested that the Director of Engineering and Works have these sites investigated to ascertain the feasibility of applying asphalt, preferably before the onset of the winter season.

# Question Alderman Jeffrey Re: Street Sweeping

Alderman Jeffrey asked if the City's street sweeping efforts could be directed to that portion of Ward 9 where construction has been taking place in order to remove the gravel and dirt that has started to accumulate on the adjoining streets. The Alderman indicated that he would appreciate having this done within the next week if possible.

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# NOTICES OF MOTION

Notice of Motion Alderman Cromwell Re: Amendments to Ordinance 156, Respecting A Pollution Control Charge

Alderman Cromwell gave Notice of Motion that at the next regular meeting of Halifax City Council, scheduled for Thursday, November 17, 1988, it is intended that a motion be introduced to amend Ordinance 156, Respecting a Pollution Control Charge, as follows:

> That the proceeds of the Pollution Control Charge or Charges levied herein shall be paid into an account to be called "the Pollution Control Account," and shall be used solely for pollution control purposes that contribute directly to the cleanup of Halifax Harbor, including the construction of regional collection mains and pipes, or force mains and pumping stations needed to take the sewage to sewage treatment plants, and including the construction of sewage treatment plants.

#### ADDED ITEMS

Claim for Damages - Smith's Field Manor Development Limited v. City of Halifax

A private and confidential report, dated October 27, 1988, was submitted from Mr. Donald F. Murphy, Q.C., City Solicitor.

MOVED by Alderman Dewell, seconded by Alderman Hamshaw that the claim of Smith's Field Manor Development for damages against the City of Halifax, arising out of the City's wrongfully withholding of a development permit and building permit for the Plaintiff's project on Green Street in Halifax, be settled by the payment to Smith's Field Manor Development of the sum of \$715,000.00.

The motion was put and passed with Aldermen Meagher and Deborah Grant voting in opposition.

Appointment of the City Auditor General

This matter was dealt with earlier in the meeting's

agenda.

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# Capital Budget (Alderman Meagher)

This matter was added to the agenda at the request of Alderman Meagher who suggested that Council's review of the proposed 1989 Capital Budget be delayed temporarily in order to provide incoming Aldermen an opportunity to add projects of their own.

Responding to Alderman Meagher's recommendation, Alderman Flynn expressed concern that by postponing this review, Council might be jeopardizing the City's tendering process for the coming year.

His Worship Mayor Wallace suggested that most of the outgoing members of Council have already submitted proposals for their respective wards in terms of capital projects, adding that the new Aldermen can add items if they so desire.

#### Farewell Addresses - Outgoing Aldermen

Mayor Wallace noted that, because this is the last meeting of the existing Council, he wished to provide an opportunity for outgoing members to make farewell presentations to their constituents and colleagues. Before doing so, however, His Worship thanked the four for their dedicated service, and expressed the hope that they would continue to serve the City of Halifax as members of its various boards and commissions. He added that he values the friendships he has acquired through his association with these Aldermen, emphasizing that it had been an honor serving with them on City Council.

Alderman Alfred Hamshaw (Ward 12). Alderman Hamshaw noted that he will very much miss everyone on City Council and the citizens it has been his pleasure to serve as "Mayor of Rockingham" for the last several years. He emphasized that he is very proud to have been able to be one of the Aldermen who have contributed to the recent growth of the City, adding that it would have been impossible if not for the tremendous cooperation he had received from all members of staff.

In conclusion, the Alderman thanked his colleagues for their friendship and expressed the hope that he will be able to continue to serve the City as a member of one of its boards or commissions.

Deputy Mayor J. Albert Walker (Ward 8). In his remarks, Deputy Mayor Walker thanked the residents of Wards 7 and 8 for the opportunity to serve as their Alderman for the past six years. He

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emphasized that, in his appointment as Deputy Mayor, he had had the greatest honor of his life, and had done his utmost to bring to the position loyalty, dedication and integrity. The Deputy Mayor expressed appreciation to all members of City staff for their assistance over the last several years, noting that he "found every single person working for the City to be most responsible, reliable and efficient, and, most of all, they have a most sincere attitude to those taxpayers, who from time to time call on Department members for an explanation for certain decisions made in this Council Chamber."

In addition, Deputy Mayor Walker made reference to City Hall's two commissionaires, Captain Gordon Hawkins and Sergeant Arthur Boddy, emphasizing that they bring "dignity and efficiency" to City Hall and to its Council Chamber.

In closing, the Deputy Mayor wished the Mayor and all the other newly-elected members of Council his sincere best wishes for a successful term in office, adding that while he himself had "mixed feelings" about leaving, he was also content in the fact that he had contributed a small part to the history of this great City.

Alderman Randy Dewell (Ward 6). In his remarks, Alderman Randy Dewell noted that he will greatly miss his past involvement in City affairs, the camaraderie with other members of Council, and the ongoing contact with his constituents in Ward 6. He emphasized that his decision not to seek reelection was not easily arrived at, but, having made that decision, will welcome the time he now will be able to be able to spend with his family. In this context, Alderman Dewell thanked the members of his family for their understanding and support over the past six years.

He also expressed his appreciation to all members of City staff for their invaluable assistance in countless situations, noting that the citizens of Halifax "should take comfort in the fact that we have serving us a well gualified and a dedicated body of employees who take a great deal of pride in their work, and, through them, we as taxpayers are receiving value for our money."

In closing, Alderman Dewell expressed the hope that he had been able to serve in a positive manner to the growth and development of our City, and, at the same time, helped to preserve the uniqueness that makes Halifax a very special place to live. He added that serving on Council has been a very educational and rewarding experience, emphasizing that he has particularly enjoyed meeting the residents of Ward 6.

Alderman Ron Cromwell (Ward 2). Alderman Cromwell echoed the sentiments previously expressed by his colleagues, indicating that it had been an honor to serve the residents of the

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City of Halifax and, in particular, the people of Ward 2. He noted that the experience he has gained in municipal politics through his years as alderman will be invaluable, and thanked the City for the opportunity to serve in this capacity. Alderman Cromwell thanked the members of his family for their support over the past eight years which allowed him to serve Ward 2 with the utmost dedication. He also expressed his appreciation to City staff for their cooperation, and, in particular, the staff of the City Clerk's Office and of the Aldermen's Office.

Alderman Cromwell thanked the residents of Ward 2 for their confidence in him over the past several years, calling such support "a great satisfaction in itself." He closed by saying he has enjoyed himself as an Alderman and hoped that he had given something back to the City from which he has received so much.

There being no further business to be discussed, the meeting was adjourned at 9:50 p.m.

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

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SPECIAL CITY COUNCIL OATH OF ALLEGIANCE AND OF OFFICE <u>M I N U T E S</u>

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Council Chamber City Hall Halifax, Nova Scotia November 7, 1988 10:00 A.M.

A Special Meeting of Halifax City Council was held on the above date to announce the results of the October 15, 1988 election and to administer the Oath of Allegiance and Office.

The meeting was called to order and those attending joined Reverend John Newton, Rector of St. Paul's Church, in the recitation of the Lord's Prayer.

Present: His Worship Mayor Ron Wallace and Aldermen D. Grant, Fitzgerald, Downey, Meagher, O'Malley, Pottie, R. Grant, Hanson, Jeffrey, Leiper, Flynn, and Stone.

Also Present: The Honourable Alan R. Abraham, Lieutenant Governor of Nova Scotia; Aide Major Burns, City Clerk, City Manager, and City Solicitor.

The City Clerk announced the results of the election for Mayor and declared Ron Wallace duly elected Mayor for the City of Halifax for a three year term.

The Honourable Alan R. Abraham, Lieutenant Governor of Nova Scotia, then administered the Oath of Allegiance and of Office to Mayor Ron Wallace and placed the Chain of Office on the Mayor.

The City Clerk then individually announced the results of the election for Aldermen for Wards One to Twelve and declared the following Aldermen elected for a three year term.

Mayor		-	Ron Wallace
Alderman	(Ward 1)	***	Deborah Grant
Alderman	(Ward 2)	-	Walter R. Fitzgerald
Alderman	(Ward 3)	-	Graham L. Downey
Alderman	(Ward 4)	-	Nicholas Meagher
Alderman	(Ward 5)	-	
Alderman	(Ward 6)	-	Patrick Pottie
Alderman	(Ward 7)	-	Richard R. Grant
Alderman	(Ward 8)	-	Ron Hanson
Alderman	(Ward 9)	-	Thomas J. Jeffrey
Alderman	(Ward 10)	-	•
Alderman	(Ward 11)	-	Arthur A. Flynn
Alderman	(Ward 12)	-	Bill Stone

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Following the declaration by the City Clerk for each Ward, His Honour administered the Oath of Allegiance and of Office to each Alderman and placed the Aldermanic Medals on each member of Council.

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At the conclusion of the swearing in ceremony, His Worship expressed appreciation to the Reverend John Newton and to the Lieutenant Governor for attending today's meeting.

Reverend John Newton then led those in attendance in prayer.

The Honourable Alan R. Abraham then addressed Council and, following the departure by His Honour, the Aldermen, accompanied by family and guests, signed the Aldermanic Scroll.

11:00 p.m. - The Meeting Adjourned.

# HIS WORSHIP MAYOR RON WALLACE CHAIRMAN

EDWARD A. KERR CITY CLERK

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HALIPAX CITY COUNCIL (SPECIAL MEETING) <u>M I N U T E S</u>

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Council Chamber City Hall Halifax, Nova Scotia 8 November, 1988 10:00 A.M.

A Special Meeting of Halifax City Council was held at this time for the purpose of selecting a Deputy Mayor for the coming year as well as to determine the Aldermanic appointments to the City's boards, committees and commissions.

The meeting was called to order, and members of Council, led by Alderman Bill Stone, joined in the recitation of the Lord's Prayer.

**PRESENT:** His Worship Mayor Ron Wallace, Chairman; and Aldermen Fitzgerald, Downey, Meagher, O'Malley, Pottie, Richard Grant, Hanson, Jeffrey, Leiper, Flynn, and Stone.

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

#### Appointment of the Deputy Mayor

MOVED by Alderman Meagher, seconded by Alderman Flynn that Alderman Richard Grant (Ward 7) be nominated for the position of Deputy Mayor for the forthcoming year.

There were no further nominations in this regard.

The motion was put and passed unanimously.

Deputy Mayor Grant expressed his appreciation to members of Council for the privilege of serving them in this manner, and emphasized that he would attempt to assist the Mayor and Council in the coming year to the best of his ability.

Appointments - Boards, Committees, Commissions

A confidential report, dated 8 November, 1988, was submitted by His Worship Mayor Wallace.

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It was subsequently moved by Deputy Mayor Richard Grant, seconded by Alderman Jeffrey that the meeting be adjourned to allow an opportunity for members of Council to discuss the contents of the November 8 report on an in camera basis.

## The motion was put and passed.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:15 a.m.

Following an <u>in camera</u> discussion, the meeting was reconvened at 10:45 a.m. with the same members being present (and with the addition of Alderman Deborah Grant).

MOVED by Deputy Mayor Richard Grant, seconded by Alderman Flynn that the following appointments be approved:

#### TRADE CENTRE LIMITED

Alderman W. Fitzgerald Alderman R. Hanson Alderman M. Leiper Alderman A. Flynn (Terms to expire 7 November, 1989)

### ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON CONCERNS OF AGEING

Alderman D. Grant Alderman A. Flynn (Terms to expire 7 November, 1989)

### AUDIT COMMITTEE

Alderman W. Fitzgerald Alderman N. Meagher Deputy Mayor R. Grant Alderman R. Hanson Alderman W. Stone (Terms to expire 7 November, 1989)

### TOURISM HALIPAX

Alderman D. Grant Alderman W. Fitzgerald Alderman T. Jeffrey Alderman W. Stone (Terms to expire 7 November, 1989)

### MAINLAND SOUTH COMMUNITY CENTRE CORPORATION

Deputy Mayor R. Grant Alderman R. Hanson (Terms to expire 7 November, 1990)

#### BOARD OF HEALTH

Alderman G. Downey Alderman P. Pottie Alderman M. O'Malley Alderman T. Jeffrey

(Terms to expire 7 November, 1989)

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# HALIPAX NATAL DAY COMMITTEE

Alderman P. Pottie Deputy Mayor R. Grant (Terms to expire 7 November, 1989)

### TAX CONCESSIONS AND GRANTS COMMITTEE

Alderman G. Downey Alderman N. Meagher Alderman M. O'Malley Alderman M. Leiper (Terms to expire 7 November, 1989)

# BOARD OF POLICE

Mayor R. Wallace Alderman P. Pottie Alderman A. Flynn (Terms to expire 4 November, 1991)

### DIRECTORS OF POINT PLEASANT PARK

Alderman M. O'Malley

(Term to expire 7 November, 1989)

## HALIPAX INDUSTRIAL COMMISSION

Alderman D. Grant Deputy Mayor R. Grant (Terms to expire 4 November, 1991) Special Council November 8, 1988

### NEPTUNE THEATRE FOUNDATION

Deputy Mayor R. Grant

(Term to expire 7 November, 1989)

### HALIFAX DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD

Deputy Mayor R. Grant Alderman G. Downey Alderman R. Hanson Alderman A. Flynn (Terms to expire 4 November, 1991)

## HALIFAX RECREATION COMMISSION

Alderman G. Downey Alderman W. Stone

> (Terms to expire 4 November, 1991)

# HALIFAX REGIONAL LIBRARY BOARD

Alderman A. Flynn Alderman W. Stone (Terms to expire 7 November, 1989)

### HERITAGE ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Alderman D. Grant Alderman W. Fitzgerald (Terms to expire 7 November, 1989)

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Alderman W. Stone

(Term to expire 7 November, 1989)

#### HALIPAX COURT HOUSE COMMISSION

Alderman M. O'Malley (Term to expire 7 November, 1989)

#### HALIPAX TAXI COMMISSION

Alderman T. Jeffrey (Term to expire 7 November, 1989)

### HALIFAX CIVIC HOSPITAL BOARD

Alderman N. Meagher Alderman P. Pottie (Terms to expire 7 November, 1989)

#### BOARD OF HARBOUR CITY HOMES

Alderman G. Downey Alderman M. O'Malley Alderman M. Leiper (Terms to expire 7 November, 1989)

# HALIFAX FORUM COMMISSION

Alderman G. Downey Alderman N. Meagher Alderman P. Pottie Alderman W. Stone Alderman T. Jeffrey (Terms to expire 4 November, 1991) Special Council November 8, 1988

### HALIFAX/DARTHOUTH BRIDGE COMMISSION

Alderman G. Downey Alderman M. O'Malley (Terms to expire 4 November, 1991)

#### ART ALLOCATION COMMITTEE

Alderman D. Grant (Term to expire 7 November, 1989)

#### HALIFAX WATER COMMISSION

Alderman R. Hanson (Term to expire 7 November, 1989)

#### METROPOLITAN AUTHORITY

Alderman M. Leiper Alderman P. Pottie (Terms to expire 7 November, 1989)

#### ARBITRATION COMMITTEE

Mayor R. Wallace Alderman N. Meagher Alderman T. Jeffrey (Terms to expire 7 November, 1989)

#### HALIFAX-HAKODATE COMMITTEE

Alderman D. Grant Alderman P. Pottie Alderman M. Leiper (Terms to expire 7 November, 1989)

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# SPRING GARDEN ROAD BUSINESS IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT COMMISSION

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Alderman G. Downey (Term to expire 7 November, 1989)

### BARRINGTON STREET BUSINESS IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT COMMISSION

Alderman W. Fitzgerald (Term to expire 7 November, 1989)

### EMERGENCY MEASURES ORGANIZATION

Alderman G. Downey Alderman T. Jeffrey (Terms to expire 7 November, 1989)

#### PLANNING ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Alderman D. Grant Alderman W. Fitzgerald \* Alderman N. Meagher Alderman A. Flynn Alderman M. Leiper (Terms to be **extended** to 7 May, 1989, or until review of the Committee's role is completed)

\* Alderman W. Fitzgerald replaces Alderman A. Hamshaw

Alderman Jeffrey noted that, at the next regular meeting of Halifax City Council (scheduled for Thursday, 17 November, 1988), he will introduce a motion intended to increase the number of Aldermanic appointments to the Halifax Board of Police Commissioners by one. In this context, the Alderman asked for the appropriate documentation to be made available to him by the City Solicitor's Department.

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Alderman M. Leiper (Term to expire 7 November, 1989)

#### RETIREMENT COMMITTEE

Alderman W. Fitzgerald (Term to expire 4 November, 1991)

#### DESIGN ADVISORY PANEL

Alderman M. Leiper (Term to expire 7 November, 1989)

### TRANSIT ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Alderman P. Pottie Alderman R. Hanson Alderman M. Leiper Alderman W. Stone (Terms to expire 7 November, 1989)

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Alderman Jeffrey also made reference to his interest in continuing to serve on the City's Recreation Committee, and asked for information as quickly as possible as to whether the membership of that Committee might be extended to provide for three aldermanic appointees.

Alderman Jeffrey further requested information from the City Solicitor's Department concerning "conflict of interest" requirements and the way in which they pertain to appointments to the Halitax Forum Commission and to the Trade Centre Limited.

The motion was put and passed.

10:50 a.m. - There being no further business to be discussed, the meeting was adjourned.

# HIS WORSHIP MAYOR RON WALLACE CHAIRMAN

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SPECIAL COUNCIL PUBLIC HEARINGS M I N U T E S

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Council Chamber City Hall Halifax, N.S. 9 November 1988 5:00 p.m.

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

After the meeting was called to order, the members of Council attending joined in reciting the Lord's Prayer.

**Present:** His Worship Mayor Wallace, Chairman; Deputy Mayor R. Grant; and Aldermen D. Grant, Fitzgerald, Downey, Meagher, Marie O'Malley, Pottie, Hanson, Jeffrey, Leiper, Flynn, and Stone.

Also Present: Mr. Simpson McLeod, Supervisor of the Real Estate Division; Mr. Gary Porter, Planner with the Development and Planning Department; Mr. Wayne Anstey, representing the City Solicitor; Mr. Edward A. Kerr, City Clerk; Mr. Paul Calda, City Manager; and other members of City Staff.

#### ADDED ITEMS

The City Clerk advised of the following items added to the agenda from the Committee of the Whole Council held earlier this date:

- Award of Tender #88-06 Leiblin Park Sanitary Sewer Upgrading;
- 2. Award of Tender #88-142 Ten 1989 Model Passenger Vehicles;
- 3. Northwest Interceptor System, Section 3, City of Halifax Contract #88-57.

Award of Tender #88-96 - Leiblin Park - Sanitary Sewer Upgrading

MOVED by Deputy Mayor R. Grant, seconded by Alderman Hanson that, as recommended by the Finance and Executive Committee, Tender #88-06, Leiblin Park Sanitary Sewer Upgrading, be awarded to D.A. Lanthier Construction Ltd. for a bid price of \$126,905.00 and a total project cost of \$152,000.00, funding authorized from account number DA034.

Motion passed.

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# Award of Tender #88-142 - Ten 1989 Model Passenger Vehicles

MOVED by Deputy Mayor R. Grant, seconded by Alderman Hanson that, as recommended by the Finance and Executive Committee, Tender #88-142, for ten 1989 Model Passenger Vehicles, be awarded to Bob McDonald Chev Olds Ltd for a total project cost of \$165,138.78.

### Motion passed.

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Northwest Interceptor System, Section 3, City of Halifax Contract #88-57

MOVED by Deputy Mayor R. Grant, seconded by Alderman Hanson that, as recommended by the Finance and Executive Committee, Council approve the following:

> 1. The increase in the total project cost of Tender 88-57 from \$3,050,000.00 to \$3,200,000.00;

2. Funds in an amount of \$150,000.00 from Capital Account #DB053; and

3. The transfer of \$150,000.00 from Capital Account #DB053 to Capital Account #DB009.

#### Motion passed.

Public Hearing - Street Closure - Old Williams Lake Road and Herring Cove Road

A staff report dated 7 November 1988 was submitted.

Mr. Simpson McLeod, Supervisor of the Real Estate Division, Development and Planning Department, reviewed the proposed closure for portions of the Herring Cove Road and the Old Williams Lake Road as illustrated in the 7 November 1988 and 28 September 1988 staff reports.

Ms. Verly Tyson addressed Council and advised that she and her husband reside on the Old Williams Lake Road. Ms. Tyson asked for a clarification of what was being proposed.

Mr. McLeod explained that staff are not proposing to close the Old William's Lake Road in the sense of not permitting traffic. He advised that staff are proposing to narrow the Old William's Lake Road from its present width to a narrower width.

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Ms. Tyson expressed concern with respect to snow removal on the Old William's Lake Road and the fact that it might worsen as a result of making it narrow.

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Deputy Mayor R. Grant addressed Ms. Tyson's concern and satisfied her by advising that the road presently being used as the thorough fare would not be changed.

There were no further persons present wishing to address Council.

MOVED by Deputy Mayor R. Grant, seconded by Alderman Hanson that the portion of Old Williams Lake Road, as shown as Parcel "A" in the plan attached to the 7 November 1988 staff report, be closed.

In response to a question from Alderman Hanson, Mr. McLeod advised that it would be staff's intention to offer the consolidated lot for sale.

Motion passed.

Public Hearing - Street Closure, Portion of Kempt Road (Parcel KR)

Mr. Simpson McLeod, Supervisor of the Real Estate Division, Development and Planning Department, outlined the proposed land exchange and street closure as illustrated in the 20 September 1988 staff report.

There were no persons present wishing to address Council.

MOVED by Alderman Fitzgerald, seconded by Alderman Marie O'Malley that the portion of Kempt Road identified as Parcel "KR" on Plan TT-40-29588 (contained in the 20 September 1988 staff report) be closed as a street and be exchanged for lands owned by CNR identified as Parcels "B" and "F" on Plan 11132-47 of the 20 September 1988 staff report and that the portion of Kempt Road as shown on Plan TT-40-29588 (attached to the 20 September 1988 staff report) be closed.

Motion passed.

Public Hearing - Case No. 5615 - Appeal of Minor Variance Approval - 2324-26 Maynard Street

Mr. Gary Porter, Planner, Development and Planning Department, addressed Council and, with the aid of slides and diagrams, outlined the appeal of a minor variance approval of

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a reduction of the south side yard requirement at 2324-26 Maynard Street as illustrated in the 2 November 1988 staff report.

In his presentation, Mr. Porter advised that the variance requested did not violate the provisions of the Planning Act and was therefore approved.

Mr. George W. Davis addressed Council on behalf of his brother, Mr. C.J. Davis, the appellant. Mr. Davis submitted a petition signed by 12 residents opposing Miss Hall's application for a minor variance (a copy of which is included in the official file of this meeting).

Mr. Davis went on to advise that Miss Hall had made application for a minor variance with respect to a side yard requirement. Mr. Davis noted that his brother, Mr. C.J. Davis, had sent a letter to the Development Officer appealing the approval of the minor variance (a copy of which is also contained in the official file of this meeting). Mr. Davis indicated that, it was his understanding, a minor variance permits a slight change in the legal requirements of a bylaw in order to permit an act which does not completely comply with the standards set out in the bylaw. Mr. Davis submitted that the approved minor variance was not minor. He suggested that the space in question was too small for the construction of a deck. If there was need for an exit from the second storey for fire escape, Mr. Davis suggested that a door be placed with steps leading down.

Mr. Davis commented that he and his brother have lived in this neighbourhood for over 50 years and have always got along very well with their neighbours. He expressed the concern that Miss Hall, when she first moved to the nighbourhood, removed a line fence without advising his brother and replaced it with a six foot high fence. Mr. Davis urged that the appeal for minor variance approval be granted.

Ms. Kathleen J. Hall, the owner of 2325-26 Maynard Street, addressed Council and advised that she bought her house on Maynard Street in February of 1987. In an attempt to create as nice a property as possible for her tenants, Ms. Hall indicated that she proceeded with the idea of building an upstairs deck for her tenants. She noted that she had applied for the minor variance and, after staff investigation, the application was approved by the Development Officer.

Ms. Hall went on to advise that her neighbours had all been notified of the minor variance application and that

only Mr. Davis objected. Ms. Hall advised that Mr. Davis's concerns were considered by the staff of the Development and Planning Department and of the Fire Prevention Division. She commented that staff, after reviewing the situation, decided that the benefits of the deck and the exit outweighed the questions and concerns of Mr. Davis. Ms. Hall noted that the possibility of locating the deck on the other side of the house was considered and was ruled impossible. Ms. Hall further noted that she had approached Mr. Davis and his brother about reducing the width of the deck and that her lawyer had discussed the matter of locating the stairs on the other side of the deck with Mr. Davis. Ms. Hall indicated that she was willing to make the changes in order to accommodate Mr. Davis.

Ms. Hall pointed out that she had only seen the petition, submitted earlier by Mr. Davis, upon entering the Council Chamber this evening. Referring to the names comprising the petition, Ms. Hall advised that five signatures are of persons residing on the other side of the street, two signatures belong to Mr. Davis and his brother, and the four remaining names are of persons none of whom live where the property in question borders. Ms. Hall requested an opportunity to submit a poll too if the one submitted was critical to Council's decision.

With respect to the matter of the fence referred to earlier by Mr. Davis, Ms. Hall agreed that she had made the mistake of not consulting Mr. Davis, but noted that she had apologized to him on several occasions.

In concluding, Ms. Hall respectfully requested that Council accept staff's decision to approve her application.

In response to a question raised by Alderman Leiper, Ms. Hall confirmed that the residents who signed the petition on the other side of the street cannot see her deck.

There were no further persons wishing to address Council.

Alderman Downey advised that he had received a call from Ms. Hall's Solicitor concerning the application in question. He went on to advise that he had suggested to Ms. Hall's solicitor that contact be made with Mr. Davis in an attempt of reaching a compromise. Alderman Downey noted that, it was his understanding, his recommendation had not been carried out.

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MOVED by Alderman Downey, seconded by Alderman Meagher that the appeal of minor variance approval at 2324-26 Maynard Street be granted and that the decision of the development officer be overturned.

Alderman Leiper addressed the matter and suggested that the matter should be deferred with a view of reaching a fair decision. She noted that Ms. Hall had indicated that she would like an opportunity to bring more information forward as a result of the petition submitted by Mr. Davis. Alderman Leiper further suggested that additional information might better familiarize Council with the situation.

MOVED by Alderman Leiper, seconded by Alderman D. Grant that this matter be deferred to the City Council meeting scheduled for Thursday, 17 November 1988.

Alderman R. Grant noted that Ms. Hall had indicated that Mr. Davis had been approached with respect to reducing the deck by one foot and with respect to locating the stairs closer to the actual residence. Alderman R. Grant requested that the information pending include the results of the discussion with respect to this matter.

Motion of deferral passed.

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5:49 p.m. The meeting adjourned.

HIS WORSHIP MAYOR RON WALLACE CHAIRMAN

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CITY COUNCIL <u>MINUTES</u>

> Council Chamber City Hall Halifax, Nova Scotia 17 November 1988 7:30 p.m.

The first meeting of Halifax City Council subsequent to the 1988 municipal election was held at this time.

PRESENT: His Worship Mayor Ron Wallace, Chairman; Deputy Mayor Richard Grant; and Aldermen Fitzgerald, Downey, Meagher, Marie O'Malley, Pottie, Hanson, Jeffrey, Leiper, Flynn, and Stone.

ALSO PRESENT: City Manager, City Solicitor, City Clerk, and other members of City Council.

His Worship introduced the Reverend John Moses, St. Paul's United Church, who opened the meeting with a brief prayer.

Swearing-In Ceremony: Police Recruits, Halifax Police Department

His Worship advised that before moving to the regular agenda a very special swearing-in ceremony for the Halifax Police Department Police Recruits would be held.

Sergeant Lowell Meisner, Halifax Police Department, then introduced the Police Cadets to His Worship and members of City Council, as follows:

Cadet	Ρ.	Hart	Cadet P.	Jessom
Cadet	Μ.	Macissac	Cadet G.	
		Murphy	Cadet A.	Patison
Cadet	J.	Simmington		

His Worship proceeded to lead the Cadets in their Oath of Office after which the Chief of Police, Blair Jackson, presented the newly appointed Constables with their badges.

His Worship, on behalf of Council and the City of Halifax, congratulated the Constables and indicated that he hoped that this was the beginning of a very distinguished career with the City.

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Halifax Winter Carnival - Presentation to City Council

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Deputy Mayor R. Grant introduced Mr. Al Fitzgerald indicating that Mr. Fitzgerald had a brief presentation to make to Council.

Mr. Fitzgerald addressed Council indicating his pleasure at being given this opportunity to address Council. Mr. Fitzgerald briefly outlined the history of the Halifax Winter Carnival noting that it had evolved from the very successful and long standing Spryfield Winter Carnival. Mr. Fitzgerald noted that this was only the third year the Carnival has been held city wide and noted that when the decision had been made to take the Carnival city wide staff and Council had responded with the fullest degree of cooperation. Mr. Fitzgerald noted that the city wide Carnival has enjoyed a high level of success.

Mr. Fitzgerald then presented a certificate to His Worship the Mayor recognizing the participation of the City in the Halifax Winter Carnival.

His Worship, thanking Mr. Fitzgerald for the certificate, wished the Halifax Winter Carnival continued success.

#### MINUTES

Minutes of the Regular meeting of Halifax City Council held on 27 October 1988 and of the Special meeting of Halifax City Council held on 9 November 1988 were approved on a motion by Deputy Mayor R. Grant, seconded by Alderman Hanson.

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

The City Clerk noted that Item 2 (a) was to be deleted from this evening's agenda and would appear on the 1 December 1988 City Council agenda.

At the request of the City Clerk, Council agreed to

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20.1 RAPID Capital Budget

20.2 Congratulations - St. Mary's Huskies Football Team - Alderman Fitzgerald

20.3 Emergency Measures Organization - Over Expenditure

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At the request of Alderman Jeffrey, Council agreed to add:

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20.4 Licensing of Vending and Amusement Machines

MOVED by Alderman Jeffrey, seconded by Alderman Meagher that the agenda, as amended, be approved.

Congratulations - St. Mary's Huskies Football Team - Alderman Fitzgerald

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This matter was added to the agenda, on behalf of Alderman Fitzgerald, by the City Clerk.

Alderman Fitzgerald addressed the matter referring to the football games enjoyed by fans at St. Mary's Stadium this past weekend. Alderman Fitzgerald noted that the St. Mary's Huskies had won against the Bishop Gaiters and that the Queen Elizabeth Lions won their fourth consecutive Provincial championship and their eighth in nine years. Alderman Fitzgerald indicated that congratulations to both these teams was in order. Alderman Fitzgerald indicated, however, that he intended upon moving a motion in relation to the University Championship in which the St. Mary's Huskies are participating.

MOVED by Alderman Fitzgerald, seconded by Alderman Meagher that City Council forward a telegram to the St. Mary's Huskies, who are playing for the Canadian University Championship in Toronto, wishing them all the best for their game on Saturday and indicating that Council and the citizens of Halifax are extremely proud of the team and give them full support in their endeavors in the championship.

Alderman Leiper addressed the matter noting that St. Mary's University Soccer Team had also reached the finals of the Canadian University Championships. Alderman Leiper indicated that the team had performed very well and requested that the motion be amended to provide that a letter of congratulations on their success be forwarded to the coach of the soccer team, to which the Mover of the motion agreed.

The motion, as amended, was put and passed.

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## DEPERRED ITEMS

Case No. 5615 - Appeal of Minor Variance Approval - 2324-26 Maynard Street

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MOVED by Alderman Downey, seconded by Alderman Meagher that City Council deny the appeal and uphold the decision of the Development Officer in relation to the requested minor variance for 2324-26 Maynard Street.

Motion passed.

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Revenue Review

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MOVED by Alderman Flynn, seconded by Alderman Leiper that, as recommended by the Finance and Executive Committee:

- (a) before the next regular meeting of City Council (scheduled for Thursday, 17 November, 1988), an appointment be made for the representatives of City Council to meet with Provincial representatives to discuss the Provincial grant structure;
- (b) a letter go to the Minister of Municipal Affairs requesting a review of the assessment process and a commitment to a speedier process for dealing with appeals;
- (c) a meeting be requested with the Minister of Community Services to discuss the shortfall in funding for social assistance and homes for special care;
- (d) a letter go from City Council to the Province asking for the necessary changes in legislation to provide that vehicle licenses and permits only be issued if violation tickets are not outstanding, and to qualify the serving of summonses by certified mail, rather than by personal delivery; and that
- (\*) City Council make a request to the Province of Nova Scotia that the level of cost-sharing with the City of Halifax (with regard to snow removal grants) be increased.

#### AND FURTHER THAT:

Staff be requested to draft a policy in relation to the sale of City-owned lands which are not of use to the City.

Alderman Jeffrey addressed the matter noting that the Committee of the Whole recommendation called for appointments to meet with the Provincial representatives. Alderman Jeffrey asked who was to make these appointments and when the meeting was to be held.

His Worship advised, that after discussions with the Premier regarding the format of the meeting, it has been agreed that the Honourable George Moody, the Honourable David Nantes, the Honourable Greg Kerr and the Honourable Tom

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McInnis will represent the Province at the meeting. His Worship further indicated that he felt appropriate representation from the City would include himself, the Deputy Mayor, Alderman Meagher as the senior Alderman and Alderman Leiper.

A discussion ensued with Alderman Jeffrey indicating that he felt all Halifax representatives should be invited to attend this meeting.

His Worship suggested that it would be more appropriate to meet with the appropriate elected officials separate from the MLA's representing Halifax.

After a further discussion Alderman Leiper indicated that as this matter was to be discussed at the 7 December 1988 meeting of the UNSM it behooves Council to move ahead with the meeting with the Provincial representatives.

Alderman Flynn addressed the matter noting that it was his understanding that Council was proposing two meetings. Alderman Flynn indicated that the first meeting would be held with representatives of the Provincial government and another meeting would be held with the MLA's representing Halifax.

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

Halifax Forum Commission - Funding Request -Alderman Jeffrey

MOVED by Alderman Jeffrey, seconded by Alderman Downey that, as recommended by the Finance and Executive Committee, the report, dated 9 November 1988 from the Secretary Manager of the Halifax Forum be tabled and further that Council direct that the Forum Commission and City staff immediately commence work on the development of a long-range plan for the Forum facility.

Motion passed.

Lighting - Senior Citizens Manors (Charlie Zone) -Alderman Marie O'Malley

Alderman Marie O'Malley addressed the matter and reiterating her comments made at the Committee of the Whole Council MOVED, seconded by Alderman Downey that, as recommended by the Finance and Executive Committee, Engineering and Works, Parks and Grounds, Police, the Halifax Housing Authority and Metropolitan Transit study the problems

outlined in the 9 November 1988 Finance and Executive Committee minutes and report back in a comprehensive report with any recommendations for corrective action and further that due to the approach of winter that this report be brought to Council within a one month period.

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The motion was put and passed.

Report - Transit Advisory Committee - Guidelines for Advertising on Metro Transit Buses

MOVED by Alderman Fitzgerald, seconded by Alderman Leiper that, as recommended by the Finance and Executive Committee, City Council recommend to Metropolitan Authority that guidelines relating to advertising on buses and bus shelters be developed and adopted and further that these guidelines be referred to the various Transit Advisory groups for review and comment.

The motion was put and passed.

#### Christmas Break - Meetings

<u>MOVED by Alderman Leiper, seconded by Alderman</u> Flynn that, as recommended by the Finance and Executive Committee, the 21 December 1988 Committee of the Whole meeting and the 29 December 1988 City Council meeting be cancelled at this time to enable staff to reschedule items that must be dealt with before year's end.

The motion was put and passed.

## Election Procedures - 1988 (Alderman Fitzgerald)

MOVED by Alderman Fitzgerald, seconded by Deputy Mayor R. Grant that, as recommended by the Finance and Executive Committee, Council take the necessary steps to reactivate the Election Procedures Committee and further that they deal with any proposed changes to the Municipal Elections Act they might receive and report back to Council prior to 1 February 1989.

Alderman Fitzgerald addressed the matter stressing the importance of reactivating the Election Procedures Committee and noting that he would like to see this done as soon as possible. Alderman Fitzgerald noted that early reactivation would allow for input from the Returning Officer, the public and members of Council.

The motion was put and passed.

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Acquisition of Civic No. 55 Herring Cove Road

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MOVED by Alderman Hanson, seconded by Deputy Mayor R. Grant that, as recommended by the Finance and Executive Committee, Civic No. 55 Herring Cove Road be acquired from David and Darlene Blenkarn for \$55,000 as settlement in full with funds being available in Account No. CK019, Sundry Land Acquisitions.

#### Motion passed.

## Revenue and Expenditure Statement

MOVED by Alderman Flynn, seconded by Alderman Stone that, as recommended by the Finance and Executive Committee the Revenue and Expenditure Statement for the nine months ended 30 September 1988 be tabled.

Alderman Fitzgerald addressed the matter noting that he had received a number of conflicting reports regarding the projected 1988 budget deficit. Alderman Fitzgerald indicated that he would like staff to advise him exactly what they project will be the deficit.

The City Manager addressed the matter indicating that the Revenue and Expenditure Statement before Council this evening was as complete as it could be given the fact that the full picture will not be known until the end of the year. The City Manager further advised that staff, assuming that the present situation continues, is projecting a deficit of four million dollars for 1988.

Responding to further questions from Alderman Fitzgerald, the City Manager indicated that, in light of the variance of factors involved, a more detailed answer should be made in writing.

#### Motion passed.

## REPORT - COMMITTEE ON WORKS

Council considered the report of the Committee on Works from its meeting held on 9 November 1988, as follows:

# Building Permit Application #88-173: 1051 Tower Road

At the 9 November 1988 meeting of the Works Committee staff was asked to respond to the comments made by Mr. Caldwell in his presentation and to submit a recommendation as to how Council should proceed in this matter.

His Worship, noting that a staff report was not yet available and that Alderman D. Grant was not present at this evening's meeting, suggested that the matter should be deferred.

MOVED by Alderman Fitzgerald, seconded by Alderman Leiper that, in light of the fact that a staff report has not been submitted with regard to this matter and the absence of Alderman D. Grant, consideration of this matter be deferred at this time.

Motion passed.

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

Amondments to Ordinance Number 156, the Pollution Control Ordinance - SECOND READING

This matter was given First Reading at the City Council meeting held on 17 October 1988.

MOVED by Alderman Leiper, seconded by Alderman Flynn that, Council give SECOND READING to the amendments proposed for Ordinance Number 156, the Pollution Control Charge Ordinance, for the purpose of changing the reference in Section 4(1) of the Ordinance from "gallons" to "volume" to enable Council to set the rate in metric measurements rather than in Imperial to conform with the billing procedures of the Halifax Water Commission, as follows:

BE IT ENACTED by the Council of the City of Halifax that Ordinance 156, the Pollution Control Charge Ordinance, be amended as follows:

1. Subsection (1) of Section 4 of said Ordinance 156 is amended by deleting the word "gallons" from the second line thereof and by substituting therefor the word "volume".

Motion passed.

# Amendments to Various Ordinances - SECOND READING

This matter was given First Reading at the City Council meeting held on 27 October 1988.

MOVED by Alderman Flynn, seconded by Deputy Mayor R. Grant that, as recommended by the Finance and Executive Committee, Council give SECOND READING to amendments proposed

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for various Ordinances, as follows, the purpose being to make provision for the increase in various fees approved in principle by City Council on 29 September 1988:

Ordinance 17, the Junk Dealers Ordinance Ordinance 19, the Bill Poster's Ordinance Ordinance 43, the Pawnbrokers Ordinance Ordinance 54, the Going-Out of Business Sales Ordinance Ordinance 112, the Encroachment Ordinance Ordinance 130, the Electrical Ordinance Ordinance 132, the Plumbing Ordinance Ordinance 146, the Auctioneer's Ordinance Ordinance 147, the Dog Ordinance Ordinance 149, the Petty Trades Ordinance Ordinance 151, the Automatic Machines Ordinance Ordinance 166, the Signs Ordinance Ordinance 180, the Streets Ordinance

Motion passed.

## REPORT - CITY PLANNING COMMITTEE

Council considered the report from the City Planning Committee (from its meeting held on Wednesday, 9 November, 1988) as follows:

## Amendment to the Land Use Bylaw: Applications Fees (Case No. 5731)

MOVED by Alderman Leiper, seconded by Alderman Flynn that, as recommended by the City Planning Committee, Council set a date for a public hearing to consider amending Section 12 of the Peninsula portion of the Land Use Bylaw and Section 19A of the Mainland portion of the Land Use Bylaw to adopt new applications lees, as set out in Appendix "B" of the 24 October, 1988 staff report; and further, that the proposed amendments be forwarded to the Planning Advisory Committee for review and recommendation.

## The motion was put and passed.

The City Clerk advised that the requested public hearing would be scheduled for WEDNESDAY, 7 DECEMBER, 1988 at 4:00 p.m. in the Council Chamber, Halifax City Hall.

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Discharge of Agreement - The Governors of Dalhousie College and University (Case No. 3734)

MOVED by Alderman Fitzgerald, seconded by Alderman Flynn that, as recommended by the City Planning Committee, City Council discharge the agreement, dated 12 February, 1980, between the governors of Dalhousie College and the City of Halifax filed at the Registry of Deeds in Book 3387, Page 501.

The motion was put and passed.

#### Stanley Park Residential Development

MOVED by Alderman Hanson, seconded by Deputy Mayor Richard Grant that, as recommended by the City Planning Committee, Council refer the Stanley Park Proposal, upon completion of negotiations between the developer and staff, to the Planning Advisory Committee (and subsequently to the Lakes and Waterways Advisory Committee) for review.

Addressing the motion currently on the floor, the Deputy Mayor clarified that Council is asking the Lakes and Waterways to assume that the Stanley Park proposal will go forward and, on that basis, to submit their recommendations as to the environmental issues which should be taken into consideration during the planning and development phases.

The motion was put and passed.

#### MOTIONS

## Motion Re: Amendment to Ordinance Number 156, Respecting A Pollution Control Charge - PIRST READING

Notice of Motion regarding this matter was given by Alderman R. Cromwell during a regular meeting of Halifax City Council held on Thursday, 27 October, 1988.

MOVED by Alderman Fitzgerald, seconded by Alderman Flynn that Council give FIRST READING to the following amendment proposed for Ordinance Number 156, Respecting a Pollution Control Charge; and further, that the matter be forwarded to the next regular meeting of Committee of the Whole Council (scheduled for Wednesday, 23 November, 1988) for consideration and report:

That the proceeds of the Pollution Control Charge or Charges levied herein shall be paid into an

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account to be called "the Pollution Control Account," and shall be used solely for pollution control purposes that contribute directly to the cleanup of Halifax Harbour, including the construction of regional collection mains and pipes, or force mains and pumping stations needed to take the sewage to sewage treatment plants, and including the construction of sewage treatment plants.

The motion was put and passed.

#### MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS

Expropriation Settlement - Parcels M-1 and M-3 Titus Street and Main Avenue

A staff report, dated 4 November, 1988, was submitted.

MOVED by Alderman Leiper, seconded by Alderman Flynn that Council authorize a transfer of funds in the amount of \$131,705.00 from Account No. CJ004 to Account No. CJ007.

The motion was put and passed.

Current Applications for Rezoning to R-2AM (Pairview) (Cases No. 5729 and 5734)

A supplementary staff report, dated 4 November, 1988, was submitted.

MOVED by Alderman Jeffrey, seconded by Alderman Hanson that Council refer Cases 5729 and 5734 to the Planning Advisory Committee for review and comment prior to the receipt of a staff report.

The motion was put and passed.

## Rockingstone Heights Playing Field (Deputy Mayor Richard Grant)

Referring to a letter received some weeks ago from the Assistant Director of Recreation for the Halifax Housing Authority, Deputy Mayor Richard Grant emphasized that he had requested a report from staff concerning the condition of the Rockingstone Heights Playing Field.

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Noting that he has not yet received any information in this regard, it was moved by Deputy Mayor Richard Grant, seconded by Alderman Fit2gerald that staff members of the Parks and Grants Division and the Recreation Department meet with representatives of the Halifax Housing Authority and the Residents Association to discuss the Rockingstone Heights Playing Field, its future, its potential growth, and all the recreational requirements of the Greystone housing project.

In making this request, the Deputy Mayor asked that a report on this matter be submitted to Council no later than 1 April, 1989.

The motion was put and passed.

#### QUESTIONS

#### Question Deputy Mayor Richard Grant Re: Fireworks Displays

Deputy Mayor Richard Grant referred to a letter recently received from an Inspector of Explosives employed by the Department of Energy, Mines and Resources, and asked that the City Manager arrange a meeting with this individual and staff members of the City's Police and Fire Departments to discuss the precautions which should be taken by the City of Halifax with regard to future fireworks displays. While noting that such information will be useful to such groups as the Halifax Natal Day Committee, the Deputy Mayor indicated that, at this point in time, he did not feel that a member of that Committee need be involved in the discussion process.

## Question Deputy Mayor Richard Grant Re: Halifax Bridge Commission

Deputy Mayor Richard Grant asked for information regarding the Halifax Dartmouth Bridge Commission's policy with respect to accidents occurring on the bridges and the training provided to Bridge police with regard to such problem situations.

# Question Deputy Mayor Richard Grant Re: All Terrain Vehicles

Deputy Mayor Richard Grant referred to the difficulties experienced in several areas of Mainland South (particularly with respect to damage done to the Elizabeth Sutherland School grounds) resulting from the misuse of all-terrain vehicles, and emphasized that the situation is exacerbated by the fact that police officers are unable to give chase using their normal vehicles.

He therefore asked that the Halifax Police Department consider equipping themselves with one or several all terrain

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vehicles so that a greater number of these offenders can be apprehended.

## Question Deputy Mayor Richard Grant Re: Grand Parade Committee

Deputy Mayor Richard Grant advised that a meeting of the Grand Parade Committee will be held within the next several days to consider the consultant's proposals vis a vis the redevelopment of the Grand Parade area.

Responding to a question in this regard from the Deputy Mayor, the City Manager advised Council that a full report on this matter is currently being prepared for the next regular meeting of Committee of the Whole Council scheduled for Wednesday, 23 November, 1988.

#### Question Alderman Flynn Re: Social Housing Policies

Alderman Flynn noted that there appear to be some discrepancies with regard to social assistance payments, and asked that a staff report be submitted outlining the social housing policies in operation within the City.

9:15 p.m. - His Worship Mayor Wallace retires from the meeting, with Deputy Mayor Richard Grant assuming the Chair.

### Question Alderman Jeffrey Re: Insurance Claims

Alderman Jeffrey referred to street construction currently underway in the Fairview area, and brought to Council's attention two traffic accidents which have taken place within the last two weeks, both necessitating major repairs to the vehicles involved and both (in his opinion) resulting from the lack of adequate safety precautions being observed. The Alderman noted that the owners of both vehicles (namely, Mr. Ricky Deveau of Coronation Avenue and Mr. Jim Eisner of 18 Coronation Avenue) have submitted insurance claims to the City of Halifax, and requested staff to address these matters as quickly and efficiently as possible.

Alderman Jeffrey concluded his remarks by emphasizing that, in his opinion, the contractor in question had been extremely lax in ensuring that on-site construction sites were properly marked for the adequate protection of motorists.

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# Question Alderman Jeffrey Re: Crosswalk Regulations

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Alderman Jeffrey referred to his comments made during the 9 November meeting of the Committee of the Whole Council at which time a request was made that the City Solicitor's Department investigate the feasibility of seeking an amendment to the Provincial Motor Vehicle Act pertaining to the enhancement of existing crosswalk regulations.

Responding to a question from Alderman Jeffrey, the City Solicitor advised that staff have been in touch with the Attorney General's Department to attempt to determine the views of the Provincial representatives with regard to the potential for change. Mr. Murphy added that a response from the Province is expected shortly at which time a report will be prepared for Council's consideration.

## Question Alderman Jeffrey Re: Halifax Forum Commission Membership

Alderman Jeffrey made reference to an Information Report, dated 14 November, 1988, pertaining to the potential for a conflict of interest with regard to membership both on the Trade Centre Limited and on the Halifax Forum Commission. The Alderman emphasized that the City Solicitor has now advised that a conflict of this nature does not apply and, under the circumstances, asked that consideration be given by His Worship the Mayor to his (Alderman Jeffrey's) reinstatement on the Board of the Trade Centre Limited.

The Deputy Mayor advised that Alderman Jeffrey's request will be taken into consideration.

## Question Alderman Fitzgerald Re: City Club

Alderman Fitzgerald requested information with regard to the status of the City Club, indicating that he would appreciate being advised as to whether cost-sharing has been obtained from the government with regard to this project, the actual cost to the City in terms of the building's purchase, and an outline of the plans relevant to its future use.

The Deputy Mayor suggested that staff's response to Alderman Fitzgerald's inquiry could be circulated to all "new" members of Council for their reference.

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# Question Alderman Fitzgerald Ret Clean-up - Halifax Harbour

Alderman Eitzgerald requested information (i.e., "a thumbhail sketch") with regard to the status of the proposed clean-up of Halifax Harbour.

The Deputy Mayor suggested that staff's response to Alderman Fitzgerald's inquiry could be circulated to all "new" members of Council for their reference.

## Question Alderman Pitzgerald Re: Snow Removal

Alderman Fitzgerald referred to a recent meeting of the Halifax Homeowners Association at which time various recommendations were developed for submission to the Mayor's Snow Committee. In this context, the Alderman asked for information as to whether the Snow Committee has met and, if not, urged that it do so as quickly as possible so that those recommendations can be considered.

The Deputy Mayor noted, and it was so agreed, that Alderman Fitzgerald would be requested to serve on the Mayor's Snow Committee thereby filling the vacancy left by former Alderman Ron Cromwell.

## Question Alderman Fitzgerald Re: Recycling Program

Responding to a question from Alderman Fitzgerald, the City Manager advised that staff are currently in the process of preparing a report on this matter, and will be submitting it for discussion during a meeting of the Committee of the Whole Council early in the New Year.

## Question Alderman Leiper Ret Motion - Recreation Committee

Alderman Leiper referred to the Minutes of a recent Recreation Committee which included a motion that "the Recreation Department not follow the guidelines of a Ø percent increase, as Suggested by the Finance Department for the 1989 Current Budget."

Alderman Leiper indicated that she was somewhat concerned to see such a motion particulary in view of the deficit that has been projected, and therefore asked for a explanation from the Recreation Department as to the rationale for such a resolution.

The Deputy Mayor asked that the response to Alderman Leiper's request be distributed to all members of Council.

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Question Alderman Leiper Re: Letter from Halifax Block Parents Association

Alderman Leiper referred to the concerns expressed in a letter recently received from the Halifax Block Parents Association (concerning the City's policy with regard to signage), and asked for a response from staff or from the Chairman of the Tax Concessions and Grants Committee with regard to this situation.

Alderman Meagher, Chairman of the Tax Concessions and Grants Committee, noted that he had been until recently completely unaware of the concerns raised by the Association, but would ask that the matter be investigated.

## Question Alderman Leiper Re: Relocation - Farmers Market

Responding to a question from Alderman Leiper, the City Manager advised that an Information Report had recently been distributed to members of Council concerning the proposed relocation of the Farmers Market facility.

#### Question Alderman Marie O'Malley Re: Crosswalks/Crossing Guards

Alderman O'Malley advised that concerns have been raised by teachers and parents of children attending St. Stephen's and Highland Park Schools, and in this context, asked that the City's Traffic Authority undertake a study to determine the necessity for additional crossing guards or crosswalks in the area of Highland Drive and Normandy Avenue (running north and south).

The Alderman noted that the Nova Scotia Institute of Technology is located near this intersection, adding that students entering and exiting this parking lot pose a safety hazard for the small school children in the area.

Alderman O'Malley also asked that consideration be given to the provision of an additional crossing guard at the intersection of Agricola and Duffus Street.

9:30 p.m. - His Worship Mayor Wallace returns to the meeting, with Deputy Mayor Richard Grant assuming his usual seat on Council.

Question Alderman Hanson Re: Sewer and Water Project (Wenlock Grove)

Alderman Hanson referred to Council's decision earlier this year to approve a tender call for the installation of sewer and water systems in the Wenlock Grove/Purcell's Cove area to be

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undertaken in three phases. He noted that while the first phase of this project is currently underway, the tender calls for the remaining two phases have been postponed, pending information from the Province of Nova Scotia relating to cost-sharing.

Referring to an indication from the City Manager that a response on this matter has not yet been received, Alderman Hanson asked that this request to the Province be followed up as quickly as possible.

His Worship Mayor Wallace indicated that the matter would be looked into, as requested by the Alderman.

## Question Alderman Downey Re: Social Agencies - Ward 3

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Alderman Downey requested a full report from the Director of Social Planning concerning the social agencies currently located in Ward 3 including any homes for special care. In addition, the Alderman asked for information as to who is responsible for locating these facilities as well as the funding sources.

In making this request, the Alderman referred to the revitalization of a large portion of the Ward 3 area, and suggested that these special facilities/social agencies should be more equitably distributed throughout the City as a whole.

## Question Alderman Pottie Re: Embankment - Leeds Street

Alderman Pottie referred to the large embankment located on the west side of Memorial Drive near the foot of Leeds Street, emphasizing that these streets are frequently a safety hazard during the winter months. In this regard, the Alderman asked that staff consider the installation of a larger guard rail or some type of retaining wall for this location.

Question Alderman Pottie Re: Letter from Halifax Block Parents Association

Alderman Pottie made reference to a letter recently received by members of Council from the Halifax Block Parents Association (and referred to earlier in this meeting by Alderman Leiper). In his remarks, the Alderman asked for information from staff as to whether the Neighborhood Watch Program are being charged similar signage fees as are imposed for the Block Parents Association, and if not, suggested that the same concessions could be extended to the Block Parents.

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His Worship Mayor Wallace indicated that he had proviously asked that the Director of Finance submit a report concerning the contents of this letter.

## Question Alderman Stone Re: Implementation Policy 10

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Referring to the recent deliberations regarding the Canadian Cancer Society's development proposal, Alderman Stone requested that the process pertaining to the possible removal of implementation Policy 10 be commenced as quickly as possible.

## Question Alderman Meagher Re: Letter of Commendation

Alderman Meagher asked that a letter of commendation be sent by His Worship the Mayor to members of the Halifax Fire Department in appreciation for their quick response to a fire at 2340 Clifton Street. In his remarks, the Alderman noted that there was no one at home at the time of the incident, so that the Department's prompt response was instrumental in saving the property.

Question Alderman Meagher Re: Letter from Halifax Block Parents Association

With reference to the letter recently received from the Halifax Block Parents Association, Alderman Meagher indicated that, if nothing else can be done to resolve the situation, he will be making a motion during the upcoming meeting of the Committee of the Whole Council that a grant of \$250.00 be awarded the Association to cover these costs and resolve the problem.

## Question Alderman Meagher Ret Closure of Tower Road

Alderman Meagher requested a report from the City Manager concerning the sale of property on Tower Road to the Provincial Government to provide for the extension of the Victoria General Hospital. In his comments, the Alderman indicated that he wished to be advised as to the amount of the purchase price and whether, in fact, the money had actually been received by the City.

## Question Alderman Meagher Re: Amendments to Ordinance 180

Alderman Meagher noted that he wished to have his item pertaining to Ordinance 180 (driveways and permanent or temporary repairs) added to the agenda of the 23 November meeting of the Committee of the Whole Council, and urged that a report on this matter be received well before the Wednesday meeting date.

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## NOTICES OF MOTION

Notice of Motion Alderman Jeffrey Re: Amendments to Ordinance 105 (Section 16)

Alderman Jeffrey gave Notice of Motion that, at the next regular meeting of Halifax City Council to be held on 1 December, 1988, he proposes to introduce an amendment to section 16 of Ordinance 105 relating to aldermanic representation on the Recreation Committee.

The purpose of this amendment will be to provide Council with the opportunity to increase aldermanic representation on the Committee, and to provide that there shall be not fewer than two aldermen serving on the Committee.

Notice of Motion Alderman Marie O'Malley Re: Renovations -Bloomfield School Seniors Complex

Alderman O'Malley gave Notice of Motion that, at the next regular meeting of Halifax City Council to be held on 1 December, 1988, she proposes to present to Council a resolution to transfer approved remaining capital funding under Account FA028 (Needham Centre Acoustics) and Account FA008 (Devonshire Rink Upgrading) to the development of the Bloomfield School Seniors Complex.

In her comments, Alderman O'Malley advised that Account Number: FA028 and FA008 show remainders of \$43,745 and \$82,963 respectively for a total of \$126,708. She added that the requested transfer of funds is intended to provide an elevator installation and other renovations necessary at the Bloomfield School Complex.

#### ADDED ITEMS

#### RAPID Capital Budget

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A report, dated 15 November, 1988, was submitted by Chief Blair D. Jackson, Halifax Police Department.

At the request of the City Manager, it was moved by Alderman Flynn, seconded by Alderman Leiper that this matter be deferred to the next regular meeting of Committee of the Whole Council scheduled for Wednesday, 23 November, 1988.

The motion to defer was put and passed.

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Congratulations - St. Mary's Huskies Football Team (Alderman Fitzgerald)

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The above matter, which had been added to the agenda by Alderman Fitzgerald, was dealt with earlier in the meeting.

## Emergency Measures Organization - Overexpenditure

A report, dated 17 November, 1988, was submitted by His Worship Mayor Ron Wallace, Chairman of the EMO Control Committee.

MOVED by Deputy Mayor Richard Grant, seconded by Alderman Jeffrey that, as recommended by the EMO Control Committee, City Council authorize a supplementary appropriation in accordance with Section 201(1) of the City Charter in the amount of \$152,600.00, with 501 cost-sharing from the Government of Canada in the amount of \$76,300.00.

The motion was put and passed.

## Licensing of Vending and Amusement Machines (Alderman Jeffrey)

This matter was added to the agenda at the request of Alderman Jeffrey who expressed specific concerns with regard to the City's policy concerning the licensing of vending and unusement machines.

In his remarks, Alderman Jeffrey advised that he had been approached by a local businessman who owns approximately 18 vending/amusement machines which have been placed in the CFB Halifax Exchange. The Alderman noted that, until recently, machines located in Canadian Armed Forces buildings did not require a City of Halifax license; however, the individual in question has now been advised that as of 15 November, 1988 all vending and amusement machines must be registered with the City at a licensing fee of \$130 per machine.

Alderman Jeffrey indicated that while the businessman has no objection to licensing his machines as directed by the City of Halifax, he was concerned by the fact that the license he will receive in November of this year will expire in April of 1989, necessitating that he pay to relicense his machines a second time after only a 5 1/2 month period. The Alderman emphasized that the outlay for licensing 18 machines would be considerable, particularly for a small businessman such as this, and asked for information as to why the fee could not be scaled down to reflect the shortened licensing period.

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With reference to the Chairman's advice that the City Solicitor would investigate the matter and respond to Alderman Jeffrey's concerns in writing, the Alderman urged that this information be received as quickly as possible owing to the 15 November licensing deadline.

## Right of Way - Rear of Smith Street (Alderman Flynn)

A private and confidential report, dated 14 November, 1988, was submitted from the City Solicitor.

MOVED by Alderman Flynn, seconded by Alderman Leiper that City Council authorize City staff to conclude a settlement of the claim of the Smith Street residents against the City by City Council authorizing the conveyance of the property to the rear of Smith Street (subject to the various rights of way, licenses and casements referred to in the private and confidential report dated 14 November, 1988), and that the Mayor and City Clerk be authorized to execute such a deed on condition that the Smith Street residents discontinue their present legal action against the City without costs to the City.

The City Solicitor responded to questions from various members of Council, after which the motion was put and passed.

There being no further business to be discussed, the meeting was adjourned at 9:50 p.m.

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Council Chamber City Hall Halifax, N.S. 23 November 1988 7:30 p.m.

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MOVED by Alderman Flynn, seconded by Alderman Jeffrey that, as recommended by the Finance and Executive Committee, Council approve the following:

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#### Motion passed.

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There were no persons present in the gallery wishing to address Council.

Alderman Jeffrey advised that the residents of the area in question had expressed no objection to the application and, therefore, MOVED, seconded by Alderman Hanson that:

> City Council approve the entering into of a development agreement to permit an addition to the building containing Shep's Autobody Shop, located at 5 Alex Street, provided that the development is in substantial conformity with Plans No. P200/16859-62 of Case No. 5620.

Motion passed.

Public Hearing - Case No. 5636 - Proposed Land Use Bylaw Amendment and Development Agreement, 25 Convoy Avenue

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

Mr. J. M. Hanusiak of the Development and Planning Department addressed Council and outlined the application, as illustrated in the 12 September 1988 staff report, for an amendment to the Land Use Bylaw and development agreement involving the property at 25 Convoy Avenue.

There were no persons present in the gallery wishing to address Council.

MOVED by Alderman Jeffrey, seconded by Alderman Hanson

that:

City Council approve the entering into of a development agreement to permit retention of a two-unit addition to the building at 25 Convoy Avenue, provided that the development is in substantial conformance with Plan Nos. P200/16772-74 inclusive, and P200/16869-71 inclusive of Case No. 5636.

Motion passed.

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## Public Hearing - Case No. 5704 - Rezoning from R-3 to R-2: area bounded by North, Robie, Cunard, and Windsor Streets

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

Alderman Flynn inquired whether Council should be considering this matter at this time in view of the fact that the Peninsula North Plan was still with the Courts.

Mr. Murphy, City Solicitor, recommended that Council proceed with the public hearing at this time.

Mr. J. Gallivan of the Development and Planning Department addressed Council and outlined the proposed rezoning, as illustrated in the 29 August 1988 staff report, of lands now zoned R-3 (Multiple Dwelling) Zone within the area bounded by North Street, Robie Street, Cunard Street, and Windsor Street to R-2 (General Residential) Zone.

Mr. James Crawley, residing at 2410 Robie Street, addressed Council and advised that his property was located on the border line of the proposed rezoning. Mr. Crawley indicated that he was not in support of the proposed rezoning.

There were no further persons present wishing to address Council.

MOVED by Alderman Meagher, seconded by Alderman Jeffrey that this matter be forwarded to Council without recommendation.

#### Motion passed.

The following correspondence was received with respect to this rezoning (copies of which are included in the official file of this meeting):

> - A letter dated 18 October 1988 from Mr. Steve Rajendrum, 2344 Hunter Street, in objection to the proposed rezoning;

- A letter dated 14 October 1988 from Mr. Alan Kell, President of 0.V.O. Housing Cooperative, in support of the proposed rezoning;

- A letter dated 4 November 1988 from Blois, Nickerson, Palmeter & Bryson Barristers and Solicitors in objection to the rezoning of the properties known as 2335 and 2341 Hunter Street and 2449 Windsor Street.

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